



# ELEPHANT CARE PROJECT

JAIPUR, INDIA

**PROGRAM DOCUMENT**

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## PROJECT INTRODUCTION

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The project is located in the Amber region of Jaipur district of Rajasthan state. The Project has around 50 female Elephants & 02 male Elephants. The Elephants have their owners who brought them from different places to use them in riding the tourists in nearby Amber Fort (A World heritage site). The Elephants are taken care of by their mahouts (The employees of owners). The mahouts are living with their families on the project site. The project site is famous by the name of 'Elephant Village' & the land, building to keep Elephants & the shelter to mahout's families has been given by the Government of Rajasthan. The mahouts use to get up early in the morning at 04 AM to get the Elephants bath & they paint their body with beautiful folk paintings illustrating the lifestyles of the Maharajas of Jaipur. Then they take them to Amber fort for ride. After the completion of the ride the Elephants again come to the village & eat for the day & stay in their shelters. The bond between the Elephants and mahouts is really appreciable.

### FEATURES

There are several features of the project, please have a look below;

#### **Project Location**

Elephant Village, Jaipur

#### **Beneficiaries**

Elephants & Mahouts families

#### **No. of Beneficiaries**

52 Elephants & 52 Mahouts families

#### **Volunteering Days (In a week`s time)**

05 days in a week (Monday to Friday)

#### **Volunteering Hours (In a day`s time)**

04 to 08 hours (In a day)

#### **Any Special Background Required**

No (For 18 years or elder)

#### **Project Recommended for**

Students, Adventure Seekers, Wildlife vats

#### **Project Duration (Minimum to Maximum)**

01 Week to 24 Weeks



## ACTIVITIES (MOST POSSIBLE)

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1. Visiting the Elephant village
2. Accessing the needs of caring Elephants
3. Interaction with the Mahouts & identifying their needs
4. Meetings with children & motivate them to learn
5. Cleaning the Elephants
6. Assist the mahout while getting a bath to the Elephants
7. Foot trimming of Elephants & Feeding the sugarcans to them
8. Cleaning their living areas
9. Helping the mahouts while making folk designs on Elephants before going for a ride
10. Teaching the mahouts children
11. Many others to explore by you!!

## PROJECT FEE

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As you know that the world revolves around money and economies around currencies. Like any other services these services and projects are having a fee that will cover your application process, your pick-up, orientation, lodging & boarding, support, emergency assistance, government and legal formalities, ground staff and local teams, marketing, social campaigns and of course corporate social responsibility. That's why every project has a fee to join and as we have mentioned that we are the most affordable meaningful Travel enterprise so don't worry at all. The projects fee has a range from \$15/day to \$50/day depends on the destination, donation, fee and other subject matters. Once you apply for the project you will receive an invoice to pay through wire transfer or PayPal. Pay as you wish.

## SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE FEE

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Nice question! Yes, there are a plenty of services those are most needed and important to know. In this project fee you will get the following services included:

- Pre arrival assistance
- Airport pick-up & drop only from Jaipur Airport
- Orientation about project, country and rules
- Accommodation (tri/dual sharing in a service apartment or host family)
- All meals (Breakfast, Lunch & dinner) Authentic Indian meals
- English speaking project manager on project to assist
- Emergency assistance (if required)
- Travel support in India
- Certificate of Volunteering
- Cultural week activities
  - Henna painting



- Indian dress workshop
- Heritage village visit
- Elephant ride
- Camel ride
- Folk dance, puppet show, magic show & snake charmer show
- Jaipur sight-seeing (Hawa-Mahal, Jantar Mantar, Albert hall, Amber fort, Jal-Mahal)

## ACCOMMODATION

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During the project you will be staying either in the volunteer camp or in the Indian host family. That depends on the availability of place. You will be communicated by our staff about the accommodation.

## MEALS

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During the project you will be getting all time meals included in the program fee. The food will be breakfast, lunch & dinner. It would be authentic Indian food balanced in nutrition and protein. If you want to make your own food in the volunteer camp, you are welcome to do so. Everything is there to cook.

