**VOLUNTEER WORK:**
This trip will see volunteers helping in fields including animal conservation, community engagement and education. Volunteers will first spend time at an elephant sanctuary in Chiang Mai where they will care for animals that are cared for and accordingly avoid the fate of many of Thailand’s elephants whom end up being exploited as street begging acts and labourers. Volunteers will then spend time in a Hill Tribe – a community still relatively untouched by tourism. The Hill Tribe needs support in a variety of areas that include education, labour to improve the school, sport coaching, helping in the fields, etc.

**LEISURE TIME:**
There will be an opportunity to see some diverse areas of Thailand and travel can be arranged for after the trip. Both the elephant sanctuary and the Hill Tribe will take you a few hours out of nearby cities, limiting your after hours exploring time, however, this will give volunteers the chance to engage and immerse themselves in these smaller communities.

**ACCOMMODATION:**
Included in price. TBA.

**DATES**
TBC

**LOCATION**
Chiang Mai and Hill Tribes, Thailand

**GROUP SIZE**
5 - 10 people

**VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION**
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**DESIRED SKILLS**
Strong English, eagerness to work with animals

**APPROXIMATE COST**
$3500 – $3800 Approx
*This includes program fees, accommodation, food and flights

**GOALS:**
Throughout the semester you will be preparing for your time in Thailand and will be fundraising in order to provide much needed funds.

“**In Thailand elephants are often abused as working animals, in shows or for street begging, many ending up disabled, blind or orphaned. The hill-tribes villages are located in the most remote and beautiful locations. These hill-tribes perpetuate ancestral traditions, wearing hand-made clothing, living in wooden houses and growing their own food.”**

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