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Lao PDR is quickly becoming South-East-Asia’s newest tourist destination merging its colonial past with some fascinating new travel trends.

As we move through “Visit Laos Year 2018”, we thought it would only be right to create “Laos Top 100 Destinations” across the country that will make your journey through Laos during 2018, a memorable experience. From Northern Laos, all the way down to the south, and everywhere in between, these attractions will bring the best Laos directly to you!

We aim to bring you the best of Laos – from must see attractions and off-the-beaten-track locations, enjoy your stay and dining choices thrown in for good measure.

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CLIMATE
Laos generally enjoys a mild tropical climate, but it can get quite chilly in the cool season. Temperatures range from 10 – 40 degrees celsius in the Mekong Valley, and may dip below zero in the mountains and on the Xieng Khouang and Bolaven Plateaus. There are two distinct seasons - dry season from October to April, and rainy season runs from May to September.

LANGUAGE
The national language is Lao, but English is commonly used in major tourist centers. Chinese, Vietnamese and Thai are widely understood. French, German, Russian and a number of other European languages are also spoken by many educated Lao as many students received university training in Europe during the 1970’s-1990’s.

CURRENCY
The official currency of the Lao PDR is the Kip. ATMs are available in major provinces. Major travelers checks can be cashed at banks. Credit cards are accepted in major hotels and a limited number of upscale shopping establishments and can be used to withdraw cash from ATMs.
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TRANSPORTATION

ROAD
Getting around Laos is getting more and more convenient each year following major roads and airport. There is daily bus service from Vientiane to all major provincial capitals and local buses and “songtaeow” available to more remote districts and villages with road access.

AIR
There are many flights to many domestic destinations and a number of regional capitals. The international airports in Vientiane Capital, Champasak Province, Savannakhet Province and Luang Prabang Province have regular service to major cities in the region. From Wattay International Airport in Vientiane Capital, heading to Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Danang, Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, Kunming, Chengdu, Changzhou, Singapore. Direct flights are available to Luang Prabang Province from Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Hanoi and Seoul.

RIVER
Another way to travel around Laos is on the Mekong River or one of its many tributaries. Luang Prabang Province is commonly accessed by riverboat from Houay Xay District (Bokeo Province), and if you are heading north to Luang Namtha Province, a two-day journey on the Namtha River is a memorable adventure that takes you through lush forest and requires an overnight stay in your boatmen’s home. There is regular boat service on the Mekong from Pakse District (Champasak Province) to Vat Phou (the UNESCO World Heritage Site) and throughout the Four Thousand Islands in the far south.

TRAIN
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ENTERING LAOS

PASSPORT/VISA

All visitors entering Laos must possess valid passports and visitors from non-ASEAN countries require a Visa. Visa can be obtained for 30 days from Lao Embassies and Consulates abroad. In addition, visa can also be obtained on arrival at international border checkpoints. The visa fee varies from between US$20-45 depending on the agreement with the various governments. It is possible to extend the visa at the Immigration Office in Vientiane Capital and through travel agencies.

ENTRY POINTS

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS:

• Wattay International Airport in Vientiane Capital
• Luang Prabang International Airport in Luang Prabang Province
• Pakse International Airport in Champasak Province
• Savannakhet International Airport in Savannakhet Province
• Attapeu Province International Airport
BORDER CHECKPOINTS

LAOS-CHINA
• Phongsaly Province (Lan Tuy, Yod Ou) - China (Meuang Kham).
• Luang Namtha Province (Boten) - China (Mohan)
• Xiangkok riverport on Mekong River in Luang Namtha Province

LAOS-MYANMAR
• Bokeo Province (Ban Meuang Mom) - Myanmar (Vang Pong)

LAOS-THAILAND
• Bokeo Province (Lao-Thai Friendship Bridge IV) - Thaniland (Chiang Khong)
• Bokeo Province (Golden Triangles) - Thailand (Golden Triangles)
• Sayabouly Province (Kaenthao) - Thailand (Nakaxeng - Loei)
• Sayabouly Province (Phakeo) - Thailand (Phoudou)
• Sayabouly Province (Nam Ngeun) - Thailand (Houay Koni, Nan)
• Vientiane Capital (Lao-Thai Friendship Bridge I ) - Thailand (Nong Khai)
• Vientiane Capital (Thanaleng, Hadhayfong ) - Thailand (Nong Khai)
• Bolikhomxay Province (Paksan) - Thailand (Beungkarn)
• Khammouane Province (Lao-Thai Friendship Bridge III) - Thailand (Nakhon Phanom)
• Savannakhet Province (Lao-Thai Friendship bridge II) - Thailand (Mukdahan)
• Champasak Province (Vang Tao) - Thailand (Songmek)

LAOS-VIETNAM
• Phongsaly Province (Pang Hok) - Vietnam (Taichang Laichau)
• Houaphanh Province (Nam Souy) - Vietnam (Nameo)
• Xeng Khouang (Nonghaet) - Vietnam (Namkanh)
• Bolikhomxay Province (Nam Phao) - Vietnam (Cau Treo)
• Khammouane Province (Na Phao) - Vietnam (Cha Lo)
• Savannakhet Province (Daene Savanh) - Vietnam (Lao Bao)
• Salavan Province (Lalai) - Vietnam (Lalai)
• Attapeu Province (Phou Keua) - Vietnam (Kontoum)

LAOS-CAMBODIA
• Champasak Province (Veunkham) - Cambodia (Dong kralor/Nong Nok Khian)
THAT LUANG STUPA
(Great Sacred Stupa)

The site of That Luang has been in use since the year 236 of the Buddhist Calendar (307 BC). When the first governor of Vientiane, Phaya Chanthabouri Pasitthisack or Bourichan built a structure that looked like a kiln of about 9 meters high and 10 meters wide.

The original stupa was built on the site in 1566 by King Saysetthathirath, and was restored in 1953. The golden stupa is 45 meters tall and is believed to contain a relic of the Lord Buddha. The gold centerpiece of this stupa echoes the curve of an elongated Lotus bud. Today it is the most important national cultural monument.

Admission: 5,000 kip
Time: 08:00-12:00, 13:00-16:00
Open: Tuesday-Sunday (except Monday)
The memorial monument, Patuxay, was built in 1957 and is perhaps the most prominent landmark in the city. It is situated on Lanexang Avenue. While the arc de Triomphe in Paris inspired the architecture, the design incorporates typical Lao motifs including “Kinnaly”, a mythical bird woman. Energetic visitors can climb to the top of the monument, which reveals an excellent panoramic view of the city.

Open daily from 08:00 am to 17:00 pm.
HOR PHRA KEO MUSEUM

Originally, this ancient temple was built in 1565 by King Xayasetthathilath to house the Emerald Buddha 1565-1779 [lost to the Siamese in 1828] as his personal place of worship. It was reconstructed in 1936. For this reason and unlike other temples in Laos, monks have not taken up residence here.

During the 1970’s, the temple was converted from a place of worship into museum and now houses the finest national collection of Buddhist sculptures and artifacts. From the terrace of HorPhra Keo, one can enjoy a view overlooking the president’s Palace (former Royal Palace) and garden.

Admission: 10,000 kip
Time: 08:00-12:00, 13:00-16:00.
Open: Monday-Sunday
SISAKET TEMPLE

Sisaket is the only ancient temple remaining intact after the destruction of the Siamese in 1828. It’s located in the center of the old city, where it was built in 1818 by King Anouvong. The old monastery stands intact in its original form and certainly is one of the most interesting in the country. Inside the main hall, the courtyard walls house hundreds of little inches and shelves containing a total of 6,840 Buddha images.

Admission: 10,000 kip
Time: 08:00-12:00, 13:00-17:00
Open: Monday-Sunday (closed public holidays)
Buddha Park is a famous sculpture park with more than 200 religious statues including a huge 40-metre high reclining Buddha image. The best spot for photography here is on top of the giant pumpkin structure standing about three stories high. The entrance is crafted to look like a demon’s mouth (about three metres high) with a stone ladder inside leading to a bird’s eye view of the entire Xieng Kuan Park.

It was built in 1958 by Luang Pu Bunleua Sulilat, a monk who studied both Buddhism and Hinduism. This explains why his park is full not only of Buddha images but also of Hindu gods as well as demons and animals from both beliefs. The most outstanding ones include Indra, the king of Hindu gods riding the three-headed elephant (aka Erawan and Airavata), a four-armed deity sitting on a horse and an artistic deity with 12 faces and many hands, each holding interesting objects. They are all equally impressive not only because of their enormous size but because they are full of interesting details and interesting motifs. There is a local eatery and café offering food and drinks to tourists at one end of the park right next to the Mekong River that makes a great spot to chill after all the walking and climbing. Among the popular snacks are papaya salad, fried bananas and cold Lao beer. It also has a souvenir shop and restrooms. There is a small fee for entering the park as well as for photography.
SIMUANG TEMPLE

Simuang Temple is one of Vientiane’s most popular sites of worship, and offers a fascinating insight into how old animist beliefs have blended seamlessly with Theravada Buddhism.

The original city pillar of Vientiane is found in Wat Simuang located in Ban Simuang village along Setthathirath Road. It was built in 1956 and is believed to be guarded by the spirit of a local girl called “Si.” Local legend has it that Nang Si, who was pregnant at the time, leapt to her death as a sacrifice, just as the pillar was being lowered into the hole. A very colorful Phasat Pheung (wax pavilion procession) attracts large crowds to Simuang Temple, taking place just two days prior to the That Luang Festival in November.

On a daily basis, Wat Si Muang attracts crowds of local Buddhists who want to benefit from its ‘good luck’ powers. It is commonly thought that if you pray for something here and simultaneously make a promise, your wish will be granted, providing you return and fulfill your promise.

Open: Monday-Sunday
Time: 7:00am - 8:00pm.
VIENTIANE NIGHT MARKET

Vientiane Night Market is aimed primarily towards tourists, with clean, orderly stalls, and all manner of merchandise that make great souvenirs or mementos. It all begins around sunset when a small army of sellers begin setting up their red-roofed stalls directly on the riverside promenade. You can’t fail to see it. The whole riverside area is alive at this time with joggers and dog-walkers taking advantage of the cooling breezes and stunning backdrop of the sun lazily sinking into the Mekong river.

Products on offer are fairly typical of night markets throughout the region. You will find a predictable array of Buddhist-inspired paintings and knickknacks, cheap sunglasses, and Beer Lao T-shirts. The clothes stalls tend to be geared towards the backpacker market with fishermen pants and one-size-fits-all dresses and skirts. With only $US10 in your pocket you can pick up at least a couple of products here, but, for bargain hunters, it’s worth mentioning that everything on offer here can be found at a slightly cheaper price at other markets. The traders seem to have whittled down all the best-sellers from the Morning Market and set them up in more attractive, and convenient, surroundings.

