Thailand - Laos Überlandtour

Khao Lak Strandaufenthalt und Khao Sok Nationalpark

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Sneak peek of a few highlights

Cruising the Mekong

The mighty Mekong is a trans-boundary river in East and Southeast Asia. With a length of 4,909 km it is the world's twelfth longest river. You will enjoy the breath-taking scenery along the river on a small stretch between Huay Xai and Luang Prabang.

Kuang Si Falls

This three-tiered waterfall, about 29 kilometers south of Luang Prabang, is a favorite side trip for international guests and locals as well.

Mount Phousi Sunset

Located in the heart of the city and 150 m high, Mount Phousi is offering unforgettable views over the temples and houses of Luang Prabang.

08.01. Flug nach Thailand

Individuelle Anreise zum Flughafen in Berlin und Flug über Doha (Qatar) nach Thailand.

09.01. Ankunft in Thailand – Fahrt zur laotischen Grenze

Ankunft in Bangkok am frühen Morgen und Weiterflug in den Norden von Thailand, nach Chiang Rai. Abholung vom Flughafen durch einen Fahrer und Fahrt nach Chiang Khong, Grenzstadt Thailand – Laos. Übernachtung in Chiang Khong.

**** NOTICE:**

• For downstream, out boats leave Houay Xay pier at latest for 9:00 am. So please be in front of Lao immigration office in Houay Xay for 0800 am. One of our team will wait with a sign of guest names. We recommend to the travelers to be at Chiang Khong thai immigration border at 07:30 am to make sure to meet our team on time (border opens from 08 am). They will help you to cross the river for the border. Bordercrossing by bus is in the price included.

• It is possible to leave luggage and suitcase on the boat and take only small daypack for your overnight in Pakbeng.

• For safety reasons and according to the weather conditions, the program may change without prior notice.

* For some reasons, the boat may arrive later than usual. The company will not provide any kind of compensation.

Hinweis: für die überland Reise kann das Laos Visum vorher online in Deutschland beantragt werden.

10.01. Chiang Khong - Houayxay – Pakbeng by Shompoo Cruise Downstream (join-boat) (L)

Early morning transfer from your hotel in Chiang Khong (organised through hotel) to the bridge over the Mekong which is the border to Thailand / Laos.

At 07.30 am, the guests will meet the Shompoo Cruise Teamwith a welcome sign at the Chiang Khong immigration office. They will help the guests to exit Thailand and get the shuttle bus to Lao border (included).

Welcome to Laos!

Our guide will assist customers to apply for the visa. After getting the VISA, guests will take a sharing transfer (minivan) to the slow boat pier to embark on the boat. During the morning, Quick lecture about Do's and Don'ts in Laos and fun facts will be presented by our guide. Lao traditional Lunch set is served on board.



Before reaching Pakbeng, we will stop to visit a traditional Kamu village (Ban Keng Lae), a tiny cosy place which host about 70 families. Travelers will learn about rural lifestyle in a very remote area. The boat will arrive at Pakbeng before the night. Overnight in Pakbeng.

11.01. Pakbeng – Luang Prabang by Shompoo Cruise Downstream (B, L)

At The boat will leave Pakbeng at 08am. Enjoy the beautiful nature and jungle during your journey. In the morning, our guide and cooker will make a short demonstration on how to make some lao desserts and local drinks that travelers will eat later in the afternoon.

First stop will be at Ban Baw village, a complex but harmonic mixed of three ethnicities: Lao Loun, Shan and Tai Lue. Today the village is famous for its lao Lao whiskey making. Right after the visit, a Lao traditional Lunch set is served on board.

In the afternoon, the boat will stop for the second visit at the Pak Ou Caves (Tham Ting) and its over two thousand Buddha statues. It is one of the most important Pilgrimage places for lao people. After the visit, enjoy the homemade desserts and drinks made by our team and the travelers. The boat will arrive in Luang Prabang before 4:30pm. Overnight in Luang Prabang

12.01. Luang Prabang – City tour by Tuk Tuk (B)

05.30: Early this morning, give alms to the monks before starting your tour of Luang Prabang. Begin your excursion with a visit to the local market to see the bustle and activity of the early morning.

