

9 DAYS VIENTIANE - VANG VIENG - PHONSAVANH – LUANG PRABANG

TOUR CODE: ASIANALAO08

TOUR TYPE: Classic, Family

TOUR VALUE FOR CUSTOMERS:

- **Get to know:** Culture, History, Local living of people in Vietiane Capital and Luang Prabang City. Enjoy Laos Cuisine. Discovery Vientiane, Laos' national capital, mixes French-colonial architecture with Buddhist temples such as the golden, 16th-century Pha That Luang, which is a national symbol. Along broad boulevards and tree-lined streets are many notable shrines including Wat Si Saket, which features thousands of Buddha images, and Wat Si Muang, built atop a Hindu shrine. Moving to next destination situated in the centre of northern Laos, Luang Prabang is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its outstanding cultural, historic and architectural values and its harmonious relationship between the natural and built environment. In the 14th century, the King Fa Ngum founded the first Lao Kingdom, Lane Xang, here in Luang Prabang. Luang Prabang remained the capital of Lane Xang until 1565 when the capital was moved to Vientiane. It remained to serve as the country's spiritual and religious centre. Experience Vang Vieng - a small town north of Vientiane, on the Nam Song River in Laos. It's surrounded by striking limestone mountains and caves. Tham Poukham, to the west, is a cave with a blue-green lagoon and a reclining Buddha statue. North is the deep Tham Nam Cave, which has a spring at its entrance. Nearby, Tham Xang Cave has a stalactite resembling an elephant. The town is home to 16th- and 17th-century monasteries.
- **Via activities:** Sightseeings, Dining and Shopping (Non-Commision Shopping).
- **Extra Value: Free 1 Selfie Stick & 1 Traditional Gift Per Person**

Price is available on the travelling period of May - September, 2020

Hotel Class	No. of people & Price in USD Per Adult									Single Sup
	2	3	4	5	6	7 – 9	10 – 11	12 - 14	15	
3 Stars	1379	1144	1134	1013	1003	898	892	853	849	226
4 Stars	1481	1247	1237	1116	1106	1001	995	956	952	328
5 Stars	1580	1346	1336	1215	1205	1100	1093	1055	1051	427

Price is available on the travelling period of January – April & October - December, 2020

Hotel Class	No. of people & Price in USD Per Adult									Single Sup
	2	3	4	5	6	7 – 9	10 – 11	12 - 14	15	
3 Stars	1408	1173	1163	1042	1032	927	921	882	878	255
4 Stars	1524	1289	1279	1158	1148	1043	1037	998	994	370
5 Stars	1695	1460	1460	1329	1319	1214	1208	1169	1165	541

Note:

- *Surcharge is applied on the period of 1st to 10th January, 2020 (New Year 2020) , 12th – 14th April, 2020 (Laos New Year); 20th December & 31st December, 2020 (Christmas & New Year 2020)*

SIGHTSEEINGS:



That Luang Stupa: is a gold-covered large Buddhist stupa in the centre of Vientiane, Laos. Since its initial establishment, suggested to be in the 3rd century, the stupa has undergone several reconstructions as recently as the 1930s due to foreign invasions of the area. It is generally regarded as the most important national monument in Laos and a national symbol.



Wat Phra Keo: was used as the royal chapel of the Lao Monarchy, but more importantly it was built to house the Emerald Buddha.



Wat Sisaket: is one of the most important temples in Laos and known as the only temple that survived the Siamese occupation that destroyed Vientiane in 1828. It was restored in 1924 and subsequently in 1930. The architecture of the temple has some Siamese influence but is mostly based on Laos design. All in all, the temple contains more than 5,000 Buddha statues in various sizes and postures.



Patuxay: is well known as Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph, a war monument dedicated to those who fought for the independence from France, located at the end of Lang Xang avenue, in the heart of Vientiane.



Buddha Park (also known as Xieng Khuan): is a famous sculpture park with more than 200 religious statues including a huge 40-metre high reclining Buddha image. It was built in 1958 by Luang Pu Bunleua Sulilat, a monk who studied both Buddhism and Hinduism. This explains why his park is full not only of Buddha images but also of Hindu gods as well as demons and animals from both beliefs.



Lao – Thai Friendship Bridge: This is the first Thai–Lao Friendship Bridge crossing over the Mekong River, connecting Nong Khai in Thailand with Vientiane in Laos. The bridge is around 20km from the downtown of Vientiane.



Nam Ngum Lake: Located 90km north of Vientiane municipality is the Nam Ngum reservoir, a huge artificial lake created as part of a hydroelectric scheme. The lake is dotted with hundreds of picturesque islands, which can be explored by cruising around in small boats.



