



◆◆ Laos : Around Laos Tour ◆◆

“14 DAYS TRAILS OF LAOS TOUR”

(Guaranteed daily departure on private tour with full board)

Day 01

Bangkok – Chiang Rai – Chiang Saen (L/D)

a.m.

Depart Bangkok to Chiang Rai by TG

Arrive Chiang Rai airport, and transfer to the city

Lunch at a local restaurant

p.m.

Proceed to Chiang Saen, the former capital of the first Thai Kingdom, situated directly on the Mekong river at the border between Thailand and Laos. On the way, visit to Vat Phra Dhat Jom Kitti by climbing up 383 steps to the top of the hill. Also visit Vat Jedi Luang and the small museum nearby. Continue by longtail speedboat up river on the Mekong river towards the Golden Triangle where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos convene. On arrival in Chiang Saen, transfer to the Imperial Golden Triangle Hotel

Dinner and accommodation

Day 02

Chiang Saen – Houeixay (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

a.m.

Transfer to Chiang Khong border and cross the Mekong river by ferry to Ban Houeixay check-point.

Arrive Houeixay, transfer to the Thaveesinh Hotel.

Lunch.

p.m.

Visit Vat Chomkao Manilat by walking up for overlooking of Houeixay. Then excursion by car to Ban Namchang, the village of Lao-Houei (Lanten minority), then continue to Ban Poong, the village of Lao Lu where the weaving and agriculture can be seen. Return to Houeixay at late afternoon.

Dinner and accommodation.

Day 03

Houeixay – Xiengkok – Muang Sing (B/L/D)

Breakfast

a.m.

Transfer to pier, take a speed boat on Mekong river upstream to Xiengkok. Stopover to see the unusual stone known as Nouni stone(or Yoni) , perhaps a female prehistoric symbol of fecundity stone used for worshipping during prehistoric time .

Lunch.

p.m.

In the afternoon, by route to Muang Sing, on the way stopover to visit Lu, Akha minority villages in Muang Long and at Ban That. Arrive Muang Sing at late afternoon, transfer to hotel.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Accommodation at Sing Chaleun Hotel.

Day 04

Muang Sing – Luang Namtha - Oudomxai (B/L/D)

Breakfast

a.m.

Visit of Muang Sing and its surrounding. Muang Sing had been a Thai Lu principal, situated at the convergence of Chinese, Burmese, Thai civilisations and other ethnic groups. This situation has made Muang Sing a very colourful and original place to discover. Visit local morning market where you will see hilltribe people with their genuine dresses coming down to buy or sell their products, then excursion by car to visit Chiang Tung Stupa and Akha village at Ban Namleung, Lao Houei at Ban Namdeng.

Lunch at Ban Nateuy.

p.m.

Continue the route and visit Iko village at Ban Lakkham Mai. Arrive Oudomxay at late afternoon, transfer to the Singthong Guesthouse.

Dinner and accommodation.

Day 05

Oudomxai– Muang Khua (B/L/D)

Breakfast.

a.m.

Continue the route and visit Iko village at Ban Lakkham Mai, then excursion by car to Mouang Khua. On the way, stopover at Mouang La to visit Pra Ongtu.

Lunch at local restaurant.

p.m.

Continue to Mouang Khua, on the way visit Iko, Hmong Lai and Khmu villages. Arrive Mouang Khua in late afternoon. Transfer to the best available guesthouse for check in.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Accommodation at the Guesthouse.

Day 06

Mouang Khua - Nongkhio (B/L/D)

Breakfast at local restaurant.

Visit morning market of Mouang Khua. Then excursion by car to Nongkhio.

On the way, stopover to visit Iko ethnic village Laoteung village.

Lunch at local restaurant.

Arrive Nongkhio before sunset. Transfer to the best Guesthouse available for check in.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Accommodation at Guesthouse.

Day 07

Nongkhio - Pak Ou - Ban Xanghai – Luang Prabang (B/L/D)

Breakfast at local restaurant.

Embark on traditional boat for the second leg of the cruise. On the way, stopover to visit the famous cave of Pak Ou, located at the side of the steep cliff on the bank of the Mekong River housing hundreds of wooden Buddha statues which had been carved and enshrined since sixteenth century.

Lunch at local restaurant.

Continue toward Luang Prabang, stopover to visit Ban Xanghai. Arrive Luang Prabang at late afternoon, transfer to the Phousi Hotel for check in.

Dinner and Accommodation at the Phousi Hotel.

Day 08

Luang Prabang (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel

Visit the morning market near by the National Museum, continue visiting the National Museum. Then continue on visiting Wat Visoun, Wat Sen, Wat Mai, Wat Xientong, the most outstanding temple of Luang Prabang and Phousi Hill for overlooking the city and for sunset.

Lunch and dinner at local restaurant.

