

PROJECTS ABROAD.

Elephant, Gibbon, & Forest Conservation
for Teenagers in

Thailand

Elephant observation,
mountain ecosystems, and
remote village life

4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



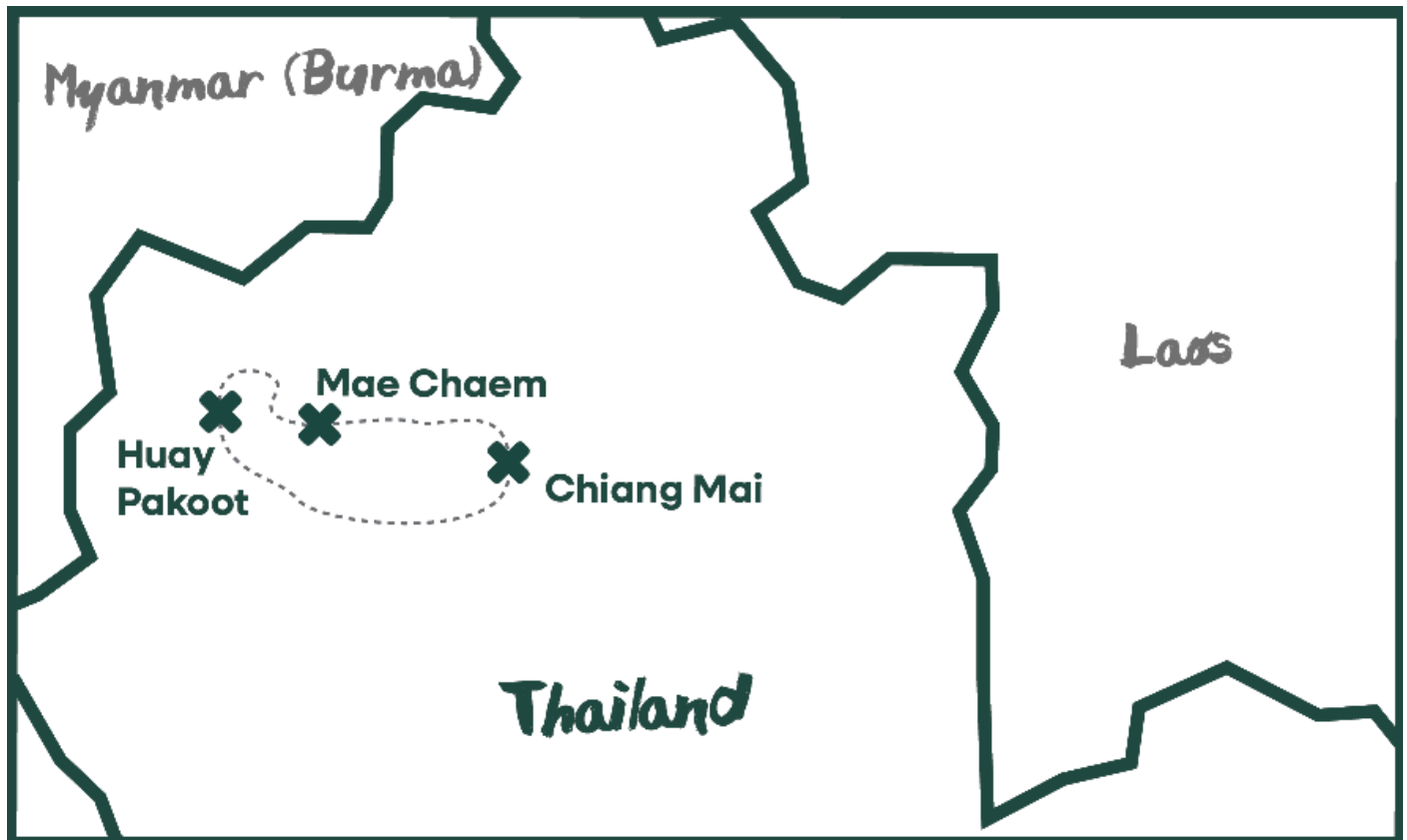
15 LIFE
ON LAND



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS



Trip highlights:

- Support the rehabilitation of elephants who have retired from the tourism industry under the guidance of local caretakers.
- Explore the unique mountain forests of northern Thailand and survey local species to monitor ecosystem health and biodiversity.
- Immerse in a rural village community with traditions dating back thousands of years, learning their language, crafts, and routines.
- Develop key skills in conservation, step out of your comfort zone to build your confidence, and make new friends from around the world.

 **LENGTH**
14 Days

 **SUPERVISION**
24/7

 **TRANSPORT**
Private transport

 **ACCOMMODATION**
Host family, hotel

 **SERVICE**
40 hours

Overview

The following is included in the cost of your trip (subject to change).



Conservation work

- Elephant monitoring and rehabilitation
- Gibbon and biodiversity surveys
- Camera trapping
- Eco brick making
- Elephant medicine making
- Research and data collection
- Birdwatching surveys
- Reforestation initiatives

Food/Accommodation

- Three meals/day (all diets catered for)
- Drinking water
- Host families
- Hotels
- Camping

Culture & leisure

- Pakinyaw language classes
- Night market exploration
- Mountain village tour
- Traditional culture and craft workshops
- Two-day forest hike and camping experience
- Sports activities at a local school
- Village scavenger hunt
- National park hikes
- Swimming pool time
- Quiz night

Logistics

- Airport transfers in Thailand
- Orientation and tour of cities
- All transport in country
- Pre-departure support
- 24/7 support from local staff
- Emergency assistance



Days 1 - 2

Arrival and induction

Arrive at Chiang Mai International Airport in the north of Thailand where a member of our team will be there to pick you up. They'll make sure you're happy, have everything you need for the next two weeks, and take you to your accommodation for the night.

That evening, you'll enjoy a welcome dinner with your new friends, giving you time to get to know each other, share stories, and understand cultural differences. You'll also have time to visit a famous Thai night market.

The next morning, travel to the remote village of Huay Pakoot (via a supermarket and waterfall) and join in with a Welcome Ceremony. Meet village leaders, understand local cultural norms, and experience what it's like to live deep in Thailand's mountains.

Our staff will also give you a comprehensive induction session to talk you through what you can expect, what is expected of you, and local cultural guidance.



Days 3 - 6

Misty mountain life

Tour your temporary home high in the mountains and experience Pakinyaw culture first-hand, attending several language classes to help you communicate. You'll also attend traditional crafts workshops, learn about local organic coffee, weave bamboo baskets, construct eco-friendly bricks, and make elephant medicine.

In the mornings, you'll learn about local elephant and gibbon conservation efforts while heading into the forest to survey them for yourself. There, you'll collect data on their population, movement, behaviour, and welfare.

You'll also get to see how the local mahouts (traditional elephant caretakers) interact with these incredible animals in their natural habitat. The bonds between these elephants and the local community have been forged over a thousand years.

Every evening, you'll get a traditional meal at the research station and have time to rest and relax with your fellow participants. You'll also have a cooking class and try making traditional Pakinyaw jewelry and bamboo cups.

Days 7 - 8

Jungle trekking

Lose yourself in the stunning forests of the area on a two-day trek while conducting further gibbon and bird surveys. Plus, set up camera traps on popular animal tracks and explore a local cave to spot insects.

Set up camp surrounded by nature, enjoying dinner in the jungle and experiencing the tranquility of being totally disconnected from society. You might even get the chance to do some stargazing!



Days 9 - 11

Continued conservation

Trek back to Huay Pakoot and continue your conservation work with more surveys of the local wildlife and a reforestation expedition.

Immerse back into the local community with more language lessons, a village scavenger hunt, and a sports session at a local school. Join in on workshops looking at making traditional slingshots, script writing, and a quiz night with your friends.





Days 12 - 13

Lounge by the pool

For your final two days, you will make the journey back to Chiang Mai after a busy 10 days. Start your journey with a final walk through the forests to observe and say goodbye to the elephants and mahouts.

Travel to the district of Mae Chaem and check into your hotel, giving you time to rest by the pool and enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant.

The next morning, head to the beautiful Doi Inthanon National Park, home to the highest point in Thailand and breathtaking natural trails. Wander through the cloud forests, explore the rolling hills, and even spot historic pagodas.

Continue on to Chiang Mai where you will rest and relax at your next hotel's swimming pool before heading to an emotional, but unforgettable, farewell meal with all your new friends. Finally, finish the trip as you started it, with an evening browse of the local night market.

Departure

Think back on your journey and the new experiences you've enjoyed as you pack your bags and head for the airport. Don't forget to share your contact details with your new friends to forever remember your time in Thailand.

As you fly home, think about your newfound confidence, skills, and memories from your journey — these will stay with you for the rest of your life!



Destination

Famous for the modern marvels of Bangkok, ancient ruins like Ayutthaya, and deliciously spicy cuisine, Thailand is a safe and captivating destination. It is a country of parallels, home to both the largest solid gold Buddha and smallest mammal in the world.

From the jungle mountains of the north to the busy, tourist hotspots of the south, Thailand is full of wonder just waiting to be discovered. Glittering temples, lush jungles, and some of the best dive spots in the world — what's not to love?

LANGUAGE

Thai

CURRENCY

Thai Baht

NATIONAL DISH

Pad Thai

POPULATION

70 million

TIMEZONE

GMT +7

NATIONAL ANIMAL

Asian Elephant

CAPITAL

Bangkok

COUNTRY CODE

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NATIONAL BIRD

Siamese Fireback

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who you become.**



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