

# 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 – PAK OU CAVES – NAM OU ELEPHANT FARM**

**Tour code:** LPQ-L08  
**Tour type:** Cultural & Exploration  
**City:** Luang Prabang  
**Time:** 8:30-17:30

### **Overview:**

A river escape to the well-known Pak Ou Caves in a limestone cliff at the mouth of the Nam Ou River with thousands of Buddha images of all styles and sizes. Then continue boating to an elephant farm nestled between forested mountains and peaceful village along the river. This is lovely place for you to get up close and personal with these friendly giants. The boat ride on the mighty Mekong is a special Lao travel experience and the landscape around is simply stunning. You also take time to explore nearby villages.

### **Itinerary:**

Early morning, meet with your private guide at your hotel and transfer to the river port to embark on a 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. En route, you will stop at Ban Muang Keo, a well-known village for its traditional Lao rice whisky distilling.

After visiting the caves, continue your cruise on the lazy Nam Ou River to the Nam Ou Elephant Farm, the unique farm located along the Nam Ou River. The Camp Manager will welcome and greet you and brief shortly about the village while strolling around to visit the farm, you'll then enjoy 01 hour elephant ride to visit some nearby villages. After that, transfer back to Luang Prabang late afternoon.

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Price	310	165	125	103	87	72	64
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**Included:** Private transportation with English or French speaking guide/Entrance fee & mineral water/  
Elephant riding fee, Lunch