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THAILAND ELEPHANT AND HILL TRIBES CHALLENGE

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About Us

Greater Social Equality. A More Sustainable Environment. A More Secure World for Everyone.



Challenges Abroad is a social enterprise that provides impactful customised overseas learning programs for students. Our mission is to develop the next generation of Global Citizens who as future leaders will help shape a better future for everyone.

We have had over **8,000** participants from both Australia and the UK join our programs!

The Challenges Abroad Difference



Creating a
community of
Global Citizens



Sustainable community
impact through our
partnership with the
FutureSense Foundation



Full pre-departure
support (on campus and
online), as well as 24/7
support in-country

Supporting our Charity

The FutureSense Foundation

Challenges Abroad supports international development through our partner charity, [the FutureSense Foundation](#). They have a team based in-country year-round that not only ensures that our programs form part of a sustainable development plan that will benefit the community long-term, but they also support you throughout your program. Our teams act as mentors in helping you develop key skills and competencies. Our partnership ensures that your work is meaningful and gives you a chance to make a real difference.



Going Carbon Neutral

We have partnered with an organisation called [Evergreen](#) to neutralise the carbon footprint generated by your trip. With Evergreen, we will be planting trees in Kenya and Nepal, supporting the local community in the area, generating employment and neutralising carbon emissions. In addition we encourage students to participate in activities such as tree planting and reducing their use of plastic.



The Essentials

Our Thailand Elephant and Hill Tribes Challenge is a once in a lifetime opportunity to care for rescued animals in Northern Thailand, experience the Indigenous Hill Tribe communities and make an impact on the lives of the local community...



Location:

Mae Sariang
and Hill Tribes,
Thailand



Dates:

Dates TBC
through the
[website](#)



Cost:

\$3,050
(possible credit/funding
options [here](#))



Duration:

16 days



Extension trip:

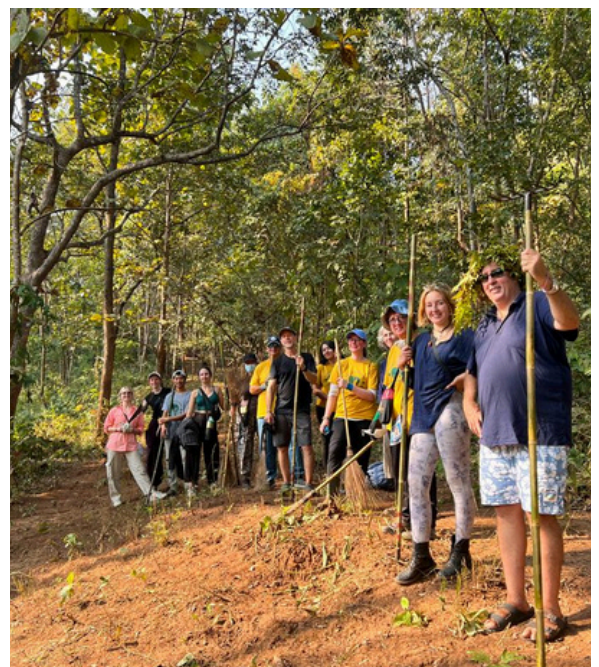
1 week tour of
Thailand
\$800



It is estimated that close to 3,000 elephants are still held captive and put to work in the tourism industry throughout Thailand.

By participating in this program, you'll be joining a global movement to end animal cruelty. Our partner sanctuary is setting the standard for ethical animal welfare around the world, and we need your help to raise awareness!

Supported by our team on the ground, you will also have the chance to work in the remote hill tribe communities, using your skills to design hands-on and engaging activities to inspire young learners in their education!





Program Itinerary

Days 1 & 2: Saturday & Sunday

When you arrive at Chiang Mai International airport, you'll be welcomed by a member of our team to kickstart your adventure! They'll take you to your accommodation in Mae Saring (approx. 4 hours by bus), help you settle in and organise your welcome dinner. You'll have a full induction to your project, the work of our charity The FutureSense Foundation and local culture & customs.



Days 3-7: Monday - Friday

On Monday you'll travel to the hill tribe village! You will be doing some activities like tree planting or community clean ups. From Tuesday you'll be delivering workshops at the local school that allow children to learn in a hands-on manner and inspire them to engage with their learning. Topics could include conversational English, creative arts, sports, life skills and environmental awareness. On Friday afternoon you'll travel back to Mae Saring.

#leaveyourhandprintontheworld



Days 8 & 9: Saturday & Sunday

On Saturday morning you'll travel back to Chiang Mai for the weekend. Saturday afternoon and Sunday are free days for you to do your own exploring! There's so much to do, but our team will be able to give you the best recommendations.