Mekong Riverside
Open daily from 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
LAO NATIONAL MUSEUM

The building, typical of French colonial architecture, was built in 1925. It was the place where independent was declared in 1945. Since then, the building has been extended and used for various purposes, including the headquarters of Laos government, housing the King when visiting from Luang Prabang, and prime minister’s office until 1975, when the Laos people democratic republic was established. On December 1st, 1980, the building was converted into the Lao exhibition Hall of the revolution and in 1985 it was further upgraded to the Lao museum of the revolution. In early 2000 the building was newly opened as the Lao national museum, which now houses some 8,000 artifacts across the country. The museum’s collection continues to increase, representing paleontology, archaeology, history and ethnology.

This charming French-era building, flanked by cherry blossom and magnolia trees, is due to be knocked down and moved to newer premises. Formerly known as the Lao Revolutionary Museum, much of its collection retains an unshakeable revolutionary zeal. Downstairs has a potted account of Khmer culture in the south, accompanied by tools and Buddha statuary; upstairs has ponderous displays that tell the story of the Pathet Lao, prepared with busts of Lenin and Ho Chi Minh.
Lao is quite well known for its silk woven products. The country’s Silk fabric is appreciated for its exquisite beauty and fine workmanship. The technique used is sophisticated and potentially one of the most complex weaving techniques that exists. It requires as high level of perseverance and artistic talent to create exquisite fabrics, whose colors are natural products dyes.

Weaving, as practiced by Lao people, depicts their way of life, their environment and spiritual beliefs and is thought by many to be an example of successful combination of the local knowledge and silk of the people of South East Asia.

The curious mind may ask how Lao people used to produce silk fabrics, considered as masterpieces in their own right, hundreds of years before, at a time when commercial competition was not common.

You can find answers to these questions and more at the Lao Textile Museum. It’s a place worthwhile visiting. The Lao Textile Museum is the first private museum in Laos. On display are antique pieces of silk made by difference ethnic group of the country. Visitors can also see ancient household utensils.

The Exhibition is display in wooden house of typical Lao style, amidst peaceful and pleasant surrounding and gardens of flowers.

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Piccolo Latte made of Lao Arabica grown at Bolaven Plateau, Southern Laos - in order to maintain maximum freshness and a robust flavour and scent. If you’re tired or feeling sleepy during the working day, try a visit to “Dee Café”.

Relax and refresh yourself with a cup of good coffee or a chat with friends in a modern, airy café. Dee Café creates an environment where customers can sit in comfort while enjoying quality coffee and beverages with simple foods.

Espresso made with Italian machine will result in a particularly aromatic taste. In addition to coffee Dee Café also serves various other drinks, including smoothies and Italian sodas, which keep one cool and refreshed on hot days, along with a small selection of baked goods and sandwiches.

Great coffee and friendly service with a simple and delicious sweets and lunch selection. In the cafe, there is also a small bookshelf that showcases Lao books written by professional writers of Lao PDR. All books are available to buy or to read in the shop.
Lao Signature Dishes
For those who are infected with spicy dishes, it’s always more than a heart so happy. Though eating up is fun, smelling is also a pleasure. Spicy, hot and sour in the acid and peppery mix, even more slightly unique with Lao Mekong River fish, and therefore it has long become the love of most of our customers.

Braised Marble Goby - one of the best-selling dishes at Dongpo Diners House! Whenever out here to eat, it is the focus, clear soup with heavy taste. The surface may look light, but eating is really stimulating. Take a few mouthfuls of the soup, stir up all your taste buds, the body nerves touched, appetite whetted, and sweat, only to feel fun.

Our all day (20 hours) Dongpo Diners House Chinese Restaurant owns 15 tables and 5 private rooms serving classic and innovative Sichuan, Cantonese and Southeast Asian delicacies to satisfy the gourmets’ critical appetite. Chefs and cooks are always willing to combine original condiments and seasonings from their hometown with local food materials, including rare feast of fat things, seafood from neighboring countries, ecological greens and vegetables of all kinds to perfection matches.

YET, ANOTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:
• Chungking Duck Blood with Meat Collections
• Buddha Jumps Over the Wall
• Crystal Shrimp Dumplings

Dongpo Diners House
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7:00am to 3:00am the next day
10,000 - 200,000 LAK
FACILITIES
• Air-condition • Karaoke • Buffet • Outdoor sitting • Live Music Band (available by order)
• Private room • Catering Service • Delivery Service • Car Park / Valet Parking • Free Wi-Fi • Acceptance of customers’ food materials for processing • 20 hour Room Service
• Christmas, pool-front or other festival buffet parties by order
It’s unmatched flavour and texture of the Ribeye steak has made its place to become Mosaic’s signature dish. The restaurant’s chef dedicatedly marinated this cut of meat with their signature ingredients in order to bring out the steak’s unique taste. Precisely cooked using their best techniques, the steak is serve on an iron plate to conserve the taste from the kitchen to your table. This deliciously prepared masterpiece comes with a variety of side dishes in order to compliment the taste of the steak.

Mosaic features a market-style dining experience where dishes are prepared using the freshest local produce right before your eyes at interactive cooking stations, allowing you to immerse your senses in the delightful smells, textures and flavors of our savor menus.

Offering a salad station, pizza oven, noodle station, hot selection, grill station, and raw bar, you’re invited to embark on a delightful gastronomic journey.

Mosaic’s chefs are available throughout the day to satisfy your appetite for local and international favorites, and offer à la carte as well as buffet options to ensure satisfaction.

YET, ANOTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Butcher Burger
- Pumpkin (Pasta)
- New York Cheese Cake
RATTANA’S SMILE DEE

Goi Pa Salmon

For a dish that bends local and international flavors choose the Goi Pa Salmon, a style of Lao salad flavored with mint, green onion, coriander, lime, chilli, fish sauce and roasted crushed sticky rice. The smoky aroma of the crushed sticky rice lifts the sweetness of the fresh salmon making this dish a clear favorite of many guests.

Enjoy Mekong views while dining at the wonderfully situated Rattana’s Smile Dee, named after the owner and chef, Rattana Viravong-Phetsiriseng. The menu features French and Lao style dishes which can be paired with an excellent selection of red, white or rosé wines. Highly recommended for guests to sample are authentic French herb sausages, foie gras, cured meats and a range of cheeses to be accompanied by the wonderfully fruity and full-bodied Malbec red wine.

Smile Dee brings together the best of French and Lao cooking and hospitality, come and share wonderful meals with sunset views over the Mekong River.

Rattana’s Smile Dee

034 Quai Fa Ngum Road, Sihan Nua Village, Mekong Riverside, Vientiane, Laos PDR.
17.966550, 102.594407
+856 20 78 579 093
+856 20 78 606 701
smiledée78@gmail.com
www.smiledée.la
Rattana’s Smile Dee
4:30pm-11:30 pm

FACILITIES
- Air-condition • Karaoke • Buffet
- Outdoor sitting • Banquet Room
- Live Music Band • Private room
- Catering Service • Delivery Service
- Car Park / Valet Parking • Free Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioned Wine Tasting Room
Banana Pizza

It’s the first dessert pizza in Vientiane and different from others pizza since we use banana, cream and sugar instead of Tomato sauce and cheese, we use thin crust pizza dough, cover the top with thin sliced banana, and sprinkle sugar over the whole thing.

After a few minutes in the oven, the sugar on the edge was crispy and Caramelized, the banana was squishy and sweet, and the dough were perfect crispy, it’s was delicious.

Enjoy an energetic atmosphere, great service and nice music when you visit the blue diamond with our large dining room and bar zone, we are perfect venue for lunch or dinner. There is a lot of variety and prices are very affordable. We take pride in combining world class service with unique, looking to grab a bite to eat, or just want to grab a drink with great music? Guests to the blue diamond enjoy mock tail and famous dessert pizza. It’s a memorable experience you won’t soon forget.

Yet, another recommendations:

• Blue Diamond Fried Rice
• Spaghetti Alfredo
• Rib Eye Steak

The Blue Diamond

Phonpapao village, T4 Rd, Sisattanak District, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR.

020 91557999
020 5256 7999

Lanexang Indoor Sport Center
The bluediamond Bistro&Bar

Daily: 11.00am - 02.30pm
05.00am - 10.00pm

Facilities:
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Acqua Wine Bar and Restaurant
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Ai Capone
Rue Francois Ngin
Tel: +856 20 5991 0888

Aria Italian Restaurant
8 Rue Francois Ngin, Ban Mixai
Tel: +856 30 970 0831

Benoni Café
Setthathirath Rd.
Tel: +856 21 213 334

Blu
33 Unit 10,
Mandala Boutique Hotel
Tel: +856 21 214 048

Cafe Nomad
342, Unit No. 1, Ban
Dongpalanthong (10m from the
Thai Consulate)
Tel: +856 30 972 2672

Cafe Sinouk
Corner of Fa Ngum and Rue
Francois Ngin
Tel: +856 21 312 150

Champa Mungkhun Garden
and Restaurant
450 Years Rd., Na Khae Village,
Xaythani District
Tel: +856 30 970 5603

Chokdee Café Belgian Beer Bar
Quai Fa Ngum
Tel: +856 21 263 847

Common Grounds
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Dongpo Diners House
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Fujiwara Restaurant
Rue Setthathinath
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Hard Rock Cafe Vientiane
Khamphengmuang Rd.
Tel: +856 21 254 7249

Jamil Zahid Punjabi Restaurant
Ban Haysok, Khounboulom Rd.
Tel: +856 21 254 333

Joma Bakery Cafe
Setthathirath Rd,
near Nam Phou Fountain
Tel: +856 21 254 333

Khop Chai Deu Restaurant
Rue Setthathilath
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inthira.com

La Signature Restaurant
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Chanthabouly District
Tel: +856 21 213 514
ansarahotel.com

Kualao Restaurant
Rue Samsenthai
Tel: +856 21 215 777

Kung’s Café Lao
Ban Phiawat (alley opposite
the Ministry of Health)
Tel: +856 21 219 101

La Belle Epoque
6 Pang Kham Rd.
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setthapalace.com

L’Adresse - Cuisine by Tinay
Behind Ongteu Temple
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Restaurant
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Lao Kitchen
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Baan Anou
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Kiku
Rue Samsenthai,
Lao Plaza Hotel
Tel: +856 21 218 800
laoplazahotel.com

La Signature Restaurant
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Chanthabouly District
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Kong View Restaurant and Bar
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Hom 1 Ban Nongpanay,
Sikottabong District
Tel: +856 21 520 522 / 243686

Le Banneton Restaurant
Rue Nokoeokoummane
Tel: +856 21 217 321
Le Trio
Setthathirath Rd.
Tel: +856 20 2255 3552

Mosaic Restaurant
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Nua Village, Sikhottabong District
Tel: +856 21 908 888

Naked Espresso
Manthatourath Rd.
Tel: +856 30 538 3392

Once Upon a Time cafe
286 Dongpayna, Saphanthong
Tel: +856 30 580 9988

Patu Xay Café
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Chanthabouly District
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PDR - Pizza da Roby
Sihome Rd.
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Pomodoro Pizzeria (Halal)
Rue Francois Nginn, Ban mixay,
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Rattana’s Smile Dee
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Scandinavian Bakery
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Senglao Café
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Suntara Restaurant
VNW Plaza, Riverside
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Tamnak Lao
23 Singha Road (Near Vietnam
Embassy)
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That Dam Wine House
That Dam Stupa roundabout, Rue
Chanthakoumanne
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The Blue Diamond Bistro & Bar
Phonpapao village, T4 Rd,
Sisattanak District
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+856 20 5256 7999

The State of Pasta
Manthatourath Rd.,
Ban Xieng Ngeun
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Tokyo Pizza
Ban Saphanthong Nua, Unit 03,
House No 064
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Xang Khoo Restaurant
68 Pangkham Road
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The famous 400-year-old tea plantation is located about 18 kilometers from Phongsaly Town in the Phunoy ethnic village of Ban Komaen, which according to some tea experts has some of the oldest tea trees in the world. The large root system of the old trees extends deep into the mineral-rich soil and gives 'Phongsaly Tea' its specific aroma and taste.

