

WHAT MAKES LUANGPRABANG SPECIAL

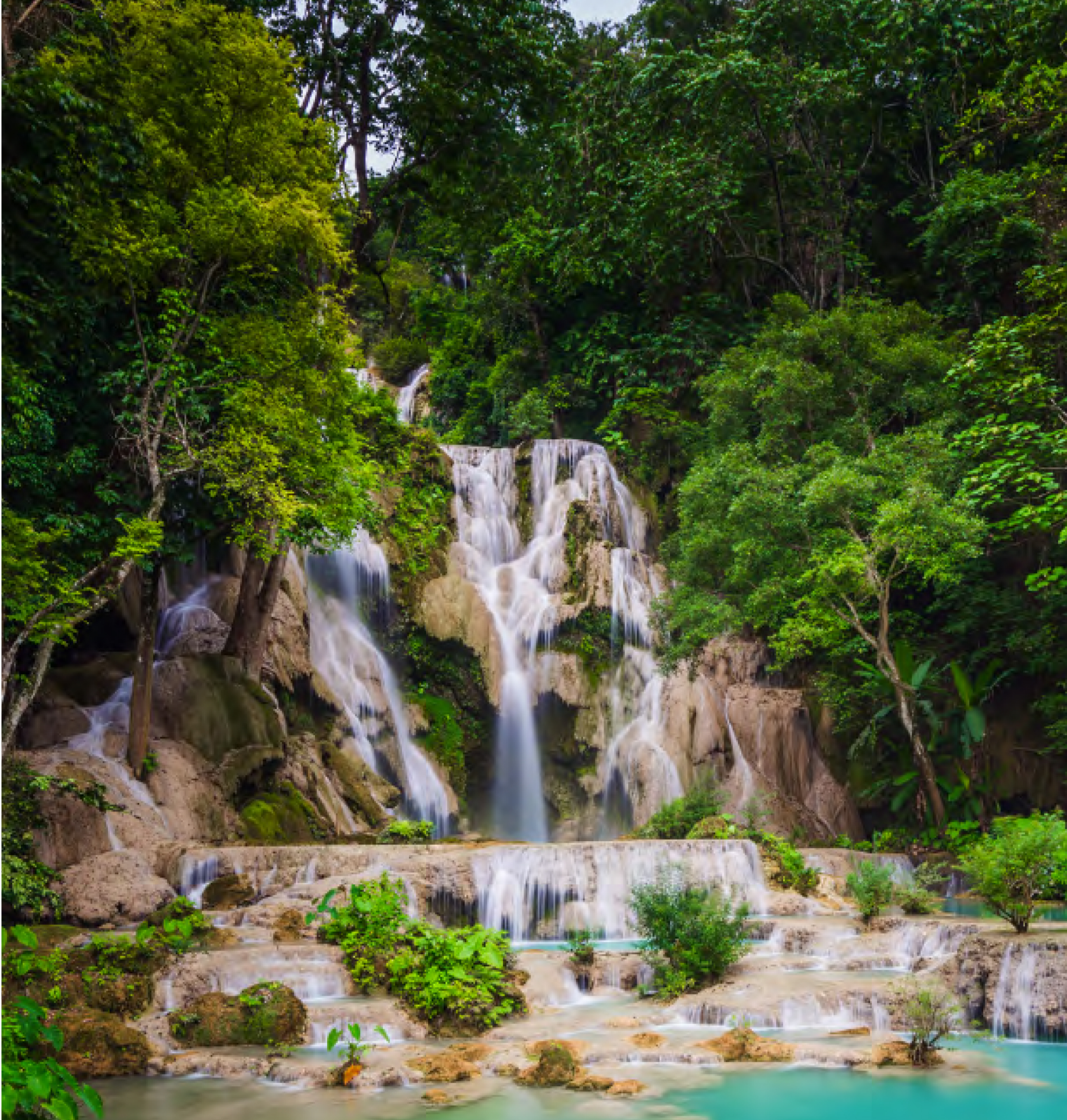
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While LuangPrabang is considered the tourism hub of Laos, it never feels like a bustling tourist trap found around the region. The languid pace, friendly faces and picturesque landscapes will more than make up for almost any weather conditions that may come your way.

