

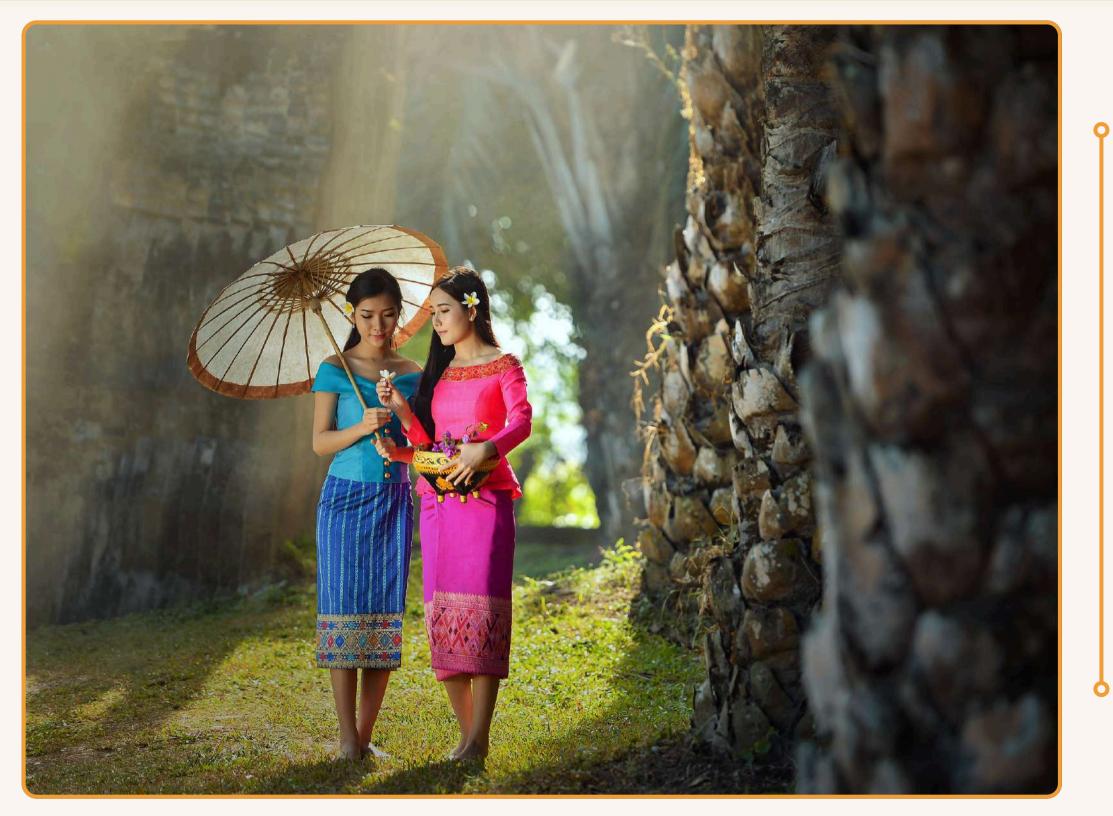
LAOS PRESENTATION



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About Aurora Travel & DMC



WE ARE AURORA TRAVEL We cooperate with professional Tour Operators globally

The company was founded in 2003 and is one of the leaders of DMC in Southeast Asia. We have stable growth over the year. We have a dedicated team of more than 120 destination experts and have sale offices in North America, South America, Spain, Italy and India.

We operate tours in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and have partners in other countries in the region. We offer MICE solutions, Series, Customized Ad-Hoc Groups, and Luxury FIT with WOW activities.





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Exceptional service



Experienced and Attentive team. Available to contact via Skype and Whatsapp

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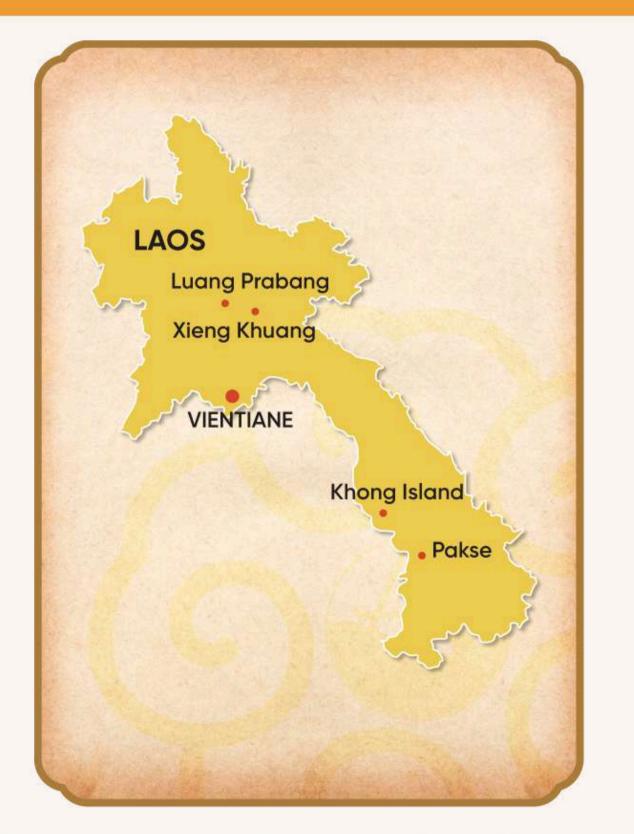
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VIETNAM Destination Information



Capital: Vientiane

Language: Lao

Population: 100,987,686 as of 2024

Local Currency: Kip, US dollars, and Euro can be exchanged

Borders: Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar, and China

Religion: 66% of the population is Buddhist, 30,7% Tai folk religion, 3% practice Christianity and 1.8% of other religions.

Landscape: Laos boasts a stunning and diverse landscape characterized by majestic mountain ranges, lush forests, and meandering rivers. The Annamite Range and Mekong Mountains dominate the terrain.









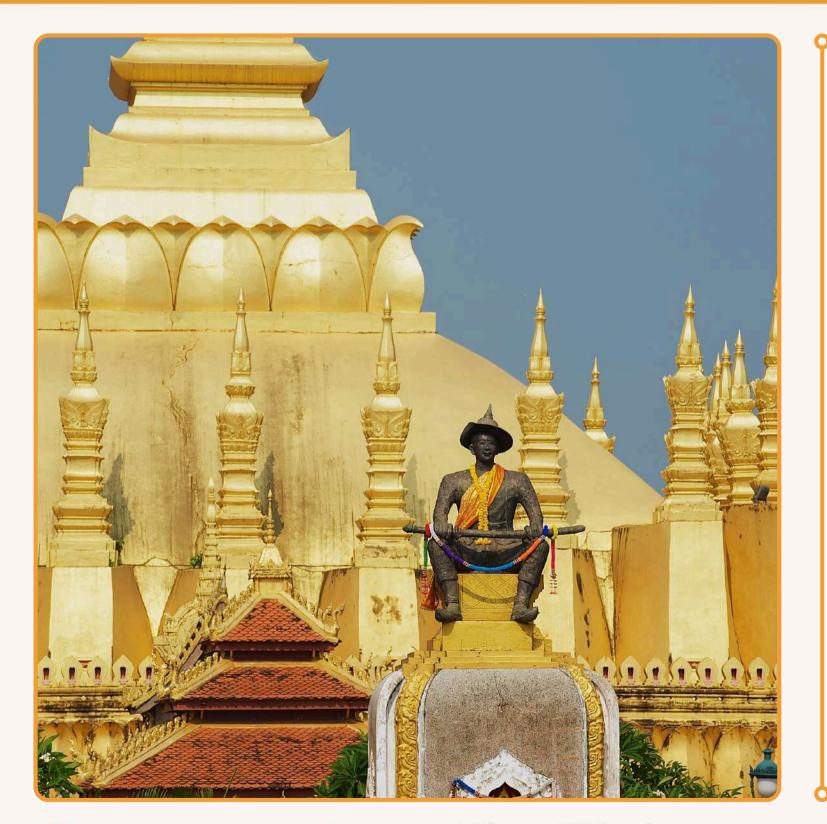
Our Laos Experiences:

A tranquil landlocked nation, Laos is an undiscovered treasure of Southeast Asia. Those in search of an exciting and genuine cultural experience will find Laos to be an ideal destination, thanks to its beautiful Buddhist culture and breathtaking landscapes of verdant mountains and valleys abounding with wildlife.



