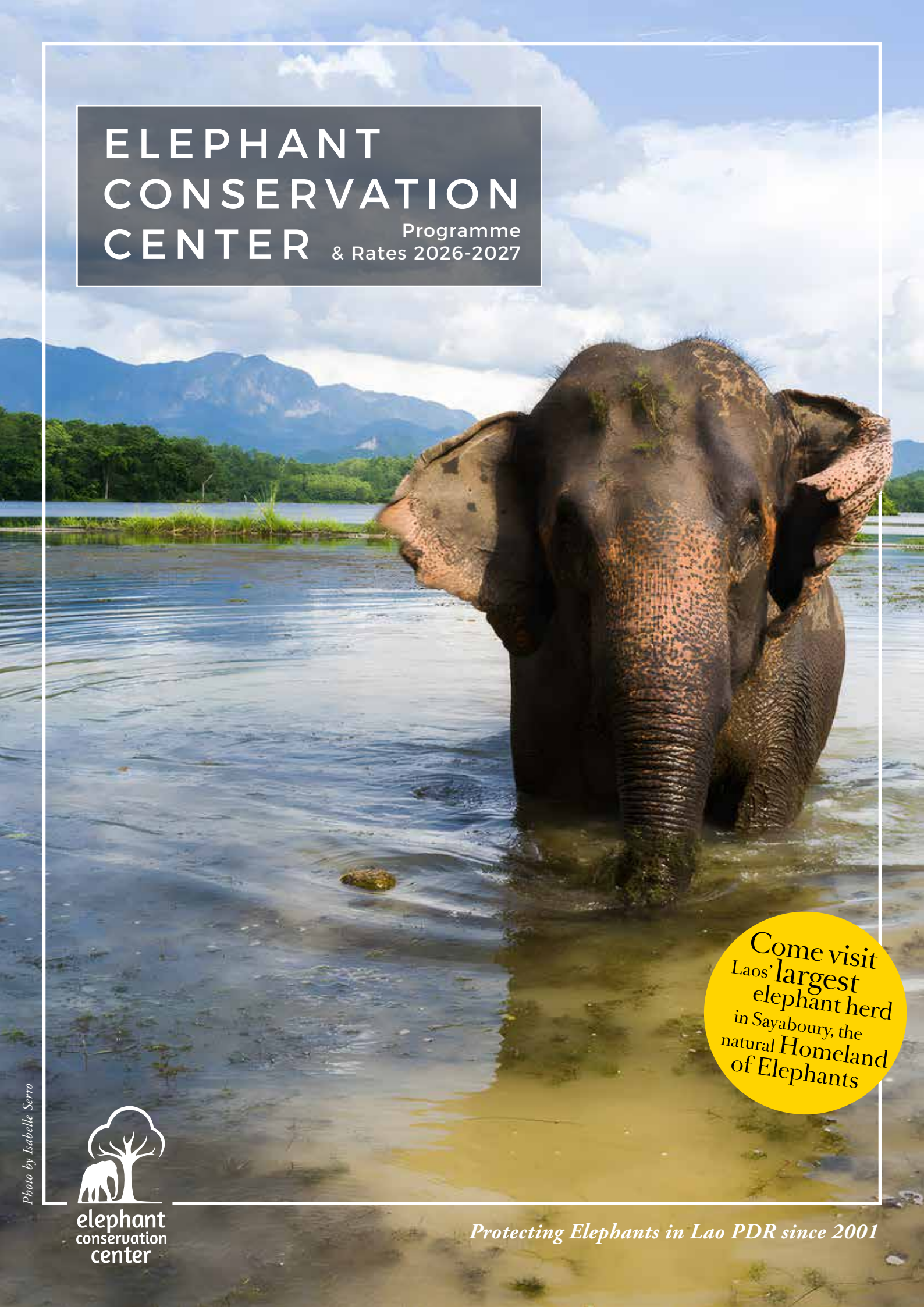
ELEPHANT CONSERVATION CENTER

Programme & Rates 2026-2027



Come visit Laos' largest elephant herd in Sayaboury, the natural Homeland of Elephants

Photo by Isabelle Serro

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Protecting Elephants in Lao PDR since 2001



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Programmes & Rates 2026-2027

All prices in US dollars, per person, valid 1st October 2026-30 September 2027.

