

# Discover Luang Prabang to Phonsavanh ( Xieng Khouang )

## 3 Days / 2 Nights Natural, Cultural, and Historical Attractions

During the Secret War, untold numbers of relics were blown to bits and the scars of war are still easy to see.

The jar fields are pockmarked with bomb craters a few meters deep and several meters across. The non-profit Mines Advisory Group (MAG) has cleared 175 UXO including bombs, rockets, artillery shells, mortars, and paths at the four major sites. Everywhere that we take you is completely safe to walk.



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#### Day 1

- After breakfast, we meet at our office or pickup at your hotel in Luang Prabang.
- Enjoy your elephant safari through green jungle and enjoy feeding the elephant bananas. ( All Lao Elephant Camp the best elephant camp in the Lao PDR )
- Drive from Luang Prabang to Phonsavanh (Xieng Khouang). On the way we stop to visit ethnic minority groups and learn about their culture and lifestyle. You will see huge mountains topped with jungle, sticky rice fields and dotted with small tribal villages.

#### Day2

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- We start our program to Muang Khoun. On the way, we stop to visit the Plain of Jars, the final resting place of clusters of ancient stone vessels. No one knows where the stones came from or how they got there, but the jars are known to be between 1800 to 2000 years old.
- As we continue to Muang Khoun, we stop to visit a Thai Dam village where they produce noodles from sticky rice.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Continue on to Muang Khoun. Visit Old Xieng Khouang, which was once the royal capital city of the Phuan Kingdom. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century it was described as “a large and beautiful city whose numerous population was protected by a circle of deep ditches and by forts perched on the surrounding hill. The opulence of its sixty-two pagodas and their sparkling stupas were covered in treasure, attracted reknown from far and wide”.

#### Day 3

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the local market where ethnic minorities ( Thai Dam, Hmong, and Phuan ) from the surrounding villages gather every morning.



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- We transfer you to the Tham Piu Cave north of Muang Kham about 56 km east of Phonsavanh which was one of the places where people had taken refuge during the Indochina War.
- In November 1968 a rocket fired from an American jet fighter caused the death of 374 people. Many of those who died were farmers living in different villages surrounding the site.
- Now many of the unexploded ordinance or UXO have been defused and the bombshells casings are now used in many creative ways: from fence posts to foundation pillars or columns for huts, bungalows, or buildings. Some are even split in half and used as troughs for animal feeding.

**Included in above tour price:**

- Accommodation in twin sharing room with daily breakfast
- Meal plan: full board from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on Day 3
- Transfers and tours as per program with private A/C vehicles (car, Minivan, or Coach)
- Services of English speaking guides for transfers as per itinerary
- Service charge, room tax and baggage handling
- One person goes free of charge (single room accommodation) when there are 15 or more paying passengers in your group.

**Does Not Include in our tour price:**

- Lao visa fee upon arrival ( US\$30 per person +2 photos )
- Air ticket for Xieng Khouang to the Vientiane capital of Lao PDR
- Domestic airport tax due upon departure (US\$1 per person )
- Drinks, tips and other personal expenditures such as telephone, laundry, etc.
- Personal insurance.

**Accommodation:**

Hotel class	Phonsavan City
Deluxe	Vansana Hotel & Resort - 4 Star
Superior	Chittavan Hotel / Duangkeomany Hotel - 3 Star

**TOUR COST US\$ / PAX**

Group size	1 pax	2 pax	3 – 7 pax	8 – 14 pax	15 - 19 pax	20 – 24 pax	25 up pax	Single Supply
Deluxe	615	385	320	290	260	235	180	N/A
Superior	585	350	290	265	235	200	145	N/A

Note : The above price is subject to changed, it is correct during print. Please write to get the latest rate  
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