LAOS People & History





Laos has a rich and complex history shaped by its diverse ethnic groups and geographical position in Southeast Asia. The kingdom of Lan Xang, established in the 14th century, marked a golden era for Laos.

In the late 19th century, Laos became part of French Indochina, which significantly impacted its political and economic structures. Following World War II, Laos gained independence in 1953 but soon became embroiled in the Vietnam War, leading to a devastating civil war. In 1975, Lao established the Lao People's Democratic Republic.







LAOS Why Visit Vietnam





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- Destination of deep spiritual peace and laid-back lifestyle
- Culinary delight awaits
- Peaceful town of Luang Prabang, listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1995
- Extensive variety of breathtaking landscapes that provide lots of possibilities for outdoor activities (trekking, mountain biking, kayaking and canoeing)



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• Authentic culture and timeless traditions



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Tuk-Tuk

In Laos, the tuk-tuk is a popular and convenient way to navigate the vibrant streets and picturesque landscapes. These open-sided vehicles, typically pulled by motorbikes, offer an affordable means of transport while allowing you to soak in the sights and sounds of the country.

Sin Ho – Traditional Scarf

The Sin Ho is a traditional Lao scarf that holds a special place in the hearts of the locals. Made from beautifully woven cotton or silk, this versatile accessory is worn by both men and women, serving numerous functions—from a stylish wrap for warmth to a practical headscarf in the sun.



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The Sinh

Lao traditional dress, particularly the Sinh for women, showcases the country's vibrant culture and artistry. The Sinh is a beautifully woven skirt that comes in a variety of colors and designs, often embellished with intricate patterns that reflect local traditions. For men, the traditional attire includes a formal shirt paired with a sarong-like garment, presenting a polished and elegant look.

LAOS Vietnam Visa





Laos Visa Exemption

passport holders from the following Reaular countries do not need a tourist visa for Laos:

- 14 days: Myanmar
- 15 days: Japan, Luxembourg, and Switzerland
- 30 days: Brunei Darussalam Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam.



Laos Visa On Arrival

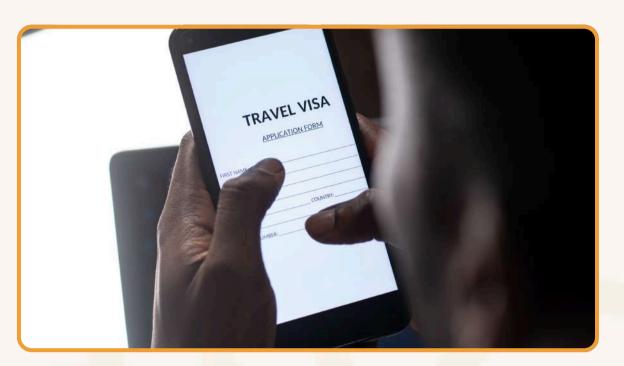
Laos Visa On Arrival (VOA) is available at international airports and some border checkpoints. Important:

- Passport has at least 6 months of validity
- The Visa on Arrival is worked if travelers enter Laos via International airports
- Travelers must provide two (02) photos of passport-type.
- A visa application form is filled up and signed by the applicant (available at the Visa booth.)
- You need to prepare some USD cash for the visa fee (ranging from USD 30 to 45 per person depend on nationality, plus extra small charge 💧 on dates of arrival).



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Laos E-Visa

Laos has opened a new E-visa service granted by the Lao Government Authorities to enable 144 countries to apply for a visa online.

Important:

- Passport with a validity of no less than six months.
- One color 4x6 cm photo in digital format.
- E-visa fee of USD (the fee depends on the traveler's nationality and is non-refundable).
- The policies for Laos e-visa may change over time, you should get more information from: www.laoevisa.gov.la before your travel.



LAOS Weather & When to go

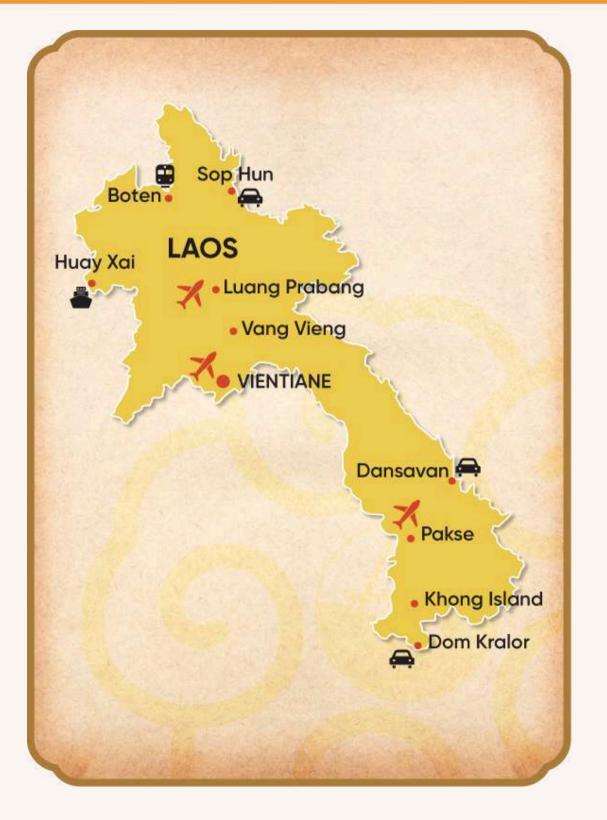








LAOS Logistic







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LAOS ROAD WAY TRANSPORTATION





