

8 DAYS – LAOS SOFT ADVENTURE

Laos (Vientiane - Luang Prabang - Kamu Lodge)

1. OVERVIEW:

You want to see what is the most famous of Laos together with some activities; you want to see the nature, the local hill tribe villages, but not too far from the city? This is the tour for you! Just more than 01 week, you will see the famous of ancient city of Luang Prabang, the UNESCO Heritage Site; the capital of Laos, Vientiane. Moreover, the nature in around 20-50Km from the center of the 2 cities is the most attractive point of this tour.

2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY	ITINERARY
1	VIENTIANE – ARRIVAL
2	VIENTIANE – ORCHID TREKKING
3	VIENTIANE – LUANG PRABANG – CITY TOUR BY TUK TUK
4	LUANG PRABANG – BAN XIENGMENE – TAD HOUAYKHUA (Cycling)
5	LUANG PRABANG – BAN LONG LAO – KUANG SI WATERFALLS
6	LUANG PRABANG – MAHOUT COURSE
7	LUANG PRABANG – PAK OU CAVES – KAMU LODGE
8	KAMU LODGE – LUANG PRABANG – DEPARTURE

3. THE TOUR

DAY 1: VIENTIANE – ARRIVAL

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. Overnight in Vientiane

Optional: After a soft rest at the hotel, if time permit, we can visit Wat Si Muang, which is very famous for its supernatural power. At the pagoda, we can ask the monk to bless you with health and happiness by tying your wrist with a string. This is the famous tradition of Laos

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

DAY 2: VIENTIANE – ORCHID TREKKING

7:30 The car and guide will pick you up at your hotel. After around 2-hour drive, we will arrive in the village of Ban Hatkhay. Here, we will meet the local guide, the expert for Lao orchid.

Afterwards, we will drive through the small road among the paddy field to Ban Pha Say. From here, our orchid trek will start.

We move on small trails and discover shade different forest types: semi-deciduous jungles, bamboo, accompanied by two guides and an expert on orchids.

Do not be surprised by abundance of orchids in some places, all the rocks are covered!

Some biotopes are extraordinary. We will also have the opportunity to learn many things on medicinal plants and other plant families such as: Cane, the Gingers, and the Dypterocarpes

The picnic will be in the bed of a dry river any part of the year. The afternoon will end with a swim at the waterfall of Tad Say before returning to the village. Back in Vientiane expected around 18h. Overnight in Vientiane

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

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

DAY 3: VIENTIANE – LUANG PRABANG – CITY TOUR BY TUK TUK

You will take the morning flight to Luang Prabang **QV111 VTE LPQ 09:15 10:05**

Upon arrival, your city tour with your private tuk tuk (the famous local tri-cycle) begins with a visit to the Traditional Art and Ethnology Center to learn about Laos' many ethnic cultures. We then head to the magnificent Wat Xiengthong with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represents classical Laotian architecture. We still have time to visit the Royal Palace Museum, which hosts a range of interesting artifacts. If time permits, we will 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. A visit to Luang Prabang would be incomplete without ascending the 329 steps to the top of Phousi Hill for a beautiful sunset view of the city and its glowing reflection on the Mekong River. The tour ends after a visit to the famous Night Market, where you can find a lovely collection of handmade textiles made by local and hill tribe people surrounding Luang Prabang. Overnight in Luang Prabang

Meal: Breakfast

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

DAY 4: LUANG PRABANG – BAN XIENGMENE – TAD HOUAYKHUA (Cycling)

After departing at 8:30 am from your hotel, we cycle to the river bank and take a ferry to cross the mighty Mekong River to Ban Xeng Mene. We cycle off-road, exploring the area with several stops to take pictures before reaching the village of Ban Nakham. The village is popular for sugar cane and Kaolam (sticky rice and beans in bamboo), which are tasty local treats. We continue to cycle along green rice fields stopping in different villages and tribes to see to see how the locals live their daily lives. A local style lunch will be served in Ban Som. After lunch we continue cycling and pass the villages of Khmu and Lao Loum until we get to the beautiful waterfall, Tad Hoykoua (Hundred families waterfall). After enjoying a refreshing swim we will take the boat upstream back to the city center. Overnight in Luang Prabang

Approx. 5-6 hours cycling

Transport(s): Bicycle

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

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

DAY 5: LUANG PRABANG – BAN LONG LAO – KUANG SI WATERFALLS

We depart from your hotel and drive for around one hour west to Ban Xeng Mouk village where the trek starts.

We begin with a visit to the ethnic Khmu village of Ban Longlao Nung before heading to the nearby Hmong village of Ban Longlao Song. You will be able to observe the lifestyles of these two culturally very different minority groups and see how despite their differences they manage to work together on a day to day basis and even sharing the same school.

