

Zak Brown's – Camp Thailand Adventures, Elephant Conservation Report

The day started at a reasonable time of 8.00am where we took the pickup around 45 minutes to the elephant village. After wandering around seeing the elephants fed breakfast, seeing the village and then having lunch it was time to ride an elephant. The elephant ride is what really made the visit special. We were picked up from our restaurant, shown how to mount the huge animals and then set off down the winding road where the river would be our destination. Our mahouts (elephant trainers) were very helpful throughout and made decent enough conversation through our basic Thai and English language respectively. The experience in the actual river was amazing - you could clearly see that the elephants love the water and it was brilliant to be on one, although you will definitely get wet and may even fall off!

The pictures speak louder than words and we managed to get some great action shots. On the way back, we stopped off at the silk village where clothes are made by hand in the nearby factories. It's a great little place for souvenirs. We finally returned home around 6.00pm, as we sat in the back of the pickup watching the sun set.

It was a great day and one I'll remember for a long time!