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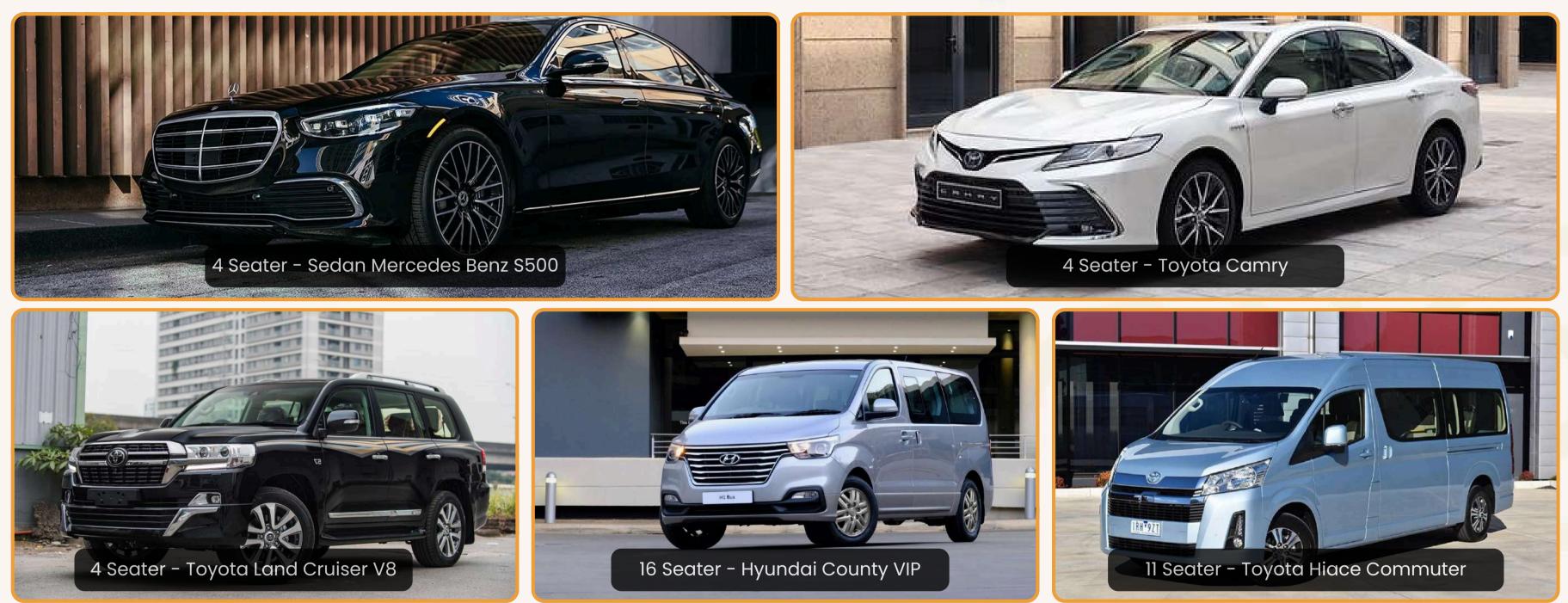
Road Conditions: Laos' road infrastructure is improving, but rural areas may still have unpaved or rough roads. Be prepared for uneven surfaces, especially in the countryside.

Mountainous terrain: Roads in northern Laos, like those to Luang Prabang and Vang Vieng, pass through hilly and mountainous regions. Expect winding routes and slower travel times.

Traffic rules: Laos drives on the right-hand side. While traffic is generally light in rural areas, cities like Vientiane can experience congestion. In Luang Phrabang, only vehicles less than 25 seats are allow to travel in town.

Transport Options: Aurora Travel & DMC offers 4, 7, 16, and 45-seater vehicles in the main destinations. The 7, 16-seater are frequently utilized in small towns: Luang Prabang & Vangvieng.

Laos Upgraded Cars



Upgrade Options: Find out the full list of upgraded cars at *leisuredoc.auroratravel.asia/english/transportation-11*







LAOS RAIL WAY TRANSPORTATION

Convenient travel: The railway offers a faster and more comfortable option compared to long bus rides, especially for journeys between Vientiane and Luang Prabang, which is only 1.45 hours on high-spees train.

Modern facilities: High-speed train on the Laos-China Railway are equipped with modern amenities like air conditioning, clean restrooms, and comfortable seating.

Ticket booking: Tickets can be purchased at train stations or through online platforms.







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LAOS RAIL WAY TRANSPORTATION





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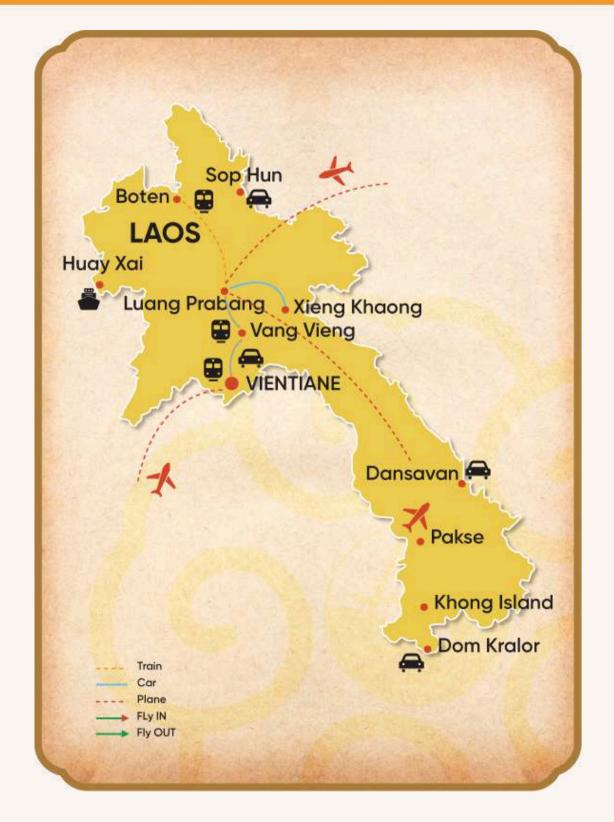
Domestic Routes: Laos Airways connects major cities such as Vientiane, Luang Prabang, Pakse, and Savannakhet, making domestic travel fast and convenient.

International Flights: Vientiane and Luang Prabang offer direct flights to neighboring countries, including Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, and China.

Affordable Fares: Domestic flights in Laos are generally affordable, especially for travelers with limited time, offering a good alternative to longer bus or train rides.



NORTHERN LAOS





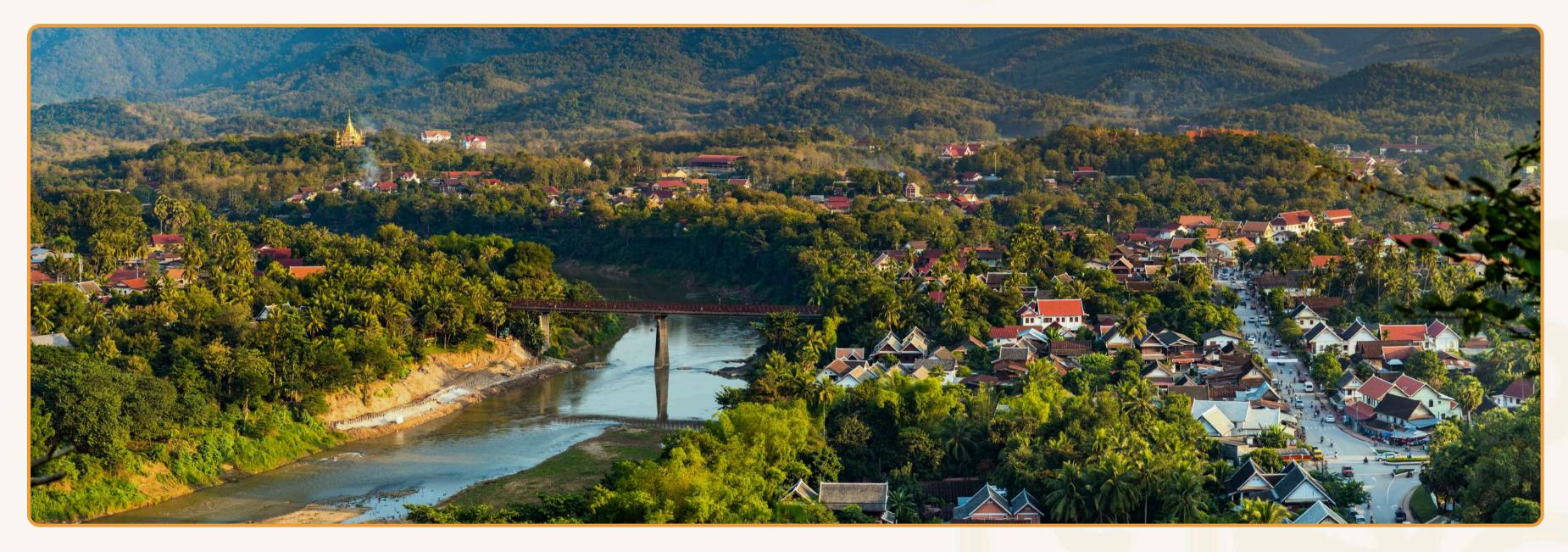


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LUANG PRABANG - THE TIMELESS JEWEL



UNESCO-listed town in northern Laos, known for its rich cultural heritage, stunning temples, and natural beauty. Set along the banks of the Mekong River and surrounded by lush mountains, it offers a blend of traditional Lao architecture and French colonial charm. visitors can explore the ancient Buddhist temples, such as the iconic Wat Xieng Thong, witness the daily alms-giving ceremony by monks, and enjoy the vibrant night market.





