

A young woman with blonde hair, wearing a black wetsuit, mask, and snorkel, is in the water next to a blue boat. She is holding a camera up to her eye. A man in a purple shirt is standing on the boat behind her. The background shows a green, hilly coastline. There are white decorative lines on the left side of the image.

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Thailand

**Diving & Marine Conservation 2028
Willingdon Community School**

Our Groups



Bespoke group trips
since 2011



Over 500 groups



Meaningful projects



Safety & support



Your trip to Thailand

Thursday - Early March - Early April 2028



Fun Facts



Thailand is the only country in Southeast Asia that was never colonized by a European country



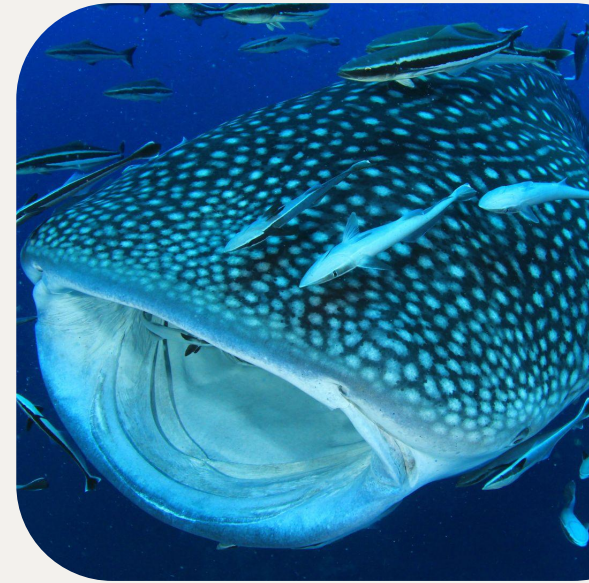
Thailand is a massive biodiversity hub, housing roughly 10% of all the world's animal species



Thailand is home to both the world's smallest mammal (the bumblebee bat) and its largest fish (the whale shark)



Bangkok holds the Guinness World Record for the longest city name in the world (its ceremonial name counts 168 letters)





Programme highlights

- ➔ Earn your diving certifications: Complete your SSI Advanced Open Water and Perfect Buoyancy Specialty courses
- ➔ Discover the underwater world through survey dives
- ➔ Explore Bangkok: Visit Thailand's vibrant and historic capital city
- ➔ Visit the Ethical Elephant Sanctuary in Koh Samui



Become a certified diver

- ✓ SSI Open Water Theory: Learn the foundational physics and safety of diving
- ✓ Confined Water Training: Practice in the pool
- ✓ Open Water Boat Dives: Apply your skills to the coral reefs
- ✓ SSI Advanced Open Water : Complete four specialized ocean dives to dive deeper
- ✓ Buoyancy Mastery: Fine-tune your positioning to effortlessly glide over marine life

Your diving certifications

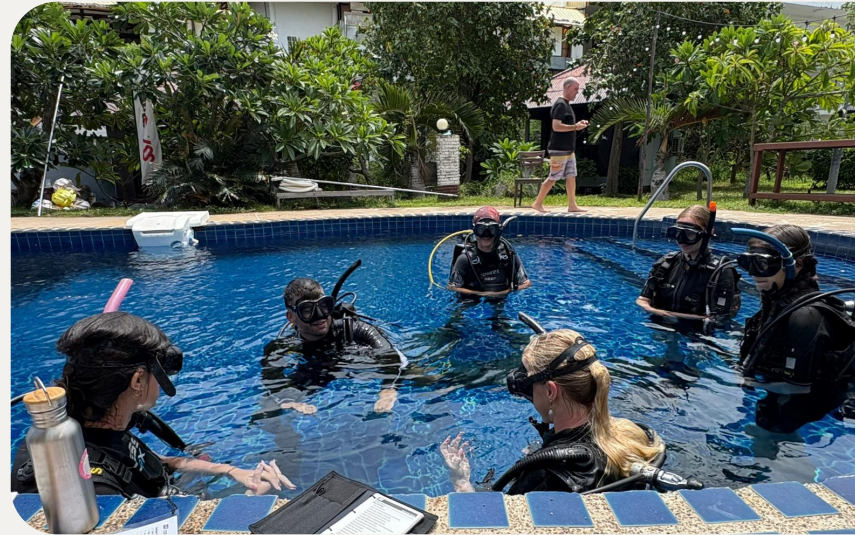
Students under 15

- ✓ Junior SSI Open Water
- ✓ Junior Advanced Open Water
- ✓ SSI Perfect Buoyancy

Transferred to the adult version without any extra training once you turn 15

Students aged 15 and over

- ✓ Adult SSI Open Water
- ✓ Adult Advanced Open Water
- ✓ SSI Perfect Buoyancy





Conservation activities

- 4 conservation dives (after qualifications)
- Data collection
- Conduct fish and invertebrate surveys
- Help preserve the local wildlife ecosystem with a beach clean-up
- Attend a marine ecology presentation





Fun and other activities

- Explore the island's main tourist streets and vibrant evening markets
- Master the fundamentals of Muay Thai
- Learn to make local delicacies during a cooking class
- Shop for unique local souvenirs and taste authentic street food
- Visit the ethical elephant sanctuary
- Relax on the beach and enjoy a group barbecue on the sand





Bangkok exploration

- Fly to Bangkok on Day 11
- Shop at the famous MBK Center: over 2,000 shops across eight floors
- Wander through the vibrant night markets along the scenic riverfront
- Explore historic cultural landmarks, including the Grand Palace and the temple of Wat Arun.

