



## HERITAGE LUANG PRABANG

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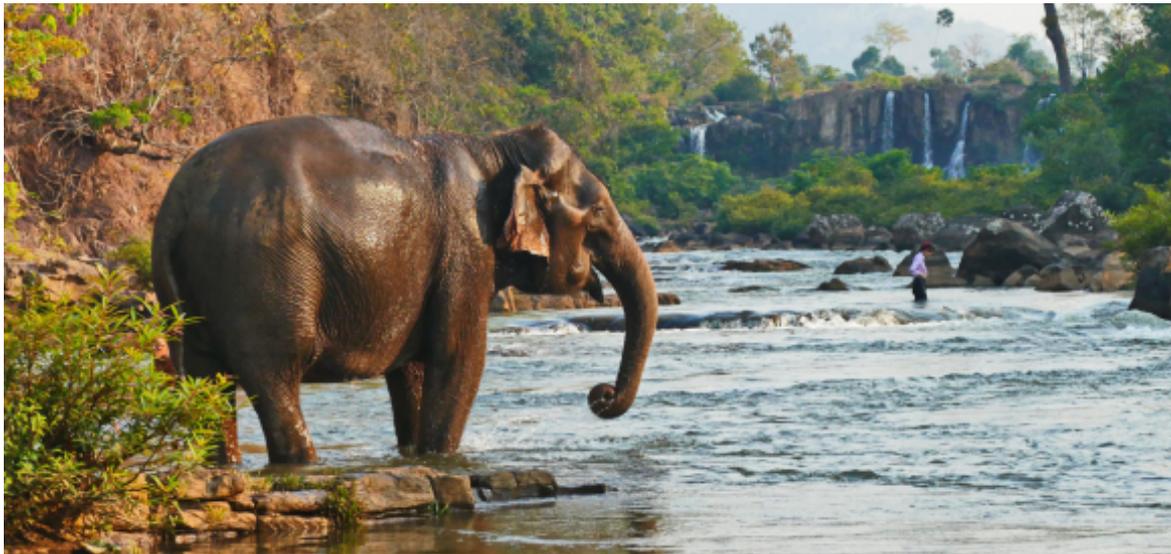
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## Journey Overview

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
- Visit an elephant sanctuary, walking among these gentle giants



## 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***

### **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 16th century. Enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure.

This evening, challenge locals to a game of "petang", Laos's answer to the French game of petanque. Then, head to a popular 'Sin Dat' restaurant for a traditional Laos barbecue.

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### **Day 3: Luang Prabang**

This morning drive out to Kuang Si Waterfall, a beautiful three-tiered cascade known for its brilliant turquoise pools and streams. Walk along a scenic forest trail to see the main falls, or cool off with a refreshing swim in one of the shimmering 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. 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.

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## **Day 4: Luang Prabang**

Learn about Laos' silk weaving tradition at Ock Pop Tock, an artisan enterprise that specialises in silk dyeing and handmade fabrics by traditional weavers and textile makers. Meet one of the founders of the enterprise for a fascinating insight into the origins of silk, the weaving process and the meaning of the many symbols and motifs that are featured. This introduction is followed by a hands-on demonstration of silk dyeing and the various weaving techniques used in Laos. Walk through the weaving area to observe the skilled artisans at work and enjoy the opportunity to discuss their craft.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

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## **Day 5: Elephant Sanctuary**

Venture into the remote jungles of northern Laos for a private, up close and personal experience with Southeast Asia's gentle giants. Committed to conservation, education and elephant welfare, this ethical facility is a safe haven for rescued elephants who spend their days foraging in the forest, splashing in the river or munching on fresh fruits. Cross the Nam Khan river to feed the resident pachyderms, watch them bathe in the river and walk side by side with them through rice fields and meandering creeks. Stop for a picnic lunch in the forest and you can even take a quick dip in the nearby waterfall before getting to know the elephants better with a lesson in elephant movements and gestures. Transfer back to Luang Prabang in the late afternoon.

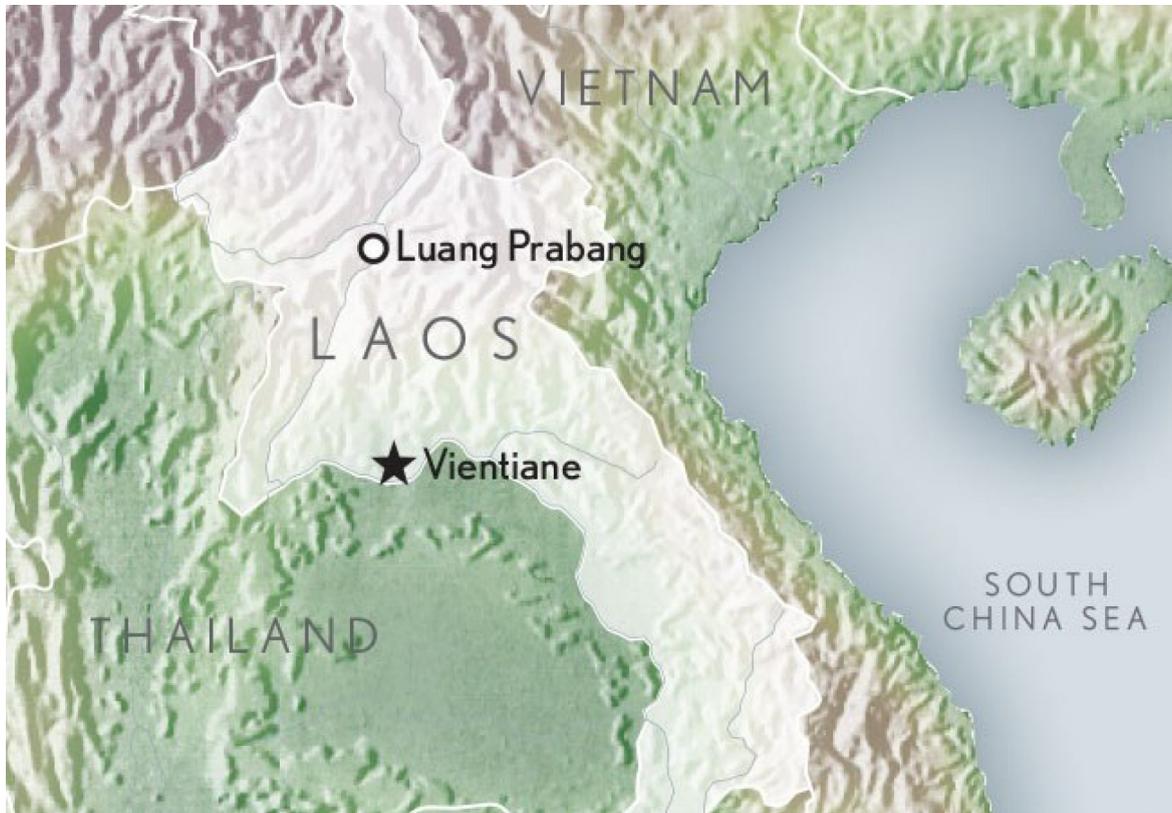
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## **Day 6: Depart Luang Prabang**

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

***Meals: B***

## Map



## 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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