



Global Village: Sawadee Build

Short-Term House-Building Programme

Sawadee Build is a short-term trips designed to provide an opportunity for corporate and adult teams. These trips provide an opportunity for those who are keen to volunteer on a build trip with us but are unable to travel for long periods of time.

Compared to a Global Village trip which lasts 3-7 days, Sawadee Builds are as short as 1 day and up to a maximum of 3 days. By working with the local Thai community, you will have an opportunity to personally witness and contribute to Habitat's effort to eliminate substandard housing and fight poverty throughout the world.

All team members must be at least 21-years-old and medically fit. Build locations in Thailand include Chiangmai, Phuket, Bangkok and Krabi.

Sawadee Build is best perceived as an add-on programme to a team's existing itinerary. This arrangement is particularly popular for organisations who are planning to incorporate this activity as part of their overseas corporate retreat. As such, teams will need to arrange for their own return flights, accommodation and meals beyond the build site in Thailand.



Other countries
Habitat Singapore
has built in:

- Cambodia
- China
- Fiji
- India
- Indonesia
- Nepal
- Philippines
- Romania
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Vietnam

Why Global Village: Through Shelter, We Empower

Building Strength, Stability & Self-Reliance Through Shelter



STRENGTH

A Habitat home is a strong foundation for a family, an opportunity on which they can build a better life. Strong and stable homes help build strong and stable communities.



STABILITY

A Habitat home is a stabilizing force for a family. Better, affordable living conditions lead to improved health, positive childhood development and the ability to make forward-looking choices.



SELF-RELIANCE

A decent place to live and an affordable loan help homeowners save more, invest in education, pursue opportunity and have more financial stability.

Habitat Houses Around The World

Habitat for Humanity homes look different around the world to fit in with the many styles and traditions found in the communities where the houses are built. House designs are also customised to suit the community's local climate and geographical needs. For example, earthquake-prone houses are built with walls that fall outwards instead of inwards.

But no matter where they are built, all Habitat houses follow the same guiding principles:

1. Decent

Habitat houses are modestly sized. They are large enough for the homeowner family's needs, but small enough to keep construction and maintenance costs affordable.

2. Affordable

The labor of volunteers and partner families, efficient building methods, locally sourced building materials, modest house sizes, and not-for-profit loans make it affordable for low-income families to purchase Habitat houses.



Before: Chiang Mai housing



After: Chiang Mai Habitat House

The Habitat Experience

- ▶ **SEE** first-hand how substandard housing undermines the life chances of children & adults
- ▶ **ROLL UP** your sleeves to build houses and communities for people in need
- ▶ **EXPERIENCE** the sights & adventures of living & working with people from different cultures & traditions
- ▶ **BUILD** friendships that transcend borders
- ▶ **BE** part of an international movement to create a world where everyone has a proper place to call home

What you'll be doing

Teams will join the current stage of house construction that they're assigned to. This could range from the early phase of laying the foundation or adding the finishing touches to the house. Volunteers must be a minimum of 15 years of age and medically fit.

No previous house-building experience is needed as volunteers on-site will be guided by seasoned Habitat construction staff. The building process will also be broken down into simple tasks that anyone can do, such as:

- laying the foundation
- tying reinforcement bars
- hand-mixing cement
- brick laying
- digging trenches for septic tanks or drains



Start planning for your Sawadee Build trip here!

Interested groups can email info@habitat.org.sg with your preferred dates, number of pax and location. Trip confirmation is subjected to Thailand's availability. We recommend teams to set aside least 6 months to adequately prepare for the trip.

Sample Schedule

1-Day Sawadee Build Trip

TIME	ACTIVITY
8am	Leave Hotel
9.20am	Construction and Safety Briefing
9.30am	stretching session
9.45am	Work begins
10.30am	Morning break
10.45am	Work on site
12pm	Lunch at site
1pm	Work on site
2.15pm	Afternoon break
2.30pm	Work on site
3.45pm	Clean up
4pm	Leave build site



Sawadee Build Costing

Overview

The cost of joining a volunteer team varies on the location of the build, length of the trip and the local Habitat build country affiliate that Habitat Singapore works with. Generally, there are *two* main cost components:



How will team contributions be used?

Habitat for Humanity's Sawadee Build programme works to ensure that trips are well planned and coordinated, safe and constructive for volunteers.

Team donations are used in the following ways:

1. *Building programme*

A portion of the team contribution helps to further Habitat's home-building work by supporting local construction and the cost of building materials. This includes basic infrastructure for a liveable home like electricity, roofing and plumbing.

2. *Programme Coordination*

A portion of the team contribution also helps to sustain the operations of local Habitat affiliates in identifying potential homeowner families in need of proper housing. The process involves multiple visits to assess applicant families on their level of need, willingness to partner Habitat and their ability to repay a no-profit, affordable mortgage.

3. *Safety & Expertise*

Local Habitat affiliates also employ construction & engineering experts on the ground to supervise the safety of GV teams, as well as ensure houses built are structurally sound.

Please refer to the Habitat Programme Rate Card for a Sawadee Build team contribution cost, as well as an estimated total trip cost per pax.

Other Ways To Get Involved

Full list of Habitat programmes

Overseas House-Building Programmes:

- ▶ Global Village
- ▶ Batam Build
- ▶ Sawadee Build

Local Volunteering Programmes:

- ▶ Project HomeWorks
- ▶ UnLitter Red Dot

Other engagements:

- ▶ Corporate talks and/or booths
- ▶ School talks and/or booths
- ▶ Fundraising events

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