

EYES WIDE OPEN EXPERIENCE



**28 JAN - 8 FEB
2018**

The Mekong region sees mass migrant of people from rural areas to city and from poorer countries to middle economies such as Thailand. They migrate in hope of a better future for themselves and their families. Often they are seeking employment or education. Into this human traffickers can exploit these hopes and dreams and many end up in unimaginable situations of exploitation.

Our trip begins in Phnom Penh in Cambodia where we will visit with organisations who are engaged in the prevention of human trafficking. We then experience the tranquility of Siem Reap where we visit Angkor Wat – the 7th Wonder of the World and meet with NGO's providing alternative employment for those vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation as a result of the tourist industry. Our next destinations is Bangkok Thailand where we will have a cooking class with the world famous **Khun Poo** see work amongst women and men in the notorious red-light districts and engage with the slavery being faced in the Thai fishing industry.

If you have questions please email the trip coordinator fuzz.kitto@stopthetraffic.com.au

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| Dates: | Sunday 28 January - Thursday 8 February 2018, 12 days and nights |
| Trip Costs: | AUD\$2,995 (including registration fee, excluding external travel) |
| Registration fee: | AUD\$250 on registration and a further AUD\$750 immediately after your application is accepted in order to secure your place. Full payment is required by 30 November 2017 and installments prior to that time. |
| Fundraising target: | AUD\$1,000 (in addition to trip cost) 1 |
| Accommodation: | 2–3.5 star hotels, hostels and guest houses.2 |
| Minimum age: | 18 years (In some circumstances it may be possible for under 18's to participate if they are accompanied by their parent or guardian.) |

OVERVIEW

You will meet people whose lives have been directly affected by trafficking. You will spend time and hear the stories of those working on the ground to protect those who are vulnerable. You will be inspired and you will at times be distressed.

STOP THE TRAFFIK's approach to human trafficking is to seek to build resilient communities to prevent human trafficking. We will visit with local NGO's and businesses who are developing models of community action to resource, equip and mobilise people to take action where they live and build resilient communities. As appropriate, we will join groups in the actions and programs they are running.

You will be accompanied by professionals working in preventing human trafficking and campaigning to end human trafficking. The trip costs what it does because we do not use donors' money to subsidise your trip. Your fee includes leadership costs being covered. We also compensate our partners for the time they invest and the cost of hosting us as well as making a donation to their work. We believe we should pay our own way and be generous with our partners who host us.

APPLICATION

The trip is open to men and women 18 years and over. The number of participants is limited to 14 people because of the sensitive nature of the issues we will be exploring. We anticipate we will have more applications than places. We ask people to complete an application process which includes references. From this we will then approve applications and ask people to complete registration process. You will be informed of your place in the trip as registrations are processed.

- To begin your application process please pay your deposit of \$250 (which may not be refund able) at our [shop](#) and you will be forwarded an application pack.
- To confirm your place you will need to pay a further AUD\$750 immediately upon your application being received in order to confirm your place.

1. Donations from Australian tax payers are tax deductible when they are a donation. A tax deductible receipt cannot be provided for activity where the recipient receives a good or service. Your friends and family can make a donation to this component of the trip but not for your travel and participation component as you are receiving a benefit for this.

2. For participants who register after this date there will be an additional surcharge of 15% or \$AUD 450 and the costs of internal fares and accommodation will have increased

FUNDRAISING

We invite you to fund-raise or donate a minimum of AUD\$1,000 before you participate in the trip. This helps you to begin to share the story before you depart with friends and supports the organisations we will visit and STOP THE TRAFFIK's work globally.

LEADERS AND HOSTS

Your leaders will be Fuzz Kitto co-director of STOP THE TRAFFIK Australian Coalition and Andrew Collins who is a consultant in community development and transformation. Andrew has recently returned from living and working in Cambodia. They both have extensive experience in leading groups of this kind and travelling in Cambodia and Thailand.

TRIP COST

- For participants who pay in full by 30 November 2017 the cost is AUD\$2,995.
- We also ask participants to fundraise or donate AUD\$1,000 prior to leaving on the trip
- A deposit of AUD\$250 is required with your application.
- A further payment of AUD\$750 will be required as soon as your application is accepted to secure your place in the trip.

Includes:

- Internal flights (Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Bangkok)
- Accommodation in hotels, hostels and guest houses (2-3.5 star)³
- Most food (usually 3 meals a day)
- Safe drinking water
- Local travel, including airport transfers if you are coinciding with group travel times
- The costs for staff accompanying you
- Payment and donation to the organisations who are our hosts

Does not include:

- Your flights to Cambodia and from Bangkok . You need to plan to arrive into Phnom Penh and depart from Bangkok where the trip concludes)
- Visas
- Vaccinations
- Personal travel insurance which includes medical cover⁴
- Fees your bank charges for making transfers for your payments
- Other personal travel expenses
- Snacks, drinks and additional meals you choose to have beyond the group program
- Alcohol you may choose to consume with meals or at other times

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REFUNDS

Should your application not be successful your deposit will be refunded. However, should you withdraw from the trip at any time, your deposit and other payments will be unlikely to be refundable as we will have already engaged in costs towards your participation. Unless we are able to replace your position in the trip with an approved person we may not be able to refund any fees.

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3. This is on a shared room basis, should you wish to have a room on your own there is an additional supplementary cost of \$299.

4. Such insurance is essential and a copy of your cover will be a condition of your participation.