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

Trip Code: RVLATL08US

Duration: 9

Destination: Laos Thailand

Travel Dates: 2022

DAY 1 Luang Prabang - Embarkation (D)

Upon your arrival at Luang Prabang airport you will be picked up and transferred to town. In the afternoon, you will embark on your comfortable Laotian cruise ship (Check in is after 1 pm).

Settle into your accommodating cabin and unpack for an eight days cruise. Begin with a walk-up Phou Si-hill, which offers a spectacular sunset view over the Mekong as well as the Khan River and the surrounding mountains. In the evening, enjoy strolling along the Mekong promenade or visiting the colorful night market of the local Hmong minority.

Enjoy the spacious decks, lounge on board and attend our welcome reception and dinner this evening. A selection of Asian and European food will be provided throughout the cruise.

Overnight on board.

DAY 2 Luang Prabang & Kuang Si Waterfalls (B/L/D)

Breakfast on board. Half day excursion of Luang Prabang during. Firstly we will visit the famous Wat Xieng Thong temple and the National museum. Luang Prabang is full of temples and neighbouring French colonial architecture.

During your lunch on board your vessel starts cruising downstream. An afternoon excursion by local Tuk Tuks will take you to the Kuang Si-falls, one of the most attractive waterfalls in Laos.

Overnight on board

DAY 3 Pak Ou Caves (B/L/D)

After a relaxing morning on board, we stop at famous Pak Ou Caves the cave is home to thousands of small Buddha statues. From here, you can 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 afternoon we continue cruising upstream towards Oudomxai province.

Overnight on board

DAY 4 The Mighty Mekong (B/L/D)

The river traffic thins out as you proceed upstream, and you can enjoy the fantastic landscapes along the river. 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 5 Relaxing & village life (B/L/D)

Today is a day to take it all in – relax on deck, in your comfortable cabin or in the lounge and soak up the untouched scenery. The diversity of the landscape is astonishing, now shifting to tropical hills in the background. Enjoy the tranquillity of northern Laos, a real retreat from the hustle-and-bustle of daily life.

As you cruise along the green hills, you will start heading upstream towards Pak Tha. This evening we enjoy our famous Mekong River Cruises BBQ dinner in a beautiful riverside location.

Overnight on board

DAY 6 Pak Tha – Huay Xay (B/L/D)

From the small village of Pak Tha, we will take a long-tail boat excursion on the Namtha River to visit a Khmu village. The small village school is sponsored by guests of Mekong River Cruises for many years now. The purely natural landscape is only broken by the seldom sights of small villages and local herds of cattle.

In the afternoon you proceed to the Thai-Laotian border at Chiang Khong (Thailand) and Ban Huay Xay (Laos). You will then spend a last relaxing dinner and evening in Laos.

Overnight on board.

DAY 7 The Golden Triangle (B/L/D)

Today is spent on an excursion to the Golden Triangle area at Chiang Saen, where you will visit the Golden Buddha of Sop Ruak and the 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. This last evening on board will be celebrated with a farewell dinner.

Overnight on board

DAY 8 Farewell (B)

After breakfast you will say goodbye to your Laotian crew. Check-out and disembark. Depending on season and water level the check-out will either be at Chiang Saen or Chiang Khong

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