#### **Houeixay – Pakbeng – Luang Prabang 6 days/5 nights**

**Duration: 6 Days**

**Tour route: Houeixay – Pakbeng – Pak Ou – Luang Prabang – City tour – Waterfall – Shangri Laos**

**Start/End: Houeixay – Luang Prabang**

**Day 1: Houeixay arrive - Pakbeng by Luang Say Cruise (L,D)**

Upon arrival at the border gate in Houeixay, transfer to the boat pier. Luang Say boat leaves slow boat pier at around 9 a.m. for cruising down the Mekong River to Luang Say Lodge in Pakbeng. One stop is made en route to Pakbeng to observe a rural life along the Mekong River at Ban Houei Phalam; a Kamu village. A buffet lunch is served on board. The boat arrives at Luang Say Lodge before sunset for an overnight stay and a dinner is served on the terrace overlooking the Mekong River.

**Day 2: Pakbeng - Pak Ou - Luang Prabang by Luang Say Cruise (B,L)**

A continental breakfast is served on the terrace from 7a.m. The boat leaves Luang Say Lodge at 8a.m. and the first stop is at Ban Baw village to observe the local village‘s way of living. A buffet lunch is served on board. The boat stops again opposite the mouth of the Nam Ou River to visit Pak Ou caves where there are two caves ‘Tham Ting’ and ‘Tham Phoum’ and thousands of Buddha images. The boat arrives in Luang Prabang at Calao pier (a UNESCO world heritage city) before sunset.

Meet your tour guide and transfer to hotel for checking in.

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

An optional early start gives you the fantastic opportunity to participate in the daily morning rituals of saffron-clad monks collecting 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. You will visit the morning Market where you will see such diverse offerings as dried buffalo skin, local tea and saltpeter among the chickens, vegetables and hill-tribe weavings.

After breakfast, we visit Wat Mai before going to the National Museum at the former Royal Palace displays a lovely collection of the artifacts reflecting the richness of Lao culture dating from the days of the early kings right through the last sovereign. Then continue to Wat Sene – the oldest temple in Luang Prabang

Afternoon we drive our way to Khouang Si waterfall. On the way, you can visit to the Lao ethnic minority groups-Ban Ouay. Once at the waterfalls, take a leisurely hike through the national park towards the Khouang Si waterfalls and pass by the Asian bear rescue center. You will enjoy feeling the mist of the cool, turquoise waters of the different waterfalls. Swimming in the refreshing waters is possible.

Overnight in Luang Prabang.

**Day 4: Luang Prabang – Shangri Laos – Overnight (B,L,D)**

• 8:30am to 9:00am: Pick up by our Guide at your hotel lobby

• Arrival at the Elephant Village Camp: Welcome greeting by your guide and participate in a short briefing about elephants

• Bareback Elephant Ride: Enjoy the impressive experience of a 1 km bareback elephant ride! 1 person per elephant.

• Boat trip to the Tad Sae Waterfall: Take a traditional Lao long boat to the Tad Sae waterfall and relax, dip your feet or go for a swim in the clear, cool ponds

• Mahout Training: Receive your mahout training on how to control an elephant like a mahout

• Lunch: Special Shangri-Lao set menu lunch served at the beautiful Shangri Lao Tree House restaurant overlooking the Nam Khan river

• Bring Your Elephant to the Jungle: Enjoy the unique experience of riding your elephant in the evening to her jungle hideaway where she gets to retire for the evening

• Dinner: Enjoy special set menu dinner at Shangri Laos Restaurants

• Overnight: Enjoy a relaxing night at our Shangri Laos Tent with stunning views of the Nam Khan river

**Day 5: Shangri-Lao Explorer Camp - Luang Prabang (B)**

• Awake from your Slumber: You won’t believe how tranquil and beautiful the Lao jungle mornings are!

• Pick Up Your Own Elephant: In the morning, retrieve your elephant from her jungle hide away

• Bathe Your Elephant: Take your own elephant down to the Nam Khan river for an exhilarating bathing experience!

• Breakfast: Enjoy breakfast at our restaurant (set menu with coffee / tea and drinking water)

• Depart: Transfer back to your Hotel in Luang Prabang between 10:00 am and 11:00 am

**Day 6: Luang Prabang – departure (B)**

Breakfast then spend the rest of the day free for own experience in this city, transportation to the airport.

**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** | **1,713** | **1,230** | **1,168** | **1,099** | **1,023** | **1,011** |
| **Superior** | **1,914** | **1,331** | **1,268** | **1,200** | **1,124** | **1,112** |

**Surcharge for peak season:**

Chitchareune Mouangluang Hotel (Standard room)

* From 24 Dec – 31 Dec.19: + USD 20/ 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)

**ACCOMMODATION STANDARD 3\***

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

LUANG PRABANG = Shangri laos (Tent) [www.elephant-village.com](http://www.elephant-village.com)

PAKBENG = Luang Say Lodge & Cruise [www.luangsaycruise.com](http://www.luangsaycruise.com)

**SUPERIOR 4\***

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

LUANG PRABANG = Shangri laos (Tent) [www.elephant-village.com](http://www.elephant-village.com)

PAKBENG = Luang Say Lodge & Cruise [www.luangsaycruise.com](http://www.luangsaycruise.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
* Accommodation as mentioned above
* Meals: ABF at hotel, 01 lunch, 01 dinner at Shangri Laos, 2 lunches, 1 dinner on boat Luang Say Cruise
* 2 Days 1 Night Mahout Experience with Elephant Village, overnight in Shangri Laos Tent (No Twin bed)
* English Speaking Guide
* A transfer from Laos immigration at Houei Sai to slow boat pier for the downstream program (operated by Luang Say Cruise shuttle services)
* 2-day cruise with stops and admission fees at visiting sites serviced by English and French speaking escorts
* 1 night accommodation at Luang Say Lodge
* Coffee, tea and drinking water on board and during meals
* Crew service during the cruise
* 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)
* Admission fee to indicated sights
* 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.