

Luang Prabang Explorer – 5 Days / 4 Nights

Cycling, Hiking & Cultural Adventure in Northern Laos



Tour Overview

Discover the beauty of Luang Prabang and the surrounding countryside on this unique cycling and hiking adventure tour in Laos. Over 5 days / 4 nights, you'll ride along the Mekong River, explore Ban Xang Hai Village, visit the sacred Pak Ou Caves, hike through rice terraces to the Tad Mok Waterfall, and enjoy authentic encounters with rural mountain villages. Perfect for adventurous travelers, this trip combines Gravel or E-Bike cycling, boat journeys, and hiking to showcase the best of Northern Laos.

Tour Highlights

- Discover the authentic Laos beyond tourist hotspots
- Explore Luang Prabang UNESCO Old Town
- Cycle along the Mekong River
- Hike to Tad Mok Waterfall through rice terraces
- Visit Ban Xang Hai Village for weaving & Lao Rice Whiskey
- Experience local mountain villages & Sopchem Village
- Boat trip to the sacred Pak Ou Caves

Tour Route:

- Starting Point: Luang Prabang (Fly into Luang Prabang Airport LPQ)
- Ending Point: Luang Prabang (Fly out from Luang Prabang Airport LPQ)

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Luang Prabang – Villa Oasis Resort

Welcome to the UNESCO World Heritage city of **Luang Prabang**. Today is free for you to explore the old town, wander through its ancient temples, or climb **Phousi Hill** for a magical sunset view. *Optional Extra*: For guests arriving a day earlier, we offer a **40 km countryside bike tour** (8:00–13:00). This requires an additional night in Luang Prabang.

Day 2: Luang Prabang – Pak Ou (B, L, D) | 40 km, 350 m climb – Nam Ou Riverside Resort Your adventure begins with a scenic cycling route of 40 km on mixed paved and gravel roads. We stop at Ban Xang Hai Village, known for its silk and cotton weaving and traditional Lao Rice Whiskey. From here, we continue cycling along the Mekong before boarding a boat to visit the mystical Pak Ou Caves, filled with thousands of Buddha statues. The day ends with a riverside stay at Nalou Resort.

Day 3: Pak Ou – Nong Khiaw (B, L, D) | 55 km, 560 m climb – Nong Kiau Riverside Resort
Cycle along scenic rice fields and farmland before reaching the dam. Here, we embark on a 1.5-hour boat
ride to Nong Khiaw, one of the most beautiful towns in Northern Laos. On the way, we visit a remote
mountain village and experience the warm hospitality of the locals. Enjoy two nights at a riverside resort in
Nong Khiaw.

Day 4: Hiking Adventure in Nong Khiaw (B, L) | 8 km hike, 220 m climb – Nong Kiau Riverside Resort

Today we take a boat further north for an unforgettable **8 km hike through rice terraces and jungle paths**. Our destination is the refreshing **Tad Mok Waterfall**. Along the way, enjoy a coffee stop in the rice fields and lunch in a unique local café. Afterward, cruise back by boat through towering limestone mountains and visit a **traditional rural village** to experience authentic Lao culture.

Day 5: Nong Khiaw – Luang Prabang (B)

Spend the morning at leisure in **Nong Khiaw**, with the option to hike to a panoramic viewpoint or simply relax by the river. At 11:00, we take a **1.5-hour boat ride**, followed by a van transfer back to Luang Prabang. End of tour.

What's Included

- 4 nights in carefully selected accommodations
- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Fruits, snacks, isotonic drinks & water during activities
- Thailand Cycle Tours cycling jersey and water bottle
- Experienced Thailand Cycle Tours Team
- English-speaking local cycling guide in Laos
- Minibus support for cycling stages
- Excursions and boat trips as per program
- High-quality Touring E-Bike or Gravel Bike rental

Optional Extras

- Additional night in Luang Prabang (on request)
- Airport transfer (Luang Prabang hotel)
- Countryside bike tour (40 km) if arriving early

Why Choose This Tour?

This tour is perfect for travelers seeking active exploration in Laos, combining cycling, hiking, boat trips, and cultural encounters. You'll discover hidden gems like Tad Mok Waterfall, Nong Khiaw, and Ban Xang Hai Village, while still enjoying the charm of Luang Prabang.



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