


Small Group Journeys Itineraries

Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Japan - Validity 01 November 2024 – 31 March 2026

Highlight of Laos – Southbound Explorer		6 Days IJDB-SGJ-73
		<p>Embark on a 6-day journey through Laos, starting in Luang Prabang. Explore the vibrant morning market, the National Museum, and the stunning Wat Xienthong temple. Cruise the Mekong River at sunset and visit the breathtaking Kuang Si Waterfall and Bear Rescue Centre. Travel through scenic mountains, visiting Hmong villages on the way to Vang Vieng, known for its dramatic limestone cliffs and rivers. In Vientiane, discover the relaxed capital with its colonial charm, glittering temples, and iconic landmarks like the Phatuxay Monument. Conclude your adventure with a peaceful stroll along the Mekong River before departure.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Day 1: Arrival and Sawasdee to Luang Prabang</p> <p>Welcome arrival. Meet your tour guide and drive to the hotel for check-in. Enjoy a welcome drink and chose to relax or explore nearby sights on your leisure time.</p> <p>Day 2: Luang Prabang (B)</p> <p>Discover the charms of Luang Prabang with a leisurely walk around the old quarter. Start with the vibrant morning market, the charming city main street and the National Museum. After, visit Wat Xienthong, considered the finest temple in Laos. For the finalé, embark on a scenic boat ride for a memorable sunset cruise along the Mekong river.</p> <p>Day 3: Luang Prabang (B/D)</p> <p>Discover the charms of Luang Prabang with a leisurely walk around the old quarter. Start with the vibrant morning market, the charming city main street and the National Museum. After, visit Wat Xienthong, considered the finest temple in Laos. For the finalé, embark on a scenic boat ride for a memorable sunset cruise along the Mekong river.</p> <p>Day 4: Luang Prabang to Vang Vieng (B)</p> <p>Leaving Luang Prabang, we'll drive up into the amazing mountains of north-central Lao PDR, where we will visit Hmong villages. The Hmong are an ethnic group from the mountainous regions of Lao PDR. They are also one of the sub-groups of the Miao ethnicity in southern China. Hmong people began a gradual southward migration in the 18th century due to political unrest and a lack of arable land. We'll end our journey at the small city of Vang Vieng, tucked in amongst giant limestone cliffs. This is an area of immense natural beauty, with the small Nan Song River passing through the shadows of the dramatic mountains</p> 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Day 5: Vang Vieng to Vientiane (B/D)</p> <p>Today we will drive to Vientiane, capital and the largest city of Laos and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere unlike the typical hustling and bustling cities of Southeast Asia. This historic old French colonial quarter beguiles glittering temples and statues, sleepy tuk tuk drivers, wandering Buddhist monks and boulevards lined with frangipanis. Explore the charming capital starting with a TukTuk ride from your hotel to the iconic Phatuxay Monument. Walk down Lane Xang Avenue, stopping at the Morning Market and the Cooperative Orthotic & Prosthetic Enterprise (COPE). Visit Wat Si Muang and Wat Sisaket, before stopping at the Presidential Palace. Get re-energised with a Lao coffee and croissant at Anouvong Park. Visit a series of temple before reaching the Mekong riverbanks. We will end this tour with a delightful farewell dinner, celebrating the memorable experiences and beautiful moments shared throughout the journey.</p> <p>Day 6: Departure from Vientiane (B)</p> <p>Its time to say goodbye, but just think of all the wonderful stories you will take home. We will ensure a transfer to the airport for your departure, allowing you to board your flight comfortably as you bid farewell to this remarkable destination and continue your journey back home or to your next exciting destination.</p> 	