

# **HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS 6 DAYS**

In Laos, you'll find a land that holds to the simple traditions that have slipped away elsewhere and where the languid pace of life is eternally contagious. Joining our Highlights of Laos 6 days tour, you will discover Vientiane, filled with atmospheric temples and riverside eateries while beautiful Luang Prabang reveals elaborate monasteries, colorful markets, and a delightful blend of architecture, with one-night stop in Vang Vieng, nested along the gentle Nam Song river, the heaven for eco-tourism. There is more to the magic of Laos, its true beauty lies in the amiable people. Mingle with the locals on a visit to a family home, play a round of petanque, or befriend a monk for a journey into the true heart of Laos. Don't miss out!

**Tour type**: Private **Duration**: 6 Days

**Departure**: Daily **Tour Styles:** Soft Adventure, Relaxation, Cultural, Nature

Destination: Vientiane - Ban Thaheua - Luang Prabang - Tak Bat: Lao Monks' Morning Alms - Pak Ou Caves - Kuang Si

Waterfalls

## **ITINERARY TOUR:**

#### DAY 1: VIENTIANE ARRIVAL - SIGHTSEEING TOUR

On arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred to check in the hotel.

After a soft rest, we will first visit the major sights of the capital; including the oldest **Wat Sisaket**, the temple with thousands of miniature Buddha statues and the former royal temple of **Wat Prakeo**, which previously housed the famous Emerald Buddha Image. On the way to Lao's national icon, the famous and sacred structure of **That Luang Stupa**, we stop enroute to take some pictures of the imposing Patuxay Monument, which is well known as Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph.

The welcome dinner will be served at the local restaurant with the traditional dance and folk song, the best chance to experience the local culture. Overnight in Vientiane.

Meals: Dinner

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Vientiane







#### DAY 2: VIENTIANE - BAN THA HEUA

We leave the capital early for our **journey northbound**; we will see some breathtaking scenery enroute as we pass through spectacular countryside towards the mountainous region. Along the way, we visit the busy and **colorful market of KM52** where various hill tribes come to trade goods and buy provisions. We may also make a short photo stop at **Hin Heup bridge**, and the fish market in **Ban Tha Heua**.

From there, transfer to your hotel, which locate on the north side of Nam Ngum lake, offering the excellent escape from daily busy life.

The afternoon is dedicated to plenty of activities on sites such as kayaking, water-jet skiing, paddle boat, cycling, or trekking to visit the nearby villages. Discuss with our guide for the activities that you wish to enjoy. These are based on your own extra expense

You can either choose to relax by the floating swimming pool of the resort. Overnight in Ban Tha Heua

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ban Tha Heua



### DAY 3: BAN THA HEUA - VANG VIENG - LUANG PRABANG

Wake up early today, you never want to miss the serene sunrise over the peaceful lake. Our guide will escort you to the nearby area to watch the local villagers preparing for their busy day.





After breakfast, we transfer to Vang Vieng, and visit the cave of **Tham Jang**, which was used in the early 19th century in defense against the Chinese invaders.

We then start our expedition on the new road to **Luang Prabang**, that is perhaps the best-preserved traditional city in Southeast Asia. The roads are well paved along the way for a smooth journey; we pass some stunning landscape scenery with a mixture of steep terraced fields and hill villages, we take a few photo stops at some small hill tribe village enroute. Each hill tribe village in Laos has a different feel, some are more prosperous than others but all have plenty of life. We also have chance to admire the panoramic view over the surrounding area at the peak of more than 2000m. Before reaching Luang Prabang, we will make a short stop to visit the local school at **Ban Huay Sala**. Overnight in Luang Prabang

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang



#### DAY 4: LUANG PRABANG - CULTURE EXPERIENCE

After breakfast at the hotel, we will first visit **Traditional Arts & Ethnology Center (TAEC)**, the collection of diverse Lao ethnic groups. We will stroll around to visit the center to understand more about the Lao diverse ethnic culture.

After that, we will join the seminars of "Ethnic Diversity and Cultural Change in Laos"

This fascinating 60-minute presentation and question-and-answer session gives background on Laos' ethnic communities, their history, and their cultural practices, including livelihoods and crafts. Guests have an opportunity to learn about lifestyles in ethnic villages, and are shown unique artefacts from TAEC's collection that are not accessible to the general public.





The seminars are led by one of the two TAEC Founder/Directors, either Thongkhoun Soutthivilay, a Luang Prabang-native who worked at the Luang Prabang National Museum for 10 years, and who has attended trainings and conferences in the US, Thailand, Netherlands, Japan, and Brunei; or Tara Gujadhur, an American who has worked in Luang Prabang for over 10 years, with a background in anthropology and sustainable tourism development.

The ethnic Khmu lunch will be served at TAEC Café.

