



### Unknown Hill Tribe 10 Days 9 Nights

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#### **DETAIL ITINERARY:**

### UNKNOWN HILL TRIBE 10D9N

#### **Day1. Arrival – HoueiSay**

On arrival at the Lao border checkpoint at HoueiSay pier, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Today you are free at your leisure to explore this town, visiting the local market and villages nearby. The surrounding areas of HoueiSay are home to 34 ethnic minority groups, the second most ethnically diverse province in Laos.

Overnight in HoueiSay

#### **Day2. HoueiSay – Luang Namtha (B/.../...)**

Early morning we head out the town to Luang Namtha, this will be a bumpy ride driving along dirt roads, uphill and downhill. The scenery is great and wonderful which makes it worth it; we visit hill tribe villages along the road at Muang Phouka and other surrounding area. Luang Namtha, which is located on the banks of the Namtha River, is a land of rugged mountains and beautiful tropical forests and shares its border with China and Myanmar. We arrive in Luang Namtha in late evening.

Overnight in Luang Namtha

#### **Day3. Luang Namtha – Ban Nalan (B/L/D)**

Heading out of the town, we take a short drive to Ban Chalernsuk, a Khmu minority village 20 kilometres away from Luang Namtha. We get well and truly off the beaten track



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as we trek into this beautiful mountain region, using the local tracks. Today's trekking may be tough at times with some steep uphill and down hill climbs, but the experience is unique and rewarding. The friendly Khmu hill tribe people conquer this small village; they have a primitive and basic lifestyle. We arrive at Ban Nalan by late afternoon; here we have a chance to understand a little more about the local culture and their daily lifestyle as we spend time with a Khmu family. We enjoy a local dinner and will reside as guests at the Khmu family house, the best way to experience authentic village life. The accommodation is simple dormitory style, no western facilities. (Home stay).

### **Day4. Ban Nalan – Ban Namlu – Luang Namtha (B/L/...)**

Today trekking leads us along the bank of the river to Ban Namkoy, passing picturesque landscape of forests and rice fields. The forests here vary from a few isolated trees to overgrown bamboo. On arrival at Ban Namkoy we embark on a three-hour walk uphill. This trek is a real challenge; however some physical preparation will enable you to maximize your enjoyment from the walk. As we pass through several hamlets, we are sure to attract attention from the locals, as visitors do not frequently encounter this remote part of the country. At the small village of Ban Namlu, we meet up with our truck and drive back towards Luang Namtha Town.

Overnight in Luang Namtha

### **Day5. Luang Namtha – Xieng Kok - Moung Sing (B/.../...)**

Early this morning, we travel by road to Moung Sing, also home to various hilltribe communities. There is a significant Chinese population and a lot of trade goes on between here and China. We stop along the way at the Akha hill tribe village. This ethnic group originally lived in China but immigrated into Laos over a century ago. They are very poor, but have a vibrant culture and an interesting history. We depart this village, heading westbound, travelling over bumpy roads to Xieng Kok, which is a border town near the golden triangle. In late afternoon, we drive back to Moung Sing with stopover at the Lantern minority village.

Overnight at Moung Sing

### **Day6. Muong Sing – Luang Namtha – Oudomxay (B/.../...)**

Early morning, we visit the bustling colorful Morning Market and the impressive Ethnologic museum, dedicated to region's ethnic minorities. This local market also attracts numerous ethnic minorities that converge from the surrounding mountainsides or valley to barter and trade their goods. We visit these sights before making our way back to Luang Namtha and then to Oudomxay. On this rough and scenic journey, we see very few travelers, mostly rural dwellers who are just as interested in finding out about our lives as we are of theirs.

Overnight in Oudomxay

### **Day7. Oudomxay – Nong Khiow - Luang Prabang (Road and boat) (B/L/...)**

We depart early for our drive to Nong Khiow, where we board a traditional boat down the Nam Ou River to Luang Prabang. This tranquil town with its gleaming temple roofs, fading colonial architecture and stunning mountain backdrop has been claimed by UNESCO to be "the best preserved traditional city in South East Asia". En route we visit the mysterious Pak Ou Caves where thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues are crammed into the two caves carved out of a towering limestone cliff. Continue down river to Ban Sang Hay village to sample the local rice alcohol known as Lao Lao. Arrive in Luang Prabang in the late afternoon and transfer to hotel.



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Overnight in Luang Prabang

### Day8. Luang Prabang – City Tour (B/.../...)

After breakfast, today, visit the city's oldest temple of Wat Sene and the magnificent Wat Xiengthong, its exterior architecture is remarkable with decorated guided stuccoes and doorways, a "tree of life" mosaic pattern set in colored glass on the back wall and its three tiered roofs sweeping low to the ground representing classical Laotian architecture, the impressive stupa of Wat Visoun, the shrine of Wat Aham, Wat Mai, and then climb up to the top of Phousi Hill for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa. A visit to Luang Prabang would be incomplete with ascending 329 steps to the top of Mount Phousi for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa and to enjoy a beautiful sunset view of the city and its glowing reflection on the Mekong River.

Overnight in Luang Prabang

### Day9. Luang Prabang – Kuangsi (B/.../...)

An optional early start gives you the fantastic opportunity to participate in the daily morning rituals of saffron-clad monks collecting offerings of Alms (ubiquitous sticky rice) from the faithful residents. This tradition is very unique in Laos, being the only Buddhist nation still preserving the procession. From there you will visit the morning Phosi Market where you will see such diverse offerings as dried buffalo skin, local tea and saltpeter among the chickens, vegetables and hill-tribe weavings. Laos is also known for its traditional handicrafts, and today you will visit local village of Lao ethnic minority groups at Ban Ouay and Ban Thapene. Time permitting you may also wish to drive to the beautiful Khouangsi Waterfall where you can splash around in the turquoise pools or walk along the forest paths. We return to Luang Prabang by late afternoon and continue to Ban Phanom, a well-known weaving village, and then return to the city by late evening for observing the sunset at Wat Siphouthabath.

Overnight in Luang Prabang

### Day10. Luang Prabang Departure (B)

Today is free at your leisure to transfer to airport for your flight home.

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#### **TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS:**

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- 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)
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- 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...
- Excess luggage charges
- 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.

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