

DAY TRIPS IN LAOS

TOURS ESCAPE FROM LUANG PRABANG

OVERVIEW

Situated in northern Laos at the confluence of the Nam Khan and Mekong Rivers, the ancient town of Luang Prabang was declared as UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995. The small city is an outstanding example of the fusion between traditional architecture and Lao urban structures with those built by the European colonial authorities.

Luang Prabang was the ancient royal capital of the Lan Xang Kingdom until 1545 when Vientiane was chosen the capital. The myriad temples, saffron-robed monks, sacred caves and colonial buildings, hill tribes, the well-recognized hand-woven silk and cotton textiles with local patterns which deeply reflect century-old tradition, cozy atmosphere and laid-back pace of life, all become the undeniable trademarks of this ancient town. Cascading waterfalls and the mighty Mekong River with plenty of opportunities to unwind and sail your way through the town are some of other highlights the town has on offer. Luang Prabang is simply a must for any first-time visitors to the country.

LUANG PRABANG – CITY TOUR BY BIKE

Tour code: LPQ-L03
Tour type: Historical & Cultural
City: Luang Prabang
Time: 8:30-17:30

Overview:

The biking tour will vividly demonstrate why Luang Prabang is called the Jewel on the Mekong. You will explore ancient temples, local crafts, art center, and night market. Luang Prabang may be the best preserved traditional city in Southeast Asia, the tranquility and charm of this town with splendid natural scenery and cultural sights make it one of the most alluring destinations in Laos. Let's take the chance to explore the town in a smooth way.

Itinerary:

Your private guide with bikes will wait for you at your hotel to start full day city tour by bike.

You start riding to the Royal Palace Museum, which hosts a range of interesting artifacts. After that, you climb up to the top of Mount Phousi for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as a panoramic view of the city and the Mekong River. You'll enjoy a short-guided tour seeing the city's oldest temple of Wat Sene and the magnificent Wat Xiengthong with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represents classical Laotian architecture. Afterward, you take a stroll around the city to visit Big Brother Mouse, which is the most famous bookshop in Laos. The next stop is Ock Pop Tock, meaning East Meets West, where you can learn about the traditional weaving in Laos. You continue to bike slowly to Wat Visoun, dating back to 1513 during the reign of King Wisunarat (Visoun), this is Luang Prabang's oldest temple and was once home to the Prabang Buddhas. Stroll around to visit Wat Aham, which was once the residence of Sangkharat, the supreme head of Lao Buddhism.

Afternoon, you'll visit to the Arts and Ethnology Centre to learn about Laos' many ethnic cultures before a visit at Wat Siphouthabaht to admire the sunset, the really peaceful place to catch the last beauty of the day. End of day, stop at the famous Night Market, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textiles made by local and hill-tribe people surrounding Luang Prabang. Tour ends at your hotel

Group	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13-15
Price	219	116	95	79	70	62	49

Included: Private transportation with English or French speaking guide/Entrance fee & mineral water/ Lunch, Bike, Helmet