The Wild Lodge

Outdoor & Eco-Adventure Centre

Khao Yai National Park (South), Prachinburi

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At The Wild Lodge

The Wild Lodge brings together the last 15 years of our experience in operating residential programs, day trips, expeditions and corporate training programs in locations around in Thailand. The result is a purpose built adventure destination.The location of the lodge on the southern edge of Khao Yai, (a world heritage site and Thailand's largest national park) with doorstep access to the trails, hills and lakes of the park, make this the ideal location for outdoor activities and adventure sports or for just kicking back and enjoying the tropical surroundings with good food and a drink.

The Lodges

We have nine named lodges on site, Siam, Khmer and China, Gibbon, Tiger, Wild Dog, Hornbill and Elephant. Each lodge can be made up as a suite, or for up to 8 people. The lodges have a main room, ante room, bathroom with rain shower & a large balcony. All lodges have solar hot water heating and are screened against insects.
The traditional design of the lodges has high roofs with eaves level ventilation and a raised floor which coupled with ventilations fans, keep the main rooms cool. Windows, doors and furniture are all refurbished items from yesteryear.
Five lodges are situated around the pool and have views into the park and four lodges have sunset views of the nearby Khao Ito.

Above a view of the Siam lodge and below Tiger lodge

Baan Siam

The main lodge building, on the northern most point of the site, is constructed from a combination of modern materials, reclaimed timber and 100 year old Siamese house panels. Use of modern roof decking allows rain water run off to be collected if needed.

The main lodge room upstairs is a bar & library with an outside balcony looking over Khao Ito and the Park. This is intended as a area of rest & reflection for adventurers or for teaching staff to have a break from the students.
Adjacent to the main lodge there are the Siam lodge rooms, with a large balcony area.Materials were reclaimed from various panels of six different single room teak dwellings & refurbished on site. (other parts from these houses are used in the Hornbill Sala & Sunset Bar)
Each of these rooms has a private bathroom/garden at ground level.
Beneath the Siam rooms is the Wild Lodge reception office.

The Sundown Cafe / Bar

The Cafe/ bar has the perfect view from its terrace of the sunset behind Khao Ito mountain to the west of the Wild Lodge. A great place to unwind after after you have been in the outdoors all day.There are no tv's up on the walls, just some cool sounds and a relaxed atmosphere to discuss the days adventures.
When school programs are on site, the Sundown Bar becomes the Sundown Cafe and our range of fruit shakes and smoothies replaces the cocktails.

Swimming Pool

A salt water infinity edge pool (no nasty chemicals here) means that adventurers can cool off from the heat of a tropical day or relax after a hard day on the trails whilst looking out over the park.
The pool also becomes a classroom for teaching our kayak, water safety and rescue clinics.

The Hornbill Sala

The sala is built around a Poinciana tree & has views of both sunrise over the park and sunset over Khao Ito. It is our main meeting and dining area within the lodge site. Most meals are taken here and it has also has the Sunset bar within it. The Sala also has an area that can be used for presentations to perform or to mix music.
In the small garden behind the Sala is an al fresco barbecue and grill for true outdoor dining.

Tented Stays

We have two camp areas within the property of the Wild Lodge. The first is a purpose built area with a facilities building. The building has toilets and showers + a kitchen and two staff rooms + a area that can be used for group briefings and instruction. The area has lighting and a water supply. (The Wild Lodge has nightime security so therefore it is suitable for younger student groups also.)
The second area is situated at the foot of Doi Mot Deng 1/2km West of the Wild lodges and is a wilderness camp area with a single unlit utility block.

Cuisine

Food is something taken very seriously at the Lodge, be it the lunches taken for a day on the trail or an evening BBQ at the restaurant. Menus range from traditional Thai cuisine to rustic Italian with the odd roast dinner thrown in !

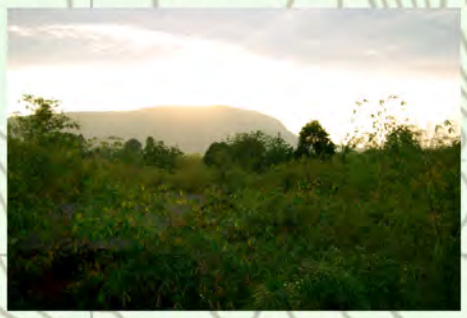
Our kitchen is housed in its own purpose built building . Evening meals and functions can be tailored to your needs, so why not have your next awards dinner / corporate event at a different, al fresco, location ?