Tuk Tuk will pick you up to visit the National Museum (former Royal Palace) and Wat Mai:

Visit the National Museum, a modest but graceful building which combines traditional Lao and French beaux-arts motifs. This turnof-the century royal residence has been preserved as it was when the royal family last lived here and provides unique insights into the history of Laos.

Then, visit Hor Phrabang. In the right front corner room of the Palace which opens to the outside, is a collection of the palace's most prized art pieces, including the Phrabang, cast of a gold, silver and bronze alloy. This Buddha stands at 83 cm tall and

weighs around 50 kg. Continue to Wat Mai, which was constructed in 1821 during the reign of King Manthatourath, and was once the residence of Phra Sangkharaj (the Patriarch of the Buddhist clergy).

Wat Xieng Thong, which was built in 1560 and is situated on the banks of the Mekong River. It is the most beautiful monastery in Luang Prabang and features the typical Lao art style with old religious artifacts and some ancient masterpieces of Lao art.

Visit the Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre (TAEC), this place is more than a museum to visit and a boutique for fine handicrafts. Located in the UNESCO World Heritage town of Luang Prabang, Lao, PDR, TAEC is the only independent resource center in Laos dedicated to the country's many and diverse ethnic groups. Founded in 2006, TAEC collects, preserves, and interprets the traditional arts and lifestyles of the country's many and diverse ethnic groups. The doors opened in July 2007 with professional exhibitions on the ethnic cultures of Laos, and a museum shop promoting handicrafts from village artisans [About 50% of the proceeds go directly to the artisans making the products, providing a good source of income and preserving traditional skills.]. // a museum dedicated to exploring the rich diversity of Laos' ethnic minorities.

Wat Visoun (Wat Wisunalat), the oldest living temple in Luang Prabang, Wat dating back to 1513 and contains a collection of antique wooden Buddhas. Visit the nearby Wat Aham

Climb up to Mount Phousi for the sunset. Climb 328 steps starting from the entrance on the opposite side of National Museum, or 410 steps on the other side of Khan River to the small temples atop Phou Si. The hill is 150m high and sits in the middle of the town, offering beautiful views over the temples and river.

Transfer to/from Talat Night Market (Hmong Market). Overnight in Luang Prabang.





13.01. Half day Elephant Experience (HDE) – Kuang Si Waterfall – Baci (B, L, D)

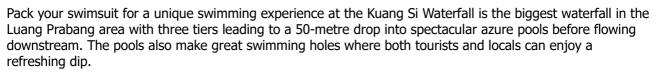
Description: Short but not short on fun! Enjoy the essentials on this exciting tour. Begin with a presentation about elephants, then Experience being a mahout / learn to communicate with your elephant, Lao long boat rides, Tad Sae Waterfall and finish with a delicious lunch buffet. You will also explore our elephant museum, hospital and dung paper making process. We'll have you back to your hotel with plenty of time to enjoy your afternoon plans in Luang Prabang.

Itinerary:

- 8:00 am – 8:30 am: Pick up by our English-speaking guide from your hotel lobby within Luang Prabang, Laos (private transfer & tour)

- Arrival at the Elephant Village Camp: Welcome greeting by your guide and participate in a short briefing about elephants
- Elephant Feeding: Get up close and personal with elephants
- Explore Elephant Village: Visit elephant hospital, museum, photo gallery and dung paper making area
- Learn to communicate with elephant: Enjoy the impressive experience of being a mahout and how they communicate with the elephants.
- Boat trip to the Tad Sae Waterfall: Ride in a traditional Lao long boat to the Tad Sae Waterfall and relax or swim in the clear water (swim suit recommended!)
- Lunch: Dine at our Shangri Lao restaurant. Buffet lunch served with coffee / tea and drinking water (Vegetarian options are available)





Once there, take also the opportunity to visit the Bear Rescue Center founded by "Free the Bears" Foundation. The Foundation helps to rescue bears held in horrifying conditions throughout Asia, and regularly milked for their bito be used in traditional medicines. It also provides ongoing care to hundreds of rescued bears and operates rescued bear sanctuaries in several countries. Return to the city.

