

THAILAND TRANSFORMATIONS:



An Holistic Service Learning Adventure

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5 Different service-learning opportunities



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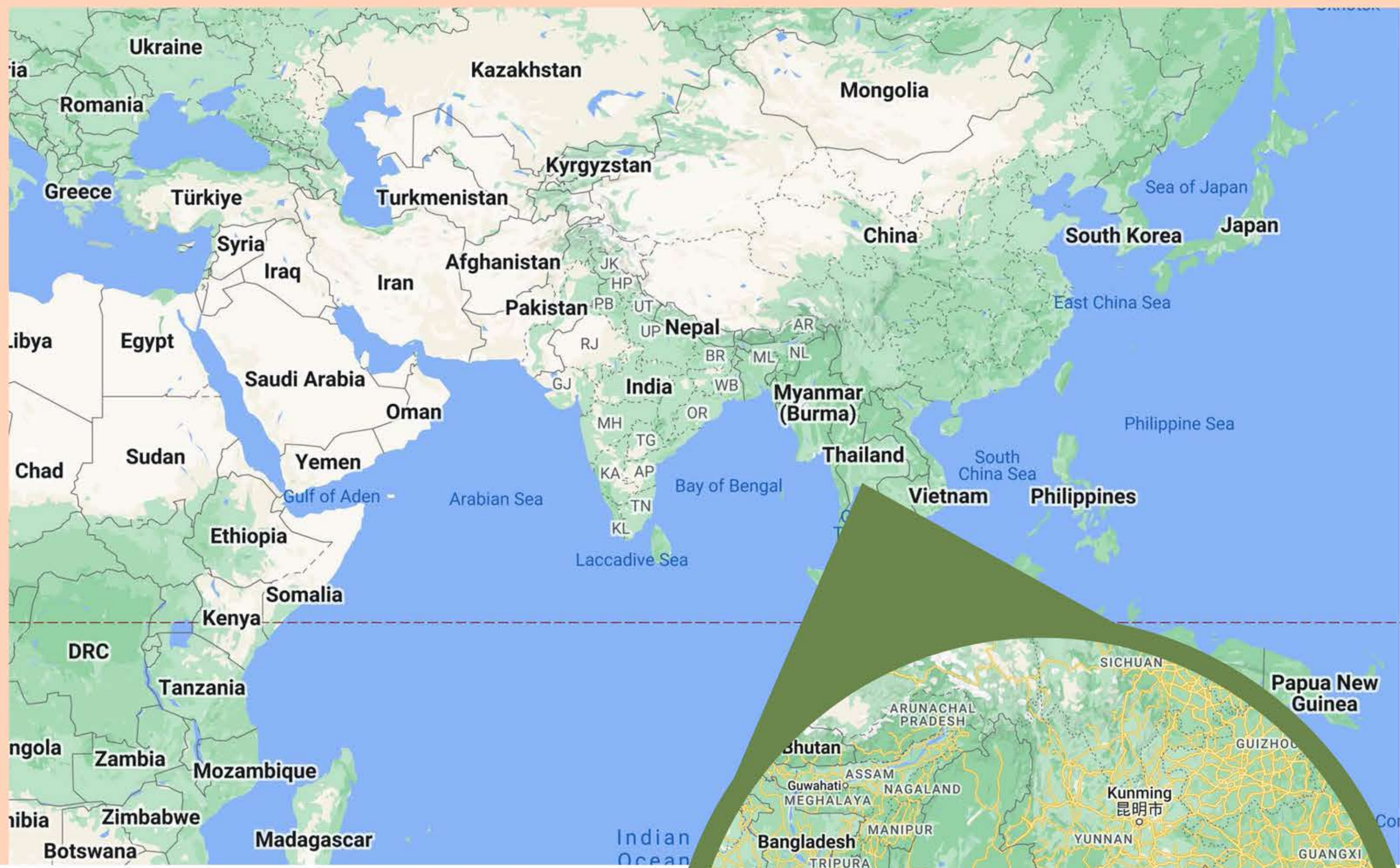
