

## Volontariat en Thaïlande



**Name of Program:** Be Kids at Children's Village

**Primary category:** Teaching, Children's Project

**Secondary category:** Community-based tour, Agricultural Project, IT project, Carpentry project

### **Itinerary:**

Share your experiences, thoughts and love with the children at the Children's Village, a home for deprived children. With various vocational training projects, any skills are welcome to help the children learn and to give them the attention that they need.

#### **Day 1: Bangkok - arrival transfer**

Arrival and joint transfer. Our well experienced guide will provide you with some useful tips for exploring the city and give you ideas of what you could do on your tour.

#### **Day 2: Bangkok - an orientation tour - learn Thai**

Today is a tour on foot! The aim is to ensure that you see as much as possible of the everyday life of Bangkok and its people, and what better way to do that than to combine your walk with as many different modes of public transport as possible. Stops on the tour will normally include some interesting temples, a flower market and Little India or Chinatown.

Then spend time to learn Thai in an informal atmosphere. You will have lessons that start with simple words and conversation, just enough to get by, and then more specific words that you will need according to the project you are joining. Then go out to try it in real-life situations, such as a local market, taking your own transport and trying to bargain for things by yourself.

#### **Day 3: Bangkok - a village experience (B/-/D)**

You will have a lazy morning to discover more of Bangkok and then leave the bustling city behind by taking a local bus for about 2 hours to a small village near Kanchanaburi town. After settling into your charming home stay and receiving a warm welcome from your host family you will then have time to explore the village and the chance to practice your Thai skills with the villagers. You may also join in the farming activities of your 'Thai family' in their organic garden.

#### **Day 4: Home stay -Kanchanaburi - Children's Village (B/-/D)**

Time to say farewell to your kind hosts as you need to catch the local bus to Kanchanaburi and explore the town, see the famous 'Death Railway', World War II Museum, etc. Then continue by public bus to *Moobandek, or the Children's Village*. Upon arrival the teachers will give orientation to learn about their project and the area.

#### **Days 5-12: Children's Village (B/L/D)**

The village is one of the voluntary projects of the Foundation for Children. The foundation has been long established in Thailand to protect children's rights and take care of slum and neglected children. The

foundation is home to children who have suffered through family or social problems. They receive vocational training, learn about farming and join the classes that include language learning. There are now about 100-120 children of various ages.

The program for each day normally starts with an early morning routine check of the village's vegetable plantation. After breakfast the volunteers should prepare for a teaching session at the school for local students (primary school level). The group should teach the students something about the geography, history, society, work, family of their home country. It is a very good idea to take some teaching materials such as pictures, posters, sports equipment, etc. from their country to show to the children. They might leave those teaching materials to the village library, if they wish.

After lunch the volunteers will be split into small groups, according to their skills, to join one of the village's development projects (cleaning the school, vegetable farming, planting, vocational workshops, etc.) or to look after the small children (Pratom 1-3) who have no class; play games etc. There is a great variety of vocational workshops, such as carpentry, agriculture, construction, computers, cooking and handicraft activities such as batik, sewing, weaving, etc.

The children stay in different houses with one teacher living in each house to supervise it. Volunteers will each stay in one of these houses with the children.

#### Remark:

- Unlike tourist attractions, the activities of community services projects may vary considerably. Therefore we reserve right to adjust the program or even change the location, even after we have advised a confirmation due unforeseen developments. However the same concept will be well maintained.
- You will be free during weekends and public holidays. The coordinator will help you with information to plan your own traveling during this free time.
- ♦ School Holidays  
As part of this program involves teaching at schools please be aware of the following school holidays and examination periods.
  - Mid-March to mid-May
  - 12 - 17 April and New Year
  - Mid-September to mid-November

#### **Day 13: Kanchanaburi - Bangkok (B/-/-)**

After saying farewell to your children return to Bangkok by public bus.

#### **Day 14: Bangkok - departure transfer (B/-/-)**

Spend this last free day shopping or exploring more of Bangkok by yourself. Then joint transfer to the airport for flight home.

Departure: Daily year round with no minimum number and a maximum of 6 persons.

(Best to depart daily except Tuesday and Wednesday which would mean the first day at the children's village would be on the weekend).

#### Services included in the price:

- Joint transfers by air-conditioned transport.
- Bangkok accommodation is guesthouse or tourist-class hotel on shared-twin basis with breakfast. All rooms are air-conditioned with private facilities.
- Accommodation at the project is at one of children's houses with the children. It will be non-air-conditioned. Bedding equipment provided.
- Meals as specified in the program.

#### Services not included in the price

- Drinks and meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Personal expenses.
- Traveling arrangements during your free time, weekends and holidays

