

07 Days LuangPrabang – NongKhiaw – LuangNamtha – Muang Sing – Houeisay

DAY 01	LUANG PRABANG ARRIVAL Arrive in LuangPrabang, transfer to your hotel for check-in First discovery of this unique UNESCO heritage town, if time permits, on foot. Climb up to Phousi Hill for sunset. Enjoy the unique view over the city and its surroundings. Dinner and accommodation at your hotel	D
DAY 02	LUANG PRABANG VISIT Breakfast at your hotel Pick up from hotel and visit the main highlights of LuangPrabang: Vat Vixoun, Vat Maha, Vat Mai, Vat Xieng Thong, the most beautiful temple of LuangPrabang, dating back from the 16th Century Lunch at a local restaurant Afternoon visit of the Royal Palace Museum, housing the most important treasures of Laos' recent past. Continue to Vat Sene. See the diverse local crafts sold on the Hmong market in the early evening Dinner at a local restaurant Accommodation at your hotel	B-L-D
DAY 03	LUNG PRABANG – PAK OU – NONG KHIAW “ BY BOAT “ Breakfast at your hotel Transfer to the local pier of LuangPrabang and board a traditional boat. Cruise upstream on the Mekong River and visit the sacred Buddha caves, Tham Ting and ThamPhoum housing hundreds of Buddha statues. Lunch at a local restaurant Continue by boat up the Nam Ou River. The longest river of northern Laos passes through a fantastic karst scenery. Watch the local villagers fishing and picking river grass. Arrive in NongKhiaw in the late afternoon Dinner and accommodation at your guesthouse in NongKiaw	B-L-D
DAY 04	NONG KHIAW – OUDOMXAI – LUNG NAMTHA BY OVERLAND 256 KM Breakfast at your guesthouse Early start by car towards Oudomxai passing a mountainous landscape with mainly Hmong and Khmu villages. Arrive in Oudomxai and climb That Phouxay overlooking the city and surroundings Lunch at a local restaurant The region further north gets more and more mountainous with Hmong villages built along the crests. Stop on the way to visit villages. Arrive in LuangNamtha in the early evening and check in at your Guesthouse Dinner and accommodation at your guesthouse in LuangNamtha	B-L-D

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DAY 05**LUANG NAMTHA - FULL DAY****B-L-D**

Breakfast at your guesthouse

This one day boat trip takes us down the Namtha River. The boat is a traditional wooden boat of the villagers of Ban Khon Kham, one of the last villages to run these boats. We will visit three ethnic groups in the villages of Ban Mai (**Black Tai**), Ban SopeDute(**Lanten**) and Ban Sopsim(**Khmu**). The right bank of the river is **the Nam Ha National Protected Area**. The boat will go as far as the confluence of the Nam Ha River before turning around and coming back up river. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the banks of the river.

Villages and Ethnic Groups Ban Mai (Tai Dam, "Black Tai")

The first village downstream is Ban Mai. Making up seven percent of the population of LuangNamtha Province, Tai Dam are a Tai speaking group whose homeland is DienBeinPhu in Northern Vietnam. The first Tai Dam villages are believed to have been established here during the 1890s, in response to the devastation caused by marauding "Black Banner" Haw Chinese Bandits from Yunnan. Why they are called Black Tai is not agreed upon by scholars, but some believe the name was taken from the Black River in Vietnam. Boatmen sometimes stop here to take on other boatmen to help navigate the river. Silk is produced by some households in this village; look out for the bamboo baskets and trays containing worms and the bright yellow cocoons underneath some of the houses.

Ban Sopdtut, Ban Nam Tat (Lanten)

After leaving the plains, the river runs through forest-covered hills and passes several Lanten villages. Lanten people establish their villages near permanent streams and subsequently are sometimes referred to as Lao Huay, or "Stream" Lao. LuangNamtha is home to the largest concentration of Lanten villages in Laos, and counts about 4000 Lanten in its population. Like the closely-related Mein (Yao), the Lanten emigrated from China in search of stability and new mountain rice fields. They are recognizable by their dark indigo clothing, which is woven and dyed in the village, the women's and striking silver jewelry. Upon reaching the end of childhood, Lanten women wear their hair swept up in a traditional style and also shave their eyebrows. The Lanten language is still strong, and male elders continue to read and write a Lanten script based on Chinese characters. They practice a synthesis of animism and Taoism, focused on the lineage of ancestors and on village spirits. Lanten rituals often use wooden masks and handmade bamboo-fiber paper. During the dry season, papermaking can often be seen along the river banks near Lanten villages.

Ban Sopsim (Khmu)

Part of the Mon-Khmer branch of the Austro-Asiatic linguistic family, the 500,000 Khmu represents one of the largest ethnic groups in Lao PDR. The Khmu settled the area of present-day Lao PDR several thousand years in advance of the Tai peoples who now dominate. Like many of the ethnic groups in northern Laos, the Khmu are not Buddhist but practice their own form of animism. Although many traditional animist ceremonies are no longer

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performed, ritual meal offerings are often made to placate the spirits upon whom the rice harvest depends. When a traditional ceremony is underway, a woven bamboo tale will be placed at the entrance to the village. If you are permitted to enter, do not disturb people involved in the ceremonies or touch any alters or ritual items. Ask your guide if you are unsure.

Nam Ha NBCA

In 1993 the Government of Laos created the Nam Ha NBCA, one of 21 conservation areas around the country. Approximately twelve percent of the nation's land is encompassed in these areas, a remarkably high percentage that represents a positive step towards the preservation of Lao PDR's unique and valuable natural heritage. As you pass along the edge of the protected area watch out for sights of some of the 300 bird species that inhabit the NBCA.

