



A & F Tour Travel Co., Ltd.

Luangsay Vat Phou Cruise

5 Days 4 Nights

Bangkok – Ubon Ratchatani – Pakse – Champasak – Cruise

Cruise the “Mother of Waters” to the wild paradise of the “4,000 islands” on the Vat Phou, your comfortable floating air-conditioned teak hotel, with twelve cabins, each with twin beds and private hot and cold running water bathrooms. Shaded upper deck for lounging, restaurant on board serving the finest Laotian, Vietnamese and Thai cuisine. Beer, wines and spirits are also available on board.

Departure:

- **01 November to end of April:** Departures every **Saturday, Tuesday** and **Thursday** on a cruise down or cruise up
- **01 May to end of October:** Departures every Saturday for cruise down and Tuesday for cruise up
- **No operation from 01 June to 30 June 2010.**

1. PROGRAM DOWN:

Day 1: Bangkok – Ubon Ratchatani.

TG 020, BKK-UBP 0600-0705.

Meal: -

Flight from Bangkok departs for Ubon Ratchatani by Thai Airways. Arrival at Ubon airport, you are met and transferred to hotel in Ubon, check in and free at leisure.

Overnight in Ubon at Pathumrat Hotel (<http://pathumrathotel.com>)

Day 2: Ubon Ratchatani – Pakse – Champassak – Vat Phou Temple.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Breakfast at hotel and then transferred to Thai-Laos Chongmek border. After passed through the immigration, then transfer to Sinouk Coffee House in central Pakse for meeting, at **09h30 am**, we transfer you to a longtail riverboat for your 2.5 hour journey to Champassak. Upon arrival at the Vat Phou boat, we help you to your cabins to unpack then serve lunch on deck. The highlight of the afternoon is the Vat Phou ruins - the majestic pre-Angkorian 10th century temple complex and boat's namesake. You have time to visit the museum at the ruins site, walk up to the highest temple and take as many photos as you would like. As dusk falls, we transfer you back to the Vat Phou boat for a chance to enjoy the tropical sunset on the deck. Dinner is served on board, while the boat docks for the night alongside a remote Laotian village.

Overnight on Cruise (www.vatphou.com)

Day 3: Ban Huei Thamo – Oum Moug Temple – Don Khong Island.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Breakfast is on board as we set sail for the village of Ban Huei Thamo. This is a small village a few minutes

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walk away from the mysterious hidden forest temple of Oum Muong. Afterwards we rejoin the boat to continue our cruise southwards. Lunch is on the deck, while leisurely sailing closer to the wild paradise of the “4,000 Islands”. Late afternoon we disembark from the boat to walk through Ban Dua Tae, a small Lao Loum Village where the traditional way of life has not changed in centuries is. Our day’s cruise finishes at the most northern tip of Don Khong Island, the largest inhabited island in the river archipelago. After dinner, the evening is yours to relax and enjoy.

Overnight on Cruise (www.vatphou.com)

Day 4: Don Khong Island – Don Khone Island – Khong Pha Pheng – Pakse – Ubon.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

While you breakfast on the deck, the Vat Phou boat cruises to the small village of Ban Dong Veuthong where you board a small boat to meander among the 4,000 Islands to Don Khone Island. You will visit the old French railway and walk across the bridge that links Don Khone and Don Det Islands. We continue on the boat back to the mainland for lunch at a local restaurant in a small fishing village, Ban Xieng Di, on the banks of the Mekong. A bus transfers you to the historically significant Khong Pha Pheng waterfall, “the Niagara of the East” it’s close to the Cambodian border. We then bring you back to Pakse for the end of the cruise experience, arriving around 16.00pm. After that transfer to Chong Mek border, and then transfer to hotel in Ubon, check in and free at leisure.

Overnight in Ubon at Pathumrat Hotel (<http://pathumrathotel.com>)

Day 5: Ubon Ratchatani – Bangkok.

TG 023, UBP-BKK 1530-1635.

Meal: Breakfast

Breakfast at hotel, and free on own till time transfer to the air port for flight departure to Bangkok

End of Services

2. PROGRAM UP: (The same tour but in reverse)

Day 1: Bangkok – Ubon Ratchatani.

TG 020, BKK-UBP 0600-0705.

Meal: -

Flight from Bangkok departs for Ubon Ratchatani by Thai Airways. Arrival at Ubon airport, you are met and transferred to hotel in Ubon, check in and free at leisure.

