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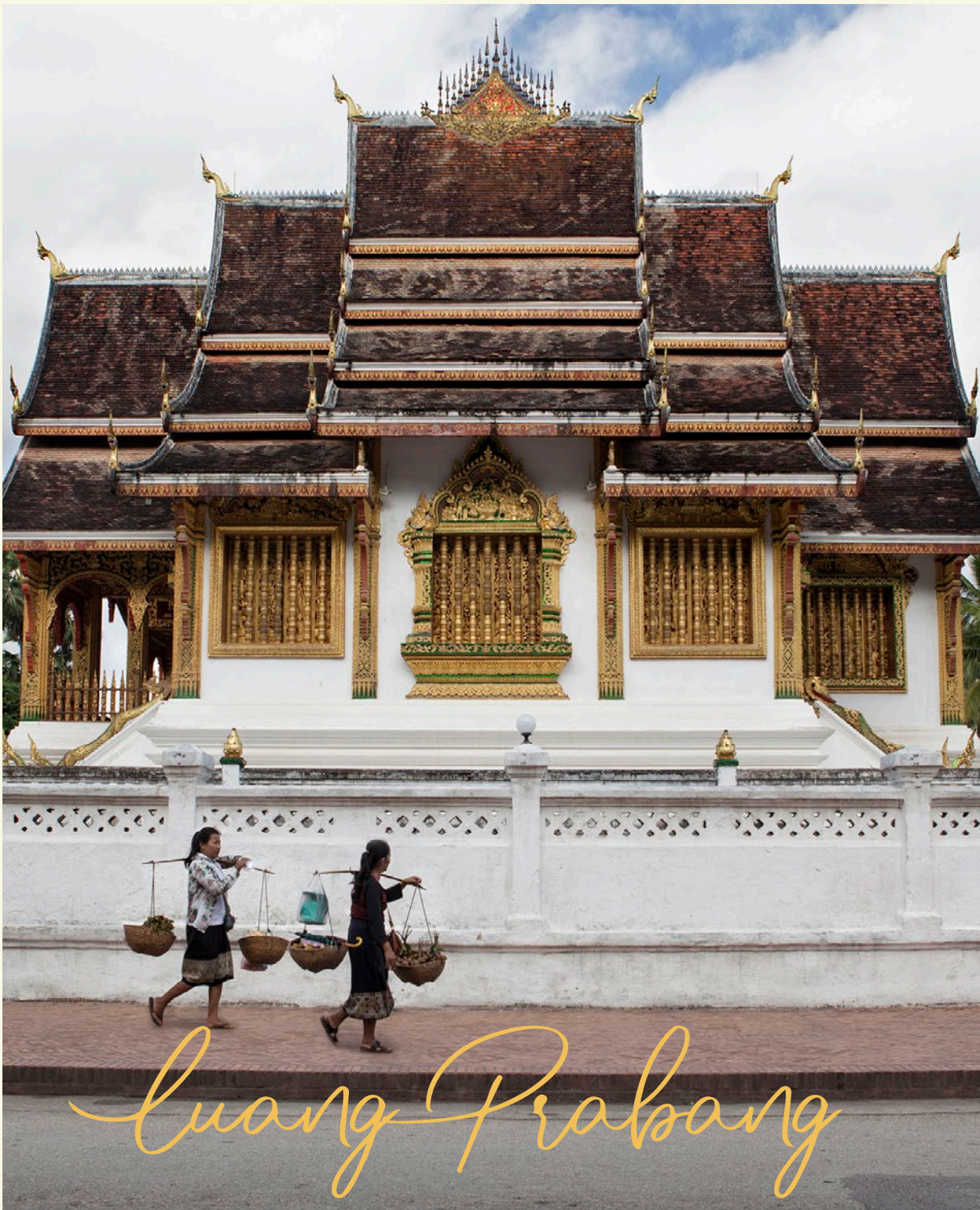
Wow Elements

LUANG PRABANG



- + Private Baci ceremony
- + Garavek Story Telling
- + H'mong Batik Class
- + Bamboo Experience
- + Luang Prabang Talk with Dr. Francis Engelmann
- + Sunset cruise on Mekong River





PRIVATE BACI CEREMONY

Baci, or Blessing ceremony, of Lao people is a common ritual widely practiced throughout the country. It's one of the oldest Lao traditions and is often used to celebrate special events such as weddings, births, travel or when welcoming friends **to wish people good luck and health.**

You are invited to a local family home in Luang Prabang to attend a traditional Baci Ceremony. Gain some insight into traditional Lao values, as you join this symbolic ceremony of tying strings or cloth bracelets around the wrists. We wish you well-being, happiness, good luck and good fortune.

Service Details:

Type: Private

Best time to visit: All-year-around.

Duration: 45-60 minutes upon on clients' request

Capacity: 30pax/ each house

Venue: at a local home.

Accessibility: all types of vehicles (Except Bus 45 seats)

GRAVEK STORY TELLING

Why is Mount Phousi called Mount Phousi? Where does the name of the Nam Khan River come from? Who established the ancient city of Luang Prabang, and what is his story? If **you are curious about local folktales, legends and myths**, then Garavek is the place for you!

Garavek is an enchanting two-man show comprising an old man dressed in tribal wear and playing khene (a handmade bamboo mouth organ) alongside an animated storyteller (in English) recalling local Laos folk tales and legends. Join us for an evening of cultural insight and entertainment.

