

## HIGHLIGHTS OF LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE

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### OVERVIEW

Group size : 1-10 pax  
Duration : 05 days / 04 nights  
Route : Vientiane – Luang Prabang

### ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY 1. Arrival –Vientiane	(/-/D)
DAY 2. Vientiane – Luang Prabang	(B/L/-)
DAY 3. Luang Prabang- Pakou caves	(B/L/-)
DAY 4. Luang Prabang- Khouangsy Waterfalls	(B/L/-)
DAY 5. Luang Prabang- departure	(B/-/)

### ITINERARY IN DETAIL

#### DAY 1. ARRIVAL –VIENTIANE (-/-/D)

On arrival at in the capital, you will be met by our staff and transferred to your hotel. Vientiane is a charming and fascinating place, with an interesting mix of Lao, Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese, French, and American influences. After a short rest, we start visiting the major city sights; including Wat Sisaket, the country's oldest temple, with thousands of miniature Buddha statues and the former royal temple of Wat Prakeo. En route, we visit the famous That Luang Stupa, the single most important monument in Laos. You will have the opportunity to take some pictures of the imposing Patuxay Monument, which is well known as Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph. Tonight we will enjoy a welcome dinner at one of the fine restaurants.

*Note: check-in at the hotel is at 2pm. Early check in is subject to availability with supplement.*

#### DAY 2. VIENTIANE- LUANG PRABANG (Express Train 07.30- 09.30) (B/L/-)

After an early breakfast, we take an express train to Luang Prabang. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Luang Prabang has been claimed by UNESCO to be 'the best preserved city in South East Asia'. After a short rest, we visit The National Museum at the former Royal Palace, which displays a lovely collection of artifacts reflecting the richness of Lao culture throughout the ages. Next, we will visit the city's oldest temple, Wat Sene and the magnificent Wat Xieng Thong where you can see the impressive "tree of life" mosaic set in colored glass. Continue visit to The Traditional Arts & Ethnology Centre - the first exhibition space and fair trade store dedicated to the collection, preservation, interpretation, and presentation of Laos' traditional arts and lifestyles. We then climb up to the top of Mount Phousi for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as a panoramic view of the city at sunset. From there, we explore the Night Market, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textile made by local and hill tribe people surrounding Luang Prabang. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

*Note: as per local regulations, vehicles over 16seaters are not allowed in the city*

#### DAY 3. LUANG PRABANG – PAKOU CAVES (B/L/-)

Today, we board an upstream cruise on the Mekong River, which gives us a panoramic view of the tranquil countryside. We'll make sure to stop at the Pak Ou Caves, sanctuaries consisting of two large caverns, both repositories for thousands of Buddha images. We will also stop at a few villages during the day, including Ban MuangKham where the local riverweed is produced and Ban Xiengmene. We also have a chance to climb up to Wat Chomphet. Here you will have one of the best views of Luang Prabang from across the river. Next, we visit Ban Xang

Khong and Ban Xieng Lek - small villages well known for silk weavings and Saa (jute) Papermaking. Overnight in Luang Prabang

#### DAY 4. LUANG PRABANG- BAN LONG LAO- KUANGSY WATERFALLS (NO TREKKING) (B/L/-)

After breakfast, we transfer to Ban Long Lao. On arrival, we begin with a visit to the ethnic Khmu village of Ban Longlao Nung before heading to the nearby Hmong village of Ban Longlao Song. You will be able to observe the lifestyles of these two culturally very different minority groups and see how despite their differences they manage to work together on a day to day basis and even sharing the same school.

Afterwards, we continue our excursion to the beautiful Kuang Sy Fall. En route, stop and short tour visit Buffalo Dairy Farm: <http://www.laosbuffalodairy.com/>, The tour will be lasted about 40minutes -Tour included a guide tour of the mini farm, Buffalo feeding & Washing, Milking Demonstration, & Feeding Chickens and rabbits. Afterwards, we visit some ethnic minority villages and see how these colorful people live. We then continue to the beautiful Kuangsy Waterfalls where you can swim in the turquoise pools or walk along forest paths. Return to the city by late evening to observe the sunset at Wat Phabath. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

#### DAY 5. LUANG PRABANG – DEPARTURE (B/-/-)

After breakfast, If time permit you will visit the morning Phosi Market where you will find dried buffalo skins, local teas and saltpeter among the many foodstuffs and hill-tribe textiles before transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

End of services!

**Please note:** Hotel check-out time is at 12:00

Have a fantastic trip!

