



From the majestic to the mischievous, the cute to the colossal, the hairiest to the smoothest, and the tallest to the smallest... enjoy incredibly close encounters with our amazing elephants. At Elephant Nature Park interacting with the herds gets seriously close up!

Listen to their trumpets and roars from across the mountainous park, watch their gentle strides as they come to greet you and laugh at the babies as they rough and tumble amongst the family. Feel the strength of the elephant's trunk as you hand feed them, and the prickles of their hairs as you bathe them in the cool winding river.

There are a range of activities at Elephant Nature Park and you can choose to visit for one day or stay up to a month.



Day visit

We will pick you up from your Chiang Mai accommodation and travel through towns and villages to the beautiful Mae Taeng district. On arrival at the park your host will introduce you to the elephants and give you in-depth information about their past lives and explain how they came to be rescued. You will also learn about the historical bonds between humans and elephants and how communication between the two is evolving right here at the park. We will show you a short documentary, featuring our founder Sangduen 'Lek' Chailert which further highlights the importance of her conservation efforts.

Buffet lunch is served in our traditional bamboo house which rises above the tall grasses and provides further viewing opportunities of the river, mountains and of course the elephants. Our delicious mix of Thai and Western recipes with many vegetarian and vegan options are famous.

After lunch get ready for elephant bath time! Bathing them is a unique experience where you can wade into the river and using a bucket and brush scrub their backs, sometimes the elephants assist by squirting trunkfuls of water!

For a truly unforgettable experience, providing countless photo opportunities with elephants unrestricted, and unchained, in their natural environment this is a day you will never forget.



Overnight visits - 2 day/1 night visit

Your 2 day elephant adventure begins by joining our day visitors, where you will also join them feeding the elephants their daily bananas and bathing them in the river. Later in the afternoon we will show you to your accommodation within the grounds of the park. Our rustic fan cooled huts are equipped with bedding and mosquito nets. We also have running water and Western toilets.

On your second day you will awaken to the sounds of the elephants greeting each other good morning and open your window to see them grazing amongst the grasses. You will have the option to go on a Jungle Walk, this provides the elephants with an opportunity to wander amongst the jungle and supplement their diet with different foods.

3 day/2 night visit

Days 1 and 2 will follow the same programme as the 2 day/1 night package.

On your third day you can get to know more about the elephants. Watch our revolutionary positive reinforcement training methods. Spend time wandering the grounds and enjoy the stunning views from any of our 6 viewing platforms. Take a walk to the nearby village, visit the local school we sponsor and if it's a hot day you could even float back in the river, or take a ride on a bamboo raft.

4 day/3 night visit

Days 1, 2 & 3 follow the same programme as the 3 day/2 night package but you will enjoy an additional day in paradise.



Volunteering at the Park

Volunteering for 1 to 4 weeks at the park gives you the opportunity to really get to know the elephants. By becoming a volunteer you are really giving something back. There is always work to be done; buildings to be constructed, fences to be repaired, gardening and painting to be done, dogs, cats and cows to be fed, watered and played with.

There is a relaxed atmosphere and structure whereby everyone is encouraged to work for a few hours each morning and afternoon, with an extended lunch break to feed the elephants and bathe them in the river. We'll ask you to take on daily chores such as looking after the cows. This provides further learning opportunities, hands on contact with animals and really helps out the park staff. You won't even have to work on your first day; instead join our day visitors in the day programme.

We are open to people applying from all ages and backgrounds, inevitably if you are interested in conservation you will have something to offer. We particularly encourage fit individuals with relevant experience to apply as much of the work involves manual labour. If you have a particular project in mind which could be done at the park or in the office we would love to hear from you.



We aim to provide you with a fulfilling and rewarding volunteer experience which also inspires you to champion the rights of the Asian elephant. We invite you to rise to the challenge and take part in an innovative project which is working to ensure the long-term future of Thai elephants. The work may be tough, you will work in hot weather with limited tools, so imagination, improvisation skills and commitment are required, and in return we can assure you that you will get wet and muddy, but you will be having the best time! Food and accommodation are included in the weekly price, and we can promise that you won't go hungry!



Things to bring - Everyone

T-shirt, shorts and shoes such as Teva sandals for the river (no bikinis please), insect repellent, sunscreen, and a torch/flashlight (overnight visitors). Donations such as food, bedding and toys for our cats and dogs, pens and paper for village children are always welcome. Please visit the website to see our 'wish list'.

How to book - Everyone

Contact Gem Travel on +66 (0) 53 818 744, alternatively visit our Elephant Nature Park shop in the Night Bazaar, Chiang Mai. If you'd like to volunteer apply via the website where you'll also find further details and costs www.elephantnaturefoundation.org.

We hope to see you very soon!

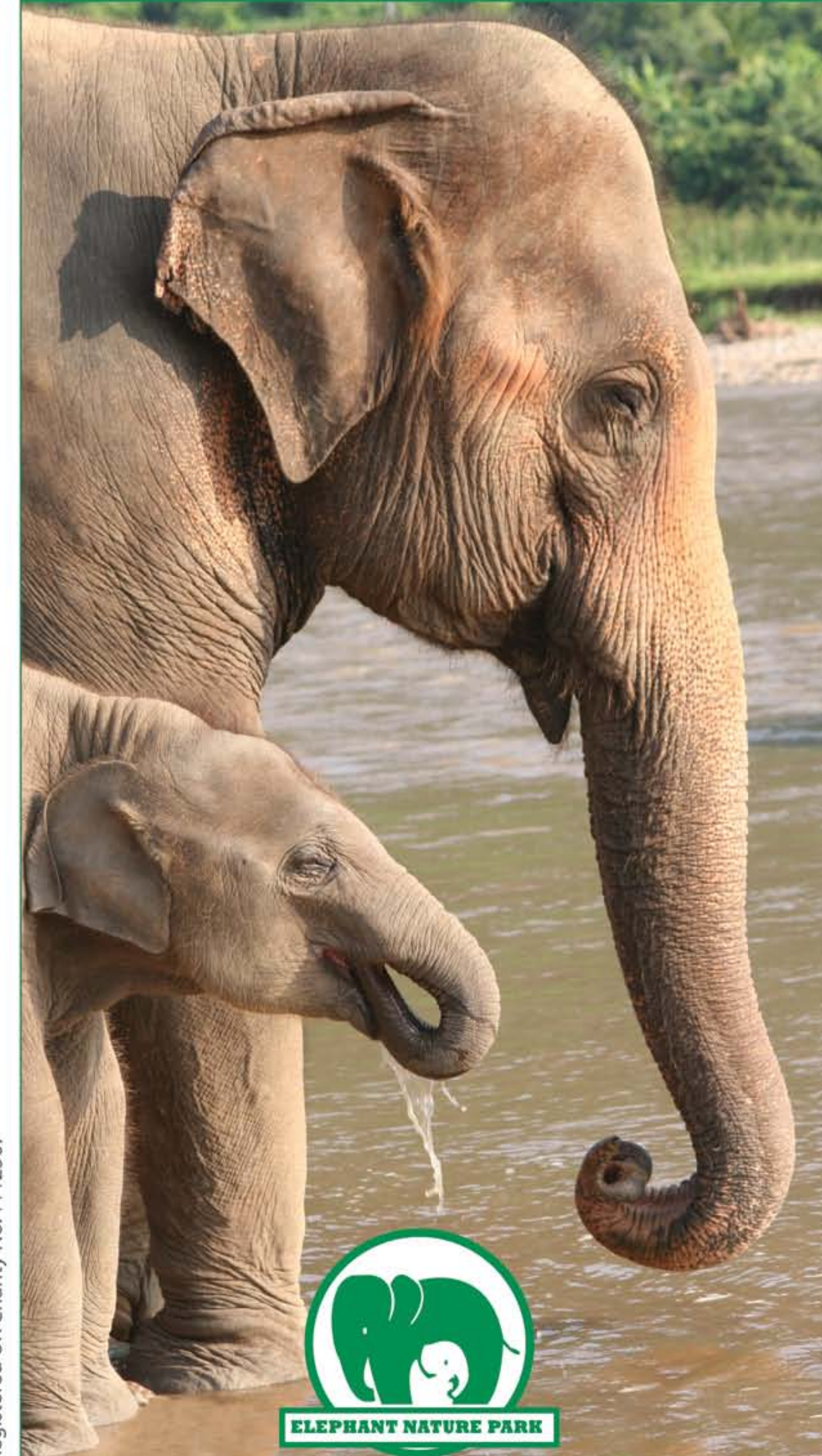
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