3 Days Vientiane Stopover <u>Tour Code: VTE03/VATL160601416</u>

Vientiane is Southeast Asia's most laid-back capital. This city boasts outstanding French colonial architecture and low level buildings that are spread out in the city, enhancing a cultural and relaxed atmosphere. Life in this pleasant capital is slow-paced and there is always only a light flow of traffic, even during rush hour! We explore this little, peaceful capital at a leisurely pace visiting some of the finest and most important historical sites in Laos.

Day1: Arrival – Vientiane

On arrival in the Laos capital of Vientiane, you will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel. **Vientiane** is a charming and fascinating capital, with an interesting mix of Lao, Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese, French, and American influences.

After a short rest. You are seeing the major temples of Vientiane including the oldest, **Wat Sisaket**, with its thousands of miniature Buddha statues, and the former royal temple of **Wat Prakeo**, which housed the famous Emerald Buddha Image. We also visit the national icon of Laos, **That Luang Stupa**, stopping along the way to take some pictures of the imposing **Patuxay Monument**, which is Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph, from there you visit **COPE Center**. The COPE was created in response to the need to provide **UXO** survivors with the care and support they required, namely by way of orthotic and prosthetic devices. This museum was set after in 1997 to help covering the victim during Indochina war.

The Mekong River road is the perfect place to end the day and admire the sunset. Overnight in Vientiane (B)

Day2: Vientiane – Nam Ngum Lake

After breakfast, we head out of the city and make our way to Nam Ngum, a huge reservoir created by damming the **Nam Ngum River**. We stop over at Ban Keun, which is famous for its salt extraction facility. On arrival at Nam Ngum Lake, we embark on a long tail boat visiting fishing villages in the various islets along the way. We take a short walk to explore the lifestyle of the local fishmen.

We return to Vientiane late evening and your evening is free. Overnight in Vientiane (B)

Day3: Vientiane – Departure

If time permits this morning we will visit **Talat Sao**, the Morning Market, before your transfer to the airport for departure (B)

Prices below are quoted in USD per person, valid till September 2020									
Group of:	2-2	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	21-24	25-29	Single suppl.
3-Star Hotel	376	306	259	246	221	210	202	195	117
4-Star Hotel	479	409	362	349	324	314	306	299	219
5-Star Hotel	605	535	487	475	449	439	431	424	310

Cities	3-Star Hotel	4-Star Hotel	5-Star Hotel
Vientiane	Season Riverside	<u>Lao Plaza</u>	<u>Settha Palace</u>
	Standard	Regular	Deluxe

Included in above prices:

- Accommodation in twin shared basis
- Private, Airconditioned Transport
- Boat trips as stated in the itinerary
- English speaking guide
- Admission fees to sites stated in the itinerary
- Meals: daily breakfast at hotel
- Gov't taxes and service charges
- Luggage handling
- Drinking water

Exclusive of above prices:

- Visas and Immigration fees on arrival
- Domestic air ticket
- Int'l air tickets to/from Laos
- Travel and/or Medical Insurance
- Lunch or dinner unless stated in the itinerary
- Single room accommodation (quoted separately)
- Child or adult in triple share accommodation
- Foreign language guides other than English
- Peak Season or Special Events Surcharges
- Tip, drinks and other personal expenses

Additional Remarks:

- Itinerary is subject to change depending on flight availability, road and/or weather conditions and room availability.
- Group of 10 persons and above will use separate vehicle in Luang Prabang due to UNESCO restrictions on large coaches entering downtown Luang Prabang.
- Hotels listed above may not meet international star rating standards, especially in the remote areas where accommodation options are limited.
- Room rates quoted above do not include compulsory fees for special events, peak season such as Christmas and New Year or Gala Dinners etc.
- Prices are subject to change at any time as a result of VAT, Fuel Excise or other tax increases and USD currency fluctuations.

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