

# Laos / Cambodia – Luang Prabang to Angkor Wat



## Trip Summary

Despite the region's tumultuous history, Southeast Asia is one of the most welcoming regions in the world. This 12-day adventure is a tour de force that explores the cultures, histories, and landscapes of Laos and Cambodia, and does it all with a refined sense of luxury. Explore temples and museums, as well as experience a private Baci ceremony led by a local village chief. Zoom through city streets like a local, and then relax on your own private island. The Luang Prabang to Angkor Wat Tour relishes the extremes that make Laos and Cambodia worldwide hotspots for travel.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Luang Prabang Arrival

Welcome to Laos! • Upon arrival, obtain your Laos visa if you haven't already prior to travel, and then clear Immigration and Customs • Proceed into the arrival area and meet your private guide for a transfer to your hotel • *Overnight at Sofitel Luang Prabang Hotel (No meals)*

### Day 2: Luang Prabang

Get up early to observe the sacred Sai Bath (alms rounds) ritual • See lines of barefoot monks move through the streets gathering their morning rice from villagers • Explore the side-streets and back alleys of World Heritage Site Luang Prabang • Converse with locals through your guide, learning about their daily lives • Visit temples including 500-year-old Wat Xieng Thong • Visit the National Museum (formerly the Royal Palace) and climb the 328 stairs up Phousi Mountain to a gorgeous view of the city • Participate in a private Baci ceremony of good tidings led by the local village Nai Ban (village chief) • *Overnight at Sofitel Luang Prabang Hotel (B)*

### Day 3: Luang Prabang

After breakfast, head out into the scenic Laotian countryside to the Kuang Si Waterfall, a favorite swimming hole • Meet the adorable, long-tongued sun bears at the Sun Bear Conservation Reserve • Visit local villages that specialize in skills such as weaving silk into some of Asia's most prized fabrics, or distilling Lao Lao, the local rice whiskey • Venture into Pak Ou caves, where more than 3,000 Buddha images and sculptures remain untouched in the serene stillness • Cruise the Mekong River by boat back to Luang Prabang • *Overnight at Sofitel Luang Prabang Hotel (B)*

### Day 4: Luang Prabang / Vientiane

This morning, fly to Vientiane where you can see the traditional alongside the modern • Tour Wat Sisaket, the only structure to survive the Siamese invasion of 1828 • Take a short jaunt up Lane Xang Street to get a look at the changing face of the city • Walk beneath the towering Patouxai, or victory arch • See the most sacred temple in Laos, the Wat That Luang, with its soaring central spire and thirty surrounding stupas • Visit a vibrant example of living Buddhism at Wat Si Muang, a sacred temple used by the Lao people from women who want to become pregnant to new car owners having monks bless their new purchases • *Overnight at Settha Palace Hotel (B)*

### Day 5: Vientiane / Siem Reap

Fly to Siem Reap, obtain your Cambodian visa, clear Immigration and Customs and meet your guide

The toughest part is going home.<sup>SM</sup>



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and driver at the airport • Enjoy Siem Reap on your own until the evening when you have the unique opportunity to marvel at the rebirth of Cambodian dance and culture at the Phare Cambodian Circus • Watch as talented performers bring to life both traditional and modern themes with dance, acting, and acrobatics • *Overnight at Jaya House River Park (B)*

## **Day 6: Siem Reap / Angkor Wat**

Enter the quiet eastern side of Angkor Wat to avoid the crowds, and see a breathtaking sunrise over the temple • Breakfast will be served overlooking the royal bathing pool Srah Srang, once used by ancient Khmer kings • After breakfast, take in the haunting, exotic atmosphere of Ta Phrom, an ancient temple being reclaimed by the surrounding jungle • Ride by bicycle along the Siem Reap River past the King's residence, Royal Gardens, and small river-side markets • Follow dirt roads through villages and farms, seeing the locals go about tasks as they have for generations • Access Angkor Park after the temples close to visitors in order to view the temples at sunset • Wrap up the evening by boarding a dragon boat for a peaceful tour of Angkor Thom's moat • *Overnight at Jaya House River Park (B, L)*

## **Day 7: Siem Reap / Sihanoukville / Song Saa Private Island**

Fly to Sihanoukville and meet with your driver for transfer to the pier • Streak across the waves on a speedboat to the private island of Song Saa • Relax for the rest of the day in your villa • *Overnight at Song Saa Private Island (B, D)*

## **Day 8: Song Saa Private Island**

Song Saa Island is yours to enjoy at your leisure today • Take in the solitude of the island as you relax on the white-sand beaches, or the deck on your villa • Take a walk around the island or discover the many opportunities to explore Cambodian culture • You are free to do as much or as little as you like! • *Overnight at Song Saa Private Island (B, L, D)*

## **Day 9: Song Saa Private Island**

Song Saa Island is yours again today • Watch sunrise or sunset at the edge of the large infinity pool, get a massage or other treatment at the full-service spa, and enjoy a meal at either of the two restaurants on property • *Overnight at Song Saa Private Island (B, L, D)*

