Luxury Tailor Made Travel

Tailor Made Laos: Luang Prabang

4 days from $1,995

Private Journey

Travel with your private party on this Luxury Tailor Made Journey, departing when you choose and with expert local guides leading the way; you can even customize the itinerary to your interests.

Discover the wonders of Luang Prabang, where you partake in the daily ritual of tak bat (giving alms to the monks); witness the city's most stunning stupas; and learn about the importance of the rice harvest in local culture, with the opportunity to sample traditional rice-based fare where it's cultivated.

A&K Advantages

Explore the many temples of Luang Prabang, going beyond the guidebooks with insight from your expert local guide
Pay a visit to an organic farm, where you witness time-honored techniques used to harvest rice, followed by a sampling of local rice dishes to enrich the experience
Rise early to witness and partake in the daily ritual of alms-giving to monks
Itinerary

Luxury Tailor Made Journeys depart on the dates that work for you and feature expert local guides throughout your journey. The itinerary below can be customized to your interests.

**DAY 1 ARRIVE LUANG PRABANG, LAOS**

Arrive in Luang Prabang, where you are met and enjoy VIP Fast Track Service before being transferred to your hotel. After checking in, spend the balance of the day at leisure.

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**DAY 2 LUANG PRABANG | GIVING ALMS**

Rise before dawn to participate in the daily ceremonial offering of food to the local monks. As a procession of robed monks passes, place a small amount of rice into their alms bowls. This deeply spiritual ritual is a serene part of everyday life. Stop at a local fresh market before returning to your hotel for breakfast. Then, immerse yourself in the rich history of the region with a full-day, guided tour of Luang Prabang, known for its many beautiful Buddhist temples. First, visit the Royal Palace Museum, whose quaint appearance belies its stormy past. Its exhibits trace the story of the seven turbulent centuries of the Lane Xang Kingdom, as well as the colonial era up to the present. Next, visit the magnificent Wat Xengthong, with its impressive Tree of Life mosaic and richly decorated wooden columns. And finally, transfer to Wat Khili, an excellent example of architecture from Xiengkhouang Province, which lies to the east. The monastery is said to have been founded for the commemoration of the marriage of a Phuan prince from Xiengkhouang to a princess from Luang Prabang in the early nineteenth century. After lunch at a local restaurant view ancient artifacts from the ethnic minorities of the region at the Traditional Arts and Ethnology Center. Head upriver to visit two artisan villages, as well as a few small traditional Lao villages. Each specializes in a particular handicraft, such as woodcarving, papermaking or silk weaving. Finally, tour Wat Visoun, the city’s oldest operating temple, and enjoy the sunset at the summit of Mount Phousi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to your hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.

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**DAY 3 LUANG PRABANG | TRADITIONAL FOODS, FALLS & NATURE**

Learn more about the nation’s staple crop, rice, and other natural treasures on a full-day, guided tour. First, visit Living Lands Organic Rice Farm to learn how the people of Laos continue to plant and harvest in the traditional way. Experience every stage of the rice harvest before tasting traditional foods made from this regional staple. Next, set off for the cascading waters of Kuang Si Falls Park. Enjoy a picnic lunch and explore a path that runs alongside a wide multi-tiered waterfall tumbling over limestone formations. Cool off with a refreshing swim or walk along the forest trails. Cap off your visit at a wildlife rescue dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating the rare and magnificent Asiatic black bear.

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**DAY 4 DEPART LUANG PRABANG**

Transfer to the airport and board your departure flight.

Enhance Your Journey

Elevate your experience with a host of options available for an additional cost.

**ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS**

Alternate hotels are available for this journey.

**PRIVATE TOUR: BUDDHIST ARCHIVE OF PHOTOGRAPHY**

Delve into a wealth of spiritual tradition at the Luang Prabang Library’s Buddhist Archive of Photography. Your private tour is led by the archive’s founder or director, revealing privileged access to more than 35,000 historical photographs spanning 120 years of monastic life.

**ATTEND A BACI CEREMONY**

Partake in an evening Baci ceremony, a Laotian ritual of welcome, music and a traditional dance harkening back to the eighth century.

**PRIVATE COOKING CLASS**

Collect fresh ingredients from Belmond’s garden and prepare your dishes under the expert guidance of your chef. Then, enjoy the savory Lao lunch that you’ve prepared.

**COMBINE YOUR JOURNEY**

This itinerary can be combined with Tailor Made Vietnam: North to South, Tailor Made Cambodia: Angkor Wat, Tailor Made Thailand: Bangkok to the Beach or Tailor Made Myanmar: Land of Pagodas & Stupas.
Dates & Prices

Priced from $1,995

Prices are per person, double occupancy for the itinerary as published for 2019 travel. Supplements may apply over holidays, festivals and special events. Subject to availability. International air not included.

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