In the afternoon, we will visit **Ock Pop Tock Living Craft Center**, where we will walk around to have a short visit before **joining one of the below class:** 

**Dyeing Class:** An introduction to silkworms and silk types, students have a hands-on experience with natural dye preparation and create 3 natural dyes using plants directly from our home-grown garden (just like the Lao have done for hundreds of years!)

At the end of class, you will take home 2 dyed silk skeins or 2 cotton napkins and 1 Silk scarf you dyed yourself.

**Weaving Class:** Start with an introduction to silks, dyeing and weaving techniques. Each student is assigned a loom — a guide and a weaver will help you learn the art of weaving.

Batik Class: Introduction to Hmong Batik culture! (Only available Monday through Friday)

Each student will create a wax resistant, Hmong-style design on hand-loomed hemp, together with the legendary Mae Thao (Grandmother) Zuzong, our resident Batik Teacher.

**Bamboo Weaving Class:** Join the master bamboo weaver and learn about the many uses of bamboo in Laos. Half day class students will weave a placemat or traditional fan.

**Village Weaver Class:** The Village Weaver Projects are a series of initiatives that create economic opportunities for artisans in rural locations. With this class, you can learn about Laos and some of its ethnic groups through their artisan traditions. More specifically about 3 distinct ethnic groups who participate in our Village Weaver Projects as you create 3 small crafts to take home.

We will spend the rest of the afternoon to enjoy a cold drink at Silk Road Café overlooking Mekong river whilst admiring the sun setting behind the mountain

After that, we will return to our hotel and relax in the evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang



#### DAY 5: LUANG PRABANG - NAHM DONG PARK

After departing at 8:30 am from your hotel, transfer to **Nahm Dong park**, which locates in **Ban Xiengmouk**, 10Km from city center.

Arriving at the park, we will have a short welcome by the park manager before joining the morning activities here.

We will first start with the **Zipline flying** over the jungle and the waterfalls admiring the amazing evergreen scenery. The zipline will take about 1 hour.

Then we will walk back via the jungle trail crossing some **flying bridges**, **small streams**, and **clear natural pools**, where you can take a refresh splash if you wish so.

The **picnic lunch** will be served at the viewpoint where you can spread your view over the region, including the view of **mount Phousi** in the city center.

You can either spend the rest of the afternoon stroll around the park, relax by one of the huts at the camp, or enjoy the fresh cool clear natural pools.

Note: Zipline in 1 hour, trekking min 1 hour - max 3 hours depending on the route that you choose

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang





#### **DAY 6: LUANG PRABANG - DEPARTURE**

Today we will wake up early to join the most sacred tradition of Laos, **the daily morning alms giving**, which dates to the 14th century. More than **200 Buddhist monks** depart from various temple to gather their daily meal from the faithful residents sitting quietly on the streets.

From there, we will visit the **temporary morning market** near the former Royal Palace. Just set on the ground, the local people come here to barter their day's catch from rice, to vegetable, to fish, or chicken. This is the best chance to experience the flavor of local life

After breakfast, we ascend to the top of **Mount Phousi** for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as a panoramic sunset view of the city and the Mekong River. From there, you will visit **Royal Palace Museum**, which was built in 1904 during the French colonial era for King Sisavang Vong and his family.

Your city tour continues with a visit to the magnificent **Wat Xiengthong**, a superb piece of Lao temple architecture, which presents a sweeping two-tiered roof and ornate mosaics including a beautiful 'tree of life 'glass montage on the rear temple wall.

After that, driver will take you to the airport for your departure flight.

Thanks for joining us and we hope to see you again in the future.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch





**Accommodation:** N.A

## **PACKAGE PRICES:**

06 Apr 2023 - 06 Jul 2023		
	PRIVATE TOUR	
Economy (2*)	1087\$	
Superior (3*)	1244\$	
First Class (4* hotels)	1418\$	

07 Jul 2023 – 06 Oct 2023		
	PRIVATE TOUR	
Economy (2*)	1087\$	
Supeior 3*	1244\$	
First class 4*	1418\$	

#### **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:**

- 5 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 1 Dinner
- Car
- Hotel (5 nights), N.A (1 night)
- Transportation with air-condition in private
- Accommodation in twin/double shared room
- Boat trip as stated in above sights
- English speaking guide
- Admission fee to indicated sights
- Meals as per program
- Gov't tax and service charge
- Luggage handling and drinking water

## **OUR PRICE EXCLUDE:**

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

## **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Cancellation by Customer

• Cancellation received from 31 days to 40 days prior arrival date: 10% of total package tour charged



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- Cancellation received from 21 days to 30 days prior arrival date: 30% of total package tour charged
- Cancellation received from 11 days to 20 days prior arrival date: 50% of total package tour charged
- Cancellation received from 1 day to 10 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total package tour charged

### **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

