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* 6 Days 5 Nights Luang Prabang + Ban Xienglom Tour * (Lacquer Package)

Private Tour Good for 4 Pax Travel Price fr SGD1,058 per pax

Day 1: Arrival in Luang Prabang

(Dinner)

Laos' Iconic Tour



Upon arrival at Luang Prabang airport, our local representative will meet and welcome you. After check-in at your hotel, admire the magnificent **Wat Xiengthong** with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represents classical Laotian architecture. If time permits, take a short walk around the small streets of city center, watching the locals go about their life. Continue to visit **Royal Palace Museum**, which hosts a range of interesting artifacts. In the late afternoon, climb to the top of **Mount Phousi** for an exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as enjoy a panoramic sunset view of the city and the **Mekong River**. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant with traditional dance and folk songs, the best way to experience Lao culture. Immerse in the bustling atmosphere of the **Night Market**, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textiles made by local and hilltribe people.

Day 2: Luang Prabang

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Luang Prabang's Cycling and Boat Tour

Begin your **2-hour cycling ride to Ban Xang Hai village** which has for centuries made the clay jars which are used to ferment Lao wine. Nowadays, the tradition continues, though the village now specializes in producing a wide range of 'Lao-Lao', the Lao whiskey, and 'Lau-Hai', the Lao wine. After the visit, continue the cycling tour on dirt road for about 45 minutes to **Ban Pak Ou** where a stop will be made at a local restaurant for lunch. After lunch, take a **boat across Mekong river** to visit the mysterious **Pak Ou Caves**, two linked caves set high above the river and crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by pilgrims. Head down Mekong River in a boat towards Luang Prabang and enjoy the beautiful scenery along the way. If time permits, drop by **Ban Xang Khong village** to view mulberry paper-making.

Day 3: Luang Prabang

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Luang Prabang's Countryside Tour



Head to a **community-based living rice farm** in the idyllic countryside outside Luang Prabang. Surrounded by mountains and rice paddies, experience rural life as a Laotian farmer would, trying your hand at **various farm activities** or observing them from a traditional Lao rice house balcony, set amidst rice terraces and an organic vegetable farm. View local bamboo weavers, blacksmiths and sugar cane processors practice their crafts at nearby workshops. Take a tour of the **organic garden** to learn how natural herbs are used in traditional medicine before enjoying lunch at the terrace overlooking the rice field. Marvel at the beautiful **Kuang Si waterfalls**, the biggest in the Luang Prabang area with three tiers leading to a 50-metre drop into spectacular azure pools. The pools also make great swimming holes and are very popular with both tourists and locals. Make a short visit

to the Bear Rescue Center, which houses a couple of dozen animals rescued from the hands of poachers and traffickers. Drop by Ock Pop Tock Living Craft Center to admire top-quality fabrics produced by weavers, spinners and batik makers, and hopefully catch the sunset as this is also one of the best spots to admire the sunset in Luang Prabang.

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Day 4: Luang Prabang – Ban Xienglom

Luang Prabang's Garden Tour

After breakfast, take the Pha Tad Ke boat from Ban Wat That (departure time at 9:00; to be at the pier at 8:45). Enjoy a 15-minute leisurely boat trip down the Mekong River. Upon arrival at Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden reception, be introduced to the gardens. After a walk through the Ginger Garden and the Ethno-botanic Garden, which is the centerpiece of the garden, follow the path through the Limestone Walk and take in the amazing mountainous Mekong landscape. Learn how to make a bamboo stick animal at the site of the former royal family's hunting lodge before walking through the Arboretum, Palm Garden and Bamboo Garden to the viewpoint that overlooks the rice fields. Stop by the Mist House to learn more about the importance of biodiversity conservation before ending the tour with an optional orchid talk at Pha Tad Ke Nursery. Savor a delicious Lao set lunch at the Pha Tad Ke café and take the boat back to Luang Prabang. Visit UXO Visitor Center (closed on Saturdays and Sundays), where documentation about the secret war in Laos can be reviewed. Transfer to Ban Xienglom, home to the lovely Lao Spirit Resort, the creation of an exceptional experience between Laotian culture and untouched jungle. Spend the rest of the day at your own leisure.

(Breakfast, Lunch)



Day 5: Ban Xienglom

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Ban Xienglom's Mountain Tour



After breakfast, your knowledgeable and experienced local guide will bring you straight to the elephant camp for the first part of today's activities. The elephant camp is located in the middle of a wonderful forested mountainous area at the banks of the scenic Nam Khan River. Enjoy a new perspective from riding on the top of an elephant. Stunning landscapes and the quietness of nature make for a relaxing ride on the back of a local Asian elephant. Transfer by small boat across the river to begin trekking an easy hike through the beautiful jungle with surrounding mountains in the river valley. Arrive at a **Khmu hill tribe village** where you will explore life nestled in the mountains with the local guide. Most of the people at the village are farmers and fishermen and subsist on their traditional way of agriculture.

Refresh with a break before a scenic and easy walk off the mountain to the **Tad Sae Waterfall** where you can take a cool swim. Conditions range from impressive strong currents during the height of the rainy season to slow-flowing and inviting crystal-clear water that is great for swimming. (Note: During the dry season of Feb - Jul, the Tad Sae Waterfall can be low-flowing or even dry. The itinerary remains the same with the exception that instead of the waterfall, trekking is extended to visit a riverside village and a longer boat ride is enjoyed on the Nam Khan River through the jungle.) A **Lao-style lunch** will be served either at the magnificent waterfall or at a local village. Return by boat and vehicle to the resort.

<u>Day 6:</u> <u>Ban Xienglom – Departure from Luang Prabang</u> (Breakfast)

Free and Easy

Return to Luang Prabang. Free till departure transfer to Luang Prabang airport for homebound flight.

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