Pha Thao Cave: Heading north from Vang Vieng on the main highway about 11 kilometres from town is a well-signed turn off to Pha Thao Cave. A further two kilometres down dirt roads and across a bridge is the ticket booth for the cave where you pick up your torch. Once inside the cave, the going is easy due to the flat, dirt floor and small ladders to help climb up ledges.



Tham Xang Cave (also called Elephant Cave): is named after the stalagmites and stalactites that have created an elephant formation (you may need to squint to see it). The cave also contains some Buddha images, including the Footprint of Buddha.



Plain of Jars: an impressive archaeological site where hundreds of large stone jars are littered all over the plateau.



Wat Phia Wat: Wat Phia Wat and the war-scarred Buddha statue once housed within this now-destroyed Laotian Buddhist temple, are only 30 kilometers from Phonsavan, the small town in which we were staying.



That Foun Stupa: Located in downtown Muang Khoun, That Foun was built in 1576 the same time as the original That Luang stupa in Vientiane Capital. The stupa was erected to cover ashes of Lord Buddha that were brought from India. During a time when Buddhism was proliferating Laos. That Foun was destroyed by air craft in 1966 during the war.



National Museum: the former Royal Palace which houses the

collection of valuables including the famous Prabang Buddha statue, gifts received from foreign dignitaries.



Wat Visoun: the 16th century temple served as a small museum for religious artifacts.



Wat Aham: the early 19th century temple, whose two guardian figures at the foot of the steps which represent two characters from the Ramayana - Hanuman, the Monkey God and a fierce Yaksa.



Wat Xiengthong: the 16th century temple which, more than any temples in Luang Prabang, epitomizes all the elegance and grace of Luang Prabang architecture.



Pak Ou Caves: in the side of a lime stone cliff and opposite of the mouth of the Mekong and Ou rivers. The sanctuaries at Pak Ou consist of two large caves, both repositories for thousands of Buddha images, which range from mere centimeter to two meters in height.



Ban Muangkeo: a well-known village for Lao traditional rice whisky, namely Laoh-Khao to be distilled.



Wat Longkhoun: Resting close to the river on the banks of the Mekong, Buddhist temple Wat Long Khoun has long and historically significant connections to the Luang Prabang royal family. Also known as the 'Monastery of the Happy' the temple once served as a sanctuary for those seeking spiritual rejuvenation including any new king who would retreat to the

Wat for three days cleansing and meditation prior to his coronation at Wat Xieng Thong.



Wat Si Muang: is one of Vientiane's most popular sites of worship, and offers a fascinating insight into how old animist beliefs have blended seamlessly with Theravada Buddhism.

ITINERARY:

DAY 01: VIENTIANE ARRIVAL

Upon arrival in Vientiane Airport, met & greeted by Tour Guide and transfer to the hotel (Time of checking in is at 14h00). Take a city tour including: **That Luang Stupa**, a gleaming golden stupa - the national monument. Continue with **Wat Phra Keo**, the former royal temple; **Wat Si Saket**, famous for its cloister wall housing thousands of tiny Buddha images and rows with hundreds of seated Buddhas. Before returning to the hotel, pay a visit to **Patuxay**, a war monument dedicated to those who fought for the independence from France. Overnight in Vientiane.

Meals: Dinner

Distance:

- Vientiane International Airport → Hotel: 5 kms (15 Mins)

Lunch (Not Included)	Dinner at Tamnak Laos Restaurant with traditional dance & folk song
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Soybean Soup2. Stir fried mix vegetable3. Spring Rolls (Pork)4. Lao Tempura5. Stir fried fish and sour sauce6. Dried Chicken Curry7. Steamed Rice/Sticky Rice8. Fresh Seasonal fruit9. Coffee and tea

Meals Menu can be updated upon booking *

DAY 02: VIENTIANE BUDDHA PARK

Visit **Buddha Park** (Also known as **Xieng Khuan**) which showcases the collection of not only Buddha images but also Hindu gods as well as demons and animals from both beliefs. On the way, stop and take photos of **Lao – Thai Friendship Bridge** which was built by the Australian government in 1994 to link Laos and Thailand. Stop at **Mai Savanh** to explore the traditional textiles of the Lao people (**closed on Saturday & Sunday**). Overnight in Vientiane.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch, Dinner

Distance:

- Vientiane → Buddha Park: 25 kms (40 Mins)