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Rice Farming Experience

You will have a chance to experience an exceptional tour that provides you an insight into the hard life of a local farmer. In the middle of verdant rice fields and gorgeous mountains, meet with a representative from a community-based rice farm.

Culinary Experience At A Local Family

In the countryside, people all eat by sitting on the floor, sharing a few dishes. Fresh ingredients are at the heart of Lao cuisine, and there may be some surprising and unexpected flavors in the mix, thus customizable popular dishes have been selected to satisfy all tastes!

Therapeutic Trek With Elephants

You will hike through tropical gardens and a jungle-covered stream, where you may cool yourself in the water and take in the sights and sounds of nature. Walking alongside these contented elephants, who are finally living it up in their natural habitat after decades of laborious work in logging camps, will bring you a deep appreciation, respect, and care for these amazing creatures.



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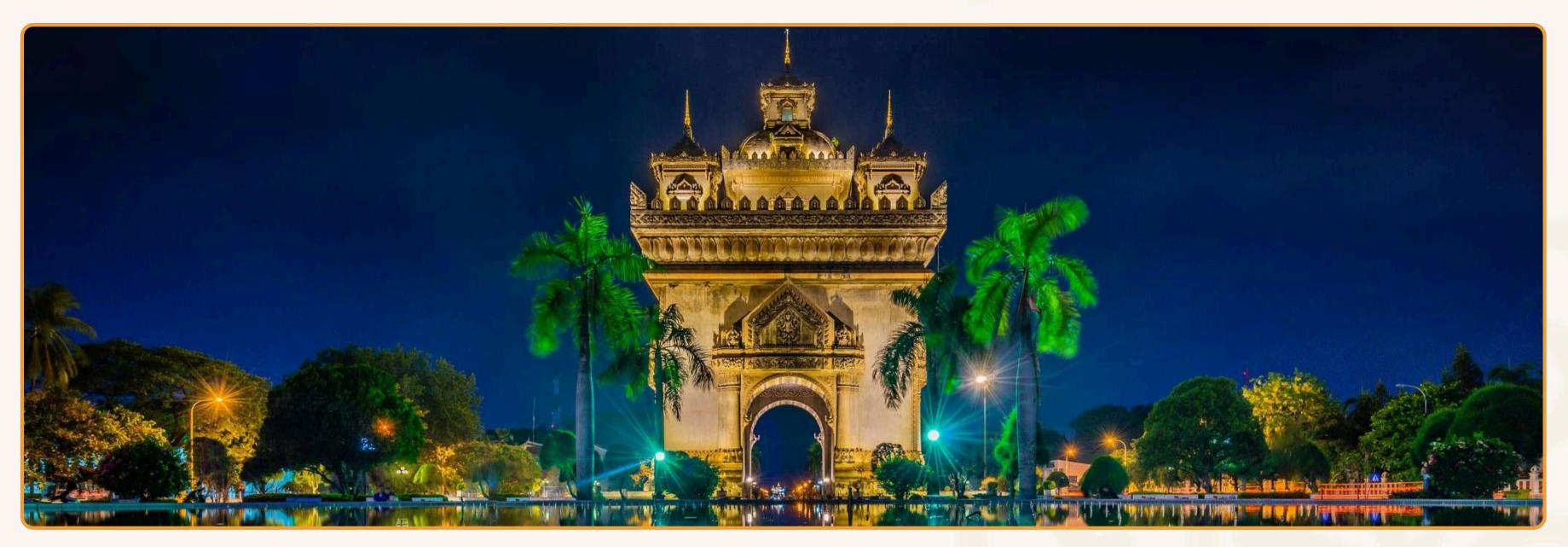
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Explore Pak Ou Cave By Private Luxury Boat

Located next to the mighty Mekong and opposite the mouth of the Mekong and the Ou rivers, the two limestone grottoes house approximately 4,000 sacred Buddhist statues and images which range from mere centimeters up to 2m (7ft) in height. Get on board a luxury boat for a premium waterway to explore these ancient shrines.

VIENTIANE - THE SERENE HEART OF LAOS



Vientiane, the capital of Laos, offers a laid-back charm unlike many other bustling capitals in Southeast Asia. Located on the banks of the Mekong River, this city is a mix of French colonial architecture and Buddhist temples. Key attractions include Pha That Luang, the golden stupa and national symbol of Laos, and Patuxai, a war memorial resembling the Arc de Triomphe.







Vientiane - Signature Collection Tours







Tour The Buddha Park

Buddha Park, called Xieng Khuan, is a fanciful open-air sculpture garden that houses over 200 giant sculptures of Buddha and Hindu deities. One of the most striking sculptures is a giant pumpkin with three floors representing Hell, Earth, and Heaven.

Inside The Realm Of Laotian Silk **Production**

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A Meaningful Day In Vientiane

Visits to local non-profit organizations to gain a better understanding of their missions and how they have assisted disadvantaged people throughout Laos in moving forward. The organization assists people with mobilityrelated disabilities, improves by facilitating access to physical rehabilitation services.



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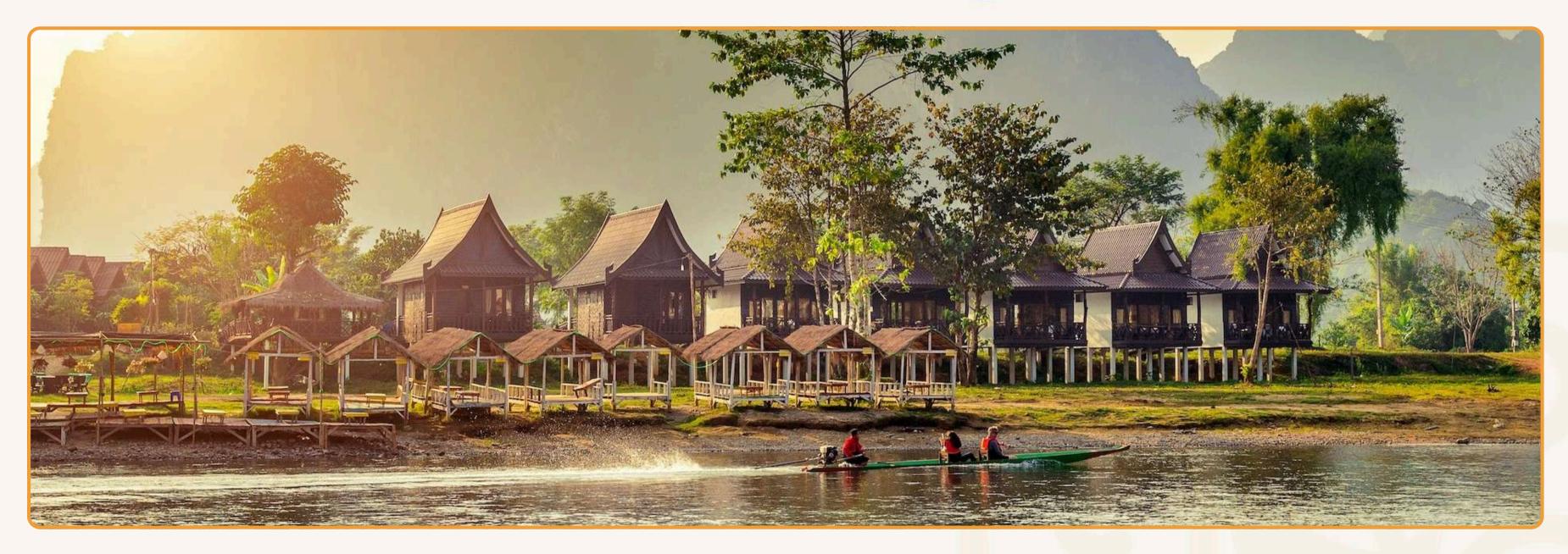