PROGRAMME	DORMITORY Shared bathroom	CLASSIC BUNGALOW Shared bathroom	PREMIUM LAKESIDE BUNGALOW Private bathroom	FAMILY BUNGALOW Shared bathroom	FOREST HOUSE Private bathroom	DELUXE LODGE Private bathroom
Discovery 2 days · 1 night (2D1N)	-	$220	$240	$220	$230	$390
Exploration 3 days · 2 nights (3D2N)	-	$310	$330	$310	$320	$560
Elephantology 7 days · 6 nights (7D6N)	$990	$1 090	$1 190	$1 090	-	-
Back to the Wild 8 days · 7 nights · expedition (8D7N)	$1 990 Premium Bungalow at the ECC + guest house & camping					

EXTRAS

PER PERSON	CLASSIC BUNGALOW	PREMIUM BUNGALOW	FAMILY BUNGALOW	FOREST HOUSE	DELUXE LODGE
Extra night	$80	$90	$80	$90	$110

Discovery 2 days - 1 night

2D1N | STARTS 7:30AM DAY 1 | ENDS ABOUT 5:30PM DAY 2 | FROM LUANG PRABANG

Spend a night at the Elephant Conservation Center and step into the Land of the Asian Elephant. Set on the shores of Nam Tien Lake and surrounded by untouched tropical forest, our Center is an idyllic place to slow down and meet our herd. Arrive by boat, share a family-style Lao lunch on a lakeside platform, then watch the youngest elephants and their mothers at bath time in the nursery.
Visit Laos' only elephant hospital, walk with the elephants in their forest, and spend time in our Socialisation Area, where the herd lives as elephants should. Evenings bring a short film on our conservation work, authentic Lao cuisine and a cocktail at the bar. All of it is guided by a local English-speaking guide and international experts.



Day 1: Travel from Luang Prabang by minivan – Boat trip – Walk through the Forest – Laotian Lunch – Nursery Visit – Hospital Visit – Observe Elephants Bathing – Encounter Elephants & Mahouts – Dinner.

Your minivan leaves Luang Prabang at 7:30am. At Nam Tien Lake, a boat carries you across to the Center. Settle into your accommodation, then follow your guide into the forest, where our daily activities take place. A traditional family-style Lao lunch is served on a lakeside platform. Afterwards, you watch bath time at the nursery, a forest area reserved for our youngest (and cutest) elephants and their mothers.

When the elephants have drunk their fill and returned to the forest, the boat takes you back to the Center for the hospital visit. Our Lao vet team or our biologist will show you their world, from common and rare injuries to the treatments that heal them. This is your moment to ask anything about elephant biology and physiology.

Elephants love water, and you'll see it first-hand. Bath time is when they socialise and strengthen the bonds of the herd. Watch up close as ears flap, tails swat, and trunks and trees are put to work on every itch. Each of our elephants had a hard life before we rescued them, and these moments of pleasure are essential to their recovery. Our guides share their stories and help you truly get to know them.

Then the elephants walk back to the forest, where the mahouts choose a place for them to graze overnight. Before dinner, take in one of our scenic viewpoints or paddle a canoe or kayak across the lake.

At 6:00pm, a short film presents our conservation work, and our elephant specialists are on hand to answer the questions your day has raised.

Dinner follows: authentic Lao cuisine, served family-style. Afterwards, relax with a game or a Lao-style cocktail at the bar.

Day 2: Breakfast – Meet the Elephants in the Forest – Observe Elephants Bathing – Socialization Area Observation – Lunch.

On day two, you join the elephants in the forest after their night under the trees, in time for another bath. Stroll beside them in their natural habitat and watch them walk, forage, scratch and socialise. With luck, you'll hear them trumpet with excitement. What are they saying?

After the bath, we head to the Socialisation Area, where our elephants interact freely for much of the day. This natural environment lets them simply be elephants. Follow your guide around the perimeter to understand the herd's fascinating dynamics, and climb the raised platforms to watch a new herd taking shape. It is a rare chance to see elephants living naturally, and a learning experience seldom found in Asia.

Lunch is served at the Center. Take some time to relax, say goodbye to the team at the restaurant or wander the grounds one last time, before the minivan returns you to Luang Prabang.

Special note

Medical care and positive-reinforcement training at the Elephant Hospital are reserved for our qualified vets, so guests can observe, but not take part in this activity. Thank you for understanding.

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Exploration 3 days - 2 nights

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Arrive by boat, watch the youngest elephants bathe in the nursery, visit Laos' only elephant hospital and spend time in our Socialisation Area. Walk beside the herd in its forest, follow a positive-reinforcement training session, and meet our free-roaming bulls, a rarity in Laos. Deepen your knowledge at our Information Center, share Lao meals by the lake and enjoy evenings with our elephant specialists. Guided by a local English-speaking guide and international experts.