The oldest trees stand 6 meters high with a stem up to 30 cm in diameter. The Tea Pavilion’s exhibition provides a peek into the world of tea, from its legendary beginnings to its production and consumption, and explains how the famous 400-year-old tea is picked and processed by the villagers into “tea cigars”. From there, you can take an hour stroll through the ancient plantation: just follow the Tea Trail signs! The trail will lead you to the top of the tea mountain to enjoy the stunning view of Phongsaly and then to the village temple and its unique bigeared Buddha statue.

Ban Komaen makes an ideal 1-day excursion, therelatively flat road passing through more recent tea plantations and offering a superb view of Phongsaly and surrounding mountains.

Town map and mountain bikes to rent (50,000 Kip/day) are available at the Tourism Office.
ETHNIC MUSEUM

The Museum of Phongsaly Ethnic Groups’ newly-designed exhibition has been inaugurated in January 2013. It presents the province and its people, their origin and way of life. It also includes information and exhibits about different aspects of their daily life: clothes, music, agriculture, housing, social organization, their rituals and ceremonies, as well as about Buddhism. Don’t miss it, it is one of the best museums in Laos and you will not find this information anywhere else! You will need at least 1 hour to visit the exhibition.

The museum is located in the centre of Phongsaly town, next to the Agriculture Promotion Bank and Lao Telecom, close to the post office. It opens Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 11:30 and 13:30 to 16:30. Entry fee is charged. For more information please contact Mr. Khoun: 020 56576050

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Keopila Guesthouse
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Khetsana Guesthouse
Muang Khua District
Tel: +856 20 2390 9209

Manchai Guesthouse
Muang Khua District
Tel: +856 20 5675 2159

Manotham Guesthouse
Muang Khua District
Tel: +856 20 5588 0056

Nam Ou Guesthouse
Muang Khua District
Tel: +856 30 932 0798

Nam Sok Mai Guesthouse
Phongsaly District
Tel: +856 88 210 033

Nangtarn Guesthouse
Main Road, next to market
Tel: +856 88 210 18

Phongsaly Hotel
Phongsaly village, Phongsaly District,
Tel: +856 88 210 042

Phoufa Hotel
Phoufa Village, Phongsaly District
Tel: +856 20 2876 6666,
+856 88 210 031

Pinkham Duangnaly
Guesthouse
Phongsaly District
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Saismall Guesthouse
Muang Khua District
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Senenaly Hotel
Muang Khua Village, Muang Khua District
Tel: +856 88 210 811

Singsavanh Guesthouse
Muang Khua District
Tel: +856 88 210 812

Sovilavanh Guesthouse
Muang Khua District
Tel: +856 30 9325484

Thing Guesthouse
Phongsaly District
Tel: +856 20 5800 0048

Viphaphone Hotel
Sansally village, Phongsaly District
Tel: +856 88 210 999

Yhoua Guesthouse
and Restaurant
Main Road
Tel: +856 88 210 186

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Hongkham Restaurant
Muang Khua District
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Laoper Restaurant
Tel: +856 30 578 8283

Sone Coffee Laos Shop
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Nam Ha national protected Area (NPA) in the northern province of Luang Namtha covers some of the most significant and largest wilderness areas in Laos. Altitudes ringing from river valleys and plans to the northern highland peaks support a broad suite of habitats with a biodiversity of national importance. This is an area of outstanding beauty, breathtaking mountain views, and cultural interest of ASEAN Heritage parks.

Most of the Nam Ha NPA is covered by mixed deciduous forest; with a range of mountains running to the border with China along the top of this are mainly dry evergreen forest and some grassland. Three large rivers, Nam Tha, Nam Fa, and Nam Long, drain southward to the Mekong fed by a dense network of tributary streams.

Nam Ha NPA is easily accessible from Luang Namtha town, Muang Sing and Vieng Phoukha. Ecotourism activities in and around the Nam Ha NPA offer visitors a unique opportunity to explore the diverse environments, stay in traditional villages and support local conservation programs.
KAO RAO CAVE

Vieng Phoukha District is surrounded by karst Limestone Mountains that have many interesting and beautiful caves. Formed by centuries of weathering that has gradually carved huge caverns out of the porous limestone, Vieng Phoukha’s caves have some of the most beautiful underground formations in northern Laos. During prehistoric times many of the caves might have been inhabited by people, but today they primarily support nesting swifts and thousands of roosting bats of over a dozen species. Some of the most accessible are the caves near Nam Eng Village (Tham Kao Rao) and the network of caverns at the base of the Phou Prasat limestone formation near Tha Luang Village.
Hang out at Luang Namtha Night Market and enjoy local food and drinks. You cannot leave Luang Namtha without spending at least one evening at Luang Namtha’s night market. If you want to experience an authentic local night out, this is the place to be. The night market of Luang Namtha opens every single day.

Tightly thronged with tribeswomen and locals hawking freshly made broths, noodles and chicken on spits, with everything veiled in a stratosphere of smoke. Great for cheap quick eats. If you’re feeling brave try the rhinoceros beetles, duck chicks in embryos, grilled intestines and bile soup!
MUANG SING MORNING MARKET

Muang Sing Market is still the heart of the town and attracts people from the entire region to buy fresh foods and products for daily use imported from China. Best time to visit the market is between 7 and 8 o’clock in the morning: retailers from all the ethnic groups arrive to sell vegetables, fruits and meat, and Tai Lue women present their famous noodles. It’s also a great place to look for local handicrafts purchased by Tai Dam, Tai Lue and other ethnic groups. Try the local food such as soybean paste, waffles and local sweets (‘Kainom’) often made from sticky rice and coconut.
The Gibbon Experience is an innovative forest and wildlife conservation project channeling income from an ecotourism enterprise into a comprehensive program of locally-run natural resources management. The site, Nam Kan National Park, spans over 136,000 hectares of land bordering the Nam Kan NPA. The project uses a business model which values traditional knowledge, empowers local communities to sustainably manage their own environmental assets and ensures the ongoing survival of flora and fauna populations in Bokeo.

Visitors to the Gibbon Experience stay overnight in treetop houses with spectacular views of the surrounding forest, and traverse the canopy using a network of zip lines, in search of the forest wildlife. There is also an option for extended deep forest trekking.

Ecotourism is environmentally responsible tourism which provides local people with income, reducing poverty and pressure on natural resources. For example, it gives incentives to local hunters to become tour guides instead of hunting. Ecotourism activities earn money for the National Protected Area office so that it can pay for patrols and other important protection activities.
Houayxay is the proud capital of the Bokeo province in Laos, sat firmly on the banks of the Mekong River and the Thailand border. Houayxay has become a popular border crossing, running regular ferries and with the 4th Friendship Bridge to Chiang Khong, Thailand. The town also has a small domestic airport with regular flights to Vientiane and Luang Prabang, and is popular river port for slow boats and cruisers running down the Mekong River to Pakbeng, Luang Prabang and beyond.
Located about one hour upriver of Houai Xay is the remarkable Souvannahkhomkham archeological site. A network of temples, stupas and Buddha statues, it was first established during the 5th century and has been re-built many times. The current ruins date back to the Lane Xang Kingdom from the 14th - 16th century. The area is actually comprised of 40 sites spanning 10,000 hectares. Highlights include a 7 meters-high Buddha statue, one of the biggest in Laos, which was long ago raided for treasures concealed inside.
The protected forestry area along the Nam Kat River. Situated in Oudomxay province in North Eastern Laos, this area is truly one of the most beautiful and desired eco-tourism destinations in Laos and South East Asia. FACET (Forestry Area Conservation Ecological Tourism) provides sustainable tourism services in the Nam Kat Yola Pa protected area. The services include jungle tours and rain-forest treks and we cater for eco-tourists, nature tourists, cultural tourism, adventure tourists, alternative tourists, thrill seekers and those of you that just want to relax in a natural peaceful environment. If you want to experience the complete wonder, the exotic beauty, the ethnic culture, the thrilling adventure, the natural serenity and the biodiversity of the flora and fauna that Laos can provide, then come visit Nam Kat Yola Pa. As well, the core ideology is encourage responsible travel, promote education and awareness of the Nam Kat Yola Pa environment and heritage, help finance future conservation and improve the well-being of local people and environment. There are so many wonderful experiences and adventures waiting for you in Nam Kat Yola Pa.

www.namkatyorlapa.com
Welcome to Pak Beng town, situated on the narrow banks between the Mekong and Beng River, in the south west of Oudomxay province. Pak Beng, which means “mouth of Beng River”, offers a variety of tourism services including numerous hotels, guesthouses and restaurants. It is a popular location for taking a rest after a long boat cruise on the Mekong. During your stay you can visit the colorful market and the temples in town, and discover the unknown hinterland of the district. As an important doorway to Oudomxay province you can continue your journey from Pakbeng by traveling via Xay and La District to Muang Koua, Nong Khiew, Phongsaly, Oudomxay town, Vietnam and China. The tourist office branch in Pak Beng (50m form the boat landing) is delighted to help you with any questions regarding travel possibilities throughout the province.
CHOM ONG CAVE

Hundreds of grottoes dot Laos’ mountains, but few compare to the Chom Ong Cave system located some 45 kilometres from Xay Town. Spelunkers have investigated 13.5 kilometre of the roomy underground maze with overlaying halls, which run along a 4 kilometres long mountain ridge. Several side corridors remain unexplored, though one that was rediscovered ends in an 18 metres drop to the Nam Kaang River, which flows through the lower areas of the cave system. An hour-plus hike leads to the stream inlet in the north, and a full exploration with equipment can take eight hours before exiting at the river’s southern end.
Nam Et–Phou Louey National Protected Area (NPA) is the largest of Laos’ national parks, covering seven districts and three provinces (Houaphan, Luang Prabang and Xieng Khouang provinces). Mostly hilly or mountainous, it is the source of many rivers. It is named after its two main features, the Nern and Et Rivers and Phou Louey Mountain (“Forever Mountain”). The area has primary forest remaining in many areas, a high level of biodiversity, and a number of endangered species including tiger, gaur, Sambar deer, and white-cheeked gibbon.

