

## CRADLE OF LAO CULTURE 4 DAYS 3 NIGHTS

### **Highlights:**

- Luang Prabang by UNESCO to be 'the best preserved city in South East Asia'
- Visit The National Museum at the former Royal Palace
- Visit the morning Market
- Visit local villages of Lao ethnic minority groups at Ban Quay, Hmong Village, Ban Ou, Laoloum Village and Ban Thapene, Khmu Village

### **Description Detail:**

With this 4-day tour, you will explore Luang Prabang, which is perhaps the best-preserved traditional city in Southeast Asia. The tranquility and charm of this city with its splendid natural landscapes and cultural attractions make it one of the most charming places to visit in Laos.

#### **Day1: Arrival - Luang Prabang**

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel. Luang Prabang has been claimed by UNESCO to be 'the best preserved city in South East Asia'. During our time here, we visit the impressive stupa of Wat Visoun and the shrine of Wat Aham, Wat Mai, we then climb up to the top of mount 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.

From there, we explore the Night Market, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textiles made by local and hill tribe people surrounding Luang Prabang.

Overnight in Luang Prabang

#### **Day2: Luang Prabang - Pak Ou - Luang Prabang (B)**

After breakfast, we visit The National Museum at the former Royal Palace, which displays a lovely collection of the artifacts reflecting the richness of Lao culture dating from the days of the early kings right through to the last sovereign. After that, we continue to enjoy a short-guided tour seeing the city's oldest temple of Wat Sene and the magnificent Wat Xiengthong with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represents classical Laotian architecture. We then embark on a cruise upstream on the Mekong River, which also gives us a breathtaking view of the tranquil countryside as well as explore the mysterious 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 Xang Hai, where they make the local rice wine. After returning to Luang Prabang by late afternoon, we continued to Ban Xangkhong, a village well known for its silk weavings and for its Saa (jute) Papermaking.

Overnight in Luang Prabang

### Day3: Luang Prabang – Kuang 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.

From there 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. Laos is also known for its traditional crafts, and today you will visit local villages of Lao ethnic minority groups at Ban Quay, Hmong Village, Ban Ou, Lao Loum Village and Ban Thapene, Khmu Village, then drive to the beautiful Kuang Si Waterfall where you can cool off with a refreshing swim in the turquoise pools or walk along the forest trails.

Overnight in Luang Prabang

### Day4: Luang Prabang – Departure (B)

After breakfast, free at your leisure until your transfer to the airport for your onward flight out.

**All prices quoted in USD per person is valid to 30 Dec 2023 (Except Christmas 24 Dec 2023-2024 & New year 31 Dec 2023 & Tet holiday 8 - 12 Feb 2024)**

Package Class	Price per person in half-twin by private car/coach with guide in the party of					Single Supplement
	2	3-4	5-7	8-11	12-15	
Superior – 3 stars	480	385	325	300	275	130
First Class - 4 stars	640	540	485	455	330	275
Deluxe - 5 stars	740	640	580	550	530	370

**Accommodation offering in this trip (click to see): Or Similar Hotels.**

Cities	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Luang Prabang	<a href="#">Villa Chitdara</a>	<a href="#">Santi Resort &amp; Spa</a>	<a href="#">Luang Prabang View</a>

#### **Includes:**

- Private transportation in private air-conditioned
- Accommodation in twin shared
- Private boat trip as stated in above sights
- English speaking guide

- Admission fee to indicated sights
- Meals: daily breakfast at hotel
- Gov't tax and service charge
- Luggage handling
- 2 bottles (600ml) of drinking water per day during the tour

**Not includes:**

- Visa stamping fee
- Domestic air ticket with airport tax
- Int'l air tickets to / from Laos
- Travel Insurance in all kinds
- Single room (quoted separately)
- Tip, drinks, personal expenses and others