Approximately: 15 minutes transfer / 5 hours boat

Note: Low water levels may reduce the number of passengers the boats can carry. The trip maybe not possible between February and June

Dinner and accommodation at your guesthouse in LuangNamtha

Day 06 **LUANG NAMTHA – MUANG SING (about 58 Km)** **B-L-D**
Breakfast at guesthouse
Depart to Muang Sing by car by a beautiful road. Muang Sing had been a Tai Lu principality, situated at the convergence of Chinese, Burmese, Thai civilizations and other ethnic groups. This situation has made Muang Sing a colorful and original place to discover.
Lunch at local restaurant
Drive close to Chinese border and walk to visit Adima, an Akkah village and Yao village and see their daily life style.
Return Muang Sing end of afternoon and check in at your guest house.
Dinner and accommodation at your guesthouse in Muang Sing

DAY 07 **MUANG SING – HOUEISAY** **B-L**
Visit the colorful market of Muang Sing, and then return to the guesthouse for breakfast. Continue on road No. 3 through beautiful sceneries of mountains, villages and rice fields. Stop in ViengPhoukha, the ancient Khmu settlement ViengPhoukha has a tourism office showing the numerous ethnics of the region.

Continue to Hoesay, the Lao-Thai border. Arrive at the border in after noon for your departure by crossing the border to Thailand.

Finished of our tour

**Itinerary is subject to changes depending on the confirmed flights, road conditions and availability of rooms

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PACKAGE TOUR RATE-US DOLLAR 7 DAYS LUANG PRABANG-NONGKHAIW-LUANGNUMTHA-MUANGSING-HOUEISAI								
HOTEL CATAGORY	1	2	3-5	6-9	10-14	15-19	20 up	SGL.SUP
Standard class	2552.00	1379.00	1047.00	806.00	735.00	700.00	674.00	169.00
First class	2610.00	1415.00	1083.00	842.00	771.00	738.00	712.00	190.00
Deluxe class	2973.00	1604.00	1272.00	1031.00	960.00	940.00	910.00	362.00

Validity: 01 October, 2013 – 30 April, 2014

All prices are net per person in twin/double sharing basis

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First class	2557.00	1392.00	1059.00	819.00	748.00	713.00	687.00	162.00
Deluxe class	2844.00	1542.00	1210.00	969.00	898.00	874.00	845.00	296.00

Validity: 01 May, 2014-30 Sep, 2014

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SUPPLEMENT FOR LOCAL GUIDE-US DOLLAR PRICE IS NET PER GROUP	
Supplement for French speaking station guide at 40.00 USD net per group	
Supplement for German speaking station guide at 90.00 USD net per group	
Supplement for Spanish speaking escort guide at 439.00 USD net per group	
Supplement for Italian speaking escort guide on requested	

**Cancellation policy of Spanish and Italian speaking guides:

30 days up no charge

29-15 days 50% charge

14-0 days 100% charge

SUPPLEMENT FOR DINNER ON 24 & 31 DEC, 2013 WILL BE ADVISE IF MONDOTARY

STANDARD HOTEL USED ON TOUR:

- LuangPrabang : Muang Thong hotel (Deluxe room) or similar
- NongKhaiw : NongKhaiw riverside hotel (Standard room) or similar
- Luangnumtha : Boat landing (Standard room) or similar
- Muangsing : PhouIu Guesthouse (Standard local class room) or similar

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FIRST HOTEL USED ON TOUR:

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NongKhaiw	:	NongKhaiw riverside hotel (Standard room) or similar
Luangnumtha	:	Boat landing (Standard room) or similar
Muangsing	:	PhouIu Guesthouse (Standard local class room) or similar

DELUXE HOTEL USED ON TOUR:

LuangPrabang	:	Satrihouse (Deluxe room) or similar
NongKhaiw	:	NongKhaiw riverside hotel (Standard room) or similar
Luangnumtha	:	Boat landing (Standard room) or similar
Muangsing	:	PhouIu Guesthouse (Standard local class room) or similar

Complimentary policy:

1 Tour leader will be Free of Charge in Half twin room for a group of a minimum of 15 full paying passengers.

TOUR'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation with meals as specified in the program
- All transfers and tours with English speaking station guide
- All entrance fees for sightseeing and visits as mentioned itinerary
- Traditional boat fare as specified in the program
- Services charges, room tax and baggage handling

TOUR'S NOT INCLUDED

- Domestic and international air ticket to/from Vientiane
- Any supplement Rates
- Early check in/Late check out at your hotel
- Lao visa fee upon arrival
- Personal insurance
- Expenditure of a personal nature, such as drinks, souvenirs and laundry etc.

Others not mentioned nor specified above not to be included in the tour prices.

CHILD POLICY:

Up to 24 months old, sharing twin room with 2 adults:

- Free of charge, sharing bed with adults
- Crib upon request, rate to be determined on a case-by-case basis
- Extra bed rates upon request

02-12 years, sharing twin room with 2 adults:

- 25% discount with extra bed and breakfast
- 50% discount without extra bed and without breakfast

NOTE: Maximum 04 children are allowed at reduced rates, per party.

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CANCELLATION POLICY:

Tours & Packages Reservations

No Show: 100% charge

1-14 days: 50% of the tour price

15-21 days: 35%

22-30 days: 20%

31 days up: no charge

Specific additional cancellation policy may apply to groups.

Will be made clear case by case

Additional cancellation fee apply to the total stay:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our rates are made in USD and based on local expense of transport, meals and accommodation etc., partially in USD and Lao Kip. The exchange rates among the Lao Kip and the USD, (around Kip 7760 per USD), we reserve ourselves the right to correct quotations in line with the revised value of the USD"

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