



“Behind the CODE: An ECPAT Advocacy Journey to Thailand”
January 24- Feb. 3rd, 2015

Jan 24th. (D*)

By 3 pm Arrival in Bangkok. Transfer to our hotel.
6:00 pm Enjoy our welcome and **orientation meeting** with your ECPAT program staff and our Altruistas Thailand Program Director, Adisak Kaewrakmu. We will review the cultural and safety norms of the trip, discuss group dynamics and review the intentions for our journey together.
7:30 pm **Welcome Dinner**

Jan 25th. (B, L)

9:00am We start our morning with a brief **City Tour of Bangkok** and enjoy learning about the history and culture of Thailand. A few of this Sunday’s highlights are seeing the Emerald Buddha at Wat Phra Kaew, and the Temples of Wat Pho and Wat Arun, the a visit to the **Grand Palace**.
1:00pm Lunch and then after we will have a **boat tour of the canals of Bangkok and see the floating markets**.
EVE Dinner we are free to rest and enjoy a meal at one of the many fabulous restaurants locally . We will have an option for the group to leave into small groups in tuk tuks to see the sex tourism industry at night and visit Go Go Parlors.

Jan. 26th (B, L)

9:30 am Our day starts with a visit to the ECPAT office. Then we will have an exchange with the staff of **ECPAT in Thailand** to learn about their work and the founding of **the CODE**. ECPAT International is a global network of organizations working together for the elimination of child prostitution, child pornography and the trafficking of children for sexual purposes. It seeks to ensure that children everywhere enjoy their fundamental rights free and secure from all forms of commercial sexual exploitation.
1:00pm Lunch
2:30pm Briefing by a representative from the **Thai Committee for Coordinating and Directing the Implementation on Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking** for a briefing on the policies and legislation in place currently.
After we will have time to visit local art galleries and museums.
EVE Dinner and free for group discussion circle facilitated by the ECPAT USA staff.

Jan. 27th

(B, L)

9:30 am Meeting with and **ASEAN Regional project staff or a UNICEF representative** to discuss about human trafficking situation in the region how it impacts Thailand's women and children. Next we visit, and shop, at **Thai Craft** to learn about their fair trade programs that support communities around the country (<http://www.thaicraft.org>).

1:00pm We enjoy lunch at **the Cabbages & Condoms (C&C) Restaurant**, that promotes acceptance of family planning and to generate income to support various development activities of the Population and Community Development Association (PDA)

3:00pm Meeting with management from the **Ramada Encore** that has implemented **The CODE** and learn about their aspirations, successes and challenges. We will learn about The Code (short for "The Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism") is an industry-driven responsible tourism initiative with a mission to provide awareness, tools and support to the tourism industry in order to prevent the sexual exploitation of children.

EVE Dinner

Optional Exchange with the faith based NGO, **Nightlight**, a jewelry making non profit working with rescued women and engage with the Nightlight staff.

Jan. 28th

(B, L)

8:00am Check out of hotel and fly to **Chiang Rai**. Check into our hotel (*Legend Chiang Rai, "Boutique River Resort & Spa" if it has signed the Code*).

Enjoy a **City Tour** and experiencing this area around the Golden Triangle.

After lunch we meet with the **ECPAT Thailand International Foundation representative in Chang Rai**. The coordinating office in Chiang Rai has an important role in coordinating and networking between agencies, partners and individuals to work together. It also provides technical and informative support for those organizations as well as monitors and evaluates the implementation. We will learn about the Prevention Projects that are aimed to empower children, women and the communities not to fall victim to commercial sexual exploitation of children. The implementing partners here are Baan Huay Krai School in Chiang Rai, Hill Area and Community Development Foundation in Chiang Rai, Makhampom Theater Group, and The Volunteer Group for Child Development in Chiang Rai. We will visit with a local group and learn about their work.

In the afternoon we will request to have a representative of **The Daughters' Education Programme (DEP)** in Chiang Rai province headed by the social activist Sompop Chantraka. We will invite them to share who they have worked to prevent many young

people from going in to the sex trade by providing them with free education and training.

After we will have time to rest and enjoy the beauty of this place.

Dinner is on our own.

