

Itinerary:

Day 1 – Luang Prabang.

Once you arrive you will be welcomed and accompanied to your hotel. Overnight.

Optional:

In the late afternoon you will be accompanied to a local house to take part in the Basi ceremony. The Basi is a very ancient rite that derives from animism and which is celebrated to drive out evil spirits and propitiate fortune is often held by village chiefs or by true shamans.

Day 2 - Luang Prabang - Half day City Tour & Mekong Excursion - Pak Ou Caves.

This morning, immediately after breakfast, you will start your city tour, strolling through the city center will visit the **Royal Palace Museum**, where you will immerse yourself in the daily life of the last royal families who ruled Laos before the Phatet Lao took power. Afterwards we will visit the magnificent **Wat Xiengthong** with its particular roof which is an example of the classic Laotian architecture. Today we will also visit the beautiful **Wat Mai** and stupa of **Wat Visoun**, soon after we will go to the **Arts and Ethnology Center** to better understand what ethnic minorities live in Laos and what their customs and traditions are. After lunch we will board a boat for an excursion on the Mekong River in the direction of the **Pak Ou Caves**, two interconnecting caves holding thousands of golden statuettes, of various shapes and sizes, representing the Buddha left here by the pilgrims on pilgrimage. Along the way back we will stop at the village of **Ban Muangkeo**, famous for its textile work and the production of rice whiskey. Overnight in Luang Prabang.



Day 3 - Luang Prabang - Excursions with the Elephants - Kuang Si Falls.

Then the adventure begins with a 1-hour elephant ride through different landscapes, making your way through the forests and along the Nam Khan River. A short boat ride will take you to the incredible Tad Sae waterfalls (not in the dry season). Here you can relax for a while in the refreshing waterfalls. A buffet lunch will be served at the camp. After lunch, you will return to **Luang Prabang**, arriving in the early afternoon. After the excursion with the elephants you will go to the spectacular and **famous Kuang Si waterfalls** where you can cool off with a pleasant swim in one of the many natural pools of crystal clear water or take a walk along the paths of the forest that surrounds the waterfalls. Near the waterfall it is also possible to visit the **Bear Rescue Center** or an organization that protects a particular Asian bear.



Opzionale: Vientiane night trip and dinner at a local restaurant (\$ 35 for person)

In Laos it is called Petanque, it is in practice the game of bowls very popular among the Laotians, it represents a unique and fun way to get in touch with the local population in an authentic and fun way. After a few games and having consumed some beer together with the locals we will go to a local restaurant "SinDat" more commonly a BBQ lao very popular with the locals in an area outside the tourist circuit. Overnight in Vientiane.

Day 4 - Luang Prabang Pakse - Tadlo.

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to Luang Prabang airport for your direct flight to **Pakse**. Once you arrive at your destination you will be welcomed and you will immediately start your adventure in the south of Laos starting in the direction of **Boulevan Plateau**, a cool plateau overlooking the Mekong valley. Next you will visit a **tea plantation** and follow the **Tad Fan waterfall**. Next stop at a **coffee plantation** In subsequent stops you will visit two ethnic minority villages, the first will be Ban Bong Neua or an Alak village and the second will be **Ban Kokphung** or a **Katu village**, both famous for their tradition of leaving the coffins underneath their own homes. In the afternoon you will come to **Tad Lo**, where another wonderful waterfall awaits you, you can spend the rest of the day in total relaxation or take a bath in one of its natural pools. Overnight in Tadlo.



Day 5- Tadlo – Wat Zhou – Khong Island .

This morning after breakfast you will visit the majestic Paxuam waterfall, followed by a drive and transferred via Pakse to the beautiful pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Phu, considered one of the most beautiful temples in South East Asia. After lunch you will continue your journey by road to 4000 Islands area. You will arrive in Khong Island in the afternoon. Overnight in Khong Island.



Day 6: Khong Island – Khone – Champasak.

This morning after breakfast you will board a traditional boat that will take you to discover the 4,000 islands. The first stop will be at **Khone Island**, where once you arrive you will explore the island, you will have the opportunity to admire different colonial houses, the first Laotian railway station with its locomotives and then you will reach the beautiful **Liphi waterfall**, also known as Samphamith, which forms a natural border line between Laos and Cambodia. From here you will take a small boat to observe closely (if lucky!) The only specimens in the world of **freshwater dolphins**. From Khone Island you will take back the boat that will take you to the mainland and then reach the famous **Khone Phapeng** waterfalls by land or the biggest waterfalls in South East Asia, also known as 'Niagara of the east'. As soon as this visit is over you will return to **Ban Muang** where you will reach Champasak on a ferry. Overnight in Champasak.



Day 7: Champasak – Pakse – Departure.

Depending on the time of your departure flight, you will be escorted to Pakse airport.

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The tour includes:

- Transfers and excursions in private vehicles equipped with air conditioning as scheduled, except for open line boats where provided.
- English or Italian speaking guides in supplement.
- Entrance fees.
- Luang Prabang flight – Pakse.
- Overnight stays in selected hotels in rooms with private facilities.
- Meals as scheduled.

The tour does not include:

- Entrance fees in the country
- Insurance of all kinds.
- Personal expenses, tips, drinks with meals, extras in general
- Not indicated in include