The Nam Nern Night Safari is a 24-hour boat-based tour into the core of the NEPL NPA. The trip involves night-time wildlife spotlighting: long-tail boats drift down the Nam Nern River looking for wild and endangered animals. Additional nature activities during the tour include bird watching, wildlife tracking, and a short morning hike. Visitors to the Night Safari stay overnight in traditional Lao bungalows built and managed by the community. The Night Safari has gained public recognition and international visibility as well as won the ‘World Responsible Tourism Award’ both in year 2013 and 2014.

Most conveniently accessed by an all-weather road from Phonsavanh on Route 7 and Route 1 to Meuang Hiam. The northern area can be approached from Xam Neua on a rough seasonal road, which traverses Nam Et NBCA in an east-west direction.
Dating some 2,000 years, these menhirs (standing stones) were first examined in 1931, and burial sites in the area contained some ancient trinkets. Marked by standing rock slabs and stone disks, these relics, predating the Plain of Jars, are located along a 12 kilometers mountain ridge in the province’s south.

Cuts south from Rte 6 at Ban Phao (Km 35.3), 57km from Sam Neua. The main site is right beside the track after 6km, around 800m beyond the obvious radio-mast summit. Some 2km back towards the main road.
Vieng Xay is home to the “Hidden City”, a network of caves used by the Pathet Lao (Lao revolutionary movement) as their military headquarters during the Indochina war. The caves sheltered over 20,000 people, including its leaders, for an important, but little known episode in world history. In addition to the caves used by Central Committee members, there were caves housing foreign embassies, hospitals, factories, markets, schools and more. Vieng Xay is now referred to as the “Birthplace of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic”. An 18-stop guided audio tour and a one-day guided walking tour tell the story.
In the north of town, have a look at the Independence Monument built on a hilltop in the town’s northwest in 1978, a testimonial to Laos’ liberation. Four hooked concrete pincers hold aloft a glittery disco ball that is intended to celebrate Sam Neua’s folk-song image as an ‘indestructible jewel’. However, the effect is unintentionally comic, with its backing of half-hearted fountains and a frieze full of communist triumphalist soldiers.
**TAD SALEUY WATERFALL**

A short, easy walk on a flat trail from Road 6 leads to this treelined waterfall that drops some 100 meters, as it cascades over rock slabs to a final leap into a relaxing pool and on to a calm stream. A trail alongside the falls takes the adventurous to the top. Vendors on Saleuy Village’s roadside sell locally made textiles.

**HOUAPPHANH SLEEP GUIDE**

- **Bouhome Guesthouse**
  Sam Neua  
  Tel: +856 64 312 223

- **Chittavan Hotel**
  Ban Phanhxai, Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 2234 7880

- **Keochinda hotel**
  Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 9966 6999

- **Keomixay Guesthouse**
  Phanhxai Village, Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 9994 4492

- **Ly Khoi Guesthouse**
  Misouk Village, Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 9966 6878

- **Misouk Hotel**
  Ban Meesouk, Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 5600 4445

- **Outhaiouthy Guesthouse**
  Ban Nathong, Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 5888 7178

- **Phasouk Guesthouse**
  Ban Phanhxai, Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 5576 5556

- **Phonechetalern Hotel**
  Ban Phanhxai, Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 5576 5566

- **Phoudy Guesthouse**
  Ban Phanhxai, Sam Nuea  
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- **Sa Ne Khaem Guesthouse**
  Riverside, Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 64 312 152

- **Saynamxam Guesthouse**
  Sam Nuea  
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- **Thanouthong Guesthouse**
  Nasakang Village, Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 2999 6007

- **Thanouxai Guesthouse**
  Nasakang village, Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 2384 4222

- **Xayphasouk Hotel & Restaurant**
  Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 64 312 033

- **Xee Wang Guesthouse**
  Ban Phanhxai, Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 9658 2229

**HOUAPPHANH DINE GUIDE**

- **Dannaomeuangxam Restaurant**
  Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 28 802 887

- **Many Coffee**
  Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 52 221 515

- **Sabaidee Odisha**
  Viang Xai  
  Tel: +856 20 55 577 202

- **Tontavanh Restaurant**
  Ban That Hium  
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- **Yuni Coffee Co**
  Ban That Meuang, Sam Nuea  
  Tel: +856 20 54 178 936
XIENGTHONG TEMPLE
(Wat Xieng Thong)

Built during the 16th century by King Saya Setthathirath and completed in 1560, Xieng Thong Temple is one of the most interesting examples of traditional Lao art and Buddhist architecture. The ornate carved and gilded funeral vehicle of the former king is kept in one of the buildings in the temple grounds. It is well worth visiting and paying your respects to this temple while in Luang Prabang. This temple was used to organize the highest Royal Ceremonies and houses the bones of King Sisavangvong. The intricate golden facades, colorful murals, glass mosaics and unique three-tiered roof make this one of the most beautiful temples in Asia.

Located on the main street at the end of the peninsular, when you walk from the Luang Prabang Tourism Information Center just about 10 minutes and at the left hand side.
Open daily 08:00am – 17:00pm
Entrance fee: 20.000kip/person
THAT CHOMSI - PHOUSI MOUNTAIN

Incredible Mountain it’s located in centre of town visitors will need to climb 328 zigzag stairs up to the top of the Mountain from there you will see a perfect 360 panoramic view of the whole city. Mount Phousi is Luang Prabang Holy Mountain, and at its very top sites the 20 m high Wat Chomsi stupa.

Located in the center of Luang Prabang’s old town with the Mekong River on one side, and Nam Khan River on the other
Located in the heart of Luang Prabang, the Royal Palace Museum was first constructed in 1904 in the French colonial era. Visit the museum and see the real “Prabang” Buddha image.

Pha Bang lives is an easy-to-miss little room surrounded by engraved elephant tusks and three silk screens embroidered by the former queen. To find it, walk east along the palace’s exterior south terrace and peep in between the bars at the eastern end. Note that persistent rumours claims that the image on display here is stored in a vault in Vientiane. The ‘real’ one supposedly has gold leaf over the eyes and a hole drilled through one ankle.

Open daily except Tuesday
Time: 08:00am-11:30am, 01:30pm-04:00pm
Entrance Fee: 30,000 Kip (US$4), Children under 10 free of charge.
Luang Prabang night market (night bazar) is something you simply can’t miss when visiting this UNESCO world heritage city. The market is open daily from 5:00pm to about 10:00pm. It is located along Sisavangvong Road from the Royal Palace Museum.

The market is open daily from 5pm to about 10pm.
TAD KUANG SI WATERFALL

In the dry season the water at Kuang Si (pictured here) takes on a bluish hue, owing to the presence of minerals like copper. In the wet season the water is a deep green and you can hear the sound of the falls well before you can see them.

Look for signs indicating pools for swimming; nearby, you’ll find changing rooms. Please take care to observe local customs (and posted rules).

You can also visit the Bear Rescue Center in the Kuang Si Waterfall [No entrance ticket]

Tuk tuks and vans for sharing is about 60.000 kip/person and private is about 250.000 kip/group, regularly make the 30km trip to the falls; more adventurous (and fit) visitors may want to cycle there (there are a couple of steep hills en route). For cycling takes about 2 hours and renting a bicycle is about 20.000 kip/day.

When cooling off at the pool or the falls, it’s also important to remember that bikinis and other very revealing swimwear are also frowned upon and public displays of affection, from hand-holding to more intimate gestures like kissing, are considered crude.

Please also note that visitors are expressly requested not to walk around with shirts off or in just bikini tops. This is considered rude [and the individual in question is assumed to have questionable morals and status].

Open daily 08:00am – 17:30pm
Tickets: 20.000k/person (under age of 12 years old free entrance)
ELEPHANT CAMP

Become a mahout for the day, bathe with an elephant, or ride one of these beautiful beasts through the jungle. There are many elephants camps, with different ethical approaches, to visit in Luang Prabang. But the country is home today to fewer than 1000 Asian elephants, and many traditional mahout families, once dependent upon the timber industry, can no longer afford to feed or care for the animals. Elephant Sanctuaries and Centres provide veterinary care and a way for mahouts to earn money for their families and keep elephants alive and healthy. Many of the centres offer opportunities for you can bathe, watch, feed or ride these majestic animals; along the way, you’ll witness the intimate and incredible relationship between mahouts and elephants.

There are many, many opportunities to experience Asian elephants during a visit to Luang Prabang. To learn more, check out the Tour Operators (mostly located on the main street).
TAD SAE WATERFALL

These falls feature smaller cascades on a wider tributary. The area around the falls is more built-up than Kuang Si, and there are decks criss-crossing the water where you can relax and enjoy the sights and sounds. Nearby, an elephant park offers visitors the chance to meet, feed, and even ride Asian elephants.

Tad Sae requires a ride out of town and then a short trip down the Nam Khan river in a traditional longboat. Tuk-tuks regularly make the 14km trip to the boat launch area and continue to take the boat to the main waterfall about 8 minutes. And also you can go by bicycle takes around 45 minutes. Tad Sae can be dry or mostly dry from February to July, so be sure to check before you go. (Tuk-Tuk cost about 150,000 kip and you can share with others for cheaper cost).

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Open daily 08:00am – 17:00pm
Tickets: 20,000k/person (under age of 8 years old free entrance)
Discover the incredible diverse flora of Laos and learn how local people have been using plants for medicine, food and wellbeing for centuries.

The Pha Tad Ke Botanical Gardens is located on the opposite side of the Mekong River. They have a boat that departs hourly from town and takes 15 minutes to get to the gardens.

There is plenty to explore – from the 280 species of ginger plants in the Ginger Garden, to the medicinal plants in the ethno-botanic section which is divided into areas such as ‘plants for women’s health’ and ‘plants for skin conditions’. There’s a lovely restaurant on site where you can grab some food and enjoy the greenery – as well as a pond full of water lilies. Extra workshops on horticulture are available to book. Free activities include orchid talks in the flower nursery and bamboo handicraft workshops.

Open Daily from 09:00 to 17:30 (Closed on Wednesday)
The entrance ticket they provide at the office which is include a round boat trips.
The office is located in Wat That village, next to Luang Prabang Provincial Office down to Mekong river.
TRADITIONAL ARTS
AND ETHNOLOGY CENTER

Visiting this professionally presented three-room museum is a must to learn about northern Laos’ various hill-tribe cultures, especially if planning a trek. There’s just enough to inform without overloading a beginner. If you want more information, watch the video or ask to leaf through the books of a small library cabinet in the museum’s delightful café. TAEC is within a former French judge’s mansion that was among the city’s most opulent buildings of the 1920s.

Open daily except Monday
Time: 09:00am-06:00pm Admission: 20,000 kip
Tel: +856-71-253364. www.teaclaos.org
The waters of the Mekong have for centuries been the major highways in this region, carrying goods, people and ideas up through the heart of Laos. Even today, boat traffic is a busy part of the Mekong. If you like, charter a boat and have your own trip, stopping and looking at what takes your fancy. You can dine on the river or just laze with your camera at the ready.