Lunch at Lao Kitchen Restaurant	Dinner at Bangkok Noi Restauarnt
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Khai phen" with jeow 2. Fried spring rolls 3. LPB+PKS+sour pork sausage 4. Laab xong kheuang(Chicken) 5. Lao style mixed salad 6. Mild soup 7. Fruit+sticky rice 8. Rice 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chicken satay or spring rolls (both are Thai style and not what you find in Other restraurant) 2. Tom Yung Kung (famous Thai soup with chicken OR Prawns or vegetarian OR Massaman Gai (famous southern Thai curry with chicken or vegetable) OR Deep fried sea bass fish with chili sauce 3. Banana in syrup with coconut milk sauce Or Mango with sticky rice

Meals Menu can be updated upon booking *

DAY 03: VIENTIANE VANG VIENG

After the breakfast, drive to the north through the scenic provinces of Vientiane to Vang Vieng. On the way, stop at a *salt field in Ban Keun* to explore the life of local people and see how they make the products. Then, take a *long-tail boat ride on Nam Ngum Lake* with many small islands. Feel the wind in your hair as you cruise around the reservoir, formed when the Nam Ngum River was dammed for hydroelectricity, to admire the panoramic views and get the opportunity to swim in the clear water (If time permits). Arrive at Vang Vieng, transfer to the hotel for checking in (Time of checking in is at 14h00). Overnight in Vang Vieng.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch, Dinner

Distance:

- Vientiane ➔ Vang Vieng: 160 kms (3.5 Hours)

Lunch at Phou Angkham Restaurant	Dinner at Thavonsouk Resort
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Soup with seaweed and tofu 2. Beef steak (Lao style) 3. Larb duck 4. Steamed Fished with herb 5. Fried morning glory 6. BBQ Chicken 7. Steamed or steaky rice 8. Seasonal fruit 9. Coffee/tea 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Soups can be chosen as below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mix Vegetable Soup - Tom Yum Fish or Chicken - Clear Soup with Pork Minced Balls with Vegetable or with Seaweeds and Tofu 2. Steamed Fish with Lemon / Sweet & Sour Fish or Chicken or Pork / Fried Fish with Garlic and French Fries 3. Fried Chicken with Cashew Nuts 4. Red or Green or Yellow Curry with Chicken or Pork or Fish 5. Fried Mix Vegetable 6. Steamed Rice or Sticky Rice 7. Mix Fruit 8. Drinking Water and Tea & Coffee are complimentary

Meals Menu can be updated upon booking *

DAY 04: VANG VIENG PHONSAVANH

After the breakfast, enjoy a *short trek through rice paddies with a stop at a Hmong village in Ban Pha Thao* and continue to visit *Pha Thao Cave*. Then, visit *Tham Xang Cave (also called Elephant Cave)* which contains a few Buddha images and a Buddha footprint plus the elephant shaped stalactites that give the cave its name. After the lunch, we continue the way to Phonsavan. Check in and overnight in Phonsavan (Time of checking in is at 14h00).

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch, Dinner

Distance:

- Vang Vieng → Phonsavan: 250 kms (6 Hours)

Lunch at Phoukhoun Restaurant	Dinner at Xieng Khuang Hotel
1. Sour Fish Soup	1. Sour sweet cow's muscle
2. Fried Pork Ribs	2. Fried chic ken with ginger & lemongras
3. Steamed fish with soy sauce	3. Braised Snakehead fish
4. Mix vegetable salad	4. Fried Pork with eel roll
5. Sour nem or sausage	5. Fried mix vegetable with pork
6. Lab pork	6. Fried morning glory with garlic
7. Rice	7. Sour fish soup
	8. Steamed rice

Meals Menu can be updated upon booking *

DAY 05: PHONSAVANH PLAIN OF JARS

We have full day sightseeing in Phonsavan. After the breakfast, visit the famous *Plain of Jars*, a mysterious and ancient area, where over 300 huge stone jars apparently carved out of solid rock are scattered around. The jars range from 1 to 3.25m in height and weigh up to 6 tons each and are around 2,500 to 3,000 years old. According to legend, they were used to store wine. Then, continue to *Muang Khoun*, an ancient capital and stronghold for the Xiengkhouang royal family was destroyed during the Indochina War. Visit *Wat Phia Wat* and *That Foun Stupa* before back to Phonsavan for overnight.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch, Dinner

Distance:

- Phonsavan → Muang Khoun: 30 kms (40 Mins)

Phopmeet Restaurant	Vansana Hotel Plain of Jars
Traditional Laos Sindad (buffet style) There are plenty of meats, vegetable to choose, and changing every day	1. Tomyam squid 2. Fried fish 3. Sour steamed fish 4. Mix vegetable salad 5. Pork sauté 6. Lab fish 7. Rice

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DAY 06: PHONSAVANH LUANG PRABANG

Early morning, we visit the **Central Market** of Phonsavanh to watch the different hill tribe people barter and exchange merchandises. Then, travel to Phonsavanh by road. On the way, we will make a stop at Muang Sui. Visit **Wat Ban Phong**, the second oldest temple in the province; the scenic **Nong Tang Lake**, rimmed with limestone cliffs; and the extensive cave network of **Pha Cave** containing a 5m high Buddha image dating from 777 AD, surrounded by gold and wooden statues of smaller size. Transfer to the hotel in Luang Prabang for overnight (Time of checking in is at 14h00).

