

DISCOVERING LAOS



One of the most appealing destinations where the tourists seek diverse forms of holiday is Asia. Local prices still remain very friendly, the services are improving very quickly, local conditions for traveling are great and the culture simply overwhelming. Of course, not all Asian countries are capable of attracting hordes of tourists. One of these, which retain its secluded character, is Laos. Clearly, its more strenuous neighbors have overshadowed its potential.

On the other hand, those travelers who favor to explore and discover places which still seem unspoilt by tourist enthusiasm will simply love this place. Due to local communist rule, the country used to be 'protected' by tourists restrictions. However, the situation is rapidly changing.

The former Lao People's Democratic Republic borders with Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, China and Myanmar. It still remains one of the poorest Asian countries. However, its many cultural treasures have a very intense appeal to anyone willing to look for them. The former capital of Laos, Luan Prabang, has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage city. The contrast between the charmingly plain Buddhist temples and many marks of French intense influence visible throughout the city is absolutely charismatic.

Strolling through the streets and absorbing the fascinating atmosphere seems like a perfect start of the visit. Tourists may discover local cute mini zoo, or even go for a swim in the strikingly beautiful blue-green lagoons. Enjoying local culinary art is a definite must and visiting many local markets should also be on the list of each visitor. There is a lot to do in the surrounding area as well. Adventurers will love taking trips to the jungle and discovering the charm of mysterious caves and waterfalls. A boat trip on the Mekong is also a breathtaking experience.

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