

Philanthropy in Thailand

08 Days / 07 Nights



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ROUTE: Bangkok – Kanchanaburi – Chiang Mai – Lampang – Chiang Rai– Departure

Day 01: Arrive Bangkok

Arrive in the capital, Bangkok. Besides one of the world's top tourist destinations, Bangkok also ranks as one of the world's best food cities and Asia's food capital. As Thailand's main culinary epicenter, Bangkok provides a delicious plethora of dining options, while its distinctive street food culture is ranked as some of the world's best. Night stay.

Day 02: Bangkok – Kanchanaburi | Assisting Underprivileged Children

Head to Kanchanaburi, a province 130km (80mi) west of Bangkok, noteworthy for its ancient civilization and World War II history. We spend time at 'Moo Ban Dek', a jungle home for underprivileged children located amongst evergreen forests. Here, a registered Nonprofit Thai Organization, The Foundation for Children, provides free education and accommodation to children who are disadvantaged, impoverished, and originate from abusive backgrounds. The Foundation believes that by offering a pristine natural environment, with loving care, freedom, empathy and encouragement, children's emotional stresses and behavioral deviations can be healed.

Day 03: Bangkok – Chiang Mai | Teaching English in a Remote Village School

Known as Thailand's 'Rose of the North,' Chiang Mai is the hub of northern Thailand and former seat of the ancient Lanna Kingdom. Chiang Mai is surrounded by mountains, pristine rainforests and peaceful countryside dotted with hill tribe villages. Inhabitants include the Karen ethnic group, who migrated across from Myanmar. Karen children in these villages are eager to learn English, but there are few local teachers with good English skills available. We join a four-hour workshop for Karen children, which helps teach very young children with no English knowledge and older children with some English knowledge. Attending this philanthropic language class affords a unique way to engage with the Karen community and learn more about Thailand's largest ethnic group.

Day 04: Lampang | A Day Caring for Elephants

Elephants have a special significance in Thai history, tradition, culture, and royalty through the centuries since the old Siam. The Friends of the Asian Elephant is a Thai-registered foundation established in the 1990s, just outside Chiang Mai. Their main purpose is to care for injured, sick, or abused elephants throughout Thailand, that would otherwise have nowhere to go. This is the world's first elephant hospital and a desperately needed service. The hospital offers free care to any elephant, so far, providing medical services to over 4,000 elephant cases. A nursery launched in 2014 provides care for elephants during pregnancy, birthing and post-natal. We spend the day at this jungle sanctuary, getting up-close to these beautiful creatures as they roam freely during rehabilitation.

Day 05: Chiang Mai – Chiang Rai

A journey by long-tail boat leads us to Chiang Rai, passing hill tribe villages and jungle. Based outside Chiang Rai, we head to The Development and Education Programme for Daughters and Communities Centre in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (DEPDC/GMS). For over 25 years, this Non-Profit NGO has operated to prevent and protect thousands of children and youth from exploitative human trafficking in northern Thailand. Within this major trafficking route, children continue to be, lured, forced, or coerced into prostitution and other forms of forced labour.

Day 06: Chiang Rai | Visit the School of Hope

We spend time at The DEPDC's Half Day School, where education is the key to prevention, applying educational opportunities as the pathway to protection and development. A non-formal education programme covers life skill classes and vocational training. We meet stateless and ethnic minority children and youth from the area, getting a thorough understanding of their lives and engaging with them as they participate in educational activities.

Day 07: Chiang Rai – Bangkok | Temples & Grand Palace

Our final day is spent sightseeing in Bangkok. We explore the city's myriad of waterways and canals, the so-called 'Venice of the East' by long-tail boat. A highlight is riverside Wat Arun, one of Bangkok's most iconic structures, an impressive temple noteworthy for its unique architectural design, an 82m (269ft) high Khmer-style tower. A visit to the magnificent Grand Palace, Bangkok's biggest tourist attraction, most historic monument, and pilgrimage destination, is a must. An informative guided tour takes us through the sprawling complex containing 100-plus royal heritage buildings, for 200 years, the former residence of successive kings. The most important section is Wat Phra Kaeo, home to the 14th century Emerald Green Buddha, Thailand's holiest Buddhist site.

Day 8: Departure

Transfer to Bangkok airport for your onward journey ...

End of the services...

NOTE. This tour can be modified as per your requirements.