

LAOS



LUANG PRABANG

Laos is a highlight of Southeast Asia with its Mekong River Valley and rugged highlands. It offers the visitor a fascinating adventure, remaining untouched by tourism. Forested hills hide treasures and caves, and temples and pagodas fill the country side with shimmering rooftops. A truly captivating country with welcoming people and beautiful surroundings await you.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 LUANG PRABANG

Arrival in Luang Prabang

Upon clearing Customs and Immigration, you are met by our guide and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

DAY 2 LUANG PRABANG (B)

Sightseeing in Luang Prabang (full day) (8 hours)

Set between the Nam Khan and Mekong rivers, Luang Prabang is an enchanting town filled with historic temples and colonial style buildings. The entire town was declared a Unesco World Heritage Site in 1995. Start the day at Wat Visoun (Wat Wisunalat), the oldest living temple in Luang Prabang, Wat dating back to 1513 and contains a collection of antique wooden Buddhas. Visit the nearby Wat Aham before continuing to Wat Xieng Thong, the crowning jewel of all the monasteries and temples in the city. Its many ornate buildings feature exquisite mosaic and gold-stencilled murals. From there, stroll down the main street of Luang Prabang, stopping at some of the many temples that line its sides, including Wat Sibounheuang, Wat Si Mounghoun, Wat Sop and Wat Sene.

Continue to the National Museum (Royal Palace), a modest but graceful building which combines traditional Lao and French beaux-arts motifs. This turn-of-the century royal residence has been preserved as it was when the royal family last lived here and provides unique insights into the history of Laos. Then, visit Hor Phrabang. In the right front corner room of the Palace which opens to the outside, is a collection of the palace's most prized art, including the Phrabang, cast of a gold, silver and bronze alloy. This Buddha stands at 83 cm tall and weighs around 50 kg. Afterwards, visit Wat Mai.

Visit Mount Phousi for sunset

Climb 328 steps starting from the entrance on the opposite side of National Museum, or 410 steps on the other side of Khan River to the small temples atop Phou Si. The hill is 150m high and sits in the middle of the town, offering beautiful views over the temples and river.

DAY 3 LUANG PRABANG (B)

Excursion by boat to Tham Pak Ou Caves (5-6 hours)

Travel up the Mekong River to the steep limestone cliffs overlooking the Mekong and Nam Ou rivers, home to the Tham Pak Ou Caves. These extraordinary caves are filled with Buddha images, of every style and material imaginable. On the way to Pak Ou Cave, stop at Ban Xang Hai Village (If time permits, open 6.00 am - 15.00 pm and closed every major Buddhist holiday), a local village famous for the production of lao lao, the local rice wine whisky. Return to the hotel and rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 4 LUANG PRABANG (B)

Transfer to the airport.

Private guided tour, English speaking, minimum 2 passengers required.

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Please note that some of the sights/itinerary may change due to season, weather, national holidays, and special events.

INCLUSIONS

The Package Includes

Transportation by car or minivan • Return transfers airport / hotel / airport • English speaking local guide • accommodation in double occupancy • Meals and visits as per itinerary.

Not included: International airfare & airport taxes · Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers · Beverages · Optional excursions. Visa for Laos (can be obtained on arrival \$\$)

Price per person starting from:		Land package
August 01, 2018 – October 31, 2019		Double occ.
CAT.A	Le Sen Boutique Hotel 4*	659
CAT.B	Le Palais Juliana 5*	829
	Single supplement	TBA