

CLASSIC TWIN CITIES

Duration: 06Days/05Nights

Highlights: Luang Prabang – Pak Ou Caves – Kuang Si Waterfalls – Vientiane – Buddha Park



ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY	TRIP SUMMARY
DAY 1	LUANG PRABANG ARRIVAL (NO MEAL)
DAY 2	MEKONG RIVER CRUISE – PAK OU CAVE (B)
DAY 3	KUANG SI WATERFALL – VIENTIANE (Train) (B)
DAY 4	CITY EXPLORATION – BUDDHA PARK (B)
DAY 5	DONE XNG XU ISLAND (B, L)
DAY 6	VIENTIANE – DEPARTURE (B)

B = Breakfast | L = Lunch | D = Dinner

ITINERARY IN DETAIL

DAY 1: LUANG PRABANG ARRIVAL (NO MEAL)

On arrival at the Luang Prabang airport, you will be met and transferred to check in the hotel (early check-in upon availability)

Situated in the center of northern Laos, Luang Prabang is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its outstanding cultural, historic and architectural values and its harmonious relationship between the natural and built environment.

There are no activities planned for today, so you may stroll around for the first impression of this ancient city.

Meal: No Meal

Overnight at hotel in Luang Prabang

DAY 2: MEKONG RIVER CRUISE – PAK OU CAVE (B)

After breakfast, you will first visit **Royal Palace Museum**, which was built in 1904 during the French colonial era for King Sisavang Vong and his family.

We then embark on a leisure cruise upstream on the Mekong River, which also gives us a breathtaking view of the tranquil countryside, before reaching the mysterious **Pak Ou Caves**, two linked caves crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by pilgrims.

Along the way, we stop at the village of Ban Xanghai, where they make the local rice wine.

On arrival back in the city, we will visit the old **Wat Sene** and the nearby magnificent **Wat Xiengthong** a superb piece of Lao temple architecture, which presents a sweeping two-tiered roof and ornate mosaics including a beautiful 'tree of life' glass montage on the rear temple wall.

Next, we will visit **Heuan Chan**, a 19th-century aristocratic mansion that offers a glimpse into Lao culture through traditional ceremonies, textiles, and family life. This restored mansion stands as a testament to Lao heritage, featuring enriching exhibitions and a documentary on Laos' customs. After the visit, we'll have the opportunity to taste authentic Lao coffee or tea, providing a true taste of Laos.

Late afternoon, we will make a stop at **Wat Prabath** to admire the sunset; this is the ideal place to catch the last beauty of the day.

The tour ends after a visit to the famous **Night Market**, where you can find a lovely collection of handmade textiles made by local and hilltribe people surrounding Luang Prabang.

Meal: Breakfast

Overnight at hotel in Luang Prabang

DAY 3: KUANG SI WATERFALL – VIENTIANE (Train) (B)

Wake up as the sun rises, we will prepare to join the most sacred tradition of Laos, the daily morning alms giving, which dates to the 14th century. More than 200 Buddhist monks depart from various temple to gather their daily meal from the faithful residents sitting quietly on the streets.

We then visit the temporary morning market near the former Royal Palace. Just set on the ground, the local people come here to barter their day's catch from rice, to vegetable, to fish, or chicken.

After breakfast at the hotel, we ascend the 329 steps to the top of **Phousi Hill** for a panoramic view of the city and the Mekong River.

Then transfer directly to the beautiful **Kuang Si**, which is the biggest waterfall in the Luang Prabang area with three tiers leading to a 50-metre drop into spectacular azure pools before flowing downstream. The pools also make great swimming holes and are very popular with both tourists and locals

There is also the chance to walk to the nearby village of **Ban Thapene**, and explore the hidden waterfalls, which is rarely visited by other tourists

If you wish, take a short visit to the **Bear Rescue Center**, which houses a couple of dozen animals rescued from the hands of poachers and traffickers.

On the way back to Luang Prabang, we will take a short visit to the **Ock Pop Tock Living Craft Center**, set serenely close to the Mekong, this beautiful, traditionally styled workshop, where weavers, spinners and batik makers produce top-quality fabrics, offers free tours every half-hour. This is also one of the best spots to admire the sunset in Luang Prabang.

We then transfer out to the train station to take the speed train to Vientiane (**2 hours**)

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in town.

Meal: Breakfast

Overnight at hotel in Vientiane

DAY 4: CITY EXPLORATION – BUDDHA PARK (B)

In the morning, we will first visit **Wat Si Muang**, which is very famous for its supernatural power. After that drive to **Buddha Park** which takes around 45 minutes away. Also known as Xieng Khuan, this unusual park is filled with over 200 Buddhist and Hindu statues.

Returning to town, visit **COPE**, an association working to help landmine victims. A visit to the center provides in-depth information about the history of the American/Vietnam war and the lasting impact of unexploded ordinances (UXO) in the area and the efforts underway to clear them.

Start the afternoon with a visit to **That Luang**, the holiest site in Laos. Constructed by King Setthathirat in the 16th century, the temple is resplendent as the sun shines upon its towering golden spire. Then, enjoy a panoramic view over the city as you climb the stairs to the top of **Patuxay**, Vientiane's own "Arc de Triomphe".

