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* 7 Days 6 Nights Pakse, Bolaven Plateau + 4000 Islands Tour * (Lace Package)

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

Day 1: Arrival in Pakse – Bolaven Plateau (No meal)

Introduction to Bolaven Plateau

Upon arrival at Pakse airport, head to Bolaven Plateau which is located high above the Mekong Valley and known for its cooler temperature. Bolaven Plateau is one of the most beautiful places in Southern Laos and is named in reference to the Laven ethnic group that has historically dominated the region. Stop by a **tea plantation**, followed by a photo opportunity at **Tad Fan Waterfall**, a picturesque twin chute waterfall, before paying a visit to a **coffee plantation**.



Day 2: Bolaven Plateau (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Coffee Trail Experience at Bolaven Plateau



Have a cup of coffee with the Jeep tour specialist at **Chai Coffee**, before a 30-minute drive on the Jeep to **Tad Moun Waterfalls**, where you can enjoy the refreshingly cool water. After a visit to the nearby **vegetable farm**, embark on a 1-hour Jeep drive to **Mr. Khamson's Coffee Farm** via a 10km bumpy and muddy road. Mr Khamson, the owner of the coffee farm, will bring you through a **1-hour demonstration about coffee roasting** and end with a coffee cupping to savor the different kinds of coffee (Robusta, Arabica and Typica). Enjoy a **picnic lunch on the farm** at around 1.30pm before walking to the **refugee cave**, which was used by the local villagers as a place to hide during the time of war. Continue to the volcano mountain named "**Phou Sanark**" where a beautiful sunset view awaits. Learn to **cook Laotian food** with Mrs. Khamson while preparing dinner with her. Stay the night in a **tent camp at the coffee farm**.

Day 3: Bolaven Plateau (Breakfast, Lunch)

Village Experience at Bolaven Plateau

Set off for a 14km Jeep drive, which will take 1 hour, to a village at Laven Plateau named "**B Setkhord**". In this village, there are 500 families which have been living there for around 100 years. Take a stroll around as the guide tells you stories about the village. Proceed to **Tad Say Waterfall** to have your **picnic lunch**. Drive to a Suay Village named "**B Darsia**", where there are many traditional houses. 30% of the houses are the traditionally built long house, and 60% is the traditional house. The house is where many generations will cook, eat and sleep together.

Day 4: Bolaven Plateau – Champasak (Breakfast, Lunch)

Cultural Tour of Champasak



After a visit to **Tha Teng's colorful ethnic minority food market**, explore a couple of fascinating minority villages, **Ban Bong Neua**, an Alak village that boasts a sacrificial altar, and **Ban Kokphung**, a Katu village that keeps coffins under their houses. Arrive at the beautiful **Tad Phaxuam Waterfall** by mid-morning, before leaving the Bolaven Plateau for Champasak by lunchtime. In the afternoon, visit **Wat Phou**, an ancient Khmer religious complex dating back to the 5th century. Recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, Wat Phou is a spectacular pre-Angkorian temple that sits amidst the rice fields and waterways of southern Laos. The temple was constructed with three levels; the bottom level is focused on the baray (water reservoir) and promenade, the second level features quadrangular pavilions and galleries of carvings, and the top level is the sanctuary itself. The temple was built by the rulers of the Khmer empire before the construction of Angkor Wat. The temple served as the most important economic and political center of the region and is still one of the Lao people's most revered temples. After your visit, view samples of **French colonial architecture** then take a **boat to The River Resort**, where you will spend the night.

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Day 5: Champasak – Khone Island

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Discovery Tour of 4000 Islands

Heading out of town, drive further south to Khone Island, and embark a **long-tail boat** to venture into the widest reach of the Mekong River, where during the dry season, the waters recede and leave behind thousands of islets, giving this area a lovely name “**Si Phan Done**”. Upon arrival, discover the local **peaceful villages of Ban Khone**, where you will see an array of relics from the French colonial era and retrace the old colonial past, including old French colonial buildings and the remnants of the first Lao railway with its locomotive. Continue to explore the 4000 Islands’ area by **tuk-tuk** and visit the marvelous **Liphi waterfall**, also called the “Corridor of the Devil” and is one of the most beautiful waterfalls marking Laos’ border with Cambodia. Catch a glimpse of the **rare freshwater Irrawaddy Mekong dolphin at Ban Hang Khone** if you are lucky. Enjoy the rest of day at your own leisure. You may wish to cycle around the island to watch local life or walk along the bank of Mekong river to admire the sunset.



Day 6: Khone Island – Pakse

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Highlights of Pakse



In the morning, visit **Khone Phapheng**, considered to be the largest waterfall by volume in South East Asia. It is an impressive spot near the Lao-Cambodian border, set within an area which is teeming with wildlife, making this area one of the most breathtaking destinations in Laos. Take a **long-tail boat** to the fishing village of **Ban Nakasang** and drive back to Pakse. Founded by the French in 1905 as an administrative post, the capital of Champasak Province is a relatively new town at the confluence of the Mekong and Se Don rivers. In the afternoon, visit **Ban Khoh**, which specializes in stone carving, and walk to the nearby **Wat Chomphet**, which hosts the biggest sitting Buddha in Laos. Ascend to the top of **Wat Phou Salao** to marvel at the panoramic sunset view of Pakse and its nearby area.

Day 7: Departure from Pakse

(Breakfast)

Free and Easy

Free till departure transfer to Pakse airport for homebound flight.

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