

# The Land Of Lane Xang – Thailand & Laos

12 Days / 11 Nights



## Day 1 Arrival Bangkok

Upon arrival in Bangkok, meet your guide and transfer to Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers. Your tour price includes guaranteed Riverview rooms.

## Day 2 Bangkok (B/L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Your tour today start to visit **Wat Po**, the most extensive temple in Bangkok, with its colossal Reclining Buddha and the Chedis of the Kings. The Grand Palace was the seat not only of the king and his court, but contained within its crenulated walls the entire government administration. The most famous building on the palace grounds is **Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of the Emerald Buddha)**, regarded as the most sacred Buddhist temple (wat) in Thailand. Lunch will be served at The Ruen Urai Restaurant before returning to the hotel

## Day 3 Bangkok (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today in Bangkok, you have a full day at leisure to explore the city on your own. We suggest that you procure directions on how to use the Sky Train to get around the city seamlessly and in air conditioned comfort at minimal cost.

## Day 4 Bangkok – Chiang Rai (B)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a morning at leisure before your Check-out at noon. Transfer from Royal Orchid Sheraton to Suvarnabhumi Airport for your short flight to Chiang Rai. Upon Arrival in Chiang Rai transfer to The Dusit Island Resort, where the remainder of the afternoon and evening are free for you to explore.

## Day 5 Chiang Rai (B/L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Your tour this morning includes a **Trishaw ride**, the favourite local mode of transportation, through the city's residential area and Local Market, also visit **Wat Phra Kaew**, which once hosted the Emerald Buddha(now in Bangkok). Return to Dusit Island Resort. The afternoon is at leisure.

## Day 6 Chiang Rai – Chiang Mai (B/L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive from Dusit Island Resort, Chiang Rai southward through the Northern Thailand hillsides and mountains to Chiang Mai, the ancient capital city once surrounded by a great wall and moat in the 1500s. Lunch will be served at local restaurant along the way, and your check-in at the luxurious Ratilanna Riverside Spa Resort. will be in the afternoon.

## Day 7 Chiang Mai (B/L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Your tour today begins with a visit to **Wat Phra Singh** with its famous Buddha image and **Wat Doi Suthep**, a temple tucked away in the mountains. For the final ascent to the temple you can take a tram car or walk up the Naga (Dragon-headed serpent) staircase with over 300 steps. On a clear day you will enjoy spectacular views of Chiang Mai. Lunch will be served at Ratilanna Riverside Spa Resort.

## Day 8 Chiang Mai – Luang Prabang (B/-/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure transfer from Ratilanna Riverside Spa Resort to Chiang Mai Airport for flight to **Luang Prabang**. Upon arrival at **Luang Prabang airport**, transfer to the hotel and check-in. The crown jewel of

Laos and former Lanexang, Luang Prabang, is perhaps the best-preserved traditional city in South East Asia. Magical and charming, it has preserved its long-standing reputation as a stronghold of Lao culture with its splendid natural scenery and sense of timelessness. In 1995 UNESCO voted Luang Prabang as a World Heritage City. Dinner at hotel. Accommodation at the Villa Santi Resort & Spa.

### Day 9 Luang Prabang (B/L)

Pick up from your hotel. Visit **Vat Visoun**, the site of an impressive stupa, **That Makmo**, stylistically more Srilankalese than Lao. Then walk to the nearby **Vat Aham**, which is one of the city's major tutelary shrines. Climb **Vat Phousi** hill for an outstanding view over the city. Continue to visit **Vat Sene** and **Vat Xieng Thong**, considered as the most beautiful temple. Next, drive to visit **Ban Phanom**, a weaving village populated by Thai Lu. After **lunch at Un Petite Nid Restaurant**. Visit the **National Museum** (former King's Palace) displaying a collection of personal artifacts of the Royal Family. Then stroll through the lively Central Market where the ethnic minorities of the surroundings come daily to trade their goods (closed on Tuesday). Visit the **Traditional Arts & Ethnology Centre**, which is a new museum about the ethnic cultures of Laos. The centre exhibits ethnic clothing, household objects, religious artifacts and handicrafts (closed on Monday). View the sunset from the banks of the Mekong River at **Vat Siphouthabadi Tai**.

### Day 10 Luang Prabang – Pak Ou – Khuang Xi Waterfall – Luang Prabang (B/L)

Visit **Vat Xieng Thong**, considered as the most beautiful temple. The sim of the Vat represents the classic Luang Prabang temple architecture with roofs that sweep low to the ground. In the compound stand several small chapels housing bronze Buddha images, which were displayed in Paris in 1911. Then board a traditional boat for a trip up the Mekong River to visit the famous caves of **Pak Ou** housing thousands of statues representing Lord Buddha. Return to Luang Prabang by road on the



way visit **Ban Xang Khong**, a weaving village where traditional Sa paper is also produced. Lunch at view pavilion restaurant. Departure by road to the **Khuang Xi Waterfalls** (30mks, approx. 1 hour drive). Return to **Luang Prabang**, on the way visit **Ban Phanom** weaving village, with the remainder of the afternoon free to explore the **Night Bazaar**, if desired.

### Day 11 Luang Prabang – Bangkok (B)

Transfer to the airport for departure flight to Bangkok. Upon Arrival in Bangkok and transfer to Best Western Premier Amaranth Suvarnabhumi Airport **(Complimentary transfers are provided by the hotel)**.

### Day 12 Departure Bangkok (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure transfer from Best Western Premier Amaranth Suvarnabhumi Airport to Suvarnabhumi Airport for flight to next destination.