As we continue onwards the trail leads through rice paddies and vegetable fields before reaching the mountainous forest. Along the way we explore a cave which was used as a bomb shelter by the locals during the second Indochina war.

After visiting the cave one more hour of trekking brings us to one of the many springs which feeds Kuang Xi waterfalls, here a beautiful pool full of sacred fish can be seen. After descending from the top of the waterfall we enjoy a Lao style lunch amongst some beautiful settings!

The afternoon is spent bathing and relaxing around the turquoise pools below the waterfall. You can also visit the bear conservation center which is located nearby and home to many bears which have been rescued from illegal farms.

Before returning to Luang Prabang we take a short walk to a nearby Khmu village of Ban Thapene which is home to some of the most beautiful pools of Kuang Si Waterfalls.

Approximately: 2 hours driving, 4 hours trekking

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

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

DAY 6: LUANG PRABANG – MAHOUT COURSE

After breakfast, we will transfer directly to the Elephant Village (start at 8:00 AM in the morning). On arrival at the Elephant Village Camp, welcome and greeting by our camp manager and participate in short briefing about elephants. After that we will enjoy the impressive experience of a 30 minute elephant ride on the howdah (elephant seat) or on your elephant's neck. We then receive basic mahout training on how to control an elephant.

Lunch at the Elephant Restaurant

Bathe Your Elephant: Take your own elephant down to the Nam Khan River for an exhilarating bathing experience!

Boat trip to the Tad Sae Waterfall: Take a traditional Lao long boat to the Tad Sae Waterfall and relax in the clear water. We then transfer back to your hotel in Luang Prabang for the overnight stay

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

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

DAY 7: LUANG PRABANG – PAK OU CAVES – KAMU LODGE

Board on a traditional Long River boat at Kamu Lodge pier at 08:30am and take a leisurely cruise upstream while enjoying the refreshments served on the boat.

Marvel at the thousands of gold Buddha statues placed in sacred Pak Ou caves by devotees. Most people failed to marvel at Pak Ou towering limestone cliff.

Continue upriver and you would reach Kamu Lodge around noon. A Refreshing welcome drink is served. You can check into your super-size tents with attached modern bathroom amenities and facilities. You will enjoy lunch in an airy SALA settled in the middle of rice paddy fields.

After lunch, you can choose to either relax or to enjoy the traditional Kamu lifestyles and activities such as rice planting and harvesting in surrounding rice fields, gold panning in the Mekong (anything you find is Yours!), traditional fishing techniques (you can sample your catch for dinner!), visit of the Kamu village, archery contest.

Dinner is a feast by Kamu tribe standards. We want you to see the world from the Kamu's eyes. After dinner, retire to your tent.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Kamu (3*)

DAY 8: KAMU LODGE – LUANG PRABANG – DEPARTURE

You are free in the morning to stroll around the lodge or the nearby villages, or just relax at your own tent.

We will take the cruise back to Luang Prabang before taking the departure flight for the next destination.

4. EXTENSION TOURS:

Add-on beach relaxation or tours to neighbor countries; 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	1.211	1.024	920	841	335
Superior packages	1.367	1.180	1.076	996	474
Deluxe packages	1.595	1.409	1.304	1.225	696

Date: 01 May 2016 – 30 Sept 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First Class	1.130	946	845	766	269
Superior packages	1.277	1.093	991	912	399
Deluxe packages	1.473	1.289	1.187	1.109	592

Date: 01 Oct 2016 – 31 Dec 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First Class	1261	1066	959	876	349
Superior packages	1424	1229	1121	1038	494
Deluxe packages	1661	1468	1359	1276	725

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Transportation with air-condition in private
- Accommodation in twin/double shared room
- Boat trip as stated in above sights
- English speaking guide
- Admission fee to indicated sights
- Meals as per program
- Gov't tax and service charge
- Luggage handling and drinking water

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Visa stamping fee on arrival
- All air tickets quoted separately
- Travel Insurance in all kinds
- Single room (quoted separately)
- Other foreign language guide
- Peak tourist season or special event rates
- Tip, drinks and other personal expenses

LIST OF HOTELS USED:

Destination	First Class – 3 star	Superior packages – 4 star	Deluxe packages – 5 star
Vientiane	BEAU RIVAGE MEKONG www.hbrm-laos.com (Superior)	ANSARA HOTEL Ansara Hotel (Savvy)	GREEN PARK VIENTIANE Green Park Vientiane (Deluxe)
Luang Prabang	MY DREAM RESORT www.mydreamresort.com (Classic)	MAISON DALABUA www.maison-dalabua.com (Pond View)	LUANG PRABANG RESORT www.luangprabangview.com (Superior)
Kamu Village	KAMU LODGE www.kamulodge.com (Safari Tent)	KAMU LODGE www.kamulodge.com (SafariTent)	KAMU LODGE www.kamulodge.com (Safari Tent)

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