

COLORFUL CAPITALS (THAILAND, CAMBODIA & LAOS) 12 DAYS

This exciting journey uncovers exotic "mini Thailand" then take us deep into South East Asia's less visited countries of Laos and Cambodia. Veer off Southeast Asia's trodden paths to uncover the glory days of lost empires—and immerse yourself in the vibrant cultures that have emerged in their wakes. you'll encounter temples and shrines devoted to Buddhist, Hindu, and animist worship; romantic remnants of French Colonial architecture; and gilded palaces where royals still reside. Along the way, you'll meet locals in their markets and schools, and learn about traditional crafts like silk-weaving and paper-making from artisans who have practiced their trades for generations.

Tour type: Private tour

Duration : 12 Days

Departure: Daily from Bangkok or Luang Prabang

Tour Styles: Cultural, History

Destination: Bangkok - Kanchanaburi - Ayuthaya - Siem Reap - Luang Prabang

ITINERARY TOUR:

DAY 1: BANGKOK ARRIVAL

Upon arrival, our tour guide welcomes you at the airport then transfer you to hotel to check in. Free for leisure the rest time of the day.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Bangkok

DAY 2: HIGHLIGHTS OF BANGKOK FULL DAY

A visit to the Royal Grand Palace, the nation's landmark and most praised royal monument in Thailand, with the enclosed and dazzling Wat Phra Keo with its revered Emerald Buddha, the Golden Chedi, the Pantheon of the Chakri Kings and the Eight Coloured Towers, is a must.



In Thailand by many, it is considered to be a living example of classical Siamese Court, being the former residence of the kings of Thailand. Wat Pho is also regarded as the first centre of public education and is sometimes called 'Thailand's first university'. Mural paintings, inscriptions, and statues found in the temple-educated people on varied subjects such as literature, warfare, archaeology, astronomy, geology, meditation and to be considered, home of the Thai traditional massage. Here, you will enjoy a 30-minutes' Thai massage as an excellent break after a morning sightseeing.

Experience an afternoon trip along the bustling Chao Phya River and the quiet Klongs (canals) in a long tail boat enjoy scenes of life by water. We bring you to a more traditional way of living, more serene and traditional, away from all the high-rise and modern buildings of Bangkok City Centre, as we gently pass Thonburi residential areas. A stop will be made at the "Temple of Dawn" (officially named Wat Arun).

Finally, a visit to the Flower and vegetable market will round off this day. Located close to the Chao Phraya River, this part of Bangkok brings you to a rural piece of Bangkok where they have a vast selection of all kinds of flowers, especially orchids and tropical flowers and see how the merchants create very special flower garlands. The end of this Bangkok day ends at the Golden Mountain. Photography is permitted in the Royal Palace Grounds and in the compounds of the Emerald Buddha Temple, but not inside the buildings.

Note:

- Please dress respectfully by not wearing sleeveless, shorts or sandals, when visiting the Grand Palace and temple complex.
- The inner courts of Grand Palace are frequently closed on Sundays.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Bangkok



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DAY 3: AUTHAYA DISCOVERY

- 08:00 - 8:30 Car & Guide pick up at Hotel In Bangkok
- 09:00 am. We start the trip with visit the Summer Palace, the Royal Palace at Bang Pa In Now the Palace is used occasionally by their Majesties King Rama IX and Queen Sirikit as residence and for receptions and banquet.
- 10:30 am. Continue trip to Ayutthaya Ancient Capital, the city and temples.
- 11:30 am. Have lunch at local restaurant.
- 12:30 pm. Afternoon we will visit all Wat in Ayutthaya First is: Wat Mahathat - Over 600 years old - the heart and soul of Ayutthaya people. It was completely destroyed by Burmese during the Thai -Burmese War & The buddha's head inside the tree. Second Wat is Wat Mongkol Borpit- The biggest sitting buddha Continue with Wat Phrasri Sanphet- former palace with tree Big Chedies. Finish with Wat Lokiyasutharam- has a mysterious past - a large reclining Buddha image, constructed in the style of Early Ayutthaya Period.
- 15:30 pm Return Bangkok in afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**Accommodation:** Hotel in Bangkok**DAY 4: BANGKOK – FLY TO SIEM REAP**

Upon arrival at Siem Reap International Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by our guide at the airport and then be transferred to the hotel for check-in. You'll have a good rest then to get rid of the jet lag.

