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Sam Roi Yot

SRY — General Information for Schools

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1. Background

Sam Roi Yot is the coastal and marine campus of Worldwide Edventures, developed to give student groups a programme on the Gulf of Thailand that complements the inland centres at MRV, SEEC and KYEEC. The centre was set up to offer a fully-supported coastal programme — kayaking, snorkelling, beach and wetland fieldwork, mangrove ecology, and small-scale community service — within walking and short-drive distance of one of Thailand's most striking national-park landscapes.

The site sits at the foot of the limestone karst that gives Sam Roi Yot National Park its name ("three hundred peaks"). Programmes are designed to take advantage of this geography: students can be on the water at sunrise, in a freshwater wetland by mid-morning, and walking a coastal limestone trail in the afternoon. The centre is well-suited to environmental, marine-biology and geography fieldwork; to expedition and adventure programmes; and to mixed groups looking for a balance of activity and reflection.

Educational focus: *marine and coastal ecology, kayaking, snorkelling, hiking, environmental stewardship, community service.*

2. Sam Roi Yot & Dolphin Bay

Sam Roi Yot lies on the western shore of the Gulf of Thailand in Prachuap Khiri Khan province, around 280 km south of Bangkok and 60 km south of Hua Hin. The coastline alternates between long sandy bays — including Dolphin Bay (Hat Phu Noi), where dolphins are occasionally sighted offshore — and the dramatic limestone outcrops of Sam Roi Yot National Park.

Within the park are coastal forests, mangroves, freshwater marshes (notably the Thung Sam Roi Yot wetland, important for migratory birds), beaches, and Phraya Nakhon cave with its famous royal pavilion. Local communities along the coast still rely substantially on fishing, salt-pan farming and small-scale shrimp aquaculture, all of which provide rich material for community and environmental fieldwork.

Distance from the nearest international airport (Hua Hin) is approximately 60 km / 1 hour by road. Bangkok Suvarnabhumi is around 280 km / 3.5 hours. *[TBC: confirm preferred airport for school transfers and any seasonal road considerations.]*

3. Climate

Sam Roi Yot has a tropical monsoon climate with two principal seasons:

Dry / cool season (November to April): typically the most reliable period for visiting groups. Daytime temperatures of 28–32°C, low humidity for the tropics, prevailing onshore breezes, and the sea generally calm — ideal conditions for kayaking, snorkelling and coastal fieldwork.

Wet / monsoon season (May to October, with peak rainfall in September–October): warm, humid, and prone to short heavy showers. Sea state can become unsuitable for water activities at short notice. Programmes are routinely adjusted in this period; some weeks remain very pleasant while others may require significant reshuffling.

Sea-state, tides and wind are checked daily; instructors will adapt the day's activity if conditions warrant.

4. Thai Etiquette

Thai value systems regarding dress, social behaviour, religion, authority figures and sexuality are more conservative than those of the average overseas visitor. Thais are extremely tolerant and forgiving when it comes to the behaviour of non-Thais, but a few simple courtesies help avoid embarrassment and misunderstanding.

- Revealing clothing should be avoided. Skimpy tops and shorts are not seen as polite dress. In particular, in temples, shoulders and legs above the knee should be covered. Students working in schools or community settings should dress as a teacher would. Swimwear is restricted to the pool / beach area, and shirts should be worn elsewhere on the centre
- The head is the most sacred part of the body and should not be touched. The feet are the least sacred — when sitting, they should not point at anyone. Putting feet up on a coffee table is considered offensive. When sitting on the floor, sit cross-legged or with your legs tucked behind you
- It is common practice to leave shoes outside homes and temples. Most Thais wear easy slip-on footwear for this reason
- Shaking hands is rare. The common greeting is the wai — palms placed together as in prayer with the head slightly lowered. There is no need to wai someone younger or junior; a simple nod and a smile is sufficient

Our staff appreciate students who are courteous and polite. Acknowledging a small service such as a refilled water jug with a smile and a nod, or — better still — a “khop khun kha” (female speaker) or “khop khun khap” (male speaker), is always warmly received.