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Day 2: Breakfast – Meet the Elephants in the Forest – Observe Elephants Bathing – Socialization Area Observation – Lunch – Afternoon Bath – Positive Reinforcement Training – Vet Check – Dinner.

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Lunch is served at the Center, followed by the elephants' afternoon bath. Then join our mahouts and vet team for a "Target Training" session. Every elephant here is trained with positive reinforcement, which makes treatments easier and spares them the stress of medical care and routine checks. You follow their work from a safe distance.

Day 3: Breakfast – Trek to free-roaming males – Information Center – Lunch

On day three, your guide leads you to observe our free-roaming male elephants. ECC is the only facility in Laos that cares for and socialises bulls, which are harder to manage and rarely seen in tourist camps. Meet some of them, discover what makes them unique, and follow the progress of our male socialisation programme.

Back at the Center, deepen your knowledge at our Information Center. Its displays cover the Asian elephant's biology, social life, ecology and cultural significance, as well as its role in Asian history and symbolism. With your guide or at your own pace, you will come to understand why elephants are a keystone species and why they have shared such an intimate bond with humans for thousands of years. Lunch is served at the restaurant. Relax, say your goodbyes to the team or take a last walk around the Center before the minivan returns you to Luang Prabang.



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Practical details

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Elephantology 7 days - 6 nights

7D6N	STARTS 7:30AM DAY 1	ENDS ABOUT 5:30PM DAY 7	FROM LUANG PRABANG

Elephantology is a 7-day, science-led immersion into elephant behaviour, biology, veterinary care and conservation. Guided by ECC specialists in groups of 3-16, you combine ethology fieldwork, endocrine science, veterinary insights and cultural exchange.

Your first days introduce elephant behaviour, welfare standards and ECC's conservation philosophy through our acclaimed Exploration programme. Then the science begins. Collect behavioural field data with ethograms, attend veterinary check-ups and medical training demonstrations, explore the endocrine lab, and learn to recognise individual elephants by their morphological markers, a skill our research team uses daily.

Days are purposeful and immersive. Evenings are for reflection beside the lake, exchanges with tema members, and optional kayaking or yoga. Ideal for students, animal-care enthusiasts and travellers seeking a meaningful, science-driven experience with one of Asia's leading elephant conservation organisations.



Days 1-3: ECC "Exploration" – Foundations of Elephant Care

Your expedition begins with a road transfer from Luang Prabang to the Elephant Conservation Center. For three days and three nights, you follow ECC's standard Exploration programme, a grounding in our ethics, elephant behaviour, positive-reinforcement training and socialisation practices. Guided walks, talks, hospital visits, nursery observations and sessions at the Socialisation Area show how elephants live within natural forest habitats. You are also introduced to elephant conservation and begin your educational assignment: creating social media storytelling content. Evenings bring briefings, dinner and optional kayaking, sunset viewing, yoga or games. On the third afternoon, your first lecture presents ECC's research framework and prepares you for deeper conservation work.

See our "Exploration" description.

Day 4: Ethology Basics & Veterinary Insight

After breakfast, begin your science immersion with behavioural data collection at the Socialisation Area, alongside an ECC biologist. Learn to use ethograms and observe the social dynamics between female elephants. In the afternoon, attend an elephant health check-up with our veterinarians at the Hospital Workspace, then observe medical assessment protocols at the Elephant Bath Area. Today you meet the core tools of ethology and the clinical standards of elephant welfare in practice.

Day 5: Male Herd Behaviour & Individual Identification

Return to the Socialisation Area for behavioural data collection, this time focused on the males. Compare social dynamics, dominance hierarchies and stress responses between the sexes.

In the afternoon, a practical session teaches individual identification through morphological markers, the method our research team uses daily. Create individual ID sheets and begin to recognise each elephant by name. The day ends with free time and dinner.

Day 6: Veterinary Procedures & Endocrine Science

Mornings at the Elephant Hospital focus on veterinary procedures: medical target training, a foot-care demonstration, then a guided session on drug administration techniques. After cleaning up the workspace and lunch, head to the ECC Endocrine Lab to see how hormonal monitoring informs real conservation decisions. One of the week's most scientifically intensive days, it links field observation to laboratory science.