Luang Prabang was once the royal capital until Vientiane became the administrative capital in 1946. Today, it remains as the most visited city in Laos. 90 percent of the people in the country work in agriculture, with rice accounting for 80 percent of agricultural production in Laos. This is an unspoiled destination that has yet to be discovered en masse – its religion, culture and tradition still tenacious. A natural beauty, Luang Prabang is surrounded by mountains and is 700 metres above sea level at the confluence of the Nam Khan and Mekong Rivers.

The city's old-world charm is made up of over 2,000 saffron-clad monks living in 33 gilded Buddhist temples and monasteries, breath-taking scenery, sustainable community outreach programmes, rich culture and Gallic villas revived as boutique hotels.

Watch the town come to life during a visit to the morning market. For the early risers wake up before dawn to witness and participate in offering alms to hundreds of saffron-robed monks, a living Buddhist tradition for the people of Luang Prabang which dates back generations. Visit the Royal Palace Museum which was the residence of the king up until when the monarchy was overthrown in 1975. Next visit the so-called 'Temple of the Golden City' Wat Xiengthong.



1. KUANGSI WATERFALLS

Approximately 30 kilometres away from the city, Tat Kuang Si is home to one of the most stunning waterfalls in Southeast Asia as well as the Free the Bears Tat Kuang Si Bear Rescue Centre. Learn about the various bear species and the sanctuary's rescue efforts. Trek up to the top of the waterfall for some great photo opportunities or dip into one of the many cooling pools as you go downstream.

The forests around KuangSi Waterfall have always attracted a large number of butterflies. Olaf and Ineke from the Netherlands sold everything they had and moved to LuangPrabang to realise their dream of creating a research centre studying and publishing about Laos butterflies, host plants and other conservation projects



Photo by: Reuben Teo

2. SACRED MOUNT PHOUSHI

Rising 150 metres above the centre of town, Mount Phousi cuts a distinctive figure on the Luang Prabang skyline. The hill is popular as a place to watch the sun rise or set over the Mekong River. From the summit you can enjoy a spectacular 360 degree outlook across the city and its many temples, and out over the surrounding landscape to the mountains in the distance. Count on spending a couple of hours for the climb and descent, with several stops to see the temples, rest under the shady trees and admire the magical views.

There are hundreds of steps to negotiate, but the climb is gentle enough for anyone who is in reasonable health. For a complete experience, go up Mount Phousi on one side and use the other set of steps to make your way down again. You can pray and make offerings at several temples along the way. Next to Wat Chomsi at the top of the hill you can buy flowers to offer for blessings, as well as caged birds. The Laos believe that if you set a bird free you will enjoy good luck and happiness in the future.

3. WAT XIENG THONG TEMPLE

A symbol of great historic importance, this magnificent masterpiece is characteristic of the Luang Prabang style and features an elaborate tree of life mosaic, intricately carved walls, rare Buddhist deities and a 12-metre high funeral carriage.

Also known as the 'Golden Tree Monastery', Wat Xieng Thong acts as a gateway to Luang Prabang as it is strategically situated close to where the Mekong joins the Nam Khan River. This site is famous as the location for the coronation of Lao kings and as an important gathering place for significant annual festivities. The original temple was created in 1560 under the royal instruction of King Setthathirath and narrowly missed invasion on several occasions, nevertheless time took hold and much-needed remodelling took place during the 1960s. The temple still remains in its original form with repairs undertaken to the roof, and gold leaf gilding and gold lacquering restoration added to the walls and entrance.