Many popular spots are accessible by boat (some, like a Tad Sae Waterfall and Tham Ting Cave are only accessible by boat). Consider, too, simply hiring a boat to cross the Mekong to visit Chomphet district for a great perspective on the city from across the river. Or take a spectacular sunset cruise to relax and take in the natural beauty.
KUANG SI BUTTERFLY PARK

Situated 300m before the entry of Kuang Si Waterfall. Kuang Si Butterfly Park is a project that was initiated in January 2014 from 2 Dutch passionate people from Holland. The mission is to create a research centre studying and publishing about Laos butterflies, host plants and preservation because of environmental issues in Laos.

The center is looking for entomologists and botanists to help and develop the center. The Butterfly Park is open for schools to raise awareness about the beautiful and vulnerable nature in Laos, will provide them with learning materials to educate and understand the importance to preserve their beautiful nature for their health, happiness and financial security in the future.

The Butterfly Park wants to create funding as well for local schools. So those children can come to learn about their local nature.

Although the center is still in its (promising) beginning, it still has a lot to do, according to two Dutch who initiate the project.

A nice little café on the pound can finish the visit, for having a good coffee, delicious baguette in a beautiful surrounding.

Open daily 10:30am – 16:30pm (Close on Teusday)
Best visit around launch time!
Tuk tuks and vans for sharing is about 50,000 to 60,000 kip and private is about 250,000 kip, regularly make the 30km trip to the Kuang Si Butterfly Prak (You can go the same car to the waterfall); more adventurous [and fit] visitors may want to cycle there (there are a couple of steep hills en route). For cycling takes about 2 hours and renting a bicycle is about 20,000 kip/day.
The golf course has a full range of equipment for hire, and you can always find someone willing to play or accompany you on your round. It is open 7 days a week and you have the luxury of playing a delightful course.

The first 9 holes are gentle and good for beginners, the last 9 holes require more finesse. If you want to learn or just to get a quick game in, it is the perfect way to spend some time in a beautiful setting. From March through June, it’s best to go in the early morning, before it gets too hot.

Only 7 kilometres from Luang Prabang town, just take the same way to Kuang Si Waterfall.
The UNESCO World Heritage City of Luang Prabang is the perfect place to see one of the most sacred Lao traditions, the Buddhist Alms Giving Ceremony. Despite being a highly revered ritual for locals, visitors are encouraged to be involved as long as a level of respect is maintained throughout. Alms giving takes place daily as the sun rises, beginning on the main street of Luang Prabang before spreading out to all the side streets. You should buy your offerings (usually food) in advance and arrive with plenty of time to spare as it’s considered very offensive to disrupt the ceremony once it has commenced. Follow the guidance of the locals by kneeling down ready to give your offering to the monks; most common gifts include rice, fresh fruit and traditional sweet snacks. The idea of the alms giving is for the Buddhist monks to make merit and also to collect food for their one meal of a day.
## LUANG PRABANG

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The Plain of Jars is considered the most distinctive and enigmatic of all Laos attractions. The large area around Phonsavan, the main city of Xieng Khouang Province is dotted with stone jars but no one has a clear idea as to why they are there. The mysterious jars were carved from both sandstone and granite in various sizes from very small to about 3.5 metres high and are thought to be more than 2,000 years old. Legend has it that they were made to store rice wine while some believe they were for storing the dead. Until today the function of the jars is still disputed.

Of all the many jar sites, the three most popular ones to visit are known as Site 1, 2 and 3. The main reason is because they are safe from UXO (unexploded ordinance). Still, visitors are advised to walk only on the known routes as Laos is considered the most heavily bombed/mined country in the world. During the Vietnam War this area got hit hard and some of the bombs did not go off. Site 1 is where the biggest jar is located. While Site 2 and 3 offer picturesque views of farmlands and villages as they sit on top of small hills.

Location: Around Phonsavan, the main town of Xieng Khouang Province in Northeast Laos. Site 1 is about 15km southwest of Phonsavan and has about 300 jars. Site 2 is about 25km south of Phonsavan and contains about 90 jars spread over two hills. Site 3 is about 35km southeast of Phonsavan and contains about 150 jars. It’s actually only 10km away from Site 2. It’s easy to hire taxi (4WD and driver) from Phonsavan to the jar sites or visitors can catch a local bus to Site 3 but not site 1 and 2.
Witness the ancient Tai Phuan Kingdom at Khoun Town, just 36 km southeast of Phonsavan on Lao Route 1D. “Muang Phouan” prospered as a trade centre, but in the 14 century, the LanXang Kingdom moved in. Over the centuries, Muang Phuan become the centre for opulent Buddhist art and the architecture. Then the French arrived, adding a colonial touch.

Though bandits and bombs destroyed plenty, you can bike or walk to see leftover structures around Khoun Town. Check out a French colonial wall just off Route 1D, and near town an easy trail leads to Vat Phiawat’s sitting Buddha, built in 1564. Khoun Town’s most sacred temple, Vat Si Phoum, was leveled, though locals rebuilt it ad close by, examine a one-majestic French colonial hospital. Just north town, That Poun stand atop a knoll, and is said to over Buddha’s ashes. Nearby, the base of the 500-plus-year-old That Chompeth holds its ground on a shrubby hill.
Ban Nyai
Hot springs can be visited in the vicinity of Muang Kham off Route 7. The big hot spring Ban Nyai, 67 km from Phonsavan, has been developed as a resort with bungalows and indoor bathing facilities. You can walk through the forest to the spring source, but swimming in the pool is not possible. The Jar Site of Ban Nam Hom is just a 2 km walk away.

Ban Xang
Ban Xang village and hot springs are located around 50km north of Phonsavan and just 3km east of Kham District Town, off paved Route 7. You can soak in pools that mix the hot springs with the cooler water from the Mat River, and go for an herbal steam bath. See Khmu and Tai Phuan handicrafts being produced and eat at the local restaurant. Overnight accommodation is available in the village tourist lodge. You can also embark on a challenging 3 to 4 hour trek along the river valley and up Xang Mountain to Plain of Jars Site 42.
KHA WATERFALL

Nestled in spectacular limestone karts this impressive waterfall run down in cascading step for more than 100 meters, alternating with sleep falls, and with abundant water flowing all year round.

Location: Take Route 7 from Kham to Nong Het. Turn right at KhangPhanieng Village. Follow dirt road for 3 km, then take the trail to the lift. Walk another 30 minutes to reach the top of the fall.
TAD HAM WATERFALL

Dropping 15 meters over massive rocks into a large, clear pool, Tad Ham Waterfall marks a point in the Nam Ham River where a legendary search ended. According to a generations-old story, Boten had a fishpond housing a giant, poisonous serpent. A bamboo fence kept the creature inside, but one-day the 12-nostril snake transformed into a huge crab and snatched the king’s daughter, prompting the king to rename the river, Thanang (Young Woman).

A fortune teller and elders searched for the girl along the Nam Hoy River, and found her red shirt at a deep section they named Vang Sadaeng (deep red water). They continued into the evening, saw rabbits at a set of rapids, and branded them Kaeng Katay (Rabbit Rapids). A bit further upstream, they lit candles, and designated this point Kaeng Thian (Candle Rapids). Then rain fell, triggering another change in the river’s name to Nam Ham. They continued the expedition until reaching the Nam Ham Waterfall, and couldn’t go on.

Location: Visitors can retrace the way to the falls along a 3 kilometers road from the Boten District center. A trail from the road leads to the peak of Phou Phadaeng (Red Mountain), one of the area’s highest, and a great view of the red limestone formations all the way to Thailand.
A natural heaven for Asian elephant in the Lao PDR. Enjoy a unique experience and contribute to the conservation of Asia’s most iconic species. The Elephant Conservation Center hosts Laos’ first hospital dedicated to elephants that are victims of logging accidents or affected by diseases.

Located in Sayabouly (3 hours by road from Luang Prabang) the center is staffed with an international team of elephant vets and offers free veterinary care services, an emergency unit, a breeding center, a mahout vocational center and the most extensive elephant information center in country.

The Elephant Conservation Center is not just another elephant camp. It provides a global approach to the resolution of various problems striking the last elephants of Laos. Through a dedicated team of international conservationists and vets, programmes are implemented on site and beyond. ElefantAsia, an internationally recognised organisation, runs Laos’ elephant conservation programme from the facility. A true private-public partnership, the Elephant Conservation Center cooperates with multiple conservation organisations around the world.
This cave is 3,560 meters length - cover 4 villages; Na Thang, Keo, Pak Houng and Houay Keng Village. Don’t miss activities are trekking, cave explore, home stay, local food, traditional folk song, and river sightseeing.
Ethnic groups migrated via southern China to Xienghone municipal center hundreds of years ago, and established villages united by the Lan Xang Kingdom into Xieng Lom (city of wind). According to local lore, the residents’ ancestors were hunting and stumbled into a 27-meter-tall stupa on a 40 m² square base. A stone inscription, housed in side Wat Xienlom temple, states the Burmese-style stupa was built 1304, and every year on the full moon of the Buddhist calendar’s 5th month, ethnic Yuan and Tai Lue from 10 surrounding villages pay homage at the side, and cerebrate for seven days.
Vang Vieng

Situated 150 kilometers from Vientiane Capital, Vang Vieng is a small city surrounded by rivers and mountains, making it one of the most beautiful places in Laos. Popular with backpackers, the main activities and attractions are caves, tubing and trekking to the Hmong hill tribe villages.

Song River

Tubing is the art of gliding downstream on a river perched on a rubber tube in varying states of intoxication. Vang Vieng is the place to enjoy this fun-filled pastime.

Kayaking on this river is one of the most popular activities in Vang Vieng. Song River goes through breathtaking rural scenery and steep karsts, with opportunities to stop and visit some impressive limestone caves.
THAM POU KHAM
(Golden Crab Cave)

Golden Crab Cave drive 100 meters into the ground after passing through the small entrance hole. However, the cave widens once inside, when where a reclining Buddha statue welcomes visitors to a place once serving as home to bats, gibbons, monkeys, and antelopes. Tham Pou Kham displays several wet rock formations including a pair of “Golden Crabs”. Don’t forget your torch. After discover cavern, go for a cold swim in the Ka River’s water hold. The water is clean, deep, and safe for jumping in from the trees, and a small shop and restaurant run by local serve meals and snacks.

Location: Cross the Nam Xong in southern end of town at the Paradise Island Bridge to Ban Houay Nyae. Follow the dirt road past the village and turn right (north) at the sharp left-hand turn at Nathong Tai Village. The trail to the cave starts about 1 kilometer past the junction in Ban Nathong Neua.
Kaeng Nyui is a 30 meter waterfall situated on the eastern side of Vang Vieng town. Reaching the waterfall involves a walk along the Houay Nyui and Nam Lao streams past a number of cascades and a smaller waterfall called Kenlon falls. Kenlon has a drop of about 5 meters, into a lovely swimming pool about nine meters in diameter.

