

## Travel Itinerary



## Ricefields Service Base Thailand

*Participate in a variety of service initiatives in this weeklong program at Rustic Pathways' Ricefields Service Base in northeastern Thailand. Contribute to home construction projects, get your hands dirty with community garden and agriculture projects, and learn the basics of Thai cuisine and deliver meals to local families. Relax at the base after service.*

**Flight Details:** (flight number to name of airport, if applicable)

### **Day 1: March 23rd, 2019 - Sawadee and welcome to Thailand!**

Arrive into Udon Thani, meet your Rustic Pathways leaders, and head to the Ricefields Service Base. Take a dip in the pool, or join a pickup soccer or volleyball game before enjoying a Thai feast in the traditional *sala* before learning about your upcoming service projects.

**Overnight:** Ricefields Base House

### **Day 2: March 24th, 2019 - Dive into Service Work**

Participate in the Welcome Homes Project to help build and repair homes for elderly and disadvantaged homes in the area. Return for lunch at the base before getting your hands dirty and your thumbs green with Hands in the Dirt, the local community garden and agriculture project. Past projects have included building organic sustainable gardens and assisting local farmers. Finish your day with team-building exercises and other fun activities as part of Thai Games.

**Overnight:** Ricefields Base House

### Day 3: March 25th, 2019 - Issan Service Immersion

Continue working on the Welcome Homes project in the morning before contributing to another project in the afternoon. Visit a local market in town and buy supplies for the Meals on Flip Flops project. Cook the ingredients you bought and deliver the finished meals to elderly and ailing members of the community.

**Overnight:** Ricefields Base House

### Day 4: March 26th, 2019 - Getting into the Groove

Spend your morning on the Working Homes project before shifting to an educational exchange initiative in the afternoon called Teaching and Tutoring. Prepare English language enrichment activities at the base to implement with local students. Try local Thai delicacies later during an activity called No Reservations.

**Overnight:** Ricefields Base House

### Day 5: March 27th, 2019 - Final Day of Service Work

Spend your last day of service finishing your work on Welcome Homes before switching to Hands in the Dirt that afternoon. Enjoy a swim and some pick-up sports before an evening trip into town to see the night market in Udon Thani.

**Overnight:** Ricefields Base House

### Day 6: March 28th, 2019 - Experience Buddhist and Hindu Culture

Visit the Smugglers Market along the Mekong River and enjoy a traditional Thai-Lao lunch. Explore the fascinating and strange sculpture garden *Sala Keoku* and marvel at the large concrete sculptures inspired by both Buddhist and Hindu legends and traditions.

**Overnight:** Ricefields Base House

### Day 7: March 29th - Return Home

Say goodbye to new friends and fly home after an incredible experience in northeastern Thailand.

## Program Details

#### Program Includes:

- 6 nights of accommodation
- All meals all days
- All transportation
- Rustic Pathways fulltime international and local guides
- All activities as detailed in your itinerary
- Single point of contact from Rustic Pathways for support leading up to the program
- Rustic Pathways 24-hour emergency support throughout program
- International SOS emergency evacuation insurance
- All airport taxes and departure fees
- All fees, community service donations, and guide tips

**An Important Note About Availability and Schedule Changes:**

The listed prices and program availability outlined in this itinerary are confirmed through [date one month from delivery]. After [date], we reserve the right to offer this program to a different school or other group.

Rustic Pathways reserves the right to change, alter, or amend the daily itinerary for this trip at any time. Changes can be made for various reasons including changes in flight or program schedules, changes in the schedules of various external operators or partner organizations, changes due to weather or safety concerns, the addition of new activities into a trip, or the substitution of a new activity for an old activity. The itinerary shown here provides our best projection of the daily schedule for this program. As with any travel program, some changes may occur.