

COMMUNITY AID AND CULTURE: THAILAND

Day 1 Australia - Thailand

Depart Australia on your flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival, meet your coach and transfer to your accommodation.

First night's accommodation in Bangkok

Day 2 Bangkok**(B,D)**

After breakfast, make your way to Ko Ratanakosin and spend the morning exploring the Royal Palace complex. See the Emerald Buddha in Wat Phra Kaew. Walk to nearby Wat Pho and visit the 46m long Reclining Buddha. This afternoon, enjoy a ferry ride on the Mae Nam Chao Phraya for a different perspective of the city. Return to your accommodation for dinner.

Second night's accommodation in Bangkok

Day 3 Bangkok**(B,L,D)**

This morning, learn the basics of Thai cooking with a local chef. Enjoy your creations for lunch! This afternoon, travel by subway to the Red Cross Research Institute and see how venom is extracted from some of the world's deadliest snakes.

Third night's accommodation in Bangkok

Day 4 Bangkok**(B,D)**

After breakfast, embark on a full-day excursion to see the Floating Markets of Damnoen Saduak, where you can organise your lunch. This afternoon, attend a Thai cultural show and handicrafts demonstration before returning to Bangkok.

Fourth night's accommodation in Bangkok

**Day 5 Kanchanaburi****(B,D)**

Depart Bangkok after breakfast for Kanchanaburi Province, the scene of much POW suffering during World War II. Visit the Bridge on the River Kwai, travel a short stretch by train along the Death Railway, and walk through the allied war cemeteries.

First night's accommodation in Kanchanaburi

Day 6 Kanchanaburi**(B,D)**

This morning, visit Hellfire Pass, which was chiseled out of the rock by allied POWs. This afternoon, enjoy an elephant trek through the jungle.

Second night's accommodation in Kanchanaburi

Day 7 Ayuthaya**(B,D)**

Depart Kanchanaburi province for the former Siamese royal capital of Ayuthaya this morning. Visit the temples and ruins in the Unesco World Heritage Historical Park. Spend time in the Historical Study Centre before transferring to your accommodation in the evening.

Overnight accommodation in Ayuthaya

Day 8 Sukhothai**(B,D)**

After breakfast, travel to Sukhothai. Visit the Historical Park, which contains temple ruins, dating back to the 13th century when the city was the capital of Siam. Transfer to your accommodation after your visit.

Overnight accommodation in Sukhothai

**Day 9 Maekok River****(B,D)**

After breakfast, travel to the Maekok River area and begin your community aid experience.

Day 9 - 11 Maekok River Projects

Students participate in Chuay Duay community development projects, which may involve:

- Rural engineering and alternative energy
- Organic farming
- Epidemiological research
- Environmental expeditions
- Remote village visits
- Orphanage visits

Meals and accommodation at a village resort

Day 12 Chiang Mai**(B,D)**

After breakfast, depart the Maekok River for Chiang Mai. Visit Wat Phra Singh and Wat Chedi Luang this morning. After lunch, see the Matsayit Chiang Mai and explore the Chiang Mai National Museum.

Overnight accommodation in Chiang Mai

**Day 13 Chiang Mai - Bangkok****(B,D)**

Visit the Tribal Museum this morning before transferring to the airport for your flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival, settle in at your accommodation. After dinner, explore the tǎlǎat yen or evening market.

First night's accommodation in Bangkok

Day 14 Bangkok**(B,D)**

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to Safari World, the largest open zoo in the world. Spend the day visiting the lions, giraffes, orang-utans, and other jungle fauna in the park. Return to Bangkok in the afternoon.

Second night's accommodation in Bangkok

Day 15 Thailand - Australia**(B)**

This morning, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Australia. Arrive home.



B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, PL = Packed Lunch, D = Dinner

We tailor all tours to meet your specific requirements.