

LAOS AND BHUTAN



Laos Vientiane & Luang Prabang 5 Days From \$810

BHUTAN

7 days | Paro • Thimphu • Punakha • Paro

From \$1900

Day 1 Paro • Thimphu • Arrive in Paro. Meet upon arrival and transfer to Thimphu (55 km), the modern capital town of Bhutan. Rest of the day is at leisure. (D)

Day 2 Thimphu • Today, start your day with a visit of a painting school. Continue with the National Library. In the afternoon, visit the National Memorial Chorten, the Handicrafts Emporium and Heritage Museum. In the evening visit Trashichhodzong. This impressive fortress/monastery houses the Secretariat building, the throne room of His Majesty, the King and various government offices. (B/L/D)

Day 3 Thimphu • Punakha • After breakfast, drive up to the Dochu-la pass stopping briefly to take in the view. After lunch visit the Chimi Lhakhang temple dedicated to Lama Drukpa Kuenley. This temple is also known as the temple of fertility. In the evening, explore the local market. (B/L/D)

Day 4 Punakha • Visit the Punakha Dzong, one of the most beautiful dzong/fortress in Bhutan. Walk across what is claimed to be the second longest suspension bridge in the world, over 210 meters long and spans the Pho-chu River. The hidden valley is believed to be "Shangri-la" in a country where many spots are believed to be the doors to the paradise. In the afternoon, drive to Wangdiphodrang, known for its fine bamboo work, stone carvings, and locally mined slate. Also visit Rinchengang village, where the houses are built in clusters and very close to each other. (B/L/D)

Day 5 Punakha • Paro • After breakfast drive to Paro. Later visit Ta Dzong, inaugurated as Bhutan's National Museum in 1968. Walk down a hillside trail to visit Rinpung Dzong, which has a long and fascinating history. The Dzong houses the monastic body of Paro. The approach to the Dzong is through a traditional covered bridge called Nemi Zam. A walk through the bridge offers a good view of the architectural wonder of the Dzong as well as life around it. (B/L/D)

Day 6 Paro • Excursion to the Taktshang Monastery (3 hrs hike): It is one of the most famous of Bhutan's monasteries, perched on the side of a cliff 900m above the Paro valley floor. It is said that Guru Rinpoche arrived here on the back of a tigress and meditated at this monastery, hence it's called "Tiger's Nest". In the afternoon, visit the Drukgyel Dzong, and the Kyichu Lhakhang shrine. (B/L/D)

Day 7 Paro • After breakfast transfer to airport for your flight. (B)

The Package Includes

Transportation • Transportation by car or mini van • **Return transfers** airport/hotel/airport • **Guides** • English speaking local guides • **Accommodations and meals** • Standard accommodation, double occupancy • 17 meals: 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners • **Visits and excursions** • As per itinerary • **Visa** for Bhutan.

Day 1 Vientiane • Arrive in Vientiane and transfer to your hotel. Visit Sisaket, Patuxai and Ho Pha Keo temples. Rest of the day at leisure.

Day 2 Vientiane • Luang Prabang • Transfer to the airport and flight to Luang Prabang. Arrive in Luang Prabang and transfer to your hotel. A sightseeing tour will include the National Museum (formerly the Royal Palace) the Xieng Thong Temple, and Phousi Hill. (B)

Day 3 Luang Prabang • Pak Ou • Luang Prabang • Today, take a 2 hour boat excursion to visit the Pak Ou Caves and and its thousands of Buddha images. Return to Luang Prabang. (B)

Day 4 Luang Prabang • Kuang Si • Luang Prabang • This morning, excursion to the Kuang Si Waterfalls just 30kms outside the city. These waterfalls are by far the most famous in Laos. Return to Luang Prabang and afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 5 Luang Prabang • Transfer to the airport. (B)

Order of visits may change.

The Package Includes

- Domestic flight Vientiane to Luang Prabang
- 4 nights accommodation in double occupancy
- 4 breakfasts
- Sightseeing with English speaking local guides, private basis
- Transfers
- Entrance fees.

Visa required for Laos.

Price per person, from	\$CAD	
	Double	Single
7 Days		
November 1 to December 31	1 900	2 050
January to October 31	2 330	2 700

Price per person, from	\$CAD	
	Double	Single
5 Days		
CAT.A Mercure Vientiane, Villa Santi 4*	810	1 395
CAT.B Lao Plaza Vientiane 4.5*, La Residence Phou Vao 5*	1 420	2 580