Villagers from Ban Naduang are the traditional owners of the site, and have constructed the paths following the stream to both waterfalls, small bridges and other facilities, as well as maintaining swimming holes, and a picnic area along the stream and in the surrounding nature reserve. They also manage the car park and own the foodstalls. Pick up some local delicacies here for a picnic alongside the stream.

Village Guides: If you would like a village guide, you can enquire in Naduang Village. A village guide can show and explain the nature, as well as how they traditionally use some of the forest products encountered on the trails.
THAM CHANG CAVE

Considered by many as Vang Vieng’s most important cave, Tham Chang (or Jung) became the home for migrating people, who settled near the town’s southern Meuang Xong Village to rise vegetables. The locals stumbled into the cavern during the civil war, while seeking refuge deep in the forest. Because its high location offered perfect view of Vang Vieng, the entire village moved there to sit out the war, and named their haven, Tham Jung (Hang Around Cave). Years later during the colonial era, the local returned to cultivating the nearby fields and would bathe in the cave’s basin, where the water was so cold they said it could freeze your legs to a firm stiffness. Then they adjusted the cave’s name to Tham Jung, which mean “unable to move”, leaving locals no choice but to “hang around”.

Follow the river road south of Meuang Xong Village, pay the entrance fee at the gate of Vang Vieng Resort and cross the bridge over the Nam Xong to the steps leading up the cliff to Tham Chang.
Nam Ngum Lake is located in Keo-Oudom District Vientiane Province. It is the biggest lake in Laos country. It has beautiful scenery, (looking for lifestyle of people who living in the islands and fisherman). So that it is suitable for relaxing, boat traveling and enjoy with food.
Tha Heua Market is a parking place before arriving Vang Vieng District, there are so many interesting things such as: vegetables, fruits, fresh fish, local products and food (the main products are sold there is fish).
This cave, decorated with stalactites, stalagmites and flowstone consists of narrow entrance, widening to single large passageway of about 250 meters-long, extending to four levels. Moisture percolating from the ceiling maintains an awesome array of shapes and patterns. Villagers have interpreted some of the feature as evidence that this cave is the ancient abode of Khoun Lang; Nang Oua’s suitor in the legend of Nang Oua-Thao Khou Lou; a romantic tragedy famous throughout both Laos and Thailand.

Location: in Kasi District of Vientiane Province, along a new road connecting Kasi with Nan district in Luang Prabang Province. This new road provides an alternative way of getting to the World Heritage Town of Luang Prabang for travelers coming from Vientiane or Vang Vieng, by passing the Phoukhoun mountain pass and significantly shortening the journey. It also is an excellent option for travel to Sayabouly Province from Vientiane.

At the southern end of Kasi town (240 kilometers from Vientiane; 60 kilometers from Vang Vieng) turn vest and travel 17 kilometers to Ban Houay San. At Ban Houay San, call in at the visitors Information Center. A further 2 kilometers will take you to the carpark at Khoun Lang Cave Nature Park.
The Blue Lagoon is a must for any travellers visiting Vang Vieng, if only to escape the searing heat for a couple of hours. The lagoon pretty much does what it says on the tin. It's a Lagoon with very blue water – hence its name.

Right, so basically you visit the lagoon to marvel at its beauty and relax, it's not a complex or complicated place. You can lounge on the grass, swim in the cool water, jump from one of the trees into the lagoon if you're in need of a wake up call from last nights antics. If you're feeling a tad more energetic there is a volleyball court, but then again there are a few beds if you're still half dead as a result of the previous nights jungle party. All bases covered.

Entry to the water is either via one of a couple of wooden ladders, or from a great height courtesy of a large tree overhanging the lagoon. Whilst the ladders would appear safer, it's probably best to just jump out of the tree and just deal with the instant temperature change – like you have a choice once you've jumped. If you take the ladder you're somewhat more likely to wimp out due to the chilliness of the water. Whilst the water is cold though, you get used to it and it's actually very refreshing.

Located around a 25 minute tuk tuk ride or 45 minute bicycle ride from town,
RIVERSIDE BOUTIQUE RESORT
VANG VIENG
Vang Vieng in style!
Ideally located on the bank of the Nam Song River, multi-award winning, Riverside Boutique Resort is a luxury hotel with charm and character. It is laid out around one of the most inviting swimming pools to be found in Laos, and offers stunning views of the surrounding lush landscapes and forest-clad limestone mountains.

Thirty-four rooms with large balconies are located within the tranquil gardens, each with stylish and subtly different designs that reflect the traditions of eight Lao ethnic groups. An herbal spa is also part of the hotel, comprising three traditional pavilions looking over the river.
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The Koy Pa Salad is one of the most traditional Lao dishes. However, the “Restaurant du Crabe d’Or” recipe uses fresh salmon as a base, instead of local raw fish or raw meat. This aside, it follows the traditional way of preparing a Koy Pa and uses all the other traditional ingredients. This mix of fresh Salmon, lemongrass, mint leaves and chopped shallots is not simply exotic but also particularly refreshing. It is one of guests’ favorites at “Restaurant du Crabe d’Or”.

Located inside Riverside Boutique Resort, “Restaurant du Crabe d’Or” is arguably the most romantic restaurant in Vang Vieng. From its outdoor terrace, it offers stunning views of the Nam Song River with a magnificent backdrop of limestone mountains. During the hot season, those looking for air-conditioning may prefer to sit indoor in the elegant dining room.

At “Restaurant du Crabe d’Or,” guests can discover authentic Lao dishes, prepared with fresh local ingredients, or enjoy a more traditional Asian and French cuisine. Fine wines as well as coffee from the Boloven Plateau complement the meals.

YET, ANOTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Lao Degustation Menu, which comprises five dishes from different parts of Laos
- Mok Pa - Traditional Steamed Fish Wrapped in Banana Leaves
- Mok Nor May Moo – Traditional Steamed Pork and Bamboo Shoots in Banana Leaves

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Phou Bia is the highest (2,820 meters) mountain in Laos, situated in Anouvong District, 30 kilometers north of province’s capital. The annual average temperature on the top of Phou Bia is approximately -5°C. This area is rich in biodiversity, providing a home for various species of wildlife. Interestingly, there is a special type of grasses resembles a pile of straw covering throughout the ground, and we will feel smooth when we step on it. Apart from that, thousands of priceless trees such as Mai Long Leng (Fokienia Hodginsii) are also standing along the valley of the mountain. The climate is fresh, humid and cold throughout the year which makes this area more attractive and suitable for relaxation, especially for those who would like to experience cold weather.
Chao Anouvong Cave is located in Phouhuaxang Village, about 4 kilometers north of Anouvong Town. This area is surrounded by a number of mountains and Nam Jang River flows through the caves. There are two caves located close to each other; one is 7 meters high, 4 meters wide and 30 meters long; the other is 3.5 meters high, 5 meters wide and 300 meters long. The second cave has an interesting history as it has been told that King Anouvong stayed there in order to hide himself from Siamese army. In spite of a small force of King Anouvong, he eventually succeeded to escape and set up his strong hold at the river bank of Nam Jang or recently called “Nam Ja”.

Tad Houay Nok Waterfall is near Kongkhao Mountain soaring between Nam Mo and Thong Hak Village. It is about 30 kilometers far from Anouvong town. The waterfall is 200 meters high and the water flows all year round. On holidays, particularly during Pi Mai Lao (Lao New Year), many people choose Tad Huay Nok as their destination for water recreation. Besides, they can also enjoy visiting nearby local farms growing sugarcane, banana and Aquilaria Crassna.
It is situated in Ban Nam Khui Village, about 8 kilometers far from Long San Village. It is 18 meters high cascading 10 meters and 8 meters high respectively. The area is surrounded by wonderful nature, mountains, green forest and fresh cool air.
This important pilgrimage site with its huge “footprint” of Buddha is a significant place for all Buddhists in the country. The people in the area believe that when someone is passing this place, one must stop for a while to pay respect to the spirits for a good journey.

83 km. from Vientiane Capital along South 13 Road.
Cascading over seven steps, Tad Xai is arguably the most beautiful waterfall in the Phou Khao Khouay NPA. It is particularly attractive during the rainy season, and can be easily reached by a nice boat and trekking tour from Ban Hadkhai village, near Tad Leuk in Thaphabath District.
TAD LERK WATERFALL

From Wat Phabath 16 kilometers and 20 kilometers in from the South 13 Road in Thaphabath District. Located in Phou Khao Khouay NPA, this beautiful waterfall is the most accessible attraction in the park and ideal for relaxing, swimming, camping and trekking. Tad Luek had a Visitor Center and a “Nature Trail”.
The major shopping area is located on South 13 road Phonxay Village, next to the Bus Station in Pakxan town. It sells souvenirs, jewelry, silk, cotton, handicrafts, tailor-made clothing, foods, fruits and vegetable.

Open: Everyday 4:00am - 6:00pm
Built at the same time as That Inhang Stupa in Savannakhet and That Phanom in Thailand, these were constructed in the Sikhottabong Empire for keeping the bones of Lord Buddha. At first, it was built by King Nanthesene for King Soummitam then it was restored by King Saysetthathirath in the 16th Century. The festival is performed on the third month of lunar calendar. This 29 meter high golden stupa is one of the most sacred sites in Laos.

It is located along the bank of the Mekong River 6 km. from Thakhaek.
OLD THAKHEK TOWN

The provincial capital of Khammouane Province, Thakhaek, is located on the Banks of the Mekong River. Much of its architecture can be traced to French colonial construction in the early 20th century. The town’s name in Lao means “guest landing” (“khaek” literally meaning guest), a reference to its earlier role as a boat landing for foreign traders. The center of the old town can be found around the fountain square near the river where many old building remain. During the French colonial period, Thakhaek was an important city, both for trade along the Mekong as well as a defensive out post on the front lines, with the Siamese, who weren’t too happy about giving up “their” territory. As a result of the strong French presence, there are a lot of French colonial style buildings around town from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, so if you’re interested in such things, a stroll around the old city area can be a pleasant way to pass some time. The old city was centered on a broad median plaza that stretched away from the river for a couple of blocks. Most of the interesting buildings are within five or six blocks of the plaza in either direction. You can easily make a loop walking down the riverfront, or better, one block away from the river, until you get to the end, then heading over one block further in and walking back.
This amazing 7.5 kilometers-long limestone cave was formed by the Hinboun River which still flows through the cave year-round. You can take a boat ride right through the main cave, which is up to 90 meters wide and 100 meters high. The Kong Lor Cave can be reached via a 40 kilometers overland trip from Ban Khounkham [the Gateway to Kong Lor] or by taking a slightly longer but more adventurous boat trip up the Hinboun River beginning in Naphouak village. Homestays are available in Natan and Kong Lor villages.

From Vientiane along Route 13 (South) to Ban Laow Village, turn left to Route 8 (Lak Sao intersection), at Km 37 Ban Khounkham Village after Theun Hinboun Reservoir turn right along the earth road about 38 kilometers to Ban Kong Lor Village.
The Xe Bangfai River, whose source is in the Annamite range between Laos and Vietnam “loses” itself for 7 km through a giant tunnel beneath limestone karst mountains of Hin Nam No to find itself emerging again in a clear pool near Ban Nong Ping Village.

