

5 Days Eyes On The Mekong

Validity Till Sept 2018

Tour Code: HLV05

A great tour for the independent traveller or small group, this 'Down on the Mekong' tour enters Laos in the north, and takes you down river to the World Heritage town of Luang Prabang. The mighty Mekong River flows through the beautiful countryside of Laos on its way to the sea. Discover with us the diversity of this exciting river and the cities, towns and temples along its shores.

Day1. Houay Xai– Pakbeng

Your **local slow boat** leaves Houay Xai pier at 09:00 hrs for a leisurely cruise down the Mekong to Pakbeng. En route you will make a stop where you will have the opportunity to observe rural life in a **remote ethnic minority village**.

Your **local buffet lunch** will be served onboard as you continue on down stream, arriving in Pakbeng before sunset. Overnight in Pakbeng (L, D)

Day2. Pakbeng – Pak Ou Caves – Luang Prabang

After breakfast we will board our slow boat to continue our cruise to Luang Prabang. This morning we will stop to explore an **ethnic Hmong village** before having your **lunch on board**.

Mid afternoon we will arrive at **Pak Ou Caves**. These caves are an ancient pilgrimage site and contain thousands of gold lacquered Buddha images left there over hundreds of years.

Continuing down the Mekong River we will arrive in Luang Prabang by late afternoon. Overnight in Luang Prabang (B, L)

Day3. Luang Prabang – half day city tour – Kuang Si Waterfall

We head off this morning 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 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**.

This afternoon we journey to **Khouangsi Waterfall** stopping along the way to visit the morning **Phousi Market**, this where all the locals of Luang Prabang come to do their daily shopping. You will see a variety of local foodstuffs and products including dried buffalo skin, local tea and saltpeter among the chickens, fish, vegetables and fruit, everything needed for daily life in Laos.

On arrival at the **Khouangsi Waterfall** you will have the opportunity to cool off with a refreshing swim in the topaz pools below the falls, walk along the forest trails and visit the Bear Sanctuary.

Returning to Luang Prabang late afternoon your evening is free to explore or relax at the hotel. Overnight in Luang Prabang (B)

Day4. Luang Prabang – Vientiane - half day city tour (Flight)

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Vientiane. 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 up in 1997 to help covering the victim during Indochina war. Overnight in Vientiane (B)

Day5. Vientiane - departure

Depending on your flight, you may have time at leisure before you will be transferred to the airport in time for your departing flight. (B)

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	1151	911	734	597	566	534	521	505	276
4-Star Hotel	1272	1031	854	718	686	654	642	626	396
5-Star Hotel	1460	1220	1043	941	875	843	830	814	584

Cities	3-Star Hotel	4-Star Hotel	5-Star Hotel
Pakbeng	Phetsokxai Standard	Sanctuary Pakbeng Superior	Sanctuary Pakbeng Deluxe
Luang Prabang	Sada Hotel Deluxe	Vangthong Hotel Deluxe	Luang Prabang View Superior
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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