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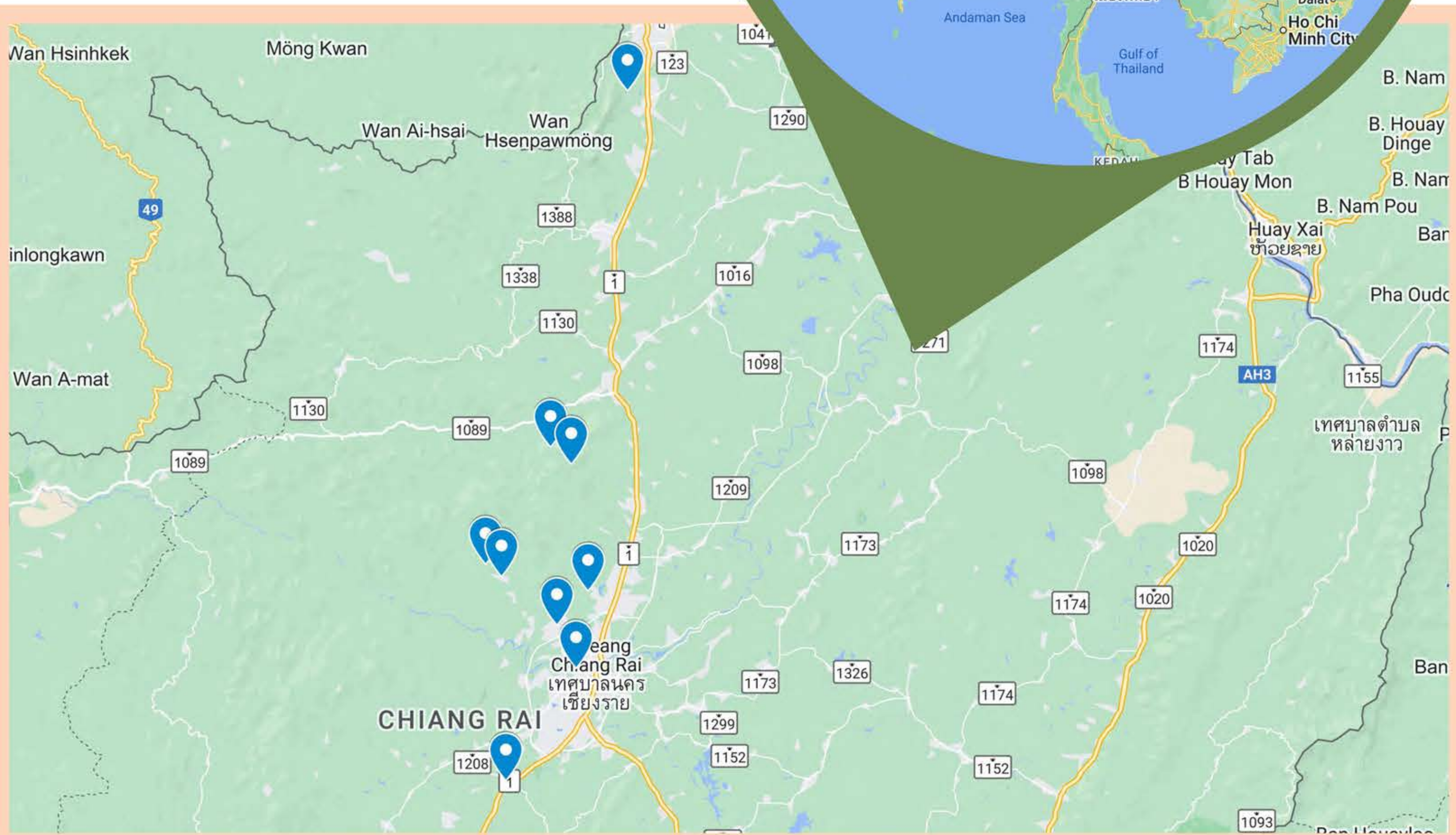
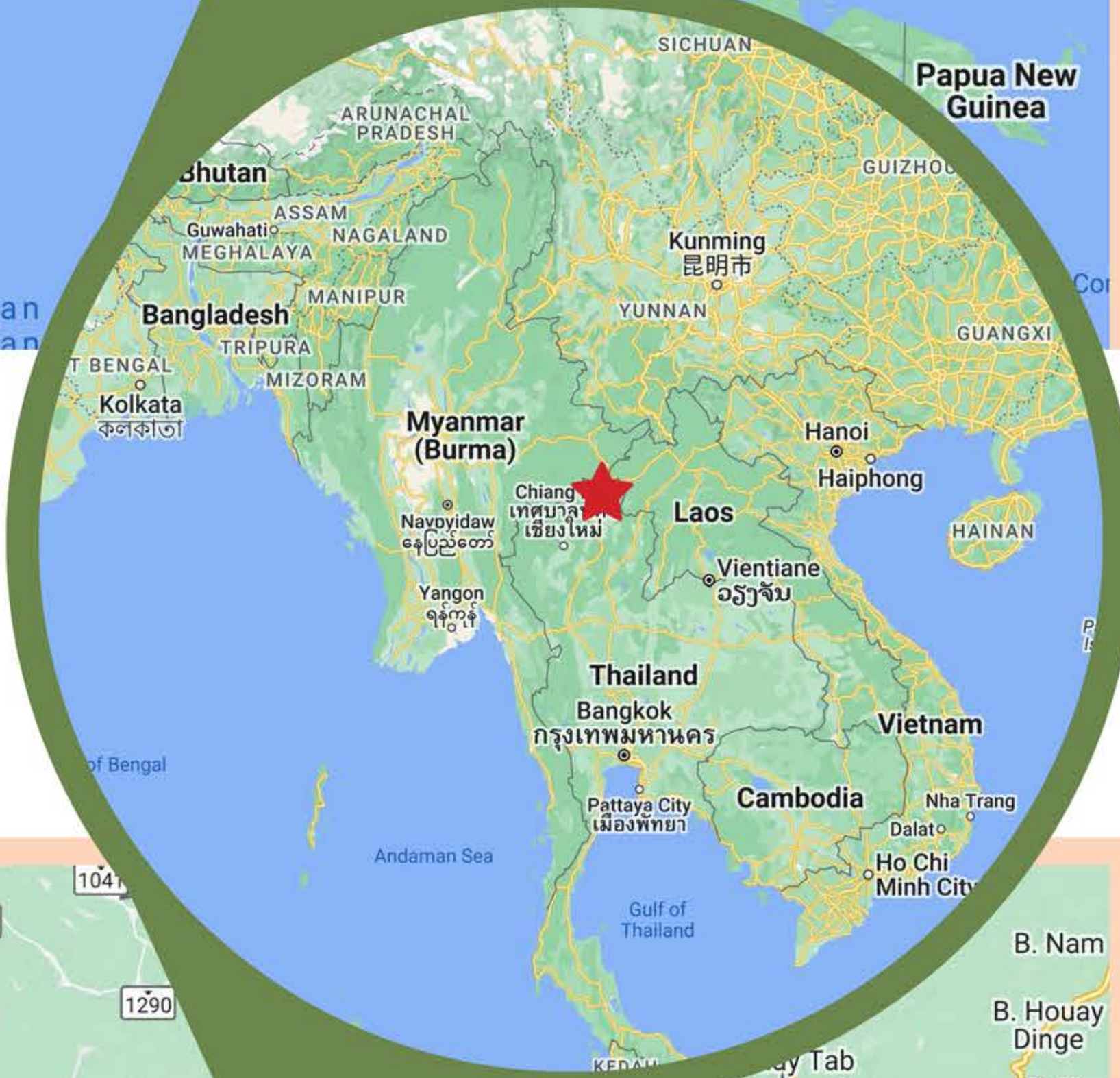
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Tour Map