Day 7: Knowledge Sharing & Departure

Start with an optional forest trek to meet the elephants in their morning environment. Late morning is for your final assignment: preparing photos, reels or short posts that share your conservation science experience with the ECC team. After lunch, take the boat back towards Luang Prabang, carrying practical field skills, a scientific eye and a deep understanding of what it means to protect a species at the frontier of rewilding.









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Accommodation

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2026 SESSIONS

- 20 - 26 July
- 10 - 16 August
- 5 - 11 October
- 30 November - 6 December

2027 SESSIONS

- 24 - 30 May
- 21 - 27 June
- 26 July - 1 August
- 20 - 26 September
- 26 November - 2 December

Public Price

- In US Dollar per person: $990 (Dormitory), Accommodation Options: $1090 (Classic Bungalow), $1190 (Premium Bungalow)

Group Size & Age Policy

- Minimum participants per session: 3
- Group size: 3–16 participants
- Open to individuals aged 16 and older.

The Price Includes

- Round-trip transfer from Luang Prabang to ECC
- English speaking team on site
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- Unlimited drinking water refill
- Accommodation as chosen
- Activities as described

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Back to the Wild 8 days - 7 nights

8D7N | STARTS 7:30AM DAY 1 | ENDS ABOUT 5:30PM DAY 8 | FROM LUANG PRABANG

Back to the Wild is an 8-day conservation expedition for travellers who want a deeper experience into the world of Lao elephants and their conservation. Led by ECC specialists in small groups, it blends hands-on conservation work with meaningful cultural exchange.

You begin with three days at the Elephant Conservation Center, discovering elephant behaviour, welfare and our rewilding approach. Then you head off-grid into the 192,000-hectare Nam Pouy National Protected Area, home to Laos' second-largest wild elephant population. Days in the field are active and purposeful: trek through elephant habitat with our monitoring team, assist with non-invasive health checks, set and check camera traps, and camp beneath the forest canopy. Along the way, share meals with mahouts and local communities, visit a school and spend time at spiritual sites.

The result is a rare, mission-led adventure that balances safety, ethics and discovery. Ideal for nature-minded travellers looking for an authentic, low-impact adventure with real conservation value.



Days 1-3: ECC "Exploration" – Foundations of Rewilding

Your expedition starts with a road transfer from Luang Prabang to the Elephant Conservation Center in Sayaboury, your base for three days and three nights of preparation and discovery. These first days ground you in ECC's ethics and methods, leave time to acclimatise and let you meet the team. In and around the Center, you learn how we care for Laos' elephants and prepare them for a life closer to the forest. Guided walks and talks cover elephant behaviour, positive-reinforcement training, social enrichment and the role of veterinary care in rehabilitation. You also get an overview of the tracking tools and data our team uses to monitor released animals, laying the groundwork for the fieldwork ahead. Evenings are relaxed, with briefings, Q&A and time to study maps of the Nam Pouy landscape.
On the afternoon of day 3, a mission briefing is followed by preparing vehicles and equipment for departure.

See our "Exploration" description.

Day 4: Overland to Thongmixay – Into Elephant Country

Leaving the Center early, you travel southwest across Sayaboury Province towards Thongmixay, with interpretive stops at natural and cultural sites that put the coming fieldwork in context. A midday trek in the protected area surrounding Ban Phonesavath gives you a first taste of the region's mixed evergreen and secondary forests, and of the fieldcraft of moving quietly and safely through elephant habitat. In the afternoon, you continue past two known wild-elephant zones around Paklay to a third in Thongmixay, routes often used by herds moving between river valleys and foothills. As daylight fades, you share dinner with mahouts and overnight in a simple local guesthouse.
These community moments are central to the programme: they connect conservation science with the knowledge and traditions of the people who live alongside elephants.

2-4 people - 1st MONDAY of Each Month Between October and April

Day 5: Nam Pouy National Protected Area – First Checks & Forest Camp

After breakfast, visit a sacred forest stupa before entering Nam Pouy, a vast, rugged landscape of ridges, streams and bamboo glades. With ECC's vet and monitoring staff, take part in a scheduled non-invasive elephant health check, and see how protocols minimise stress while gathering information vital to welfare and rewilding success. After a riverside picnic, trek deeper into Huay Sa Hom to set camera traps at chosen spots such as salt licks, stream crossings and narrow passes, where wildlife activity concentrates. By late afternoon, you set up a low-impact forest camp and review the next day's route and safety procedures. Dinner is cooked on simple stoves, and the night soundscape of cicadas, frogs and rustling bamboo reminds you that you are fully off-grid.

