

6DAYS – WONDERFUL LAOS

Laos (Vientiane – Vang Vieng – Luang Prabang)

1. OVERVIEW:

6 day culture & nature authentic features 2 major tourist destinations in Laos and discover the untouched side of the country with the modern world. Your journey will begin in Vientiane - capital city of Laos, still remains its colonial yesteryears with numerous historical landmarks. On this trip, you not only explore some popular temples but also visit an orchid farm and enjoy lunch on a boat along a river. Then move on to 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	VIENTIANE ARRIVAL
2	VIENTIANE – VANG VIENG
3	VANG VIENG – LUANG PRABANG
4	LUANG PRABANG CITY TOUR – PAK OU CAVES
5	LUANG PRABANG – KUANG SI WATERFALLS
6	LUANG PRABANG – DEPARTURE

3. THE TOUR

DAY 1: VIENTIANE ARRIVAL

Arrival Vientiane airport, 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.

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 Vientiane (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 2: VIENTIANE – VANG VIENG

Morning, explore Vientiane including some main temples such as Vat Ho Prakeo used to be the house of the Emerald Buddha and Wat Sisaket crossing the street and where more than ten thousand of Buddha images are being placed. We continue to Pratuxai, it was Arc the

Triumph of France. Finally, we visit Golden Stupa, well known as That Luang Stupa and believed to contain a relic of Lord Buddha.

Afternoon, we leave the capital for our journey northbound to Vang Vieng; we will see some breathtaking scenery on the way as we pass through spectacular countryside towards the mountainous region. Vang Vieng is nestled on a bend of the Nam Song River. Its stunning scenery with limestone outcrops remains unspoiled, despite recent developments with the advent of tourism.

Meal: Breakfast

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

DAY 3: VANG VIENG – LUANG PRABANG

Today, we stroll around the town to visit the local market to catch a glimpse of everyday life in a typical Lao rural area. A visit will be made at Organic Farm Vang Vieng (OFVV), promoting the use of traditional methods & natural materials for growing its crops & raising its animals without using chemicals or artificial fertilizers, which are harmful to both our health & the environment. Next, start our expedition up route 13 north to Luang Prabang that is considered as the best-preserved traditional city in Southeast Asia. We'll pass some stunning landscape scenery with a mixture of steep terraced fields and hill villages. Each hill tribe village in Laos has a different character, some are more prosperous than others but all have plenty of life. The Muang Xieng Nguen village is our next stop where we spend a short time to observe the local lifestyle before we reach Luang Prabang.

Meal: Breakfast

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

DAY 4: LUANG PRABANG CITY TOUR – PAK OU CAVES

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

Option: if time permits, you may wish to visit the Kopnoi Promotion Center, and enjoy the Tea tasting Ceremony, where you can also have a small lecture about Lao culture.

Meal: Breakfast

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

DAY 5: LUANG PRABANG – KUANG SI WATERFALLS

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. From here, we visit local market near the Royal Palace where you can find anything from fresh vegetables, rice, steamed fish, frogs and many other things. This is an opportunity to get a real flavor of the local culture.

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 6: 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 departure flight for the next destination

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	793	625	535	503	209
Superior packages	904	737	646	622	305
Deluxe packages	1104	937	846	814	509

Date: 01 May 2016 – 30 Sept 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First Class	749	584	494	464	175
Superior packages	834	669	579	549	245
Deluxe packages	1016	851	761	730	432

Date: 01 Oct 2016 – 31 Dec 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First Class	826	651	558	524	218
Superior packages	941	768	673	648	318
Deluxe packages	1150	976	881	848	530

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 VIEW RESORT www.luangprabangview.com (Superior)
Vientiane	BEAU RIVAGE MEKONG www.hbrm-laos.com (Superior)	ANSARA HOTEL Ansara Hotel (Savvy)	GREEN PARK VIENTIANE Green Park Vientiane (Deluxe)
Vang Vieng	VILLA VANG VIENG Villa Vang Vieng (Garden View)	VILLA NAMSONG Villa Namsong (Superior)	RIVERSIDE BOUTIQUE Riverside Boutique (Deluxe)

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