

**6 - 13 Oct 2022 (8-days) Laos Adventure - Vientiane, Vang Vieng & Luang Prabang for Fireboat Festival**  
**Cost Rm2,600 (per pax Group 8-10 pax), Rm2,400 (per pax Group 11-14 pax), Rm2,200 (per pax Group 15-18pax), Rm2,100 (per pax Group 19-20pax)**

**Based on USD1.00 = Rm4.50. Cost will be adjusted accordingly depending on rate in Sept 2022**

### **COST EXCLUDES AIR ASIA FLIGHTS**

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

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

Kuala Lumpur to Vientiane (AirAsia)

6 Oct 2022 Thurs AK552 KUL VTE 0640 0825

Vientiane to Kuala Lumpur (AirAsia)

13 Oct 2022 Thurs AK 553 VTE KUL 850 1235

**Update 18 June 2022** Trip is FULL. Thank you for quick response. Those interested can write in to be on the waiting list in case of any members pull out.

**Update 15 May 2022** AirAsia fares as at TODAY is Rm384 flight plus taxes. Additional Rm194 for Value pack including 20kg check-in luggage & 1 meal. This trip is designed to coincide with the colorful **Fireboat Festival** celebrated in Luang Prabang to mark the end of the monsoon season & Buddhist Lent.

**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!



Locals making boat offerings for Fireboat Festival / Luang Prabang Monks Procession

With only about 7million people in a land the size of Thailand (70million 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 - 6 OCT VIENTIANE** – Meet at **LCCT by 5:00AM** for flight to Vientiane **AK552 0640-0825am**. 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.



Vang Vieng Karst Hills / Kayaking Nam Song River

**Day 2 - VANG VIENG (B)** - After breakfast, our chartered transport then takes us 1.5-2 hours to Vang Vieng. Along the way, we will pass through lovely Lao mountain and village scenery. Afternoon, we visit the popular Blue Lagoon for a cool swim or just to chill out. 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. Optional tour - Sunset or Sunrise Hot Air Balloon over Vang Vieng town (30-40min) for USD95 per pax

**Day 3- 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 4- VANG VIENG to LUANG PRABANG (B)** – We will spend short while at the local Vang Vieng market to see the local produce and visit Wat That, the 1st temple in Vang Vieng. We then 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. During the Fireboat Festival, many homes and temples will be decorated with handmade lanterns.

**Day 5 - 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 6 - 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. Today will be the culmination of the Fireboat Festival where visitors can see the procession of boat offerings along the main street of Luang Prabang. The Mekong river will be a sight to view as the fireboat offerings are released on the river waters, along with the personal offerings by the locals. Final night stay in Luang Prabang

**Day 7 - LUANG PRABANG train to VIENTIANE (B)** – After breakfast, we hop on the new train 2hr from Luang Prabang back to the capital city of Vientiane, which was completed back in Dec 2021. This mega project is spearheaded by China and links Laos to Kunming, capital of Yunnan province. Spend rest of the afternoon for final sight-seeing or shopping. Final night in Vientiane with breakfast provided.

**NOTE** - Members have the option to break from group to take the train from Luang Prabang to Kunming, China at own additional costs. Do check if the Chinese borders is open to visitors during this period.

**Day 8 - 13 OCT HOME** - Early morning flight AK553 departing 850AM, **arriving 1235PM 13 Oct 2022 THURS.**



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 return flight KUL-Vientiane, 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 = MYR4.50
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 Rm600. Cost difference will be return to members.
7. Members have option to take the new China-Laos train from Luang Prabang to Kunming at own additional costs. We can help arrange for the train tickets.

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