



Elephant Experience



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📍 Sri Lanka - Mawanella

Visit to participate at this amazing elephant camp project which will get you as much closer as you could with these gentle giants.

The Elephant Experience enables you to spend time engaging yourself with domesticated working elephants and their handlers in their day to day activities. You would be contributing to the well being of these hardworking elephants when they are on this short holiday.

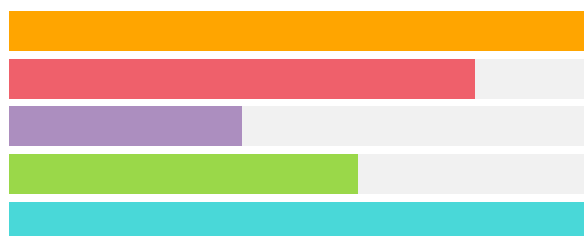
Culture

Learning

Leisure

Community Engagement

Physical Demand



Program Description

Sri Lanka plays host to a sizeable population of elephants whose importance is magnified by the fact that the native elephants comprise a wholly separate subspecies. The Sri Lankan authorities recognise the natural and cultural significance of elephants and are working diligently to ensure the survival and health of both wild and domesticated elephants on the island.

You will provide hands-on assistance to the professional elephant keepers to ensure these beautiful animals live a life as close as possible to their wild relatives. You will bathe and wash the elephants daily, walk them through the forests to forage, clean their enclosure and learn all about these magnificent animals. Assist the veterinary doctor to treat whenever elephants fall sick.

You will also learn about elephants and learn some of the elephants commands the mahouts use on a regular basis. Depending on the period you arrive and the number of participants available for the placement, the number of elephants at the project may vary from one to many.

Your accommodation during this program is a homestay where you will stay with a local family in a typical Sri Lankan village.

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 1

Aims & Objectives

The enormous satisfaction of directly helping to improve the quality of life of the elephants and knowing that you made a difference to them.

Schedule

Monday to Friday

Daily routines include:

- Feeding the elephants.
- Cleaning the elephants.
- Cleaning the elephant enclosures.
- Free excursions during your free time.

Morning comes early at this working elephant camp, and the animals need to be fed and bathed for the day. Bath time is in the river, and it's pure joy for elephants to play in the water.

The mahouts are a fun-loving lot, and they'll see to it that you have as much fun as the elephants do. Your duties will vary during the afternoon. Sometimes, you will have the opportunity to help children with their studies on request or to go for an excursion.

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:	On Signup
Resume copy required:	No
Required qualification:	None

Additional Requirements

- Participants below the age of 18 should have parental consent.
- Participants above the age of 65 should have medical clearance.

Additional Equipment

There are no specific additional equipments.