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## 6-DAYS UP RIVER MEKONG CRUISE: VIENTIANE – LUANG PRABANG

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Savour the fantastic scenery of the Mekong River on a unique cruise from Vientiane to Luang Prabang (Laos).



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### YOUR ROUTE: VIENTIANE – PAKLAY – THA DEUA – KUANG SI – LUANG PRABANG

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#### VIENTIANE – EMBARKATION

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**DAY 1:** In the afternoon, you will embark on the Mekong Sun/ Explorer, a comfortable Laotian cruise ship. These unique vessels are the first German-Laotian owned river ship with cabins on the upper Mekong. Settle into your accommodating cabin and unpack for a six-day cruise. (Check-in is at 2:00 PM). In the afternoon you will visit the national symbol of Laos, the That Luang temple, and the picturesque Arc de Trioumphe. Enjoy the spacious decks, lounge on board and attend Your welcome reception and dinner this evening. A selection of Asian and European food will be provided throughout the cruise. Overnight aboard the Mekong Sun/ Explorer.

#### DEPART VIENTIANE

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**DAY 2:** The morning your vessel start for your spectacular river cruise upstream into formerly inaccessible parts of the Mekong river. The night is spent on a beautiful sandbank, surrounded by nothing but pure nature. Overnight aboard the Mekong Sun/ Explorer.

#### WILD NATURE ALONG THE MIGHTY MEKONG

(B/L/D)

**DAY 3:** Further north you will discover some of the most remarkable, most impressive landscapes of this still-untamed river. The landscape becomes more and more spectacular: hills covered with tropical vegetation, awe-inspiring rock formations along the river banks, and a fascinating array of fast currents and slower river parts. The power of the mighty Mekong will give your cruise the feeling of a real expedition. Enjoy the beautiful views and watch nature's wonders along the riverbanks before you head north again and stop at a remote sandbank for the night. Overnight aboard the Mekong Sun/ Explorer.

#### PAK LAY

(B/L/D)

**DAY 4:** Upstream you will stop at the small riverside community of Pak Lai, known for once possessing many colonial buildings. The purely natural landscape is only broken by the seldom sights of small villages and local herds of cattle. Enjoy the comfort and service onboard: exclusive, yet casual, you'll share the boat with no more than 26/30 fellow guests. Overnight aboard the Mekong Sun/ Explorer.

#### THA DEUA

(B/L/D)

**DAY 5:** During and after breakfast on board, enjoy the beautiful view and possibly watch local fishermen along the shore. Today you will see the Mekong ferry crossing at Tha Deua, connecting Luang Prabang Province with the Sayaboury province. Overnight aboard the Mekong Sun/ Explorer.

## **KUANG SI – LUANG PRABANG**

**(B/L/-)**

**DAY 6:** A shore excursion will take you to the Kuang Si-waterfalls, some of the most attractive waterfalls in Laos. This afternoon you will reach Luang Prabang, the former royal capital of Laos, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In Luang Prabang you will say goodbye to your Lao crew. Check out and disembarkation. This is the end of the trip.

**NOTE:** *Every river cruise on the upper Mekong is a pioneer experience and is subject to constantly changing river conditions including flood waters and shallows. Therefore please understand that we must reserve the right to alter the itinerary of this tour due to the logistical complexities involved. Small deviations in the tour program are sometimes necessary, depending on weather, local authorities and river and/or road conditions. For safety reasons and according to navigating conditions, these programs may be amended without previous notice.*