

Dedicate your time to planting new mangroves in order to reverse the severe deforestation that has occurred in recent years!

Our project focuses on conservation of the Mangrove plantation, a vital ingredient for the eco-system of today, as well as future generations. Secondly, you will contribute towards the sustained development of the local community. This will be in the form of teaching English, as well as several other community-based projects.

Culture
Learning
Leisure
Community Engagement
Physical Demand

### **Program Description**

The aim of this project is to conserve mangrove plantations in order to reverse the trend of the removal of mangrove sites, which has seen a rapid increase during recent years. This can only realistically be achieved through the education of the younger generation, combined with the continual physical work of planting new mangroves.

The province of Kampot is slowly emerging as one of Cambodia's most popular destinations for both domestic and international tourists. Situated in the south-eastern proximity of the country, it offers an abundance of natural attractions.

A vital necessity for the tourism industry is the management of mangrove plantation. Unfortunately, in recent years, numerous mangrove sites have been removed from local river banks. Instead, many locals favour salt plantations, as these offer a greater short-term profit. This has contributed to a severe increase in illegal fishing within the province.

A good level of physical fitness and a background in environmental-science or tourism would be advantageous, but not necessary

### **Program Duration & Availability**

Min duration (weeks): 1

## **Aims & Objectives**

- Reverse the effect of mangrove deforestation through planting
- Educate younger generations on the importance of conserving these environments to increase community awareness
- Give you invaluable, practical experience in teaching
- Assist the community project staff by providing an extra hand

## **Schedule**

#### **Monday to Friday**

Your tasks and activities will vary depending on the current needs of the plantation site. There is much more involved to planting than simply placing a seed into the ground, and you will be taken through the step by step process of every activity by local fishermen.

We may work on plantations around the accommodation by repairing young mangroves or head to the nearby delta by boat (20 minutes) to collect seedlings for planting at the nursery. Depending on local conditions, we may also visit pepper plantations (one of Cambodia's finest resources) or organic farms to learn the local techniques and spend time with villagers helping them with construction work.

Moreover, we also aim to educate the youngsters of the village by teaching them English at the accommodation. This, however, is entirely optional.

#### **Saturday to Sunday**

You are free to choose what to do during your weekends - it is your free time after all! Many of our participants choose to explore what Cambodia has to offer.

However, we do offer an optional itinerary, at no extra cost, where we focus on the poorest members of the Kampot community. We are very proud of our work here, distributing second-hand clothes to the local community. We do provide these clothes, but if you have clothes you would otherwise throw away, feel free to bring them along.

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:NoResume copy required:NoRequired qualification:None

#### **Additional Requirements**

There are no further requirements for this program.

# **Additional Equipment**

• Modest clothing (covering your legs and shoulders) is requested outside of the accommodation for respect of the community.