



Elephant & Adventure



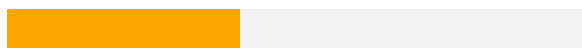
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Thailand - Umphang

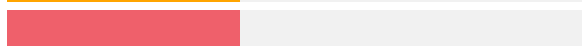
Meet elephants in the incredible mountain-lined habitat of Thailand. Spend time feeding and bathing and trekking alongside them and more!

This adventure is situated in Umphang, one of the most spectacular natural environments surrounded by limestone cliffs. Here you will get to see these majestic creatures in their natural habitat and participate in the day to day routines of their care. You will be hands on, up close and fully engaged during this amazing experience.

Culture



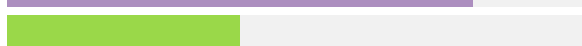
Learning



Leisure



Community Engagement



Physical Demand



Program Description

Besides being notable throughout Thailand for its sensational scenery, Umphang is well known for its elephant population. Traditionally, these Asian Elephants have been carried out farm work and logging. Fortunately, the elephants are treated with a higher level of respect these days.

The program allows you to simultaneously interact with elephants, while discovering one of Thailand's most breathtaking landscapes. You will have the experience of spending time, bonding and fully engaging with these incredible elephants as they roam in their natural habitat. You will be able to observe, walk with, swim with, and even bathe the elephants on a daily basis, because there is a beautiful lake on the property. If you like you can also choose to go rafting on the lake as well.

Additionally, you will help with the preparation of food for the elephants. Typically, this comes in the form of Banana grass, *sugarcane* and banana plants. You will be spending time alongside experienced mahouts, who have spent their entire lives gaining an understanding of the elephants and how best to care for them.

Please remember that we are here to take care of these graceful creatures and there will be no exploitation of the animals occurring at this project.

Please note that we currently restrict the Elephant program to a two week maximum due to popular demand

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks):	1
Max duration (weeks):	2

Aims & Objectives

- Improve and maintain the natural environment that the Asian Elephants live in while taking care of them
- Give you a unique, unforgettable experience of Thailand's culture
- Assist the local staff by providing an extra hand

Schedule

Sunday

You will be transferred from Singburi to the project site by bus in the evening (around 20:00)

Monday

- Pick up from Mae sot bus station to head to Umphang by local truck (4 hours)
- Breakfast
- Time to rest and relax
- Lunch
- Go on a jungle trek and explore the green jungles of Umphang
- Dinner

Tuesday

- Breakfast
- Cut banana trees to feed the elephants
- Feed the elephants
- Lunch
- Washing and swimming with the elephants
- Trek for 2km up towards the beautiful Palatha waterfall overseeing the district of Umphang
- Dinner

Wednesday

- Breakfast
- Cut banana trees to feed the elephants
- Feed the elephants
- Lunch
- Washing & swimming with the elephants
- Visit a nearby Karen Tribe village
- Dinner

Thursday

- Breakfast
- Cut banana trees to feed the elephants
- Feed the elephants
- Lunch
- Washing & swimming with the elephants
- Head to the mountain to see the sunset (possibility for camping if weather is good)
- Dinner

Friday

- Breakfast
- A short trek to reach a gorgeous waterfall where we can swim and relax
- Lunch
- Back to the guest house
- Time to relax
- Dinner

Saturday

Transfer back to Singburi if you are continuing further programs with us. For those whose this week is their last, we will transfer you to Mae Sot bus station, which has excellent connections to the rest of Thailand.

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Starting Dates

During 2019

This program starts every week.

During 2020

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age:	-
Maximum age:	-
Minimum English level:	Basic
CRB required:	On Signup
Passport copy required:	No
Resume copy required:	No
Required qualification:	None

Additional Requirements

There are no further requirements for this program.

Additional Equipment

- Warm clothes as the temperature can cool down a lot during the evening in this area of Thailand
- Good walking shoes