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* 6D5N Vientiane + Luang Prabang Elephant Experience Tour * (Reed Package)

Day 1: Arrival to Vientiane (Dinner)

Free & Easy

Upon arrival to Vientiane, you will be welcomed by our local representative at the airport and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Explore Vientiane at your own leisure.

Day 2: Vientiane (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Holy Temples



After breakfast, visit the famous **Wat Si Muang**, known for its supernatural power, before taking a drive to **Buddha Park**. Situated along the Mekong River, the park is home to over 200 intriguing Buddhist and Hindu statues. On your way back to Vientiane, you will visit **Mai Savanh**, which specializes in high-quality silk products. Here, you can see the traditional textiles of the Laos people. Enjoy a delicious lunch before visiting **That Luang**, the holiest site in Laos. The magnificent temple with a towering golden spire was constructed by King Setthethirat in

the 16th Century. Enjoy a panoramic view of the city after climbing up the stairs to the top of **Patuxai**, a war monument dedicated to those who have fought for independence from France. Visit the serene **Wat Sisaket**, the only temple remaining after the Siamese (Thai) invasion in 1828. One of the most beautiful temples in the capital, its teak-covered hallways are filled with thousands of miniature Buddha statues. The nearby **Wat Phra Keo** houses a collection of Laos and Khmer works of art, which makes for an educational experience. Savour a sumptuous dinner before heading back to your hotel.

Day 3: Vientiane – Luang Prabang (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Scenic Waterfalls



After breakfast, take a domestic flight to Luang Prabang and on arrival, you will visit **Kuang Si Waterfall**, where you can swim in the pools or walk along the forest trails. Tour the must-see **Kuang Si Falls Butterfly Park** to learn more about the butterflies and the local fauna. Savour a delicious lunch. On the way back to the city center, visit the **Ock Pop Top Living Craft Center** to understand more about the silk weaving process and appreciate Laos' traditional crafts. Enjoy a panoramic sunset view of the city and the Mekong River from the top of **Phousi Hill** after ascending 329 steps. Round off your tour with a visit to the famous **Night Market**, where you will

find a lovely collection of handmade textiles made by local and hilltribe people. Enjoy a sumptuous dinner before heading back to your hotel.



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Day 4: Luang Prabang (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Cave and Culture Tour



An optional early morning start gives you an opportunity to observe the daily morning rituals of saffron-clad monks collecting Alms from the residents. This tradition is unique to Laos, being the only Buddhist nation still preserving the tradition. You will get to visit the **morning local market** near the Royal Palace and get a glimpse of the authentic local culture. After your hotel breakfast, visit the **Royal Palace Museum**, which houses many interesting artifacts. Enjoy a cruise down the Mekong River with a fantastic view of the countryside, before reaching the **Pak Ou Caves**, two

linked caves with thousands of gold-lacquered Buddha statues left by pilgrims. On our way back to the city, you will visit the village of **Ban Xanghai**, where the local rice wine is made. Admire the classic Laotian architecture of the magnificent **Wat Xiengthong** with its low roofs. Learn more about Lao's ethnic cultures at the **Traditional Art and Ethnology Centre**. Grab the perfect opportunity to catch the beautiful sunset at **Wat Siphouthabaht**. Round off your tour with a visit to the famous **Night Market**, where you can buy homemade textiles made by local and hilltribe people. If time permits, you may wish to visit the **Kopnoi Promotion Centre** and enjoy the **tea-tasting ceremony** while learning more about Laos' culture. After a sumptuous dinner, head back to your hotel for a good night's rest.

Day 5: Luang Prabang (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Elephant Experience



After breakfast, you will travel to **Elephant Village**. After a short briefing by your camp manager, you will enjoy an impressive **elephant ride** on the Howdah (Elephant Seat) lasting approximately 30 minutes before taking a **return boat trip** to the **Tad Sae Waterfall**, where you can spend a relaxing time in the clear waters. Enjoy a fulfilling buffet lunch served with coffee/tea. You will be given some free time to stroll around. Visit the **tomb of the 19th century French explorer Henri Mouhot**, the first European to rediscover Angkor Wat and the Royal Kingdom of Luang Prabang. Feast on a delicious dinner before returning to your hotel for a good night's rest.

Day 6: Departure from Luang Prabang (Breakfast)

Free till departure transfer to airport for homebound flight.

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