

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 – 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