



VIENTIANE- XIENKGHOUANG - LUANGPRABANG

Code: INS-VXL06

Duration: 6 days

Accommodation: Included

Meals: Included

Transportation: Private transfer

OVERVIEW:

Your trip begins in the capital, Vientiane, with major highlights including Wat Sisaket, Wat Prakeo and That Luang Stupa to gain a deeper knowledge about this peaceful city. The highlight of our tour is visiting the Morning Market the following morning, a mecca for those who enjoy traditional handicrafts, before catching a short flight to Xieng Khouang. We will discover this amazing city by visiting the Plain of Jars - an archaeological spectacle where giant stone jars dating back at least 2,000 years are scattered around the area before heading onto Luang Prabang – one of the top destinations to visit in the world

ITINERARY:

Day 01: Arrival – Vientiane

When you arrive in Vientiane you will be met by your guide and then transfer to your hotel for check-in. Lunch at a local restaurant, and then a tour of the city – visit the religious museums of Wat Sisaket, the oldest temple to have been survived from the Siamese war of 1828 and its cloister containing more than 8000 Buddha statues; Wat Ho Prakeo, the former temple of the Emerald Buddha statue or Pra Keo; That Luang Stupa, Symbol of Lao nation and Patouxay (Gate of Triumph), built quite recently in commemoration of those who died during the wars in the past and it is today a significant landmark of Vientiane.

Meal: Lunch

Accommodation: In Vientiane

Day 02: Vientiane – Xiengkhoang – Plain of jar

Breakfast at the hotel and then you have free time until your short afternoon flight to Xiengkhouang, which was devastated by American bombing between 1964 and 1973. Upon arrival, we transfer out to visit the Plain of Jars, an impressive archaeological site where hundreds of large stone jars are littered all over the plateau. Next we will visit the old capital of Muang Khoun Province and the nearby villages, home to the Hmong hill tribe and Tai Dam people. They have an interesting local culture and a colorful history

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: In Xiengkhoang

Day 03: Xiengkhoang - Luangprabang

Early morning, we visit the Central Market of Phonsavanh to watch different Hill Tribes barter and exchange their merchandise. Then heading out of town to Luang Prabang 6 - 7 hrs drive, where we will visit a site with more than 200 year old Buddha images in Thampra. After a tea or coffee break at Sala Phoukhoun, where the T-junction border of Vientiane-Xiengkhouang-Luang Prabang meets, the journey will take us over the stunning mountainous region to Luang Prabang. The tranquility and charm of this town with its splendid natural scenery and cultural sights make it one of the most delightful places to visit in Laos. After checking into hotel, we will visit the impressive stupa of Wat Visoun , the shrine of Wat Aham, Wat Mai and then from there, we explore Street Night Bazaar, where you can browse through the collection of handmade textiles made by local hill tribe people in the area.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: In Luang Prabang

Day 4 : Luangprabang – 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.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation: In Luang Prabang

Day 5 : Luangprabang – Kuangsi Waterfall

After breakfast, we depart the hotel to visit the National Museum, the former Royal Palace before we take a 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation: In Luang Prabang

Day6: Luang Prabang – Departure

After breakfast, you will be transferred out to airport for your onward flight.

Meal: Breakfast
Accommodation: Not included

INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation in mentioned hotels, including breakfast
- Meals: as mentioned in the program
- English speaking local guide
- Domestic flight
- Transfer services private minibuses or buses with air conditioning.
- Admission to the sites included in the program
- Boat trip



- Admission to the villages
- Local guide to follow for villages
- Trekking permits
- 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 (visas are compulsory and must be prearranged)
- Personal insurance, personal expenses and tips