Service Details:

Type: Join-in with other customers or charter the entire show

Best time to visit: All-year-around.

Duration: 60 minutes @ 18.30 – 19.30

Capacity: 30pax

Schedule: Daily

Venue: small Theater in the heart of Luang Prabang's town, just about 200m down from Wat Xieng Thong

Accessibility: minivan or on foot



H'MONG BATIK CLASS

The Hmong people of Indochina are known for batik, a wax resist dye technique. Traditionally, motifs are drawn with wax onto hand-spun hemp then dyed with indigo creating an indigo blue cloth with a white pattern. Batik is used to decorate pleated skirts and other articles of dress. These textiles are a visual storytelling device for Hmong people, who have no written language, by creating symbols from their surroundings which are used throughout their batik designs.

The **Hmong Batik Class** is an introduction to Hmong culture. Create a wax resist, Hmong-style design on hand-loomed hemp under the enthusiastic guidance of an experienced H'mong batik artisan who is a local woman. Due to time constraints, it is not possible to complete the dye portion of the process within the ½ day or 1 day offer, however, the natural hemp renders a beautiful finished piece.

Service Details:

Type: Join-in with other customers or charter the entire show

Best time to visit: All-year-around.

Duration: 3hours @ 09.00 – 12.00 or 13.00 – 16.00

Capacity: 3pax

Venue: Ock Pop Tok Living Craft Centre, Ban Saylom, 10-mins-drive from LPQ center

Accessibility: all types of vehicle



BAMBOO EXPERIENCE

Bamboo is a plant you will see everywhere in Laos. If you are curious about how Lao people use bamboo or want to know more about the importance of bamboo to Lao culture, or you are simply looking for something different than monuments and temples, join us for this half-day **“Bamboo Experience” to discover the bamboo secrets** in Laos culture as well as play some local games.

After having a brief introduction of bamboo’s importance and its significance within Lao culture, you will see a diverse range of bamboo household items found in rural Lao dwellings, such as fishing traps, musical instruments, weapons, sticky rice containers, etc. Then participate in a simple bamboo weaving class instructed by a patient bamboo weaver. Get your fingers in the mix and challenge your skill by cutting bamboo into pieces and **weaving a drink coaster**. Continue with a **fun cooking demonstration** using bamboo as a key ingredient. Assist the chef or observe him making deep fried bamboo shoot stuffed with pork, steamed fish & bamboo shoot wrapped in banana leaf, fermented bamboo shoot dip and more. Lunch is served with all of your creations. Enjoy the meal and rural scenery of rice fields.

Service Details:

Type: Join-in with other customers or Private tour

Best time to visit: All-year-around.

Duration: over 4hours @ 08:45 - 13:30 or 16:15 - 20.30

Capacity: 15pax

Schedule: Daily

Venue: Ban Nasang, Luang Prabang

Accessibility: all types of vehicles

LUANG PRABANG TALK WITH DR. FRANCIS ENGELMANN

Francis Engelmann, a French writer and independent consultant, has gained rich understanding of Southeast Asia for over 30 years. Francis has been involved in most major and important UNESCO heritage issues in Laos since 1994, collecting information for the nomination of Luang Prabang as a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1995, and was a team member of the Vat Phu Champassak World Heritage site management plan.



Today, Francis will share with you about the architecture and Buddhist lifestyle in Luang Prabang. He will take you to the wooden heritage house of Ban Xieng Mouane, one of the oldest aristocratic mansions of Luang Prabang, and show you how Luang Prabang architecture has been influenced from the beginning to the colonial

times up to nowadays. Continue to Vat Khili, to better understand the origins and significance of the Buddhist archives as well as the Buddhist monks and novices in Luang Prabang. You will be free to air any questions you may have, and Francis will answer in a relaxed way to satisfy all your queries about architecture, heritage, culture, traditions or Buddhism in Luang Prabang.

Service Details:

Type: Private tour

Best time to visit: All-year-around.

Duration: 2.5hours upon to clients’ timing

Capacity: 12pax

Accessibility: minivan or on foot



Experts’ background: French & English speaking

- Francis Engelmann was born in Paris in 1947. His educational background includes Town Planning, Political Science and Socio-Economy. But he has been involved also in a wide range of research missions such as Art history, Botany, Paleontology and Anthropology, with different scholars’ teams in Asia.

- He is a writer and an independent consultant living in Luang Prabang since 2002. He used to consult regularly for UNESCO during the last 15 years.

- He has been living and working in Southeast Asia for more than thirty years. He has been deputy chairman of a local non-profit association involved in Lao culture and education. He has been granted the title of Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres by the French Minister of Information and Culture in 2011.



SUNSET CRUISE ON MEKONG RIVER

Joining a sunset cruise on the mighty Mekong River is an amazing experience you should not miss when in Luang Prabang. On board, enjoy the cool late afternoon breeze and sip your cold drink while the boat passes by green mountains, lush scenery, villages and temples. Enjoy the timeless falling of the sun and remember this picture as a highlight of Luang Prabang.



Service Details:

Type: Private tour

Best time to visit: All-year-around.

Duration: 2 hours @ 16.00 – 18.00 or 17.00 – 19.00
depending on the season

Capacity: 6pax



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