

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.

HALF DAY TOUR

VIENTIANE – HALF DAY CITY TOUR

<u>Tour code:</u>	VTE-V01
<u>Tour type:</u>	Historical & Cultural
<u>City:</u>	Vientiane capital
<u>Time:</u>	Morning or afternoon (08.30 - 12.30h. or 13.00 - 17.00h)

Overview:

If a visit to Wat Si Muang will offer a fascinating insight into how old animist beliefs have blended seamlessly with Theravada Buddhism, then at Wat Sisaket you admire an impressive architecture of Siamese style with a surrounding terrace and an ornate five-tiered roof, and layout with history dated back to 1818. Next, stop over Wat Prakeo - the only part of the old royal palace that has survived and now is a museum. Our last stop is That Luang Stupa – the symbol on the national emblem of Laos and the most sacred monument in the country.

Itinerary:

Morning or afternoon, your private guide will pick you up at your hotel and start a half day city tour first with Wat Si Muang, which is very famous for its supernatural power before continue visiting the major sights of the capital; including **Wat Sisaket**, the oldest temple with thousands of miniature Buddha statues, and the former royal temple of **Wat Prakeo**, which previously housed the famous Emerald Buddha Image. En route to Lao's national icon, **That Luang Stupa**, you will have the opportunity to take some pictures of the imposing **Patuxay Monument**, which is known as Vientiane's own Arc de Triumphant of France. Afterwards, climb up to the top to get a great view of the city. End the tour with the visit to Golden Stupa, well known as That Luang Stupa and believed to contain a relic of Lord Buddha. Return to hotel and end of service.

Group	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13-15
Price	115	62	44	31	29	22	17

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