



"Your expert ground handler in Laos"

Classic Laos Boutique (7days/6nights) Vientiane-Luang Prabang

A unique Vientiane and Luang Prabang tour, this programme focuses on some of the best boutique properties in Laos; all feature peaceful surrounds, stylish design, great food and a friendly personal ambience. All of this is complimented by some wonderfully varied excursions all at a relaxed pace along the way. All in the entire perfect laid back week long tour of Laos.

Day1. Arrival – Vientiane

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred out to **Ban Sufa Garden Resort**. Ban Sufa is located about 25 minutes from the city centre in a delightful rural setting overlooking paddy fields and within 3 hectares of gardens. With a swimming pool and a bewildering array of delicious Lao and Mediterranean cuisine Ban Sufa is the perfect place to relax.

Overnight at Ban Sufa Garden Resort.

Meal: _/_/_

Day2. Vientiane – half day city tour

Your half day city tour, begin with the oldest, **Wat Sisaket** with thousands of miniature Buddha statues and the former royal temple of **Wat Prakeo**, which previously housed the famous Emerald Buddha Image. Enroute to Lao's national precious heritage, the famous and sacred structure of **That Luang Stupa**, you will have the opportunity to take some pictures of the imposing **Patuxay** Monument, which is well known as Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph. **Wat Si Muang**, site of the lak meuang (pillar-stone) of Vientiane, Si Muang temple is home to the guardian spirit of the statues. You have the option to visit the excellent **COPE** exhibition centre, highlighting a much overlooked aspect of Laos and a major problem many of the local people face on a day to day basis in the form of unexploded ordnance as a result of heavy bombing campaigns during the Vietnam War era.

Overnight at Ban Sufa Garden Resort.

Meal: Breakfast/_/_

Day3. Vientiane – Luang Prabang – half day city tour

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your short flight to Luang Prabang.

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Luang Prabang has been claimed by UNESCO to be 'the best preserved city in South East Asia'. We visit the **Royal Palace Museum** which hosts a range of interesting artefacts (*closed on Tuesday*). We begin our walking tour, taking in some of Luang Prabang's hidden secrets, walking down the quiet back lanes leading to **Wat Xiengthong**. Along the way we stop at **Wat Chomkhong**, which is known for its decorative carvings. This area contains a mix of beautiful old French Colonial buildings, and traditional old Lao houses, which you will have time to admire, we also pass by the Fine Arts School, where we can see some of the quality artwork on display. We will also visit **Wat Visoun**, known as 'The Water Melon Stupa' due to its shape. Then we visit the excellent **Arts and Ethnology Centre** which gives us a further insight into the ethnic mix and culture of Laos (*closed on Monday*). Late this afternoon stretching your legs climb **Mount Phousi**, which offers a spectacular sunset and a panoramic view over Luang Prabang and the Mekong River. Afterwards, strolling through the night market (open between 5pm-10pm) setting in downtown selling a large variety of local textiles and ethnic handicrafts.

Overnight at 3Nagas Hotel

Meal: Breakfast/_/_



Wat Xiengthong and the view from Mt Phousi

Day4. Luang Prabang – Pak Ou Cave

An optional early start gives you the fantastic opportunity to participate in the daily morning ritual of saffron-clad monks **collecting offerings of Alms** from the faithful residents. This procession is very unique in Laos, being the only Buddhist nation still preserving the tradition. Afterwards, we have the option of visiting the local morning market, before returning to the hotel for breakfast.

After breakfast, we board a cruise upstream on the Mekong River, which gives us a panoramic view of the tranquil countryside. Our first stop is the village of **Ban Muangkeo** where we start a short trek to reach the mysterious **Pak Ou Caves**, two linked caves crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by pilgrims. En route, we stop at the village of **Ban Xanghai**, where the local specialty of rice wine is produced. We then return to Luang Prabang by car on the way visit the weaving and textile villages of **Ban Xangkhong** and **Ban Xienglek**. We arrive back in Luang Prabang by late afternoon.

Overnight at 3Nagas Hotel

Meal: Breakfast/_/_

Note: during rainy season (May-September) the itinerary is subject to change due to the weather conditions, an alternative programme is available.

Day5. Luang Prabang – Hmong Experience and Kuang Si Waterfall

After breakfast, we visit the local **Phosi Market**, this is the place where all the locals shop and your guide will show you the diverse offerings on display. We also stop at **Ock Pop Tock**, a silk weaving centre. Here you will be given a guided tour and the silk weaving process will be explained. Next we drive to **Ban Thinkeo**, a Hmong minority to learn their culture and traditional. We then continue to **Kuang Si Waterfall**, where you will enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking the beautiful multi tiered falls. You also have the opportunity to cool off in the turquoise blue pools. Afterwards you return to Luang Prabang in time to catch the sun setting over the Mekong.

Overnight at 3Nagas Hotel

Meal: Breakfast/Lunch/_

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Day6. Luang Prabang – at leisure at Zen Nam Khan

Today your guide will meet you at hotel and assist with transfer for a short drive to Zen Nam Khan (approximately 45 minutes), is a full day at leisure to relax at the boutique resort or to try some of the activities on offer.

Overnight at Zen Nam Khan.

Meal: Breakfast/_/_

Day7. Luang Prabang – Departure

Depending on your departing flight you may have time at leisure before your transfer to the airport for departure.

Meal: Breakfast/_/_

END OF SERVICES

Hotels quoted in above package

Location	Boutique
Vientiane	Ban Sufa (Bungalow)
Luang Prabang	3 Nagas Luang Prabang (Deluxe Room)
Luang Prabang	Zen Nam Khan Resort (Superior Room)

**** Prices please contact directly sales@viengchampatour.com ****