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Jungle Trek With Orchidee Expert

Begin your trek with an orchid expert on narrow dirt trails winding its way through the jungle. Observe wildlife up close while learning about the forest including its many medicinal plants and non-timber forest products. You will be impressed by the abundance of orchids. There are over 25,000 species of orchids in the world and 300 of them can be found in the hidden park.

VANGVIENG - THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND



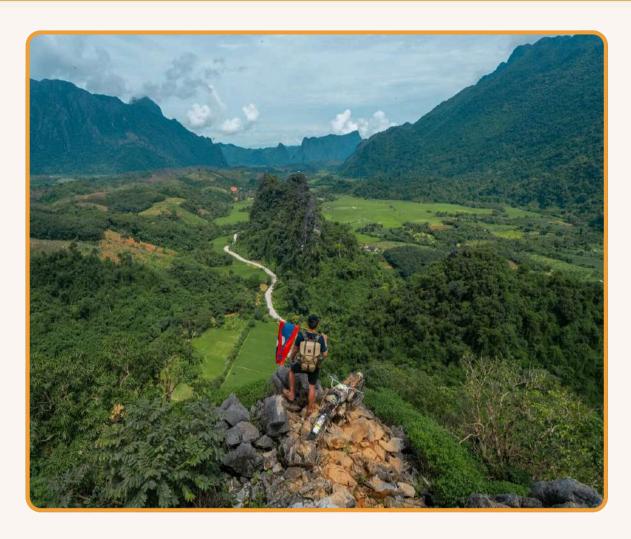
Vang Vieng, nestled between limestone mountains and the Nam Song River, is a paradise for nature lovers and adventure seekers. Famous for its stunning karst landscapes, this town offers a range of outdoor activities such as kayaking, tubing, and rock climbing. Visitors can explore ancient caves like Tham Chang Cave, enjoy breathtaking views from scenic hikes, or relax by the river's edge. The town has a laid-back vibe with cozy riverside cafes with a lively scene.



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Vangvieng - Off The Beaten Track.





Vangvieng Discovery

Spend a whole day hiking through the Lao countryside, visiting caves and rural farms. Tham Hoi, which winds its way deep into the mountain with a crystal clear spring at the end, swimmable when the cave is lit up by candles; and Tham Loup, the most beautiful cave in the area, known for its amazing stalagmites and stalactites.

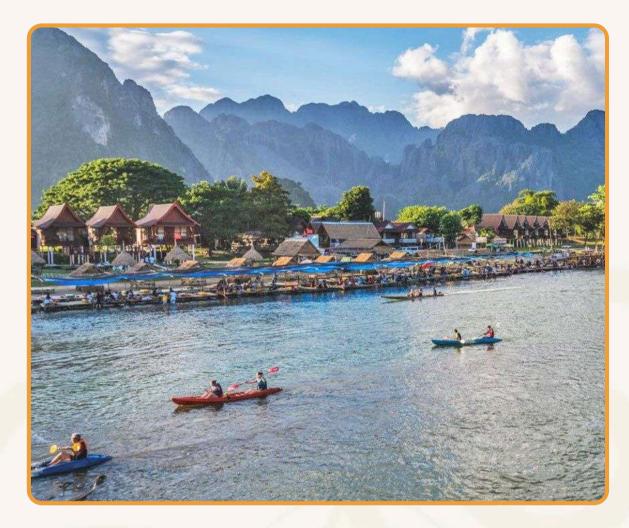
The Blue Lagoon Adventure

The Blue Lagoon is a must-see for anyone visiting Vang Vieng, even if they simply desire to escape the heat for a few hours. It is a tourist destination for lazy days, having a laugh, and a beer or two with your travel partners.



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Kayaking Experience

A full-day kayaking and hiking tour allows you to explore the stunningly unspoiled area surrounding Vang Vieng. Explore some of the area's intriguing caves, such as Tham Sang (Elephant Cave), and Tham Hoi (Snail Cave). Spend 45 minutes exploring the dark cave that turns its way 3 kilometers (2 miles) into the mountain; and Tham Nam (Water tunnel).

XIENG KHUANG - THE PLAIN OF MYSTERY



Xieng Khuang Located in northeastern Laos, is a destination rich in history and mystery. Known for the enigmatic Plain of Jars, this province is home to thousands of ancient stone jars scattered across its rolling hills, believed to date back over 2,000 years. Xieng Khuang also offers a glimpse into the region's war history, with remnants of the Vietnam War still visible in its landscapes. Visitors can explore peaceful villages, and meet the friendly Hmong and Khmu communities.





Xieng Khuang - Signature Collection Tours





Discovering Plain of Jars and Muang Kham

Visit the mysterious Plain of Jars, which was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2019. This place is home to thousands of magnificent stone jars. Gain significant insight into this archeological extravaganza of huge carved jars, set against a lovely environment of rolling hills dotted with pine trees and green grass during the wet season. They are 2500-3000 years old, and no one knows why they were created.

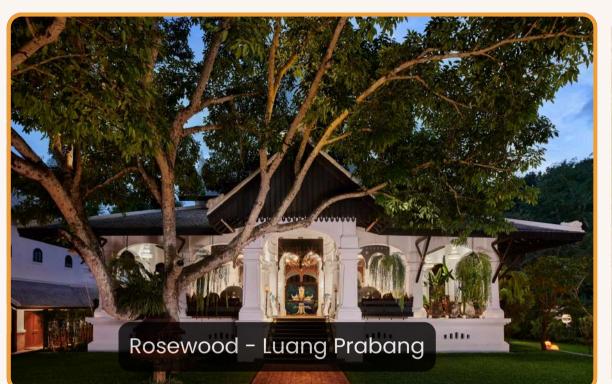
Retracing the Ancient Capital Of Muang Khoun

Travel back in time to Muang Khoun, the 14th-century royal capital of the small country Xieng Khuang. The town was extensively attacked during the Second Indochina War. Explore the ruins of this once opulent town starting with Wat Phia temple, which is the compound enclosing both new temples and several remaining temples built between the 16th and 19th centuries. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the history of Buddhism and Laotian national pride during the Indochina war.

