

SEA08 / 14 DAYS



LAOS + CAMBODIA

Golden Blessings & Khmer Kingdoms

Personal welcomes, mountain mornings and the great art of Angkor.

14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS / PRIVATE

Travel in November-February • Tailored to your party

THE JOURNEY

Some places stay with you.



Laos and Cambodia make a beautiful pairing when their differences are given room to shine. In Luang Prabang, discover a royal town through temples, a Baci welcome, farm work and time on the Mekong. Move by rail into Vang Vieng's dramatic countryside for a planned balloon flight, then continue to Vientiane. Cambodia opens with Angkor's immense artistic achievement and expands into living craft, wildlife conservation and Phnom Penh's riverside heritage. Private guides and vehicles make the handovers smooth while preserving a sense of discovery. This is a full itinerary of personal encounters and great sites, with moderate walks, well-chosen food and comfortable stays. The cross-border flight is aligned with published operation, and the precise arrangement is confirmed for your dates.

SEVEN MOMENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

- Luang Prabang heritage and a host-led Baci ceremony
- Angkor's temples and Banteay Srei's fine carving
- Rice farming, Kuang Si and rescued bears
- Tonle Sap waterbirds with a specialist guide
- A private Mekong outing to Pak Ou
- Phnom Penh and a private sunset river outing
- Vang Vieng ballooning and scenic rail travel

DESIGNED TO CONNECT BEAUTIFULLY

The shape of your journey

Luang Prabang • Vang Vieng • Vientiane • Siem Reap • Angkor • Tonle Sap • Phnom Penh

YOUR NIGHTS, IN ORDER

DAYS 01–04	Luang Prabang
DAYS 05–06	Vang Vieng
DAY 07	Vientiane
DAYS 08–11	Siem Reap
DAYS 12–13	Phnom Penh
DAY 14	Departure

BEST TRAVEL MONTHS

November–February

December to February gives the best overlap with specialist Tonle Sap birding. Laos is generally cooler and drier; mornings can be chilly. Balloon flights and lake access follow weather and water conditions.

MADE FOR

Couples, friends, culturally curious families & solo travelers

*Your own travel dates. Your own companions.
Private guides and vehicles, with walks, rooming
and dining adapted to you.*

CONNECTIONS THAT RESPECT YOUR TIME

- Arrive Luang Prabang; depart Phnom Penh through Techo International Airport.
- The checked winter Vientiane–Siem Reap routing connects via Pakse on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- Choose a matching arrival weekday for day eight, or confirm a practical Bangkok connection.
- Rail seats, balloon charter and specialist birding access are reconfirmed for the selected dates.



Luang Prabang, Laos

DAY 01

Your private welcome to Luang Prabang

Arrive at Luang Prabang International Airport, where your Midasia Routes representative meets you in the arrivals area after immigration and baggage collection. A private vehicle, chilled drinking water and assistance with your luggage make the transition to your hotel easy. Airport fast-track assistance can be requested where the airport permits it.

After settling in, meet your local guide for a personal introduction to Luang Prabang. Depending on your landing time and energy, enjoy a short neighbourhood walk, a riverside pause or a first taste of the city in a relaxed café. Your guide confirms food preferences, walking comfort and the experiences that matter most to you.

A thoughtfully chosen welcome dinner introduces regional flavours. The evening remains gentle after your international journey; a late arrival means dinner and orientation are adjusted to your flight. Your first night is a comfortable beginning, with the details of tomorrow already taken care of.

Overnight: Luang Prabang | Meals: Welcome dinner, arrival time permitting

DAY 02

Luang Prabang: living traditions and a Baci welcome

Begin with the morning market and the town's everyday food traditions, then visit the former Royal Palace museum and Wat Xieng Thong. Your guide explains the architecture, royal history and living Buddhist traditions. Any observation of morning alms is quiet and respectful, without interrupting participants or using flash.

After lunch, meet a textile or craft specialist for an introduction to the distinct communities of northern Laos. Visit the Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre when open, or use a prearranged artisan session as the alternative. Allow time to browse contemporary work and ask questions.

Join a Baci ceremony arranged with willing local hosts and an experienced ceremony leader. White threads, spoken blessings and shared goodwill create a personal welcome; participation follows the hosts' customs. Enjoy dinner afterwards. A Phousi viewpoint visit can be added if the steps and timing suit you.