18:00 – 19:30: Attend Baci ceremony with traditional music & dance and dinner at local house Transfer by van to outskirts of Luang Prabang to participate in a traditional Baci ceremony in a local home. The ceremony of Baci is held on any day throughout the year and is meant to commemorate specific events in an individual's life. The events could be anything related to any life event - such as a marriage, a success in any endeavor, an annual festival, birth of a child, recovery from illness, or even to honour visitors and guests of importance. After Baci the host will provide dinner with Pha Tok enjoy dinner with Lao style. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

14.01. Luang Prabang – Vang Vieng by train (B)

Transfer by air-conditioned vehicle to Luang Prabang train station for your departure to Vang Vieng by C85 at 10.05-10.58. Arrive to Vang Vieng and your hotel

Train:

- In the event of postponement, files will be studied on case-by case basis.
- The weight of luggage for passengers travelling by train may not exceed 20 kg;
- We cannot be held responsible for the personal belongings of travellers' and it is their sole responsibility to ensure that they do not have any of the prohibited items listed below when travelling by train in Laos:





- 1. Electronic cigarettes
- 2. Firearms, stun guns, explosives and bladed weapons
- 3. Any type of aerosol spray or spray bombs using gaz
- 4. Any product with a high percentage of alcohol
- 5. Corrosive substances, pesticides and/or petrol
- 6. Cetylene and/or oxygen bottles
- 7. Poached animal and/or products made from it
- 8. Radioactive items

We will visit Tham Chang Cave with its stunning views over the valley, home to trekkers who settled near the city's southern village of Meuang Xong to grow vegetables. We also visit the Pou Kham

Cave. Pou Kham is considered sacred in Laos and is mostly popular for the lagoon inside the cave. The greenblue water is perfect for a swim after the steep climb. The main chamber contains a reclining Thai bronze Buddha, and from here deeper galleries branch off into the mountain. Overnight in Vang Vieng

15.01. Vang Vieng – Discovery (B, L)

9.00: Local car and English-speaking assistant guide will pick you up at the hotel and We depart from Vang Vieng and head north, where we visit the first cave, Tham Xang (Elephant Cave). This cave owes its name to a remarkable limestone formation, and lies on the banks of the Nam Song River.

The nearby Tham Hoi Cave (Snail Cave) winds its way deep into the mountain. We'll float through the cave on inflatable tubes, exploring its long corridors and wonderful limestone formations. A pool of cool spring water lies at the mouth of Tham Nam (Water Cave), giving us a great opportunity for a swim.



After a picnic lunch we will trek to a Hmong village, passing through rice paddies and vegetable gardens. We return to Vang Vieng by kayaking down the Nam Song, taking us through idyllic scenes of rural life, with limestone mountains in the background. Overnight in Vang Vieng

Approximately: 25 minutes transfer, 1.5-hour trekking, 2 hours kayaking, 2 hours caving

What to bring: Hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothes, trekking shoes, refillable water bottle, insect repellent, small personal bag.

16.01. Vang Vieng – Vientiane by train – City tour (B)

Transfer by air-conditioned vehicle to Vang Vieng train station for your departure to Vientiane by C85 at 10.58-11.56 h. Train: information as above at 14.01. for the train ride.

Upon arrival to Vientiane, transfer to restaurant for your lunch time.

Visit the capital Vientiane. Wat Ho Pha Keo, once a temple of the Lao royal family, built in 1565, now converted into a museum, with beautiful Buddhist sculptures. Continue by walk to Wat Si Saket was built in 1818 in the Bangkok style. The interior walls of the monastery are littered with more than 2,000 small niches containing Buddhas made of silver and ceramics.

That Luang Stupa (Great Holy Relic) was built between the 11th and 13th centuries and is considered a national monument of Laos. At the end of the boulevard is Patuxai, a monumental building inspired by the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Overnight in Vientiane

17.01. Excursion for hiking in the Natural Park of Phou Khao Khouay (B, L) The Mountain of the Buffalo Horn

Departure from Vientiane at 7:30 am from your place of residence. Arrival at the village of Ban Hatkhai towards 9:30 am or 1 local guide will be waiting for us after preparing the picnic. 7 km of track by vehicle through the forest separate us from the start of the hike. The orchid trek begins at Pha Say waterfall with its impressive viewpoint over a gorge over 50m high and its thick jungle. Around the viewpoint, Bulbophyllum, Panisea, Coelogyne, Phalaenopsis, Thecostele are already present on the trees and rocks.