The cave chamber, measuring an average of 76m width and 56m in height, creates one of the largest active river cave passages in the world. Although there were two 20th century explorations by the French (1905 & 1995), this cave remarkably remained virtually unknown except to locals until a National Geographic survey brought it to world attention through an expedition in 2008. The cave is navigable by boat for 2km until a section of rapids is encountered. The grandeur of the limestone chamber, the spectacular natural decorations, flowstones and cave crystals provide an eerie beauty rarely experienced. A climb through a branch cavity reveals a chamber evocative of a Dragon Hatchery. This chamber leads to an elevated balcony providing a dimly lit view of the massive opening. Outside the cave a resurgence pool glitters in the light encircled by a beach. This 200m radius pond is conserved by villagers as a fish breeding zone, ensuring reliable downstream fishing.

Traditionally, villagers thought this to be the source of the Xe Bangfai river and knew it as Tham Khoun Xe, meaning “the cave at the source of the river”. According to village legend, the cave is inhabited by a spirit. One time a broken khaen (musical instrument) was left at the entrance and was found restored to immaculate condition the next morning. The spirit was also known to lend beautiful clothes to individuals for various ceremonies until one time a beneficiary returned a garment unwashed. The spirit is still believed to be benevolent though, as villagers who have fallen while gathering swallows nests and bats within the chamber have never lost their lives from the event. Not only that, but no bombs entered the cavity during the war.
Nestled amid the limestone karsts of the Phu Hin Bun NPA is the stunningly beautiful Evening Gong Lake. The luminescent green waters spring from a subterranean river that filters through the limestone, making the water crystal clear. It’s only about 30km northeast of Tha Khaek.

You must ask at the village before swimming in the lake. Once you get approval, only swim in the stream that flows from the lake, near the wooden footbridge, and not in the lake itself. Fishing is banned.

Heading north along Rte 13 and turn right (east) at Km 29 onto a dirt road. After 2km, turn right (south) again, and bump up over hills and through villages for 16km until you reach Ban Na Kheu. It’s another 1km to the lake.
Located near Na Khang Xang Village in Thakhaek District

Examine Khammouane province’s famous Buddha Cave on this one-day guided trek that follows a forested trail through a cave and along a lake to another cave for swimming before reaching “Tham Pa Fa”. The trek is led by trained local ecoguides who explain the local flora and relate the legends of the caves.

Located near Na Khang Xang Village in Thakhaek District
The legend of this cave is linked to Tham Xienglieb Cave. The story goes, that Xieng, the young former novice who went looking for the beautiful daughter of the hermit at Tham Xienglieb Cave, met with her at the entrance of this cave. Here the two lovers sat (meaning nang in Lao) and flirted (aen kan). Hence the name Tham Nang Aen (Cave of Sitting and Flirting). This cave is a favorite weekend destination for Lao and Thai people and is a great place to cool off from the heat because of the constant cool breeze blowing out of cave’s natural air conditioning. The cave is up to 30 meters-high in some places and over 1,5 kilometers-long. It contains a small underground lake and impressive limestone formations. The cave is well lit and cement walkways and steps have been constructed for visitor safety. The large cave entrance is accessed through a wooden ceremonial structure built in 1987 for the visit of the Princess of Thailand. On the grounds just outside the cave is a simple zoo with several animals and a very large Mai Kaphoung tree (Tetrameles nudiflora).

The cave is located 18 kilometers northeast of Thakhaek on Route 12. Turn right at the sign and go 700 meters along the access road, crossing a small river along the way. If the river is flooded you can cross using the small foot-bridge.
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Most our customers cannot miss out these top 3 dishes once they are here, because most of 3 signatures are authentic Lao cuisine dishes which have been cooking with Lao recipe with combination of fresh local ingredients and spice & herb in order to create the extraordinary tastes produced by our local chef who is very passionate of Lao food cooking with almost 10 years experiences.

The unique of Sunset are the special scenery along the Mekong river, and the unique of Lao authentic cuisines unite all type of dishes three parts of Laos; north, middle and southern part, in order to present to our guest with experiences different from others restaurant here.

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**Spicy Mekong River Fish Salad**

**YET, ANOTHER RECOMMENDATIONS :**

- Grill pork neck, serve with tamarind spicy sauce
- Deep fried Mekong fish with green herbs mixed spicy sauce
- Spicy Mekong fish soup with spring herbs

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That Ing Hang Stupa is about nine metres high with beautiful carving and decoration. It’s reported to house a relic of Buddha’s spine. The 16th century stupa is located in Savannakhet, Central Laos. Savannakhet itself is famous as the birthplace of Laos’ popular former leader, Kaysone Phomvihane. It was also known as a French trading outpost back in colonial times therefore there are a number of vintage French colonial and Sino-Franco buildings in the business districts.

The sacred stupa is an important place of worship not only for Laotian Buddhists but also Thai Buddhists who live in northern Thailand. ‘Dress with respect’ is a must for all visitors. Women may be required to wear traditional pahsin (Lao-style sarong) before entering the temple grounds. There are plenty of them available at the nearby stands and stores.

To get there from Kaysone Phomvihane, it’s best to take a tuk tuk taxi for the roundtrip or to rent a motorbike. If coming from Thailand, visitors can easily cross the 1.6km-long Friendship Bridge from Mukdahan Province to Laos’ Savannakhet.
THAT PHONH STUPA

This stupa is said to date back to the 16th century and has sacred links with That Phanom Stupa in Thailand. An annual festival is held during the full moon days in February.

Located along Route No.13
From Savannakhet city take Route 9B south to Ban Lak 35 and continue on for another 3km before turning right. Continue onwards for 18 km before turning left. The Stupa is 3km down this road. Open daily from 08:00AM-06:00PM.
This is an impressive old structure originally built in the 17th century. It is the most important repository of palm leaf books written in Burmese Pali, Khmer and ancient Lao alphabets in Laos. There are currently 4,000 books containing 361 different stories. The books are maintained in good condition by monks and novices, as well as the local people.

The library is open daily from 08:00AM-05:00PM. Located in Ban Nonglam Chanh, from Savannakhet city you need to take Route 11 to the east for about 55km. Once you reach the town of Ban Kengkok, continue east for another 7km to Ban Taleo before turning left and heading north for another 16km.
Heuan Hin literally means “Stone House” and is believed to have been one of the 121 rest houses constructed by King Jayavarman VII (1181-1218) along the roads which once connected every corner of the Khmer Empire. Therefore, it shares similar characteristics with Wat Phou in Champasak and Phimai Temple in Thailand. An annual festival is held in the full moon night in April.

Open daily from 08:00AM-04:00PM.
Located Along Route No.13
From Savannakhet city take Route 9B south to Ban Lak 35 and continue a further 3km before turning right. After 10km you will reach Xayphouthong town, turn left There and about 16km along the Mekong River you will come to the house.
Legacies of the French colonial period can be found all over Laos, including great tasting baguettes and cheese, good wine, Catholicism and the mark of all colonial powers—architecture. The city of Savannakhet in Southern Laos is full of fine, if crumbling, examples of French colonial architecture. Most of these buildings have deteriorated over the years due to neglect, war and poverty but they still retain a sense of romance and history. The most popular and well known examples of French architecture in Savannakhet include St. Theresa’s Catholic Church and the numerous colonial shop houses. Located in Kaysone Phomvihanh Town

Located Along Route No.13
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Lao Silk-Cotton Weaving Centre

Lao Silk-Cotton Weaving Centre is located in Ban Nongkadeang, Vilabouly District. This centre has a lot of products such as bags, shirt, Lao skirt and Lao silk. The center has a training centre where they learn how to mix indigo, weaving, spinning, and tailor. They export their products to Japan. This centre is supported by Sepon Copper Mine Company.

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The Wat Phou Temple Complex is one of Southeast Asia’s best examples of both early and classic Khmer architecture dating from the 7th to 12th centuries in year 2001. This UNESCO World Heritage Site includes the ancient city of Shestrapura and many little known but interesting archaeological sites along the banks of the Mekong River. There are also many fine examples of traditional Lao homes and buildings from the colonial period. If you are in Champasak during February, don’t miss the Wat Phou Festival.

The temple is located on the West bank of the Mekong River, some 45 km., south of Pakse.
Khone Phapheng Waterfall

Just 13 kilometres from the Cambodian border and east of Don Khon on the Mekong River is the pearl of the Mekong, Khone Phapheng Waterfall. Here the Mekong Cascades across a wide fault line, which slopes in a curvilinear pattern and causes the river to pass through with awesome power. Khone Phapheng is the largest waterfall by water volume in due to its great power and steep descent, the waterfall renders this area of the Mekong unnavigable, before flowing peacefully south into Cambodia and Vietnam.

Located: Around 6 km. south of Don Dhet
From Pakse take Route 13 South 150 kilometers, turning right off the highway at the sign pointing to Khone Phapheng. Not far down this road you will see another sign pointing to Khone Phapheng, where you must turn left. Follow the road to the end of the waterfall.
Som Pha Mit (Li Phi) Waterfall is another amazing natural site to visit. Here you can relax, enjoy the scenery, watch people fishing, and enjoy a dish of freshly caught Mekong fish. This waterfall is named after a sacred Buddha image (Pha), which was dropped in the water—never to be found again by the first King of Laos, Jao Fa Ngum, who was travelling the region by boat. Many people have erroneously called it Li Phi, which actually refers to the entire 20 kilometers east-west stretch of waterfalls and rapids of Si Phan Don (including both Khone Phapheng and Som Pha Mit).

The name Li Phi was given to the area because it acts like a giant fish trap (Li) and will kill any of those who dare to navigate it (Phi means ghost or dead person). Hence, to avoid becoming like a fish in a giant fish trap, please be cautious around the falls and watch your step.

Accessible from tiny Don Lai Island, just 1 kilometer from Don Khon, west of Ban Khon Tai Village.
4,000 ISLANDS

Known also as ‘Si Phan Don’, the Four Thousand group of small islands are dotted across the Mekong. The southern islands of Don Dhet and Don Khong are the two most visited as the remaining majority stay wild and uninhabited, largely due to their minute size. Both islands are situated close to the Cambodian border and as such provided a vital connection between Saigon and Laos during the French Colonial times when a railway was built to connect the two sides.

Don Dhet is the most laid back of the two, although it has some bars and restaurants, Don Khong is the biggest and easier to reach and often a little busier with accommodation getting overcrowded at times. The waters surrounding the islands are home to the rare and illusive Irrawaddy dolphin and provide plenty of fish to the local villagers.

