

# 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 – ELEPHANT VILLAGE – PAK OU CAVES**

**Tour code:** LPQ-L22  
**Tour type:** Adventure & Cultural  
**City:** Luang Prabang  
**Time:** 8:30-17:30

### **Overview:**

Spend half-day to experience elephant ride before visit the Pak Ou Caves, two famous caves cut into the limestone cliff overlooking the Mekong River. Both are crammed with Buddha images of various styles and sizes. A few steps from the river, the lower 'cave' is actually more of an overhang. A group of Buddha poses perfectly as silhouettes against the grand riverine backdrop.

### **Itinerary:**

Morning, your guide and driver will take you to Elephant Village. On arrival, the Camp Manager will welcome and greet you and brief shortly about the village. After, enjoy the impressive experience of approx. 30 minute elephant ride on the Howdah – the name of Elephant seat, you will then take boat trip to the nearby jungle.

You're then driven the mysterious Pak Ou Caves, two linked caves crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by pilgrims. Along the way, a short visit is made to the tomb of the 19th century French explorer Henri Mouhot; the first European to rediscover Angkor Wat and to visit the Royal Kingdom of Luang Prabang. Afterward, you'll enjoy a boat downstream back to Luang Prabang. We arrive back to Luang Prabang late afternoon. Tour ends at your hotel

Group	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13-15
Price	299	157	120	103	88	72	66

**Included:** Private transportation with English or French speaking guide/Entrance fee & mineral water/ lunch, elephant riding fee , private boat for sightseeing