Opening Hours: Daily from 08:00-17:00





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4. THE NATIONAL MUSEUM & ROYAL PALACE

It is almost a ritual for first-time LuangPrabang visitors to visit the Royal Palace Museum, which houses exhibits tracing back several centuries to the turbulent past of the Lane Xang kingdom and colonial era. Originally the residence of the royal family, the royal chambers, murals and artefacts have been carefully restored to offer a fascinating glimpse into the royal family’s lifestyle.

Open daily: 08:00am – 11:30am and 13:00pm – 15:30pm
(Cleaning on Thursday, they close at 15:00pm) close on Sunday
Counter ticket: 08:00am – 11:00am and 13:00pm – 15:00pm

5. TAD SAE WATERFALLS

A cluster of natural falls located along a small tributary of the beautiful Nam Khan River in Luang Prabang. Situated about 18km southeast of Luang Prabang, this site is truly a cannot-be-missed destination in a trip to Laos.

A spectacular natural masterpiece which is best appreciated in the rainy season, as the months from March through July there is hardly water in the pools for swimming. Although not as high as the famous Kuang Si, the Tad Sae Waterfalls is still one of the most beautiful Laos waterfalls. The water pours over the incredible limestone cliffs across many levels before flowing into large pools.

The cascades of the Tad Sae give photographing travelers fantastic chance to record amazing pictures. Travelers will have chance to see the wonder of the nature with beautiful waterfalls and majestic limestone formations among the lush green tropical jungle.





Luang Prabang, Laos
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6. AUTHENTICITY

The landscapes and urban fabric retain a high degree of authenticity, and the site is not disturbed by any major construction. The religious buildings are regularly maintained; monks teach young monks restoration techniques for their heritage. Moreover, the Buddhist cult and the cultural traditions related to it (rites and ceremonies) are still alive and practiced diligently. However, the degree of the authenticity of materials and construction techniques of many houses is low, since, for a long period, unsuitable modern techniques and materials (concrete, in particular) have often been used to replace traditional materials.

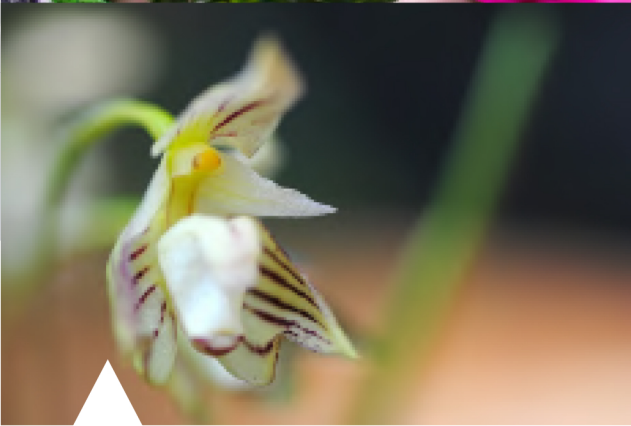
Discover the charm, unique pace & authenticity of life here by enjoying a cup of coffee or tea at the local café or strolling/cycling around to mingle with the friendly local faces and architecture.

7. CULTURE AND HISTORY

Luang Prabang is an outstanding example of the fusion of traditional architecture and Lao urban structures with those built by the European colonial authorities in the 19th and 20th centuries. Its unique, remarkably well-preserved townscape illustrates a key stage in the blending of these two distinct cultural traditions.

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8. PHA TAD KE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Lao First Royal Botanical garden blooms in Luang Prabang. Draped in 40 hectares of thick tropical jungle and laced with limestone cliffs, a misty mountain beside the wide Mekong River in northern Laos might seem an improbable setting for one of Asia’s newest and most ambitious botanic gardens. The garden is built on land that was formerly the site of a hunting pavilion owned by the rulers of Luang Prabang - Laos put an end to the monarchy when the country became communist in 1975.

