



# PINNACLE TRAVEL

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## \* 6 Days 5 Nights Luang Prabang + Nam Ou Tour \* (Cotton Package)

Private Tour

Good for 4 Pax Travel

Price fr SGD968 per pax

### Day 1: Arrival in Luang Prabang (Dinner)

#### Laos' Spiritual Experience



Upon arrival at Luang Prabang airport, our local representative will meet and welcome you. After check-in at your hotel, enjoy a stroll around the city at your own leisure. In the late afternoon, join a **local family's private Baci ceremony**. 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 for the participants. Experience local life and culture first-hand by having **dinner with the host family**.

### Day 2: Luang Prabang (Breakfast, Lunch)

#### Laos' Cultural 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, transfer to town to 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** before taking the boat back to Luang Prabang. Upon arrival at the city, begin the city tour at the magnificent **Wat Xiengthong**, with its roofs sweeping low to the ground representing classical Laotian architecture. Pay a visit to the **Royal Palace Museum**, a royal palace that was the residence of the Laos royal family and now a museum that hosts a range of interesting artifacts. If time permits, take a short walk around the **small streets of city center**, watching the locals' lifestyle. Admire the sunset at the peaceful **Wat Prabath** before immersing in the bustling atmosphere of the **Night Market**, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textiles made by local and hilltribe people.





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### Day 3: Luang Prabang

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#### Luang Prabang's Cycling & Trekking Experience

Begin your **6-hour cycling tour** with a ride to the riverbank to take a **ferry across the Mekong River to Ban Xeng Mene**. En route to the village of **Ban Nakham**, popular for tasty local treats such as sugar cane and Kaolam (sticky rice and beans in bamboo), cycle off-road to explore the area with several photo opportunity stops. Enjoy your ride along **green rice fields** stopping in different villages to see how the local tribes live their daily lives. Pass by the **villages of Khmu and Lao Loum** before arrival at the beautiful waterfall, **Tad Hoi Khua**, also known as "Hundred Families Waterfall", where a **picnic lunch** will be relished by the falls. In the afternoon, embark on a **2.5-hour trek** to the **top of the waterfall** with a **local guide**. Admire the **mountain view from the top** and discover the **centenarian trees** and **natural pool filled with the waterfall's spring water**. Learn about the jungle vegetation, tales of Tad Hoi Khua and local lifestyle. Continue by the **Governor's tree plantation project** and enjoy the vegetables picked up along the way before walking back down to the coffee shop to take a short rest before returning to Luang Prabang and cycle back to the hotel.



### Day 4: Luang Prabang

(Breakfast, Lunch)

#### Luang Prabang's Nature Experience



Partake in a **cooking class** at a local restaurant by starting with a visit to the food market where there will be an introduction of what the ingredients are and what they are used for, before returning to Mai Too Restaurant to cook and have lunch. In the afternoon, 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.

### Day 5: Luang Prabang – Nam Ou

(Breakfast, Lunch)

#### Nam Ou's Relaxing Experience



After breakfast, take a **leisurely cruise upstream on the Mekong River**, which also gives us a **breathtaking view of the tranquil countryside**, and head to **Ban Xang Hai**, a village famous for lao-lao, the traditional distilled rice whiskey. Continue to 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 6: Nam Ou – Departure from Luang Prabang

(Breakfast)

#### Free and Easy

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

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