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch, Dinner

Distance:

- Phonsavanh ➔ Luang Prabang: 270 kms (6 Hours)

Lunch at Phoukhoun Restaurant	Dinner at Maitoo Restaurant
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sour Pork Soup2. Omelet with pork3. sour steamed fish4. Cucumber salad5. fried chicken6. lab beef7. Rice	<p>Starter</p> <p>Vegetable broth</p> <p>Local market seasonal vegetables soup</p> <p>Main Course</p> <p>Asian style roasted chicken</p> <p>Roasted Chicken with garlic and lemongrass</p> <p>With</p> <p>Wok fried seasonal vegetables</p> <p>Sautéed with soya sauce and garlic</p> <p>And Laotian steamed rice</p> <p>Dessert</p> <p>Chocolate brownie with vanilla ice cream</p>

Meals Menu can be updated upon booking *

DAY 07: LUANG PRABANG CITY TOUR

Today, we have full day city tour to visit the most famous destinations in Luang Prabang. Start with **National Museum (former Royal Palace)** where you can explore the history of Laos. Then, visit **Wat Visoun**, the oldest living temple and see its collection of antique wooden Buddhas. Continue to visit the nearby **Wat Aham** and **Wat Xieng Thong**, the most revered temple in Luang Prabang. After that, climb up to the top of **Phousi Mount** for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as viewing a beautiful panorama sunset over this once royal ancient city and the Mekong River. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch, Dinner

Luang Prabang Kitchen	Tamnak Laos
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fried Mekong Weed2. Water cress soup with Chicken Ball3. Stir Fried Chicken4. Stir Fried Sweet and Sour Fish5. Stir Fried Mixed Vegetable6. Oua sing Khai Chicken (Fried Chicken Inside Lemon Glass)7. Steam Rice	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ivy Soup with Pork/ Chicken2. Chicken Curry3. Steam fish in Banana Left4. Deep Fried prawn and Vegetable with light butter5. Fried Vermicelli Noodle with Vegetable and Mushroom.6. Fried Mixed Vegetable

8. Mixed Fruit Salad	7. Steam Rice
9. Drinking water, Tea and Laos Coffee	8. Seasonal Fruits
	9. Drinking Water

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DAY 08: LUANG PRABANG 🚗 PAK OU CAVE 🚗 BAN PHANOM

Board a boat embarking upstream on the Mekong River, which also gives us a beautiful view of the tranquil countryside as well as an interesting visit to the mysterious of **Pak Ou Caves**. Along the way, Our stop will be at **Ban Muangkeo** for tasting Lao traditional rice whisky and also take away. On return, we overland local villages at **Ban Xiengmene** and **Ban Chan** continue seeing the royal temple at **Wat Longkhoun**, which once belongs to royal family patronage and near by **Sackarine Caves**. We cross to city and take a short drive to **Ban Phanom**, well known for its hand weaving. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Local Lunch, Indian Dinner

Distance:

- Luang Prabang ➔ Pak Ou Cave: 30 kms (1 Hour 30 Mins cruise)

Lunch at Manivanh Pak Ou	Dinner at The House Restaurant
1. Tofu Soup 2. Fried Chicken 3. Sweet and Sour Fish 4. Fried Mixed Vegetable with Bamboo 5. Fried Noodle with Vegetable 6. Steam Rice/ Sticky Rice 7. Seasonal Fruits 8. Bottle of Drinking Water, Tea or Coffee	*** <i>Starter</i> : <i>Fresh Tomato Soup drizzled with Basil-Olive Oil</i> <i>served with Bread and Butter</i> *** <i>Main Course</i> : <i>1 Choice of 4 possibilities</i> BOEUF BOURGIGNON: <i>Slow cooked tender Beef in a rich Red Wine Sauce</i> <i>served with Belgian Fries, Salad and a Herb Dressing</i> OR BEEF STEW (Stoofvlees) : <i>slow cooked tender Beef in a rich Gravy made with</i> <i>Belgian' Leffe ' Beer and Dyjon Mustard</i> <i>served with Belgian Fries, Salad and a Herb Dressing</i> OR LASAGNA <i>Original Italian Lasagna with Beef and Tomatoes, topped with a creamy Cheese Sauce and Oregano</i> <i>served with Bread and Butter</i> OR VEGETARIAN LASAGNA <i>filled with grilled Aubergines (Eggplant) and</i>