## A TYPICAL VOLUNTEER DAY

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Your volunteer day will start at 7am from your wake up call. Then you will be having your breakfast at 8:30 and would be waiting for your tuktuk to come to take you and other volunteers to the projects. You would be reaching to the project in 30 minutes and then your working time will start around 9:30 am. You will be teaching the kids of elephant`s riders till 1:30 pm. At 1:30 pm the elephants would be coming from the rides from Amber palace and then your work with Elephants will starts by feeding them, cleaning their shelter area, washing them, making chapatias, massaging and a lot of other important work to do till 5:30 pm. Those who are not interested in teaching te kids can go to the project at 1:00 pm and can work only with Elephants till 7:00 pm. This is how your typical day would be at Elephant conservation project.

## WEEKEND PLANS

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On this Elephant project we have a lot to do on weekends because of the location of the city Jaipur. This comes under the most famous travel circuit 'Golden Triangle' that covers Delhi-Jaipur-Agra. The project is situated in a very famous city, 'The Pink City' Jaipur, Rajasthan. The city has its heritage value & has more than 20 heritage sites like Hawa Mahal, Jantar Mantar, Albert Hall, Birla Temple, Jal Mahal, Nahargarh Fort, Jaigarh Fort, Amber Fort etc. So the Volunteers can visit the nearby places & all of these places are in the maximum radius of 15 kilometers from their stay. The City Jaipur is also in the center of the state Rajasthan and



beautiful excursion sites are also nearby and accessible from public transportation like Buses, trains & private taxies. Volunteers can visit Pushkar (The Desert Safari), the only Brahma temple in the world and also can experience night stay in tents in desert while having dinner & the live folk dance. They can go to Ranthambhore for the classic 'Tiger Safari' on cantors. Another nearby options can be Bhangarh, the only haunted site approved by the government of Rajasthan. Udaipur 'The Lake city' can be another option to utilize the weekends. All the arrangements can be done by Aii on the volunteer's request.

# You're Itinerary for the Volunteer project

## **PRE-DEPARTURE ASSISTANCE & BOOKING THE TRIP**

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Once your application form is submitted with the questionnaire and we found you suitable for the project, our team will coordinate you for depositing the project fee. Then once our bank confirms the receipt of your fee we will initiate the documentation process regarding your trip. You will get assistance in booking the flights, application for visa, vaccinations, insurance, packing for the trip and other essential things.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION & UPDATES**

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By the time our team will take flight information from you. This is the responsibility of the volunteer to inform us via e-mail about the flight details; carrier, date and time. In case there is any delay or sudden change in the flight schedule it'd volunteer's duty to inform us immediately. We will share some Whatsapp contact no. for instant contact. Once we get the details of the flights we will transfer the details to Aii India team for arranging your pick-up from Jaipur Airport. Please notice that all India project volunteers must arrive in Jaipur only. From here after orientation & Jaipur sightseeing they will be transferred to their respective locations.

## **PICK-UP FROM JAIPUR AIRPORT & TRANSFER TO VOLUNTEER CAMP**

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Once you arrive at the Jaipur airport you will meet our team member with Aii pla-card and your name on it. You can proceed with them to the Aii Jaipur Volunteer house for two nights stay and sightseeing in Jaipur. Please attention that in case you don't find anyone, don't panic wait for some another minutes and they will be there. In worst condition, if you don't find anyone, immediately contact the Aii head office no. that are shared with you in the pre-departure kit. That no. is available 24X7. You will be staying in the volunteer house with the volunteers. The next day would be your orientation and Jaipur sightseeing.

## **ORIENTATION, JAIPUR SIGHT-SEEING & HINDI LANGUAGE CLASS**

In the morning our in-house manager will conduct your orientation about the Indian culture, program, country, people, beliefs and language. Then your Jaipur sight-seeing will start followed by the orientation. In Jaipur sight-seeing you will visit magnificent world heritage sites like Hawa Mahal (Wind palace), Jal Mahal (Water palace), Amber fort, Birla temple, Nahargarh fort and some other places if the time allows. Here the meals are on you during your visit. The next day would be a free day for you to travel by yourself or arrange a tour by us for the rest of the places. The night stay would be in the same volunteer house.