January 29th (B, L)

11:00 am After a restful morning we will spend all day with **Child Life**, led by Kru Nam, that provides direct intervention for young women and children at risk in Maesai, Northern Thailand at the border to Myanmar (Burma) Meeting with the director and learn about the project in place to support vulnerable children. Around 4:30 pm We return to enjoy a break to explore Chiang Rai or rest.

Dinner is free to explore local venues or enjoy the culture at the night market.

We will offer an option for the group to experience a "Lady Boy" show.

January 30th (B, L)

9:00am Drive to Chiang Mai and enjoy a **City Tour highlighting** Chiang Mai's temples. You will see the architectural diversity between the Lanna, Thai, Sri Lankan, Burmese and Mon styles. If you are a temple buff or would like to get more acquainted with some of Chiang Mai's temples then this is a great way to spend half a day. The tour will also drop by a market where an abundance of Thai and local foods are offered. Then check into our hotel.

3:30 pm We will meet the staff **Urban Light**. Urban Light is a grassroots organization made up of a community of individuals dedicated to making noise regarding boys who are victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Based in Chiang Mai, Thailand, the Urban Light Youth Center rebuilds, restores & empowers the lives of boys.

Dinner is free

EVE Optional activity to visit nightclubs and bars to observe night activities and understand the demand of the sex tourism industry with a staff member of Urban Light.

January 31st (B, L)

10:00am Visit to **Documentary Arts Asia** www.doc-arts.asia a non-profit organization which works primarily in photography and film, but also audio and narrative writing, to tell the stories from Asia that need to be heard. .

11:30 Exchange with **Children's Organization of Southeast Asia (COSEA)** a non-profit dedicated to the prevention of child trafficking and sexual exploitation in Southeast Asia. Visit their shelter for sexually exploited, abused or at-risk girls, mental health workshops, organic and sustainable living projects and community outreach and awareness. Lunch.

2:00pm This afternoon is open for optional eco excursions, a hike or a visit to and Elephant Foundation and enjoy an elephant ride. We will provide options for you.

Dinner and evening are for an **ECPAT Facilitate Group Circle**.

Feb. 1 (B, L, D)

All Day Excursion with the **Mirror Foundation**. The **Mirror Foundation**, run by Thai

and hilltribe staff, working for the social development of the community in general, and for the benefit of ethnic minorities in particular. Mirror works directly with the hilltribe communities of the area, as well as running projects in Ranong province. It has an office in Bangkok, and works with the government to create, improve or change laws which are required to enhance the lives of those in most need. We will learn about their anti trafficking efforts, visit their handicrafts projects and lastly enjoy dinner and participate in cultural dance .

Feb. 2

(B, D)

Early am Departure to Airport for Bangkok- Check into Hotel.
10:00am Exchange with the office the **Labor Rights Promotion Network (LPN)** a grassroots organization founded in 2006 to promote the integration of migrant workers and their families into Thai society. Learn about the use of immigrants and trafficked Burmese, Cambodians and Thais on fishing trawlers and in factories. Lunch. Later we will visit areas known to have trafficked young people into factories and docks A 2010 assessment of the cumulative risk of labor trafficking among Burmese migrant workers in the seafood industry in Samut Sakhon found that 57 percent of the 430 workers surveyed experienced conditions of forced labour. Cambodian and Burmese workers are increasingly unwilling to work in the Thai fishing industry due to dangerous and exploitative work conditions which make them more vulnerable to trafficking (see <https://www.iom.int/jahia/webdav/shared/shared/mainsite/activities/countries/docs/thailand/Trafficking-of-Fishermen-Thailand.pdf>)

After time for lunch we will have free time to visit local galleries, shops and museums.
3:30pm Special meeting and briefing by **Sister Suphatra who runs the Regina Center in Thailand**. She will share the story of the Center and the collaborative partnership that they have with ECPAT. Here we will learn about the hands and vision behind the **TASSATAG** (<http://www.tassatag.org>)



Reclaim children's lives
while claiming your luggage



6:00pm

Wrap-up Meeting, and discussing what is next for ECPAT.

8:00pm

Farewell dinner with ECPAT International Staff and Sister Supatra.

Feb. 3rd

Breakfast together as a group. Check out of hotel. There will be a group transfer to the airport for departure Bangkok and return to the US .

Please note this program is subject to confirmation and evolution. Some activities times and dates may shift.

** signifies the meal included daily. B-Breakfast, L-Lunch and D-Dinner.*