Days 10 - 15: Monday - Saturday

On Monday you'll travel to the elephant sanctuary. You'll spend the whole week here, assisting sanctuary staff and learning about the treatment of the animals. You'll get to know the elephants and their journey to rehabilitation, while caring for them. Activities will include feeding and cleaning up after the elephants.



Day 16: Sunday

Today you'll either catch the morning transfer to the airport or continue with the extension trip!



Extension Trip Itinerary



Day 1: Chiang Rai

From Chiang Mai, you will journey to Chiang Rai and stop for lunch near the local hot springs. From here you will hike to a waterfall before checking in to your hotel. You'll have the evening in Chiang Rai to explore its nightlife.



Day 2: White Temple and Golden Temple

You'll visit the famous White Temple, Wat Rong Khun, as well as the Opium Museum on the edge of the Golden Triangle region. You'll also head to the point where Myanmar, Laos and Thailand meet on the Mekong River for a boat ride and quick stop in Laos!



Day 3: Monkey Temple

You'll visit the Doi Tung gardens and incredible tree top walk before exploring the Mae Sai markets on the border between Thailand and Myanmar. In the afternoon you'll visit Wat Thampla, also known as the Monkey Temple, and finish up with a visit to a tea garden!



Day 4: Chiang Dao

Travel to Chiang Dao, you'll stop at an Orange Farm and Tha Ton Temple. In the afternoon you'll have the chance to explore the famous local caves. If you're daring enough, you can even explore inside the caves, guided by locals.



Day 5: Pai

You'll head to the famous city of Pai for a day of relaxation! Nestled in a beautiful valley it is the place to enjoy nature, have a massage and chill out. You'll be free to do what you want, though we can give suggestions!

Day 6: Pai Canyon

You'll be taken to all the local 'must see' places including the incredible bamboo bridge and exploring the awe inspiring Pai Canyon to catch the sunset!

Day 7: Home Time

You'll be taken to Chiang Mai International airport to catch your flight home or continue your Global Citizenship journey elsewhere!



Details

Cost inclusions:

✓ Accommodation & meals

In the hill tribes, the accommodation is very basic - sleeping inside on a mat on the floor. In some villages there is a western toilet and running water for showers, in some there may be a drop toilet or bucket shower. Staying in the hill tribes is an incredible opportunity to experience traditional village life! At the elephant sanctuary, you'll be staying in dorm-style accommodation, sharing your room with three other participants. There are western showers and toilets, as well as communal spaces for relaxing. We provide 3 vegetarian meals per day Monday-Friday (weekends being your free time to explore local restaurants!).

✓ In-country transport

Any required transport for project work, as well as airport transfers. Our team can also help you organise transport so you can explore the area in your free time.

✓ Pre-departure support

We will provide you with a Welcome Pack, Packing List and Program Brief to help you prepare for your travels. Our team are there every step of the way for extra support, and we'll organise a pre-departure meeting 6-weeks before you go to make sure everyone is on the same page and ready for the adventure.

✓ In-country support

As well as supporting you in your project work, our team will be a 24/7 contact for you during your time overseas... they'll also have the best recommendations on how to spend your free time!

Independent costs:

- ✿ International flights
- ✿ Travel insurance (might be covered by your university)
- ✿ Visas
- ✿ Vaccinations - refer to [smarttraveller.com.au](https://www.smarttraveller.com.au) and consult with your doctor



The overall experience was literally unbelievably incredible. I was worried about not making friends and feeling alone in a new country but that just wasn't the case. I made so many friends and together we did amazing things that we just wouldn't be able to do as a normal tourist.



Global Citizen, Kristina

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Sign up!

All you need to do is apply on our [website](https://www.challengesabroad.com) and pay the \$250 booking deposit. Once accepted, you can pay the remainder of your program fee in fortnightly, monthly or quarterly instalments leading up to your challenge. Your final payment is due eight weeks before departure.

This is one of our most popular programs, so sign up soon to avoid missing out!

If you have any questions or need any further support, please get in touch with our team:

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More food for thought...

What's in it for you...

This once in a lifetime program is the perfect opportunity to;



Meet other Global Citizens from across Australia



Develop transferrable skills such as teamwork, communication, problem solving, leadership, and adaptability



Make an impact on the world



Have an unforgettable experience

Become a Challenge Leader!

If you're keen to take on an extra challenge, becoming a challenge leader will help you develop your leadership and team management skills, as well as a whole heap of other qualities that will set you up for your career or future study.



Work with a leadership mentor to build your own community of people who care



Connect with other global leaders from across Australia



Attend 2 leadership weekend conferences in Melbourne



Have the opportunity to receive a discounted program



Ready to become a global leader? Find out more and apply [here](#).



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