



Laos at a glance 7 Days 6 Nights

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DETAIL ITINERARY:

Day1. Arrival Vientiane (B/-/-)

Upon arrival at the Vientiane airport, meet with your guide and embark on your comfortable vehicle for transferring to your hotel for check in.

In the afternoon, enjoy a visit to all essential landmarks the small and charismatic city of Vientiane has to offer. Start at **Wat Sisaket**, which is the only temple left intact after the Siamese invasion of 1828. See thousands of Buddha statues lined up before visiting **Wat Phra Keo**, which is a religious museum that displays a collection of art representing Lao and Khmer artefacts. Continue to visit **Patouxay monument**, Laos' version of the Arc de Triomphe. End the day at **That Luang**, regarded to as the holiest site in Laos. Drive back to your hotel for relaxation.

Overnight in Vientiane

Day2. Vientiane – Vang Vieng (B/-/-)

Morning, visit to the weaving home-studio of **Mrs. Carol Cassidy**, an American textiles expert who arrived in Vientiane in 1989 as part of a United Nations project to promote traditional weaving. Carol was so impressed by the quality and diversity of weaving throughout Laos that she set up the Lao Textiles Studio in Vientiane. Today the studio employs over 40 local weavers who create naturally dyed and woven silk pieces reflecting traditional Lao designs. Learn about the weaving techniques and there is also an option to support the cause through purchasing at the gift shop attached to the studio. (Carol Cassidy's shop is closed Saturday PM and Sunday). If time permits, continue to pay a visit to the contemporary Villa Cythere gallery which is located in the former home of well-known French painter Marc Leguay. These days, the gallery exhibits work from many Lao



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artists in a number of different styles. Get to know more about the artists and their backgrounds by chatting with the director of the gallery who will be on-hand during your visit. Drive back to your hotel to check out by 12:00 noon. In the afternoon, depart for Vang Vieng. En-route, make a stop at **Ban Viengsay**, a silk weaving village belonging to the **Tai Neua** ethnic minority who originally migrated from the north of Laos near the Chinese border further south. Arrive in Vang Vieng, check into your hotel and remainder of the day is free at leisure.

Day3. Vang Vieng kayaking (B/-/-)

In the morning, transfer into the countryside from where you will commence your trek. Enjoy the spectacular sights of limestone formations housing intriguing caves and other surprises. Visit the famous **Tham Chang** cave, once used by local people as a hide-out from Chinese invaders. Continue with a visit to the nearby **Tham Hoi** cave, which winds its way deep into the mountain. Explore the numerous corridors and find at the end a crystal clear spring. Swimming in the stream is possible while the cave is lit up by candles. Visit the most beautiful cave afterwards, **Tham Loup**. This cave is known for its amazing stalagmites and stalactites. Hike to the cave and explore the interior. A picnic lunch (including 1 bottle of mineral water and 1 soft drink or local beer) is served at an appealing spot surrounded by limestone hills. In the afternoon after two hours of trekking, visit an Organic Farm after which you may opt to return to Vang Vieng by kayak over the Nam Song River to admire the beautiful karsts landscapes around **Ban Phatang** or transfer back by private vehicle.

Overnight in Vang Vieng (Breakfast and Picnic Lunch)

Day4. Vang Vieng – Luang Prabang (B/-/-)

Leave Vang Vieng behind in the morning and drive on Road 13 towards Luang Prabang. Drive three hours to **Phou Khoun**, located halfway between Vang Vieng and Luang Prabang and make a break here. You can buy some fresh fruits and snacks here if you like. Halfway through the trek, take a break in the valley and relax in the quiet surroundings before the second half of the trip is taken. As you approach Luang Prabang, the scenery becomes more mountainous. It is a scenic drive and you will stop several times on the way for photo opportunities and a chance to stretch your legs. Arrive in Luang Prabang in the afternoon and enjoy a free afternoon at the hotel. Dinner is on your own tonight and we recommend taking the kids to the atmospheric night market where all kinds of souvenirs from all over the region are on sale.

