
8-DAY MEKONG RIVER CRUISE THROUGH NORTHERN LAOS BETWEEN CHIANG RAI TO LUANG PRABANG

Trip Code: RVLATL08DS
Duration: 9
Destination: Thailand-Laos
Travel Dates: 2022

DAY 1 Chiang Rai – The Golden Triangle - Embarkation (L/D)

Meet and greet at between 8 and 9am in Chiang Rai city. Transfer by bus to the Golden Triangle area at Chiang Saen. You will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant overlooking the Mekong before visiting the Golden Buddha of Sop Ruak and the modern Hall of Opium. This fascinating museum, sponsored by the royal family of Thailand, gives a deep background on the history and politics of the opium trade and the health effects of opium abuse using multimedia exhibitions.

In the evening embark on your comfortable German-Laotian boutique cruise ship. Settle into your comfortable cabin and unpack for a seven-night cruise. Tonight, you can enjoy the spacious decks, lounge on board and attend your evening welcome reception.

Overnight on board

DAY 2 Welcome to Laos (B/L/D)

This morning your cruise will take you from the Golden Triangle region between Burma, Laos and Thailand into the People's Democratic Republic of Laos (Most nationalities can obtain visa on arrival here against USD in cash plus passport sized picture, please inquire with your local embassy about visa regulations).

From the town of Huay Xay on the Laotian - Thai border your voyage leads into northern Laos amidst beautiful scenery. Continue to the small village of Pak Tha, where we join a longtail boat for a trip up the Nam Tha River to visit a remote Khmu village. You will visit a small village school sponsored by guests of Mekong River Cruises.

Overnight on board.

DAY 3 The Mighty Mekong (B/L/D)

The river traffic increases as you pass through a densely populated region accessible only by water. Relax on deck, in your comfortable cabin or in the lounge and soak up the remote scenery the landscape becomes more and more spectacular: hills covered with tropical vegetation, awe-inspiring rock formations along the river

banks, and a fascinating array of fast currents and slower river parts on the river. The power of the mighty Mekong will give your cruise the feeling of a real expedition.

Overnight on board

DAY 4 Pak Ou Caves (B/L/D)

After a relaxing morning on board, we stop at famous Pak Ou Caves with thousands of small Buddha statues inside the caves. From here, you can optionally go on a short jungle trek through the forest to a small riverside village and visit their local distillery. Alternatively, you can reach the village comfortably by boat as well.

This evening we enjoy our famous Mekong River Cruises BBQ dinner in a beautiful riverside location.

Overnight on board. (BLD)

DAY 5 UNESCO World Heritage City of Luang Prabang (B/L)

Today you reach Luang Prabang, the former royal capital of Laos, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin with a city walk to the famous Wat Xieng Thong temple with its Golden tiled roofs will surely leave you in awe. Explore other highlights during this full day excursion through Luang Prabang.

In the evening walk up Phou Si-hill, which offers a spectacular view over the Mekong as well as the Khan River and the surrounding mountains, enjoy strolling along the Mekong promenade or visiting the colourful night market of the local Hmong minority. As Luang Prabang offers many opportunities for fine dining, tonight you are free to choose from the numerous offerings in town or along the Mekong River.

Overnight on board

DAY 6 Relaxing & village life (B/L/D)

In the early morning you can visit the traditional giving of alms in the streets of Luang Prabang. After returning on board for breakfast your cruise will take you further downriver, where you will discover some of the remarkable and impressive landscapes.

In the afternoon visit a traditional village of the Hmong hill tribe. Enjoy the beautiful views and watch nature's wonders along the shores before you stop at a remote place to stay for the night.

Overnight on board.

DAY 7 Kuang Si Waterfalls (B)

An excursion by local Tuk Tuks will take you to the Kuang Si-falls, one of the most attractive waterfalls in Laos. Once you are back onboard your cruise returns to Luang Prabang after lunch. This afternoon you are free to explore the beautiful town on your own pace, rent a bike to reach some of the lively outskirts of the town (optionally against premium) or spend some time shopping for souvenirs or presents for your loved ones at

home.

In the evening enjoy a traditional Lao Baci Ceremony and watch some local dances on board before celebrating with your local crew your farewell dinner.

Overnight on board

DAY 8 Disembarkation

After breakfast you will say goodbye to your Laotian crew. Check-out and disembark.

End of services with your transfer to the airport or your hotel in Luang Prabang (within city limits) (B)

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