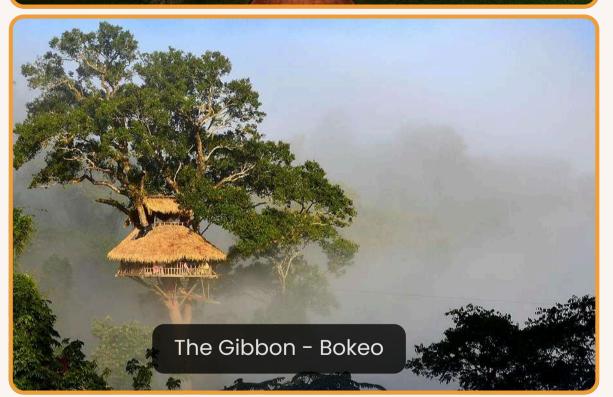




Unique Accommodations In Northern LAOS





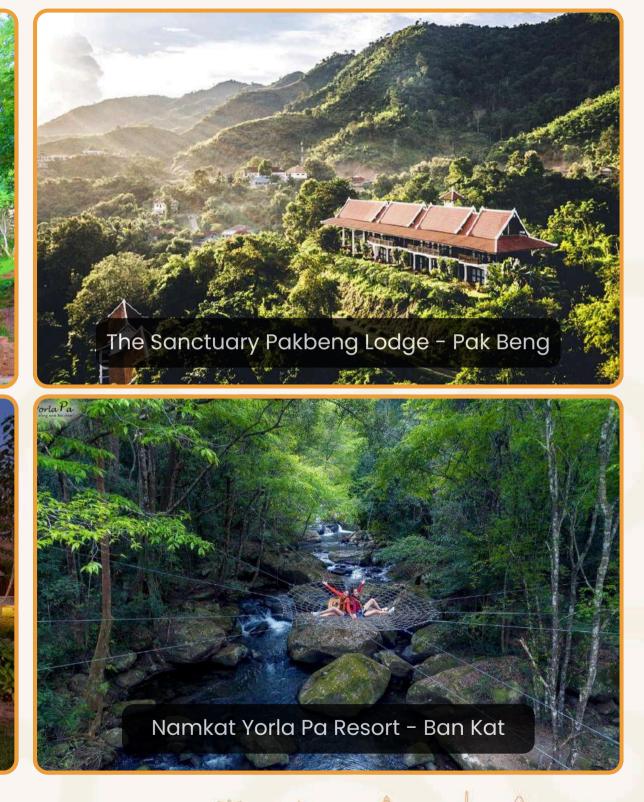






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What To Eat When Visit Northern LAOS



Khao Soi

A Laotian version of the famous noodle soup, typically made with hand-pulled rice noodles in a flavorful broth, served with minced pork or beef, fresh herbs, and a touch of chili.



Sai Oua (Lao Sausage)

A delicious, aromatic sausage made from minced pork, lemongrass, garlic, and herbs, often served grilled or fried.



A comforting stew from the Luang Prabang region, featuring meat (buffalo, pork, or chicken), eggplants, mushrooms, and herbs like lemongrass and dill.



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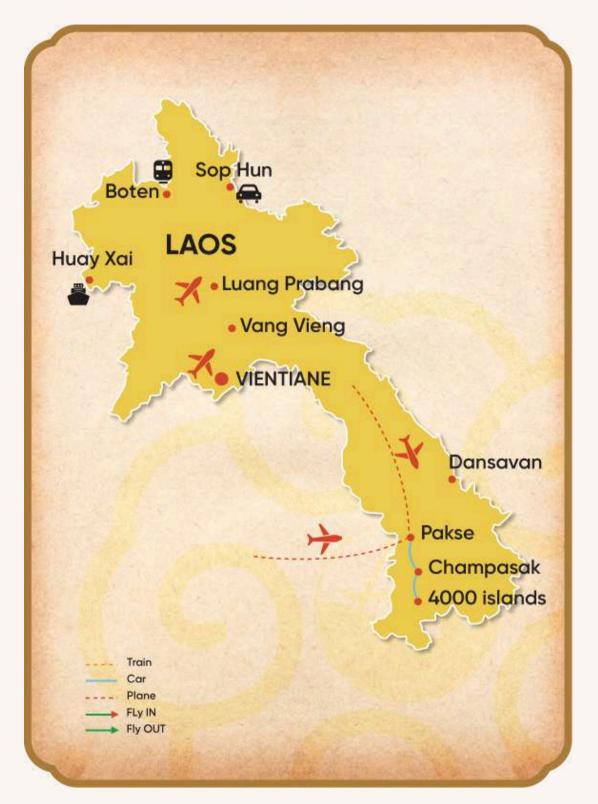
Tam Mak Hoong (Green Papaya Salad) A spicy and tangy salad made from shredded green papaya, lime, garlic, chili, and fish sauce. It's similar to the Thai version but with its own Laotian twist.



Ping Pa (Grilled Fish)

Fresh fish, often caught from the Mekong River, grilled to perfection with herbs and spices.

SOUTHERN LAOS



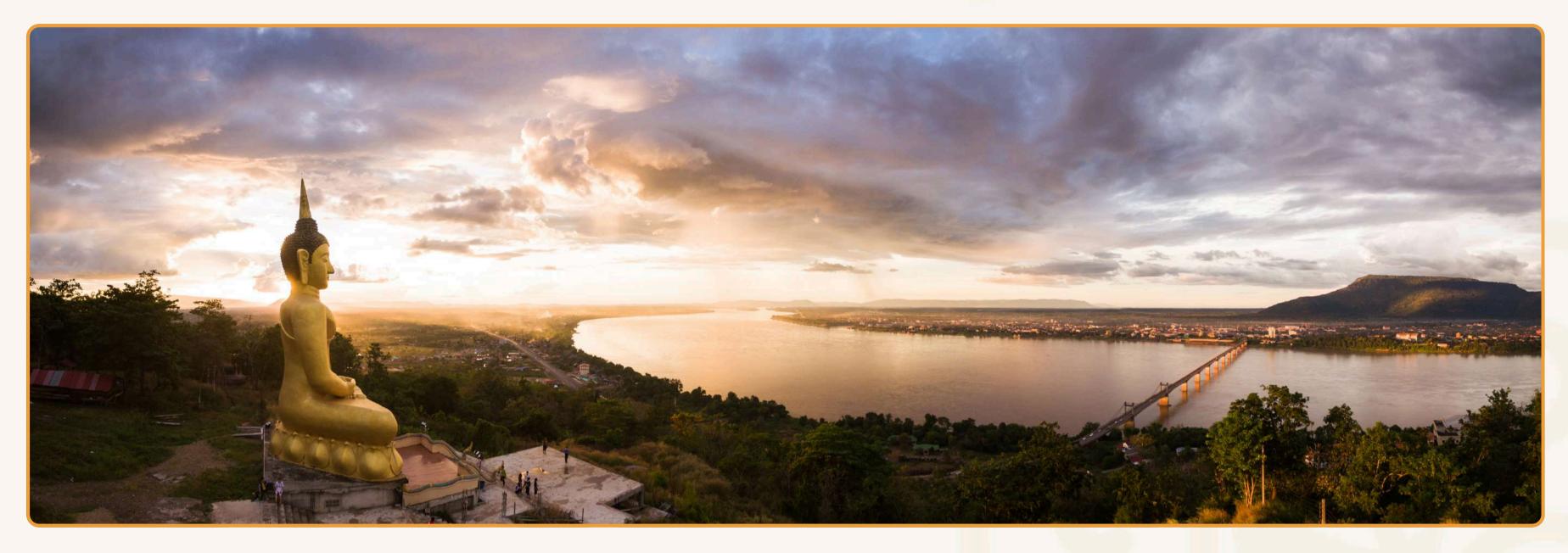




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PAKSE - THE GATEWAY TO THE SOUTH

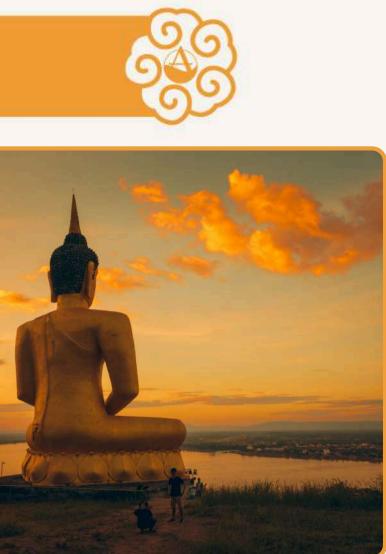


Nestled at the confluence of the Mekong and Xe Don rivers, it serves as the gateway to some of the region's most stunning natural and cultural attractions. Pakse is also a great base for visiting the UNESCO-listed Wat Phou, an ancient Khmer temple complex set against a dramatic mountain backdrop. The city itself offers a charming mix of French colonial architecture, bustling markets, and serene river views, making it a perfect starting point for exploring the beauty and heritage of Southern Laos.