## **OBSERVATION DAY, PROJECT VISIT & MEETING THE BENEFICIARIES**

The next morning your visit to the project is fixed and this would be your first day as 'Observation day' at the project area. The coordinator or any Aii staff will arrange a visit to the projects we have to have a sense of environment and working conditions. The volunteer has to see all the other volunteers those are working there already and can have a little chat about their findings and suggestions to start with. The local staff and you will meet the beneficiaries with whom you are going to work. The local projects are real and they really need volunteering assistance and care. This is so important day for volunteer to observe the project and to see that where they fit in and what skills they possess to help on the project, because the next day would be your first volunteering day.

## **MEET YOUR HOST FAMILY AND KNOW THE LOCAL AREA**

Just after the project visit, if you have chosen to stay in a host family, the coordinator will give you a drop to the host family. You will be taken to the host family and here you will meet your host parents, brothers and sisters. The house mother will show you your room and will introduce the family member and will let you know the rules of the house. You can have a look in the house and around. In the evening you can got to visit the nearby household grocery store, vegetable & fruit market and other necessary stops. If you have chosen to stay in volunteer house you will be staying in the same premises for the rest of the time of project.



## FIRST VOLUNTEERING DAY

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Here from the same visiting day you can choose to stay on the project or you can come the next day as well. The next day after waking up you will be having an India Masala tea with the rest of the family members. Then you will take an authentic Indian breakfast and then you will leave to the project. Meet your supervisor there for the schedule for the day and start your work out there. In lunch you can come back to the house and can have it with the family or take a lunch-box with you there. After finishing the project you can come back to the host family by walking because mostly the projects are at walking distance. Enjoy your evening with the family, neighbors and walking around. Have your Indian dinner and sleep well. This is how a typical volunteer day would be. In volunteer house you will wake up by a wakeup call by the house in-charge to have tea. Then followed by a Yoga session jointly with other volunteers, you will proceed to have breakfast. Then your tuk tuk will arrive to take you and other volunteers for the project drop. Meet your supervisor there for the schedule for the day and start your work out there. In lunch you can come back to the house and can have it with the family or take a lunch-box with you there. After finishing the project your tuk tuk will arrive there to pick you up to drop at volunteer house again.

## REGULAR ROUTINE AND WEEK DAYS

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This would be your regular routine and you will work from Monday to Friday on the projects. Weekends would be totally off and you can use them as you want to be. Relax, travelling, visiting, enjoying, clubbing, washing clothes etc. Choice is yours. You can take travel excursions and information from our local coordinator and make a group with the other volunteers to go on group excursions; the cheap and best way to wander. Our local coordinator will be there always with you for assistance, support and supervision.

## PROJECT COMPLETION

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The last Friday of your volunteer project would be slightly different and fun-filled. Take group pictures, selfies and show your gratitude towards the staff and other volunteers for the cooperation, affection and support. You can also arrange a small party with the host family at the last day and spend some emotional moments. Meet all the friends you made during your stay, thank them and have your own time. This is how your last day would be. On last evening of your project in the camp we will celebrate it by some candles, balloons and cakes. This would be like a thanksgiving session to you from Aii team for your time, efforts and dedication. Then followed by it you will be free to do your own activities.

## DROP AT JAIPUR AIRPORT

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The last day in India! You will get enough time to pack your bags and for writing a feedback followed by one minute video feedback session. Now you are free to roam around in the local



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market to shop souvenir for your friends and family only if you have enough time left for the flight. You will be dropped at the Jaipur airport at the time of your flight and from here you are on your own. Say a final good bye to the team member and here your journey ends with a lot of memories and learning of life. **Namaste!!**

For any other information please write us an e-mail at [info@work-travel-learn.com](mailto:info@work-travel-learn.com)

Thanks & regards

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