The 5 service-learning opportunities

1. Environment
2. Community
3. Agriculture
4. Education
5. Wildlife (optional)



What is service-learning?

Service-based learning, also known as service learning, merges classroom education with community service. It involves students actively participating in meaningful service activities tied to their coursework. These experiences enhance their academic understanding, critical thinking skills, and civic awareness.



Service-based learning can be applied across educational levels, cultivating informed, engaged, and responsible citizens.



4 days: Environment Conservation Program

Activities

Tree Plantation: Students actively plant trees to nurture new forests and restore existing ones, learning about trees' role in carbon sequestration, biodiversity, and ecological balance.

Maintenance & Construction: Students engage in eco-friendly construction, improving pathways and community amenities. This fosters knowledge of sustainable building practices and harmonious coexistence between human infrastructure and nature.

Check Dam Construction: Students collaborate to build vital water management check dams, discovering their significance in preventing erosion, enhancing water quality, and recharging groundwater aquifers through hydrology and conservation education.



Learning Objectives:

Environmental Impact: Through these activities, students develop a deep understanding of their ability to make a positive impact on the environment. They grasp the significance of their actions in contributing to sustainable development, ensuring that natural ecosystems are preserved for future generations.

Sustainability: The learning objectives emphasize the importance of sustainability principles. Students acquire knowledge about sustainable land use, resource management, and ecological balance, ensuring they appreciate the delicate interplay between the environment and human activities.

Expected Outcomes:

Reforestation Stewards: Students actively planting and caring for trees and thus become stewards of reforestation, combatting deforestation and nurturing environmental responsibility.

Awareness & Advocacy: Service learning equips students to raise community awareness, championing the preservation of natural ecosystems and inspiring sustainable practices.