Pakse - Signature Collection Tours









Ban Don Khor: The Buddha Stone **Carving Village**

Ban Don Khor, also known as Wat Chompet, is located 13 kilometers north of Pakse. Spend time with the local artisans who carve traditional Buddha statues. Take the time to admire the delicate process of stone carving; some are as small as the palm of your hand, while others are life-size.

A Glimpse Of Hillside Resort Town Of Pakse

The location adjacent to the mouths of the Mekong and Don rivers is one of Pakse's most attractive features. Soak in the sun as it sets over the picturesque riverbank while sipping a Beerlao. Visit the magnificent colonial buildings in town that are among the finest examples of the opulent style of architecture.

Wat Phou Salao and **Mekong River**

The huge golden Buddha statue overlooking the city serves as the centerpiece of this hilltop temple across the Mekong from Pakse. The views from the vantage point are as spectacular as you would anticipate, particularly around sunset.



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Memorable Nights At Tree House At **Ban Nongluang National Park**

Engage in an adventure package that will bring you in close touch with nature and show you about the local culture and traditions. Let's stroll past flower-studded plateaus, ravines, and picturesque waterfalls as you make your way from coffee farms and vegetable gardens to untamed semievergreen forests.

CHAMPASAK - THE ANCIENT KINGDOM OF WONDERS



Champasak, a peaceful town in Southern Laos, is a hidden gem that blends history, culture, and natural beauty. Set against the backdrop of Mount Phou Kao, this spiritual site offers breathtaking views and a glimpse into the area's rich history. Beyond its historical allure, Champasak is surrounded by lush landscapes, including the Mekong River, which provides stunning sunset views and opportunities for river cruises.





Champasak - Signature Collection Tours





Tour The Wat Phou Temple

Champasak is a charming one-street village known for its beautiful pre-Angkorian Wat Phou Temple. The temple, which dates back to the 10th and early 11th centuries, was inscribed as a World Heritage Site in 2001.

Don Daeng Island

Don Daeng, located inside the Champassak Cultural and Natural Heritage Landscape, features a variety of pre-Angkorian remains and provides insight into ancient practices such as basket making, fishing, and rice farming. Enjoy a cycling trip around the island on a rustic path shaded by different types of trees.



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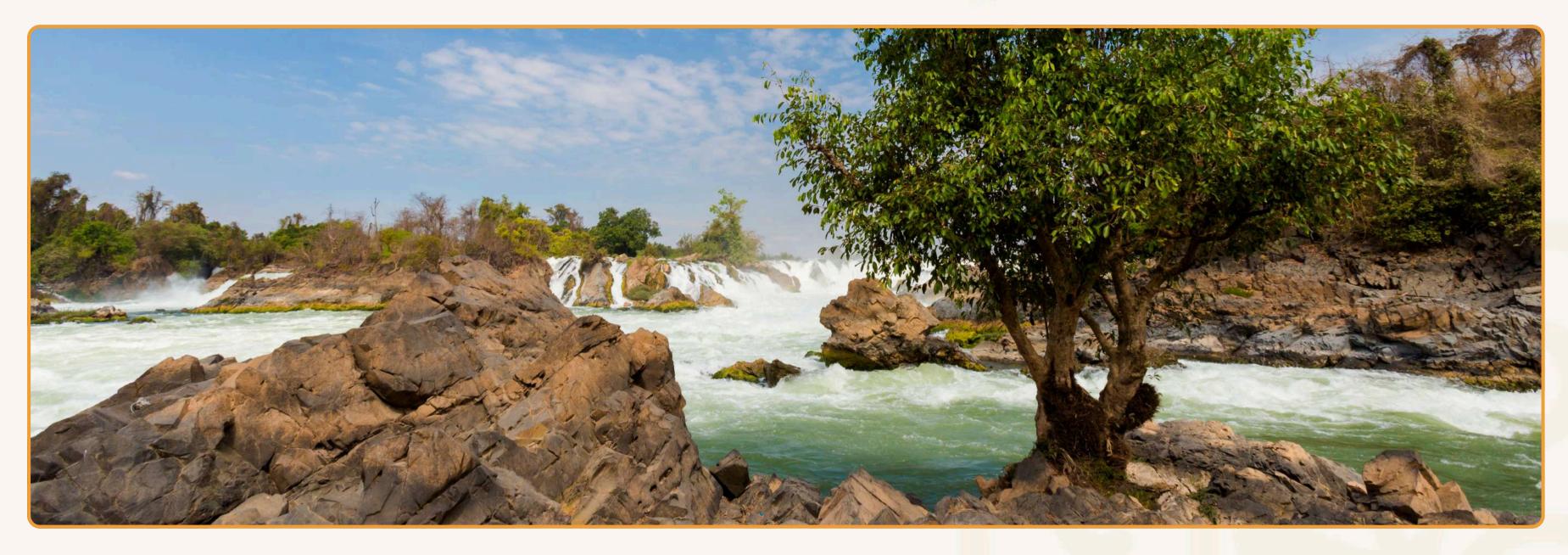




Bolaven Plateau Exploration

Formed by an ancient volcano and famed for some of Laos' most spectacular waterfalls, and tranquil hill tribe villages, the Bolaven Plateau is one of the littleknown highlights of southern Laos. Indulge in the genuine culture of the local hill indigenous people as you take in the breathtaking scenery of the region's coffee farms, dense forests, and magnificent waterfalls.

SI PHAN DON (4000 ISLANDS) - THE 4,000 ISLANDS



Si Phan Don, or the "4,000 Islands," is a serene paradise located in the Mekong River in southern Laos. Known for its laid-back atmosphere, Si Phan Don is famous for its picturesque islands, where time seems to slow down. Beyond relaxation, Si Phan Don offers unique experiences, including spotting the rare Irrawaddy dolphins in the Mekong, visiting the impressive Khone Phapheng Falls—the largest waterfall by volume in Southeast Asia.





4000 islands - Signature Collection Tours







Relaxing Cruise On The Mekong River

Si Phan Don, which translates to 'Four Thousand Islands' in Lao, is a picturesque stretch of the Mekong River spanning around 50 kilometers. Si Phan Don has numerous islands, half of which are flooded when the Mekong River floods.

Exploring The Island Lifestyle

A full-day excursion to discover the 4,000 islands that make up the Mekong River, including the island of Don Khone. Once a small French settlement, Don Khone features some colonial-era buildings including an old pier, a railway station, a former French hospital building and the maritime office.

Touring The Stunning Waterfalls

The majestic sight of the falls is a highlight of southern Laos. Come and explore the breathtaking waterfalls of Si Phan Don! Named the "Corridor of the Devil," the Liphi Waterfalls serve as a natural boundary between Cambodia and Laos.