The walk continues on small shaded paths where we move through different types of forests: semideciduous, jungles, bamboo, allowing us to observe the different biotopes. Do not be surprised by the abundance of orchids in some places, all rocks and some trees are covered with them! Some biotopes are extraordinary. You will also have the opportunity to learn a lot of things about medicinal plants and other families of plants such as: Rattans, Gingers, Dypterocarpus ... and their different uses. The picnic will be taken in the bed of a dry river for part of the year in the shade of trees or at the Tad Say waterfall.



The afternoon ends with a pleasant swim in a unique setting at the Tad Say waterfall before returning to the village. Return to Vientiane around 5:30 p.m. Overnight in Vientiane

Characteristics: Walking time: approximately 4/5 hours. Easy walk. (I can adapt). Please bring with you: walking shoes, swim suits for swimming.

Note that orchids are rare plants even in a natural park! Don't pick up the flowers you will find. Just be happy to be able to observe them in their natural environment and not in your hands. Taking pictures is allowed see recommended...

18.01. Vientiane – Bangkok – Phuket – Khao Lak (B)

Leisure time until pick up for the transfer to the airport in Vientiane for your onward flight to Bangkok and onwards to Phuket. Transfer through the local agent to your beachhotel in Khao Lak. Overnight Khao Lak.

19.01. - 23.01. Khao Lak beachstay (B)

Days for leisure for your own programm and relaxing. Overnight in Khao Lak

23.01. Khao Lak beach – Excursion to Khao Sok Nationalpark (B, L, D)

- 09:00 Pick up from Khao Lak excursion to Khao Sok NP together with other guests
- 11:00 Arrive at 500 Rai pier office for check in.
- 11:30 Depart from the pier for a scenic boat ride to 500 Rai floating resort. On the way, you will see limestone formations of "Chiewlarn Lake" jagged limestone peaks jutting from the emerald water toward the blue sky.
- 13:00 Arrive at 500 Rai Floating resort. Be welcomed by friendly staff.

Have delicious lunch at "Ta Lay Noi" restaurant – savory Thai soups, fresh fish and fruits.

14:00 Check in and spend the afternoon enjoying the heart of nature – you can swim, explore the surrounding resort by kayaking, or simply relax and basking in the greenery atmosphere.

Optional Join-In Activities with supplement charges, 2.100 THB person and tour:

- Wildlife Safari, operate daily 17.00 18.30 h
- ➢ Nam Ta Lu Cave Trekking and Cave Exploration, operate on MON, THU at 09.00 14.30
- 19:00 Dinner in an exquisite atmosphere before returning to your room and sleeping soundly under starry sky.

Overnight at 500 Rai Floating Resort

24.01. Khao Sok NP (B, L, D)

08:30	Breakfast
	OPEN TIME:
	Spend the whole morning relaxing by the pool, swimming at the lake or exploring by
	kayaking on a nearby islet.
12:00	Lunch
14:00	FREE TIME – supplemental tours are being offered at the resort for the guests who would
	like to explore more of Chiew Larn Lake.
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Overnight at 500 Rai Floating Resort

25.01. Khao Sok NP – Khao Lak beach (B)

- 06.00 Morning tea, coffee, or hot chocolate.
- 07.00 Morning Lake sightseeing watching birds about 45 mins (1 round).
- 08.30 Breakfast
- 10.00 Check-out, and board a long-tailed boat and cruise back across the reservoir with panoramic views of the limestone mountains.
- 11.30 Return to the pier and transfer onwards back to Khao Lak. Check into your beachhotel in Khao Lak and overnight.

26.01. Beachstay in Khao Lak (B)

Day for leisure for your own programm. Enjoy the hotel and the beach. Overnight in Khao Lak.

