



## **VIETNAM-LAOS BORDER CROSSING TOUR: The hidden beauty!**

***(12 days)***

### **Day 1 : Hanoi – Pu Luong**

Pick up at your hotel, our crew will take you out of the city center by heading through its reputed traffic, chaotic but interesting. Soon we catch a smooth highway to travel west of Hanoi, the countryside landscape is calling out.

Just before you realize, the mountain road is under your wheels. Passing through plenty of charming villages, every corner opens to a new landscape. Nowadays, Pu Luong is such an attractive spot because of its valley, rice fields and villages blended in the surrounding karst mountains.

We first welcome you to a buffet dinner served with all local dishes.

Highlight of the day	countryside road, scenic Black river, eco-lodge
Meal plan	L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local Eco-Lodge
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 2 : Pu Luong - Vieng Xay**

It can't be better to start the day with a great breakfast amongst nature.

We carry on our travel along the Ma river, the shady road through bamboo forests takes us quickly at the border checkpoint to Laos. Not far from the border is Vieng Xay, old Head Quarter of the Phathet Laos, the revolutionary force who liberated this country. It's now an interesting spot to visit and study about the rough way to Laos' freedom. Not only referring the historical background, Vieng Xay gives an impression of rustic landscapes, such a peaceful countryside.

Highlight of the day	countryside road, Ma river, bamboo forest
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Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	6-8 hours

### **Day 3 : Vieng Xai - Muang Hiam**

It's said we need to drive on many thousands of bands and corners today. And yes it's right! We will do the most twisted distance all the way down to mid-land Laos. There are just few of rural villages along the way but that's why we love this country. Traveling in Laos brings you a sense of meditation, peace in mind!

Highlight of the day	Mountain roads, villages, countryside landscape
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Private house
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 4 : Muang Hiam - Phonsavan - Plain of Jars**

An abandoned route is brought back to life. The route was hidden with an airport remaining from the American war, with good dusty road & countryside view. There are more smooth-shaped hills when we get close to Xieng Khoang Plateau. We try to take a good time to visit the Plain of Jars – World Heritage Site by UNESCO. It gets its name from the hundreds of huge stone jars scattered across the landscape, ranging in size from 1 to 2.5 meters in height. The origin of all those jars is still controversial and covered in myth.

Highlight of the day	Dusty road, plain of Jars
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Private house

Duration of travel	3-5 hours
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### **Day 5 : Phonsavan - Luang Prabang**

There are more smooth-shaped hills when we start the day through Xieng Khoang. So it's likely a free wheeling ride on the plateau, in among wild & open nature. Then we have all good mountain roads & great countryside landscapes for the remaining distance to Luang Prabang.

Luang Prabang, former capital of this country, peninsula at the river junction, has now become a must-see place for travelers. Its old-age, spirituality and charm blend just in perfection.

Highlight of the day	Mountain roads, wild nature, night market
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Private house
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 6 : Luang Prabang, a rest day**

It's always worth to spend time to explore this charming ancient town. There is everything to make this place great: royal architecture, old temples, historical relics, exotic nature and lively market.

Highlight of the day	Luang Prabang town, waterfalls, temples, night market
Meal plan	B
Accommodation	Private house
Duration of travel	None

### **Day 7 : Luang Prabang - Nong Khiaw**

A beautiful day up into the remote northern Laos as we will make a long travel which takes us to the rustic town of Nong Khiaw on the Nam Ou riverside. All rough distances just give a better landscape, one after another.

Highlight of the day	Dirt roads, rural villages, eco-resort
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local Eco-resort
Duration of travel	5-7 hours

### **Day 8 : Nong Khiaw - Dien Bien Phu**

Another great day to explore the rural countryside of Laos. We take more twisted mountain roads. And everywhere we pass by, we see villages in the middle of nowhere. But we always find the image of happy kids and people who we will keep in heart.

After the formalities at Tay Trang border crossing, we have just a little distance left to reach our next stop in Dien Bien Phu city. A long day we have, but we trust you will enjoy it.

Highlight of the day	mountain road, rural villages
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	6-8 hours

### **Day 09 : Dien Bien Phu - Son La**

We spend some time in the morning to pay visit to Dien Bien Phu's attractions and its historical relics from the French war.

Our journey goes back on road and takes a smooth distance on the highway 6 then leads to a magnificent travel over Pha Din pass just before arriving in our place for the night. We find peace and a sense of authenticity staying in the countryside with a local family, not in a busy town.

Highlight of the day	Mountain pass, countryside, villages
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 10 : Son La - Moc Chau**

Avoiding the main traffic, we stick on a back road for today's travel, we see more of the life in the countryside instead. It gets rough on the last distance to our homestay in Moc Chau but we'll get a much greater landscape in return. At glance, the grassland of Moc Chau gifts a cooler atmosphere, vast fruit farms and green plantations all over.

Highlight of the day	countryside road, nature of Moc Chau plateau
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 11 : Moc Chau - Black river**

We make a short travel down from Moc Chau plateau to our next halt. En route, we can visit local farms and villages. We spend the remaining of the day relaxing in the pool looking down Black river and in among nature.

Highlight of the day	Nature of Moc Chau plateau, eco-lodge
Meal plan	B,L,D
Accommodation	Local eco-lodge
Duration of travel	2-4 hours

**Day 12 : Black river - Hanoi**

Here comes the end of our journey. We make it good and safe back to Hanoi.

Highlight of the day	countryside road, scenic Black river
Meal plan	B,L (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	On own arrangement
Duration of travel	4-6 hours