

# Historic Luang Prabang Bike Tour

## a 5 day Laos Bicycle Tour

Luang Prabang is perhaps the best-preserved colonial city in Southeast Asia. The tranquility and charm of this town with its splendid natural scenery and cultural sights make it one of the most delightful places to visit in Laos.

Our Luang Prabang cycling getaway is a great stop over package for folks traveling through Southeast Asia. This unique bike tour explores some of Laos best kept secrets, rolling down colonial avenues and through thick forests. Observe daily life in the rice paddies of the countryside and visit small remote villages off the beaten tourist path. Guests have the chance to give back a bit while traveling, by purchasing and distributing English textbooks to rural schools that can't otherwise afford to provide them for their students.

### Day by Day Itinerary

**Day 1** - Your guides will meet you upon arrival at Luang Prabang's airport. It's a short drive to town, where you will have the balance of the day free to explore and relax. Tonight, you will head out for a welcome dinner with your guide at Roots & Leaves, an outdoor restaurant offering traditional dance demonstrations and delicious Laotian cuisine.

**Day 2** - Explore the back roads of Luang Prabang, a UNESCO World Heritage site. You will see parts of Luang Prabang only few tourists visit. Our half day bike trip will take you to the secrets of the town's wetlands, centuries old temples, a household industry, a Vietnamese- Chinese cemetery, and an orphanage school. At the orphanage school, you will visit the small gallery and the vegetable gardens, which are managed by the children. Before going back to the town, you will visit a weaving center, where you get a short explanation of the silk weaving process. Look at silkworm, natural dyes and meet the weavers. 30 kms

**Day 3** - From your hotel, we head to the boat landing to put our bicycles on the boat for a 1.5 hour scenic boat ride on the Mekong River. Before starting to cycling, we explore the local village on the bank of the Mekong River, experiencing the quiet everyday life in rural Laos, don't be surprised how many "high 5" the kids bestow upon you in the village and along the roads. After a short dirt road track, we cycle on a scenic paved road to the beautiful Kuang Si Waterfall where we enjoy a swim in the crystal clear pools created by calcite walls and a local lunch. On the way back to Luang Prabang, we will stop to visit some ethnic hill tribe villages such as Khmu and Hmong. 45 kms

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**Day 4** - Departing town, we first a temple with great views overlooking Luang Prabang, then continue onwards to visit a traditional brick kiln factory and the tomb of the French explorer Henri Mouhot, who stumbled across Angkor Wat in 1860, but succumbed to a malaria attack in Luang Prabang on 10th November in following year. Upon reaching Ban Xieng Lom, you will visit Elephant Village, where "retired" forestry elephants provide safari rides through the local forests and along the river. The camp also has a hospice program for disabled elephants and their own resident veterinarian. Tonight we bed down away from the city in a beautiful resort on the banks of the Nam Khan River. 25 kms

**Day 5** - After breakfast we head back to Luang Prabang and fond farewells at the airport.

### Private Dates

This tour is only available as a Private Date, the route and details have been perfected, all we need is for you to pick a date for you and your gang. A tip from our local experts, this tour is best enjoyed from November through March with warm temperatures and little rain.

Contact us for current pricing for this tour.

### Lodging:

Boutique Hotels, Inns & Resorts

### What's Included:

- 4 nights Accommodation in the area's better hotels (double occupancy)
- All meals from Dinner on Day 1 until Breakfast on Day 5
- Water, sodas or beer included at dinner
- Rental bike
- Service of bilingual Team Pedalers Guide(s)
- Full Van Support
- Daily route directions and maps
- Sightseeing and cultural activities
- Airport pick up & drop off

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### **Meeting & Flights:**

The tour uses Luang Prabang Airport as our gateway airport.

Fly into Luang Prabang (LPQ) before 11 am on Day 1.

Fly out of Luang Prabang (LPQ) after 2 pm on Day 5.

NOTE: Due to the late night arrival from and early morning departure of flights to North America, most guests might need to overnight in Bangkok or Hanoi going both directions.

For assistance with flights contact our friends at Exito Travel: [help.pedalers.travel/flights.htm](http://help.pedalers.travel/flights.htm)

### **Alternate Arrival:**

If you are looking for something more, we can suggest traveling to Luang Prabang from Chiang Rai, Thailand enjoying a two day cruise along the Mekhong River. Contact us for more details on this voyage.

### **Route Conditions:**

The ride is mostly on paved roads, narrow but with little or no traffic. Terrain is flat, with a few small hills.

### **Visas & Travel Documents:**

Passports are required for all guests. Your passport should have at least 6 months validity past your intended travel dates. Visas for Laos can be obtained upon arrival at Luang Prabang Airport.

For assistance with obtaining your visas contact our friends at VisaHQ: [help.pedalers.travel/visas.htm](http://help.pedalers.travel/visas.htm)