



Thai Elephant Project
in cooperation with the
Thai Elephant Conservation Center



Mahout Home Stay

3 Days • 2 Nights

Day 1 – Arrive TECC and check into a Mahout Home Stay. The program will begin this afternoon with an orientation including a discussion on elephant behavior and the life of a mahout (elephant keeper). You will be requested to learn the basic “elephant language” that will be used in the mahout training sessions. After dinner tonight stroll through the mahout village and listen to some elephant stories.



Day 2 – Early morning trek into the forest to bring the elephants back to the center for their morning bath and show. (Watch how the elephants have been trained to paint and even play music!) Then it is time for your first training session where you will learn to ride and control the elephant yourself. Late

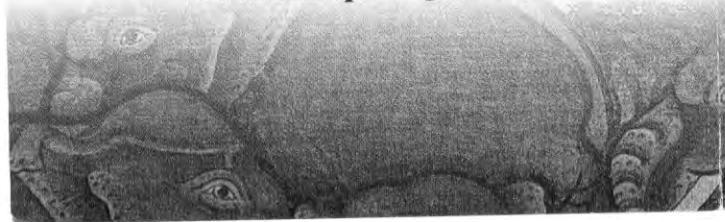
afternoon, ride the elephants back into the forest for their overnight. What a great day!

Day 3 – Back out into the forest to collect the elephants—more training this morning to prepare for your participation in the Elephant Show! After the show say good-bye to your newfound friends and depart for home or begin another “Asian Passage.”

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Lampang, Thailand is home to both TECC and Yonok University, located in northern Thailand, ninety minutes southeast of Chiang Mai.

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TECC Research Program



7 Days • 6 Nights

Day 1 – Arrive Lampang airport late afternoon and transfer to Yonok University. An orientation program will familiarize you with the exciting and challenging days ahead as you learn about elephant behavior and the typical life of a mahout (elephant keeper). Welcome dinner with students eager to practice their English skills. Overnight in Lampang.



Day 2 – After breakfast, transfer to the Thai Elephant Conservation Center (TECC). Arrive in time to watch the elephants being bathed and readied for their morning show. Pay attention since you will be participating in the show before your stay here ends! After the show, visit the TECC Museum and have lunch at the canteen. Following lunch, visit the elephant hospital where sick and injured elephants are being cared for. There, in the days ahead, learn the basics of elephant tending. Following the visit to the hospital, travel by elephant to the Mahout Training Center to learn about elephant behavior and the special language mahouts use to communicate with their charges. Also, learn about some of the ongoing research programs at TECC. Return to the mahout camp and participate in the preparation of a traditional Thai meal. Following dinner, stroll through the mahout camp visiting the family homes to learn more about the daily life of a mahout and his family. Overnight at Mahout Home Stay.

Days 3,4,5

– In the mornings, we'll hike into the forest to retrieve the elephants and return to the TECC for work on research projects. After lunch, we'll continue mahout training and learn to bathe, feed and ride the elephants and prepare for participation in the elephant show. In the evenings, after dinner, we'll work on project reports or visit with the mahouts and help them with their English language skills. It's nice to be able to give something back to our host country! Overnights at Mahout Home Stay.

Day 6 – Today's the big day when we perform in the elephant show and receive our certificates for a job well done! We gather after lunch to share our experiences and reports with the Yonok faculty and students. This afternoon transfer by van to Chiang Mai for overnight. Enjoy dinner on your own and an opportunity to explore the night market.

Day 7 – Depart for home or begin another *“Asian Passage.”*



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