



Event idea Laos

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Day 1 - Luang Prabang: Arrival and Baci Ceremony

Meeting upon arrival at Luang Prabang airport and check in at the hotel. In the afternoon, visit of Vat Visoun and the Singhalese-style stupa, then the Makmo, and Vat Aham. The latter, one of the main shrines of the city, is dedicated to the ancestors. By mid afternoon, departure from the hotel to attend a traditional Baci ceremony. This collective ritual aims to asking the spirits to bring good luck, happiness and prosperity to those present. It is practiced on many occasions, from the birth of a child to an inauguration. After young people pay respect to the elders, a mantrareciting begins to summon the spirits to join the participants. It is also an opportunity to discover traditional dances of Laos. Then, back to the hotel. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 2 - Luang Prabang: Excursion to Pak Ou

After breakfast, further exploration of the city with the famous Wat Xieng Thong, considered as the most beautiful temple of Luang Prabang. Its layered roofs going down to the ground make it a city icon. The tour is followed by a 2h tour on a traditional boat along the Mekong River, towards the sacred site of Pak Ou. Inside a cliff overlooking the river, at the exact spot where the Nam Ou flows into the Mekong, two sacred caves house thousands of Buddha statues. Along the way, stop at the temple of Vat Longkhoune, famous for its frescoes of the eighteenth century.

End of the day at leisure. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Option: At the late afternoon, meeting with an astrologer for a personal session (translation made by the guide)