Both sites offer direct access into Khao Yai national park and there are a number of trail loops of varying length that can be guided directly from the lodge.
Using these facilities and The Wild Lodge services we are able to offer a number of camping options according to your requirements.
These range from free-pitching just using the site, to a full on safari under canvas experience using large safari tents with fully made up beds with full catering.
We have a full range of camping and cooking equipment available for those wishing to conduct outdoor expeditions of their own or cater for themselves from a tent.

Surroundings

The Wild Lodge is located along the North West edge of Khao Yai National park and the laterite track which forms our rear boundary is literally the edge of the park. Our campground is edged by a small seasonal river fed directly from Wantakai waterfall which is a short 1/2km hike into the park east westerly along a laterite trail which skirts the lodge.

Opposite the lodge the sun sets over Khao Ito, a lake and trail area with some of the best single track MTB in Thailand



Activity & Adventure

The Wild Lodge's location means that a large variety of outdoor sports and activities are literally on our doorstep. Our staff and instructors are both Western and Thai and have many years of experience in their chosen sports and in the particular demands of operating within South East Asia.

(Please contact us or visit www.thewildlodge.com for individual activity info. & data sheets)

Challenge Course

Our challenge course is a combination of high and low elements which are intended to offer both groups and individuals the chance to participate in a series of tailor made activities involving the taking of mental, physical + emotional risks in a safe environment.

The combination of high + low elements allows multiple configurations of the challenge course to suit participants. The course can be used to provide everything from an exciting day for students, to a complex activity for a multi-day management exercise

Contact us or visit www.thewildlodge.com for our Challenge brochure

Canyons & Climbing

Our 7m training wall situated on site has 3 climbing sides + an abseil training area and bouldering locations are a short trek away. We also have a dry canyoning route accessible from the lodge and some exciting waterfall abseils situated very close to The Wild Lodge. Full equipment and guides are provided.

Trekking

Khao Yai Park offers a wealth of routes from short walks to multi day expeditions. Unique trails are accessible directly from the lodge along with the option of linking with some classic Khao Yai routes.

Guides are available, as are birding and nature specialists. For trekkers looking for something a little different we can offer river bed ascents or an overnight jungle bivouac.

Whitewater

Kheng Hin Phoeng and Nakon Nayok provide fun filled whitewater rafting and whitewater riverboarding day trips for all levels.

Our guiding staff have extensive rafting experience and full training is given before entering the water.

Archery

Within the grounds of The Wild lodge we have a 3 butt archery range and have a number of recurve bows to suit both adult and student archers. Our staff are on hand to supervise the range and provide guidance and instruction for those that have never used a bow before.

Kayaking

Local rivers and lakes offer everything from a gentle day paddle observing the wildlife to a fully self sufficient two day expedition in the National Park.

The Nakon Nayok slalom training facility (controlled via year round dam release), Geng Sam Chan play spot and Khen Hin Phoeng River are the sites for our whitewater kayaking, playboating and rescue clinics. In addition we offer rolling clinics in the on site pool.

We have a large fleet of boats available including sit on tops, touring kayaks, canoes, and playboats.

Biking

Khao Ito has some serious high-adrenaline riding, loads of single track, some technical challenges, some great up-hills and of course gnarly descents. This is accessible from the front door of the lodge. For those looking for something a little less extreme, we have a network of gentler trails though and around the park.

Road cyclists can take advantage of the many Km of quiet, surfaced backroads from Nakon Nayok to Saraburi, plus the ultimate climbing and descending route on the 3077 though Khao Yai Park.

Wildlife & Cusine

We also have a number of other less strenuous activities based from the Wild lodge These programs are conducted by our own staff and guest experts.

Birding
Observe some of the 390+ resident and migratory species within the park environs

Nature Discovery
Discover some of the flora and fauna within the varied habitats of Khao Yai.

Thai Cuisine
Visit local markets, purchase produce and learn the preparation of local Thai dishes in our Wild Lodge kitchen.

Schools & Colleges

The Wild Lodge brings into one location our15 years of our experience in operating residential programs, day trips, expeditions and corporate training The result is a purpose built multi activity destination. Our programs aim to promote personal development through challenge, team-work, field-study projects and a stimulating environment that forces individuals to think differently than when in the classroom .