Day 6: Trap Checks & Wildlife Lookouts

Rise at dawn for a field breakfast, then set out on a monitoring circuit. Depending on conditions, the team may repeat health observations or follow fresh signs such as tracks, dung and feeding marks, which reveal herd movements and habitat use. After lunch in a shaded clearing, hike to retrieve the memory cards from your camera traps. At elevated viewpoints and known observation spots, you discuss how topography, water and seasonal food shape elephant behaviour and routes. By late afternoon, you return to Thongmixay for much-appreciated showers. Dinner is hosted by a traditional mahout family, a chance to hear first-hand from people whose livelihoods, identity and spirituality are intertwined with elephants.

Day 7: Community & Culture – School Visit

After breakfast, visit a local school with ECC staff to support environmental education, sharing educational materials and conversations that build pride in local wildlife and protected areas. This outreach invests in the next generation of conservation stewards. After lunch, begin the overland return towards ECC in Sayaboury, pausing again at cultural or natural landmarks that round out your picture of the province. You reach the Center by evening for a final dinner with the team and a well-earned night's rest.

Day 8: Departure to Luang Prabang

Enjoy a slow morning at the Center, with time for last questions, photo sharing or a walk by the lake, before your transfer back to Luang Prabang in the early afternoon. You leave having contributed to on-the-ground conservation in one of Southeast Asia's least-visited protected forests.



Public Price

- In US Dollar per person: $1,990 Premium Bungalow at ECC + guest house & camping

Minimum Participants & Age Requirement

- The programme requires a minimum booking of 2 people (and a maximum of 4) to be confirmed.
- Open to individuals aged 16 and older.

The Price Includes

- Round-trip transfer from Luang Prabang to ECC,
- Round-trip transfer from ECC to Nam Pouy National Park,
- English speaking team on site
- Set menu meals: Day 1 (L, D), Day 2-7 (B, L, D), Day 8 (B, L)
- Unlimited drinking water refill
- Accommodation at ECC: Premium Bungalow (Room & Private Bathroom).
- Tools and equipment for field work
- Activities as described (May vary. Read Special Note)

Special note

The field itinerary is adaptive and may vary with weather, road conditions and wildlife movements. The Nam Pouy section involves uneven terrain, heat, humidity, insects and basic camping, so good fitness and suitable gear are essential. Small-group departures reduce our impact while maximising learning and safety. Medical care and positive-reinforcement training at the Elephant Hospital are reserved for our qualified vets, so guests can observe, but not take part in this activity. Thank you for understanding.

Practical details

Your adventure begins at 7:30am on day 1, with pick-up in Luang Prabang, and ends around 5:30pm on day 8, after lunch at the Center and the journey back.

Accommodation

Lakeside private bungalow (private bathroom) at ECC. Guest house in Thongmixay district. Camping in Nam Pouy National Protected Area.



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Accommodation Options

CLASSIC BUNGALOWS | PREMIUM LAKESIDE BUNGALOWS | FOREST HOUSE | DELUXE LODGE | DORMITORY

CLASSIC BUNGALOW

Nestled beside the tranquil Nam Tien Lake, our bungalows offer a cozy retreat with the option of a double or twin room. Perfect for unwinding and relishing the breathtaking sunset views on a private balcony overlooking either the lake or the tropical garden.

PREMIUM LAKESIDE BUNGALOW

On the shores of Nam Tien Lake, our premium bungalows offer a restful, nature-focused stay with your choice of double or twin setup. Each features a private balcony–perfect for soaking up sunset over the water. New for 2025, our Premium bungalows add contemporary comforts while preserving the same close-to-nature character and uninterrupted lake views.













1 - 2 shared bathroom fan

1 - 2 private bathroom fan

FAMILY BUNGALOW

Set beside tranquil Nam Tien Lake, our Premium Family Bungalows (1–4 guests) pair contemporary comfort with a light footprint–ideal for parents with children or friends traveling together. Each bungalow offers a flexible setup (double or twin), and a private balcony made for sunset-watching over the water. Built in 2025, they keep the same close-to-nature character and uninterrupted lake views, with modern touches that make family stays easy and relaxed.

FOREST HOUSE

Tucked away amidst lush forest greenery, the house has 4 rooms to choose from. Two rooms feature a double bed and single bed, and the other two have one double bed.
Enjoy a private balcony overlooking the landscape – ideal for families or groups seeking their own space.













