

# Laos Grand Tour

## *10 Day Tour to Luang Prabang, Vang Vieng, Vientiane, Pakse & Champasak*



### **Day 1 Arrival Luang Prabang**

Upon arrival Luang Prabang, you will be met by our representative and transferred to hotel. Overnight at 4\* Maison Dalabua Hotel or similar for 3 nights.

### **Day 2 Luang Prabang – Tak Bat - City tour & Mekong Cruise to the Pak Ou Caves      Meal: B/D**

An early morning start at 5.30am (Option) to witness and partake daily morning ritual of 'Tak Bat' or giving alms to the monks. We can also visit the local fresh market to see how the locals shop, before returning to your hotel for breakfast. After breakfast, we visit the quaint **Royal Palace Museum** and some of the **key temples** in the historical district. In the afternoon visit the '**Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre**', which gives a great insight into the rich and diverse ethnic and cultural blend of Laos, and some **weaving and textile villages**. We will finish of the day with a climb up **Mt Phousi**, which offers a wonderful sunset view. Dinner served at hotel.

### **Day 3 Luang Prabang – Picnic Lunch at Kuang Si and Buffalo farm      Meal: B/L**

After breakfast, we drive out of the town to the beautiful **Kuang Si Waterfall**. Enjoy a picnic lunch right next the falls. After lunch, we visit the **Laos Buffalo Farm**, a social enterprise. Get up close to the friendly buffalos and help to caretaker to wash and to feed the calves. Finish the tour with a **tasting platter** of different Buffalo-milk cheeses, coffee and delicious homemade ice-cream at the café. Return to Luang Prabang by late afternoon.

### **Day 4 Luang Prabang - Vang Vieng by road      Meal: B/D**

This morning we drive south to Vang Vieng. Please enjoy the beautiful sceneraries on the way. A number of village and viewpoint stops are made en route. We arrive in Vang Vieng in late afternoon. Check in at 4\* *Riverside Boutique Hotel* for 1 night. Dinner served at hotel.

**Day 5 Vang Vieng – Vientiane by road****Meal: B**

This morning we visit **Tham Jang cave**, which offers great views over the Nam Song River and surrounding karst scenery. We then leave Vang Vieng for Vientiane. En route we stop at **Tha Heua**, a small village that specializes in dried fish, which you will see hanging in front of the houses. We continue south, until we reach the dam on Nam Ngum River, creating the picturesque **Nam Ngum Lake**. Following lunch (not included) overlooking the lake, we continue south to Vientiane. Just outside of Vientiane we make a final *stop at the intriguing **Don Makai Market**, an insect market. Upon arrival Vientiane check in at 4\* Ansara Hotel for 2 nights.*

**Day 6 Vientiane – City tour and Buddha Park****Meal: B/D**

In the morning explore the main attractions of the capital, including **Wat Sisaket**, **Wat Prakeo**, **Patuxai**, **That Luang** and the **COPE** exhibition centre. In the afternoon we visit the quirky **Buddha Park**, an enchanting collection of Buddhist and Hindu sculptures on the banks of the Mekong River. Upon returning to Vientiane we have the optional of stopping at the **Lao Disabled Women's Centre**, which provides valuable training and schooling for disabled women in Laos. We continue back to town, where a spectacular view of the Mekong River at sunset is a perfect way to finish the day. Return to hotel and dinner served at hotel.

**Day 7 Vientiane – Pakse – Bolaven Plateau – Champasak****Meal: B**

We take morning flight to Pakse. On arrival you will be met by the guide and drive east to **Bolaven Plateau**. The Bolaven Plateau is known for its cooler temperature being located high above the Mekong Valley. Explore the key **waterfalls**, **tea and coffee plantations**, and **minority villages** on this full day tour before arriving at your hotel in Champasak by early evening. *Overnight in Champasak at The River Resort for similar for 3 nights.*

**Day 8 Champasak – 4000 Islands****Meal: B/D**

This morning we drive south to **Ban Hatsaikhone**, where we board a local private boat for a boat tour of the 4000 Islands. We reach the picturesque island of **Don Khone** by lunchtime, and in the afternoon explore the island by bicycle, tracing the route of an old abandoned railway and admiring some of the old French Colonial buildings, and the beautiful **Liphi Waterfall**. We then take boat back to the mainland and visit the spectacular **Khone Phapheng Falls**, one of the largest and most powerful waterfalls in Southeast Asia. In the late afternoon, return to hotel and dinner served at hotel.

**Day 9 Champasak****Meal: B**

After breakfast, we visit **Wat Phou Temple**, an ancient Khmer religious complex dating back to the 5<sup>th</sup> Century. This dramatically sited temple is one of the highlights of any trip to Laos. In the afternoon, we explore the historical town of **Champasak** and surrounding small villages located on the west bank of the **Mekong**. Arrive back at your hotel in late afternoon.

**Day 10 Champasak – Pakse Airport Departure**

Today is at leisure until in time transfer to Pakse for your flight home bound.

**Price: \$3780 per person****Single supplement: \$1250****Inclusions:**

Twin share at 4\* hotel total 9 nights; fully inclusive tour with English speaking guide, entrance fees and meals as per itinerary, domestic flight Vientiane - Pakse.

**Exclusions:**

Any international air tickets; personal expenses, visa fees, insurance, tipping etc.