

# **Highlights of Laos**

## 6 Days/5 Nights

### Vientiane – Vang Vieng – Luang Prabang – Kuang Si

Begin your day like a local by indulging in the flavours of traditional Lao coffee at a charming coffee stall in Vientiane. Embark on a breath-taking Mekong cruise and witness the captivating scenery as the sun gracefully sets. Immerse yourself in the rich Laos culture as you visit a traditional wooden house and savour a home-cooked meal, while gaining insights into local traditions. Uncover the hidden gems of the capital city, Vientiane, as you explore its local sights and delight in the authentic delicacies it has to offer. Experience the true essence of Laos on this remarkable journey of cultural immersion and culinary delights.

#### Day 1 Arrival in Vientiane

Upon your arrival, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Enjoy a welcome drink and start your journey with some leisure time. Unwind at your own pace or embark on a delightful exploration of the nearby attractions.

#### Day 2 Vientiane to Vang Vieng

Explore the charming capital starting with a TukTuk ride from your hotel to the iconic Phatuxay Monument. Walk down Lane Xang Avenue, stopping at the Morning Market and the Cooperative Orthotic & Prosthetic Enterprise (COPE). Visit Wat Si Muang and Wat Sisaket, before stopping at the Presidential Palace. Get re-energised with a Lao coffee and croissant at Anouvong Park. Visit a series of temple before reaching the Mekong riverbanks. Hop-on a TukTuk ride back to your hotel and prepare for our journey to Vang Vieng. (B)

#### Day 3 Vang Vieng to Luang Prabang

Take a scenic walk across the Nam Song River to visit the Hmong village of Ban Phan Thao. Trek along a small canal and enjoy breathtaking views of limestone karst mountains and luscious rice fields. If you wish you can visit some caves (optional). Reach the rice paddies of Ban Nadoa Village and Tam Chang Cave. Take a road trip through majestic mountains and visit other Hmong villages on the way to Luang Prabang. (B)

#### Day 4 Luang Prabang Explorer and Sunset Mekong cruise

Discover the charms of Luang Prabang with a leisurely walk around the old quarter. Start with the vibrant morning market, the charming city main street and the National Museum. After, visit Wat Xienthong, considered the finest temple in Laos. For the finalé, embark on a scenic boat ride for a memorable sunset cruise along the Mekong river. (B)

## <u>Day 5: Luang Prabang – Kuang Si</u>

A short drive to the outskirts of Luang Prabang takes us to the multi-tiered turquoise-coloured Kuang Si Waterfall, deemed one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Southeast Asia. Here you can also visit the Bear Rescue Centre to see rescued Asiatic bears. On our way back, get to see the fascinating world of Lao textiles come alive with a visit to Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre. Tips: • Stop at Buffalo Dairy for ice cream made from real buffalo milk! In the

evening, see a bamboo presentation with dinner and a 'baci' ceremony at Bamboo Experience, where you'll be embraced by the authentic cultural traditions of Laos. (B, D)

## Day 6: Departure from Luang Prabang

We will ensure a transfer to the airport for your departure, allowing you to board your flight comfortably as you bid farewell to this remarkable destination and continue your journey back home or to your next exciting destination. (B)

#### Included:

- 5 nights in described Hotel or similar
- Daily Breakfast for 2 Persons
- Meals as indicated
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Small group touring
- All Entrance fees
- English speaking tour leader
- All Tipping
- Arrival and departure transfers