27.01. Khao Lak – Phuket – Berlin (B)

Day for leisure until transfer to Phuket Airport and flight back to Europe.

Info: Your room is available until 12.00 h noon. If you wish to stay longer in your room you can pre-book a late check out or ask before departure day at the hotel reception for an offer.

28.01. Arrival in Berlin

In the morning arrival back in Berlin and individual trip home.

End of a fascinating trip for a relaxed tour to Laos and an exciting stay in Thailand.

Program subject to change!

General Services included:

- Flight with Qatar Airways and Thai Airways ex Berlin to Bangkok and Chiang Rai, back from Phuket to Berlin in Economy Class
- deutsche und thailändische Flughafensteuern, Sicherheitsgebühren, deutsche Luftverkehrssteuer und Kerosinzuschlag per 19.08.24
- Flüge Vientiane Bangkok Phuket by Thai Airways in Econmoy Class, laotische und thailändische Flughafensteuern, Sicherheitsgebühren und Kerosinzuschlag per 19.08.2024 zum Tagestarif (bis zur Ticketausstellung kann sich der Tarif jederzeit ändern)
- Sicherungsschein von LOGO! Reisen

Services included in Thailand:

- Transfer ex Chiang Rai to Chiang Khong Hotel with driver only
- Overnight in Chiang Khong with breakfast
- Transfer Chiang Khong Hotel to Chiang Khong Laos border organised through the hotel with other guests and with driver only
- Transfers ex / to Phuket Airport to / from Khao Lak Beachhotel
- Khao Lak Beachhotel as mentioned in the hotellist with daily breakfast

Services included in Laos:

- Crew service during the cruise
- Baggage handling during all the cruise
- Meals as indicated in the program.
- All services as mentioned in your itinerary.
- Traditional boat as mentioned in your itinerary.
- Drinking water and cold towels during sightseeing.
- Fully licensed and insured to international standard.
- Ground transportation in private, air-conditioned vehicle.
- English speaking local station guide from 11 to 18 JAN 2025
- Accommodation with breakfast as mentioned in your itinerary.
- All entrance fees for sightseeing and visits as mentioned itinerary.
- Multi-lingual 24-hour customer support hotline in all destinations.
- Train ticket from Luang Prabang to Vang Vieng & Vang Vieng to Vientiane (first class)
 Hinweis: Zugtickets können von unserem Team vor Ort erst 3 Tage vor der Zugreise gekauft werden.
- Package 2 days Shompoo Cruise Downstream with English speaking guide assistance during the cruise

Services not included:

- Visa fees for Laos
- Cancellation insurance
- Personal insurance
- Early check in/late check-out at your hotel.
- Expenditure of a personal nature such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, tips and gratuities, etc.
- Other services not mentioned nor specified above not to be included in the tour prices.

Info for Khao Sok Nationalpark:

Services included in Khao Sok NP, 500 Rai Floating Resort:

- Pick up & Drop off at hotel in Khao Lak
- English speaking local guide on site.
- 2 nights accommodation at 500 Rai Floating Resort in Deluxe Room.
- 6 Meals.
- Drinks: water to all meals, during breakfast tea, coffee, milk, juices 07.00 10.00 h
- Activities on the way to resort.
- Travel insurance, government tax and service charge.
- Roundtrip land transfer from & to Phuket, Khao Lak, Krabi and Suratthani areas.
- Boat transfer (joined boat schedule).

Services not included in 500 Rai Floating Resort:

- Other meals not indicated in the program.
- National Park Fee is not included (approx. 300 THB per adult) Clients are required to pay directly on spot to National Park Officers.
- Other admission fees for any sites not indicated in the program.
- Pre and post night stay
- Other tours and transportation are not indicated in the program.
- Optional activities available at supplement charge below.
- Personal expenditure.