It has been proven in a number of studies that the enrichment of a students life outside of the classroom increases their chances of

Residential Programs

When working with a school or college we like to create a tailor made program.
Using our experience we advise on the adventure based aspects of your program and work with you to provide an all inclusive package at the Wild Lodge, either outdoor adventure based, curriculum based or a mixture of both. Program lengths can range from overnight to a full five day residential. Group sizes can vary from 10 to 100+ We have a number of sample programs aimed at the various year groups and subject areas which will provide the base for your unique program.
Please contact us or check out www.thewildlodge.com for more details.

G.C.S.E Phys. Ed

We can offer both training and venue for the kayaking and climbing options within the GCSE Physical Education program. In school training sessions can be arranged & video taping of students for assessment can also be provided.

Curicular Field Study

The Wild Lodge is a great location for Geography and Physics field programs for with a number of suitable visits close to the site as well as on-site field study options. The lodge is also a great base for Art & other creative camps. We are quite happy to work with eductaion professionals to create the teaching enviroment they require.

Adventure Days

A number of our activities can be operated as adventure day trips from Bangkok. The day can be dedicated to a single activity or to several. Activities that can be chosen from include: Kayaking , Archery, High / Low Ropes Challenge course, Mountain Walk, MTB & Waterfall abseiling. Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided at the lodge

International Award.

We can provide either logistical support or full organization of IAYP programs from Bronze training up to Gold Exped. Both land & water (canoe/kayak) based options are available & all necessary expedition gear is provided. There are a number of surveyed trekking routes that use The Wild lodge as a base camp + lake exploration routes. We also have locations in other parts of the country that have been used for expeditions + potential for many more. The Wild Lodge is also the ideal location for leader training or an induction weekend into the program for students. In 2009 we will also be operating some Open expedtion departures for both Silver and Gold to allow students to "catch up " or complete awards that they may be unable to finish otherwise due to missing scheduled school programs. *(Subject to I.A.Y.P governing body approval)*

Code of Practice

We have a standard code of practice outlining our general operations, incident procedure and areas of responsibility. In addition we have SOP's for all of our activities and trips.
Each individual activity and program also has a regularly updated risk assessment. This is used as a basis for the daily assessment carried out by the group leader before starting the activity.
All documentation is available on request and specific assessments are provided along with itinerary info etc.... when booking a Residential program or Adventure Day

Training & Courses

We offer a wide range of outdoor training courses at The Wild Lodge using a combination of our own staff & guest instructors and consultants . There is an annual course calender, in addition courses & qualifications can be run on demand both at The Wild lodge & venue permitting, at outside locations.

First Aid

All our certification courses are under the Emergency First Response Organization. Our staff instructors put this in the context of South East Asia where often medical response is very different to other places.

Primary Care (CPR) :
1 day : Pre-Requisite: None
Secondary Care (First Aid) :
1/2 day :Pre-Requisite: Primary Care
Care For Children : 1 day :Pre-Requisite: Primary Care
AED use: 1/2 day course covering use of auto defribrillation unit.: Pre requisite: Primary Care
Instructor : 2 day course giving the skills needed to train participants in EFR courses.

In addition we have workshops which refresh skills and give advice on Emergency response procedures within the region.
Group Leader Situation Response Workshop: 2 day
Skills Refresher & Outdoor Response Workshop: 1 day
EFR Skills for Paddlers and Rafters. 2 days

British Canoe Union Courses.

Discover Kayak/Canoeing : 1 Day
Intro to whitewater : 2 Day
1 Star : 2 day Basic CPR course
2 Star : 2 day Basic CPR course
Foundation Skills Rescue Test : 1 day Basic CPR course
Whitewater Safety & Rescue : 2 day Basic CPR course
3 Star: 2 day Basic CPR course
4 Star, Whitewater Leader : 2 day training/2 day assess
BCU Coaching Processes : 2 day Basic CPR course
WW Kayak Coaching : 1 day Basic CPR course
BCU/UKCC Level 1 : 4 day Basic CPR course
BCU/UKCC Level 2 : 4 day Basic CPR course

