

6N 7D Ancient Laos 11 – 17 May 2019

Luang Prabang – Pakse – Champasak – Pakse – Vientiane

Day 01 SAT 11 May Hong Kong – Luang Prabang

Depart Hong Kong (HKG) by PG4552 (code share with *Cathay Pacific Airways*) 0855hrs, arrive Bangkok (BKK) 1050hrs, connecting flight PG945 depart BKK 1440hrs, arrive Luang Prabang (LPQ) 1650hrs. Meet and greet upon arrival, hotel transfer.

Overnight Luang Prabang.

Day 02 SUN 12 May Luang Prabang (Pak Ou Caves)



Pak Ou Buddha Caves

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, your Private Tour begins as you are escorted for your **Upstream Cruise** from the Mekong River to the sacred **Pak Ou Buddha Caves**. See light misting through thousands of gold lacquered Buddhas of various sizes deposited by locals over the centuries. Continue via a traditional boat to the **Ethnic Minority Villages** of the Hmong and Lao Thung tribes.

In the afternoon head to Luang Prabang as your tour takes you to the Buddhist temple **Wat Xieng Thong** tucked away on the northern tip of the peninsula. Considered one of the most important monasteries in the area, standing tall as a significant monument to the spirit of religion, traditional art and royalty.



Wat Xieng Thong

Head to **Wat Visoun** (also known as **Wat Visounnalat**), originally built during the reign of King Wisunarat from the early 16th century, Luang Prabang's oldest operating temple. After checking out **Wat Aham** your guide will take you to the **Ham Kham**, the **Royal Museum** where you can learn about Lao history and culture.

As the day comes to close, ascend to the top of **Mt. Phousi**, climb 328 steps and you will be rewarded with an amazing view of the city with a charming sunset across the majestic Mekong River. Hotel transfer, overnight Luang Prabang.

Day 03 MON 13 May Luang Prabang (Kuang Si Waterfall & Night Market)



Kuang Si Waterfall

Early morning hotel breakfast, at 8:00 AM you will be transferred to an excursion of **Kuang Si Waterfall**, pack your swimming gear! Soak in the breathtaking cascades of water at this scenic attraction, enjoy swimming in the spectacular azure pools. Below the tiered limestone pools you will find cold water, a great place to escape the heat.

Visit **Hmong Village Ban Na Ouane** where older women still dress in traditional costumes, you will have a chance to purchase hand woven crafts as a souvenir should you like. Embark on a short walk through the forest to the waterfall to experience the serene beauty.

Your private tour concludes with a stroll through the local **Night Market**, hotel transfer, overnight Luang Prabang.

Stroll down to the local Night Market and have a short visit and head back to hotel

Day 04 TUE 14 May Luang Prabang – Pakse (Wat Phou) – Champasak

After your early morning breakfast, check-out, airport transfer, depart Luang Prabang (LPQ) QV513 1040hrs, arrive Pakse (PKZ) 1220hrs, meet and greet at the airport, your guide shall escort you to a local restaurant for some coffee, lunch at Sinouk coffee restaurant.

Afterwards you will be transferred to a local pier for a Traditional Boat Cruise (02hrs) to Champasak, enjoy the view on the way. Upon arrival you will be driven to the ruins of the *UNESCO World Heritage Site* **Vat Phou**, the Khmer temple from the 8th century, nearby there is also a local museum that is worth visiting. Hotel transfer, dinner at your hotel, overnight Champasak.



Vat Phou

Day 05 WED 15 May Champasak – Bolaven – Pakse – Vientiane



Tad Fane Falls

Hotel breakfast, check-out and at 8:00 AM your private guide will take you to cross the Mekong River by Ferry Boat to Ban Muang. Upon arrival you will be driven to **Bolaven Plateau**, a unique elevated region in Laos where tea and the famous Café Lao are grown. Visit a plantation and continue to the spectacular **Tad Fane Falls** located in the pristine jungle.

Lunch will be served a local restaurant, afterwards, airport transfer, depart Pakse (PKZ) by QV304 1745hrs, arrive Vientiane (VTE) 1900hrs, meet and greet upon arrival, hotel transfer, overnight Vientiane.

Day 06 THU 16 May Vientiane (Buddha Park)

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, your morning tour covers **Wat Si Saket, Wat Ho Phra Keo, That Luang and Victory Monument**. Around 8:00 AM your guide shall escort you to the oldest temple in Vientiane, **Wat Si Saket**, famous for the cloister wall portraying thousands of tiny Buddhas from the 16th and 19th century comprised of wood, bronze and stone. You may also see locals praying and offering food to the monks, a charming daily ceremony to witness.



Wat Si Saket



Wat Ho Phra Keo

Continue to the beautiful 16th century **Wat Ho Phra Keo**, originally constructed as the Lao royal family's personal chapel and home to the Emerald Buddha. Learn how the statue was snatched, reclaimed and how it currently sits in Bangkok. The temple has since been converted into a museum.

Your morning tour ends with **That Luang**, see the towering 45 meter high stupa and the most revered shrine in Laos. On the way, stop at **Victory Monument** (Patuxai), a war monument right in the heart Vientiane, dedicated to this who fought in the struggle for independence from France.

Afternoon private tour takes you to **Buddha Park**, a famous sculpture park with hundreds of religious statues, a great place for a relaxing walk and photos. The entrance is crafted to look like the mouth of a demon while a stone ladder inside provides a bird's eye view of the park. We recommend photography on top of the giant pumpkin structure that towers at three stories tall!
Hotel transfer, overnight Vientiane.



Buddha Park

Day 07 FRI 17 May Vientiane – Bangkok

After breakfast, check-out, airport transfer, depart Vientiane (VTE) by PG944 1140hrs, arrive Bangkok (BKK) 1255hrs, connecting flight PG4563 depart BKK 1455hrs, arrive Hong Kong (HKG) 1850hrs.