#### **Laos at a glance 13 days/12 nights**

**Duration: 13 Days**

**Tour route: Luang Prabang – Pak Ou – Khoang Si – Xieng Khoang – Vang Vieng – Vientiane – Pakse – Bolaven Plateau - 4000 Island - Vientiane**

**Start/End: Luang Prabang - Vientiane**

**Day 1: Luang Prabang arrival – city tour**

Upon arrival, check in hotel and relax.

Afternoon we climb up to the top of mountain Phousi for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as a panoramic view of the city at sunset and the Mekong river. We will explore the Night market, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textile made by local and hill tribe people surrounding Luang Prabang.

Overnight in Luang Prabang.

**Day 2: Luang Prabang – Pak Ou (B)**

Breakfast, then we shall start with a tour to visit the World Heritage described by the UNESCO as the best preserved city in South East Asia. We will start with the impressive stupa of Wat Visoun, Wat Sene – the oldest temple in Luang Prabang, and National Museum. Then and the magnificent Wat Xiengthong with its low sweeping roofs, representing classical Laotian architecture. Then we board a cruise upstream on the Mekong river, which gives us a panoramic view of the tranquil countryside as well as an interesting visit to the mysterious of 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.

Overnight in Luang Prabang.

**Day 3: Luang Prabang - Khoang Si (B)**

Early wake up for a fantastic opportunity to participate in the daily morning rituals of saffron-clothed monks who collect 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.

After breakfast, visit Phousi Market then we transfer to visit local village of Lao ethnic minority groups at Ban Ouay and Ban Thapene. Then we drive to the beautiful Khouangsi Waterfall where you can splash around in the turquoise pools or walk along the forest paths.

Overnight in Luang Prabang.

**Day 4: Luang Prabang – Xieng Khoang – Plain of Jars (B)**

After breakfast and hotel check-out in the morning, we drive to Xieng Khouang and visit hill tribal villages along the way. We go to visit Site 1 of Plain of Jars upon arrival and then drive to your hotel for check-in and free at leisure in the evening.

**Day 5: Xieng Khoang – Vang Vieng (B)**

After breakfast, we drive to visit Plain of Jars site 2 & 3 then continue our way toward Vang Vieng via mountainous zig zag road. We will arrive Vang Vieng in the late afternoon.

Overnight in Vang Vieng.

**Day 6: Vang Vieng – full day caving & Kayaking (B)**

In the morning, our truck takes you from the office drive north of Vangvieng around 15km to the tour begins to walk on Nam song Swing Bridge to Ban Tham Xang (Elephant cave), there is a cave in the centre of this village called Tham Xang temple, you’ll know about Buddhist culture from our tour guide and the local people’s life. Then we continue trekking pass this village to the rice field to Tham Nam (water cave), you’ll be enjoy tubing in the cave with fresh water and be back to enjoy with our BBQ lunch in the small hut in the middle of rice filed, it’s best position to see green scenery rice filed and the mountains surround, after lunch we be back to the truck, and drive to Ban Vieng sa mai, where you can see the high mountain karts surrounding in all its natural beauty and even go for a swim at the kayaking starts point in dry season.

Overnight in Vang Vieng.

**Day 7: Vang Vieng – Vientiane – city tour (B)**

In the morning, we will drive to Vientiane.

Arrive in the city centre in the early afternoon, check in hotel and relax. This afternoon we explore Vientiane capital by visiting the major sights of the capital; including the oldest Wat Sisaket and the former royal temple of Wat Prakeo. Continue to Lao’s national precious heritage, the famous and sacred structure of That Luang Stupa.

Overnight in Vientiane.

**Day 8: Vientiane – fly to Pakse – Wat Phou – Pakse (B)**

This morning, we will take a flight to Pakse. Upon arrival, check in hotel (early check in upon availability). After a short rest, we transfer to the pre-angkorian Ruins of Wat Phu, which gives a great taste of Khmer temples. Come back Pakse and stay overnight.

**Day 9: Pakse – Bolaven plateau – Pakse (B)**

After breakfast, we transfer to visit Tadlo via Bolaven Plateau. This trip gives visitors the chance to venture off the beaten track and to discover some of the lesser-known areas of Laos, exploring the wild beauty of this southern region. Upon arrival at Tad Lo waterfall, we visit the villages of Alak, Nge, and Katu, populated by ethnic minority groups. We drive back to Pakse in the late afternoon.

Overnight in Pakse.

**Day 10: Pakse - 4000 Island – surroundings (B)**

After breakfast, we continue driving to 4000 Island. Upon arrive at Khong Island, check in hotel and relax. Afternoon, we begin by re-tracing the French colonial-past at Ban Khone, where some old colonial houses still stand and glimpse the first Lao railway with its own locomotive. We continue our exploration of the area of the 4000 islands leisurely by boat and visit the most beautiful Liphi waterfall, also known as the Samphamith, which forms a natural border between Lao and Cambodia. If we have luck, we may catch a glimpse of the rare freshwater Irrawaddy Mekong dolphin at Ban Hang Khone. Then we go to Ban Nakasang and drive to the famous waterfall of Khone Phapeng - the largest waterfall in South East Asia, also known as the 'Niagara of the east'.

Overnight in Don Khong.

