

LVL03-5D4N-LP-VT
5 Days Luang Prabang – Vientiane
Validity: 01 Jun 2016 – 31 Dec 2017

ITINERARY

DAY 1: LUANG PRABANG – ARRIVAL (Nil)

On arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred to check in the hotel. The rest of the day is your own time at leisure.

Overnight in Luang Prabang

DAY 2: LUANG PRABANG – PAK OU CAVES (B/L/D)

Today, you will first visit **Royal Palace Museum**, which hosts a range of interesting artifacts. We then embark on the a leisure cruise upstream on the Mekong River, which also gives us a breathtaking view of the tranquil countryside, before reaching the mysterious **Pak Ou Caves**, two linked caves crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by pilgrims. Along the way, we stop at the village of Ban Xanghai, where they make the local rice wine.

On arrival back in the city, we will visit magnificent **Wat Xiengthong** with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represents classical Laotian architecture. Afterwards, we will visit the **Traditional Art and Ethnology Center** to learn about Laos' many ethnic cultures. From there, we will transfer to visit **Wat Prabath** to admire the sunset; this is the really peaceful place to catch the last beauty of the day. The tour ends after a visit to the famous **Night Market**, where you can find a lovely collection of handmade textiles made by local and hilltribe people surrounding Luang Prabang.

Overnight in Luang Prabang

DAY 3: LUANG PRABANG – KUANG SI WATERFALLS – VIENTIANE (B/L/D)

An early start gives you the fantastic opportunity to participate in the daily morning rituals of saffron-clad monks collecting offerings of Alms (ubiquitous sticky rice) from the faithful residents. This tradition is very unique in Laos, being the only Buddhist nation still preserving the procession. From there, we will take a short visit to the morning local market near the Royal Palace. At the market, you can find anything from rice, to fresh vegetables, to steamed fish, frogs, and anything else that might be the day's catch, just set up on the ground, this is what the locals do every day. This is really the chance for you to get a real flavor of the local culture.

After breakfast at the hotel, we ascend the 329 **steps to the top of Phousi Hill** for a panoramic view of the city and the Mekong River. We then visit Wat Visoun, dating back to 1513 during the reign of King Wisunarat (Visoun), this is Luang Prabang's oldest temple and was once home to the Prabang Buddhas.

We then transfer directly to the beautiful Kuang Si Waterfall where you can cool off with a refreshing swim in the pools or walk along the forest trails.