Environmental Stewardship: Students embrace environmental stewardship, valuing the delicate harmony between human activities and nature for a sustainable future.



2 days: Community Bonding in Action

Activities

Local Park Clean-up: Students come together to clean and beautify the local park, enhancing its appeal and usability for the entire community.

Religious Site Restoration: They actively participate in the restoration and maintenance of Buddhist temples and Christian churches, preserving these cultural and spiritual landmarks.

Painting and Building Projects: In addition to religious sites, students work on painting and building projects. This may involve creating public amenities, improving roads, or constructing shelters. These long-term projects offer lasting benefits to the community.



Learning Objectives:

Community Building: Through these activities, students learn the power of community and how their actions can unite people toward a common goal.

Sense of Responsibility: They develop a strong sense of responsibility, understanding the importance of caring for their community and giving back.

Hands-On Contribution: Students have the unique opportunity to transform real construction projects and other missions. They take on responsibilities such as designing, implementing, and contributing to the betterment of the world around them.

Expected Outcomes:

Personal Growth: Through community service, students develop a stronger identity and purpose, contributing to personal growth.

Connection & Fulfilment: They build deep connections with their community, fostering well-being and fulfilment.

Confident Learners: Service empowers students, boosting confidence and readiness to tackle challenges.

Communication Skills: Working with peers and the community hones their communication and collaboration skills, vital for future success.



2 days: Sustainable agriculture project

Activities

This immersive program entails students partnering with local farmers to engage in various agricultural activities, encompassing the entire agricultural cycle, from harvest to storage and marketing.

Harvest Season (November to Early December): During this period, students participate in the harvesting of crops like rice, fruits, and vegetables, gaining first hand experience in crop management.

Year-Round Activities: Beyond harvest season, students delve into year-round agricultural practices, such as water irrigation, soil preparation, and resource management, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of sustainable farming.



Learning Objectives:

Hands-On Learning: Students engage in physical labor while learning about sustainable organic farming.

Land Revitalization: Through active involvement, students restore and enhance soil health.

Resource Savvy: Students manage water and soil resources for ecological balance and sustainability.

Ecosystem Care: The program instils a strong sense of responsibility for preserving local ecosystems and protecting the environment.

Expected Outcomes:

Quality of Life: Students' active participation promotes sustainability and boosts crop yields, enhancing community well-being. Students learn to maximize limited natural resources, benefiting the community while preserving the environment.

Responsibility: They cultivate a strong sense of responsibility for their community and the environment, valuing the preservation of natural resources.

Agricultural Appreciation: Through hands-on experiences, students gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the agricultural process and food production.



2 days: Empowering Diverse Educational Activities

Activities

Teaching: Students take on teaching roles, sharing their knowledge and expertise with others in their community. While also assisting with creating educational materials.

Reading: Through reading activities, students foster a love for literature and knowledge, benefiting both themselves and their peers.

Musical Expression: Students explore playing musical instruments, nurturing their artistic talents and cultural appreciation.

Sports: Engaging in sports activities promotes physical fitness, teamwork, and healthy competition.



Learning Objectives:

Empowerment: Students take charge of their learning, enhancing self-evaluation, self-motivation, and self-control.

Social Competency: Interaction with diverse individuals cultivates social competency, vital for effective communication and collaboration.

Diversity Exposure: Activities broaden horizons, exposing students to inclusive perspectives, nurturing open-mindedness.

Interpersonal Skills: Students enhance interpersonal skills, including empathy, to connect with others effectively.

Expected Outcomes:

Confidence: Students gain confidence in their abilities and social interactions, empowering them to pursue new challenges.

Friendship: By meeting different people and making new friends, students expand their social circles and enrich their lives.

Practical Skills: They develop practical skills applicable in education and various training settings, enhancing their adaptability.

Change-Makers: Students learn to initiate and create positive changes in their lives, the lives of others, and their surroundings.



3 days: Elephant Conservation and Education Initiative

Activities

Elephant Interaction: Students have the unique opportunity to interact with elephants in meaningful ways, participating in their care, feeding, bathing, cleaning their enclosures and learning their behaviours.

We envision an opportunity for students to stay overnight at the Sanctuary, although currently, it lacks suitable accommodations. Our future plan includes constructing necessary amenities, repairing existing facilities, and preparing basic bedding materials to facilitate students' overnight stays at the Sanctuary.

Amenity Building: Students might engage in preliminary efforts to build amenities for future stays, preparing bedding materials and assisting with sanctuary enhancements.



