



## **Asia Exotic Tours**

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Detail itinerary for Mr. David Moss x 2

9 Days / 8 Nights Laos tour

11-19 October 2019

**11 Oct, 2019: Arrival Vientiane ( No meals)**

Arrive in Vientiane at Wattay Airport, meet and transfer to hotel

The remainder of the day at leisure

Dinner on **own**

Overnight in Vientiane (on own arrangement)

**12 Oct, 2019: Vientiane - Full day City Tour**

Commence sightseeing, visit Vientiane's oldest surviving temple, **Wat Sisaket**. Less well known by its full name Vat Sisaketsata Sahatsaham, the temple was constructed in 1818 and stands opposite the Presidential Palace. Altogether, the temple features over 6,800 Buddha images of varying sizes and materials which are all ritually cleansed at the time of the Lao New Year. Next, head to the former royal temple of the Lao monarchy, **Ho Prakeo** (now converted into a museum). The temple was built in 1565 by King Setthathirat to house a precious emerald Buddha and also serve as his personal place of worship. Although the original emerald Buddha was subsequently relocated to Bangkok's Wat Phra Keo (Emerald Buddha Temple), Ho Prakeo contains some of Laos' most impressive examples of Buddhist sculpture. Continue on to visit the **That Luang Stupa**, the most important national monument in Laos and a symbol of both the Buddhist religion and Lao sovereignty. Its full name, Pra Jedi Lokajulamani means "world precious sacred stupa" and an image of the main stupa appears on Laos' national seal. The Great Stupa is designed to be ascended by the faithful and there are walkways around each level, with stairways between. Each level of the monument has different architectural features in which Buddhist doctrine is encoded. The various scriptures are meant to be contemplated as visitors walk around. And to the center of Vientiane prefecture for a visit to **Patuxai**, the Victory Monument. Resembling the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, Patuxai incorporates the typical Lao motifs including Kinnari, the mythical bird-women. Complete your day with a driving 30 Km south of Vientiane to visit **Xieng Khouane Buddha Park**, a blend of Buddhist and Hindu sculptures made by a mystical monk and displayed on the bank of the Mekong River, on the way we can also see the Mittaphab (Friendship) bridge over the Mekong river to Thailand.

Lunch and dinner on **own**

Overnight in Vientiane (on own arrangement)

**13 Oct, 2019: Vientiane cooking class (L)**

Morning cooking class at Lao Kitchen included lunch

Lunch is included in the cooking class

Dinner on **own**

Overnight in Vientiane (on own arrangement)

**14 Oct, 2019: Vientiane - Vangvieng**

Drive to Vangvieng, visiting the ancient Vangsang archeology site. Arrive Vang Vieng at lunch time . Afternoon visit caves at **Tamchang**. Free time to explore Vangvieng and relax or photograph the superb views (don't miss the wonderful sunset)



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Lunch and dinner **on own**

Overnight in Vang Vieng on own arrangement

### **15 Oct, 2019: Vang Vieng - Phonsavan**

Drive through mountains to Phonsavan via Muangkhoune, the old capital of Xiengkhouang province. Visit to: **Vat Phia Vat**, destroyed in Indochina War, **Thad Foune**, the pillar of the district, **Tai Dam village** popular by its weaving products.

See hundreds of jars.(Plain of Jars site 1)

Lunch and dinner **on own**

Overnight in Phonsavan (XKH) on own arrangement

### **16 Oct, 2019: Phonsavan - Luang Prabang**

Before waving good bye to **Xiengkhouang**, it is also interesting to visit both food and central markets in town and Plain of Jars site 2. Later, we drive for 5 to 6 hours through mountains to Luang Prabang with stops to visit **local minority villages** along the way.

Arrive Luang Prabang in late afternoon

Lunch and dinner **on own**

Overnight in Luang Prabang on own arrangement

### **17 Oct, 2019: Luang Prabang - Pak Ou Caves**

Begin your day with a care free river boat trip up the Mekong River to the caves at Pak Ou. During the two hour journey the boat will pass by some small villages on the banks of the river, interestingly when the water level is low the women of these local villages line the banks panning for gold. The two caves at Pak Ou are **Thamting** and **Thamphoumand** and within these caves there are thousands of Buddha images of all styles and sizes. Lao people deposit their older Buddha images here when they become too fragile to leave out for everyday display making for an eerie yes fascinating site. After exploring the cave network re-board the boat and return down river with a final stop at the local whiskey village of **Baan Xang Hai**. Famous for its locally distilled rice whiskey "Lao Lao," the villagers of Ban Xang Hai call it firewater and occasionally add scorpions or snakes to a bottle for effect. Here if you are feeling brave, you are able to sample some of the local firewater before returning to Luang Prabang. Afternoon visit **Wat Visounnarath** and **That Makmo**, **Wat Aham**, **Wat Sene**, **Wat Xieng Thong** and walk the 328 steps up **Phousi Hill** for a superb view of the town. Shop at the famous evening street market set at the foot of Phousi Hill.

Lunch and dinner **on own**

Overnight in Luang Prabang on own arrangement

### **18 Oct, 2019: Luang Prabang - Kuangsi Waterfall**

Full day visit the former **Royal Palace**, **Wat Mai** and **Posy market**. Drive 30km south of Luang Prabang to visit **Tad Kuang Si Waterfalls** with its clear water. On the way back visit local villages of **Lao Loum**, **Lao Kang** and **Lao Soung**. If time permits, visit **Ban Phanom** Tai Lu hand weaving village.

Lunch and dinner **on own**

Overnight in Luang Prabang on own arrangement

### **19 Oct, 2019: Departure Luangprabang**

Free time to explore the city on own experience

Late afternoon, transfer to Luang Prabang Airport

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Land cost in USD per person:      02 pax  
USD 985/person

Inclusive of above prices:	Exclusive of above prices:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transportation in private with air-conditions.</li><li>• Local English speaking guide.</li><li>• Admission fee to indicated sights.</li><li>• Meals: 1 lunch as mentioned in program</li><li>• Gov't tax and service charge.</li><li>• Luggage handling and water + cold towel during the tour only.</li><li>• Private boat trip as mentioned in program</li><li>• Flash light to the cave</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All accommodation</li><li>• Visa stamping fee on arrival</li><li>• All air tickets (quoted separately)</li><li>• Travel Insurance in all kinds</li><li>• Other foreign language guide (quoted separately)</li><li>• Tip, drinks and other personal expenses</li><li>• Other not mentioned in program</li><li>• Optional tours</li><li>• Deluxe meal/Meal at the hotel</li><li>• Any kind soft drink</li></ul>