

**PATRONS TOUR**  
**LUANG PRABANG FILM FESTIVAL**  
**30 Nov – 8 Dec 2016**  
**9 Days / 8 Nights**

We are very excited to invite you on a special tour to Laos (with optional add-ons to neighboring countries), specifically designed for supporters of the Luang Prabang Film Festival, which will take place 2-7 December 2016. The Luang Prabang Film Festival (LPFF) is an annual celebration of filmmaking in Southeast Asia with an additional aim of educating Lao people about film as a means of cultural expression and communication, while supporting a nascent local industry and art form. Since 2010, LPFF has supported and engaged local filmmakers seeking to develop the domestic industry and encouraged Southeast Asian filmmakers to contribute to an exchange between regional film industries. LPFF is one of the largest regular non-religious events in Laos, and the only major festival in the world that solely focuses on Southeast Asian cinema. Best of all, every single one of LPFF's screenings and activities is free and open to the public, and thus, they average 20,000 attendees to their events each year!

In its 7<sup>th</sup> year, LPFF continues to showcase films exclusively from the 10 ASEAN countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Many bold and talented filmmakers are emerging from these countries, telling exciting and profound stories. LPFF showcases the finest films from the region and invites the filmmakers to attend and present their films. Well over half of the festival's 32 feature films in 2016 will have directors, actors, and/or producers in attendance to participate in Q&A sessions and Public Discussions. This year, LPFF has chosen the Philippines as its SPOTLIGHT country with extra films and presentations related to their film industry.

As VIP guests of the festival, you will have unique access to some of the most exciting and creative artists working in the film medium in Southeast Asia. Your included donation grants you an "All-Access Pass" to the festival, with invitations to private events just for filmmakers, collaborators, and other VIPs, plus bespoke activities just for patrons. The tour we have prepared will also show you some of the most beautiful natural and cultural sites in and around the World Heritage Site and ancient capital of Luang Prabang, including the Buddha Caves, Kuang Si Falls, the Bear Sanctuary and much more. By booking your tour with Exo Travel, LPFF's Official Travel Partner, you will not only be given access to the above activities, you will also be granted generously discounted rates exclusive to LPFF patrons during the festival period.

**Day 1 (30 Nov): Luang Prabang – Arrival****(-/-/-)**

Arrive in Luang Prabang. Your guide and private car will meet you and transfer you to your hotel for check-in.

Welcome to the spiritual capital of Laos, enjoy your free time at your leisure. We recommend a walk around the town.

Overnight in Luang Prabang

Distance and journey time:

Luang Prabang Airport – Luang Prabang (4 km): 15 min

**Day 2 (1 Dec): Luang Prabang****(B/-/-)**

Today enjoy Luang Prabang at your leisure.

**OPTIONAL: Half-day Cycling Tour of Luang Prabang**

Your guide will pick you up at your hotel in Luang Prabang at 09:00 with your adapted bikes.

After doing a fitting and adjusting your bike, you will start your tour by the former Royal Palace, now the National Museum, where you will explore the history of Laos. Continue to Wat Mai, a temple renowned for its golden bas-relief.

Visit Wat Visoun, the holiest temple in the city, which was entirely rebuilt in 1887 after being destroyed by the invading Black Flags from Southern China. In the courtyard of Wat Visoun stands the Watermelon Stupa shaped like the fruit from which it takes its name. Continue passed Wat Aham, which was first built in the 1500s, and on to Wat That where the ashes of King Sisavang Vong are kept inside the large central stupa.

Ride along the Nam Khan River to visit Wat Xieng Thong, the most revered temple in Luang Prabang. Located at the end of the peninsula, close to the Mekong, this temple was built in 1560 by King Setthathirat and is decorated with ornate carvings and mosaics.

Cycle to a local restaurant or your hotel by bike.

Price: from 44 USD per person (based on 2 people)

**OPTIONAL: Nava Mekong Evening Cruise**

You will be met at your hotel around 16:30 this afternoon for a private transfer to the boat jetty.

Board the Nava Mekong, a traditional river boat, for a shared cruise on the mighty Mekong River, departing around 17:00. You will travel at a leisurely pace and have plenty of time to appreciate the simple rural lifestyles along the river and the dramatic yet peaceful scenery.

You will then go near a traditional village where traditional Lao dancer perform age-old sets that include interpretations of the royal ballet, rural life, folk tales and legends.



As you cruise back downstream a selection of typical Lao dishes will be served onboard. The cruise back to the pier takes approximately 1.5 hours, arriving around 19:00. You will be met at the boat jetty for a private transfer to your hotel.

Price: from 61 USD per person (based on 2 people)

Overnight in Luang Prabang

**Day 3 (2 Dec): Luang Prabang (B/-/-)**

Today enjoy the Luang Prabang Film Festival at your leisure.

This evening, witness the opening ceremony and attend the opening reception as a VIP guest.

Overnight in Luang Prabang

**Day 4-8 (3-7 Dec): Luang Prabang (B/-/-)**

Today enjoy the Luang Prabang Film Festival at your leisure.

**OPTIONAL: Spiritual Awakening**

After breakfast at your hotel, guests will be transferred to the pier for a unique alms giving across the Mekong.

As we begin our morning cruise upstream, guests will have the opportunity to craft their own small 'Khan Dok Mai' (floral offering) from banana leaves and marigolds. After plenty of time to enjoy the wonderful scenery offered by the Mekong in the beautiful morning light, guests will arrive at one of the several temples where people regularly pay homage.

