



Cultural Luang Prabang (5days/4nights)
Tour Code: CLP5
Luang Prabang

A unique 'hands on' tour that includes a weaving and cooking classes as well as a spiritual Baci Ceremony in a local village. If you are looking for an unforgettable interactive experience in Luang Prabang, then this is the tour for you.

Day1. Arrival – Luang Prabang

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening you have tickets to attend the unique **Royal Ballet Performance** set in the Royal Palace. This colourful show features excerpts from the Ramayana.

Day2. Luang Prabang – city tour and Baci Ceremony

After breakfast we visit the **Royal Palace Museum** which hosts a range of interesting artefacts. We begin our walking tour taking in some of the city's most beautiful temples. Depending on the rest of your programme this may include the magnificent **Wat Xiengthong**, with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, representing the classical Luang Prabang style, as well as **Wat Mai** and **Wat Sene**, the oldest temple in Luang Prabang. We also stop by at Kinnaly Gallery, where your guide will show you the different ethnic minorities that live in Laos. In the afternoon we stop at **Yensabai**, where you will see some Lao traditional stencils made with Saa paper.



Lao Xiengthong Stencils

Optional: Lao traditional Stencil class

Discover and learn how to produce a Lao Stencil. Mr Anousith will teach you how to do it and how you can use it when you come back to your own country.

- Make your own stencil
- Demonstration with gold painting and Saa paper

Duration: around 1h20 minutes

Number of pax: 2 pax maximum

Cost: 15 USD/pax

Our next stop is the excellent **Arts and Ethnology Centre** which gives us a further insight into the ethnic mix and culture of Laos. We then climb up **Mt Phousi**, which offers a spectacular sunset and a panoramic view over Luang Prabang and the Mekong River. This evening we transfer out to a local village, where you take part in a traditional **Baci Ceremony**, involving the tying of strings to ones wrists aims to keep bad spirits away and bring good luck.



A Baci Ceremony, an important feature of traditional Lao culture

Day3. Luang Prabang – Ock Pop Tok – Silkworms and Natural dyes (B)

This morning you are at leisure to explore Luang Prabang at your own pace, or simply relax, in the afternoon you will be transferred to **Ock Pop Tok** weaving centre for a unique **Silkworm and Natural Dyes Class**. First there is an explanation about the worms' lives; where they come from, who makes silk in Laos and a bizarre list of facts regarding sericulture. Guests are invited to prepare mulberry leaves and feed the worms. After a brief introduction to the natural dyes, you will dye scarves in your chosen colours. By late afternoon there is a chance to meet the weavers and get an introduction to the weaving technique, there will also be a chance to try your hand at weaving and spinning. The day finishes with cocktails and canapés overlooking the sunset on the Mekong River.

Day4. Luang Prabang – Cooking Class at Roots and Leaves (B,L)

This morning you will take part in a cooking class. The day starts with a visit to the local market, accompanied by the head chef who will advise you on the different types of ingredients. Using the fresh produce, you will be taught in the art of Lao cuisine. Lunch is your own mornings efforts!. The afternoon is at your own leisure.

Day5. Luang Prabang – Departure (B)

Depending on your departing flight you may have time at leisure before your transfer to the airport for departure.

END OF SERVICES

**Tour price per person in US\$:
Price valid from 01-Apr-10 to 31-Oct-2010**

| Hotel | 1 | 2 | 3-4 | 5-9 | Single Supplement |
|---------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| 3 Star | 785.50 | 483.50 | 423.83 | 398.50 | 120 |
| 4 Star | 891.50 | 536.50 | 476.83 | 451.50 | 173 |
| 5 Star | 1,169.50 | 675.50 | 615.83 | 590.50 | 312 |

| Inclusive of above prices: | Exclusive of above prices: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation in private vehicle • Accommodation in twin shared room • Domestic air ticket as stated only • Private Boat trip as stated in above sights • English speaking guide • Admission fee to indicated sights • Meals: daily breakfast at hotel, lunch/dinner where stated only • Gov't tax and service charge • Luggage handling and drinking water | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visa stamping fee on arrival • Int'l air tickets to/from Laos • Travel Insurance in all kinds • Single room (quoted separately) • Other foreign language guide • Peak tourist season or special event rates • Child or adult in triple sharing room • Tip, drinks and other personal expenses |

Hotels quoted in above package

| Location | 3 Star | 4 Star | 5 Star |
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| Luang Prabang | Mekong Riverside Hotel (SUP) | Villa Santi Hotel (DLX) | Villa Maly (SUP) |