5. Accommodation

Accommodation is at Green Beach Resort with additional nearby rooms used during peak weeks. Students are typically housed three to four per room; teacher rooms are provided as singles or twins. All rooms have ensuite bathrooms.

- Air-conditioning in all rooms
- Daily housekeeping
- Swimming pools and direct beach access

- Wi-Fi in common areas
- [TBC: confirm exact bed configurations and overflow accommodation arrangements]

Teachers are asked to inspect rooms each morning at 08:15.

6. Dining

Meals are served buffet-style in the resort dining area with a Thai-and-international mix — breakfast options include Asian and Western items; lunch and dinner are predominantly Thai with chicken-and-chips style alternatives available. Fresh seafood features regularly. Vegetarian, halal and most other dietary needs are accommodated with reasonable notice. The no-nut policy for student food applies.

- Drinking water provided at all meals and from refill stations on-site
- Students are asked to take sensible portions and to return used dishes after eating
- Allergies and special requirements should be confirmed in advance

7. Student Facilities

SRY makes use of the resort's shared facilities and a dedicated student social area:

- The Bamboo Club — drinks, snacks and indoor games (snooker / table tennis / table games)
- Two swimming pools (resort and student)
- Beach access for supervised swimming, kayak launching and beach fieldwork
- Kayak and snorkelling kit storage and rinse-down area
- Outdoor briefing pavilion

As at MRV, drinks and snacks at the Bamboo Club are paid for using tokens; staff will not accept cash. Tokens left at the end of the week can be exchanged for cash or donated to the community fund.

8. Programmes & Daily Schedule

The programme will have been agreed with the visiting school before arrival. Changes during the visit can be made if logistically possible; weather and other external factors may also force adjustments.

Programmes are led by Worldwide instructors, which gives accompanying teachers flexibility in how they engage with the group. Teachers are very welcome to participate fully and to lead any activity they feel comfortable with — including evening sessions.

The general daily pattern is below, with some flexibility:

- 07:00 — Wake up
- 07:30 — Breakfast
- 08:15 — Room inspection
- 08:30 — Meet at briefing area
- 08:45 — Activities begin
- 12:00 — Lunch
- 13:30 — Briefing
- 13:45 — Activities
- 17:00 — Free time
- 18:00 — Dinner

- 19:00 — Evening activities
- 20:00 — Free time

Lights-out times depend on the age group, but we ask that a curfew is set and enforced — tired students under-perform and are at greater risk of accidents.

Suggested latest lights-out:

- Junior students: 21:30
- Middle school: 22:00
- Seniors: 22:30

Our night-duty staff have been instructed to contact the teacher in charge if students are seen out of their rooms or making undue noise after midnight.

Note for SRY: scheduling will routinely flex around tides, sea-state and weather. Activity blocks may be moved earlier or later in the day to use the best conditions; teachers should expect — and where possible communicate to students — that timings are advisory rather than fixed.

9. Kit List

A full kit list is provided in the separate Worldwide Edventures Kit List document, which covers requirements common to all centres plus centre-specific additions. Schools should distribute it together with this General Information document.

In summary, students should bring: a good day pack, a 1-litre water bottle, sturdy trainers (plus an old pair for water activities), sandals, long trousers and long-sleeve shirts (×2 of each), shorts (×2), T-shirts (×4), swimwear, a lightweight waterproof jacket, sun protection, insect repellent, a wash kit, personal medication and a torch (head torch preferred).

Please do not bring expensive clothes, jewellery, or unnecessary electronics.

10. A Few Simple Rules

- All school rules regarding smoking and consumption of alcohol apply at the centre
- Students should not enter others' rooms — and in particular not those of the opposite sex
- No chewing gum (the mess is significant)
- Swimming pool: a member of staff must be present at all times. No diving. Students should shower before entering the pool
- At no time should students use centre activity equipment (climbing wall, ropes course, kayaks, snorkelling gear etc.) without an instructor present
- Students should remain in the designated student areas of the centre and respect other guests' need for peace, particularly early in the morning and at night
- Dress appropriately throughout the centre — in line with Thai etiquette above
- No student should leave the site unless accompanied by an adult and only with the permission of the teacher in charge
- Sea swimming is allowed only at designated times under instructor supervision — never alone and never at night
- Reef-safe sunscreen only when in the water (mineral-based; oxybenzone-free)
- No removal of shells, coral, plants or other natural items from the beach or national park