Discover the incredible diverse flora of Laos and learn how local people have been using plants for medicine, food and wellbeing for centuries. There is plenty to explore – from the **280 species** of ginger plants in the Ginger Garden, to the medicinal plants in the ethno-botanic section which is divided into areas such as ‘plants for women’s health’ and ‘plants for skin conditions’. There’s a lovely restaurant on site where you can grab some food and enjoy the greenery – as well as a pond full of water lilies.

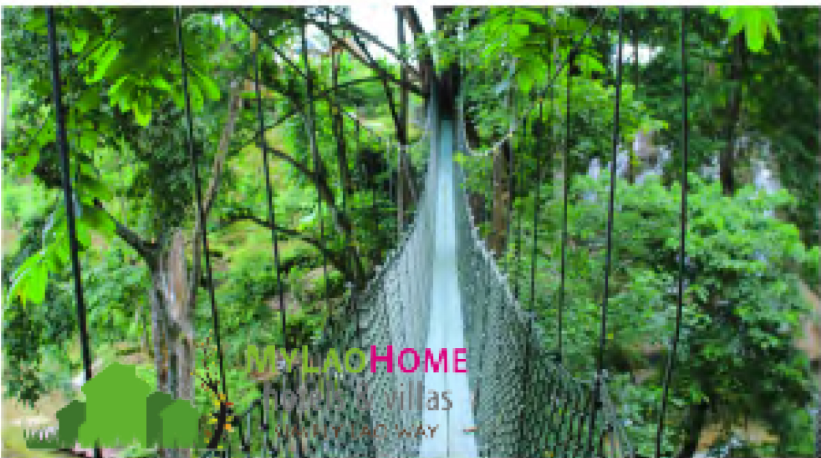
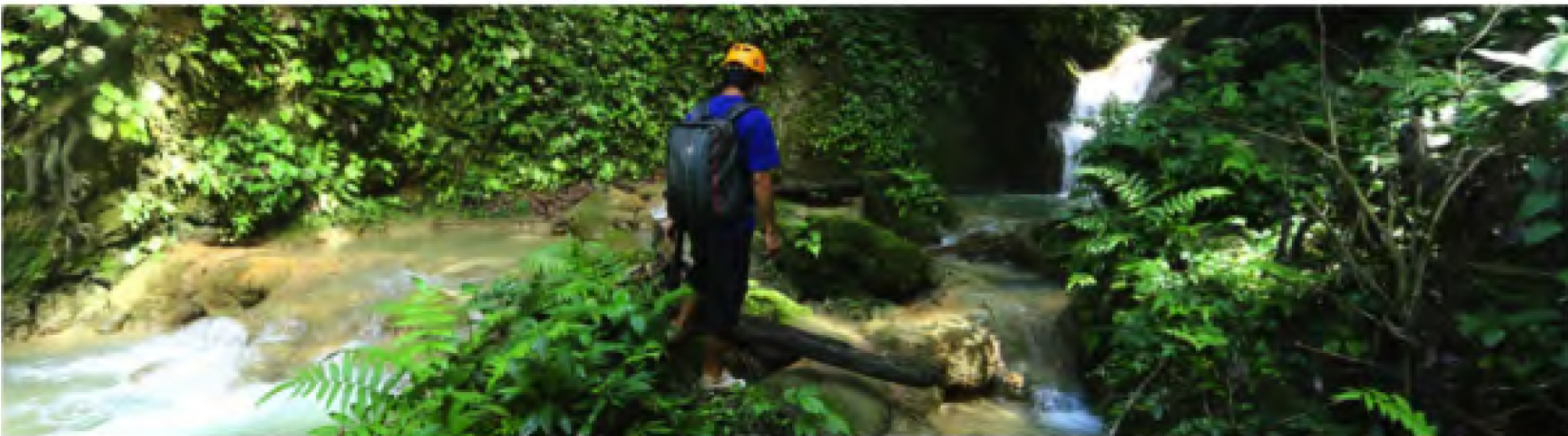
9. NAHM DONG ADVENTURE PARK

A stunning waterfall, breathtaking valley views and plenty of places to picnic – Nahm Dong Nature Park is a fantastic place to spend the day. This family-friendly park is close to Luang Prabang, yet offers visitors the feeling that they are in the middle of the jungle.

