

DAY TRIPS IN LAOS

TOURS ESCAPE FROM VIENTIANE

1. OVERVIEW:

Located on the bank of Mekong River, Vientiane is the capital of Laos since 1563 witnessing the many ups and downs of the history. This delightful small city delivers a refreshingly laid-back atmosphere unlike other Asian capitals. The French architectures contrast pleasingly with the ancient Buddhist temples dotted around the town. There are plenty of things to see, from Buddha Park to the morning market and a wide selection of international cuisines. Navigating Vientiane can be done simply on foot or by bike. The rural countryside is never far away with rice paddies providing a backdrop to most streets.

When in Laos, do as the Lao do and slow the pace right down. Vientiane may not reveal its beauty readily as Luang Prabang, but spend a few days visiting its landmarks, sampling its outstanding dishes, and enjoying Beerlao at sunset by the mighty Mekong, you will soon be inspired.

LUANG PRABANG – RICE EXPERIENCE – CITY TOUR

<u>Tour code:</u>	LPQ-L27
<u>Tour type:</u>	Historical & Cultural
<u>City:</u>	Luang Prabang
<u>Time:</u>	8:30-17:30

Overview:

The Living Land is a community-run organic farm supplying fresh vegetables, herbs, salads and rice in Luang Prabang. This trip will take visitors to the farm where they can try their hand at being a real farmer by joining farming activities like grow rice and enjoy a beautiful Lao-style house overlooking rice terraces and the organic vegetable fields. Then return to the city for a half-day trip to visit the Traditional Art and Ethnology center, the Wat Xieng Thong, climb Mount Phousi for sweeping panoramic views of the whole town and finally soak up in the night atmosphere at a local market.

Itinerary:

Morning, your private guide will pick you up at your hotel in the town then drive to Living Land Lao Organic Farm at Phoung Van village. Upon arrival, the representative of the farm briefs about the historical and activity of the farm. It is your chance to experience the real activities and life of a Lao farmer. You will have your hand on all the activities including ploughing, seeding, manuring, until reaping the harvest. Perhaps you only know how hard to grow the rice when you try to do it. Last but not least, visit the vegetable garden and the guide will teach you how to realize many type of vegetable. It is really exciting to learn all those things for the first time.

Afternoon, you continue to visit to the magnificent Wat Xiengthong - the most beautiful temple in Luang Prabang with its mosaic decoration and the former royal carriage. 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. Our tour would be incomplete without climbing up Mt Phousi overlooking the city of Luang Prabang for

a beautiful sunset 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

Group	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13-15
Price	234	122	101	90	83	74	56

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