



Hill Tribe Immersion



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📍 Thailand - Akha Village Chiang Rai and Akha Homestay

Get immersed in the world of the Akha people, experience fun cultural activities and the natural surroundings of one of the most sublime parts of Thailand.

Enjoy one of the most charming and fascinating areas in Thailand. Our program was designed to merge together two completely different worlds: the Akha's and yours. Through either teaching, gardening or construction work, you will help them develop their infrastructure whilst helping to preserve their lifestyle and culture.



Program Description

One of our most diverse programs in one of the most stunning spots in Thailand. This visit to Thailand's northern Hill Tribe community will be hard to forget. The Akha people are a disadvantaged minority that migrated into Thailand. By living and breathing their culture you will learn about their unique and distinct lifestyle.

This program will have you immersed in the village, experiencing a range of cultural activities, as well as enjoying the surrounding fauna, wildlife and tourist attractions on the final day.

Your main activity will be to help out the local Akha people through various means such as teaching, gardening and light construction and renovation.

The idea here is not to try to alter their culture or perceptions in any way, but rather to embrace their way of life and learn from one another. This means open mindedness and a willingness to help and understand the needs of the Akha people.

The hilltop village is not far from the Northern city of Chiang Rai and is surrounded by lush jungle, which provide with natural resources that the Akhas use to survive. Plants are used for healing, bamboo helps construct their homes, hunting and farming provides them with food. The Akha people have their own unique language, religion and culture.

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 1

Aims & Objectives

- Assist with the development of infrastructure and education of the local Akha people
- Learn about and experience a unique way of life while broadening your knowledge of the local customs, history and culture

Schedule

Sunday

Akha Village Chiang Rai

After dinner, you will take an overnight bus to Chiang Rai (Northern Thailand)

Monday

Akha Village Chiang Rai

- Pickup in Chiang Rai and head to the village (1 and a half hour drive)
- Visit the local dam where you will have breakfast and get a chance to swim
- Lunch
- Explore Akha village and the Akha, it's a holy place
- Dinner

Tuesday

Akha Village Chiang Rai

- Breakfast
- Working for the Akha village. Tasks vary depending on the needs at the time ranging from teaching at the school, construction work or agricultural activities
- Lunch
- Akha language lessons
- Visit to the local evening market
- Dinner
- Language lessons in the evening

Wednesday

Akha Village Chiang Rai

- Breakfast
- Trekking into the jungle
- Lunch
- Learn how to make bamboo cups
- Natural hot spa or kayaking on the lake (depending on the weather)
- Dinner

Thursday

Akha Homestay

- Breakfast
- Working for the Akha village. Tasks vary depending on the needs at the time ranging from activities such as handmade handicraft, bracelets etc
- Lunch
- Exploring the Akha hill tribe village and learning more about the hill tribe culture
- Dinner
- Sleep at a local's home in order to experience and get fully immersed in the Akha lifestyle

Friday

Akha Village Chiang Rai

- Breakfast
- Working for the Akha village. Tasks vary depending on the needs at the time ranging from teaching at the school, construction work or agricultural activities
- Visit a coffee house , learn how to roast coffee make you own coffee
- Lunch
- Visit to a pool or canoeing
- Cooking for the hill tribe people, who will visit us in the accommodation to try out our dishes
- Dinner
- Goodbye party with the locals, they will perform a ceremony typical of their culture which you will partake in

Saturday

Akha Village Chiang Rai

- Brunch
- Travel to Chiang Rai
- Stop at a waterfall to swim
- Chiang Rai City tour with visits to the White Temple
- Visit a mall and then head back to Singburi at evening.

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Starting Dates

During 2019

This program starts every week.

During 2020

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age:	-
Maximum age:	-
Minimum English level:	Basic
CRB required:	On Signup
Passport copy required:	No
Resume copy required:	No
Required qualification:	None

Additional Requirements

There are no further requirements for this program.

Additional Equipment

- Warm clothes as the temperature can cool down a lot during the evening in this area of Thailand