Whitewater Rescue Technician: 4 day course

Clinics & Workshops

Kayak Rolling Clinic: 1 day
Kayak Freestyle Clinic: 1 or 2 day
Whitewater Rafting Essential Skills: 2 Day
Includes basic guiding and rescue skills
Canoe/Kayak Expedition and Trip Planning: 2 Day
includes theory and practical workshops
Sea Kayak Expedition and Trip Planning: 2 Day
includes theoretical and practical workshops.
Trek & Expedition Planning: 2 Day
includes theoretical and practical workshops.
Group Adventure Trip Planning & Leading Awareness: 2 Day includes theory and practical workshops along with guidance as to procedures and best practice.
Water Awareness & Rescue Skills Workshop: 1 Day
Adventure Games for Student Groups: 1 Day

Please Contact us for detailed outlines & addtional courses + scheduling. Or check out www.thewildlodge.com

Our Philosophy

Planet Scuba and the Wild Planet Co. Ltd. have over the last 15 years built a reputation for offering safe, fun and exciting adventure programs for Schools, colleges and corporate groups all over Thailand. Our intention with the Wild Lodge is to continue that reputation creating a location that offers first class programs, first class instruction and first class equipment within a relaxing and pleasant and ecologically sustainable environment.In addition to offering our adventure programs we have a comprehensive list of outdoor training courses that are run both in house and by specialist guest instructors. Some courses are for the individual seeking to improve or learn new outdoor skills, others are aimed at outdoor professionals, teachers and coaches wishing to further their professional development. We would like to think that we operate the Wild lodge in a way that promotes the active stewardship of our natural resources and surroundings and encourages current and future generations to protect it, but at the same time get out into nature and enjoy it. We are also practical enough to realize that this is a challenge that involves individual commitment and may not be embraced by all, but if we can have all of our guests leave us with a better appreciation of the outdoors then we are some way forwards to making a difference. Please take the time to read our brochure and join us at the Wild lodge and experience the outdoors with us..

Robin Lloyd
Program Director, The Wild Lodge

The Story So Far...

The Wild Lodge was originally intended to be a simple exercise in building a single lodge in a practical and reasonably sustainable manner. After looking for a suitable location for over two years the land was found and the task of reclaiming it from the bamboo plantation, that it had been farmed as for the previous 35 years, begun. A large number of bamboo plants were removed and replaced with transplanted mature trees and the track to the waterfall through the centre of the site re-located to run around the perimeter. Design of the lodge was decided to be a fusion of traditional Thai hardwood construction and modern galvanized roofing materials. All the tropical hardwood used for the construction was sourced from reclaimed timber yards and an old southern style Thai house that has been demolished to make way for a tower block. Doors and windows for the lodge were either refurbished from original items or commissioned from local craftsmen using reclaimed timber. Actual construction was carried out using a combination of labourers from the immediate area and a team of treadling Thai carpenters from Ayutthaya (the capital city of wooden house construction). Due to the location of the site mains water and waste water disposal were not available so a team were bought in and a bore drilled within the site. this provides a plentiful year round water supply drawn from a large aquifer at a bore depth of 45 meters. Christmas 2007 saw the Wild Lodge receive its first guests, a group of family and friends. It became immediately apparent during that stay that the location was an ideal as a base for Thailand's first outdoor adventure lodge. Plans were immediately made to expand the lodge and we started construction using the philosophy behind the first lodge. The original lodge has been expanded with 2 traditional Thai style rooms, nine individual guest lodges , a kitchen, a restaurant, a campground facility , a high / low ropes course and a salt water swimming pool.

All timber used has been reclaimed or sustainable (Eucalyptus poles) and the reclaim theme has been carried across to furnishing for the individual lodges.

Waste water is treated on site using modern septic and grey water tanks and where possible used on site for irrigation via sub surface pipes.

As the Wild Lodge construction has progressed it has become clear that we need to have a plan with regards to our impact on the local environment and how we can minimize this. We have considered implications of this and committed this to our environmental statement and come up with a environmental improvement plan which we intend to implement on a continuing basis.

Location

We are situated literally a stones throw from the edge of Khao Yai National park, Thailand's largest park, which was declared a World Heritage site in 2004. The Dong Phayayen-Khao Yai Forest Complex spans 230 km between Ta Phraya National Park on the Cambodian border in the east, and Khao Yai National Park in the west.