To reach the centerpiece of the park, Nam Dong Falls, you walk past a field of roses and an organic vegetable garden. There’s a wooden balcony over the gushing waterfall where you can feast on Lao food from the nature park restaurant as you take in the inspiring scenery.

Ziplining through mountains and forest, Feel the adrenaline rush and excitement! Six stations of Zip-line - total length of over 800 meters. The longest 300 meters will take your breath away

Cable bridge treetop walk and treehouse are also worth a visit



Foodie Report

AUTHENTIC LAO CUISINE
RELAXING AMBIENT
INTERNATIONAL CUISINE



Manda De Laos Restaurant

Average Spending 15USD/person



MANDA de LAOS features Laotian Family Cuisine specialties from all regions of Laos. Dine under the stars surrounded by a UNESCO classified lily pond, immerse in a tropical ambiance.

During sunset time, sip our signature cocktail while watching the magical changing colors in the sky.



Average Spending 10USD/person



SECRET PIZZA RESTAURANT

Open on Tuesday and Friday evenings this "restaurant" is in the courtyard of an expat's home. Cooked in a wood fired pizza oven their bases are thin Thin THIN and the toppings are fresh & plentiful.

The chef is Italian and uses a wood burning oven. The result is an amazing pizza and lasagna.

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For pastries that will transport you to Paris, Le Banneton serves up fresh croissants, danishes and all those other buttery, flakey, oh-so-sinful morning bakery treats. The baguettes are also good, as are the cakes and breakfast and lunch sets. Though not nearly as atmospheric or memorable as Le Banneton in Luang Prabang, one tends to forget such things when sinking their teeth into a second croissant (the last one, I swear!)

Mon-Sat 7:00-18:30, Sun 7:00-13:00



Arabica coffee provides a pathway out of poverty for the likes of the Hmong, Yao (Mien), Gasak, and Khmu hill tribes as an alternative or addition to low-yielding rice, corn and soybean crops.

Saffron works directly with over 800 farming families in coffee cultivation of guarantees the purchase of all coffee produced in their partner villages in order to provide them with increased income.

The story of Saffron Coffee is an uplifting one that deserves to be shared. Saffron was born out of a desire by the founder to establish a viable alternative cash crop for hill tribe villagers in northern Laos who from the early 2000s could no longer rely on the then outlawed opium harvest for much of their income and livelihood.

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As for my espresso and americano, it had a very rich and bold flavour that I thoroughly enjoyed.”



Silk Road Café (Ock Pok Tok)

Enjoy amazing views over the Mekong at our Living Crafts Centre location or people-watch in the town centre at the Heritage Shop Garden.
Now with two locations, you can enjoy our “East Meets West” cuisine wherever you are in Luang Prabang.



Average Spending 10USD/person



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Nahm Dong Park

There’s a wooden balcony over the gushing water where you can feast on Lao food from the nature park restaurant as you take in the inspiring scenery.
Nahm Dong Park is 4 hectares of beautiful plants, lush greenery, exquisite flora and fauna and rushing waters. Without a doubt this is the ultimate place for relaxation, quality time and organic food.

Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden/Café

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Average Spending 12USD/person



Average Spending 10USD/person

Joy Restaurant

Next to the botanical gardens office, on the corner of the street, is Joys (named after the owner). The food at Joys is authentic and excellent. The place is cosy and clean, service is fast and staff friendly.