- No use of jet-skis or other motorised water-craft outside Worldwide-supervised activity

11. Some Pointers for Teachers

- Our instructors welcome teacher involvement in any activity, but ask that during team and leadership challenges teachers take a back seat to allow students to make and learn from their own mistakes
- Please set and enforce a curfew. Suggested latest lights-out: 21:30 (juniors), 22:00 (middle school), 22:30 (seniors). Days are long and tiring; problems usually arise when curfews are not enforced
- Please have students in their rooms by 08:15 each morning for room inspection. Our housekeeping staff find rooms strewn with wet towels and dirty clothes very difficult to clean
- On departure, students should be in their rooms 15 minutes before departure time so staff can check rooms before students move to the meeting point
- Wi-Fi access for students is at teachers' discretion. Please request the password if you wish to allow access
- Air-conditioning in student rooms is opened at approximately 21:00 and closed at around 07:00 — students should be outside their rooms and engaged with the programme during the day. Exceptions are made for students who are unwell

12. Student Mobile Phones

We recommend that visiting schools adopt the policy below towards mobile phones. Ideally we would prefer students did not bring phones at all, but understand this can cause friction with parents.

Experience suggests that phone use during a programme should be carefully limited. A few illustrative cases:

Case 1

A student fell on a steep section of road and grazed her face. Before the instructor could reach her she had already called her mother, who became hysterical on hearing her daughter. The instructor then had to manage a far worse situation.

Case 2

A student feigned illness to avoid a hike, called home, and parents then telephoned the teacher in charge to insist the student be excused — undermining the teacher and the programme.

Case 3

A student turned an ankle on loose ground. The hospital confirmed a mild sprain requiring rest. A call home led the parent to insist on a cast and a return home for further investigation, despite the medical advice.

Case 4

A student called home repeatedly to complain about meals, despite extensive accommodation of dietary needs at the centre. Parents booked early flights home before consulting the teacher in charge.

Case 5

A student became the victim of social-media bullying from others on the same trip — turning what should have been a positive experience into a distressing one.

The vast majority of students get through the week without thinking about home, and we feel that a “no contact with home” week is part of the experience.

Recommended approach:

- Students inform parents on or shortly after arrival that they have arrived safely
- Phones are then collected by visiting staff for safe-keeping, returned shortly before departure
- Parents are informed in advance that, in case of emergency only, they may contact the teacher in charge or the centre directly

In-house rule: phones are not to be taken on activities or brought to the dining area. Centre emergency line: **[TBC]**.

13. Code of Conduct & Policies

Worldwise Edventures maintains a written suite of policies — Code of Conduct, Child Protection / Safeguarding, Outdoor Adventure Activities, Lightning Safety, Excessive Heat & Sun Exposure, Air Quality, and Work Health & Safety. The full document is provided separately. The summary below sets out the essentials.

A. Code of Conduct

Every member of the centre community should be well looked after, treated fairly, and feel valued and respected. In Thai culture this is a central aspect of daily life and so is also central to our philosophy.

Aim — to help all young people who visit the centre to:

- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Stay safe and be healthy

All visitors are expected to:

- Treat others fairly and courteously
- Respect other people's property and the environment
- Move around the centre without disturbing other groups
- Co-operate with other users
- Act in a safe and responsible manner

B. Child Protection / Safeguarding

The centre acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, and is committed to ensuring that safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities and current best practice. All staff working with young people undergo a Criminal Record Check and a social-media check. Concerns must be reported immediately to the Head of Centre, who will discuss the matter with the lead teacher.

C. Outdoor Adventure Activities

All outdoor adventure activities are conducted with the safety of students paramount. Instructors hold relevant qualifications and first-aid training. A minimum of two adults including at least one teacher must accompany all activities, and supervision ratios specified for each activity must be followed.

Full text of all policies is provided in the centre's separate Policies document.

14. Health, Safety & Medical

The safety of all students is of paramount importance. A number of simple precautions should be taken.