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#### HOTEL LIST (or similar)

City	Standard hotel	Superior hotel	Deluxe hotel
Vientiane	Lao Orchid hotel (Superior room) <a href="http://www.lao-orchid.com">www.lao-orchid.com</a>	Salana Boutique (Superior room) <a href="http://www.greenparkboutiquehotels.com">www.greenparkboutiquehotels.com</a>	Crown Plaza (Standard room) <a href="http://www.vientiane.crownplaza.com">www.vientiane.crownplaza.com</a>
Luangprabang	Villa Chitdara (Standard room) <a href="http://www.villachitdara.com">www.villachitdara.com</a>	Le Belair Resort (Ganier room) <a href="http://www.lebelair-resort.com">www.lebelair-resort.com</a>	Villa maly (Superior room) <a href="http://www.villa-maly.com">www.villa-maly.com</a>

#### SERVICES INCLUDED

- ❖ English-speaking tour guides on touring date.
- ❖ Accommodation on twin/double/triple sharing basic
- ❖ Meal plan:
  - Daily breakfast at hotels.
  - Lunch or dinner with local food as mention in the program
- ❖ Air-con transfer for airport transfer and touring

- ❖ Train ticket Vientiane – Luang Prabang
- ❖ Boat trip as per program.
- ❖ Entrance fee and Zone fee as per program
- ❖ Water during transfer.

#### **SERVICES not INCLUDED**

- ❖ International, domestic flights and airport departure tax.
- ❖ Meals not mentioned in Detailed Program.
- ❖ Laos Visa stamp fee
- ❖ Early check-in, late check-out surcharge.
- ❖ Surcharge for Christmas and New Year period (to be advised upon booking confirmation)
- ❖ Tipping for Guides and Drivers
- ❖ Banking fee for payment by bank transfer
- ❖ Other expense not mentioned in the program.

#### **TOUR PRICE PER PERSON (USD)**

**From October 2024 to April 2025**

**Except:**

- Xmas and New Year 2024: From Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Jan 05<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Lunar new year 2025: From Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – Feb 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Group size	1 pax	2pax	3-4pax	5-6pax	7-8pax	9-10pax	Single supplement
<b>Standard package</b>	1140	644	524	449	407	401	138
<b>Superior package</b>	1400	774	654	537	537	531	268
<b>Deluxe package</b>	1671	910	790	672	672	667	403

**From May to September 2025**

Group size	1 pax	2pax	3-4pax	5-6pax	7-8pax	9-10pax	Single supplement
<b>Standard package</b>	1106	627	508	433	391	386	124
<b>Superior package</b>	1208	678	559	484	442	437	176
<b>Deluxe package</b>	1350	749	630	556	513	508	247

**From October 2025 to April 2026**

**Except:**

- Xmas and New Year 2025: From Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to Jan 05<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Lunar new year 2026: From Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Group size	1 pax	2pax	3-4pax	5-6pax	7-8pax	9-10pax	Single supplement
<b>Standard package</b>	1200	678	552	473	428	422	145
<b>Superior package</b>	1474	815	689	609	565	559	282
<b>Deluxe package</b>	1759	958	832	752	708	702	425

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

##### **TOUR RATE:**

- Tour rates are based on current fuel rates and subject to change if the fuel rates increase by 15%.

##### **VEHICLE USAGE AND LOCAL GUIDE'S WORKING TIME:**

**For airport transfer:** Airport pick up/drop-off for flights from 22:00pm to 6:00 am will require a surcharges for guide fee and vehicle.

Guide fee surcharge:

- USD 10/guide/way for group 1 – 10 pax
- USD 15/guide /way for group from 11 pax up

Vehicle surcharge:

- USD 10/4-7 seaster car/ way
- USD 15 /15 seaster van/ way
- USD 20/24-35 seaster bus/ way
- USD 30/45 seaster bus/ way

**For sightseeing:** Guide and vehicle, if included, will follow the exact confirmed program. Their maximum working time for sightseeing is from 08:00am to 05:00pm or from 08:30am to 5:30pm. Dinner time is in 2 hours from 07:00 – 09:00pm including pick up/drop off from/to your hotel. Please discuss with your guide about the time you want to start the sightseeing to avoid delay.

Over time surcharge:

- USD 20 per hour for guide and vehicle for 4-7s car;
- USD 30 per hours for guide and vehicle for 15s minivan;
- USD 40 per hour for guide and vehicle for 24 minivan bus up

If you need more time for sightseeing or dinner, please inform us in advance to include the cost from begining.

**For lunch and dinner** are not included in the program: transfer and meal cost will be on guests's own arrangement.

**Since our tour guide and driver also need to recharge their health to work well on the next days, your understanding and punctuality are really appreciated.**

##### **HOTEL CHECK-IN & CHECK OUT TIME:**

- Check-in: from 14.00-15.00
- Check-out: before 11.00-12.00

**Note!** Early check and late check out are subjected to availability with surcharge from the hotels.

##### **SUGGESTED TIPS POLICY:**

- Group from 1 pax – 5 pax: Minimum USD 6/guests/day
- Group from 6 pax – 10 pax: Minimum USD 4/guests/day
- Group from 11 pax up: Minimum USD 3/pax/day



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