Your host will guide you on how to present your offerings to the monks before they appear to receive the alms. Buddhist monks must refrain from eating after midday, therefore we like to offer alms prior to 11am out of respect and in order to give the monks time to bless their food and prepare for lunch themselves.

Once the offerings have been made, it will be time to make the way back to Luang Prabang's city or if time permits, perhaps another close by temple.

Transfer back to your hotel after a truly memorable morning.

Price: from 193 USD per person (based on 2 people)



**OPTIONAL: Picnic Breakfast at Kuang Si**

Your driver and guide will meet you at your hotel around 7:30am. You will travel by road for 40-45 minutes through countryside and rural villages, to the Kuang Si Waterfalls where you will be among the first visitors of the day. After a gentle walk of around 10 minutes you will find a private picnic



breakfast waiting for you in our favourite spot, overlooking the natural turquoise pools which have formed between the cascading layers of the falls. Every object has been sourced locally, from the hand-woven tablecloth and basketry to the freshly squeezed fruit juice and “Champagne of Coffee,” which is grown in the Boloven Plateau, southern Laos. The menu includes fresh fruit with yoghurt and muesli, bagels with smoked salmon and cream cheese, and a selection of fresh breads, pastries and organic jam.

Having taken your time to enjoy a leisurely breakfast you might wish to spend some time walking around the various levels of the waterfall. You are also very welcome to swim in the natural pools. Please note that the water will be cold from November – March and if you do swim then please be careful not to show too much flesh (no skimpy bikinis please!).

Before you leave you might like to visit the bear sanctuary which is next to the falls, run by Free The Bears Fund Inc. There are currently 23 Asiatic Black Bears living in the sanctuary, which has saved them from poaching. The main threat to these bears is poaching due to the use of their bile in Chinese medicine. By around 10 am the bears are becoming more active, as they anticipate lunch, so this is the ideal time to see them, rather than at lunchtime when the majority of tourists will visit. Then transfer back to Luang Prabang after a fascinating morning.

On the way back to Luang Prabang, you will stop at the Kuang Si Butterfly Park to visit the beautiful garden filled of hundreds of Laos’s butterflies! (Note: closed on Tuesday)

Price: from 92 USD per person (based on 2 people)

Overnight in Luang Prabang

### **Day 9 (8 Dec): Luang Prabang – Departure**

**(B/-/-)**

After your breakfast, spend your free time at your leisure. Your guide and private car will meet you at the hotel and transfer you to the airport for your departing flight.

Distance and journey time:

Luang Prabang– Luang Prabang Airport (4 km): 15 min

**\*\*\*\*\* END OF SERVICES \*\*\*\*\***

## RATES & CONDITIONS

### ACCOMMODATION:

#### FIRST CLASS

City	Hotel	Hotel Category	Room Type
Luang Prabang	Apsara	First Class	Standard

#### FIRST CLASS PRICING: in US Dollars per person for shared twin/double

Rates are valid until 8 December 2016

Number of Persons	1	2	3-4	5-6	SGL Supp.
30 Nov – 8 Dec 16	1481	1143	1130	1121	302

#### DELUXE 1

City	Hotel	Hotel Category	Room Category
Luang Prabang	Villa Maly	Deluxe	Superior

#### DELUXE 1 PRICING: in US Dollars per person for shared twin/double

Rates are valid until 8 December 2016

Number of Persons	1	2	3-4	5-6	SGL Supp.
30 Nov – 8 Dec 16	2093	1449	1437	1427	608

#### DELUXE 2

City	Hotel	Hotel Category	Room Category
Luang Prabang	Sofitel Luang Prabang	Deluxe	Garden Suite

#### DELUXE 2 PRICING: in US Dollars per person for shared twin/double

Rates are valid until 8 December 2016

Number of Persons	1	2	3-4	5-6	SGL Supp.
30 Nov – 8 Dec 16	3595	2200	2188	2178	1359

#### DELUXE 3

City	Hotel	Hotel Category	Room Category
Luang Prabang	La Residence Phou Vao	Deluxe	Garden Junior Suite

#### DELUXE 3 PRICING: in US Dollars per person for shared twin/double

Rates are valid until 8 December 2016

Number of Persons	1	2	3-4	5-6	SGL Supp.
30 Nov – 8 Dec 16	3731	2268	2255	2246	1427

**LPFF All Access Pass Includes:**

- VIP ID Tag – same was the ones exhibiting filmmakers are given
- Entrance to the exclusive, invite-only LPFF Opening Reception and Red Carpet
- Invitation to private meals or cocktail hours with visiting filmmakers
- Festival preview event with insider recommendations by the Selection Committee
- Discounts at numerous restaurants and businesses in Luang Prabang
- Preferential hotel rates exclusive to LPFF when booked through Exo Travel
- Festival t-shirt and welcome bag
- Reserved seating for the films of your choice
- Complimentary water, soda, and beer at the Day Venue

**Exo Services Include:**

- Hotel accommodation in shared twin/double room with daily breakfast
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Tours and transfers by private air-conditioned vehicles
- English speaking local guide (for other languages supplements apply)
- All entrance fees as indicated in itinerary
- A \$750 tax-deductible donation per person to the Luang Prabang Film Festival, through the US-based 501(c)(3) Luang Prabang Fund for Culture and Conservation

**Exo Services do not Include:**

- International and domestic flights (quoted separately)
- Meals other than those mentioned above
- Camera/video entrance fees
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance, tips, visa
- Other services not clearly indicated in the package inclusions above