



hands  
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water



**cruiseco**  
The Cruise Specialists



A partnership to enhance the lives of  
children in Thailand.



## History

In 2004, countless Thai children were left alone and homeless by the Boxing Day tsunami. Former Australian police forensic specialist Peter Baines, working with the tsunami disaster victim identification team, was deeply touched by the number of children left without families by the natural disaster. He was inspired to establish an organisation that could make a difference.

In late 2005, a team of committed individuals, with the desire to help others, formed Hands Across the Water, an Australian charity that gives at-risk Thai children and their communities a helping hand.

Since its inception Hands Across the Water have taken on many projects that are tailored to meet local communities' needs - for the long term. The work is focused on improving the lives of the children and their communities today and into the future.





## Hands Across the Water vision

Hands Across the Water's vision is to enrich lives through meaningful experiences and enduring connections. Hands also aims to provide a safe environment, education and improvement opportunities to Thai children and their communities.

## Cruiseco's vision

Cruiseco sends thousands of passengers around the world every year; to explore, discover and learn. Travelling around the globe also brings a social responsibility, to help those that need it most, where you can.

Cruiseco's vision with the Hands Across the Water partnership is to help enrich the lives and inspire the children most in need in Thailand. Just one tiny part of the world our passengers regularly travel to. Cruiseco believe that by working together with our passengers, Travel Agents and cruise line partners we can do big things.

## What Cruiseco and our passengers can do to help?

Cruiseco have committed to building a much needed nursery at the Baan Tharn Namchai orphanage located in Khao Lak, 80km north of Phuket. The number of children calling the orphanage home has grown substantially over the years, with the young children (0-5 years of age) now needing their own space and bedrooms to play, grow and learn.

Cruiseco, with the help of our passengers, cruise line partners and Travel Agent members believe together we can raise the funds to build this much needed enhancement.

Our passengers are asked to donate just \$5 per person in addition to their cruise fare, 100% of these funds will be directed to Hands Across the Water to fund the project.

Donations are also welcome via [www.cruising.com.au/hands](http://www.cruising.com.au/hands)

## Why Hands Across the Water is different

- Hands facilitates unique, personal and meaningful experiences.
- Care comes without conditions.
- Hands don't seek to impose a religion or belief system upon those supported.
- Hands gives children the chance to grow according to their own beliefs and traditions.
- Every cent of donors' money goes to the children and their communities.
- No donors' money goes to administration, marketing or fundraising operations in Australia or New Zealand.



*Thank you for your support  
in enriching the lives of these  
beautiful children.*



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