	<i>seasonal vegetables, topped with a creamy Cheese Sauce and Oregano served with Bread and Butter</i>
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Meals Menu can be updated upon booking *

DAY 09: LUANG PRABANG DEPARTURE

Free at leisure until transferring to the Luang Prabang International Airport for your departure.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Distance:

- Hotel ➔ Luang Prabang International Airport: 5 kms (15 Mins)

Services Inclusion	Services Exclusion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Accommodation bases on Twin/Double sharing room with daily breakfast ✓ Transfer by private A/C vehicles ✓ Regional English/ Thai Speaking Guide ✓ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary at local restaurant ✓ All entrance fees as indicated in itinerary ✓ Boat ride on Nam Ngum Lake ✓ Boat trip to visit Pak Ou Cave ✓ 01 Bottle of pure water per pax per day (500 ml)/ 01 Cold tissue per pax per day ✓ Reconfirmation of flight ticket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ International & Domestic Airfare ✓ Alcoholic drinks & drinks at mealtime + Optional visits + Personal expenses (Telephone, laundry...) ✓ Personal travel insurance ✓ Tips for guide, driver: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2 – 4 Adults: 5 – 7 USD/ Adult/ Day ➤ 5 – 7 Adults: 3 USD/ Adult/ Day ➤ Free Tipping for Children (1 – 11 Years Old) & Tour Leader ✓ Tips for hotels' porters ✓ Meals not indicated in the itinerary ✓ Laos Visa ✓ Other services not clearly indicated in the Package Inclusion above

HOTEL USED:

Hotel Class	Location	Hotel Name	Room Type
3 Stars	Vientiane	New Rose Boutique Hotel http://www.newroseboutiquehotel.com/	SUP
	Vang Vieng	Vansana Hotel Vang Vieng http://www.vansanahotel-group.com/	STANDARD
	Phonsavanh	Vansana Hotel Plain of Jars http://www.vansanahotel-group.com/	STANDARD
	Luang Prabang	Vansana Hotel Luang Prabang http://www.vansanahotel-group.com/	STANDARD
4 Stars	Vientiane	Rashmis Plaza Hotel https://www.rashmishotel.com/	STUDIO
	Vang Vieng	Silver Naga Hotel http://www.silvernaga.com/	DLX
	Phonsavanh	Vansana Hotel Plain of Jars	STANDARD

		http://www.vansanahotel-group.com/	
	Luang Prabang	Santi Resort & Spa http://villasantihotel.com/santi-resort-spa/	DLX
5 Stars	Vientiane	Landmark Mekong Riverside https://landmarkmekongriversidehotel.com	SUP
	Vang Vieng	Riverside Boutique http://www.riversidevangvieng.com/	DLX
	Phonsavanh	Vansana Hotel Plain of Jars http://www.vansanahotel-group.com/	STANDARD
	Luang Prabang	Luang Prabang View Hotel http://luangprabangview.com/	SUP

Note: In case the hotels recommended in the package are fully booked, we will suggest similar hotels to substitute

VEHICLES USED:

Due to Coach of 24 – 45 seats prohibited in Luang Prabang City and Vientiane Capital so we will use transportation as below:

No. of Adults	Vientiane	Luang Prabang
2 – 6	12 Seats	12 Seats
7 – 8	15 Seats	15 Seats
9 – 10	25 Seats	15 Seats plus luggage van
11 – 12	25 Seats	15 Seats & 12 seats
13 – 14	25 Seats	02 Coach of 15 Seats
15	25 Seats	02 Coach of 15 Seats plus luggage

**9 - 12
SEATS CAR**



Hyundai Starex H1- 2014-2015

<p>15 SEATS CAR</p>	  <p>Toyota Hiace Commuter /High Roof model 2013-2015</p>
<p>25 SEATS COACH</p>	  <p>Hyundai county model 2014-2015</p>

*** Remark:**

- All tour fare are in US Dollar.
- Child policy:
- Below 5 years old: 65% of adult's price (No bed) and 90% of of adult's price (with bed
- From 6 to 11 years old: 90% of adult's price (No bed) and 100% of of adult's price (with bed)
- Child below 11 yrs old sharing twin room with 1 ADL is charged for 100% as adult rate.

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