Self-sufficient villages survive on local produce including rice, coconuts, sugar cane and vegetables, with clothing and textiles made by their own weaving techniques as and when required. The islands are a great place to discover a new very rural side to Laos, rich in tradition and culture with old buildings, walking trails and a choice of places to sleep and eat.
TAD PHA SAUM WATERFALL

Tad Pha Suam is a wide 6m high waterfall that stretches around a U shaped cliff. Its name ‘suam’ means ‘room’ in Lao. The falls flow year round from the Houai Champi River as it descends across the Bolaven Plateau from the north in Salavanh province. Spend a lazy afternoon swimming in the large natural rock pool beneath the falls, or enjoy a picnic or lunch at the nearby Uttayan Bachieng Resort restaurant.

You can also visit the ethnic Lavae model village nearby where you can discover housing styles from different ethnic groups and see handicrafts in the making.

Tad Pha Suam is also the first waterfall in the Bolaven Plateau loop, a 374km round trip that takes four days by motorbike or vehicle. The Pha Suam waterfall and the ethnic Lavae model village are very popular with Thai tour groups.

Only 33km from Pakse. Turn left on Km38 on the main road from Pakse. It is a further 2km from there.
If you are visiting Southern Laos, you will want to put Tad Fane at the top of your waterfall list, together with the Li Phi and Khone Phapeng waterfalls further south on the 4000 islands. Tad Fane, in the Dong Hua Sao National Park on the Bolaven Plateau, is breathtaking feat of nature. One of the most magnificent falls in South East Asia; it combines two rivers to form stunning twin 120m high waterfalls.

Treat yourself to more than the glorious views with a leisurely lunch at the Tad Fane Resort. Immerse yourself in the beautiful scenery with an overnight stay in a bungalow set amongst the towering trees of the forest.

Indulge your adventurous spirit with half and full day treks up to the top of Tad Fane falls and to nearby ethnic villages. Like coffee? You will want to make the time to try the local brew, the best coffee in Laos. Meet the famous ‘Mr Koffie’ and take an intimate and enthusiastic tour on the plantation followed by tastings.

Location: 38km along the Route E16 to Paksong (straight on at the intersection at kilometre 21 of Route 13E when coming from Pakse).
TAD YEUNG WATERFALL

Make the time to visit Tad Yuang waterfall on the Bolaven Plateau as it has become more accessible and tourist friendly in recent years. This is thanks to the work of volunteers who developed the area creating safer viewing platforms and other amenities.

Visitors can enjoy the many vistas of this impressive waterfall by following a path to lookouts at the top, middle and bottom of the gorge. There’s even a picnic area above the falls to pause and take in the views.

Whilst it’s not the highest waterfall on the Plateau, it’s just as picturesque. Do watch your step maneuvering the slippery staircases. Cooling off in the pools is possible but take care around the rushing waters.

Take Route E16 to Pakson (straight on at the intersection at kilometre 21 of Route 13E when coming from Pakse).
TAD CHAMPI WATERFALL

Less frequented than the other main waterfall attractions on the Plateau, Tad Champi waterfall offers a quiet and peaceful retreat into nature, suitable for picnicking or quiet meditation. A path to the left of the parking lot can be followed down to the edge of the stream (watch your step on the handcrafted stairway), where you can relax on either long wooden benches or on its natural round boulders.

The access way to Tad Champi starts from Km 38 on the left hand side of Route 23, directly across the street from the Tad Fane Waterfall access road. The waterfall is a few turns and a few kilometres down the way. Follow the signs that point the way.
The Tree Top Explorer in the south of Laos simply blows one’s head off! Deep inside a national park and away from bustling city life, this parcours offers excellent trekking that culminates in flying through the jungle on zip-lines, the most extensive and longest in the region. Canopy walkways and a ‘via ferrata’ add to the challenges to be mastered. If that’s not enough, the night is spent in romantic tree houses which let you easily forget the bravery of the day by the tranquilizing sound of waterfalls surrounding the visitor.

The rugged mountain range to the west of the Dong Hua Sao Protected Area is not far from Pakse, is characterized by very steep slopes where pristine forest remains. Here, almost secluded from the outside world, the core of activities and ‘après trek’ leisure takes place in the midst of a small, heavily forested basin valley. It’s a gem of another civilization without phone and internet, car nor urban noise pollution. Waterfalls, truly magnificent waterfalls, seem to be around everywhere. The zip-line experience in the face of these giant water walls gives the whole endeavor its special edge, while the tree houses offer vistas of serene jungle in a relaxed atmosphere.

Ban Nongluang is located only 12 km east of Pakson, the coffee capital. The place can easily be reached from Pakse in less than an hour. The road is almost excellent, only the last few kilometers from the main road to the village may be a bit bumpy before getting to the starting point at Ban Nongluang. www.greendiscoverylaos.com
Situated in Champasak in the Champasak Region, 28 km from Pakse, The View @Champasak boasts a barbecue and children’s playground. The resort has a sun terrace and views of the mountain, and guests can enjoy a meal at the restaurant. Free WiFi is offered and free private parking is available on site.

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There is a 24-hour front desk, hairdresser, and gift shop at the property.

Bike hire is available at this resort and the area is popular for cycling. The resort also offers car hire. The nearest airport is Pakse International Airport, 31 km from The View @Champasak.

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This beautiful waterfall is the primary tourist destination in Salavanh Province and is the jump off point for further adventures into this remote province. The waterfall offers a relaxing environment and a range of guest houses and resorts styled in traditional architecture.

Located 32 kilometers from Salavanh District, travel on the road No.20 to Salavanh-Pakse District, Champasack Province, using the time about 1 hour and 30 minute.
KAENGKOU WATERFALL

Kengku is located in Suliya Village, Vapi District, Road No.15B, about 40 km from Salavan town. This waterfall is generated by two Rivers: Xedone and Xe Set, which come to flow together at an interesting point. It is about 3 km long and 1 km wide. The area is very suitable for sightseeing and picnic.

Located: Ban Tongkham, Laongam District, It is far from district about 16 kilometers on the Street No.20 and turn left and the route is confortable in the dry season.
ONG KEO STONE STUPA PARK

This one-of-a-kind stupa commemorates Ong Keo, one of Laos’ first revolutionaries to fight against the French colonialists. He played a major role in encouraging Salavan residents to fight for independence at a time when they were frightened and forced into labor.

Though the date remains elusive, Salavan’s elders place the local hero’s death in the late 1960s or early 1970s. To honor Ong Keo, villagers around Salavan Town decided to build a stupa during the war, and they did so in a most unusual way.

They constructed a short, square stone wall, but lacking cement, they simply began placing rocks inside. The pile turned into a pyramid, and locals returned over the years to place rocks on the ad-hoc stupa to make merit while paying respects to Ong Keo.

Location: The stupa is located in Salavan Town’s northeast next to the hospital.
THE KATOU WEAVERS OF BAN HOUAY HOUN

When touring the lush forests of the Bolaven Plateau, take the time to stop in at Houay Houn Ethnic Village. Here, you will find the unique hand woven textiles of the Katou people. The Katou are a small but distinct ethnic group in Southern Laos, renowned for their contrasting red and black textiles and white beading.

Houay Houn village is nestled into a coffee plantation and the villagers tend to the plantation, as well as produce their signature weavings. They also grow and produce their own cotton and use natural dyes made in the village; indigo, rosewood bark, sappan and blood yam to create different colours.

If you are travelling from Pakse towards Salavan, stop in at Houay Houn for a memorable cultural experience with the warm and friendly Katou clan. Then, relax in the serene beauty of the Tad Lo waterfalls with a swim at the rock pools and a meal at one of the many riverside restaurants. Don’t forget to sample a cup of freshly ground Lao coffee.

Location: About 10 kilometers southwest of Laongarm Town on Route 20 and exactly half way between Salavanh Town and Pakse
SIMONGKHOUN TEMPLE

Built over 200-years ago, bombers destroyed the original Simongkhoun Temple on the Xe Don River in 1972. Remnants of this temple and its stupa can still be seen in the town’s northeast, though vines and shrubs try to hide it. Novice monks sometimes rest in the temple’s sala on the river bank near the warehouse storing longboats used during the annual boat racing festival. However, a new temple has risen across the street, and an even larger one is under construction next to it.

Location: The temple is situated in the northeastern part of Salavanh Town.
BOLAVEN PLATEAU

Sekong is best noted for the impressive Bolaven Plateau. The wild, scenic, and charming plateau seems to be the existing retreat to stay closest to nature. You will love to walk on the widespread green highland, explore the original forest, and admire the bewitching waterfalls in many corners of the site. Nature is kept as most beautiful and intact as possible in the green area and stays in harmony with the ethnic villages. So, visiting Bolaven Plateau is not only for sightseeing the romantic nature, but also for experiencing the diverse ethnic culture, costumes, and language. In particular, Katu and Talieng are the two most dominant ethnic groups who practice the unique religious belief of animism and ancestor worship.
Rushing forth off the Bolaven Plateau and cascading 100 meters down into deep pools, Katamtok is one of least known but most spectacular waterfalls in Laos. It is the Huay Katam River that emanates from the thick jungle behind, only to leave its sleepy enclave for this roaring juncture on this journey.
At Km 14.5 on Route 11 to Attapeu you will see a turn off on the left to Tat Faek, a 5 meter-high waterfall with two pools in which you can swim. Swimmers should use the one above the falls, as a diabolical-sounding puffer fish known as the pa pao is believed to lurk in the pool below. Locals report with a sort of gleeful dread how the evil pa pao can home in on and sink its razor-sharp teeth into the human penis with uncanny precision. Admittedly, the women are more gleeful about this than the men. The falls are 2.4 kilometers from the Route 11 turn off. The pools fill up with locals on weekend and holidays.

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It used to be a 3-day walk from Sanxay District in the northeast of Attapeu, to Nong Fa Lake. Situated amid serene natural beauty and fenced by peaks of mountains, this virgin lake has all year round sky blue water. Nowadays, the lake can be reached by dirt road. It was formed by volcanic eruption over 1000 years ago. It was located on the top of a mountain 1200-1500 above sea level, and in the boundary of Dong Ampham National Protected Area. It is thought to be the biggest in Asia. Currently its depth and width have not yet been measured. Villagers believe the lake is sacred. Its banks and surroundings are green year-round, the stream coming off it provides irrigation. The area contains minerals, such as sapphire and gold providing excellent livelihood opportunities for the locals.
After about 17.5 kilometers along Route 11, a long bridge crosses the Se Nam Noi and you enter Attapeu Province. Just over of the bridge, at Km 18, a track leads east to Tad Hua Khon. The name translates as “waterfall of the heads”, owing to a WWII episode in which Japanese soldiers decapitated a number of Lao soldiers and tossed their heads into the falls. The falls are about 100 meters wide and 7 meters deep. This is a busy place on holidays and weekends.
This waterfall, located along the Xe Pian River inside the Xe Pian National Protected Area, can be reached on foot or by boat (rainy season) with a local guide from Ban Mai. A homestay program is maintained in Mai village as a community-based ecotourism initiative.
This old pagoda at Saysettha District was constructed in 1577 and represents a crucial moment in Lane Xang history when King Saysetthathirath died nearby. The great age of the stupa is evidenced by the original handmade bricks containing the rice grains.
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