

Laos Travel Program: 4 Days 3 Nights

Chiang Khong – Luang Prabang

(Scenic Upper Mekong River Cruise Round-Trip)

Day 1: Chiang Khong – Houayxay – Upper Mekong River Cruise – Luang Prabang

- **Morning (07:30):** Meet our tour team at Chiang Khong Immigration Border, Chiang Rai. Complete immigration formalities and cross the 4th Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge to Houayxay, Bokeo Province. Transfer to the boat pier and board our traditional scenic cruiser down the majestic Mekong River. Marvel at lush virgin rainforested peaks and riverside ethnic village life (approx. 8-hour leisurely cruise with onboard snacks and beverages).
- **Lunch:** Enjoy a fresh hot lunch served on board while relaxing on the sundeck and enjoying river views.
- **Late Afternoon:** Arrive in Luang Prabang, a UNESCO World Heritage City. Transfer to the hotel for check-in.
- **Evening:** Dinner at a local riverside restaurant, followed by a stroll through the renowned Luang Prabang Night Market for authentic handicrafts, silk textiles, and local souvenirs.

 **Accommodation:** 4-Star Standard Hotel (e.g. Tresor d'Luang Prabang / Villa Santi or equivalent)

 **Meals:** Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Wat Xieng Thong – Royal Palace Museum – Wat Visounnarath – Kuang Si Waterfall – Mount Phousi

- **Morning:** Breakfast at hotel. Visit Wat Xieng Thong, the architectural crown jewel of Luang Prabang with its sweeping low-pitched roofs and intricate Tree of Life glass mosaics. Continue to the Royal Palace Museum (Haw Kham), housing the sacred Phra Bang golden Buddha and ancient royal regalia.
- **Lunch:** Lunch at a celebrated local Lao restaurant. Visit Wat Visounnarath (Wat Wisunarat), Luang Prabang's oldest operating temple featuring the famous stupa nicknamed 'That Makmo' (Watermelon Stupa).
- **Afternoon:** Journey to Kuang Si Waterfall, a breathtaking multi-tiered cascade spilling into turquoise limestone pools surrounded by dense tropical forest. Free time to stroll the nature trail and take stunning photos.
- **Evening:** Ascend Mount Phousi for panoramic 360-degree views over Luang Prabang and the confluence of the Nam Khan and Mekong rivers during sunset. Savor dinner on a relaxing twilight river cruise before returning to your hotel.

 **Accommodation:** 4-Star Standard Hotel in Luang Prabang

 **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Sacred Morning Tak Bat Alms – Morning Market – Pak Ou Holy Caves – Pakbeng

- **Early Morning:** Experience Luang Prabang's most sacred daily ritual: the Morning Tak Bat almsgiving ceremony, offering sticky rice to hundreds of saffron-robed Buddhist monks walking barefoot in silent procession. Visit the vibrant Morning Local Market showcasing exotic jungle greens, herbs, and daily river fish.
- **Midday:** Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Board our cruiser for the upstream Mekong voyage. Relax and take in the dramatic limestone gorge vistas.
- **Afternoon:** Stop at Pak Ou Caves (Tham Ting & Tham Theung), limestone cliff sanctuaries housing thousands of sacred Buddha statues deposited over centuries. Continue cruising upriver to the tranquil outpost of Pakbeng.
- **Evening:** Arrive in Pakbeng, a charming mountain-hugged riverside hamlet. Check-in to your riverside lodge, enjoy dinner, and unwind in peaceful serenity.

 **Accommodation:** 3-4 Star Riverside Resort in Pakbeng (e.g. Le Grand Pakbeng / Pakbeng Lodge or equivalent)

 **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Pakbeng – Houayxay – Chiang Khong (Thailand Return)

- **Morning:** Breakfast at resort and check-out. Embark on the final scenic leg of the Mekong upstream voyage towards Houayxay.
- **Lunch:** Hot lunch served on board the boat with light refreshments.
- **Afternoon (16:30):** Arrive at Houayxay Pier. Complete Lao immigration formalities and cross the 4th Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge back into Chiang Khong District, Chiang Rai Province.
- **Evening:** Arrive safely in Thailand with cherished memories of the golden age of Mekong River exploration.

 **Accommodation:** End of tour service

 **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

Tour Rates & Package Pricing

Group Size / Pax	Price Per Person (THB)	Single Supplement
Group 30 Pax or more	15,800 THB	+3,500 THB

 Rate Includes (Package Inclusions)	 Rate Excludes (Package Exclusions)
• 3 nights in 3-4 star premium hotel accommodation (Twin/ Triple share) • Chartered scenic Mekong cruiser and private air-conditioned van throughout • All admission tickets & entrance fees to listed attractions • Meals as specified in the program (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) • Professional licensed local English/Thai-speaking tour guide & experienced boat crew • Driver & local guide gratuities/tips included • Daily bottled drinking water and light refreshments • Travel Accident Insurance coverage up to 1,000,000 THB (per policy conditions)	• Personal expenses (minibar, laundry, telephone, alcoholic drinks) • Sticky rice / offerings for Tak Bat almsgiving (approx. 50-100 THB) • Optional tip for Thai tour leader (at traveler's discretion) • Airfares or transportation to/from Chiang Khong meeting point

Travel Documents & Booking Terms

1. Passport: Must have at least 6 months validity remaining from travel date with at least 2 blank pages.
2. Booking Deposit: 50% deposit upon confirmation; remaining balance due 20 days prior to departure.
3. Cancellation Policy: Cancellations 20+ days prior incur deposit deduction. Within 20 days non-refundable.
4. Contact Khun Nui (iChiangrai): Tel/WhatsApp/LINE: +66 81-885-4644 | Email: booking@ichiangrai.com