

## NORTHERN DELIGHTS

13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS



## II. TOUR PROGRAM

### DAY 1

#### Vientiane - Arrival

Experience a warm welcome to Laos as your tour guide greets you at Vientiane International Airport and accompanies you to your hotel. Explore the charming capital city, influenced by its French colonial past, and unwind after your journey.

### DAY 2

#### Vientiane - City Tour

Embark on a comprehensive city tour of Vientiane, visiting iconic landmarks such as Wat Sisaket and Wat Prakeo. Admire the grandeur of That Luang and the Phatuxay Victory Monument before exploring the unique Buddha Park. Delve into local culture at the Ong Teu Temple and browse the vibrant Talat Saon market.

### DAY 3

#### Vientiane - Vang Vieng by train

Enjoy a leisurely morning before boarding the express train to Vang Vieng, where stunning landscapes await. Upon arrival, your new guide will greet you and assist with hotel check-in, allowing you to settle in and explore at your own pace.

#### DAY 4

### **Vang Vieng - Caves, Blue Lagoons, and View Point**

Embark on an adventure-filled day in Vang Vieng, exploring Tham Phou Kham Cave, Blue Lagoon 1 and 3, and a breathtaking viewpoint. Marvel at the natural beauty of the region and immerse yourself in its tranquil surroundings.

#### DAY 5

### **Vang Vieng - Phonsavanh**

Depart Vang Vieng for Phonsavanh, home to the mysterious Plain of Jars. Journey through scenic landscapes, reflecting on the area's history and resilience. Explore the remnants of war and the ancient stone jars that stand as silent witnesses to the past.

#### DAY 6

### **Phonsavanh - Plain of Jars**

Discover the intriguing Plain of Jars, one of Laos' most significant ancient sites, shrouded in mystery and legend. Learn about the cultural and historical significance of these ancient stone artifacts as you explore the area.

#### DAY 7

### **Phonsavanh - Nam Nerm Night Safari**

Embark on a unique adventure with a night safari in Nam Et-Phou Louey National Park, where you'll have the opportunity to spot nocturnal wildlife in its natural habitat. Experience the thrill of encountering elusive species under the guidance of experienced rangers.

#### DAY 8

### **Nam Nerm Night Safari - Nong Khiaw**

Wake up to the sounds of nature and enjoy breakfast before returning to the village. Continue your journey to Nong Khiaw, soaking in the scenic beauty of the Nam Ou River and surrounding landscapes.

#### DAY 9

### **Nong Khiaw - Trekking to 100 Waterfalls or Quad Biking (ATV) Tour to Muang Ngoi**

Embark on a boat trip along the Nam Ou River, exploring local villages and the stunning 100 waterfalls. Opt for a thrilling ATV tour to Muang Ngoi, discovering off-road trails and scenic viewpoints along the way.

This comprehensive itinerary offers a diverse range of experiences, from cultural exploration to adventurous excursions, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in the beauty and charm of Laos.

## DAY 10

### **Nong Khiaw - Pak Ou Cave - Luang Prabang**

Journey from Nong Khiaw to Luang Prabang, stopping at the sacred Pak Ou Caves along the way. Marvel at the thousands of Buddha statues housed within these mystical caves before continuing your scenic boat ride down the Mekong River to Luang Prabang. Relax and unwind at your hotel upon arrival. (Approx. 4 hours travel time, 140 km).

## DAY 11

### **Luang Prabang - City Tour**

Begin your day with an immersive visit to the bustling morning market, where local farmers gather to showcase their fresh produce and handmade goods. Explore the architectural wonders and spiritual sanctuaries of Luang Prabang with visits to Wat Visoun, Wat Aham, Wat Xieng Thong, Wat Mai, and Wat Siphouthabath. Delve into Laos' rich history and culture at the National Museum before ascending Phou Si Mountain for panoramic views of the city. Conclude your day with a stroll through the vibrant night market, brimming with local crafts and culinary delights.

## DAY 12

### **Luang Prabang - Trekking to Kuang Si Waterfall**

Embark on a trekking adventure from Luang Prabang to Kuang Si Waterfall, passing through the picturesque village of Long Lao and learning about the Hmong and Khmu cultures along the way. Explore a historic cave used as shelter during wartime before reaching the stunning waterfall, where you can swim in the crystal-clear pools and admire the resident bears at the sanctuary. Return to Luang Prabang in the afternoon.

## DAY 13

### **Luang Prabang - Departure**

Bid farewell to Laos as you transfer to the airport for your departure. Cherish the memories of your journey and the beauty of this enchanting land as you embark on your onward travels.

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**Tour extensions: pre-tour or post-tour extensions are available, which would include accommodation and private transfers, please speak to Focus Asia travel consultant for further details.**