Overnight: Luang Prabang | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



DAY 03

Rice farming, turquoise falls and rescued bears

Visit the Living Land community farm for a prebooked rice experience. Learn how seedlings, irrigation, harvesting and processing connect to the Lao table, joining light tasks suited to the season and your comfort. Participants can try the muddy stages or observe from the field edge; children receive age-appropriate involvement.

After lunch, continue to Kuang Si. Walk the lower forest paths and visit the public viewing area of the Tat Kuang Si Bear Rescue Centre, where rescued bears illustrate a conservation story. Follow the path to the waterfalls and enjoy the turquoise pools, with swimming only in permitted areas when conditions allow.

Return to Luang Prabang for dinner and an optional short browse of the evening craft market. This is a full day, so the walk remains moderate and the upper, steeper waterfall trail is optional. Bear viewing follows sanctuary rules and is distinct from a specially booked care tour.

Overnight: Luang Prabang | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 04

A private Mekong boat, sacred caves and artisan hands

Board your private riverboat after breakfast and cruise upstream along the Mekong. Watch the changes along the banks while your guide explains the river's role in transport, farming and trade. Visit Pak Ou's lower Buddha cave; the additional steps to the upper cave are optional.

Enjoy lunch aboard or at a suitable riverside venue, then continue with a prearranged craft stop. A village or workshop visit may focus on weaving, paper-making or another locally practised skill. Your guide checks that hosts are available and that the stop adds a worthwhile encounter rather than a shopping obligation.

Return to town in the late afternoon. After time to refresh, enjoy dinner with Lao specialities matched to your dietary preferences. The journey takes place on the navigable Mekong stretch around Luang Prabang, with exact landing points selected for water levels and the day's operating permissions.

Overnight: Luang Prabang | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



Vang Vieng, Laos

DAY 05

By rail to Vang Vieng's limestone country

After breakfast, transfer to Luang Prabang's railway station for a reserved-seat journey on the Laos-China Railway. Your team handles station transfers and prepares the passenger details required for ticketing. The final train and seat category are confirmed when the booking window opens.

Meet your driver at Vang Vieng and check into your hotel. After lunch, take a gentle introduction to the Nam Song landscape, with a private local boat ride when river conditions allow and a short village-lane walk. Limestone cliffs, fields and river life offer a striking contrast to the royal town.

Enjoy dinner with mountain views where available. Your guide confirms the weather assessment and pickup arrangements for tomorrow's planned balloon flight. A quieter evening is useful before the early start, while the day still includes rail scenery, time on the river and an introduction to the countryside.

Overnight: Vang Vieng | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 06

Above the valley, then into village life

Rise early for a planned private hot-air-balloon experience with an established licensed operator. Drift over the limestone country when the pilot judges conditions suitable, then return for breakfast. Private charter availability, loading limits and the operator's age, height and fitness requirements are checked before confirmation.

Explore the valley by private vehicle with short, moderate walks. Visit Tham Chang if open and suitable, then meet a local host for a farming or village-life encounter. A stop beside a permitted lagoon gives time to enjoy the landscape; swimming remains optional and conditions are checked.

After time to refresh, enjoy dinner. Ballooning is weather-dependent: if it cannot operate, use the morning for a longer countryside walk, a craft visit or a gentle river outing. Your proposal confirms the operator's cancellation arrangements. There is no requirement to climb the strenuous hilltop viewpoints.

Overnight: Vang Vieng | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



Pha That Luang, Vientiane, Laos

DAY 07

Vientiane: sacred spaces and contemporary Laos

Take the train south to Vientiane after breakfast, with private transfers at both ends. On arrival, settle into your hotel and enjoy lunch. This efficient connection makes room for a meaningful city afternoon without relying on an all-day drive.

Visit Wat Si Saket and Haw Phra Kaew, then continue to the COPE Visitor Centre when open for an introduction to the continuing human impact of unexploded ordnance and the work of rehabilitation. Your guide adapts the discussion to children and to the interests of your party.

Finish with a stroll beside the Mekong and dinner in a carefully chosen restaurant. The riverfront reveals the city's relaxed evening rhythm. Museum closures and the train timetable may change the visit order; the private guide keeps the historical and contemporary stories connected throughout the day.

