



Wildlife and Conservation Project

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Work with primates, learn the Thai language and explore the jewel of South East Asia

This Thai wildlife project has been in operation since 1991, and its continued existence is essential to the 40 or more primates that live in the progressive gibbon sanctuary it supports. The sanctuary is dedicated to the rescue, care and protection of injured/abused gibbons and other creatures in need, who once taken from the wild tend not to be able to live independently again. Volunteers will assist with the day-to-day running of the sanctuary (feeding, cleaning enclosures, caring for the baby apes), as well as the development of the sanctuary through fundraising, outreach programmes and developing an environmental education centre. Volunteers can also experience the indigenous Thai culture, luscious scenery and spectacular wildlife that exist away from the hustle and bustle of cities like Bangkok.

Prices:

GBP£1,310.00 +

EUR€1,835.00 +

AUS\$3,015.00 +

us\$2,620.00 +

Duration:

5 Weeks +

Group Size:

Maximum four, plus project staff.

What Difference Does This Project Make?

The sanctuary was established in 1991 and currently houses over 40 gibbons and a number of other species. It is a lifetime refuge for abandoned, mistreated, and/or physically injured gibbons and other creatures in need, as once they are removed from their natural environments they quickly forget how to forage on their own and can never be returned into the wild.

Highlights

Undergo a cultural orientation in Bangkok, complete with Thai lessons and a multi-transport tour of the city; working (sometimes hands on) with endangered apes, exploring this wonderfully rich country, in-depth community interaction

Location

The project base is nestled in a mountainous region of Thailand's Tak Province, about 43km from the border town of Mae Sot – a bustling market town with a strong Burmese influence. The sanctuary is situated on a hill, making it perfectly located for watching the sun go down on the Thai countryside.

Field Conditions

Volunteers will stay in shared bedrooms in basic Thai style farm accommodation, which has a bathroom with hot running water and a small kitchen. Cleaning of the volunteer accommodation will be done on a rota basis. You can do your laundry on site. Three meals a day are provided for you, and vegetarians can easily be catered for. There is no access to email / telephones on site, but both are available in the nearby town of Mae Sot (about 45 minutes drive by private car / 1 ½ hours by public transport).

“There's very little I can say to describe my experience except to say that it was superb and I wish I could have stayed forever.”

Ruth Campbell
2007 VOLUNTEER

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Booking Information

What's Included

Bangkok multi-transport adventure, two days language and culture workshops with one of Thailand's top language trainers, on-site training and orientation, Pre-departure support and discounted services, 24 hour emergency phone, 24 hour in country support

What's Not Included

International flights, visa costs, medical and travel insurance.

The Booking Process

Once GVI receives your application form, one of our experienced regional coordinators will give you a call to find out if you have any further questions, or simply want to find out more about volunteering. All GVI staff regularly visit the project sites, and have volunteered and travelled themselves, so have an in-depth knowledge and boundless enthusiasm that ensures your application process runs smoothly and efficiently.

GVI Discounts

If you have volunteered on this GVI project before or a GVI expedition you will be eligible for a £250/\$490/€375 discount or equivalent. If you have volunteered with GVI on any another programme, you may be eligible for £125/\$245/€185 discount or equivalent.

Arrival And Departure Information

Volunteers should get a return flight to and from Suvarnabhumi International in Bangkok (BKK). More detailed information will be provided once your booking is confirmed.



Next Steps . . .

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