



CHINA

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## NORTHERN THAILAND

Bangkok  
(head office)

## CENTRAL THAILAND

### MAP INFORMATION



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# Responsible Animal Experiences in Thailand

## 1. CHIANG MAI ELEPHANT NATURE PARK



Elephant Nature Park is a unique project set in Chiang Mai province, Northern Thailand. Established in the 1990's, their mission is to provide a sanctuary and rescue center for elephants. The park is located 60km from the city and has provided a sanctuary for dozens of distressed elephants from across Thailand.



## 4. CHIANG MAI ELEPHANT JUNGLE SANCTUARY

Exploration of the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary gives a satisfying insight into how rescued jumbos are cared for through ethical approaches. This pioneering facility also raises global awareness about conservation. With a mission to provide as many elephants as possible with good health and sustenance, visitors will leave happy that the animals are in good hands to enjoy their days in a natural setting.

## 2. CHIANG MAI PATTARA ELEPHANT FARM



One of Thailand's earliest sanctuaries, Patara Elephant Farm upholds the conservation principle "Extinction is Forever". Encouraging visitors to value these unique and revered creatures, the farm provides a distinctive ethical experience with the majestic pachyderms.



## 5. KANCHANABURI ELEPHANT HAVEN

Nestled in Southwest Thailand's scenic Sai Yok National Park, Elephant Haven's shift from trekking camp to ethical 'Saddle Off' programme was featured in the acclaimed film 'Love & Bananas: An Elephant Story'. Endorsed by renowned elephant conservationist Lek Chailert, it garnered critical acclaim. Lek leads the charge in ethical elephant tourism across Thailand and Asia.

## 3. THE CHANG CHIANG MAI

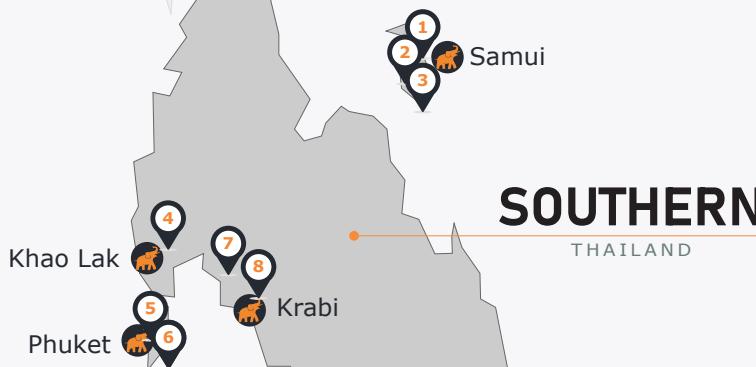


Formerly Thai Elephant Care Center, The Chang Chiang Mai, renamed in November 2019, houses 14 (mostly elderly) elephants. The camp comprises forest areas, grass fields, stream and mud pits. Full- or half-day programmes combine fun and education as guests learn about elephant herbs and food preparation, walk in the forest and observe the jumbos playing in streams or mud pits.



## 6. PATTAYA ELEPHANT JUNGLE SANCTUARY

Get a fascinating insight into the lives of jumbos at the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary. This excursion is an excellent example of sustainable and ethical approaches to caring for elephants at a purpose-built site. Our trained English-speaking guides give visitors an overview into the behaviour and protection of elephants. The experience is enhanced by handlers who show visitors how to bathe and hand-feed the friendly giants.



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## 1. SAMUI ELEPHANT HEAVEN



A genuine non-profit organisation, renowned for its volunteer programmes, The Haven stands as an ethical sanctuary for elephants rescued from various forms of exploitation, including trekking, circus performances, logging, and street begging. Additionally, they rescue other animals such as dogs and cows. CAF INTERNATIONAL certifies this sanctuary for its donation programmes.



## 5. PHUKET ELEPHANT JUNGLE SANCTUARY

A visit to the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary is a rewarding experience as this is one of the most ethical sanctuaries in Phuket. There is also a unique opportunity to interact with these magnificent animals in the safety of their natural home. Our guide gives visitors an insight into the history of the jumbos, while the handlers help visitors to bathe or feed the elephants by hand.

## 2. ELEPHANT KINGDOM KOH SAMUI



Samui Elephant Kingdom provides a safe refuge for jumbos once employed in the tourism industry. This site contains a skywalk that enables visitors to view the elephants from an elevated point, as the jumbos roam and play. This is a unique way to see these animals in their natural habitat without disturbing their peace.



## 6. GREEN ELEPHANT SANCTUARY PARK

Exploration of this sanctuary enables visitors to see the magnificent creatures in their natural environment. The jumbos can be hand fed, bathed and petted. Besides the fun of interacting with the animals, tourists learn about elephant conservation projects through a short presentation prepared by wildlife experts. This is an amazing excursion.

## 3. SAMUI ELEPHANT JUNGLE SANCTUARY



A visit to the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary gives a fascinating insight into sustainable and ethical approaches to caring for elephants in a purpose-built elephant village. The trained English-speaking guides explain the behaviour and the personal history of the jumbos, while the handlers show visitors how to bathe and feed the animals. This is a hugely rewarding experience.



## 7. KRABI ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

This modest yet sincere endeavour provides a haven for weary elephants retired from logging and tourism. Krabi's inaugural ethical elephant tourism venture, it accommodates only four elderly elephants, ensuring genuine care and ethical treatment.

## 4. PHANGNGA ELEPHANT CARE PARK



This ethical wildlife sanctuary provides jungle walks and elephant interactions. Visitors engage with elephants in dense forest, observing their natural routines. They learn about Asian elephant history and Thailand's vital elephant conservation efforts.



## 8. KRABI ELEPHANT CARE HOUSE

View elephants in a specially created retirement home at Krabi Elephant Care House. Situated on the edge of a national park, this is run by a group heavily involved with elephants for generations, previously using them for forestry work or elephant treks. An extensive palm plantation, well away from traffic or human activity, is a perfect sanctuary for the retired elephants.