



Smiling Albino's Lazy Luang Prabang

Temple gongs, enchanting rivers
& sleepy boulevards



Background



Laos is a deeply spiritual Southeast Asian country has a reputation for being a tranquil and sleepy backwater, but the truth is that it is an incredibly vibrant young country emerging gracefully from a Cold War era mentality. Underexplored, endearing and enchanting, Laos is a country that will surprise and delight you in the most charming ways.

Tiny and landlocked, Laos is an echo of the Thailand of years gone by. Visit Laos today as it is rapidly developing, and a “must see now” before it is too late.

Day 1: Charming Luang Prabang



Flight: TBA
Meals: B, L
Hotel de la Paix

You'll be met upon arrival by your host and welcomed to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Luang Prabang, hot for a variety of reasons: fabulous colonial French-Lao architecture, French-Lao food, spectacular temples and a glimpse of the spiritual seat of Laotian culture. The town features quaint, charming lanes ideal for afternoon strolls. With clean, palm-lined boulevards and the romantic views of the Mekong and Khan Rivers, Luang Prabang has much to offer the discerning travel enthusiast.

We'll treat you to a delicious Laos lunch then visit the Traditional Art and Ethnology Museum. From here enjoy the National Museum, the former Royal Palace and the monasteries at Vat Xieng Thong, dating to 16th century. Finish the day with a short walk up Phousi Mount for a panoramic view of Luang Prabang.



About Hotel de la Paix

Hotel de la Paix Luang Prabang is an uncommonly rare resort experience; a century-old French fort and World Heritage wonder, a colonial moment preserved in amber, and a showcase of award-winning contemporary design. In the heart of the former royal capital of Laos, just 23 spacious suites distinguished by the 'world's best luxury hotel interior design' await, some with large private pools, all with sun-dappled walled gardens. Find your peace.

Day 2: Hilltribe Communities



Meals: B, L

Today's all about getting out and experiencing traditional rural life. We'll use a car to make our way to a number of villages and witness life as it's occurred for centuries. You'll see Yuan, Khmu, and Hmong villagers doing their thing: farming, weaving and working. See the inside of their simple but clean and functional homes, and learn about sustenance agriculture and lifestyle. Get a look at farming rice paddies, a blacksmith who makes knives, small hilltribe markets and the other doings that make up a typical day. This is a very enjoyable day for those who want to really soak-in the rural Laos vibe.

**Day 3:
Laos Cooking, Mekong
River Cruise & Pak Ou
Caves**



Meals: B, L

Lao food is quickly gaining a reputation as the darling of Asian cuisines. Today you'll prepare your own Laotian culinary delights under the watchful eye of the area's best cooking teacher, then indulge in your creation for lunch!

In the afternoon you'll drive towards Pak Ou Caves, an important spiritual site, then cruise down the Mekong River, stopping along the way at to see mulberry tree paper production, a silk weaving village and a Laos whiskey making village. Enjoy your final night in Luang Prabang marveling at the amazing day you've just had.

Day 4:
Homeward Bound



Flight: TBA
Meals: B

We're here if you need us, but we'll leave you to enjoy your final few hours at your leisure, strolling and exploring as you wish. There's so much (or little) to do and we'll supply you with lots of suggestions and tips to make the most of your time. You'll be transferred to the airport when the time comes and we'll say farewell. Until we meet again...

PRICE:

**Approx. \$350 USD Per Person Per Day
(Minimum 4 persons)**

INCLUDING:

- All Accommodation with daily breakfast
- All indicated flights in economy class
- Touring in Laos, including hosts, indicated meals, admissions, snacks & water
- All logistics and costs for activities discussed
- All Airport Transfers

EXCLUDING:

- Alcohol, visas, souvenirs, laundry expenses, meals not outlined in itinerary, Laos Visa



The Smiling Albino Service Difference

We understand implicitly that a perfect adventure is much more than nice hotels, great meals and hassle-free logistics. For a travel experience to be perfect, all pieces must work together like a symphony. It is the fine details which our guests appreciate most, like cold face towels after a hike, electrolyte beverages for your day cycling, and wine uncorked when the moment is right. From local maps to bottled water and colorful anecdotes on the areas we visit, a Smiling Albino adventure is a thorough, intimately hosted experience. We will also provide you with a complimentary mobile phone for your use throughout your stay. You'll be treated with executive care during your Smiling Albino adventure.

We look forward to hosting you!

The Team at Smiling Albino

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