Overnight in Luang Prabang (Breakfast)

Day5. Luang Prabang city tour (B/-/-)

You have the option to wake up before dawn to witness and participate in offering alms to hundreds of saffron-robed monks – an awe-inspiring sight. Please tell your guide a day in advance if you wish to make an offering so he/she can prepare some food for you to hand over to the monks. This early morning ritual dates back generations in Laos. Watch the town come to life in the morning then return to the hotel for breakfast. (If you do not wish to make an offering, please keep an appropriate distance and observe the ritual in silence. Dress appropriately – shoulders, chest and legs should be covered).

After breakfast, start your day with a visit to the **Royal Palace**, which is now a **National Museum** and houses the precious exhibits that used to be possessions of the former Laos Royal family. (Open from 8:30am to 11.30am and from 1.30pm to 3.30pm daily except on Tuesdays) Continue with the exploration of the main Buddhist temples of Luang Prabang including; **Wat Visoun**, a 16th century temple which serves as a small museum for religious artifacts; Wat Aham, built in the early 19th century temple. Interestingly, the



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ashes of King Sisavang Vong and his brother are interred inside the large stupa, which was erected in 1910; A smaller stupa in front dates back to 1820; **Wat Xiengthong**, a 16th century temple which epitomizes all the elegance and grace of Luang Prabang architecture. Take the opportunity to interact with the monks at the **Wat Mai** temple before ending the day with a climb of 328 steps to the top of **Phousi Hill**. Where you can watch the sun set over Luang Prabang town and the two rivers and forested hills which form its natural borders.

Overnight in Luang Prabang (Breakfast)

Day6. Luang Prabang –TAEC – Baci ceremony (B/-/-)

Morning is free at your leisure to explore the ancient town and relax.

Afternoon our car pick you up at the hotel and we start to visit the **Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre** (closed on Monday). While the center has prepared activities for the children, the parents can enjoy a tour around the center and become more acquainted with Laos' ethnic minorities and traditions.

Late afternoon, you will be invited to take part in a **“Baci” ceremony**, an integral part of Lao culture. Baci is a ceremony to celebrate a special event, normally a marriage, a homecoming, a special welcome or one of the annual festivals. The term more commonly used is “su kwan”, which means “calling of the soul” and today's ceremony will be performed by a local elder. This evening is free at leisure for you to enjoy the night market. Overnight in Luang Prabang

Day6. Luang Prabang Departure (B/-/-)

Morning is free at leisure until check out of hotel by 1200 noon. Then transfer to the airport for your departure flight to the next destination.

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TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation as indicated above
- Private transportation in with air-conditioned
- Boat trip as stated in above sights
- English speaking guide
- Admission fee to indicated sights
- Meals as indicated in the detail itinerary
- Government tax and service charge
- 2 bottles of drinking water per day during the tour
- 2 cold towels per day during the tour

TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS:

- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Domestic airfare and airport tax in Laos
- International airfare and airport tax to & from Laos
- early check- in or late check-out (except as indicated)
- Beverages and other meals do not indicate in the program
- Single room (quoted separately)
- Visa stamping fee to Laos (if any)
- Optional excursions and entrance fees and permits during free time
- Additional transportation required due to any emergency situation
- Tipping/ Gratuities
- Personal expenses such as telephone and laundry bills, shopping...



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- Any additional expenses caused by reasons beyond our control such as natural calamities (typhoon, floods), flight delays, rescheduling or cancellations, any accidents, medical evacuations, riots, strikes etc.

ATTENTION CHILD POLICY (From 2-11 years)

Children between 2-11 years of age are entitled to 35% discount on transfers, excursions, and package tours if they share the room with adults. If they stay at own single room, they are charged same as adults but get 35% discount on applicable airfares.