



Volunteer to Teach Children in Thailand - Work alongside Thai teachers assisting with English language lessons in local schools

Översikt

Thailand is a developing country famous for a diverse environment of beautiful beaches, numerous natural resources and stunning natural attractions. Thousands of tourists travel to the country every year making Thailand one of the most popular tourist locations in the world. Despite this fact, most Thai people have limited English speaking skills. By volunteering with local schools you can offer children and their teachers the opportunity to get first hand native English language assistance to help them learn English, providing them with a valuable opportunity to improve their language skills. Your presence in the classroom helps to fulfil the demand of the community to help school children gain skills that can assist their success in education and personal development.

Projektet

The priority projects requested by the communities of the region are English language teaching. There is an endless demand for native speaking English among schools around the country. Programme volunteers play a key part in meeting this demand by providing direct support in schools with limited or non-existing English language programmes. All of this takes place in and around the region's breathtaking natural beauty, temples and ancient ruins of past kingdoms.

Project Aims

GVI works in partnership with local communities and local organizations in Thailand and around the world to help communities develop in sustainable ways while still preserving their unique cultural identity. In Ao Luk, GVI supports the effort of its local partners to increase the long term benefits of education to the local population by:

- * Teaching English to local school children.
- * Assisting local teachers in English language teaching.
- * Working with rural communities to improve their English for developing community-based tourism

How You Can Help

Volunteers will work alongside trained Thai teachers within the local schools assisting them to supply free English language lessons. Longer term volunteers or those with previous TEFL or teaching experience may have the opportunity to teach on their own. Volunteers working in rural home stay communities will have the opportunity to practice English with their home stay families as well as with community members interested in gaining skills to use for community-based tourism as well as further job development.

Tidigare volontärer berättar

"I came here hoping to experience the "real" Thailand and I have not been disappointed. Ao Luk is a small community in which GVI is well established and respected. Everyone in town is as eager to say "Hello" to me as I am to say "Sawadee Ka" to them! Every other day we take Thai language lessons, which give us a deeper appreciation for our students efforts to learn English. Every night we eat Thai cuisine prepared by a local resident. Our students go out of their way to make us feel at home here – one of them even invited us to her wedding feast. Though GVI is not a beach vacation, the side trips are remarkable and mostly off the beaten path. We went swimming in the beautiful national park next to the expedition base and kayaking through caves along the Andaman sea. Last weekend we visited Khao Lak, a beautiful beach town that was greatly affected by the tsunami. This weekend we hiked up to a beautiful temple that was literally "in the sky" before traveling to the beach for our day off. Okay, so maybe there are a few beaches after all!"

Gillian Barnett

"The teaching would have been hard work but the GVI staff are so helpful and forthcoming that it hardly felt like work at all. The rewards of teaching are also really exciting-you actually feel like you have made a difference. On top of this the students are so willing to learn, friendly and generous. I have already been given a bushel of apples, 4 mangoes, a load of bananas, a meal at Ao Luk's best restaurant, a whole orange cake and a house for 4 days in Khanom! (200 km out of Ao Luk). Also, the fact that we are teachers in a town, which for the moment at least, has very few tourists, means that we are able to see the real Thailand. We go to villages no tourist visits, we explore caves that have yet to be frequented by foreigners, we swim in places that are totally deserted but for the GVI team, and we play basketball and drink beer with the locals. This place is amazing if you want to see unseen Thailand as well as actually making a difference I would definitely suggest GVI in Ao Luk."

Thomas Martin

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my time here. It has been quite hectic at times with a combination of daily chores and lesson planning. However, the experience has also been very rewarding. The staff are very helpful and supportive, especially the trainers with vast amounts of patience, encouragement and support throughout the program."

Sally March



Sagostund

Vilken skillnad gör detta projekt?

Your assistance at the local schools and in the community gives Thai teachers and students the opportunity to practice their English skills with fluent English speakers. Students will gain confidence and interest in the English language providing them with skills that will greater their opportunities for education and employment in the future. Teachers who have limited resources will benefit from volunteer teachers assisting with their classes. For those volunteers staying in home stays in addition to working with local schools you will help your host family and community gain valuable skills that will help them continue to support and develop their local community based tourism projects. This is an incredible opportunity to exchange culture and language.

Höjdpunkter

See the benefits of volunteer English teaching in a small duration of time, Experience real Thailand up close by teaching and living in the small town of Ao Luk or other surrounding communities. You will have the opportunity to experience a culture and a way of life that most tourists miss on the normal tourist trail. Visit local natural highlights such as limestone rock formations, amazing caves and white sandy beaches with crystal emerald waters. Learn how to cook Thai food, speak basic Thai, and immerse yourself in this vibrant and welcoming culture.

Plats

Ao Luk is located in the Krabi province in the Andaman region of Thailand. This region is most famous for the surrounding islands, white sandy beaches and karst mountain formations which jut dramatically out of the land and sea. Ao Luk is a mostly rural district in Krabi. Being close to town, GVI's base camp gives volunteers the opportunity to be completely immersed in the local culture. Weekends provide the opportunity to enjoy the natural highlights and cultural destinations within the region. Home stays are located in more rural areas and provide complete immersion within Thai communities if volunteers choose this option.

Ute i fält

You have a choice of staying at GVI's base camp in the town of Ao Luk or at a rural home stay with a Thai family. The base camp is a centre for teaching and training and you will share dorm style accommodation with 10-20 other volunteers who are teaching and or obtaining a TEFL qualification. Cooking and cleaning are done on a rotational basis with other volunteers. Volunteers can also choose to live with a traditional Thai family. Both options are basic but they do have electricity and running water. Food at the home stays will be simple yet delicious Thai meals.

Förkunskaper

Though there are no specific qualifications or experience necessary to register for this course, applicants do need to be over 18, have an educational or experience background equivalent to that required to gain entrance into a higher education institution, have an interest in language, and strong verbal and writing skills. Non-native English speakers must have a high proficiency of English language ability in order to meet the project demands effectively. Prior background knowledge in teaching techniques is an advantage, although not essential as there is opportunity to learn, whatever your level. Everyone must be able to work as part of a team and should be very enthusiastic, adventurous, have a good sense of humour and be respectful of the host country's environment and culture.

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Livet på projektet

For the first three days volunteers will take part in an orientation to assist you with the very basics of teaching English and Thai language and culture. Trained GVI staff will provide you with the skills, resources and support you will need to undertake the project work and will be available at anytime throughout your stay. During your volunteering experience you will work in a nearby school teaching school children and/or assisting Thai English teachers.

The day always starts early, with a breakfast that normally consists of pancakes or rice porridge and helping with chores around base (if staying at GVI's base camp). Most days you will visit the nearby school to help the local teacher lead English classes for students and provide students with homework assistance and tutoring. All this is within walking distance of the GVI base camp. If staying at a home stay you will provide the same volunteer assistance as above based on the demands of the community.

The short term teaching project offers numerous incredibly exciting opportunities to its volunteers. As a participant you may have the opportunity to:

- * Enjoy a unique Thai cultural adventure by immersing yourself in a traditional Thai community within a stunning tropical paradise, living and working alongside local people, and experiencing their culture, food and way of life.
- * Take the opportunity to learn some of the Thai language, which will be incredibly useful if you decide to continue travelling in the country.
- * Learn how to cook a number of tasty Thai dishes, including some regional favourites.
- * Explore some of the amazing beaches, islands, mountains and caves that the region has to offer in your free time.

Volontärer kopplar av på fritiden



Foton från projektet



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