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## \* 6 Days 5 Nights Luang Prabang, Nam Ou + Ban Lae Tour \* (Velvet Package)

### Day 4: Luang Prabang – Nam Ou

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Luang Prabang's Spiritual Experience and Nam Ou's Relaxing Experience



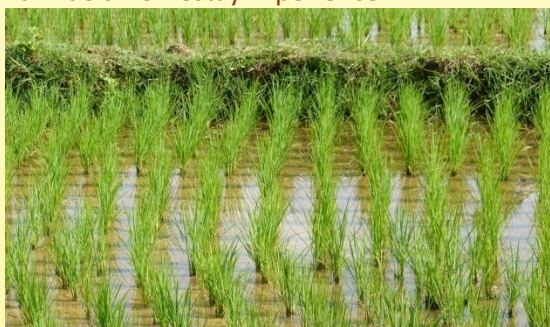
Join the most sacred tradition of Laos, the **daily morning alm-giving**, which dates to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. More than 200 Buddhist monks depart from various temples to gather their daily meal from the faithful residents sitting quietly on the streets. Following that, experience local life by visiting the temporary **morning market** near the former Royal Palace. The locals gather to barter their day's catch from rice and vegetable to fish and chicken. After breakfast, take a drive to **Ban Xang Hai**, a village famous for lao-lao, the traditional distilled rice whiskey. From there, we enjoy the 30-minute elephant ride exploring the Mekong river at the nearby elephant camp.

Continue to Ban Pak Ou and take a boat across the 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. After visiting the caves, take the **cruise to the beautiful Nam Ou Riverside Resort**, which nests along the lazy Nam Ou River. Spend the rest of the day at your own leisure where you can explore the nearby villages or relax by the resort's pool.

### Day 5: Nam Ou – Ban Lae

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Ban Lae's Homestay Experience



Head to **Ban Lae**, a village which is located 25km from town and 10km from the resort. Upon arrival, the host family will meet and welcome you. Have a stroll around the village to see the life of the locals; visit the local school, which is livelier during the weekdays, or drop by the local market. Enjoy **lunch at the house of the host family**. In the afternoon, you can choose to either relax or **enjoy agricultural activities** such as rice planting and harvesting in surrounding rice fields (depending on the season); traditional fishing techniques (you can sample your catch for dinner); walk around the farm and rice field; or explore the river with the local boat. You may wish to have a dip in the inviting Nam Xeuang river, or join and help the host with

preparing the dinner which you can learn more about Lao cuisine. Before dinner, join a **private Baci ceremony**, held by the elders of the village. The Baci ceremony is a traditional ritual of the Lao people which expresses the spirituality of the country and is a highly memorable experience and a deep insight into Lao culture. During dinner, folk tales will be told by the host family and translated by your guide.

### Day 6: Ban Lae – Departure from Luang Prabang

(Breakfast)

Ban Lae's Cultural Experience



Rise early to admire the sunrise over the Nam Xeuang river and the nearby mountains. Pay a visit to the **local temple** and join the **alm-giving** to appreciate the difference from the one experienced in Luang Prabang. After breakfast, learn **traditional fishing techniques** by the stunning Nam Xeuang river, and experience **bamboo weaving, silk weaving, or fishing net weaving**. Arrive at the village at 11:00 to return to Luang Prabang. Take the departure transfer to Luang Prabang airport for homebound flight.

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