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TOURS



## COASTAL CONSERVATION IN SOUTHERN THAILAND

*12 or 15 days | Bangkok,  
Krabi, extension to Cambodia*

### MEANINGFUL. SUSTAINABLE. UNFORGETTABLE.

On this interactive tour to Southern Thailand, breathtaking scenery meets hands-on environmental projects. Explore the bustling streets of Bangkok, where ancient cultural traditions blend into a modern way of life. Experience this firsthand as you weave between gleaming skyscrapers and wondrous temples. In Krabi, work with local organizations that help endangered coastal ecosystems and learn about elephant welfare. Then relax on tropical, serene beaches that are surrounded by towering limestone cliffs.

25-30

Estimated  
service hours

#### YOUR SERVICE PROJECT THEMES

We work with local nonprofits to better understand the needs of each community and then focus projects on those issues.

Themes include:

- Education
- Environment
- Coastal conservation
- Mangrove and seagrass restoration
- Elephant welfare
- Community building

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## *What to expect on this Service Learning Tour*

### MEANINGFUL SERVICE

Working side-by-side with locals, you'll gain insight into the challenges they face and build lasting solutions to help empower the community.

#### Projects include:

- Working alongside local NGOs to help protect endangered coastal ecosystems
- Mangrove and seagrass restoration, planting, and monitoring; transect surveys; surface trash collection and disposal; composting

### CULTURAL IMMERSION

Stay just outside the communities you serve—celebrating customs and forming lasting connections with locals.

#### Activities include:

- Participating in cultural activities or games with locals in coastal communities
- Discussion with local conservationists
- Experiencing a local market

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Your Tour Director takes your global service experience even further, developing and strengthening leadership skills through activities and workshops.

#### Exercises include:

- Investigating global issues, exploring social justice, and building leadership skills
- Contextualizing the day's events through thoughtful discussion and group dialogue
- Reflective journaling to deepen the service experience





Tour Chao Phraya River



Grand Palace

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly overnight to Thailand

#### Day 2: Bangkok

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Bangkok, where modern skyscrapers meet ancient temples and Buddhist monasteries.

#### Day 3: Bangkok

- Tour Bangkok and visit the enormous Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho, the Grand Palace and the Emerald Buddha.
- Take a boat tour of Chao Phraya River, Thailand's main waterway, and the hidden Thonburi *klongs*, or canals.
- Explore the Museum of Siam, an interactive museum that depicts Thai history and culture.
- Tour and taste your way through a Bangkok street food market.

#### Day 4: Bangkok | Krabi

- Fly from Bangkok to Krabi, a province known for its dense mangrove forests, towering limestone cliffs, and serene beaches.
- Travel to your hotel and then venture into Krabi for dinner.

#### Days 5–7: Krabi | Service project

As communities evolve, so do their needs. That's why we work closely with local nonprofits to better understand each community's issues. Since specific projects are determined closer to your actual tour date, here's what a typical day might look like:

- Explore communities like Koh Klang, Aonamao, and Long Beach, where you'll work with locals on projects like mangrove transplanting, shrimp farm restoration, or seagrass monitoring.
- Participate in hands-on workshops focused on circularity and sustainable living practices in this region.
- Immerse yourself in cultural activities like sunrise yoga or *tai chi*, learn about community traditions, and try local dishes that promote sustainability and holistic health.
- Learn about coral propagation and the importance of correct waste disposal through surface clean-up and snorkeling. Once you're finished with your service project, enjoy a delicious dinner in Krabi.

### Days 8–9: Ko Lanta | Krabi

Travel to Ko Lanta, an island filled with beautiful beaches. For your next service project, you'll work at an elephant sanctuary, helping with upkeep (and getting a peek of some new elephant friends!). After your service efforts, head back to Krabi.

#### Days 10–11: Krabi | Bangkok

- Enjoy free time to explore Krabi
  - or visit Railay Beach, a secluded yet iconic beach that's only accessible by boat due to Krabi's picturesque limestone cliffs.
- Enjoy dinner in Krabi.
- Fly from Krabi to Bangkok.
- Explore more of Bangkok, known for its vibrant street life, on your own.

### Day 12: Depart for home

## 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 12: Bangkok | Siem Reap

- Fly from Bangkok to Siem Reap, a city located in northwest Cambodia whose name means "Victory over the Thais" (in reference to the Khmer empire's victory in the 16th century).
- After lunch, visit an artisan Buddha workshop to see how local art is made.
- Participate in a Khmer cooking class.

#### Day 13: Siem Reap

- Explore the massive temples in the ruins of Angkor Wat, which date back to the 12th century. At Bayon Temple, admire the elaborate stone carvings of people and mythological creatures. Next, see the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King, where important events and ceremonies were often staged. Angkor Wat has become a symbol of Cambodia, even appearing on its national flag.
- After lunch, visit Ta Prohm Temple and see the massive trees that grow from its ruins.
- Enjoy dinner at a community-driven eatery.

#### Day 14: Siem Reap

- Visit the Cambodian Landmine Museum.
- Learn about family-focused economic efforts at a local NGO.
- Take an excursion to Tonlé Sap Lake and enjoy dinner in a floating fishing village.

### Day 15: Depart for home



**Your experience includes:** 10 overnight stays in hotels (13 with extension); round-trip flights on major carriers; 2 internal flights; daily breakfast and dinner; lunch on days 3–11 (with extension: daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner); local ground transportation; full-time Tour Director; sustainable service projects; service hours that count towards academic credit; sightseeing tours led by expert guides; entrance fees



Coral propagation



Participate in an ocean clean-up project



Koh Phi Phi Viewpoint

## Your partner in global education

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### ABOUT SERVICE LEARNING TOURS

On an EF Service Learning Tour, you and your students work side by side with locals on community-driven projects in Asia or the Americas. EF partners with established nonprofits and NGOs—such as the Mariposa Foundation and the Andean Alliance for Sustainable Development—to make sure your contributions are both meaningful and sustainable. Through hands-on work and deep exposure to the local culture, students learn vital collaboration and problem-solving skills. They return inspired to make a difference at home, too.

### START PLANNING

To enroll on this tour, ask your teacher for the tour number and visit [eftours.com/enroll](https://eftours.com/enroll) or call 800-665-5364