



Karen Tribe Teaching



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📍 Thailand - Kaeng Krachan and Hua Hin

Get a taste of authentic Thailand! Teach at the local Karen Hill tribe school and explore some of the country's most spectacular national parks!

Live among the Karen Hill tribe in their village. You will get the chance to teach English at a local school and help out with community entrepreneurial efforts. You will also get to enjoy one of Thailand's most breathtaking views, as the village is set amid Kaeng Krachan National Park, known for its abundance in biodiversity and incomparable beauty.

Culture



Learning



Leisure



Community Engagement



Physical Demand



Program Description

You will be staying in one of the most beautiful natural areas of Thailand: Kaeng Krachan National Park. This park is well-known for its abundance in biodiversity and its wide variety of flora and fauna. It truly is a haven for biologists and nature lovers. The Karen Tribe Teaching program takes place in local Karen Hill tribe villages close to the border with Myanmar.

In recent years, the government has placed a continued emphasis on the teaching of the English language. Despite this, English literacy rates in Thailand remain one of the lowest in Asia.

During the Karen Tribe Teaching program, you will assist the school by giving English language lessons to the children, as well as helping out with community enterprise efforts. Some of the locals are preparing banana chip snacks or other items for sale to supplement their incomes.

You are always welcome to arrange extra activities and games for the children, who love to swim in the nearby river. At the end of a school day, you may even help walk the kids back to their homes.

Besides the teaching program, there is a lot to see and explore in this beautiful location. As part of the program, we will take you to a local market and an outstanding waterfall, where you will be able to swim!

To experience the full potential of this program it will help to be open-minded, and a nature lover, as well as, willing to assist and understand the needs of the Karen people and culture.

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 1

Aims & Objectives

- Improve the educational prospects of village children by teaching them English
- Gain a unique, life-changing experience among a Thai hill tribe community and facilitate meaningful cultural exchange
- Gain invaluable, practical experience in teaching

Schedule

Sunday

Hua Hin

- If this is your first week, you will be transferred directly from Bangkok to Hua Hin upon arrival. Depending on your previous week's program, you will be transferred to Hua Hin after brunch
- Dinner at Hua Hin accommodation.

Monday to Wednesday

Kaeng Krachan

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Kaeng Krachan
- Morning ritual at the school with the children (singing the national anthem)
- English teaching
- Break
- English teaching
- Assist in the canteen to prepare lunch for the children
- Lunch at the school
- Rest time
- Possible opportunity for helping local entrepreneurs or painting & other fun activities/games with the children
- Dinner

Thursday

Kaeng Krachan

- Breakfast
- Morning ritual at the school with the children (singing the national anthem)
- Visit a nearby waterfall
- Lunch at the school
- Karen traditional weave bag, decorate their own bag with beads
- Rest time
- Possible opportunity for helping local entrepreneurs or painting & other fun activities/games with the children
- Dinner

Friday

Hua Hin

- Breakfast at the school
- Morning ritual at the school (singing the national anthem)
- Teaching
- Break
- Teaching
- Assist in the canteen to prepare lunch for the children
- Lunch at the school
- Head back to Hua Hin
- Explore the coastal city of Hua Hin, have dinner and spend the night there

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

From mid-March to mid-May and all of October when schools are closed you will stay in Hua Hin and we will provide English camps for the local children.

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

- Modest clothing (covering the knees and shoulders) is required for your entire time at the school and when out in the local community.