

“One more year...why not?” by Jenna Devine

Moving to Thailand was one of the biggest moves I've ever made. It was the first time I would ever be on my own. I was coming into this experience and job opportunity with countless emotions yet I still had no idea what to really expect. What I did not expect to happen was to enjoy it as much as I do. I can honestly say that after only three months of teaching I knew that one full school year would not be enough for me. Being a part of the Super English agency is a major factor in why my year in Surat was so successful. Furthermore working at Thida, living in a place like Surat and my fellow co-workers are all important reasons as to why I decided to stay another year.



Anuban class 2/4

One of the key aspects of teaching abroad is working for a reliable agency. Super English is exactly that. Any sort of paper work is all handled by Super English, especially when it comes to your visa and work permit. These kinds of often stressful things are all handled by the Super English staff and it provides a great sense of security. As soon as I arrived in Surat there was someone there to greet you and take you to the provided housing. From the beginning you know you are going to be properly looked after. The training you receive to ensure that you are comfortable in the class is phenomenal. The training really helps prepare you for teaching young kids who do not have a strong background in English. Any questions or concerns you have with lesson plans or topic ideas, the staff is always there to help you. Did I also mention the fun monthly parties?

It is hard to describe Thidamaepra in one word. To me it's an extraordinary school. It is full of the happiest kids you will ever see plus a great and helpful Thai teaching staff. Thida is essentially organized chaos and I have loved every minute of teaching there. The atmosphere is always extremely positive and no matter what the students are happy to see you. You will constantly be attacked with high 5's. The Thai teachers that you work along with are wonderful as well. They are always there to help you and are a joy to work with. Furthermore the shows the kids put on are incredible. Mother's and Father's Day they had elaborate costumes and put together amazing dances. Christmas was the same ordeal. Sports day was spectacular. The stadium was the main event and the students put together an amazing show. Plus we got to play games against the Thai teachers. This happened early in July and it was after that day I decided I definitely had to stay another year.



Prathom 1/8 class

When you first arrive in Surat there is no doubt that it will be overwhelming. It is when culture shock will start to peak in, however it is not as intimidating as you may think. It was very easy to learn the way Thai culture works and it takes no time to figure out your way around town. Surat is filled with the most genuine people who are always there to help you out. The people of Surat are very warm and friendly which helps with the transition. Surat is also a great location for long weekend trips. The main pier to head to the islands like Koh Samui, Koh Tao and Koh Phangan is located right in Surat. The same goes for the east islands like Tonsai and Koh phiphi, there are constantly buses taking off in that direction. Furthermore, Khanom which has a beautiful beaches and amazing waterfalls is only an hour drive away which is great for small weekend trips.



Khanom,1 hour drive from Surat

I know I have made the right choice with staying on for another year. My time here teaching has helped me grow as a teacher and as an individual. It has been a wonderful year and I have met an amazing group of people. I highly suggest this experience to anyone who wishes to come teach abroad.