1 - 4 shared bathroom fan

1 - 10 private bathroom fan private WIFI

Accommodation Options

DELUXE LODGE

Experience luxurious modern wooden lodges, each fitted with one double bed and two twin beds. Enjoy exclusive infinity views of the serene Nam Tien lake from your private balcony, relishing seclusion from neighboring bungalows. Our deluxe lodges offer a refined retreat immersed in Laos' natural beauty.

DORMITORY

Nestled on the shores of Nam Tien Lake, our new volunteer dormitory offers simple, comfortable accommodation in a friendly, shared setting. With four rooms of four bunk beds each, it welcomes up to 16 volunteers. Ideally located within walking distance of the Volunteers' Workshop, the ECORE workspace and the ECC main site, it offers peaceful lake views and an inspiring place to relax after a day in the field.









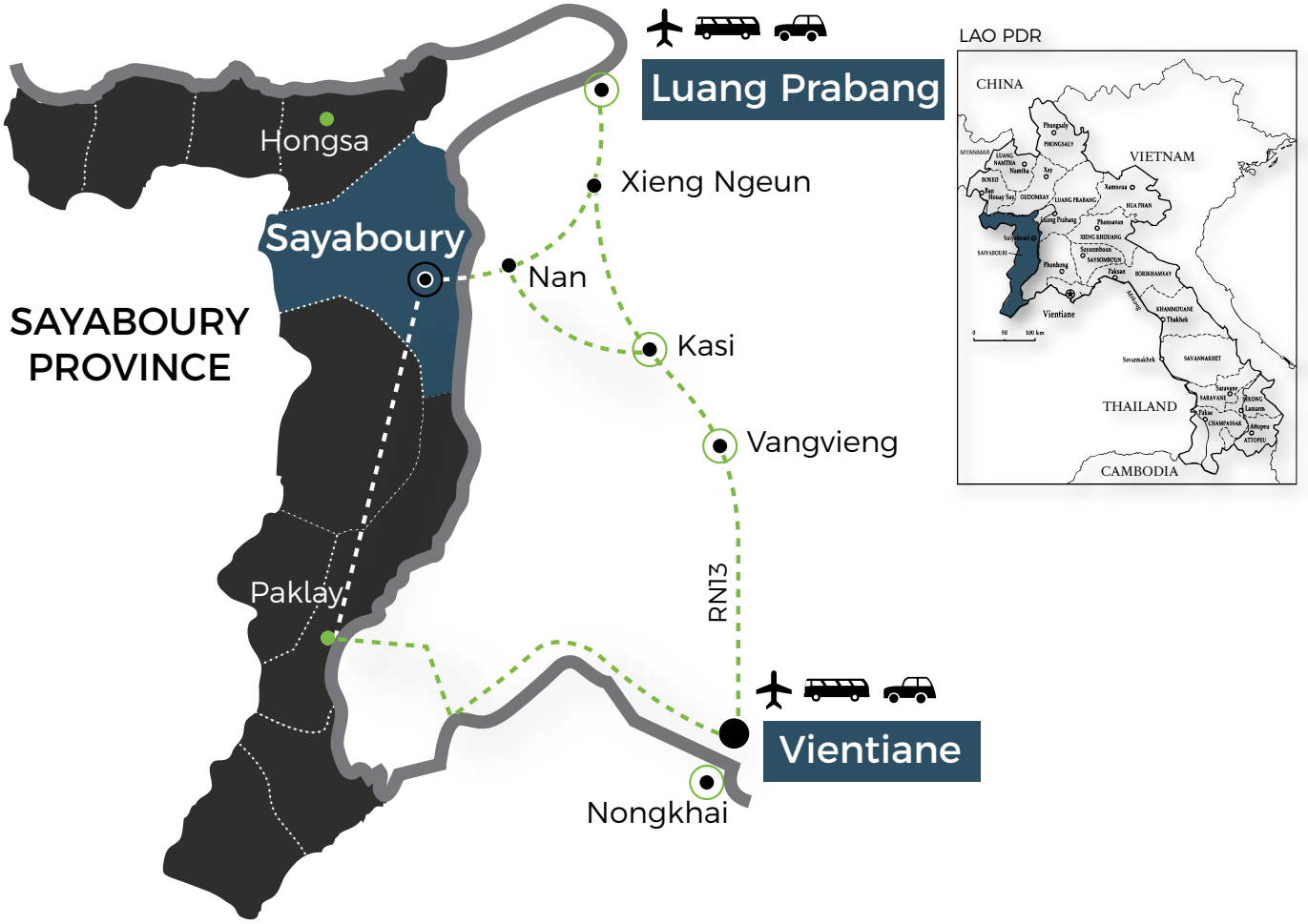




1 - 4 private bathroom aircon / fan private WIFI

1 - 16 shared bathroom fan

Access Map



How to get there?

