

**8 - 17 Dec 2018 (10-days) Laos Adventure - Vientiane, Konglor caves, Vang Vieng & Luang Prabang**  
**Cost Rm2,900 (per pax Group 10-12 pax), Rm2,700 (per pax Group 13-15 pax), Rm2,500 (per pax Group 16pax or more)**

**Based on USD1.00 = Rm4.00. Cost will be adjusted accordingly depending on rate in Oct 2018**

#### **COST EXCLUDES AIR ASIA & THAI SMILE FLIGHTS**

##### **Details for Flight Bookings**

**Please check if trip is full or not, before purchasing flight tickets**

Kuala Lumpur to Vientiane (AirAsia)

8 Dec 2018 SAT AK552 KUL VTE 0640 0820

Luang Prabang to Kuala Lumpur (Thai Smile via Bangkok)

17 Dec 2018 MON WE577 LPQ BKK 1450 1625. Transit 1:50hr in Bangkok

17 Dec 2018 Mon WE419 BKK KUL 1815 2135

**Update 25 May 2018** AirAsia has stopped flights direct from Luang Prabang to KLIA. We have amended the return flight now with Thai Smile about USD160 one way.

**Update 8 Jan 2018** AirAsia fares as at TODAY is Rm595 flight plus taxes. Additional Rm140 for 20kg check-in luggage two ways. December is a pleasant month to visit Laos because of the cooler climate.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!



Konglor Caves and local homestay / Luang Prabang Monks Procession

With only 6million people in a land the size of Thailand (80million people), Laos is leisurely, uncrowded, friendly, and about a decade behind Thailand, it's closest neighbour. Which means go NOW before Laos becomes another Thailand!!

**Day 1 - 8 Dec VIENTIANE** – Meet at **LCCT by 4:30AM** for flight to Vientiane **AK552 0640-0820am**. Upon arrival in Vientiane, we meet local guide to begin our morning City Tour, where we visit Wat PraKeo, Wat Sisaket, That Luang Stupa and Patuxai (Victory Monument). Lunch at a local stop. Free time in the afternoon for shopping, relaxing, massage and your own sight-seeing. Members have option to visit Buddha Park located 27km east of the capital city (entrance fee 5,000 kip). Great choice of good restaurants and bars, as you would expect from a lively capital city. O/N Vientiane hotel, breakfast included.

**Day 2 - BAN NATAN (B/D)** – After breakfast, we have a full day chartered van transfer east towards Khammouane Province towards Kong Lor cave 6-7hours away. Along the way, enjoy the natural scenery as we drive pass villages and farmlands. After arriving Kong Lor village, we disembark for our overnight basic village homestay with 1 overnight bag. We then take long tail boat ride 7.5 km through Kong Lor cave. We will have stops to explore the cave to see great stalactites and stalagmites. Reaching the other end, we trek 2km to the small village of Ban Natan for our overnight homestay. Opportunity to experience the lifestyle of a Lao rural village and enjoy the quiet surroundings. O/N **Basic Homestay** with simple home-cook dinner and breakfast included.

**Day 3 - BAN NAHIN (B)** - After breakfast and wandering around Ban Natan village, we return towards Kong Lor cave to meet our chartered vans again. Opportunity to swim in the blue waters outside Kong Lor caves. We then drive 1hour towards nearby village of Ban Nahin for our overnight stay. O/N Ban Nahin, breakfast included

**Day 4 - VIENTIANE (B)** - After breakfast, we have opportunity to do short trek towards Namsanam waterfall (return hiking 3-4hours). We then drive back 5-6 hours back to the capital city of Vientiane. O/N Vientiane hotel with breakfast.



Vang Vieng Karst Hills / Kayaking Nam Song River

**Day 5 - VANG VIENG (B)** - After breakfast, enjoy final morning at Vientiane and optional short visit to local Tad Salat mall or morning market. Our chartered transport then takes us 4-5 hours to Vang Vieng. Along the way, we will pass through lovely Lao mountain and village scenery. In Vang Vieng, there are many restaurant offering Chinese, Thai, Korean, European and Lao food. Stay Vang Vieng for next 2 nights with breakfast provided.

**Day 6- VANG VIENG (B/L)** - We have a full day of caving, gentle downstream kayaking and tubing down the Nam Song River. In the morning you'll travel by truck, going 15km north of Vang Vieng, where you visit a typical local Lao village and the mystical Elephant Cave. In this cave, you will find the large "Elephant Stone" – after which the cave is named- along with many Buddha statues dating back centuries. From here we'll trek to another cave. This 200m long Water Cave is where members can explore by tubing. Included in the trip cost is lunch. For the rest of the afternoon we'll take a leisurely kayak down the Nam Song River and catch the sunset. O/N in Vang Vieng hotel breakfast and lunch included.

**Day 7- VANG VIENG to LUANG PRABANG (B)** – We will spend short while at the local Vang Vieng market to see the local produce. Our local truck will also takes us 7km to the Blue Lagoon for caving, swim and relax. Blue Lagoon is a small pool fed by flowing stream waters where travellers can enjoy playing in the waters. Return to Vang Vieng for lunch before our drive 4-6 hours north towards UNESCO World Heritage site of Luang Prabang. Rest of evening free & easy to enjoy the alleyways of Luang Prabang filled with temples and local shops. There is a daily night market with plenty of local crafts and hundreds of restaurants to suit all budgets and tastes. O/N Luang Prabang for next 3 nights with breakfasts provided.

**Day 8 - LUANG PRABANG (B)** – At dawn, hundreds of monks make daily procession to collect rice and donations. Early risers can watch the monks procession and also take part in it. After breakfast, we proceed with the walking tour around Luang Prabang. Some of the highlights include Royal Palace museum, Wat Xieng Thong and Wat Visounnarath. After lunch, we proceed to Kuang Si waterfall (1hr) 30km away. The multi-tiered falls is one of the biggest waterfalls around Luang Prabang - visitors can swim in the cool waters, explore the surrounding park by foot or just chill out with some snacks. O/N Luang Prabang

**Day 9 - LUANG PRABANG (B)** – After breakfast, we take a boat ride up the Mekong river to visit Pak Ou cave, filled with thousands of Buddha icons. Our Mekong boat ride will also stop at Xang Hai village to see how the local whisky (lao lao) is made. Rest of afternoon free & easy for final shopping and to enjoy the many cafes and top restaurants around historic centre of Luang Prabang.

**Day 9 - 17 DEC HOME** - Morning free & easy before we check out by 12noon. Ttransfer to Luang Prabang Aiprort for Thai Smile flight WE577 at 250PM, arriving Bangkok 425PM. Transit 1:50hr before reconnecting on WE419 at 615PM, **arriving 935PM 17 Dec 2018 MON.**



Kuang Si waterfall / Night market at Luang Prabang

## **TERMS, CONDITIONS AND NOTES**

1. Cost covers accommodation, transport, kayak hire, local guides, most entrance fees and meals as stated above.
2. Cost does not include Air Asia flight KUL-Vientiane and Thai Smile flight Luang Prabang-KUL, other meals not stated above, entrance fees to places not covered and Local Guide Tips (Yongo encourages group members to reward good service and amount should commensurate with services rendered).
3. Accommodation will be in budget hotels, guest houses and local villages.
4. Cost is based on the prevailing airfares and exchange rates and subject to review the event of any significant changes. Ground costs calculated based on USD1.00 = MYR4.0
5. A deposit of Rm600 is payable to confirm your place.

6. Those who wish us to purchase the online flight tickets for them will need to deposit another Rm900. Cost difference will be return to members.

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