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## Luangsay Northern Jewel Cruise 5 Days 4 Nights

**Bangkok - Chiang Rai - Houei Say - Pakbeng - Pak Ou - Luang Prabang - Bangkok**

### PROGRAM DOWN:

- From 01 Nov<sup>09</sup> to 30 April<sup>10</sup> and 1-31 Oct.,10 departs every Monday, Thursday & Friday.
- From 01 Nov.,09 to 30 April<sup>10</sup> departs as well on Sunday with Pakou 1.
- From 01 May<sup>10</sup> to 30 Sep<sup>10</sup> departs every Monday & Friday
- **No operation from 01 June to 30 June 2010**

### **Day 1: Bangkok – Chiang Rai.**

Flight from Bangkok to Chiang Rai, arrival in Chiang Rai airport, you are met and transferred to hotel, check in and free at leisure.

Overnight in Chiang Rai at Wiang Inn Hotel ([www.wianginn.com](http://www.wianginn.com))

### **Day 2: Chiang Rai – Chiang Khong – Houei Say – Pakbeng. (Breakfast, Lunch, Diner)**

Breakfast at hotel, and then transfer to Chiang Khong border, and then take a boat across the Mekong River to Houei Say Laos border side. After passed through the immigration, you will be met the staff of Luang Say Cruise there. The Luang Say riverboat leaves Houeisay pier at **09h00am** for a cruise down the Mekong to Pakbeng. Enroute one stop is made to observe the rural life of the river tribes along the Mekong. There is a buffet lunch on board. The boat will arrive at Luang Say Lodge before sunset for overnight stop. Dinner is served at terrace overlooking the Mekong River.

Overnight in Pakbeng at Luangsay Lodge ([www.luangsay.com](http://www.luangsay.com))

### **Day 3: Pakbeng – Pak Ou – Luang Prabang. (Breakfast, Lunch)**

Breakfast served at terrace around **07h30am**. In the morning visit the morning market (Optional) of Pakbeng where the nearby villagers and hill tribes buy and exchange their goods. Boat departs at **08h30am** for her second part of trip. The boat has a stop at Ban Baw to observe the processing traditional rice alcohol. Lunch is again served on board. Upon arrival at Pak Ou village at the mouth of Nam Ou River, boat stops for a trip to visit Tam Ting „Caves of thousand Buddha“s”, reaching Luang Prabang (UNESCO world heritage city) before sunset. And transfer to hotel, check in and free time

Overnight in Luang Prabang at Villa Santi 4\* ([www.villasantihotel.com](http://www.villasantihotel.com))

### **Day 4: Luang Prabang City Tour. (Breakfast)**

Breakfast at hotel and then we are sightseeing visit to the impressive stupa of Wat Visoun and the shrine of Wat Aham, Wat Mai. We then climb up to the top of Mount Phousi for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as a beautiful sunset view of the city and the Mekong River. From there, we explore the Night Market, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textiles made by the hilltribe and local people surrounding Luang Prabang.

Overnight in Luang Prabang at Villa Santi 4\* ([www.villasantihotel.com](http://www.villasantihotel.com))



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### Day 5: Luang Prabang – Bangkok. (Breakfast)

Breakfast at hotel and then we are sightseeing visit to National Museum (close Tuesday) at the former Royal Palace displays a lovely collection of the artifacts reflecting the richness of Lao culture dating from the days of the early kings right through the last sovereign. The National Museum and the Central Market are not to be missed. After visiting these sights in the morning, there will be free time to venture into town and stroll around the shopping area until times transfer to the airport for flight to Bangkok. The tour ends after your transfer to the airport for departure

### End of Services

Validity: 01 Nov 09 – 31 Oct 10.			Price per person in USD
Validity	2-8 pax	9-38 pax	Single Surcharge.
01 Nov 09 – 30 Apr 10	1165	1045	201
01 May 10 – 30 Sep 10	1053	942	195
01 Oct 10 – 31 Oct 10	1165	1045	201

### Prices Include:

- Air ticket from Bangkok – Chiang Rai, Luang Prabang – Bangkok
- All transfer as private air-con vehicle
- 1 night accommodation in Chiang Rai
- 1 night accommodation at LuangSay Lodge
- 2 nights accommodation in Luang Prabang
- Meal plan as mentioned in the tour program
- Coffee, tea & drinking water on board and during meals.
- Admission fee at visiting points as mentioned in the program.
- Services of qualified crews during the cruise.
- Group insurance.

### Prices Exclude:

- Immigration fees in Houeisay
- Soft and Alcohol Drinks during the trip
- Visa approval and fees for Laos
- Services in Luang Prabang
- Personal insurance
- Other personal expenses

**Please note:** The temperatures can occasionally rise to 38 degree Celsius, but from November to through February it can be cool at night and it is recommended to take a light pullover.

**Basic behavior visiting minority:** Do not buy antique jewelry and family heirlooms from villagers. Try to support village income by buying new handicraft items. Do not encourages begging by distributing



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gifts (especially sweets). Try to locate the school or the mayor's house in the village to donate paper books, pens, etc. Always announce yourself and ask permission before entering a house. If you pass through a village, stop and visit for a while. If not, villagers may think that you are a bad spirit. Entering an area of forest dedicated to the spirits is not allowed. Touching spirit items is not allowed. Always ask your local guide before doing any thing wish may cause offense to the villagers.