FROM/TO LUANG PRABANG

From Luang Prabang ECC minivan departs from the post office on the main street daily at 7:30am, and returns daily to Luang Prabang, arriving approximately at 5:30pm.
The journey takes approximately 3 to 3.5 hours.

FROM/TO VIENTIANE

In Vientiane: Sakura Minivans (Sikhay station, pass the airport). Departures at 7:00am, 8:00am and 10:00am.

In Sayaboury: Sakura Bus Station.
Departures at 7:00am, 8:00am and 10:00am.
The journey takes approximately 7 hours.

Or fly to Sayaboury with Lao Skyway, or to Luang Prabang with Lao Airlines.

FROM/TO VANGVIENG

In Sayaboury: Public Buses from the Bus Station.
Departures at 3:00pm.

In Vangvieng: Minivan from Vangvieng bus station.
Departures at 10:30am (reservation required).



Luang Prabang Visitor Center
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Land & Amenities









Forest, Lake & Mountains

540
Hectares of protected forest (1,400 acres)

NAM TIEN LAKE

Guests cross the lake by boat to reach the Center. Kayaks and the signature sunset cruise are part of the stay.

PHU XANG ("ELEPHANT") MOUNTAIN RANGE

The reserve sits on the lakeshore, surrounded by forested mountains.

NAM POUY NATIONAL PROTECTED AREA

192,000 hectares of forest, 50 km away, where ECC runs its rewilding and wild-elephant monitoring work.



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Terms & Conditions

1. Who we are

1.1 The Elephant Conservation Center ("ECC", "we") is operated by Lao Elephant Sanctuary Co., Ltd., a limited company registered in the Lao PDR (Enterprise Code 08-00003444), Nonsavanh Village, Xayaboury District, Xayaboury Province, holding a tourism business operation license issued by the Department of Information, Culture and Tourism of Xayaboury Province.

1.2 These Booking Terms apply to every stay and programme at ECC, whether booked directly or through a travel agent.

2. Booking and contract

2.1 To book, the lead traveller sends us the names, nationality, date of birth and passport number of each traveller, and any medical or dietary information relevant to the stay.

2.2 The lead traveller confirms that every person in the booking has read and accepted these Booking Terms and is authorised to accept them on their behalf.

2.3 The contract is formed when we send written confirmation and receive the deposit (or full payment where clause 3.2 applies).

3. Prices and payment

3.1 Prices are per person in US dollars and include what is listed under "The price includes" for each programme. Rates apply to arrivals from 1 October to 30 September of each year. Once confirmed, a price will not change except for new taxes imposed by the authorities.

3.2 A deposit of 50% or a full payment is due on confirmation. The balance is due before arrival. Bookings made within 5 days of arrival are paid in full at booking.

3.3 We accept bank transfer and credit card. All bank and card charges are paid by the client (card surcharge: Online 4%. At office or ECC site: 3%). Cash payment before arrival is accepted.

3.4 If the balance is not received on time, we may treat the booking as cancelled; clause 5 then applies.

4. Children, groups and accommodation

4.1 Children aged 0–4 stay free and children aged 5–10 pay 50% of the adult price, when sharing a room with a paying adult. From 11 years, or when occupying their own room, full price applies.

4.2 Rates assume two people from the same group per room. [Solo travellers pay no supplement. Groups of 6 or more requesting single rooms pay USD 50 per room per night]

4.3 A Lao national guide accompanying a group pays USD 30 per night (dormitory). An international tour leader, teacher or supervisor pays 50% of the public price. We do not offer free places.

5. Cancellation by the client

5.1 Cancellation must be made in writing by email. It takes effect on the day we receive it. The following charges apply, as a percentage of the total booking price:

Days before arrival	Discovery, Exploration and extra nights	Elephantology, Back to the Wild programmes
30 days or more	No charge	No charge
15 to 29 days	25%	50%
6 to 14 days	50%	100%
5 days or less, or no-show	100%	100%

5.2 If a traveller cannot travel because of a serious illness or injury supported by a medical certificate, we will offer a credit for the amount paid, valid 12 months, or full refund. The decision is made case by case.

