



A silent place - away from the mainstream touristic attractions - is waiting for you.

You can book a tour just for a day or you can stay for a longer time in the village.

There is also space for small groups. Contact us, we pick you up, show you the elephants - so you can walk with them and host you in our village at a high of ca. 1600 m.

You can ask us whatever you like. We would be every pleased to host you and would love to take you to this wonderful places and show you the elephants.

Since 1987 we organize alternative tours in Chiangmai and nothern Thailand. Jonggon Duangsri - environment and cultur volunteer, developed different tours from her activities.

A special forest community Tour or the tour to the organic farm community belongs to her offer.

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**Travel  
by  
Heart**





## We bring the Elephants back home to the tropical rain forest

Grandfather SanSukudompai remembers, the time, when he was young. Every family in the district had their own elephants.

Now, in January 2016, he is 96 years old and his family is the last one, that owns elephants.

But now they live in freedom. They are allowed to walk freely in a district in the woods of the mountains instead of carrying things or Tourists on their back.

Four boys take care of them and pay attention, that they stay inside the district and don't destroy neighbours farms.

On an unforgettable trip we bring you to this wild natural place.

On the way through the wild wood we show you also some wildy growing healing plants and interesting nature phenomenons.

On the picture you can see three generations of the familiy SanSukudompai working with the elephants. Jonggon Duangsri is the owner of Chiang Mai, Alternative Tours - Travel by heart!

There are living four elephants in the forest now: one bull elephant, two female elephants and one bull elephant baby. We hope to get more baby's in the future.

You're welcome to get them all to know.

A long Time ago the Elephants worked in the forest for logging commercial wood .

After the goverement of Thailand banned it in 1989 the elephants worked in the touristic indstutries.

Now the wood is protected. One Elephant eats up to 250 kg per day. So it is difficult to offer them a naturaly habitation.

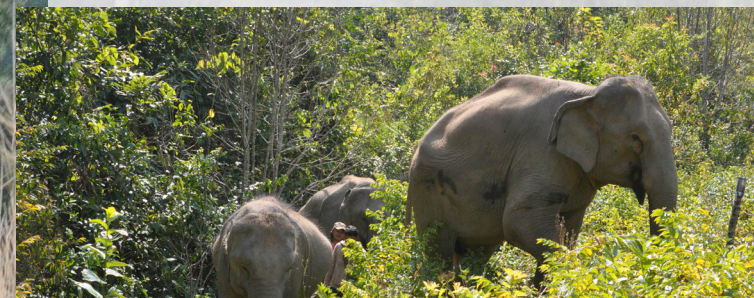
Our Elephants don't have to work or carry tourists on their back anymore and are allowed to stay free in the forest. You can come very close to them. You're visit help to continous the plan of give them a home back in the rain forest.

Every elephant has his own mahout. A mahout is a special friend of an elephant and the only trusted human, the elephant accepts. They live together with the elephants.

The family belongs to the Karen tribe, It's a indigenous tribe and the Karen people believe, that staying in the forest protects it.

They keep the watershed forest as the holy forest and protect it. They use the deciduous forest to collect food and for healing. The Forest is good for humans and elephants, because they both eat the same things like bananas or bamboo and many medial plants.

The elephants are very sensitiv to pesticides. A place where a Elephant can live in a healthy way, is always a good place for a human.



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