What to bring for Khao Sok NP:

Hiking sandals or closed shoes swimming suit sun cream, sun hat, sun glases camera waterproof bag personal medications

REMARKS:

- The resort provides Free Wi-Fi 2 hours per person per night. In case of emergency or business concerns outside the given timeframe, the resort can provide at supplement charge.
- Electricity is available 24 hours.
- Air-condition in Deluxe Room is available from 1200PM 0600AM.
- Only small luggage is recommended.
- Self-service luggage carried at the pier.
- Outside food and drinks are not allowed into the resort
- Guests for overnight trips required a copy of their passport upon reservation for insurance purposes and required by the National Park Office.
- The given itinerary, activities and timeframe are estimation only and subject to change according to uncontrollable nature causes - water levels or weather conditions, and/or any other unforeseen circumstances.
- After 18:00, boats are **NOT** allowed to depart either from the pier or floating resort.

Tarifbedingungen Qatar Airways & Thai Airways:

Ticketausstellung bis spät. **23.08.2024** Umbuchungen: 1 Änderung frei, jede weitere 240 €, No Show und Umbuchung 730 € Storno: $555 \in$, No Show und Storno $865 \in$

Tarifbedingungen Thai Airways:

Umbuchung nicht möglich Storno 100 %

Diese Hotels wurden für Ihre Reise bestätigt:

Orte:	gute Mittelklasse- und Boutique-Hotels / Zimmerkategorien:
Chiang Khong	Fortune Riverview 3,5*, Deluxe Riverside
Pakbeng	Sanctuary Pakbeng Lodge 3*, Superior
Luang Prabang	Muang Thong 3*, Deluxe
Vang Vieng	The Academy 3*, Standard
Vientiane	Mintra 3*, Deluxe City View
Khao Lak Beach	Khao Lak Merlin Resort 4*, Deluxe, mit 44 qm, Balkon und begehbare Dusche
Khao Sok	500 Rai Floating Resort 3,5*, Deluxe

Unterbringung und Bestätigung für oben genannte Hotels vorbehaltlich Zimmerverfügbarkeit. Sollte ein oder mehrere angebotene Hotels ausgebucht sein, so werden wir Alternativen in der gleichen Hotelkategorie anbieten. Evtl. Änderungen im Reisepreis werden angepaßt und können zu Preisminderungen aber auch zu Preiserhöhungen führen.

Internationaler Standard für die offiziellen Check-In und Check-Out Zeiten für Hotels sind 14:00 für den Check-In und 12:00 für den Check-Out.

Berücksichtigte Rabatte:

Khao Lak Merlin Resort, 10 % Frühbucherrabatt bei Buchung 61 Tage vor Anreise und vor Ort 20 % Rabatt auf Spa Behandlungen.

Bitte beachten Sie, daß in allen unseren Reisen für Sie ein kostenfreier Sicherungsschein der R + V Versicherung eingeschlossen ist. Dieser sichert bereits erhaltene Kundengelder ab.

Info zum Reisepreis:

Die Auswahl der Hotels beeinflußt ganz entscheidend den Reisepreis! Selbst in Hotels der gleichen Sterne-Kategorie gibt es Preisdifferenzen. Beeinflußt durch Lage des Hotels, angebotene Serviceleistungen, Ausstattung und Nachfrage eines jeden einzelnen Hauses. Diese Punkte könnten sein: Charakter der Anlage (Boutique Hotel, ehem. Palast, Design Hotels), Strandlage, Spa- und Wellnessbereich, Zimmergröße, Gartenanlage mit Pool. Über die Hotels ist es uns als Veranstalter möglich mit dem Preis zu spielen. Durch die Auswahl anderer Hotels ändert sich der Preis. Fragen Sie uns danach, falls Sie andere Hotels wünschen, Sie weniger in Hotels investieren möchten oder es gerne luxuriöser sein darf. Wir kennen die meisten Hotels und beraten Sie gerne.

Ausrüstungshinweis:

- * Sportschuhe mit rutschfesten Sohlen oder Trekking-Sandalen
- * lange Hosen für die Trekkingtouren während der Shompoo Cruise, hier ist eine Hose von Vorteil die wandelbar ist in kurze Hose / lange Hose
- * leichte Regen-/Windjacke
- * Schal
- * Sonnenhut, -creme bzw. -blocker und -brille
- * evtl. Kopflampe für den Aufenthalt auf dem 500 Rai Floatel Khao Sok
- * Moskitospray oder -lotion
- * Badesachen

Reiseveranstalter:

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