



HIGHLIGHTS OF LUANG PRABANG

Code: INS-LA01

Duration: 4 days

Accommodation: Included

Meals: Included

Transportation: Private transfer

OVERVIEW:

Luang Prabang is known as one of the top destinations in the world. This is truly a place where it seems the outside world has not yet influenced the culture and way of life in the mountain villages surrounding the city. Come meet the kindest, most gentle people in the world who will surprise you with their genuine friendliness.

Visit the oldest and perhaps the most beautiful temple of Luang Prabang, Wat Visoun, lookout over Luang Prabang from the summit of Mount Phousi and browse the Night Market, where you can select handmade textiles made by the local hilltribe people, Explore the mysterious Pak Ou Caves by boat and visit the small village of Ban Xanghai, where local rice wine is distilled. Finally take a drive to The Khouangsi Waterfall- an illustration of paradise.

ITINERARY

Day 01: Arrival – Luang Prabang

Arrive in Luang Prabang and transfer to hotel for check in. After you have freshened up we will visit Wat Visoun, the 16th century temple which served as a small museum for religious artifacts; Wat Aham; Wat Xiengthong, the 16th century temple which, more than any temples in the area gives us a true sense of Luang Prabang architecture and climb up Phousi Hill, which dominates the sky-line overlooking the finest panoramic view you will see anywhere. From there, we explore Street Night Bazaar, where you can browse the lovely collection of handmade textiles by local hill tribe people.

Meal: Lunch
Accommodation: In Luang Prabang

Day 02: Luang Prabang – Pak Ou Cave

We depart the hotel in the morning to the boat landing, and take an excursion upstream on the magnificent Mekong to visit Pak Ou caves cut into the side of a limestone cliffs and opposite the mouth of the Mekong and Ou rivers. The sanctuaries at Pak Ou consist of two large caves, both repositories for thousands of Buddha images, which range from a mere centimeter to two meters in height. En route, typical Lao villages are barely visible behind the thick foliage. Slender canoes bobbing by the shore, bamboo poles and floats mark the location of nets and fish traps. Our first stop will be at Ban Muangkeo, a village well-known for it's Lao traditional rice whisky, namely Laoh-Khao which we will have a tasting of. Lunch is served at a riverside restaurant. We arrive back at Luang Prabang in late afternoon and make a visit to the National Museum – the former Royal Palace.

Meal: Lunch
Accommodation: In Luang Prabang

Day 03: Luang Prabang – Kuangsi waterfall

After breakfast, we will drive south for about 30kms to visit Kuangsi Waterfall with its green surroundings in the preserved National park. We stop to visit the fresh produce market of Talad Phosy, Ban Na Oune, a small village of Hmong hill-tribe people, a well known minority group in Laos and the village of the Khmu minority group, Ban Tha Pane. Our picnic lunch is served in a cool shaded area near the falls. You will have time to relax and a swim in cool waters, before heading back to Luang Prabang in the late afternoon.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation: In Luang Prabang

Day 4 : Luang Prabang – Departure

After breakfast, transfer to airport for flight departure.

Meal: Breakfast
Accommodation: None



INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation in mentioned hotels, including breakfast
- Meals: as mentioned in the program (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner) on the basis of a local restaurant.
- English speaking local guide
- Transfer services private minibuses or buses with air conditioning.
- Admission to the sites included in the itinerary
- Boat trip as planned in the itinerary
- Elephant ride
- Admission to the villages
- Bottled water and tissues per person per day
- Service charges and government tax

EXCLUSIONS:

- Drinks other than water during the trip
- Meals not mentioned in the program
- National and international airfares
- Entry Visas to Laos (visa is compulsory and must be prearranged)
- Personal insurance, personal expenses and tips