5.3 No refund is given for unused services, late arrival or leaving early. Travel insurance is the right place to recover these costs.

6. Changes and cancellation by ECC

6.1 Our programmes depend on elephant welfare, weather, road and lake conditions and staff safety. We may adapt activities and their order for these reasons. If a change significantly alters a programme before arrival, you may accept it or cancel with a full refund.

6.2 If a programme does not reach its minimum number of participants, we may cancel it up to 14 days before arrival and offer another date or a full refund.

6.3 If events outside our control (natural disaster, epidemic, government order, political unrest, closure of access routes) prevent a stay, we will offer a full refund or a credit. We are not responsible for flights, visas or other costs booked separately.

6.4 ECC is closed for one week during Lao New Year in mid-April.

7. Health, fitness and minimum ages

7.1 Travellers must tell us before booking of any medical condition, pregnancy or disability that could affect their safety or that of others. Back to the Wild requires good fitness and involves basic camping in a remote protected area.

7.2 Minimum ages: Elephantology and Back to the Wild 16 years.

7.3 Travellers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or by an adult (including a teacher in a school group). ECC waiver form is considered a written authorisation signed by the parent or guardian.

8. Insurance

8.1 Travel insurance is compulsory. It must cover personal accident, medical expenses, emergency evacuation and repatriation, and personal liability. We strongly recommend cover for cancellation, curtailment and personal belongings.

8.2 Travellers must give us their insurer's name, policy number and 24-hour emergency number at check-in, when signing our Waiver form (either online or in paper form prior to boarding our minivans). We may refuse participation without proof of cover.

9. Safety, elephant welfare and conduct

9.1 ECC follows a hands-off, welfare-first approach. Elephants are large wild animals whose behaviour can be unpredictable. Guests do not ride, bathe with, touch or feed elephants.

9.2 Guests must follow the instructions of ECC staff, our Code of Conduct and safety briefings at all times. Drones are prohibited without our written permission.

9.3 We may exclude any person who endangers people or animals, breaches our Code of Conduct or safeguarding rules, or behaves abusively, without refund.

9.4 On arrival, every adult traveller (and a parent or guardian for each minor) signs a waiver form, whether arriving by ECC minivan or independently.

10. Risks and our responsibility

10.1 ECC is in a remote forest area. Standards of transport, infrastructure, medical care and communications differ from those at home. The nearest hospital is 20 minutes away in Sayaboury town. Activities include walking on uneven forest trails, boat transfers, kayaking, contact with insects, snakes and other wildlife, and proximity to elephants.

10.2 We will provide our services with reasonable skill and care, and take reasonable care in selecting the transport and accommodation providers we use.

10.3 ECC is responsible for death or personal injury caused by our negligence or that of our staff.

10.4 We are not responsible for loss or damage, death or injuries caused by: the traveller's own acts or omissions, or their failure to follow staff instructions; a third party unconnected with the services we provide; or events outside our control under clause 6.3.

10.5 For any other loss, our liability is limited to the total price paid for the booking.

10.6 Nothing in these Booking Terms excludes or limits any liability that cannot be excluded or limited under applicable law.

11. Photography and personal data

11.1 Guests may take photographs and videos for personal use. Commercial use of images of ECC's elephants, staff or premises requires our written permission.

11.2 We photograph and film our activities. We will use images in which a guest is identifiable for promotion only with that guest's consent (or a parent's for a minor), given at check-in and revocable at any time for future use.

11.3 Programme assignments (photos, reels, posts) remain the participant's work. With their consent, the participant grants ECC a free, non-exclusive license to share them with credit.

11.4 We use personal data to manage bookings, meet legal registration requirements for foreign visitors, and ensure safety. We share it only with service providers involved in the stay, insurers in an emergency, or authorities where required. We do not sell it. We keep it 12 months after the stay unless the law requires longer. Requests to access or correct data go to elephantconservationcenter@gmail.com.

12. Complaints, law and disputes

12.1 Please raise any problem with the guide or the manager on site so we can fix it. Unresolved complaints must be sent in writing within 30 days of the end of the stay.

12.2 These Booking Terms are governed by the laws of the Lao PDR. The parties will first try to settle any dispute amicably within 30 days. Failing that, the courts of the Lao PDR have jurisdiction.

12.3 This clause does not deprive a consumer of the protection of the mandatory rules of their country of residence where those rules apply.

12.4 These Booking Terms are written in English. Translations are for information; the English text prevails.


















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