Health

- Inoculations: visitors should be up to date with tetanus / polio boosters. For others (e.g. typhoid, hepatitis B, Japanese encephalitis), please take medical advice
- Mosquito-borne illness: low risk in this area, but standard precautions are advised — effective insect repellent and long sleeves / trousers in the evenings
- Water: free bottled water is provided in rooms. Tap water is not potable; bottled water should also be used for brushing teeth

Safety

- Activity equipment (climbing wall, ropes, low beams, kayaks, snorkelling gear) is out of bounds unless supervised by an instructor
- Pool / water use: only when staff are present. Please shower before entering the pool. Where applicable, NO DIVING
- Sun and heat: hats, high-factor sunscreen and consistent hydration are essential. Water is provided at all meals, dispensers are around the centre, and water is supplied for all activities
- Fire: alarms are tested regularly. On hearing the alarm, students should leave their rooms via the nearest safe exit and assemble at the designated muster point, where a roll call will be taken

Medical

The centre keeps a comprehensive first-aid kit on-site; mobile kits accompany all off-site and water-based activities. Pramburi Hospital is the nearest local hospital (approximately 30 km / 30 minutes by road); private hospitals in Hua Hin (Bangkok Hospital Hua Hin and San Paulo) are around 60 km / 1 hour and are used for anything beyond minor treatment.

- Pramburi Hospital — Tel: 032 622 058
- Bangkok Hospital Hua Hin — Tel: 032 616 800
- San Paulo Hospital, Hua Hin — Tel: 032 532 576

For serious incidents, the local emergency ambulance service will be called and patients stabilised before transfer. Major regional hospitals are listed below where applicable.

15. Dietary & Medical Issues

Schools are asked to share dietary requirements and medical issues before arrival. A request-for-information form will be sent several weeks ahead of the trip. Where information is confidential, it can be shared on arrival with the relevant instructors so that students can take part in activities safely.

We can cater for most dietary requirements (vegetarian, halal, dairy- or gluten-free, etc.) given reasonable notice.

16. Risk Assessments

All activities are risk-assessed; assessments are available on request. Climbing and high-ropes elements use only CE-rated equipment, the worldwide industry standard. All equipment is checked prior to use, logged, and replaced on a regular basis. All water-based activities require students to wear buoyancy aids that exceed the minimum buoyancy requirement. Each trip carries a full rescue kit.

All off-site treks and activities are accompanied by guides and instructors equipped with two-way radios or mobile phones. Most trek routes are within a few kilometres of vehicle-accessible tracks. Specific evacuation procedures are available on request.

17. Transport

Group transfers between the agreed pick-up point (typically Hua Hin Airport, Hua Hin railway station or a Bangkok hotel) and the centre are by 10-seater minibuses with seat belts. A Worldwide guide-instructor meets each arriving group and accompanies the transfer; an additional vehicle handles luggage where required. Larger groups may travel by 44-seat coach (also fitted with seat belts).

All vehicles are instructed not to exceed 80 km/h on highways, and at least one adult is present in each vehicle in addition to the driver.

For local transfers, regional taxis (Songthaews / similar) may be used. These vehicles do not always have seat belts; an adult will travel in each vehicle and drivers are instructed to keep below 50 km/h. Schools may request seat-belted minibuses for local transfers at additional cost — please ask.

18. Insurance

Programme insurance: Allianz Ayudhya — Travel Agent NAC policy, covering the entire period on tour with us, including travel, accommodation, and activities, from pick-up to drop-off. Details available on application.

We strongly recommend that schools also secure their own travel insurance to cover flight cancellations, baggage loss and similar risks not covered by the programme policy.

19. Cancellation & Refund Policy

We are aware that the number of students attending may fluctuate from the original booking. Costings are based on the original number, but in certain circumstances we will refund part or all of the payment for individual students:

- Cancellation more than 30 days before arrival: 100% refund
- Cancellation 14–29 days before arrival: 50% refund
- Cancellation less than 14 days before arrival: no refund

Refunds may also be considered on compassionate grounds — for instance, where a student is unable to travel due to serious illness, family bereavement, or comparable circumstances.

Note: the non-refundable booking deposit is excluded from any refund calculation.