

Thailand: Socially Responsible Tourism

Mission: To uplift impoverished communities in the developing world through creating and supporting sustainable, income-generating projects. This trip will focus on battling human trafficking and prostitution through women's economic empowerment and fair trade and will implement tsunami relief efforts at an orphanage in southern Thailand.



Day 1: Arrive in Bangkok. Check into hotel.

Day 2: Tour the city of Bangkok via foot, tuk-tuk, and boat. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a family planning themed restaurant and presentation by PDA—Population Development Assistance. Learn about their projects throughout the country and their efforts to creatively tackle development issues.

Day 3: Visit the Nighlight Fair Trade and Anti-Human Trafficking Group in the morning and shop their fair trade jewelry. Learn the secrets of Thai cooking at a hands-on class in the evening.

Day 4: Fly to Phuket in the morning and transfer to Khao Lak. Check into hotel.

Day 5: Visit the Baan Tharn Namchai Orphanage and tour Khao Lak via moped. Take time to remember the devastation of the 2004 Tsunami at the national tsunami memorial.

Day 6-8: Volunteer at the Baan Tharn Namchai Orphanage and help with income-generating projects, daily chores, and tutoring. Work with the women of Duang Prateep Women's Group to create new fair trade products.

Day 9: Free Day in Khao Lak to continue volunteering, relax on the beach, or further explore the area.

Day 10: Drive to Phuket in the morning. Spend the afternoon and evening with SHE Thailand learning about the underbelly of human-trafficking and prostitution rings in Phuket and innovative ways the organization is combating them.

Day 11: Relax on Patong Beach today and further explore the two sides of tourism in Thailand.

Day 12: Fly back to Bangkok in the afternoon and board flight back to the U.S.