

## Elephant Safety Information – please read before your visit:

### **What you will need:**

- Swim suit
- Towel
- Change of clothes for the ride back to your resort
- Shoes that can get wet, and that will stay on when you are in the water. (Tennis shoes or water sandals recommended)
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito spray – wait to apply!

Common sense and respect for elephants – this activity is designed for the welfare of the animal, and appropriate behavior is required. Thus, the mahout will have a traditional “takaw.” Please understand: This is *not for use directly on the elephant*, but it is a very important remind to the elephant that good behavior is required on all sides.

### **Safety Guidelines (very important for you and the elephant):**

1. Always follow the directions of your guide and Mahout (elephant trainer).
2. Do not come within 2 meters of the elephant unless your Mahout gives you permission. Never touch an elephant unless your Mahout gives you permission.
3. Move slowly, and do not run. Do not stand behind the elephant.
4. Parents – you must control your children at all times. Children under 18 must be with their parents at all times - you are in the presence of very large animals.
5. Please do not scream, shout, or make loud noises around the elephant. Also no flash photography – it is very frightening to the elephant .
6. Sunscreen and mosquito spray are harmful to elephants. If you need to use mosquito spray, please wash your hands before the touching the elephant or preparing it's food. Sunscreen and mosquito spray are not allowed while bathing with elephants, and you will have an opportunity to rinse off beforehand.
7. When offering food to the elephant, give it straight away. Do not tempt or tease the elephant with the food, or hold onto it.