

## **“Behind the CODE: An ECPAT Advocacy Journey to Thailand** **THAILAND • November 27 - December 7th, 2016**

Cost: \$3,530 per person: Includes \$500 donation for ECPAT



ECPAT-USA and Altruvistas are proud to launch a new sustainable travel partnership, advocacy delegations that educate, inspire and fundraise. ECPAT-USA will be leading a delegation journey to Thailand to learn about the issue of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, and learn what our partners are doing concretely to make a change. This is the second trip to Thailand where Altruvistas, a leader on the forefront of socially responsible tourism, and ECPAT-USA, the leading anti-trafficking policy organization in the United States, are working together to lead a journey to Thailand focused on ending the commercial sexual exploitation of

children. On this journey, you will gain an invaluable educative perspective on the issue of sex trafficking and exploitation, and learn how others implement the CODE first hand. We will visit the Mirror Foundation; a group that works for the social development of the community and ethnic minorities by working directly with the government to create, improve and change laws that directly enhance the lives of those in need. Plus of course we will have a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Thailand together, its world heritage sites, its delicious food, and the hospitality of the people. We welcome you to join us on this unique advocacy journey.

### **About ECPAT**

**ECPAT** (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) is a non-governmental organization and a global network of civil society organizations exclusively dedicated to ending the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). It focuses on ending four main manifestations of CSEC: child pornography (child sex abuse materials), the exploitation of children in prostitution, the trafficking of children for sexual purposes and the sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism.

# Daily Itinerary

**Nov. 27**

**D**

All participants to arrive by 3pm. Transfer arranged to hotel. Welcome and orientation meeting with ECPAT-USA staff and our AltruVistas Thailand Program Director, Adisak Kaewrakmu. Review the cultural and safety norms of the trip, discuss group dynamics, and the intentions for our journey together. Welcome Dinner

**Nov. 28**

**B, L**

Day begins with a City Tour of Bangkok, along with an overview of the history and culture of Thailand. A few of this tour's highlights include notable sites such as the Emerald Buddha at Wat Phra Kaew, the Temples of Wat Pho and a visit to the Grand Palace. Boat tour of the canals of Bangkok and the floating markets. Dinner is free to enjoy the city on your own.

**Nov. 29**

**B, L**

Visit to the ECPAT International HQ office and discussion with ECPAT Thailand staff to learn about their work and history protecting children from exploitation. ECPAT International is a global network of organizations in over 70 countries, all working together for the elimination of the prostitution of children, child pornography, child sex tourism, 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. Thai Government 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. Visit to local art galleries and museums. Dinner and group discussion circle facilitated by the ECPAT USA staff.

**Nov. 30**

**B, L**

Meeting with The Code office and their staff. The Code is an industry-driven initiative with a mission to provide awareness, tools and support to the tourism industry in order to prevent the sexual exploitation of children. The Code is a responsible set of business principles and developed as the travel industry's response to the issue and to build a world where children are protected from sex tourism and trafficking. This visit includes a discussion with a hotel representative that has implemented The CODE and learn about how this education and training translates into their work in protecting children from exploitation. Informative discussion on the implementation and training for The Code of Conduct for the hotel industry. Cabbages & Condoms (C&C) Restaurant, a social enterprise that promotes acceptance of family planning and to generate income to support various development activities of the Population and Community Development Association (PDA). An informational exchange with representatives from the International Labor Organization (ILO) and to learn more about labor trafficking and exploitation involving children in Thailand. Dinner and time to enjoy the hotel.

**Dec. 1**

**B, L**

Flight to Chiang Rai. Check into our hotel, another Code signatory.

Meeting with the ECPAT Thailand International Foundation representative in Chiang Rai. The coordinating office in Chiang Rai has a critical role in coordinating and networking between agencies, partners and individuals to work together. Staff will provide education on the various prevention projects that are aimed to empower children, women and the communities to be prevented from falling victim to commercial sexual exploitation. Excursions around Chiang Rai, including the White Temple and the Black Temple. Dinner and the evening are free.

**Dec. 2**

**B, L**

Organized meeting with a representative of The Daughters' Education Programme (DEP) in Chiang Rai, headed by the social activist Sompop Chantraka. They will share their work on prevention of youth being recruited into the sex trade by providing them with free education and training. A visit to 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. Discussion of intervention and prevention strategies being implemented in the local communities. Return to explore Chiang Rai or rest. Dinner is free to experience local venues or enjoy the night market.

**Dec. 3**

**B, L**

Transportation to Chiang Mai for a City Tour of Chiang Mai's exquisite temples. Tour includes highlighting the architectural diversity between the Lanna, Thai, Sri Lankan, Burmese and Mon styles. The tour will visit a local market where an abundance of Thai and regional cuisine are offered. Check in to our Code signatory hotel. Advocacy tour continues with Urban Light, a grassroots organization made up of a community of individuals dedicated to raising awareness regarding boys who are victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Based in Chiang Mai, Thailand, the Urban Light Youth Center rebuilds, restores and empowers the lives of boys. Dinner is free and open to explore the area.

**Dec. 4**

**B, L**

Day is free and open for an optional eco-excursions, such as a hike or a visit to the Elephant Foundation. Dinner and evening are for a Facilitated Group Circle.

**Dec. 5**

**B, L, D**

All Day Excursion with the Mirror Foundation. The Mirror Foundation is run by Thai hill tribe staff, working for the social development of the community and for the benefit of ethnic minorities. Mirror Foundation works directly with the hill tribe communities of the region, and works with the government to create, improve or change laws which are required to enhance the lives of those in most need. Tour includes education about their anti-trafficking efforts, handicrafts projects, and enjoying dinner together and participating in a cultural dance.

**Dec. 6**

**B, D**

Departure to Airport for Bangkok. Check into Hotel. Followed by an exchange with the American Embassy (?)

Special meeting and briefing by Sister Suphatra who runs the Regina Center in Thailand who will share the story of the Center and the collaborative partnership that they have with ECPAT. The Regina Center employs women vulnerable to sexual exploitation to craft handmade luggage tags, which provides an economic opportunity and skill set. Wrap up and Farewell dinner with the group.

**Dec. 7**

Breakfast together as a group, followed by group transfer to the airport.

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.

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