Learning Objectives:

Deeper Understanding: The program aims to deepen students' understanding of elephants, their unique characteristics, and the importance of their conservation.

Protection and Appreciation: Students will develop a profound appreciation for these magnificent mammals and their role in the ecosystem, fostering a sense of responsibility for their protection.

Rescue Awareness: Students gain awareness of the challenges faced by elephants in various settings and the importance of rescue and sanctuary efforts.

Expected Outcomes:

Comprehensive Knowledge: Students will be able to describe the physical characteristics of elephants, identify their behavioral traits, and explain how elephants communicate with their mahouts (caretakers).

Distinguishing Care: Students will differentiate between ethical elephant care practices in a sanctuary setting and commercial exploitation, promoting ethical considerations in their interactions with animals.

This program not only provides students with a unique and educational experience but also contributes to the protection and welfare of elephants.





1 or 2 days: Exploration and Leisure time



Temple Tour and Lunch: Students will kick off the day with breakfast at their accommodation before embarking on a temple tour, visiting both Wat Rong Khun (The White Temple) and Wat Huay Pla Kang. Lunch will be served at Wat Huay Pla Kang.

Lessons at Tham Luang: Then they visit Tham Luang, where the Wild Boar football team was famously trapped in 2018. This visit imparts valuable lessons in leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, positive thinking, and hope.

Exploring the Golden Triangle: Following this, students venture to the Golden Triangle, an area where the borders of Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar intersect. Here, they delve into the challenges associated with drug trafficking in the region and its impact on local communities.

House of Opium Museum: An enlightening visit to the House of Opium Museum awaits, offering insights into the history of the opium trade and showcasing captivating artifacts reflecting the unique beliefs, cultures, traditions, and imagination of various ethnic groups in Thailand.

Bonfire Party Celebration: As the day concludes, students gather for a festive Bonfire Party, savouring local cuisine and showcasing their talents.

Journey's End: The next day, they bid farewell as they are transferred to the airport, marking the end of their transformative journey.



Accommodation Options

Option 1:

The Sustainability Farm Project, also known as Khok Nong Na, will be hosting Home Stays for students. The accommodations are located within the farm area and are owned and managed by individuals who have their land located inside the project. These homes are constructed in large areas owned by different families, but they are close to each other. Students will have the opportunity to experience living with different families who are using sustainability philosophy for their agricultural farming. It's a great way to immerse oneself in a unique cultural experience while also learning about sustainable practices in agriculture.



Option 2:

Located up in the mountains and easily accessible, the temple campsite offers accommodation that serves as a hub for Buddhist rituals and overnight stays. While the accommodations are not luxurious, the temple provides essential equipment to ensure a comfortable stay. Students who choose to stay at the temple campsite will have the opportunity to connect directly with the raw and natural beauty that surrounds the temple, providing a unique and immersive experience.

Option 3:

The Bann Rabeng Dao Project has recently constructed new accommodations in a spacious field located behind the renowned Wat Huay Pla Kang temple. Guests can explore the nearby areas while traveling in traditional wooden carts, which is a unique feature of this accommodation.

Although hot water is available, the accommodations operate under an eco-friendly concept and provide limited electricity for primary uses only. The main power system for this accommodation is solar, which aligns with their commitment to sustainable practices.



TERMS

Included

- Accommodation (Recommendation: Arrive one day before the start of the service activities)
- All specified meals and drinks
- Airport transfers and transportation during the activities
- Pick-up and drop-off at the airport
- Local guides
- Activities and learning materials
- Cooking equipment and materials
- Baggage transfers
- Primary comprehensive travel insurances (highly recommended for medical, Covid, luggage and more)
- Entrance fees
- Operation quarter
- Domestic flight

Excluded

- Unspecified meals and drinks
- Unspecified transfer
- Additional accommodation
- Additional activities
- Services such as telephone, laundry and room service
- All items of a personal nature
- Reserve/conservation fees (where not included)
- Departure taxes and visa fees
- Long haul international flights (Suggestion: Purchase flight ticket from Australia to Chiang Rai)

- The flight from Sydney usually departs around 9:25 AM arriving in Bangkok (BKK) between 4 PM and 5 PM on the same day. From there, there's a connecting 1-hour flight to Chiang Rai departing at 8:15 PM from BKK (we will assist with these bookings). Upon arrival, we'll organize airport transportation to and from the accommodation. After settling in, dinner will be provided, followed by some downtime before the start of our activities.

Please don't hesitate to share any modifications or suggestions based on your specific preferences. We are committed to fulfilling all your travel needs and requests to the best of our abilities.

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