

4DAYS - LUANG PRABANG EXPERIENCE

Laos (Luang Prabang – Pak Ou Caves – Elephant Village – Kuang Si Waterfalls)

1. OVERVIEW:

Explore the charming Luang Prabang on this short but delightful tour. See gilded Buddhist temples, faded French architectures, marvel at treasures in the Royal Palace Museum, and join pilgrims at the sacred Pak Ou Caves. Highlight of this trip, you'll spend time on experiencing the traditional rural lifestyle and try your hand at some farming activities in an organic farm. Top the tour off by chilling out in the cool menthol blue waters of Kuang Si cascades.

2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY	ITINERARY
1	LUANG PRABANG ARRIVAL
2	LUANG PRABANG CITY TOUR – PAK OU CAVES
3	LUANG PRABANG – ELEPHANT VILLAGE – KUANG SI WATERFALLS
4	LUANG PRABANG DEPARTURE

3. THE TOUR

DAY 1: LUANG PRABANG ARRIVAL

Arrival airport, please go to custom desk as your first point of entry to get visa-on-arrival into the country and pay stamping fees directly by cash to custom office there then guide will pick you up outside and transfer to the city for check in

On arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred to check in the hotel. The rest of the day is your own time at leisure.

Optional: Enjoy a private Baci ceremony after sunset at a local family. The Baci ceremony as a traditional ritual of the Lao people expresses the spirituality of the country and is a highly memorable experience and a deep insight into Lao culture for the participants.

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Luang Prabang (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 2: LUANG PRABANG CITY TOUR – PAK OU CAVES

An optional early start gives you the fantastic opportunity to participate in the daily morning rituals of saffron-clad monks collecting offerings of Alms (ubiquitous sticky rice) from the faithful residents. This tradition is very unique in Laos, being the only Buddhist nation still preserving the procession.

Today, you will first visit the Traditional Art and Ethnology Center to learn about Laos' many ethnic cultures. Afterwards, we will visit magnificent Wat Xiengthong the most beautiful temple in Luang Prabang with its mosaic decoration and the former royal carriage. We then embark on the a leisure cruise upstream on the Mekong River, which also gives us a breathtaking view of the tranquil countryside, before reaching 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, we stop at the village of Ban Xanghai, where they make the local rice wine.

On arrival back in the city, we visit Royal Palace Museum, which hosts a range of interesting artifacts. End of tour, climb up Mt Phousi overlooking the city of Luang Prabang before passing by the night market, where you can find a lovely collection of handmade textiles made by local and hill-tribe people surrounding Luang Prabang. Back to your hotel

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Luang Prabang (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 9: LUANG PRABANG – ELEPHANT VILLAGE – KUANG SI WATERFALLS

In the 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.

We then drive to Kuang Si Falls, located 30 kilometers south of Luang Prabang. The many tiered waterfalls have scooped out small basins of turquoise color. You can cool off with a refreshing swim in the pools and hike around the falls if wanted. You'll also visit the Kuang Si Falls Butterfly Park, one of the must-visit spots, newly opened on January 2014. Return to Luang Prabang and on the way back a stop will be made at one of the local villages before getting to Wat Siphouthabath to admire the sunset.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Luang Prabang (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 10: LUANG PRABANG DEPARTURE

A prominent Luang Prabang silver smith's, the Fine Arts School and the Central Market are of interest to many people and we can visit these sights prior to bidding farewell to Luang Prabang and catching the your departure flight

Meal: Breakfast

4. EXTENSION TOURS:

Add-on beach relaxation or tours to neighbor countries; Laos, Cambodia and Thailand or Myanmar

5. PRICE: All rates are per person sharing DBL or TWN/FB Basis, in US dollar, net and non-commissionable.

Date: 01 Oct 2015 – 30 Apr 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First Class	484	404	367	349	132
Superior packages	542	463	426	419	191
Deluxe packages	668	589	552	546	317
Luxury packages	484	404	367	354	132

Date: 01 May 2016 – 30 Sept 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First Class	450	372	335	317	104
Superior packages	496	417	381	374	150
Deluxe packages	603	525	489	471	257

Date: 01 Oct 2016 – 31 Dec 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First Class	504	421	383	364	138
Superior packages	565	483	444	436	199
Deluxe packages	696	614	575	569	330

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a twin or double room with daily breakfast
- Lunch or dinner as specified in the itinerary
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers.
- Experienced English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- Vietnam visa approval letter on arrival as complementary
- Private board for sightseeing as mentioned in the program, Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Mineral water is available as complementary

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- International & Domestic flight tickets
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Visa stamping fee at the airport (US\$ 30 in Laos, paid by cash at the airport)
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc. All other services not specified in the itinerary
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LIST OF HOTELS USED:

Destination	First Class – 3 star	Superior packages – 4 star	Deluxe packages – 5 star
Luang Prabang	MY DREAM RESORT www.mydreamresort.com (Classic)	MAISON DALABUA www.maison-dalabua.com (Pond View)	LUANG PRABANG RESORT www.luangprabangview.com (Superior)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy
- Supplement for standard Laos menu meals: US\$ 14 for lunch & US\$ 18 for dinner
- Private services & daily departure
- Quotation is quoted based on English speaking guide: Surcharge for other guide
 - Supplement for German Speaking guide: USD 15/day per group
 - Supplement for Spanish Speaking guide: USD 20/day per group
 - Supplement for Italian Speaking guide: USD 35/day per group
- Surcharge for Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve
- Surcharge for Peak Season at above mentioned hotels (if have)

FREE OFFER

- Mineral water is available during transfers