Khao Yai is home to more than 800 species of fauna, including 112 mammal species (among them two species of gibbon), 392 bird species and 200 reptile and amphibian species. It is internationally important for the conservation of globally threatened and endangered mammal, bird and reptile species, among them 19 that are vulnerable, four that are endangered, and one that is critically endangered.

Khao Yai's forests are teeming with wildlife and birds, tread careful and move quietly and many are visible. Gibbons provide a jungle soundtrack with their mournful hoots & quiet trekkers may catch a glimpse of these tree-living apes. Macaques are often seen on the roadsides & Elephants can be seen at salt-licks whilst deep within the park tigers still prowl.Civets, squirrels, porcupines, and wild pigs add variety & Geckos are frequently seen catching insects on lodge walls and ceilings.

Cicadas never seem to stop their rhythm & the "gak gak gak" laugh of the Indian Pied Hornbill or the deep resonant "gok.gok" of the Great Hornbill be heard mingling with the numerous calls and cries of the rest of the parks' mammal, bird & insect population.

Our Eco improvement Plan

1. **Reduce Overall Waste**
   - *Implement recycling on site for all paper, glass, metal and plastic using local collection.*
   - *Reduce paper used in admin, use electronic records*
   - *Reuse paper within lodge and office for printing and note making*
2. **Reduce Transport Use**
   - *Monitor mileage of vehicles*
   - *Plan expedition routes to minimize road transfers.*
   - *Ride share*
3. **Reduce Energy Usage**
   - Use only low energy light fittings
   - Reduce lighting to low wattage and minimal levels
   - Introduce energy use campaign to all lodge rooms in the wild Lodge
   - Install Solar heated hotwater system
   - Adopt combination solar/wind system to pump water from well
4. **Reduce Water wastage**
   - Recycle grey water used in showers for onsite irrigation.
   - Install rain water harvesting system
   - Use water saver toilets
   - Install spray fittings in all handbasin taps
5. **Raise Awareness**
   - Educate the local population and implement a stewardship program for the immediate forest and waterfall areas adjacent to the Wild Lodge

Essential Information

Travel Options

By Vehicle: Travel time from Bangkok's Suwanabumhi airport to the Wild lodge is approximately 90 minutes by road. Minibuses and coach transfers can be arranged for both individuals and groups.

By Public Bus: Take the Bangkok - Prachinburi coach and we can arrange collection from the coach station in Prachinburi Town

By Train: Take the Bangkok - Prachinburi train and we can arrange collection from the train station (45 mins away) in Prachinburi town.

As part of our on-going commitment to minimizing our impact on the environment we would like to encourage our clients to consider transport that minimizes their carbon footprint, things as simple as car sharing make a difference. Please contact us if you would like to car share or would like to offer your vehicle for car share for the journey to The Wild Lodge and we will do our best to match you up.

Communications

Due to the location of the lodge there are no terrestrial telephone lines, but mobile telephones work in most areas around the site and around the fringes of the national park. Local operators are AIS and DTAC. Each of these providers has an international roaming program for overseas visitors, Alternatively, pay as you go GSM cards can be purchased locally and fitted into your own handset.
In addition during activities we use 245 mhz radios for short range, group to group and group to base communications. Satellite phones are carried by groups for our more remote multi day expeditions.

