



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Eco-tourism Operation Support

Why do we need you?

At WWT we want to see a world where healthy wetland nature thrives and enriches lives. WWT believes this should be true for both the U.K. and overseas and that is why we are working to offer and promote solutions to conserve the world's most threatened wetland hotspots and improve the livelihoods of their people. This is why WWT has been working in Cambodia (South-East Asia) since 2011, a country where 30% of the surface is wetland and 80% of the population depend on harvesting natural resources for their livelihoods.

WWT Cambodia has three areas of focus, the first is the reserve management support of two key protected wetlands in Cambodia; Boeung Prek Lapouv & Anlung Pring Protected Landscape. Second is wetland education and awareness raising on a local and national scale, and thirdly is providing integrated conservation interventions, which work with the local communities to help them benefit from the wetlands while conserving them.

Anlung Pring Community Led Ecotourism site is one of these integrated conservation interventions. 55 local community members living around Anlung Pring Protected Landscape have formed a tourism group which deliver tourism at the reserve (www.mekongcrane.com), improving their own livelihoods while also raising funds for the conservation of Anlung Pring.

WWT Cambodia is looking to facilitate an opportunity for a volunteer to support the Anlung Pring Sarus Crane Conservation and Development Community in the operation and coordination of the tourism site, including 9 homestays, 1 wildlife tour and 6 cultural tour products as the site enters its tourism season

Who will be responsible for your role?

AP Tourism Coordinator: daily support

Where will you be based?

Based at Anlung Pring Protected Landscape (Kampot Province, Cambodia). Sometime may also be spent at WWT Cambodia office in Phnom Penh.)

How much time will it take?

December 2018 to April 2019 (5 months)

What will you be doing?

- Supporting the chief of the tourism group to check in & out tourists who are staying in the 9 homestays.
- Supporting the chief in coordinating the different activities that the tourists are doing each day.
- Supporting the chief in dealing with any tourism issues.
- Helping WWT in establishing a tourism database.
- Supporting the tourism group in marketing their services and products.
- Assisting the chief and accountant to keep accurate financial records of tourism income. as well basic information on the tourists that have visited Anlung Pring.
- Supporting the guides and communities in improving their skills in guiding and English.

- Providing basic capacity building and training to the tourist guides and communities.

Who are we looking for?

This role will suit you if you:

- Have an interest in nature, wetlands and conservation.
- Are happy to live without western comforts, and able to use a squat toilet.
- Are willing to learn basic Khmer, the language of Cambodia.
- Enjoy submersing yourself into a new culture and assimilating into the local community and willing to patiently support the progress of work.
- Have an interest in the hotel or service industry and in teaching English.
- Possess coordinating capacities and you are comfortable with tourism business and marketing.

How will you benefit?

- This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer at an internationally important wetland site.
- This is an excellent opportunity to immerse yourself into Cambodian culture and experience a different way of living, all whilst achieving positive impact for the local community.
- Accommodation and food expenses will be provided at Anlung Pring.
- The volunteer is responsible for their own flights to and from Cambodia (if required). WWT insurance will cover your volunteer duties as given in the role description but you will require your own insurance to cover personal activities. WWT Cambodia can provide advice to help facilitate this if necessary.

General notes:

The exact hours you are able to contribute will be discussed prior to placement, but we would hope that at least 5 days a week would be focused on ecotourism support.

There are three villages which surround Anlung Pring Protected Landscape, and these are also the villages that have engaged with the ecotourism. You will be staying at a homestay in one of these villages.

A homestay is a type of accommodation, where a local family opens up their home for you to stay at. This is an incredible way to get an insight into how Cambodians live in rural areas, and experience it for yourself. Of course life is tough in rural Cambodia, so don't expect all the mod cons of a modern hotel.

When you stay at Anlung Pring you will have to learn to live at the Khmer pace of life. Generally the local people around Anlung Pring wake up at sunrise (6am or earlier) and have breakfast early around 7am. Lunch is eaten from 11am onwards and then people generally have a sleep through the hottest part of the day. Dinner is eaten around sunset at 6pm. The village falls to sleep around 9pm, unless a wedding is going on.

During your stay at Anlung Pring you will be provided breakfast and dinner at the homestay and you will have lunch at the tourism centre. All homestays have power, but no Wifi is available at the site. Although Internet can be accessed via smart phone (3G) or with Internet dongle. Accommodation options have basic ablutions.

Anlung Pring is located close to Kep (20km) and Kampot (40km) tourist towns which can be visited at times when you are not supporting the site.

There are a wide range of tourism products offered at Anlung Pring. These include a local guided tour to see the Sarus Crane, bicycle rental to explore the local area, 9 homestays, and 7 cultural experiences. Tourists can either come independently to the site or as part of a guided group from an independent tourism company. English is not widely spoken at the site so a key element of the role will be to support the community and tourist in this area.

The most common form of transport in Cambodia is motorbike, you can legally drive a motorbike (under 110cc) without having a Cambodian licence. Although we recommend if you want to ride a motorbike when you are in Cambodia, that you complete a CBT test in the U.K. and have a current driving licence. Transport from Phnom Penh to Anlung Pring will be provided by WWT, so if you do not want to drive a vehicle when you're in Cambodia this is not a problem.

We can offer some support and advice with regards to visa applications.

This position is entirely voluntary and is therefore unpaid. WWT are facilitating this arrangement on behalf of the Anlung Pring Sarus Crane Conservation and Development Community. Any offer of a volunteer placement is not intended to create a legally binding contract between us and any agreement may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intends any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

How to Apply:

Please follow the instructions at: <https://www.wwt.org.uk/support/volunteer-with-wwt/overseas-volunteer-opportunities/> and return your completed application form to Amy Hannan by post or email by the closing date.

Closing Date:

11th December 2018

Date raised: November 2018