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With a motto of "Make Travel Matter," **ELEVATE DESTINATIONS** plans custom travel with a philanthropic intent for individuals, groups, and families, as well as for non-profit organizations. Founded by



Dominique Callimanopulos, a responsible traveler aware of the inequities between tourists and native communities, the company focuses on trips that

benefit environmental preservation and community development. There are a number of itineraries open to the public, and a percentage of the proceeds from these trips goes to non-profit organizations in host countries.

On the **Southeast Asia Journey Through Sacred Places** to Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia, guests will visit temples, learn about textile weaving, and meet with local dancers and musicians. With a focus on immersion travel, the trip offers opportunities for travelers to connect with the Lao people at a World Heritage Site and to learn about local non-profit initiatives that support education, the arts, and sustainable living. The trip will visit its beneficiary, the Language Project, which creates community libraries in underdeveloped areas. Started by American Carol Kresge in 1999, the Language Project created reading libraries for novices and monks in Luang Prabang temples and now operates a study and resource center that offers free books, tapes, computers, and other materials to all.

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cost: \$4,500

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