



Mekong Trails

From the north of Thailand to the Mekong river, spiritual Luang Prabang, Pakse, Paksong and the stunning archaeological ruins of Siem Reap

Get the 'inside story' on South East Asia's greatest waterway on this touring style journey along the Mekong River. From Huay Xai near the 'Golden Triangle' frontier we take a cruise down the Mekong River to spiritual Luang Prabang for some relaxed sightseeing at this unique UNESCO World Heritage town. We fly to Pakse where we will explore the 'Thousand Islands' area of the Mekong by boat, and also visit Don Khone Island. We have also included a visit to Paksong and a drive over the Bolaven Plateau before flying to Siem Reap to visit the crowning jewel of Khmer architecture, Angkor Wat where we conclude our journey.

ARRIVE EARLY ~ STAY LONGER

Talk to us about things to do if you would like to arrive in Chiang Rai a day or two earlier, or stay a little longer in Siem Reap at the end of our tour.

US\$ 4500

We plan to operate this itinerary in 2019 at a similar time and hopefully at a similar price. We will update this information later in the year.

all inclusive, based on twin share and minimum of 2 travellers.

Single Room Supplement available (US\$556)

Escorted by Local English speaking escort



Trip Details

DURATION - 18 days

AVERAGE TEMP - 25°C - 33°C

ACCOMMODATION STYLE
- Hotels

SIGHTSEEING STYLE
- Included

GROUP SIZE STYLE
- 12

DATES OF TRIPS
Commence Chiang Rai
8 October 2018

Conclude Siem Reap
25 October 2018

MEALS
Included

TRAVEL STYLE
Tour coach, boat

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 ☒ Arrive Chiang Rai

Met on arrival and transfer to hotel. The tour commences with dinner tonight.

Day 2 ☒ Chiang Rai

Sightseeing today around Chiang Rai including a walking tour to visit temples, the main market, old jail and Hill Tribe Museum. We will also drive a short way out of the city to visit the White Temple and conclude the day at the night bazaar.

Day 3 ☒ To Huay Xai

A 2.5hr drive to the Lao border this morning, cross the Mekong via the Friendship Bridge and, complete border formalities and transfer to our hotel on the bank of the Mekong River.

Day 4☒By boat to Pakbeng

This morning, transfer to Luang Say boat for our two day cruise down the Mekong River. There is plenty to see along the way before arriving at Pakbeng late afternoon. Overnight and dinner at the Luang Say Lodge.

Day 5☒Boat to Luang Prabang

Relaxing breakfast on the terrace overlooking the river (or an early visit the nearby market) before boarding the boat. First stop today is a hilltribe village to watch the traditional process of Lao whisky production. Next stop is Pak Ou village to visit the Tam Thing Caves of a Thousand Buddhas. Arrive in Luang Prabang late afternoon.

Day 6☒Luang Prabang

Luang Prabang town is a UNESCO World heritage site. Sightseeing today will include Wat Visoun, Wat Aham and Wat Xieng Thong the crowning jewel of all the monasteries and temples in the city. Also visit the National Museum (Royal Palace) and an evening visit to the night market

Day 7☒Luang Prabang

Today visit Kuang Si waterfalls and the nearby Butterfly Park. We will also visit the Asian Brown Bear Recovery Centre. Later today time to wander down the main street of Luang Prabang, stopping at some of the many temples that line the street. This evening climb the 328 to Mount Phousi for sunset views.

Day 8☒To Pakse

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Pakse. Transfer to hotel.

Day 9☒Pakse

Pakse was founded by the French in 1905 as an administrative post. We'll spend the day exploring the highlights of the town including the local market, temples and Heritage Museum.

Day 10☒To Paksong

Drive to Paksong (40mins), then by jeep across the Bolaven Plateau home to many ethnic minorities. En route visit some of the villages we pass and also one of the coffee or tea plantations that dot the plateau. We will also stop at one of the spectacular waterfalls that the area is known for.

Day 11 Paksong

A full day on the 'coffee trail'. Visit villages with traditional longhouses and Tad Say waterfall.

Day 12☒To Don Khone

By vehicle along the east bank of the Mekong, then by boat to Don Khone Island in the heart of the Mekong's "Thousand Islands". Transfer to our hotel.

Day 13☒Don Khone

Travel by boat to visit Don Det island known for the cultivation of coconut, bamboo and kapok. Visit Ban Khon Village, Li Phi Falls, and as we travel along the Mekong watch out for the endangered Irrawaddy dolphin.

Day 14☒To Pakse

Return by boat and road to Pakse. En route we will visit the largest waterfall in SE Asia - Khone Phapheng where the entire Mekong with all its force, cascades down curving stone outcrops.

Day 15☒To Siem Reap

Relaxing morning before transfer to airport for flight to Siem Reap. Complete Cambodian border formalities before transferring to our hotel in the old town.

Day 16 Siem Reap

A full day sightseeing to include the crowning jewel of Khmer architecture, Angkor Wat. We will also visit other monuments in this area and conclude the day watching the sun set from the upper terraces of an ancient temple.

Day 17 Siem Reap

Today we will visit Angkor Thom, jungle clad Ta Prohm and other spectacular temples.

Day 18 Depart

Transfer to airport for departure flight.



p +64 3 762 6673
p +612 9810 9486

e info@silkroad.co.nz - New Zealand
e silk_rd@bigpond.net.au - Australia

silkroad.co.nz