Internet Access

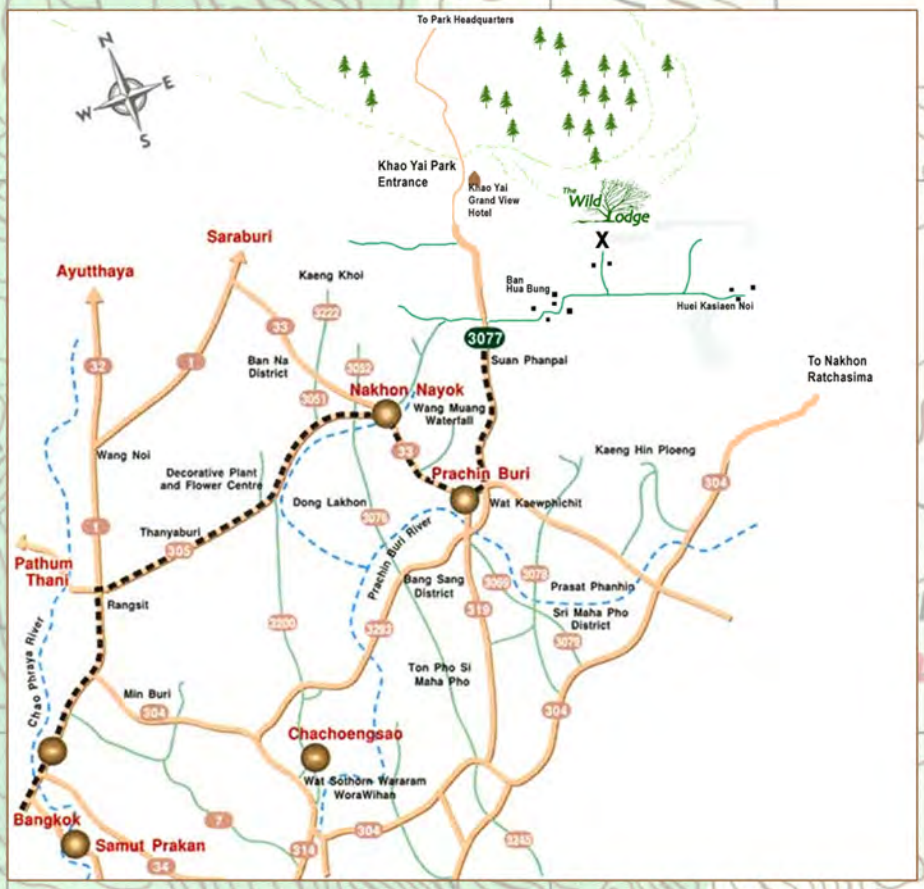
We have a satellite based dedicated broadband internet connection this is distributed around the lodge via 2 Wi Fi access points. Usage is free to guests at the lodge. We also have a Mac terminal that is available in the Sunset Cafe for internet use.

Emergency Services

A comprehensive first aid kit along with O^2 is available on site and all instructors and activity staff have emergency first response training. Full evacuation plans are in place for all activities and 4 wd vehicles are available 24 hrs for transport to local medical facilities. The nearest hospital, Jakrapong Military hospital is located on the main road 20 minutes from the Wild lodge. A residential nurse can be arranged on request.

Weather

Although only 90 mins from Bangkok, the proximity to the park means that the weather is a good few degrees cooler with an annual mean temp. of 23 ° C,
Rainy Season: May-October. Flora and fauna flourish, whilst after the rain there is clean air and clear visibility.
Cold season: November- February. Clear, sunny and cool Days average 22° C & the nights can drop to 10° C.
Hot Season: March-April. Khao Yai does not experience the heat felt elsewhere in the country & daytime temperatures reach high 20's to low 30's. often with breeze



Facilties for disabled clients

Not all of our activities are suitable for disabled clients and some of our accommodation options are not suited to wheel chair access. However the majority of activities are suitable, so with a little pre-planning physical disability does not exclude any would be adventurers.

Confidentiality

All contact and personnel medical details of clients are only used for in house administration and never passed to third parties without prior express permission.

Visas etc.

Most western countries are granted either a 15 or 30 day tourist visa upon arrival in Thailand. Visitors from a number of other countries however are required to apply for a visa from the Thai embassy in their home country before travel Full details can be found at **http://www.mfa.go.th** or by checking with the Thai Embassy.

Funds

At the lodge we accept all major credit cards and cash can withdrawn from international ATM machines located 10 min from our sites.

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Our website is designed as an online resource. Visit us online and see what we have to offer.

Here are a few sample sections from our website

Data
Detailed trip, expedition itineraries, course notes and location info for everything on offer.

Message Board
A place to contact other adventurers for gear advice, car sharing etc.

Photo Gallery
Images taken during expeditions and courses posted by staff / clients

Video Gallery
Short films taken during expeditions and courses posted by staff /clients

Calender
Listing of upcoming specialist courses and guest instructors

Blog
Our views on adventure and stuff in our part of South East Asia

Links
Our recomendations of resources and outfitters/providers .

Downloads
all of our current brochures and info in PDF format alonjg with our Code of practise and course paper work + maps and to bring lists

Adventure | Excitement | Good Food | Fun | Challenging | Outdoors | Safe | Rewarding
Comfort | Ecological Awareness | Value for money Unforgettable | Relaxing | Educational

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