



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

## Discover Laos

## 6-Day, 5-Night Journey

Luang Prabang, Xiengkhouang, Vientiane

See why many fall head over heels for Laos; a country which combines some of the best elements of Southeast Asia in one bite-size destination. This family-fun journey is packed with many activities and must-see attractions for the whole family to enjoy. Laos is especially famous for its forest, waterfalls and delicious local delicacies which has Thai and Indian influences. The relaxed grandeur of Luang Prabang is a sight to behold, and it is also a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the more in-demand places to visit.

Laos is a land where elephants are deemed a sacred symbol of prosperity. Ancient temples tell the story of its fascinating past, and the Mekong River is the lifeblood of the community. This is a fascinating destination where the warm-hearted locals traditionally show respect for one another by greeting with a 'nop' gesture rather than shaking hands. See the bond in tradition and spirituality as each morning hundreds of saffron-robed monks glide through the streets to accept alms at dawn.

**♦ Customizable Private Tour** 

## Trip Overview (\*UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

- ► Luang Prabang City Tour
- ► Luang Prabang World

  Heritage City\*
- ▶ Wat Visoun
- ▶ Wat Aham
- ► Wat Mai
- ► Night Market Walk
- ► Sunset at Mount Phousi
- Morning Alms Ritual with Monks

- ► Phosi Market
- ▶ Wat Sene
- Wat Xieng Thong
- ► Pak Ou Caves
- Village Visits
- ► Khouang Si Falls
- ► National Museum
- ► Plain of Jars\*
- Morning Market Tour
- ▶ Vientiane City Tour

- ► Wat Si Saket
- ► Wat Prakeo

(Emerald Buddha temple)

- Golden Pha That Luang Stupa
- Patuxay Monument (Victory Gate)
- ► Buddha Park

# Why You'll Love This Tour



## WORLD-CLASS HANDICRAFTS

Enchanting temples and laid-back village life, Laos resembles a mythical land where time stands still. An artisanal skill such as silk weaving is passed from mother to daughter and continues to serve as a beautiful expression of an ancient culture.



### **HEAVENLY WATERFALLS**

Waterfalls that take your breath away are abundant throughout Laos. No trip to this country is complete without seeing some of these spectacular streams of water falling over steep cliffs. See the staggering 200 feet tall Kuang Si Fall that is one of Southeast Asia's most spectacular waterfalls.



## SACRED STORIES & TRADITIONS OF THE PAST

The town of Luang Prabang, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has the best examples of traditional architecture and urban structures in the country. The neighboring tribal villages also do not fall short for an unforgettable cultural experience.

## **Inclusions**

- Airport Transfers, Meet and Greet
- Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals (See tour plan for details)
- ▸ English-speaking Local Guide
- Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

## **Exclusions**

- Air Fare
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- Medical Expenses
- Visa Fee
- Gratuity
- Personal Expenses

## Nearby Airport

Luang Prabang - Luang Prabang International Airport (LPQ) Vientiane - Wattay International Airport (VTE)

# **Itinerary**

(B)-Breakfast, (L)-Lunch, (D)-Dinner

## DAY 1: LUANG PRABANG | CITY TOUR

Welcome to Laos! Your driver will meet you at Luang Prabang International airport. We start our afternoon tour with temple (wat) visits including Wat Visoun, Wat Aham and Wat Mai followed by an evening at the Night Market. In between the two, we will take a gentle 300 step walk up to Mount Phousi, Luang Prabang's highest hill, for a spectacular view.



#### DAY 2: LUANG PRABANG | PAK OU CAVE, KHOUANG SI FALLS (B)

We start early today to participate in the daily **morning alms ritual** offering food to the monks. Then visit **Phosi Market** where you will see dried buffalo skins, local teas, vegetables and hill-tribe weavings.

After breakfast, we visit the city's oldest temple **Wat Sene** and the magnificent **Wat Xieng Thong** which represents classical Laotian architecture. Then cruise upstream on the Mekong River for a visit to the mysterious **Pak Ou Caves**. Stop at the village of **Ban Xanghai** where local rice wine is distilled. Visit **Ban Phanom**, a small village well known for its hand weaving. In the afternoon, visit **Khouang Si Falls** and local villages of Lao ethnic minority groups.

## DAY 3: LUANG PRABANG | XIENG KHOUANG (B)

We visit the **National Museum** (closed on Tuesday) at the former Royal Palace which reflects the richness of Lao culture, from the days of the early kings right through to the last sovereign. Next, we drive to **Xieng Khouang**. Then in the afternoon we will see the ancient capital Muang Khoun and its nearby villages.

# DAY 4: XIENGKHOUANG - VIENTIANE | PLAIN OF JARS, MORNING MARKET, WEAVING VILLAGE (B)

We visit the **Plain of Jars**. It is one of Southeast Asia's most mysterious and misunderstood prehistoric places, comparable to Easter Island or Stonehenge. Then we take a short flight to Vientiane. **Vientiane** is considered one of the most laid-back capitals in the world. The city is packed with glittering temples, wandering Buddhist monks, river serpent statues, and boulevards lined with frangipani and tamarind trees. Visit the **Morning Market** and the weaving village of **Ban Nong Bouathong**.

## DAY 5: VIENTIANE | CITY TOUR

Today's city tour includes **Wat Si Saket** (the oldest temple in Vietiane) with thousands of miniature Buddha statues, religious museum of **Wat Prakeo** (Haw Phra Kaew or Emerald Buddha temple), and the golden elegant **Pha That Luang Stupa** which is the most important national monument in Laos. Its foundation dates back to the 3rd century. And then Gallic style **Patuxay Monument (Victory Gate)** is Laos' own Arc de Triumph with a Laotian twist. The Victory Gate is a monument commemorating the Laotians who died in pre-revolutionary wars. Capture breathtaking panoramic views over Vientiane city and the Mekong river. In the afternoon, take a 45-minute drive to visit **Buddha Park** that is filled with more than 200 eccentric Buddhist and Hindu sculptures.

#### DAY 6: VIENTIANE | END OF TOUR (B)

After breakfast, the tour comes to an end. Please inform us of your international flight details in order to schedule your airport transfer to Wattay (VTE) International Airport.

## Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.







