



## **Laos Northern Adventures – 15 Days** *(trip code: LANF)*

*Northern journeys – Mae Khong cruise tours – homestay – Pak Ou cave – trekking in the rural areas of Luang Prabang – Vang Vieng – the Elephant Observation Tower in Ban Na – Vientiane*

Experience the excitement of trekking through remote areas in a truly unforgettable journey. This trip is for you if you are fit, enthusiastic about active sports and love to take on new and exciting challenges.

Start our journey on the Mae Khong River Cruise throughout the Northern part of Laos where you'll enjoy many activities, then continue trekking through Luang Prabang rural area, which offers a beautiful patchwork of forest and cultivated farmland. We can organize a memorable programme, staying in small relatively untouched villages. To witness the spectacular countryside during taking journey down to the Capital City of Vientiane.

### **Itinerary:**

#### **DAY1: Houixai – Pakbeng (-/L/D)**

Early morning Crossing the border from Chiangkhong / Thailand to Houixai Immigration in Laos. Meet and greet with local guide at the Pier. Board the local boat and take the private cruise down the Mae Khong river to Pakbeng. Visit the villages along the river: Ban Houi Nokhom, Hmong Village, Ban Kenglae, Khmu village.

Lunch on board.

Late afternoon Arrival Pakbeng.

Evening Dinner and overnight Pakbeng at Guesthouse.

#### **DAY2: Pakbeng – Khmu Lodge (B/L/D)**

Morning After breakfast, continue our cruise to Khmu Lodge . Check into the Lodge.

Lunch At the local restaurant.

Afternoon Following the Community Based Tours (CBT) activities such as rice farming, rice harvest, Gold panning, fishing, village walk to visit the community.

Evening Dinner and overnight Khmu Lodge.

#### **DAY3: Khmu Lodge – Luangprabang (B/L/D)**

Morning After breakfast continue to Luangprabang, visit Pak Ou caves and the rice wine village.

Lunch At restaurant at the village opposite of Pak Ou.  
Before arrival Luangprabang, visit the fabrication of Posa paper at Ban Sangkhong village.

Afternoon Disembark at Wat Xiengthong pier, the luggage is transferred directly to Guest house, but we walk for a short distance to Guesthouse for our first familiarization of the city.

Evening Dinner and overnight Luangprabang at Guesthouse.

#### **DAY4: Ban Paklung (B/L/D)**

Morning Breakfast at the guest house. Before crossing the Mekong to Ban Xiengmen, visit Wat Longkhoun , the temple where the former king has been monk . Visit the caves and then trek 2.5 hours to Ban Paklung , Lao Loum village .

Evening Having the picnic lunch on the trek.  
Dinner and overnight Homestay in the village.

**DAY5: Ban Tapen (B/L/D)**

Morning Breakfast with our host at the village.

Today we trek for about 6 hours to visit Ban Long Phou , Khmu village ; Ban Chong , Hmong village ; Tam Pha Dao caves ; Ban Saluean , Lao Loum village. Picnic lunch on the way. Crossing the Mekong to Ban Paksi , Lao Loum village and continue our trek to Kuangsi waterfall .

Evening Dinner and overnight guesthouse in Ban Tapen, Khmu village.

**DAY6: Ban Long Lao (B/L/D)**

Morning Breakfast at guesthouse, before start trekking to witness the wildlife, walking through the rice field , the trail up and down for 3 .5 hours to Ban Long Lao , the Hmong Village.

Evening Dinner and overnight Homestay in the village Ban Long Lao.

**DAY7: Luangprabang (B/L/-)**

Morning Breakfast at the village. And then take our last day of the trek for 3 hours to Ban Xieng Mouark where we will meet our car before transfer to Luang Prabang .

Lunch At restaurant in Luangprabang . Check into Guesthouse and free leisure.

Evening Enjoy your dinner/free at leisure Overnight in Luangprabang.

**DAY8: Luangprabang (B/-/-)**

Enjoy your breakfast.

Free day or optional tours: cycling, cooking, silk weaving class or dying.

**DAY9: Luangprabang – Vangvieng (B/L/-)**

Morning Breakfast at the guesthouse.

Transfer by private A/C minibus to Vang Vieng 240 kms.

Lunch At local restaurant. After lunch continue our journey stops on the way at Tribe villages : the mixed of Hmong and Khmu village Ban Kiou Kajamb and Sala Phou Khoun the Hmong Village as well as Tam Jang caves

Evening Arrival Vangveing and end up your day at Villa Vangvieng Riverside Hotel /free at leisure.

**DAY10: Vangvieng (B/-/-)**

Enjoy your breakfast.

Free day or optional tours: boating, kayaking or tubing on Nam Song River or cycling. Overnight VangVieng.

**DAY11: Vangvieng – Ban Na (B/L/D)**

Morning After breakfast, take the road transfer by private A/C minibus to Ban Na about 240 kms . Visit the small archeological site of Vang Xang, the Hmong market at km 52, the temple Wat Prabath.

Lunch At the local restaurant.

Afternoon Arrive Ban Na village, there are Lao Loum tribe (low-land people).

Evening Dinner with our host and overnight stay at homestay in the village

**DAY12: Ban Na (B/L/D)**

Morning Breakfast with our host before start walking in to the jungle to the Elephant Observation Tower. We are going to have a picnic lunch on the way.

Evening After dinner, we need a bit of luck to observe the wild elephant and overnight at the Tower.

**DAY13: Ban Na – Vientiane (B/L/-)**

Morning After breakfast, discover the local real life and join the villagers on their day-to-day activities and the Community Based Tour programmes such as: learn how to do basket weaving, rice plantation, fishing, cooking local dishes for lunch.

Afternoon Heading to Vientiane.

Evening Enjoy your dinner/free at leisure. Overnight in Vientiane.

**DAY14 : VIENTIANE (B/-/-)**

Breakfast. Enjoy your breakfast.

Free day or optional tours: cycling , or sightseeing by Tuc Tuc.

Overnight in Vientiane.

**DAY15 Departure day (B/-/-)**

Morning Breakfast / free at leisure.

Noon Check out / transfer to bus terminal or airport.

End of service.

**Physical grading: 3**

**Culture shock grading: 3**

**Pricing:** for private tour in USD, net to agent rate

**Service includes:**

- Accommodation in Twn sharing at Hotel , Guesthouse , Homestay with breakfast .
- Meals : as per mentioned in the itinerary
- Transfers by private minibus , boat .
- Sightseeing
- English speaking guide
- mineral water

**Service excludes:**

- Visa fee
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Beverage

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