**Day 11: 4000 Island – Pakse – fly to Vientiane (B)**

After breakfast, we transfer back to Pakse and catch the flight to Vientiane. Upon arrival, check in hotel and relax.

Overnight in Vientiane.

**Day 12: Vientiane – Buddha Park (B)**

After breakfast, free at leisure to recover after a long trip.

Afternoon, we drive to visit Buddha Park where hundreds of Buddhist and Hindu sculptures brought from India are displayed.

Overnight in Vientiane.

**Day 13: Vientiane – departure (B)**

After breakfast, free at leisure until transfer to airport for your next flight.

**PACKAGE TOUR PRICE PER PERSON:**

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| **Hotel class** | **Valid from 01 Oct – 31 Dec 2019** | | | | | **Single supplement** |
| **Tour price in USD per person for group of** | | | | |
| **1pax** | **2pax** | **3-6pax** | **7-11pax** | **12-16pax** |
| **Standard** | **3,670** | **1,942** | **1,582** | **1,223** | **972** | **392** |
| **Superior** | **4,070** | **2,102** | **1,782** | **1,423** | **1,173** | **631** |

**SURCHARGE FOR PEAK SEASON:**

CHITCHAREUNE MOUANGLUANG HOTEL (STANDARD ROOM)

* FROM 24 DEC – 31 DEC 2019: +USD 20/ROOM/NIGHT

SILVER NAGA HOTEL (DELUXE ROOM)

* FROM 24 – 31 DEC 2019: +USD 30/ROOM/NIGHT

CHAMPASAK GRAND (SUPERIOR OR SUPERIOR RIVERVIEW)

* FROM 28 – 31 DEC 2019: +USD 10/ROOM/NIGHT

**Surcharge for peak season:**

Chitchareune Mouangluang Hotel (Standard room)

* From 24 Dec – 31 Dec.19: + USD 20/ per room/ per night

Silver Naga Hotel (Deluxe room)

* From 24-31 Dec.19: + USD 30/ per room/ per night

Champasak Grand (Superior or Superior Riverview)

* From 28 – 31 Dec. 18: + USD 10/ per room/ per night

**COMPULSORY DINNER:**

* Santi Resort & Spa

USD 60/ pax (compulsory gala dinner on 24 Dec.19)

USD 65/ pax (compulsory gala dinner on 31 Dec.19)

* Champasak Grand Hotel:

USD 30/ pax (compulsory gala dinner on 31 Dec.19)

**AIRFARE:**

Vientiane – Pakse – Vientiane via Laos Airlines (QV): USD 237 per economy class ticket (one way) – Subject to change

**ACCOMMODATION**

**STANDARD 3\***

LUANG PRABANG = CM Hotel (Standard) [www.cm-hotel.com](http://www.cm-hotel.com)

VIENTIANE = Vansana Riverside (Standard) [www.vansanahotel-group.com](http://www.vansanahotel-group.com)

PAKSE = Champasak Grand (Superior) [www.champasakgrand.com](http://www.champasakgrand.com)

4000 ISLAND = Pon Arena Hotel (Standard) [www.ponarena.com](http://www.ponarena.com)

XIENG KHOANG = Vansana Xieng Khoang (Standard) [www.vansanahotel-group.com](http://www.vansanahotel-group.com)

VANG VIENG= Elephant Crossing Vang Vieng (Standard) [www.elephantcrossingvangvieng.com](http://www.elephantcrossingvangvieng.com)

**SUPERIOR 4\***

LUANG PRABANG = Santi Resort & Spa (Deluxe) [www.villasantihotel.com](http://www.villasantihotel.com)

VIENTIANE = Muong Thanh Hotel (Deluxe) [www.muongthanhluxuryvientiane.com](http://www.muongthanhluxuryvientiane.com)

PAKSE = Champasak Grand (Superior Riverview) [www.champasakgrand.com](http://www.champasakgrand.com)

4000 ISLAND = Pon Arena Hotel (Deluxe) [www.ponarena.com](http://www.ponarena.com)

XIENG KHOANG = Aunolack Khen Lao (Deluxe) [www.aunolackhenlao.com](http://www.aunolackhenlao.com)

VANG VIENG = Silver Naga (Deluxe) [www.silvernaga.com](http://www.silvernaga.com)

***Remarks:***

* *Above tour price valid as above dates*
* *Itinerary is subjected to change due to weather/traffic condition*

**TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS:**

* Private transportation in with air-conditioned & Boat trip to Pak Ou & in Champasak
* Accommodation as mentioned above
* Meals : ABF at hotel
* English speaking guides:

+ 01 guide Luang Prabang – Xieng Khoang – Vang Vieng

+ 01 guide in Pakse & the South

+ 01 guide in Vientiane

* Full day caving & Kayaking with lunch (join-in)
* Admission fee to indicated sights
* Tuk tuk to Liphi
* Government tax and service charge
* Luggage handling
* 2 bottles of drinking water per day during the tour
* 2 cold towels per day during the tour
* 1 FOC for Tour Leader for full paying 15-pax upward

**TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS:**

* Travel insurance (compulsory)
* Domestic airfare and airport tax in Laos
* International airfare and airport tax to & from Laos
* Eearly check- in or late check-out (except as indicated)
* Beverages and other meals do not indicate in the program
* Single room
* Visa stamping fee to Laos, Thailand (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.