

# 7 Days The Miracle

Validity Till Sept 2018

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UNESCO Luang Prabang is located in northern Laos at the heart of a mountainous region. The town is built on a peninsula formed by the Mekong and the Nam Khan River. Mountain ranges (in particular the PhouThao and Phou Nang Mountain) encircle the city in lush greenery while UNESCO Wat Phu is considered one of the oldest archaeological sites in Laos. One temple in the site was constructed around the 5<sup>th</sup> century but most buildings found in the complex are from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> centuries

## Day1. Arrival – Luang Prabang

On arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the town by foot or bicycle. Overnight in Luang Prabang (B)

## Day2: 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**.

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

## Day3: Luang Prabang – Khouangsi Waterfall

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 drive to **Khouangsi Waterfall** stopping along the way to visit the morning **Phousi Market**, this where all 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.

Arriving back in Luang Prabang mid afternoon you are free to treat yourself to a spa treatment or massage, relax at the hotel or then head to the **Night Market** to do some shopping. Overnight in Luang Prabang (B)

## Day4: Luang Prabang – Pakse - Champasak

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our flight to **Pakse**. On arrival in Pakse, we drive south to Champassak and to visit the fascinating pre-Angkorian ruins of **Wat Phu**, one of Southeast Asia's most dramatically situated mountain top temples. We have time to explore these intriguing Khmer ruins, which are perched at the base of Mount Phu Kao. Overnight in Champasak (B)

## Day5: Champasak – Khong Islands - Champasak

After an early morning breakfast, we head south by road and boat to **Khone Island**. Here we begin by re-tracing the French colonial-past at Ban Khone, where some old colonial houses still stand and you glimpse the first Lao railway with its own locomotive.

We continue our exploration of the 4000 islands region by boat and visit the beautiful **Liphi waterfall**,

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also known as the Samphamith, which forms a natural border between Lao and Cambodia.

We return to Ban Nakasang and drive to the famous waterfall of **Khonephapheng Waterfall**- the largest waterfall in South East Asia, also known as the 'Niagara of the East'.

Returning to Champasak your evening is free to enjoy a few drinks as the sun sets over the Mekong River. Overnight in Champasak (B)

#### Day6: Champasak – Tad Lo Bolaven

This morning we head for the refreshing mountain climate on the **Bolevan Plateau**. The area is famous for its many waterfalls and we will visit two of the best, **Tad Fan**, with it's impressive twin falls cascading over 100 metres to the valley floor below and **Tad Ngeuan**, with it's pristin pools for taking a refreshing dip and coffee shop and plantation where you can sample some real Lao coffee.

Along the way you will see the rich soils of the region being cultivated for coffee, tea, cardamom, bananas, and other crops before we arrive at **Tad Lo**, home to another scenic waterfall and numerous ethnic minority groups. We visit the **villages of Alak, Nge, and Katu** before overnighing in Tad Lo. Overnight in Tad Lo (B)

#### Day7: Tadlo – Pakse - Departure

After breakfast you will be transferred back to Pakse airport your departure 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	1247	1029	891	840	764	762	730	709	377
4-Star Hotel	1360	1143	1006	954	879	875	845	823	492
5-Star Hotel	1623	1526	1268	1219	1144	1138	1107	1086	754

Cities	3-Star Hotel	4-Star Hotel	5-Star Hotel
Luang Prabang	Sada Hotel Deluxe	Vangthong Hotel Deluxe	Luang Prabang View Superior
Champassak	Inthira Deluxe	The River Resort Garden Villa	The River Resort Riverfront
Tadlo	Sinouk Coffee Resort Standard Riverside	Sinouk Coffee Resort Superior Riverside	Sinouk Coffee Resort Deluxe Garden

#### 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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