Spa Report

JOURNEY TO WELLNESS
UNIQUE AND EFFECTIVE
ANCIENT HEALING THERAPIES



BURASARI SPA

Each treatment at Spa Burasari begins with a Purification Ritual intended to prepare your mind and body to receive the experience. The Purification Ritual begins with a warm foot bath and scrub, using natural bergamot, ylang ylang, mint and kaffir lime. A soothing foot and shin massage follow, leaving you in a purified state of mind and prepared to receive your spa treatment.

And, this is just the start! Or signature therapies and spa packages draw on ancient remedies and modern understanding of contemporary lifestyles to bring about a wonderfully ethereal feeling of health and wellness.

Burasari Signature Massage	<i>Price</i>
90 minute session (60 mins treatment time)	592,000 LAK
120 minute session (90 mins treatment time)	756,000 LAK
Detox Massage	
90 minute session (60 mins treatment time)	592,000 LAK
120 minute session (90 mins treatment time)	756,000 LAK
Healing Hot Stone Therapy	
120 minute session (90 mins treatment time)	796,000 LAK
Deep Tissue Massage	
90 minute session (60 mins treatment time)	592,000 LAK
120 minute session (90 mins treatment time)	756,000 LAK
Body Scrub	
90 minute session (60 mins treatment time)	543,000 LAK
Traditional Thai Massage	
60 minute session (60 mins treatment time)	387,000 LAK
120 minute session (90 mins treatment time)	592,000 LAK
Lao Massage	
60 minute session (60 mins treatment time)	387,000 LAK
Reflexology	
60 minute session (60 mins treatment time)	346,000 LAK
Reflexology with Ginger Zinger	
75 minute session (60 mins treatment time)	385,000 LAK

LuangPrabang's Award-Winning Luxry Spa

Frangipani Spa

This spa looked very inviting from the outside. Located just 3 minutes away from the main street, it was also very quiet. Massage was inside a room with several mattresses on the floor, separated by curtains. A 60-minute Traditional Lao massage is 85,000 kip; aromatherapy oil massage will set you back 145,000 kip



Silver Naga Spa

Opened in 2014 on the main street of Sakkaline Road and it's good. The spa has some pleasant touches with decoration, music and lockers. We've enjoyed the aromatherapy massage several times. It's popular so make an appointment in advance to avoid disappointment. A 60-minute Lao massage is 55,000 kip; aromatherapy oil massage will set you back 100,000 kip.



Peninsula Massage and Sauna

Peninsula Massage & Sauna is on the Mekong River road, close to Wat Xiengthong near the tip of the peninsula. This no-frills centre is popular with locals.

This place is not that ambience, but nine times out of ten, you'll have a pretty good massage.

The staff have been trained by Mrs Somchit, an experienced masseuse and acupuncturist. Expect a strong Lao massage or you can try out the Laos traditional sauna. A 60-minute Lao massage is 70,000 kip; oil massage 80,000 kip. Open daily 09:00-21:00.

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CHARMING HOTEL
CENTRAL LOCATION
HERITAGE UNESCO HOUSES

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3STAR HOTEL



MyLaoHome Hotel ***Your Home Away From Home***

At MyLaoHome, We strive to bring you the best experience in Laos, creating a "home away from home" experience. As you wander around the beautiful cities and wilderness in Laos, you can be sure that at the end of the day, you can return to a well-furnished home that has been specially prepared to make you feel like you're being welcomed back to an authentic Laotian abode.



Cozy hotel in a prime location, near to the famous Mekong river, morning and night markets and convenience store.

Quiet and cozy hotel in the center. The famous night market and the main sights can be reached in 5 minutes. Well-designed Rooms/Suites equipped with modern comforts. On the territory of the hotel there are flowerbeds, hammocks and swings.



