

Elephant Camp Assessment Checklist 2025 - Names only

This Checklist includes 127 criteria displayed in 8 different categories for a total of 635 points if all the criteria are applicable.

To be compliant, the camp needs to pass 75% of the Mandatory criteria in each category.

All the Non-negotiable criteria (in brown) need to be compliant after the second Dashboard.

35 Non-negotiable criteria

N	Criteria title
	1. Legal Requirements : 4 Mandatory criteria = 20 points
1.1	Local licence
1.2	Elephant identification book
1.3	DNA / Microchip
1.4	Other legal local requirements
	2. Facility Management : 20 Mandatory Criteria (100 points)
2.1	Facility - Annual report
2.2	HR - Employee record
2.3	HR - Local staff - contract
2.4	HR - Foreign staff - contract
2.5	HR - Minimum wage and social security
2.6	Mahout - Job description and work schedule
2.7	Mahout - Disciplinary sanctions
2.8	Mahout - Living conditions
2.9	Mahout - Insurance
2.10	Mahout - Health Check
2.11	Mahout - Chief mahout position
2.12	Mahout - Mahout classification
2.13	Mahout - Spare mahout
2.14	Mahout - Chief mahout experience
2.15	Mahout - Mahout training protocol
2.16	Mahout - Name tags
2.17	Mahout - Uniforms
2.18	Rented elephants - Leasing contract
2.19	Rented elephants - Subcontracted mahout - Salary and benefits review
2.20	Rented elephants - No short term rent policy
	3. Elephant Management : 16 Mandatory Criteria (80 points)
3.1	Animal welfare coordinator with job description
3.2	Elephant management - Welfare protocol
3.3	Elephant management - Welfare action plan
3.4	Elephant management - Space ratio
3.5	Elephant management - Individual elephant profile
3.6	Elephant management - Controlling elephants methods
3.7	Elephant management - Fresh wounds
3.8	Elephant management - Transportation legal documents
3.9	Living area - Day time chains
3.10	Living area - Night time chains
3.11	Living area - Day time ground

3.12	Living area - Night time ground
3.13	Living area - Cleaning
3.14	Living area - Drainage
3.15	Living area - Dung storage
3.16	Enrichment - Socialisation
	4. Elephant welfare : 25 Mandatory Criteria (125 points)
4.1	Medical care - Individual veterinarian log book
4.2	Medical care - Veterinarian ratio
4.3	Medical care - Veterinarian experience with elephants
4.4	Medical care - Chief mahout training
4.5	Medical care - Medical equipment
4.6	Medical care - Safe treatment protocol
4.7	Medical care - Health check
4.8	Medical care - Foot care
4.9	Medical care - Body shape
4.10	Medical care - Bathing/shower without visitors
4.11	Diet - Protocol
4.12	Diet - Food hygiene
4.13	Diet - Food storage
4.14	Diet - Drinking water
4.15	New elephants - Protocol
4.16	Breeding program - Protocol with mating and labouring records
4.17	Pregnant elephant - Protocol with last trimester activity and diet
4.18	Young elephant - Protocol
4.19	Calf - Visitor interaction
4.2	Calf - Separation with mother
4.21	Calf - Secure area
4.22	Musth - Protocol
4.23	Musth - Mahout training
4.24	Musth - Secure area with warnings
4.25	Geriatric elephant - Protocol
	5. Elephant activities - 20 Mandatory Criteria (100 points)
5.1	Activities management - Unacceptable practices
5.2	Activities management - Protocol
5.3	Activities management - Elephant working time
5.4	Activities management - Mahout and veterinarian authority
5.5	Activities management - Unavailable mahout
5.6	Activities management - Excluded elephant
5.7	Activities management - Elephant preparation
5.8	Activities management - After work elephant care
5.9	Riding - Distance per ride and per day
5.10	Riding - Back load limit
5.11	Riding - Temperature limit
5.12	Riding - Saddles/howdah
5.13	Riding - Trekking surface
5.14	Riding - Queue shade
5.15	Feeding - Responsible feeding
5.16	Feeding - Trunk only
5.17	Feeding - Elephant safety

5.18	Feeding - Hand washing
5.19	Bathing with visitors- Number and duration of sessions
5.20	Elephant shower - Number and duration of sessions
	6. Visitor safety : 22 Mandatory Criteria (110 points)
6.1	Safety - Protocol
6.2	Safety - Liability insurance
6.3	Safety - Staff supervision
6.4	Safety - Staff ratio
6.5	Safety - Mahout Hook access
6.6	Safety - Mahout communication skills
6.7	Safety - Guide recommendations
6.8	Safety - Guide first aid training
6.9	Safety - Signage
6.10	Safety - First aid kit
6.11	Emergency elephant caused - Protocol
6.12	Emergency elephant caused - Drill
6.13	Emergency natural causes - Protocol
6.14	Emergency natural causes - Drill
6.15	Riding - Platform
6.16	Riding - Howdah
6.17	Riding - Bareback
6.18	Feeding - Feeding station with double fences
6.19	Bathing with visitors - Visitor quota
6.20	Bathing with visitors - Water quality
6.21	Elephant shower - Visitor quota
6.22	Walking with the elephants - Distance with elephants
	7. Visitor experience : 8 Mandatory Criteria (40 points)
7.1	Visitor education - Mahout elephant relationship
7.2	Visitor education -Protocol s peach
7.3	Visitor education - Guide speech
7.4	Visitor education - Ivory awareness
7.5	Marketing - Truth in advertising
7.6	Facilities - Shade
7.7	Facilities - Drinking water
7.8	Facilities - Toilets
	8. Over matters : 12 Mandatory Criteria (60 points)
8.1	Energy - Energy saving protocol
8.2	Waste - Waste management protocol
8.3	Waste - Waste water management
8.4	Waste - Waste segregation
8.5	Waste management and elephants
8.6	Waste - Overall cleanliness
8.7	Parking distance
8.8	Vehicle traffic
8.9	Other captive animals legal documents
8.10	Other captive animals welfare
8.11	Community - Local hiring
8.12	Community – Visiting opportunities