Continue down Lane Xang Avenue the serene **Wat Sisaket**, the only temple left intact after the Siamese (Thai) invasion in 1828. Continue on to the nearby **Wat Phra Keo**. Used as a religious museum, Wat Phra Keo displays a collection of both Lao and Khmer works of art.

End your tour of the capital along the banks of the **Mekong River** as the sun begins to set. Stroll along the river, stop to enjoy a cold drink, or sample a snack from one of the many local food stalls.

Optional tour: You can also visit Sinouk Coffee Pavilion to discover the Lao coffee, stroll around the mini coffee gallery, view the in-house coffee roaster and try a cup of delicious and unique coffee or tea. Discuss with our guide about this. Entrance fee and extra coffee/drinks are payable on spot.

Meal: Breakfast

Overnight at hotel in Vientiane

DAY 5: DONE XING XU ISLAND (B/L)

Begin your journey by heading to the serene **Xing Xu Island**, situated just beyond Vientiane. Upon reaching Ban Kaolieu, embark on a boat ride to the island, where you'll share the experience with local residents.

Upon your island arrival, take a leisurely stroll to a revered temple, renowned among locals for seeking auspicious numbers, often used for purchasing lottery tickets. Feel free to try your luck if you wish.

Afterward, explore the quaint village, home to approximately 200 inhabitants who tend to livestock, including pigs and goats.

Continue your adventure by hopping on a tuk-tuk or a local tractor to tour the island, immersing yourself in a genuine sense of exploration.

Savor a delectable lunch at one of the island's local restaurants, relishing the authentic flavors of the region. Following your meal, take ample time to relax and relish the picturesque surroundings before boarding the boat back to the mainland. Finally, your journey concludes with a comfortable transfer back to your hotel.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight at hotel in Vientiane

DAY 6: VIENTIANE – DEPARTURE (B)

You are free to stroll around the town for your own exploration before taking the departure

flight Meal: Breakfast



PRICE IN USD PER PERSON

Valid from **01 OCT 2024 to 30 APR 2025**
 (Not valid for period from 20 DEC 2024 to 10 JAN 2025)

OPT	TOUR PRICE IN USD NET PER PERSON IN GROUP OF												SGL
	1	2	3	4	05-06	07-08	09-10	11-14	15	20	25	30	
3-Star	1,663	914	775	693	667	619	623	603	597	573	562	544	228
4-Star	1,856	1,024	859	776	751	704	708	687	687	662	651	631	336
5-Star	2,440	1,352	1,188	795	1,080	1,030	1,035	1,015	1,035	1,006	991	969	593

Valid from **01 MAY 2025 – 30 SEP 2025**

OPT	TOUR PRICE IN USD NET PER PERSON IN GROUP OF												SGL
	1	2	3	4	05-06	07-08	09-10	11-14	15	20	25	30	
3-Star	1,608	912	748	665	639	590	595	575	567	544	534	514	201
4-Star	1,679	936	772	689	664	614	620	599	592	569	559	539	248
5-Star	2,133	1,201	1,035	953	927	880	884	863	874	848	835	813	437

The price for 1pax has included the single stay

INCLUSIVE

- Transportation with air-condition in private
- Accommodation in twin/double shared room
- Train ticket Luang Prabang - Vientiane
- Boat trip as stated in above sights
- **English** speaking guide
- Admission fee to indicated sights
- Meals as per program
- Gov't tax and service charge
- Luggage handling and drinking water

EXCLUSIVE

- Visa stamping fee on arrival
- All flights quoted separately (if any)
- Travel Insurance in all kinds
- Single room (quoted separately)
- Other foreign language guide
- Peak tourist season or special event rates
- Tip, drinks and other personal expenses
- 10% VAT in case the payment is transferred into our company bank account

TOUR POLICY & NOTES

- ✓ Infant below 3 years old sharing same room with parents is free of charge.
- ✓ Child below 12 yrs old sharing same room with 1 ADL is charged for 90%.
- ✓ Child below 12 yrs old with extra bed and sharing same room with parents is charged for 65%.
- ✓ Child below 12 yrs old No extra bed & sharing same room with parents is charged for 55%

TIPPING FOR GUIDE AND DRIVER (suggestion)

- ✓ Group from 1 – 4 pax: USD 5/ pax/ day
- ✓ Group from 5 – 9 pax: USD 4/ pax/ day
- ✓ Group from 10pax up: USD 3/ pax/ day

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

- ✓ Itinerary is subject to change depending on the confirmed flights, road conditions, and room availability.
- ✓ Hotels listed in above might not be up to standard of your expectation, especially in the remote area limitation of accommodation.
- ✓ Prices are subject to change in case of VAT or other tax increases and USD currency fluctuations

LIST OF HOTELS USE

Destination	First class – 3*	Superior – 4 *	Deluxe – 5 *
LUANG PRABANG	MY DREAM RESORT Classic www.mydreamresort.com or similar	LE BEL AIR RESORT Garnier www.lebelair-resort.com or similar	SATRI HOUSE Deluxe satrihouse.com or similar
VIENTAINE	LAO ORCHID HOTEL Superior http://www.lao-orchid.com/ or similar	EASTIN HOTEL VIENTIANE Superior Balcony www.eastinhotelsresidences.com /eastinvientianaos or similar	CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL Standard vientiane.crowneplaza.com or similar