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## HERITAGE LUANG PRABANG

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## Journey Overview

The historic former royal capital of Laos will leave you spellbound. Discover an enchanting mix of tranquil Buddhist temples, French colonial architecture and towering palms in this UNESCO World Heritage site. Meet the fascinating people of Laos and discover the stories behind their age-old customs and crafts.

### Journey Highlights

- Experience one of Laos' purest traditions, a Baci ceremony
- Explore the hidden temples and colonial gems of the UNESCO World Heritage city
- Spend time with local artisans
- Witness the majestic Kuang Si waterfall
- Enjoy an evening playing 'petang' with the locals



## Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Luang Prabang.

Arrive in Luang Prabang and be welcomed by the soothing luxury of your hotel. one of Laos' purest traditions, a Baci ceremony. Performed by a master of ceremonies, or "Mo Phon", the Baci is a ritual performed on special occasions for hundreds of years.

***Rosewood Luang Prabang (Riverside Room)***

Day 2: Luang Prabang.

Peel back layers of history as you wander the streets of this peaceful, other-worldly city on your walking tour. Start at the National Museum, housed in the former Royal Palace, for the perfect overview of Luang Prabang's fascinating history. Meet with a former cultural advisor to UNESCO, Francis Engelmann, who will become your expert guide to the city. Wander through the charming lanes and backstreets as your guide shares stories of the city's heritage and architecture. Head to the far point of the peninsula to marvel at temple Wat Xieng Thong, which dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure.

***Rosewood Luang Prabang (Riverside Room) | Meals: B***

Day 3: Luang Prabang.

Venture through the lush green countryside to the majestic Kuang Si waterfall, cascading down 60 metres into azure pools. Then, spend an interactive morning at Laos Buffalo Dairy, a social enterprise supporting underprivileged farmers with a commercial dairy and production facility. Meet the dairy manager who will lead you on a tour of the farm and teach you about their methods, challenges, achievements and future plans. Get up close with the friendly buffalos, helping to wash and feed the calves. Then, sample the farm's delicious, fresh produce with a cheese tasting platter.

This evening, challenge locals to a game of "petang", Laos's answer to the French game of petanque and a remnant of the colonial past. Then, head to a popular 'Sin Dat' restaurant for a traditional Laos barbecue. Sizzle slivers of meat on a metal tray heated over a bucket of hot coals in the centre of your table, as vegetables, egg and noodles bubble below.

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Day 4: Luang Prabang.

Delve into the fascinating world of Laos crafts. Meet the co-founder and managing director of Ma Te Sai, a social enterprise and fair-trade organisation that supports rural women through handicraft. Having lived in Luang Prabang since 2009, Australian-born Emi Weir spends much of her time in these rural communities, helping to preserve their cultural heritage. Join Emi to meet silversmiths and master paper craftsmen in their workshops and see their intricate work. Journey to Patta Textile Gallery to meet the innovative textile designer and admire her one-of-a-kind creations. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

***Rosewood Luang Prabang (Riverside Room) | Meals: B***

Day 5: Depart Luang Prabang.

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

**Meals: B**

***Note: Must be booked in conjunction with a longer Orient itinerary***

## Accommodation

### Rosewood Luang Prabang



Hidden in the lush jungle on the outskirts of Luang Prabang, Rosewood Luang Prabang has an idyllic setting with a river running through the heart of the resort.

A grand colonial-styled residence houses the public areas while 23 spacious accommodations, spread across both banks of the river, include deluxe rooms, specialty suites, riverside and pool villas, and luxury tents. Bill Bensley designed interiors demonstrate his signature colonial-chic style while Lao tradition is sensitively woven throughout using indigenous materials and locally inspired artworks.

Meals at The Great House use only fresh local ingredients, some of which are harvested from the onsite organic garden, supporting the local community through a 'farm-to-the table' dining concept that emphasises locally sourced and seasonal foods. The Elephant Bridge Bar — a nod to the area's wild past — is the perfect spot to enjoy classic cocktails and traditional Laotian bar snacks.

Sense, A Rosewood Spa® offers a variety of luxury treatments and signature holistic offerings paired with natural, sustainably sourced ingredients. The riverside pool is also a perfect place to relax after a day's touring.

### Why we like it

- Bill Bensley designed colonial-chic interiors in riverside accommodation options
- A contemporary farm-to-table dining concept

- Holistic spa offerings using sustainably sourced ingredients
- Complimentary sunset cruise, weaving heritage tour or tour MandaLao Elephant Sanctuary

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