Meals: Breakfast**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap.**DAY 5: SIEM REAP – ANGKOR THOM – ANGKOR WAT**

Breakfast at hotel, first visit the South Gate of Angkor Thom which is famous for its series of colossal human faces carved in stone, the impressive Bayon Temple, the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Lunch at local restaurant.

In the afternoon, continue to seeing the architectural masterpiece of Angkor Wat. We stroll around this massive monument, exploring the many galleries with columns, libraries, pavilions, courtyards and ponds full of water reflecting the towering temple. Overnight at hotel in Siem Reap.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap**DAY 6: BANTEAY SREI – TONLE SAP**

After breakfast, visit the temple of Banteay Srei temple (women's castle), it is considered a classic pearl in the crown of Khmer art. Then continue to visit Banteay Samre, established in the third quarter of the 12th century. It consists of a central temple consists of two four-winged library a hall before and after example of very good southern accompany reservations. Lunch at local restaurant.

In the afternoon, you will take a boat trip at the Tonle Sap, about 16 km from the southeastern city of Siem Reap. Here is a good choice for you to visit the floating village. This is a relatively small village, provides a good insight into the Tonle Sap village lifestyle. The village is almost entirely in fishing and related activities. If the time permitted, before returning to the hotel, we will stop at Old Market. You will find artifacts, gold and silver jewelry, precious stones, silk, stone and wood carvings, as well as shirts, CD and other memorabilia. Then, back to Hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap

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DAY 7: ARTISAN D'ANGKOR – SILK FARM – FLY TO LUANG PRABANG – BACI CEREMONY

Breakfast at hotel. This morning, visit the handicraft center and family Artisans D'Angkor and Silk Farm, there was built by a French NGO to revive Cambodia's beautiful silk production. We can see every step of silk production. Lunch at local restaurant.

After lunch, free time until transfer to Siem Reap airport for flight to Luang Prabang. On arrival, you will be warmly welcomed by our guide at the airport and then be transferred to the hotel for check-in.

You are free to stroll around the city for your own first impression of this ancient city. Situated in the centre of northern Laos, Luang Prabang is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its outstanding cultural, historic and architectural values and its harmonious relationship between the natural and built environment.

Late afternoon, join a private Baci ceremony at a local family. The Baci ceremony as a traditional ritual of the Lao people expresses the spirituality of the country and is a highly memorable experience and a deep insight into Lao culture for the participants.

Dinner will be served after that for you to share with the host family. This is the best chance for you to have first experience of local life and culture.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang

DAY 8: LUANG PRABANG – NATURE AND CULTURE EXPERIENCE

At your arrival on spot relax for a Tea or a coffee at Hoi Khua Coffee shop to fill our security acknowledgement form, following by a training safety riding Zip Line with our experience guide and start climb up to the higher trees for 13 stations and 900 meters of Zip Line down to the Valley with, fly between the trees, cross the Green Jungle Canopy, enjoy or challenge your friends with 180m of Twin Line and fly above the Green Garden Flower on 290 meters before abseil down of the tree and then back to the coffee shop by the Green Organic Trail, take a short rest and back to Luang Prabang by sharing minivan.

In the afternoon, your city tour begins with a visit to the magnificent Wat Xiengthong with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represents classical Laotian architecture.

Then visit the city's oldest temple of Wat Sene.

After that, you will visit Royal Palace Museum, which hosts a range of interesting artifacts. 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang

DAY 9: LUANG PRABANG – COOKING CLASS – KUANG SI WATERFALL

Today, you will take part in the cooking class at Tamarind Restaurant.

We start with a visit to the major food market; explain what the foods are and what they are used for.

We then transfer back to Tamarind Garden to cook and eat. What you experience should be:

- § Varieties of jeow: the fundamental Lao spicy dipping sauces
- § Mok Pa, a popular dish of herbed fish steamed in banana leaves
- § Tamarind's speciality: lemongrass stuffed with chicken & herbs
- § Laap/koy, a minced meat salad, fragrant with herbs
- § Dessert course: a surprise!
- § Of course you'll learn the art to perfect sticky rice and its eating etiquette.



The lunch should be finished at around 2:30.

In the afternoon, we transfer directly to the beautiful Kuang Si waterfalls which is the biggest in the Luang Prabang area with three tiers leading to a 50-metre drop into spectacular azure pools before flowing downstream. The pools also make great swimming holes and are very popular with both tourists and locals. We will also take a short visit to the Bear Rescue Center, which houses a couple of dozen animals rescued from the hands of poachers and traffickers.