Our local presence



Our local partner



The dive shop

Your instructors



Jennifer Dowling
LEAD TRAINER



Simon Dowling
MARINE
CONSERVATIONIST

Keeping you safe

- Local staff - training, ratios, briefings and guidance
- BS 8848 and Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) certified
- Pre-arrival risk assessments & audits – placements, accommodation, transport, food, etc.
- Crisis and emergency management plans
- Medical attention





Food

- 3 meals provided every day
- Delicious variety of rice, vegetables, fish, meats and sauces
- Can cater for vegetarian/vegan and gluten-free diets
- A combination of local options and Western cuisines will be provided



Hotel - Koh Tao

Regal Resort

- Modern, comfortable, clean and safe
- Most meals will be had here
- Access to WiFi
- 3 outdoor swimming pools
- Beachside restaurant
- Air-conditioned en suite rooms



Costs

Provisional trip dates: End March- early April 2028

Duration: 12 days in-country (13 days with travel time)

Total trip cost: £3,670

Payment plan:

- **Deposit = £395 due 17th July 2026**

Monthly instalments (over 18 months) after deposit of £181.95 or payment plan

Payments to be made via the school with Parent Pay



What's included



Accommodation



3 meals a day



Clean drinking water



All in-country transports



Cultural & tourism activities



Travel and medical insurance



Project training & materials



Dedicated pre-departure support



Projects Abroad T-shirt



Activities



Flights



Reflective journal



Diving qualifications

What's not included



Visa



Vaccinations

Why volunteer abroad?

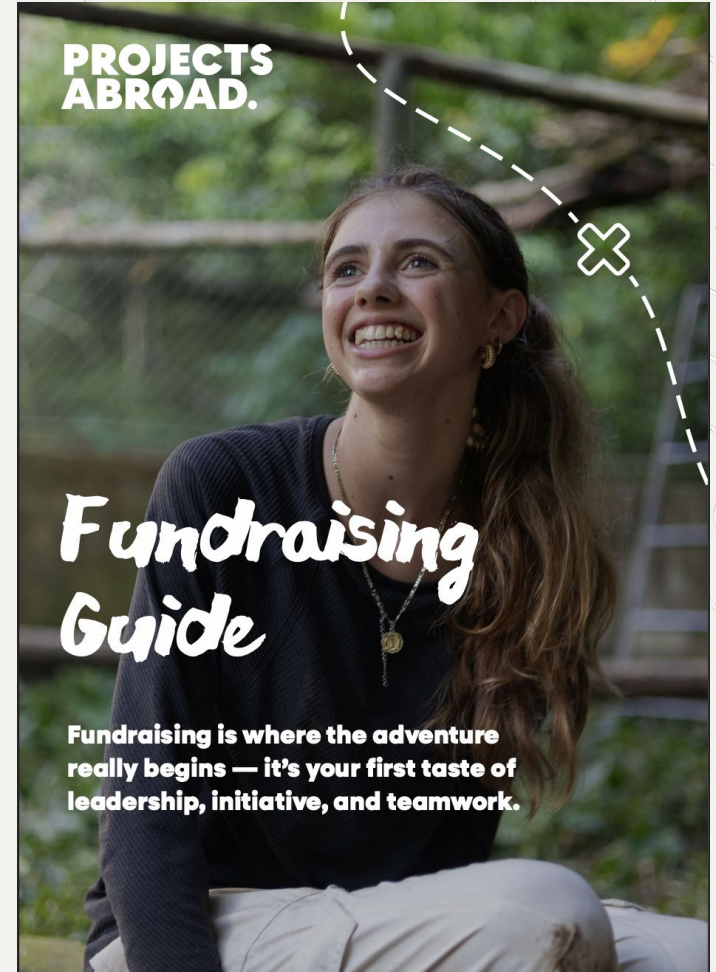
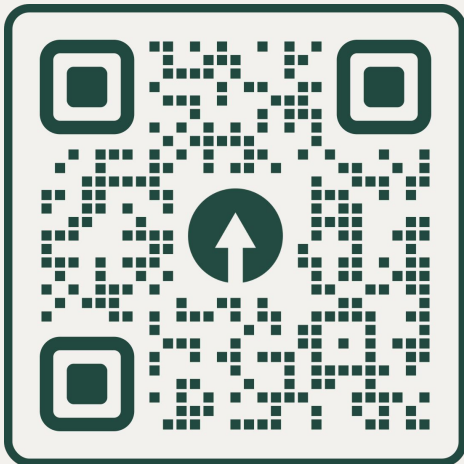
- Do something worthwhile and work alongside local communities
- Experience a different culture and explore a new country
- Develop confidence and communication skills
- Be a part of a global effort towards positive impact
- Change or develop your perspective
- Have the experience of a lifetime!



Fundraising

Planning is key!

- ➔ **Set a fundraising deadline**
Check when your fundraising deadline is and work backwards from that date.
- ➔ Scan the QR code to access our fundraising guide!



Next steps

Trip dates: 2028

1. Sign up & pay deposit by Friday

17th July 2026

2. Trip website details

3. Pre-departure presentation

Questions?

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