

5 Days Exotic Laos

Validity Till Sept 2018

Tour Code: LVVV5

The Mekong is the essence and soul of Southeast Asia flowing through seven countries including Laos. This tour is a perfect introduction to Laos taking in the magical sights of Luang Prabang, Vientiane and Vang Vieng. Luang Prabang is a beautiful quiet town, nestled among high mountains on the convergence of the Mekong and Khan Rivers, where the timeless, slow paced atmosphere is like nowhere else in the world.

Day1. Arrival - Luang Prabang

On arrival at Luang Prabang International Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

After check in and time to freshen up we will head out to see 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**. From here we visit the **Royal Palace Museum**, which hosts a range of interesting artifacts from the Royal period in Luang Prabang.

Late afternoon we 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 market and sample some traditional Lao cuisine at one of the many restaurants the town has to offer. Overnight in Luang Prabang (B)

Day2. Lang Prabang - Pak Ou Cave

This morning we board our private boat for a pleasant and scenic cruise up on the Mekong River 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 afternoon and evening is free to explore Luang Prabang town, take in the **Night Market** or relax at the hotel. Overnight in Luang Prabang (B)

Day3. Luang Prabang - Vang Vieng (Road)

After breakfast we take a stroll through the **Dalat Sao** or morning market, full of local foodstuffs from the farms and jungles surrounding Luang Prabang. From here it is a short walk to the **Royal Palace Museum**, which hosts a range of interesting artifacts from the Royal period in Luang Prabang.

Our drive today takes us into the mountainous regions of northern Laos, amid stunning scenery and through endless ethnic minority villages. We will stop at a mountain top restaurant for lunch with majestic 360 degrees mountain views.

Arriving in Vang Vieng late afternoon we will check into our hotel and take a pleasant boat trip along the Nam Song River that flows between the town and the soaring limestone karst mountain. Overnight in Vang Vieng (B)

Day4. Vang Vieng -Explore

After breakfast this morning we head out on bicycles to explore more of the limestone cliffs, caves and valleys surrounding the town. We will visit the **Tham Jang** cave, which was used by the local people as a refuge from Chinese invaders 200 years ago. We will also visit ethnic Tai Deang and the Souay hill tribe villages. The hill tribe people are unfailingly friendly, welcoming you with waving hands and smiling faces.

From there we will cycle out to the **Organic** Farm, where you can visit the mulberry orchard, the goat dairy and see mud bricks being made. Sample some roasted roasted goat cheese and mulberry wine before heading back to town.

The remainder of the day is free to explore, enjoy a few drinks along the river or relax at the hotel. Over night in Vang Vieng (B)

Day5. Vang Vieng - Vientiane – Departure (Road)

We have an early departure this morning for the drive to Vientiane. Arriving in the city around midday we will check into the hotel and have time to relax and freshen up.

This afternoon’s city tour enabling you to see the major highlight. 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.

Heading for the waterfront your evening is free to enjoy a few drinks watching the sunset over the Mekong River, explore the **Night Market** and take in some of the city’s nightlife. Your trip ends this evening after our city tour.

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	968	800	695	621	563	540	537	520	256
4-Star Hotel	1033	854	759	685	627	605	601	584	319
5-Star Hotel	1153	975	881	806	747	726	722	705	440

Cities	3-Star Hotel	4-Star Hotel	5-Star Hotel
Luang Prabang	Sada Hotel Deluxe	Vangthong Hotel Deluxe	Luang Prabang View Superior
Vang Vieng	Vieng Tara Bungalow Riverview	Silver Nagas Deluxe	Riverside Boutique Deluxe
Vientiane	Season Riverside Standard	Lao Plaza Regular	Settha Palace 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 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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