Before returning to Luang Prabang, we stop to visit the Kuang Si Falls Butterfly Park (closed from 15 APR – 30 JUN; 01-14 SEP, & 01 JAN every year), whose mission is to create a research centre studying and publishing about Laos butterflies, host plants and preservation. Laos is also known for its traditional crafts, we will take a short visit to the Ock Pop Tock Living Craft Center, set serenely close to the Mekong, this beautiful, traditionally styled workshop, where weavers, spinners and batik makers produce top-quality fabrics, offers free tours every half-hour.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang

DAY 10: LUANG PRABANG – ELEPHANT VILLAGE

- 8:00 am – 8:30 am: Pick up by our English speaking guide from your hotel lobby within Luang Prabang, Laos

Arrival at the Elephant Village Camp: Welcome greeting by your guide and participate in a short briefing about elephants

Elephant Feeding: Get up close and personal with elephants

Explore Elephant Village: Visit our elephant hospital, museum, gallery and dung paper making facility!

Learn to communicate: Enjoy the impressive experience of being a Mahout and how they communicate.

Boat trip to the Tad Sae Waterfall: Ride in a traditional Lao long boat to the Tad Sae Waterfall and relax or swim in the clear water. Swimsuit recommended! (note: water levels will vary with seasonal conditions)

Lunch: Dine at our Elephant Camp restaurant. Your buffet lunch is served with coffee / tea and drinking water (vegetarian options are available)

- 1:00pm: Depart the camp. Transfer back to your Hotel in Luang Prabang



In the afternoon, we will take a short walk around the small streets of city center, watching the life of local people, and visiting the traditional house of Heuan Chan, the Chantal wooden house dating back to 100 years old.

Then we will ascend the Phousi hill to enjoy the panoramic view over the ancient city.

Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang

DAY 11: LUANG PRABANG – PAK OU CAVES

- 08:30 Guide and driver pick up at hotel.

We embark on a 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.

En route, you will stop at Ban Muang Keo, a well-known village for its traditional Lao rice whisky distilling.

We will drive out of the city to visit Ban Xangkong, the Thai Lue village, which is famous for its arts and crafts. We also visit the nearby village of Ban Xienglek specializing in making the traditional Saa paper.

Overnight in Luang Prabang



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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang

DAY 12: LUANG PRABANG – DEPARTURE

You are free to stroll around the resort for your own exploration before taking the departure flight

Note: *Pick-up 03 hour prior to departure time*

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: NA

PACKAGE PRICES:

01 Oct 2022 - 31 Dec 2023	PRIVATE TOUR
Superior (3*)	US \$2074
First Class (4*)	US \$2264
Luxury (5*)	US \$2764

Notes:

- *All prices are based on per adult, in Double/Twin sharing
- Small group tour available (max 10 guests): **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
- Surcharge will be applied for single traveler or single room request

OUR PRICE INCLUDE:

- 12 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches, 1 Dinner
- Airplane, Car
- Hotel (11 nights)
- Overnight in shared Twin/ Double room with air-condition (AC) at hotel.
- All transport within Thailand, Cambodia and Laos (including airport pick up & see off), as per itinerary
- International flight tickets in tour: Bangkok - Siem Reap, Siem Reap - Luang Prabang (20kg luggage inclusion)
- Meals as indicated in the program
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Entrance fees as per itinerary

OUR PRICE EXCLUDE:

- Hotel EARLY check in & LATE check out
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the accommodation (if any)
- International flights (arrival and departure) with taxes
- Visa or Passport Fees
- Travel Insurance
- Tips, laundry and gratuities
- Meals not marked on itinerary, and water during meals

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellation by Customer

○ 60 days prior to the arrival date: Non Refundable deposit charge and the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.



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- 59 – 31 days prior to arrival date: Cancellations fee of 30% per group/booking and plus the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.
 - 30 days – 15 days prior to arrival date: Cancellations fee of 50% per group/booking plus the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.
 - 14 – 7 days before arrival: Cancellations fee 70% charge plus the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.
 - Less than 7 days before arrival Or No show: 100 % charge per group/booking.
- *** Nonrefundable deposit and banking service fee will be forfeited in all cancellation cases.

CHILDREN PRICES:

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults
- For infant (<04 years old): FOC *except domestic ticket cost*
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate

