



Sustaining Thailand's Treasures

Sample Itinerary

This is an example to give you a rough idea of what your week will be like. Please remember that all these activities are subject to change so flexibility is important, and will depend on how many volunteers are there during the week, project availability, weather, previous progress, etc. One unique aspect of this program is that you will see most locals and volunteers take a cold shower in the early afternoon to help manage in the hot climate.

Volunteers should expect to work roughly 6 hours a day. You will have about two hours of unstructured free time, and several cultural awareness exercises throughout the week. Approximately 50% of the budget of your program fee goes to Mahout salaries and elephant food.



Monday

Morning	Meet up in Mo-Chit bus station
Mid-Day	Travel to Surin province
Afternoon	Welcome Ceremony at the platform with local shaman
Evening	Dinner at platform

Tuesday

Early Morning	Breakfast
Morning	Clean elephant shelters, clean enclosure area, cut elephant food. Feed elephants, visit poo factory, morning walk with the elephants
Mid-Morning	Tour elephant study center
Mid-Day	Lunch
Early afternoon	Ice breaking games with mahouts
Afternoon	Enclosure time with the elephants
Late afternoon	Clean out elephant shelters
Evening	Dinner at platform



Wednesday



Early Morning	Breakfast
Morning	Clean elephant shelters, clean enclosure area, cut elephant food
Mid-Morning	Morning walk with elephants to the river - volunteers can feed and bathe elephants in river with the mahouts
Mid - Day	Lunch
Afternoon	Project Work; Afternoon walk with elephants in the forest, clean out elephant shelters
Late afternoon	Local Market
Evening	Dinner

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have fun. help people.

Thursday



Early Morning	Breakfast
Morning	Clean elephant shelters, clean enclosure area, cut elephant food
Mid-Morning	Morning walk with elephants in the forest
Mid - Day	Lunch
Afternoon	Project Work; Enclosure time with the elephants; clean out elephant shelters
Evening	Dinner

Friday

Early Morning	Breakfast
Morning	Clean elephant shelters, clean enclosure area, cut elephant food
Mid-Morning	Morning walk with elephants to the river - volunteers can feed and bathe elephants in river with the mahouts
Mid - Day	Lunch
Afternoon	Afternoon walk with the elephants in the forest
Evening	BBQ with mahouts at the platform
* In the cool season end of December to end of January we take the elephants close to the river and camp out for one night with the mahouts	



Saturday



Early Morning	Breakfast
Morning	Clean elephant shelters, clean enclosure area, cut elephant food
Mid-Morning	Activities with the mahouts - Mahout Olympics!
Mid - Day	Lunch
	Volunteers departing to Chiang Mai leave at 4:30 p.m.
Afternoon	Afternoon walk with the elephants into the forest; clean out elephant shelters
Evening	Dinner at a local restaurant

Sunday

Early Morning	Volunteers depart to Bangkok at 7 am
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