## **Day 10: Song Saa Private Island / Phnom Penh**

Transfer from the island back to the mainland for the drive to Phnom Penh • Start the evening with cocktails on a rooftop bar • Join the locals in the bustling traffic, riding past some of Phnom Penh's famous sites, including a stop at the beautifully-lit Independence Monument • Finish the evening exploring Phnom Penh's best craft breweries with unique craft beers and delicious canapés • *Overnight at Raffles Hotel Le Royal (B)*

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## **Day 11: Phnom Penh**

Spend a day exploring the hidden parts of Phnom Penh and enjoying local arts • Visit Phnom Penh's oldest market for breakfast, savoring the local noodle soup and iced coffee • Visit the National Museum to witness the splendor of Cambodia's ancient Khmer civilization • Learn local arts at the Cambodian Living Arts Center, whose mission is to facilitate the transformation of Cambodia through the arts • Learn about Cambodia's important and distinctive history at the Tuol Sleng Prison •

*Overnight at Raffles Hotel Le Royal (B)*

## **Day 12: Phnom Penh Departure**

Your guide will transfer you to Phnom Penh International Airport approximately three hours prior to your departure time • *No overnight (B)*

*\* This trip is offered in partnership with Khiri Travel.*

*\*\*Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures and Khiri Travel.*



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## Activities

**Hiking:** Sightseeing walks accompanied by your guide through cities, temples, monuments and more exploring the magical lands of Laos and Cambodia.

**Biking:** An easygoing ride along Siem Reap's backroads and single track paths.

**Discovery:** Laos and Cambodia have for too long been overlooked by travelers looking to experience the culture and history of Southeast Asia. While these two countries have rich histories, they also represent rapidly evolving economies, giving them a dynamic feel that few other destinations can match. Whether it's tasting street food that started a foodie craze that seems to have taken over the world, or walking the hushed passages of Angkor Wat at sunrise, these countries offer a special blend of new and old. The Luang Prabang to Angkor Wat tour lets you revel in the opulence of French colonial palaces as well as relax in your own secluded villa on a private island. Being immersed in this blend of identities is how travel to Southeast Asia is meant to be done. Come explore Laos and Cambodia with the experts in adventure travel!

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

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## Distinctive Accommodation

### Nights 1 - 3: Sofitel Luang Prabang Hotel

Surrender to the peace and tranquility that surrounds this sanctuary. Located in Ban Mano, a quiet residential area within easy walking distance, Sofitel Luang Prabang offers wide ranges of services and top-notch facilities to enhance your stay.

### Night 4: Settha Palace Hotel

Located in the heart of Vientiane, the Settha Palace Hotel stands as a testament to the long-lost era of classical elegance. Relax by the pool, head out to explore the city, or simply enjoy the French colonial ambiance.

### Nights 5 & 6: Jaya House River Park

Surrounded by trees, this intimate hotel is only minutes away from some of Siem Reap's most notable attractions including Angkor Wat. Relax on your own balcony taking in the river, or enjoy a dip in one of their two pools.

### Nights 7 - 9: Song Saa Private Island

Experience the serenity and luxury of a resort on a private island. Created with sustainability in mind, Song Saa is an evolved tropical getaway with a pristine private beach, spacious wooden villas, heavenly spa sanctuaries and a preserved coral reef. Song Saa Private Island lets you detach from the world and tune into simple luxuries.

### Nights 10 & 11: Raffles Hotel Le Royal

Located in the vibrant center of Phnom Penh, Raffles Hotel Le Royal has been a part of the city since 1929. It has been respectfully restored to reflect a blend of Khmer, Art Deco, and French colonial architecture. Savor a meal at the restaurant known for its traditional French and Royal Khmer cuisines, or enjoy a treatment at the spa.

## Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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## Arrival & Departures

Your trip begins on Day 1 with your arrival into Luang Prabang International Airport. On arrival, you will be met by an Austin Adventures representative who will transfer you to Sofitel Luang Prabang Hotel for check-in. On Day 12, you will be transferred to Phnom Penh International Airport for your flight home approximately 3 hours prior to check-in.

## Trip Price

Call for pricing.

## Trip Length

12 days / 11 nights

## 2020 Dates

Departing weekly, call for availability.

## Host City

Begin: Luang Prabang, Laos (LPQ)  
End: Phnom Penh, Cambodia (PNH)

## Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

*Whether savoring the street food that inspired a worldwide culinary movement, or relaxing on your own private island, Laos & Cambodia offer experiences that any traveler can relish*

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## Trip Reservations

### Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$750 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

**Toll free:** 800-575-1540

**Phone:** 406-655-4591

**Online:** [austinadventures.com](http://austinadventures.com)

**Email:** [reservations@austinadventures.com](mailto:reservations@austinadventures.com)

**Mail:** Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

\* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

\*\* We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

### Included in the Trip Price

- Accommodations as listed in itinerary.
- All meals as listed in detailed daily itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Fully trained, English-speaking professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Any necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- All entrance fees.

### Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities.
- All drinks and related gratuities.
- Meals as not designated in daily itinerary.
- Visa fees and/or visa authorization.
- All domestic air tickets.
- Any compulsory or peak season surcharge (normally New Year period).
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

### Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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## **Private Custom Trips**

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

## **Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments**

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you.

## **Minimum Age**

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

## **Cancellations and Refunds**

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

\*\*\*As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

**Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure** – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

**Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure** – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

**Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure** – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

**Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure** – No refund is given

## **Our Guarantee**

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.