



# Loop Abroad: Thailand

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## Background

Loop Abroad is an organization for students, whether high school, undergraduate, or graduate/professional school, interested in the animal science field. They have locations in Thailand, South Africa, Australia, and the Galapagos. Their goal is to help students learn more about the animal science field as well as another culture. There are days that you jump in and do the work and others where the vet assigned to your group lectures.



## Elephant Nature Park

My first week was filled with a large amount of culture shock. My group of 12 undergraduate students, from all around the U.S. as well as Canada, got to experience the most breathtaking views. We got to see a variety of rescues:

- Elephants
- Cows
- Water buffalo
- Cats
- Dogs
- Horses
- and more!

Here, we participated in a diet study of different elephants, followed the elephant vet, helped at the adoption center, and helped work in the kitchen. We were volunteers for the week, helping the reservation run as smoothly as possible.

## Outside of the Clinic

On top of all the work we did with the animals, we also got time out in the city. Activities we got to do include

- Shopping at the Night Market and well as the Sunday Night Market
- Thai cuisine, as well as other types of food
- Zip lining or cooking class
- Visiting temples
- Visiting an elementary school

## Loop Abroad Vet Clinic

During my second week, we went into the city and got to practice at the Loop vet clinic. Here, the vet and technicians work on stray dogs and cats. They also help those who struggle to pay to take their pet to be treated. We got to learn a lot of technical skills here like blood draws, placing IV catheters, giving a physical exam, and reading slides under the microscope. On top of this all, we got to scrub in on a spay and neuter.