Overnight: Vientiane | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 08

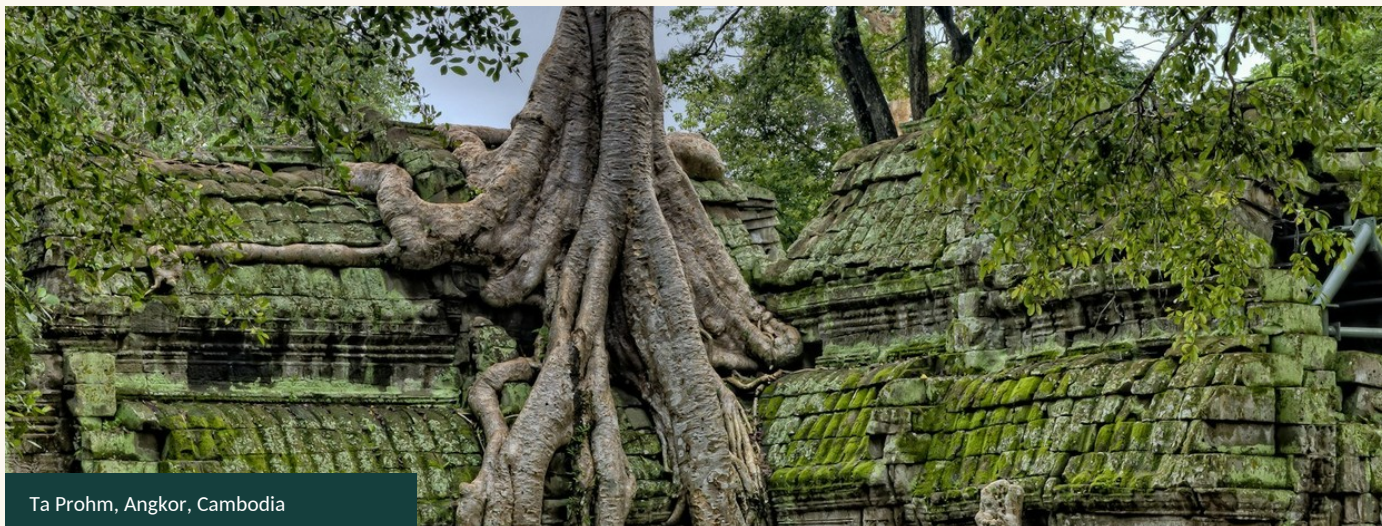
A new kingdom: welcome to Cambodia

After breakfast, transfer privately to the airport in Vientiane. The winter routing uses Lao Airlines via Pakse on its published operating days, with a Bangkok connection considered only if it better suits your dates. Flight days are planned around published operation, and the final proposal confirms the actual service and baggage arrangements before payment. The journey does not rely on an unverified daily direct flight.

Meet your Cambodian guide at Siem Reap Angkor airport after immigration and baggage collection. Continue privately to your hotel, with lunch or refreshments coordinated around arrival. A gentle orientation introduces the city and gives time to discuss the Angkor visits, walking comfort and food preferences.

Enjoy dinner and, when arrival time permits, a relaxed browse of local design shops or a café stop. Temple visits begin the following morning. The emphasis today is a smooth country-to-country handover, leaving you ready to enjoy Cambodia rather than arriving straight into a demanding sightseeing circuit.

Overnight: Siem Reap | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



Ta Prohm, Angkor, Cambodia

DAY 09

Angkor: a day worthy of the journey

Leave before dawn if you would like to see Angkor Wat as the light changes, then explore the galleries and courtyards with your private guide. The visit goes beyond a photograph: read the bas-reliefs, understand the temple's symbolism and follow its changing religious life. A later start is possible for families.

After breakfast or a substantial refreshment stop, continue to the great faces of Bayon and selected terraces of Angkor Thom. Lunch and a proper hotel break divide the day. Your guide works around permitted access, heat and conservation restrictions rather than promising empty monuments or closed areas.

Visit Ta Prohm in the later afternoon, when roots and stone create a different atmosphere, then return for dinner. This is a full temple day with uneven paths and steps, but the private vehicle and guide allow shorter walking circuits without losing the essential story.

Overnight: Siem Reap | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 10

Fine stone, living craft and a Cambodian evening

Travel to Banteay Srei in the cooler morning, taking time to appreciate its intricate carvings and intimate scale. Your guide helps identify the stories in the stone. A countryside stop introduces local produce or palm-based livelihoods when a host is available and the activity is genuinely taking place.

After lunch, return towards Siem Reap for a prebooked APOPO visitor experience, where the team explains its mine-detection work and the role of trained rats. Continue to a reputable artisan studio for a hands-on or hosted craft encounter. Animal demonstrations follow the centre's welfare procedures and available programme.

