



Behind the CODE: An ECPAT Advocacy Journey to Thailand THAILAND • February 17-26, 2018

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 the tourism industry is combating it. We will visit organizations like 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 improves 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.



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Daily Itinerary

Feb. 17

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By 3 pm Please arrive by 3 pm. You will book your tickets to Bangkok and home from Chiang Mai. Transfer is provided to our hotel

6 pm Enjoy our welcome and orientation meeting with your ECPAT program staff and our AltruVistas Thailand Program Director. 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

Feb. 18

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9 am We start our morning with a 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, a visit to the Grand Palace and a boat tour of the canals of Bangkok and the floating market.

3 pm Our day ends with a visit to the ECPAT International office where we will learn about the history of the region. ECPAT International is a global network of organizations working together for the elimination of prostitution and 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.

Evening Dinner is free to explore and enjoy a meal at one of the many fabulous restaurants locally

Feb. 19

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9:30 am Our day begins with a visit to The CODE office. We will learn about their work and founding of The CODE, an industry driven responsible tourism initiative, which provides awareness, tools, and support to the tourism industry to prevent the sexual exploitation of children. CODE signatories commit to implementing policies and training on how to identify and respond to potential victims of trafficking. An ACCOR hotel representative will meet with us to discuss how they implement The CODE for their hotel properties.

2:30 pm Understand the history and culture of Thailand with a visit to the National Museum.

Evening Dinner and free for group discussion circle facilitated by ECPAT- USA staff

Feb. 20

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10 am Exchange with the office the Labor Rights Promotion Network, 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, followed by lunch.

4 pm Briefing by a representative from the Thai Committee for Coordinating and Directing the Implementation on Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking for an overview of the policies and legislation in place currently.

Evening Dinner and evening free for cultural activities

Feb. 21

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9:30 am Meeting with the US Embassy to discuss the human trafficking situation in the region and how it impacts Thailand's women and children

11 am Next we visit and shop at Thai Craft to learn about their fair trade programs that support communities around the country

1 pm Lunch at the Cabbages & Condoms (C&C) Restaurant, which promotes acceptance of family planning and to generate income to support various development activities of the Population and Community Development Association (PDA)

3 pm Meeting with management from the Ramada Encore to learn about their aspirations, successes, and challenges with implementing The CODE.

Evening and Dinner are free to enjoy local options.

Feb. 22

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8 am Check out of the hotel and fly to Chiang Rai. Check into our hotel.

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 local Thai ECPAT 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. They will share with us how their Prevention Projects are aimed to empower children, women and the communities.

Evening and Dinner are free to enjoy local options.

Feb. 23

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11 am After a restful morning we will spend all day with Child Life, led by Kru Nam, an NGO that provides direct intervention for young women and children at risk in Maesai, Northern Thailand, on the border with Myanmar. Our group will meet with the director and learn about the projects in place to support vulnerable children. Around 4:30 pm we return to enjoy a break or to explore Chiang Rai.

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

Feb. 24

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9 am Check out of our hotel and meet with a representative of The Daughters' Education Programme (DEP) in Chiang Rai, headed by the social activist Sompop Chantakra. We will invite them to share how they work to prevent young people from entering the sex trade by providing them with free education and training.

Drive to Chiang Mai and enjoy a City Tour highlighting Chiang Mai's temples. You will see the architectural diversity of 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. Check in to our hotel.

Evening Free to explore the local area.

Feb. 25

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All day excursion with the Mirror Foundation. The Foundation is run by Thai and hill tribe staff, working for the social development of the community in general, and for the benefit of ethnic minorities. The Mirror Foundation works directly with the hill tribe communities of the area, as well as running projects in the Ranong province. The organization works with the government to create, improve, and change laws necessary to enhance the lives of those in most need. We will learn about their anti-trafficking efforts, visit their handicraft store, followed by dinner and a chance to participate in a group cultural dance.

Feb. 26

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Morning is open for optional eco-excursions, a hike, or a visit to the elephant conservation center.

3:30 pm We will meet the staff of Urban Light. Urban Light is a grassroots organization made up of a community of individuals dedicated to raising awareness that boys also 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 who are exploited.

6 pm Wrap-up Meeting and discussing what is next for ECPAT

8 pm Farewell dinner

Feb. 27

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Breakfast together. Check out of hotel followed by a group transfer to the airport.

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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.