



Observational elephant venues

Captive elephant tourism venues in Thailand that received highest scores in our 2024/25 assessment. None of these offer shows, riding or washing experiences.

Venue name	Region	No direct interaction	Observation	Elephant-friendly*
Boon Lott's Elephant Sanctuary	Sukothai			
Burn and Emily's Elephant Sanctuary	Chiang Mai			
ChangChill View Doi	Chiang Mai			
ChangChill Hillside	Chiang Mai			
Elephant Forest Phitsanulok	Phitsanulok			
Elephant Hills	Khao Sok	1		2
Elephant Nature Park	Chiang Mai	1		3
Following Giants Koh Lanta	Koh Lanta			
Folllowing Giants Krabi	Krabi			
Global Vision International	Chiang Mai			
Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation	Chiang Rai	4		2
Hidden Forest Elephant Reserve	Phuket	1		2
Isara Elephant Foundation	Chiang Mai			2
Khao Sok Elephant Sanctuary	Khao Sok	1		2
Kindred Spirit Elephant Sanctuary	Chiang Mai			
Mahouts Elephant Foundation - LIFE Project	Chiang Mai			
Mahouts Elephant Foundation - Palata Project	Umphang			
Phuket Elephant Nature Reserve	Phuket			2
Phuket Elephant Sanctuary	Phuket	5		
Samui Elephant Sanctuary	Koh Samui	1		2
Somboon Legacy Foundation	Kanchanaburi			
Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand	Phetchaburi	1		2

* World Animal Protection's elephant-friendly guidelines help transition venues to incorporate best-practice animal management and avoid further increasing the captive elephant population. Such venues will allow elephants more autonomy, more opportunities to engage in natural behaviours, and will avoid direct contact with visitors.

- 1 Hand feeding over a barrier is offered. We encourage visitors to avoid participating in direct interactions.
- 2 Conversations on Elephant-friendly practices are yet to be held with the venue.
- 3 Due to a legal investigation, this venue is temporarily removed from the Elephant-friendly list.
- 4 Hand feeding and rinsing elephants with a hose over a barrier is offered. We encourage visitors to avoid participating in direct interactions.
- 5 Venue confirmed phasing out hand feeding from 1st of April 2026.

The list shown in this report reflects the Thailand status during 2025, but the online version will include venues from other countries as well and will be updated whenever changes occur: <https://www.worldanimalprotection.org/our-campaigns/wildlife/commercial-exploitation/travel-tourism/elephant-friendly-tourist-guide/>