

## 5 Days Laos Treasure

Validity Till Sept 2018

Tour Code: VXH05

This tour takes you to **Xieng Khouang**, an area situated in the north of Laos famous for the mysterious Plain of Jars, where stone jars of different sizes carved out of solid rock are scattered across the plateau. The history of these jars dates back to between 2500 – 5000 years, and their purpose is still unknown.

### Day1. Arrival –Vientiane

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel. 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. Overnight in Vientiane (B)

### Day2. Vientiane – Xieng Khouang (by flight)

This morning we transfer to the airport to board our short flight to **Xieng Khouang**. Upon arrival we will check in to our hotel and then begin our tour of the Plain of Jars.

We will be visiting Sites 1, 2 & 3 as well as taking a short trek to a **Tai Dam** and **Lao Leum** village along the way.

Following lunch we drive on to explore the old capital of **Muang Khoun** and the nearby villages, home to the **Hmong hilltribe** and **Tai Dam** people. Overnight in Xiengkhuang (B)

### Day3. Xieng Khouang – Luang Prabang (by road)

Today we will pay an early morning visit to the **Phonsavan Central Market**, an interesting market where different hilltribe people come to barter and exchange merchandise.

Leaving Phonsavan we head towards Luang Prabang, stopping along the way to see the 200 year old Buddha images at **Thampra**. We drive on through the spectacular scenery of the **Xieng Khouang** Province with it's many stunning photo opportunities and stopping a couple of times to explore **hill tribe villages**.

The journey will take us through the mountainous northern regions of Laos until we reach the World Heritage town of Luang Prabang in the early evening. Overnight in Luang Prabang (B)

### Day4. Luang Prabang - Pak Ou cave

After breakfast 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**.

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

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## Day5. Luang Prabang – Departure

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.

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 <b>till September 2018</b>									
Group of:	2-2	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	21-24	25-29	Single suppl.
3-Star Hotel	849	654	559	455	436	430	402	387	242
4-Star Hotel	989	795	699	596	576	547	543	528	383
5-Star Hotel	1076	882	787	683	663	635	630	615	470

Cities	3-Star Hotel	4-Star Hotel	5-Star Hotel
Vientiane	Season Riverside Standard	Lao Plaza Regular	Settha Palace Deluxe
Xiengkhouang	Vansana Superior	Anoulack Khen Lao Big Standard	Anoulack Khen Lao Suite
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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