

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.

VIENTIANE – ORCHID TREKKING

Tour code: VTE-V07
Tour type: Historical & Cultural
City: Vientiane capital
Time: 8:30-17:30

Overview:

If you love orchids and the nature, then this is your trek. Spending full day on an orchid-hunting journey in a remote jungle out of Vientiane, you will see wild orchids and several exotic plants that locals use for cooking or make medicine.

Itinerary:

7:30 AM. The car and guide will pick you up at your hotel to start a full day tour to Orchid. The driving time is approximately 2 hours. You'll arrive in the village of Ban Hatkhay. Here, you are going to meet the local guide, the expert for Lao orchid. Afterwards, you continue to drive through the small road among the paddy field to Ban Pha Say. Your orchid trek will start from here.

You move slowly 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. You will also have the opportunity to learn many things on medicinal plants and other plant families such as: Cane, the Gingers, the Dypterocarpes ... The picnic will be in the bed of a dry river any part of the year. Afternoon, you can have a swim at the waterfall of Tad Say or just wonder the surrounding area before returning to the village and then drive back to Vientiane around 6:00 PM.

Group	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13-15
Price	274	146	114	112	109	95	86

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