CHARMING HOTEL
HERITAGE LUXURY
ROMANTIC & OUTSTANDING

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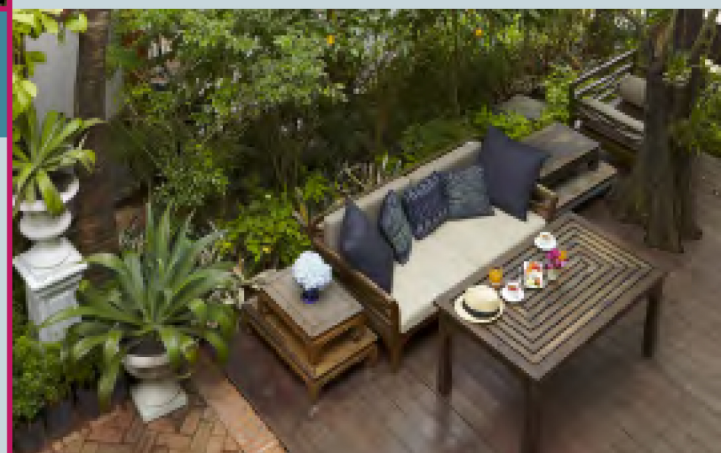


An Indochina jewel. UNESCO Luang Prabang's most charming boutique hotel

Burasari Heritage recalls the relaxed, charmed lifestyle of colonial Indochina and the grandeur of the Laos' rich royal legacy. Located on a tranquil riverside lane in Luang Prabang, Asia's most celebrated UNESCO World Heritage city, our exquisite boutique hotel blends elegant, French colonial design with the intimacy and warmth of traditional Lao teakwood houses. Each room is uniquely outfitted with luxurious accoutrements and handcrafted textiles that carry you back to another time, where life moves a little slower, where there is time to reflect and regenerate. Step out barefoot on your personal verandah and enjoy views of the idyllic Nam Khan River, or stroll the historic town's ancient avenues where venerable temples, an exotic night market, classic cafés and world-class restaurants await.

Luxury hotel in the heart of Indochina, with impeccable service and a nostalgic flair

Burasari Heritage's distinctive luxury accommodations allow romance, leisure and reflection to blossom and thrive. Our signature 'Royal Pledge' hospitality experience is guided by impeccable old world service, a nostalgic flair and natural, healthy living for the body and soul. Retreat to our classic sanctuary, surrounded by Luang Prabang's golden temple spires, its striking karst mountains, two beguiling rivers teeming with history and mythology, and verdant tropical beauty.





LuangPrabangView Hotel's Infinity Pool with stunning view



Amazing hotel with superb views over the hill

Luangprabang View Hotel

The Heritage City in Northern of Laos. It boasts breathtaking with panoramic views of the countryside valley. The hotel's construction began in 2007. It was a multimillion dollars project which took three years to complete. This truly magnificent hotel was restored to its original splendor and is easily among the best one can expect in this world Heritage City. Restoration work was guided by the renowned local exterior designer Mr. Boun Kham and the interior was designed by Mr. Ewan. Innovative and traditional colorful designs were used to restore entire rooms, right down to the finer detailing in draperies, ceilings, teak wood floors and murals.



Pool Villa Room @LuangPrabangView Hotel

Today, each category of the rooms represents a myriad of cultures and eras. The public areas available for viewing provide a glimpse of the rich history of the building. When the Luangprabang View Hotel opened its doors, it was presented as a gift to the Heritage City. Since then it has been the recipient of numerous awards for both its architecture and design and has been the scene for important event details. Today, each category of the rooms represents an inner detailing in draperies, ceilings, teak wood floors and murals.

Boasting a viewpoint from where the views of the surrounding country side can been seen, this property is perfectly located on a hill, overlooking the UNESCO Heritage. Guests can choose from the wide range of rooms available, which brings along modern amenities needed for a perfect stay. All the guestrooms feature spacious bathroom with separate shower, cable TV, fully stocked mini bar and complimentary wireless internet. For leisure, guests can dip in the large swimming pool area, spa or visit the poolside bar for refreshing drinks and light snacks.