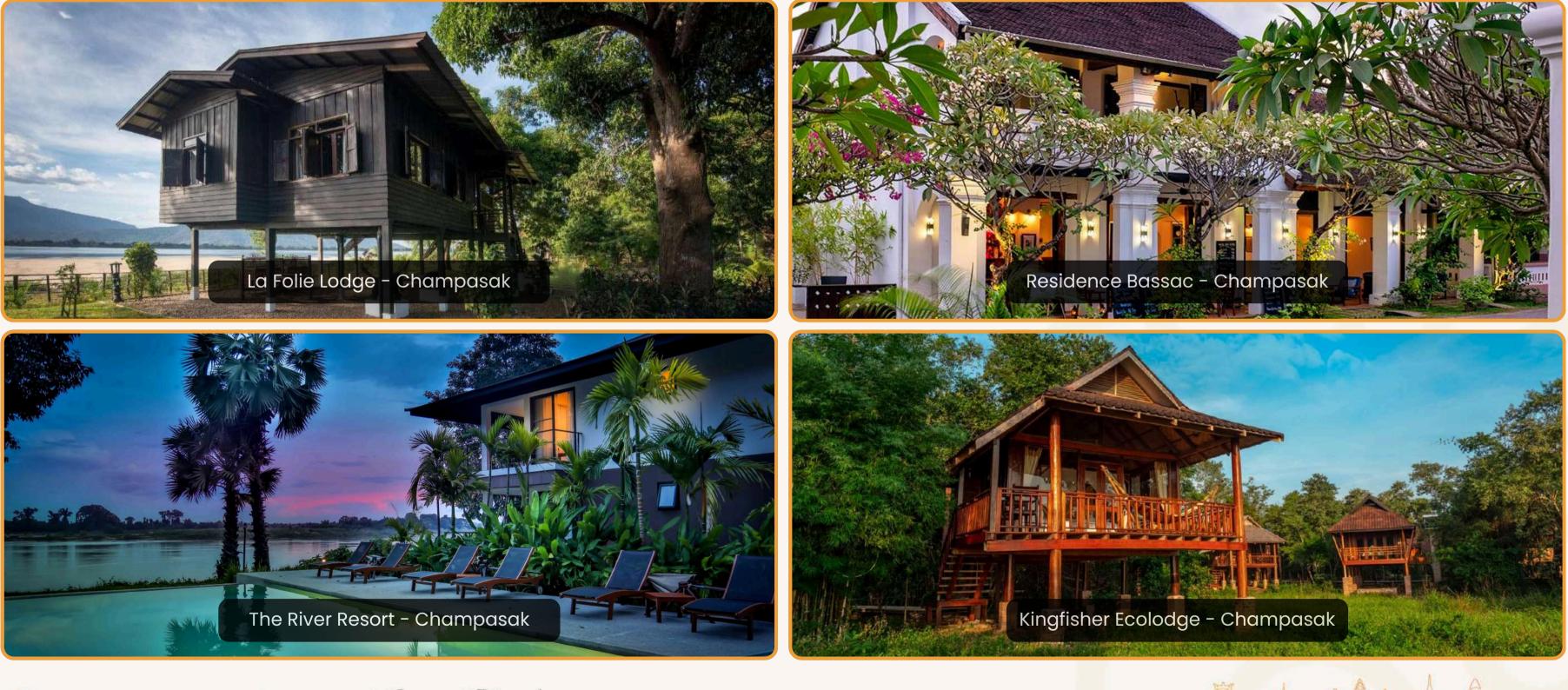
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Crossing Border Experience

Crossing the land border from Laos to Cambodia is a choice if you want to make the journey more unique and memorable. Just as your visit to the stunning Khone Phapheng Waterfall near the border comes to a the end, it's time to cross over into Cambodia and continue your exploration of a new land.

Unique Accommodations In SOUTHERN LAOS







What To Eat When Visit SOUTHERN LAOS



Larb

A popular minced meat salad made from chicken, beef, pork, or fish, mixed with fresh herbs, lime juice, and toasted rice powder. It's a national dish of Laos and is often served with sticky rice.



Pa Loa (Steamed Fish)

Fish steamed with lemongrass, ginger, and herbs, usually wrapped in banana leaves. This dish showcases the fresh, local flavors of southern Laos, especially in areas around the Mekong River.





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Khao Poon

A traditional Laotian vermicelli noodle soup with a coconut-based curry broth, typically made with chicken or pork and flavored with fish sauce, lemongrass, and fresh herbs.

Ping Gai (Grilled Chicken)

Chicken marinated with garlic, coriander, and lemongrass, then grilled to a golden brown.



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Luxurious Glamping In Thailand, Cambodia & Laos





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Authentic - CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS IN LUANG PRABANG





LUANG PRABANG – CHOMPHET

4 Days – 3 Nights

OVERVIEW

Luang Prabang, a UNESCO World Heritage Site situated at the mouth of the Nam Khan River, combines serene river scenery, saffron-clad monks, historic gilded temples, and faded Indochinese palaces. This itinerary offers visitors a new perspective on Luang Prabang's major sights, including the chance to experience the local way of life in a secluded town on the banks of the Mekong River.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the must-see landmarks of Luang Prabang town
- Take part in the traditional monk blessing ceremony
- Enjoy a cultural walk around the riverside village
- Discover the Pak Ou Cave via a cruise on the Mekong River
- Admire the breathtaking scenery surrounding Kuang Sy waterfall





Authentic - THROUGHOUT THE TRANQUILITY OF LAOS





VIENTIANE - VANG VIENG - LUANG PRABANG - PAKSE - KHONG ISLANDS

10 Days – 9 Nights

OVERVIEW

The journey brings you across Laos, revealing the country's breathtaking landscapes and rich histories through the stories of its most popular destinations and locals. Leaving the bustling capital of Vientiane, let's explore the tranquil region of Vang Vieng, where we can truly immerse ourselves in natural beauty. The next location is Luang Prang, where culture and nature converge. The final destination in Southern Laos, an area where inhabitants coexist with their natural and cultural surroundings.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Vientiane's iconic landmarks
- Experience the natural beauty of Vang Vieng
- Learn about Luang Prabang's heritage sights
- Visit the magnificent pre-Angkorian Wat Phou Temple
- Cycle the tranquil Don Deang island and experience the rural island lifestyle
- Admire the 4,000 islands with all their cultural splendor





BE-SPOKE - JOURNEY TO INDOCHINA WITH MEANINGFUL MISSION





15 Days – 14 Nights

OVERVIEW Those who wish to make a difference and contribute to the achievement of something meaningful of Indochina are the intended participants of this program. An experience that is both memorable and significant can be attributed, in part, to the fact that we take part in a variety of worthwhile charitable activities and causes.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend time teaching English at a pagoda-based center in Ho Chi Minh City
- Participate in the sampan donation ceremony with villagers in the Mekong Delta
- Visit a local orphanage center in Hue and interact with the representative and the local kids.
- Have a conversation with young students at a non-profit social hospitality enterprise in Hanoi
- Join the Tuk Tuk Library on a village tour in Luang Prabang with the specific aim of bringing books to the local children
- Experience a culinary tour at a few eateries around Siem Reap downtown which help local kids for a better future.







LUXURY- Glamping In Thailand, Cambodia & Laos



PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP – LUANG PRABANG – CHIANG RAI – KOH YAO NOI

For those who love being with nature but not leaving the comfort behind, the luxury glamping would be a definite option as you still be able to dip yourself into nature while enjoying the extensive facilities of the luxurious tents. Fortunately, glamping has become popular in Southeast Asia lately and our special package offers you an opportunity to experience most of the best glamping spots from Cambodia, Laos to Thailand.



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