Enjoy dinner, then attend a Phare performance when the scheduled show fits your date. Its contemporary storytelling adds another dimension to Cambodia after the ancient temples. If no suitable performance runs, replace it with a longer private dinner or a different locally produced cultural evening.

Overnight: Siem Reap | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



National Museum, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

DAY 11

Tonle Sap: birdlife and life on the water

Leave early with a specialist birding guide for a prearranged Tonle Sap excursion. Travel to the appropriate pier and continue by private local motorboat towards the Prek Toal area when reserve access and water levels permit. Watch for waterbirds while learning about the lake's seasonal transformation.

Explore permitted channels and viewing locations with local conservation support, then enjoy lunch in a suitable community setting. A respectful floating-village encounter focuses on homes, livelihoods and changing water levels; no school or orphanage stop is included. Species and nesting activity vary, and the day is never sold as a guaranteed wildlife spectacle.

Return to Siem Reap for dinner after a full day on the water. December to February is the preferred core season. If reserve access is unsuitable, your specialist selects an alternative wetland-and-community programme, with the revised route confirmed before departure.

Overnight: Siem Reap | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 12

Across Cambodia to its riverside capital

Leave Siem Reap after breakfast in your private vehicle. Break the cross-country journey at the historic Kampong Kdei bridge when access permits, where your guide explains the engineering and trade routes of the Khmer world. Refreshment stops are planned before lunch.

Continue to Phnom Penh, arriving with time to check in and recover from the road. Depending on traffic and daylight, take a gentle riverside orientation or visit Wat Phnom. This is a genuine transfer day; major museum visits are kept for tomorrow rather than added to an already full journey.

Dinner is arranged in a refined but relaxed city restaurant. Your guide introduces the capital's royal, colonial and contemporary layers, and confirms your preferences for tomorrow's history programme. The private vehicle allows comfortable stops without relying on a rushed intercity schedule.

Overnight: Phnom Penh | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



DAY 13

Phnom Penh: royal heritage and a private river sunset

Explore the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda when official functions allow access, then visit the National Museum's Khmer art collection. Your private guide helps connect the objects with the temples already seen. Walk between selected central stops or use the car according to the weather and your comfort.

After lunch, choose a deeper city experience: contemporary Cambodian art and a market visit, or Tuol Sleng for adults who want to understand the Khmer Rouge period. The latter is emotionally demanding and is discussed in advance; families receive an appropriate alternative.

Board a private boat for a sunset outing on the rivers around the city when conditions permit, then enjoy a farewell dinner. The day brings together artistic achievement, difficult history and the energy of modern Cambodia, with space to reflect rather than hurry through the final chapter.

Overnight: Phnom Penh | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 14

A thoughtful farewell

Enjoy breakfast and a final quiet moment in Phnom Penh. If your flight allows, your guide can arrange a short market visit or a stop for last-minute locally made gifts; this is fitted around check-out and airport formalities, never around an optimistic connection.

Your private driver transfers you to Techo International Airport. The team assists with luggage and check-in orientation within the areas open to local representatives. Your international flight, onward baggage arrangements and any airport assistance are reconfirmed before departure.

Leave with the memories of people met, food shared and landscapes explored. A beach extension, a different onward destination or extra nights can be arranged when we customise the journey. International flights are quoted separately unless your personal proposal expressly includes them.

Overnight: Departure | Meals: Breakfast, flight time permitting

PRIVATE TRAVEL, PERSONAL CARE

Make this journey yours.

Travel as a couple, with family or friends, or on your own with a private guide. We begin with the experiences you care about, then shape the room choices, dining, walking and daily pace around you. A birthday, a photography interest, a quieter village stay or a few extra beach nights can become part of your personal proposal.

Your welcome & support · Personal arrivals-area meet and greet; private airport transfers; luggage assistance; coordinated local handovers and a named planning contact. Fast-track services are requested only where permitted and available.

Your comfort & experiences · Well-chosen luxury or boutique accommodation, private vehicles and local guides, meals shown in the programme, site entries and the described private boat and activity arrangements are included in the bespoke quotation.

Your flights & thoughtful extras · The quotation itemises scheduled domestic and regional flights, baggage, rail travel and private charters. International flights to and from the journey, visas, insurance, personal purchases, gratuities and unlisted extras are separate unless expressly included.

Your confirmed proposal · Route planning was reviewed in September 2026. Your final dated proposal confirms the hotels, flights, boats, rail seats, host visits, activity suitability and any seasonal substitutions before you commit.

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