Accommodation at the Phousi Hotel

Day 09

Luang Prabang – Vang Vieng by overland (B/L/D)

Breakfast

a.m.

Depart from Luang Prabang by car to Vang Vieng district about 247 kms. (5-6 hrs). You will enjoy the beautiful scenery and some stops are made to visit minorities & traditional villages i.e. Salahoukhoun, Kasi districts and H'mong villages along the road.

Picnic lunch en route.

p.m.

Arrive Vang Vieng, visit Tham Chang and Tham None. Take short cruise on the Nam Song River and enjoy sunset.

Dinner and accommodation at the Bungalow Thavonsouk

Day 10

Vang Vieng - Vientiane by overland (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the Bungalow

a.m.

Breakfast at hotel.

Visit local market in Vang Vieng

Leave Vang Vieng to Vientiane. On the way, stop over to visit Vang Xang , a archeological site of 12th century.

Arrive in Vientiane, transfer to the Hotel for check in.

Lunch at local restaurant..

p.m.

Sightseeing tour of Vientiane including visits to Hophrakeo, Vat SiSaket, That Luang stupa and enjoy sunset at the bank of the Mekong river.

Dinner and accommodation at the Hotel.

Day 11

Vientiane – Pakse -Tatlo by car (B/L/D)

Breakfast

a.m.

Early Breakfast at hotel.

Transfer to the airport for check in and departure to Pakse by plane.

Depart from Vientiane by QV512.

Upon arrival at the airport transfer to the Sinouk Café for coffee break. Then excursion by car to Tadlo. On the way, stop over to visit coffee and tea plantation, minority villages of hill tribes such as: Katou at Ban Houeihoune, Nge at Ban Kandone and Alack at Ban Kokphung.

Lunch at local restaurant..

After lunch, continue on visiting minority villages surrounding Tadlo to visit local people. In late afternoon, transfer to the Tadlo Resort for check in.

Dinner and accommodation at the Tadlo Resort

Day 12

Tatlo-Pakse -Vat Phou -Khong Island (B/L/D)

Breakfast

a.m.

Breakfast at hotel.

Return to Pakse by car. Upon arrival at Pakse, transfer directly to the local pier of Pakse to embark traditional boat trip down on the stream of Mekong river to Champasack. Arrive Champasack, continue by car to Wat Phou, the ruin khmer temple from 8-11th century..

Lunch at local restaurant.

p.m.

Then continue to Khong Island by car.

Arrive Khong Island in late afternoon, transfer to Villa Moaung Khong Guesthouse for check in.

Dinner and accommodation at the Villa Mouang Khong Guesthouse.

Day 13

Khong-Khone - Phou Asa –Pakse (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Excursion by car to visit Khone Phapheng, the Niagara of Southeast Asia. Then continue to Pakse. On the way, stop over to visit Phou Asa and minority villages of hill tribes.

Lunch at local restaurant on the way..

After lunch, excursion by car to Pakse . Arrive Pakse before sunset for check in Champa Residence Hotel.

Dinner and accommodation at the Champa Residence Hotel.

Day 14

Pakse – Chong Mek (B/L/-)

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer to Chong Mek (Thai-Laos border) for departure.

Hotel used for above tour:-

Chiang Saen : Imperial Golden Triangle Hotel or similar

Vientiane : Novotel Hotel or similar

Luang Prabang : Villa Santi Hotel or similar

PRIVATE PACKAGE TOURS – US Dollar (WC)

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Number of passengers (Nett per person in half-twin room)							Single
Tour	1	2	3-5	4-9	10-14	15-19	Surcharge
Price per person	3,687	2,184	1,833	1,573	1,412	1,355	292
Validity: Now - 31 October 2006							

Supplement for Peak season of Dec 22, 2005 – Jan 02, 2006

1 night at Villa Santi (including Gala dinner)

Single room : USD 57.- /person

Double room : USD 57.- /person

Supplement for compulsory dinner at Imperial Golden Triangle

- Compulsory dinner on 24 December, 2005 = USD 30 nett per person.

- Compulsory dinner on 31 December, 2005 = USD 45 nett per person.

Included in the tour prices are :-

Accommodation with meals as specified in the program

Transfers & tours with English speaking guide

Entrance fees & boat fee

Domestic air tickets Vientiane / Pakse by Lao Airlines.

Domestic airport tax

Traditional boat fees as per mentioned in the program.

Service charges, room tax, VAT and baggage handling

Not included in the tour prices are :-

Laotian visa fee

Airtickets : Bangkok/Chiang Rai, Luang Prabang/Vientiane

Domestic airport taxes in Bangkok/Laos

Expenditure of a personal nature, such as drinks, souvenirs and laundry etc.,

Other tours & meals not mentioned in the program

Christmas and New Year's dinner supplement (will be advised at time of booking)

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

Departure airport tax in Vientiane : USD 10.00 per person

Personal insurance

Service charges, room tax and baggage handling