

# EMDC HOUSING POLICY - Prior to 1 April 2026

## 2. EMDC HOUSING

You will need to pay for your housing (by credit card or internal transfer) to have your housing guaranteed.

1. **CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR. New Venue** – [Empress Hotel, Chiang Mai](#).
2. **Local/Off site/Own Arrangements:** If you make your own arrangements for housing you will need to pay a Day Participant Fee (see [Costs](#) page for more info).
3. **Security Note:** If you feel that staying at The Empress will compromise your security (based on the country that you live in), please book/stay somewhere else. We are taking significant security precautions at EMDC, but we cannot guarantee anonymity for all. We are doing many things to make EMDC a secure venue, **but we need to state clearly here that it is very possible that your home government learns of your participation at EMDC.** If this is a problem for you, please do not attend. If you are registered and want to withdraw, please let us know at [steve@emdc.info](mailto:steve@emdc.info).
4. **Group Booking:** Group bookings can be made on the EMDC registration site. A group booking is made by one person, booking multiple rooms for multiple people.
5. **Housing at the Empress:** To help our volunteer logistics team please book, and pay for, your accommodation early! This helps us to serve you better.

**A. Price Guarantee.** If you are sharing a room and arrive more than one day before the event start (the start of Pre-EMDC, EMDC, or Post-EMDC) you will pay the cost of a single room package (without meals) for each day that you arrive early. We guarantee that you will only need to pay what is indicated to you on the registration site at the time of your registration.

**B. Refunds.** If you need to cancel for some reason, and **notify us before 1st May**, we will refund your housing payment in full if the cancellation is for reasons beyond your control (at our discretion). Otherwise we will refund your housing payment less 10% transaction fee. If you notify us after 1st May we will still do what we can to refund your housing payment. The amount will depend on your type of booking (shared, single and so on). Note that during the registration you can choose to pay only the event fee and pay the housing at a later time.

**C. Rooms.** Single rooms are available if preferred. Sharing a room is more cost effective. 2 and 3 person occupancy is possible and may help your arrangements.

**D. Roommates.** It is preferred that you arrange your own roommates and register together in a single registration if possible. We are happy to find a roommate for you, but we will make the best match that we can to minimize costs for everyone.

**E. Electrical/Electronics.** Please be aware that the electrical system in Thailand is **230** Vac 50 Hz. A US electrical item may *fit into the socket* but be made for 110 only.