

4 Days Laos Revealed

Validity Till Sept 2018

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A tour combining the two magical cities takes you through the history of the land of a million elephants. Laos is still very much undiscovered and after decades of isolation, tourists are able to experience Southeast Asia's best-kept secret. Highlights of this tour include exploring the unique temple architecture of Luang Prabang, the astonishing views over the city from the top of Mount Phousi and visiting the national buildings in Vientiane.

Day1. Arrival – Vientiane

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel.

Vientiane is a fascinating capital, with a fusion of Lao, Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese, French, and American influences. This charming and easygoing city will provide a smooth introduction to Laos.

After a short rest we embark on an orientation **bicycle ride** of the Lao Capital making our way around some of the city's most historic sites and seeing some of its classic architecture including the old **Presidential Palace**, Vientiane's oldest temple **Wat Sisaket**, with its thousands of miniature Buddha statues, and the former royal temple of **Wat Prakeo**, which housed the famous Emerald Buddha Image.

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.

Returning to the hotel your evening is free to relax or enjoy the sunset over a few drinks on the riverfront. Overnight in Vientiane (B)

Day2. Vientiane – Luang Prabang (Flight)

This morning we will experience the hustle and bustle of **Dalat Sao**, the morning market and main shopping centre for the residents of Vientiane, a great place to browse or do some serious shopping.

From here we visit Laos's national icon, **That Luang Stupa**, stopping along the way to take pictures of the imposing **Patuxay Monument**, Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph. Not far from That Luang Stupa is the **National Museum**, formerly known as the Revolutionary Museum, which exhibits artifacts, photos and legends of Laos's fighters and leaders from ancient times to the revolutionary, Phathet Lao, period.

Late afternoon we board our short flight to the UNESCO World Heritage City of **Luang Prabang**, which is perhaps the best preserved traditional city in Southeast Asia. On arrival we transfer you to your hotel.

After a short rest we will climb to the top of **Mount Phousi** to explore the sacred gilded stupa and to enjoy the panoramic view of the city and the sun setting over the Mekong River.

Descending the mountain you will find yourself in the midst of the famous Luang Prabang **Night Market**, where you can find a unique selection of handmade textiles and handicrafts locally made by both ethnic Lao and hilltribe people surrounding Luang Prabang.

Your evening is free to explore the **Night Market** and sample some local cuisine at one of the many restaurants the town has to offer. Overnight in Luang Prabang (B)

Day3. Luang Prabang – Pak Ou cave

After breakfast we will head off on bicycles to see some of the highlights of Luang Prabang including a visit to the **Royal Palace Museum**, which hosts a range of interesting artifacts from the Royal period in Luang Prabang. Cycling on we are seeing the city's oldest temples, the magnificent **Wat Xiengthong** with its roof sweeping low to the ground, representing classical Lao architecture, the impressive stupa of **Wat Visoun** and the shrine of **Wat Aham**.

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Heading to the Mekong River we board our private boat for a pleasant and scenic cruise up on the upstream to the mysterious **Pak Ou Caves**. These caves are an ancient pilgrimage site and contain thousands of gold lacquered Buddha images left there over hundreds of years.

Returning to Luang Prabang we disembark our boat and have the option of taking a short drive to **Ban Phanom**, a village famous for its hand weaving or returning to the hotel for free time to relax.

Your evening is free to treat yourself a spa treatment or massage, do some shopping or relax at your hotel. Overnight in Luang Prabang (B)

Day4. Luang Prabang – Departure

This morning you have the option and opportunity to rise early and participate in the daily morning ritual of **Alms Giving**, you will experience saffron-clad monks collecting offerings or 'Alms' from faithful local residents. This tradition is unique to Laos, being the only Buddhist nation still preserving the daily procession.

After breakfast back at your hotel we take a stroll through the **Dalat Sao** or morning market full of local foodstuffs from the farms and jungles surrounding Luang Prabang.

Returning to the hotel your time is free until you are transferred to the airport for your departing flight.

Prices below are quoted in USD per person, valid till September 2018									
Group of:	2-2	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	21-24	25-29	Single suppl.
3-Star Hotel	648	546	481	456	420	420	404	394	214
4-Star Hotel	716	612	549	523	487	487	472	462	280
5-Star Hotel	841	738	675	648	612	612	597	586	405
Alms Giving	Additional charge US\$40.00/person								

Cities	3-Star Hotel	4-Star Hotel	5-Star Hotel
Vientiane	Season Riverside Standard	Lao Plaza Regular	Settha Palace Deluxe
Luang Prabang	Sada Hotel Deluxe	Vangthong Hotel Deluxe	Luang Prabang View Superior

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 airticket
- 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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