

6 Days Legend of Laos

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Legend has it the "63 elephant kings" began and ended in Luang Prabang. Lang Xang, as it was known, the once powerful kingdom was founded by the Great King Fa Ngum in 14th century and ended with last King Savang Vatthana in 1975. This amazing 6-day tour will help you to relive the rich heritage of Laos as you visit destinations of historical and national importance.

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.

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 land)

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 Caves

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**.

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

Day5. Luang Prabang - Vientiane

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.

From here we transfer to the airport for our short flight to Vientiane. After checking into your hotel drive south from Vientiane city to see the **Buddha Park**, an enchanting collection of Buddhist and Hindu sculptures set in parkland on the banks of the Mekong close to the **Friendship Bridge**. Here we find over 200 religious images dating back some 500 years faithfully recreated by a mysterious Buddhist monk.

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 Vientiane (B)

Day6. Vientiane - Departure

This morning is free until your transfer to airport for departure. (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	1038	838	732	652	586	563	560	539	304
4-Star Hotel	1150	949	844	763	698	675	671	650	416
5-Star Hotel	1372	1173	1067	985	920	897	870	874	638

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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