### About Pakou boat:

Vessel Name	Pakou 1	Pakou 2	Pakou 3
<b>Construction Material</b>	Steel	Steel + Wood	Steel + Wood
<b>No. of Engines</b>	2	1	1
<b>Power (HP)</b>	2 x 160 HP	420 HP	420 HP
<b>Length (Meter)</b>	17 meter	32 meter	35 meter
<b>Draft (Meter)</b>	0.7 meter	0.8 meter	0.8 meter
<b>Beam (Meter)</b>	3.80 meter	4.2 meter	4.2 meter
<b>Date Last Surveyed</b>	June 08	June 08	June 08
<b>Cruise Speed (knots)</b>	9-10 knots	14-16 knots	14-16 knots
<b>Capacity passenger insured</b>	40 passenger, 6 staff	46 passenger, 6 staff	46 passenger, 6 staff
<b>Life Jacket</b>	50 passengers	55 passengers	55 passengers

- Comfortable seats with open air vista
- Sun deck and solarium roof
- Toilet facility
- Ample luggage space
- Library + game for literature and fun
- Bar and cooler for light refreshments

### About Luang Say Lodge:

Luang Say Lodge is located and built in a very romantic setting. On the river bank, amidst the lush green hills the Lodge gives the feeling that you have discovered paradise. Constructed in traditional Lao architectural style with solid wooden logs, each room has a bathroom which has running water for hot and cold showers, electric fans and mosquito nets.

Attached balconies offer a beautiful view of the river and hills. A central riverbank restaurant is reached by wooden walkways from the pavilions. Mouth-watering local dishes are served in the dining rooms in the center overlooking the river. A small bar offers drinks of choice at reasonable rates. On days when house guests exceed over 20 persons and during high season, the management provides hill tribe folk dances performed by the villagers.

- 16 pavilions with a total of 19 rooms and 38 beds
- Private bathrooms with toilets and hot shower



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- Ceiling fan in the rooms
- Bar and restaurant

### Some guest who spent the night here wrote about their experience:

- ✚ *“Would love to stay longer in this enchanting place Will certainly recommend it”.*
- ✚ *“Peace and tranquility –it does exist in Laos”*
- ✚ *“A magical time out”*
- ✚ *“Beautiful, idyllic setting-a- dream come true”*

### About Luang Say Lodge:

Only 3 hours from Luang Prabang and overlooking the mighty Mekong, a unique lodge is about to open on a wonderful site. The Kamu Lodge features 20 canvas tents covered by a thatched roof in harmony with the surrounding nature and adapted to the local style. Each tent is decorated with bamboo and wooden furniture items and has an attached private bathroom with shower and toilet and solar-powered warm water and electricity. With only wilderness surrounding the lodge except for a neighboring village, this exclusive and ecological experience in a traditional and simple setting is what we invite you to discover. Travel back to the beginnings of the 20<sup>th</sup> century when people came to Indochina to explore and discover!

### TRANSFERS BETWEEN THAILAND AND LUANG SAY PIER IN HOUEISAY / LAOS

Luang Say cruises start or end at the pier next to the Immigration checkpoint at Houeisay, the Lao border town on the north bank of Mekong River. On the opposite bank to Houeisay on the south bank of Mekong River, is Chiang Khong (Chiang Rai province) the Thai border town. Crossing the river from one checkpoint to the other takes only 5 minutes by regular shuttle boats. Chiang Khong is linked by good roads to Chiang Rai town and airport (2 hours drive) or Chiang Saen (1 hour drive). Luang Say may arrange individual or group transfers between Chiang Rai or Chiang Saen and Houeisay or vice versa at extra costs that include road transportation, shuttle boat, porter age of luggage and assistance for immigration formalities both sides of the Mekong River.

### DEPARTURE TIMES:

- **The Luang Say Cruise Down** starts from the pier near the Immigration checkpoint at Houeisay. The Pakou Boat leaves this pier at **09h00am**. It is not possible for the boat to wait for passengers who are arriving late at the border, and Luang Say will not be responsible for payment of speedboat / ferry boat charges or any charges incurred by clients who arrive late and have to catch up with the already departed cruise.
- **The Kamu Boat Cruise Up** leaves the **Luang Prabang Pier at 09h00 am**. The same conditions has cruise down apply for late arrivals.

### REMARKS:

- **The above tour prices do not apply for French Market, excepted E – Commerce.** This package cannot be publishing **in France** without our authorization. In case of violation, Luang Say reserves the right to terminate the present Agreement without any notice.



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- Operated with minimum 2 persons on board.
- For safety reasons and according to weather conditions, the program may be amended without prior notice
- **Child age 2-12 years** old discount **50%** when sharing room with parents. Infants (under 2 years old) are free of charge.
- **Group Incentives:** 1 half twin sharing FOC for every 15 full paying guests (15+1).

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

**DEPOSITS:**

For charter and group a **25%** non-refundable deposit **90** days before departure, and the balance of payment **45** days before departure

**CANCELLATION / NO SHOW CHARGES:**

- Between **45** days and **30** days prior to departure : **25%** of contract rate
- Between **29** days and **8** days prior to departure : **50%** of contract rate
- Less than **8** days prior to departure : **75%** of contract rate
- No show : **100%** of contract rate

**PAYMENTS & BANK ACCOUNT:**

Our bank details will be advised upon confirmation of your reservation, and payment should be made by telegraphic Transfer. Note that our bank account details also appear on our invoice.

**Note: Customer must pay all bank charges**

**FORCE MAJEURE:**

In the event of any cause beyond reasonable control, including but not limited to: Acts of God, Natural Disasters, Acts of War or Terrorism, Strike, Orders or Regulations of the Government etc., Luang Say will bear **no responsibility** for not providing services, accommodation, meals, laundry, transportation or any other services as agreed and signed on this agreement.

**FUEL SURCHARGE:**

Rates 2009-2010 will be based on a maximum oil price of 120 \$/Barrel, if the barrel oil price is higher than 120\$ / barrel on the NSE Market and this 45 days before departure of clients, Luang Say / Kamu Lodge reserves the right to increase the package price by 10 \$ for each 10 \$/Barrel in oil price increase

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