

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 – KUANG SI WATERFALLS

<u>Tour code:</u>	LPQ-L12
<u>Tour type:</u>	Cultural& Exploration
<u>City:</u>	Luang Prabang
<u>Time:</u>	8:30-17:30

Overview:

Soak up Luang Prabang's languid atmosphere by wandering the streets at dawn when lines of saffron-robed monks receive alms from the kindly residents. Discover charming Luang Prabang, starting with a visit to a bookshop. Explore local villages of Lao ethnic minorities which are also known for their traditional handicrafts. Head out of town and enjoy the serene beauty of the Kuang Si Falls, with exotic surrounds of flora and fauna. You also have the chance to swim in the refreshing turquoise pools of water.

Itinerary:

Meet up with your private guide at your hotel lobby. 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.

Return to hotel for breakfast before continuing 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. Laos is also known for its traditional handicrafts, and today you will visit local village of Lao ethnic minority groups at Ban Ouay and Ban Thapene. Your guide will bring you to the beautiful Khouangsi Waterfall where you can cool off with a refreshing swim in the pools and hike around the falls if wanted. Return to Luang Prabang, you'll also stop to visit the Kuang Si Falls Butterfly Park, one of the must-visit spots, newly opened on January 2014. Tour ends at your hotel

Group	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13-15
Price	164	90	66	55	46	38	29

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