Overnight in Ubon at Pathumrat Hotel (<http://pathumrathotel.com>)

Day 2: Ubon – Pakse – Khong Pha Pheng – Don Khone Island – Don Khong Island.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Breakfast at hotel and then transferred to Thai-Laos Chongmek border. After passed through the immigration, then transfer to Sinouk Coffee House in central Pakse for meeting, at **09h30 am**, you will board a bus to travel Route 13 to the historically significant Khong Pha Pheng waterfalls, the “Niagara of

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the East”. You will then be driven to the fishing village of Ban Xieng Di for lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, you board small boats for a visit to Don Khone Island to see the old French railway and walk the bridge that links Don Khone and Don Det Islands. The boats drop you at the Don Khong Island village of Ban Dong Veuthong, where you will board the waiting Vat Phou boat for a sunset cruise and dinner, docking riverside for the night.

Overnight on Cruise (www.vatphou.com)

Day 3: Don Khong Island – Ban Huei Thamo – Oum Moug Temple.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Breakfast is on board the Vat Phou boat as we set sail to Ban Dua Tae. You will walk through this small Lao Loum Village, and seeing centuries old traditions still being used. The Vat Phou boat then continues to cruise north, past the island of Don Xai, and many other small islets in the river archipelago. Late afternoon, you visit the village of Ban Huei Thamo and the mysterious Oum Muong forest temple; just a few minutes walk way. Dinner aboard Vat Phou then you have the rest of the evening to relax and enjoy the silence.

Overnight on Cruise (www.vatphou.com)

Day 4: Ban Huei Thamo – Champassak – Vat Phou Temple – Pakse – Ubon.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

While enjoying breakfast on board, the Vat Phou continues its cruise to Champassak. The highlight this morning is the Vat Phou ruins - the majestic pre-Angkorian 10th century temple complex and boat’s namesake. You have time to visit the museum at the ruins site, walk up to the highest temple and take as many photos as you would like. We return you to the boat for your final lunch on board. A small boat will then take you back to Pakse, arriving around **16h00pm**.

Overnight in Ubon at Pathumrat Hotel (<http://pathumrathotel.com>)

Day 5: Ubon Ratchatani – Bangkok.

TG 023, UBP-BKK 1530-1635.

Meal: Breakfast

Breakfast at hotel, and free on own till time transfer to the air port for flight departure to Bangkok

End of Services

Validity: 01 Nov 09 – 31 Oct 10.			Price per person in USD
Validity	2-8 pax	9-24 pax	Single Surcharge.
01 Nov 09 – 30 Apr 10	1027	951	230
01 May 10 – 30 Sep 10	894	824	225
01 Oct 10 – 31 Oct 10	1027	951	230



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Prices Include:

- Air tickets Bangkok – Ubonratchathani – Bangkok
- All transfer as private air-con vehicle
- 2 nights accommodation in Ubonratchathani.
- 2 nights accommodation on board in twin share cabins.
- Meal plan as mentioned in the tour program.
- Coffee, tea and drinking water on board and during meals.
- Admission fee at visiting points as mentioned in the program.
- Services of qualified crew during the cruise.
- Group insurance during cruise time (not included during airport transfer and overnight in Ubon)

Prices Exclude:

- Visa approval and fees for Laos
- Soft and Alcohol Drinks during the trip
- Immigration fees
- Personal insurance
- Other personal expenses

About Vat Phou boat:

Vessel Name	Vat Phou
Construction Material	Steel + wood
No. of Engines	2
Power (HP)	260 HP x 2
Length (Meter)	35 meter
Draft (Meter)	0.95 meter
Beam (Meter)	7.5 meter
Date Last Surveyed	June 08
Cruising Speed (knots.)	12-15 knots
Capacity passenger insured	26 Passengers, 15 staff
Life Jacket	39 Passengers + 2 rings buoy

Originally a ferry that carried teak wood between Vientiane and the south of Laos, **the Vat Phou boat was lovingly converted in 1993 into a luxurious floating hotel. The design retains a character that is unmistakably oriental** and enables you to relax in comfort while you enjoy the ever-changing pageant of river scenery and life as you pass smoothly by.

We have 15 staff on each cruise departure. This includes 2 full time captains, 2 mechanics, 2 cooks, 3 cleaning staff and 5 bar or waiting staff. We also have on board **English, French and Thai** speaking guide who can help answer any questions and point out any interesting sights along the way.



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There are two decks on the Vat Phou boat.

The lower deck has 10 cabins, the kitchen/galley and our evening air conditioned dining room. The upper deck has 2 cabins, the bar and a two large open air shaded decks - one at each end of the boat.

The ship is **fully equipped with safety equipment** meeting the international standards.

The front upper deck has rattan armchairs, sofas, coffee tables and loungers. This area is perfect for lying reading a book from our library, taking photographs of life along the river or having an afternoon nap.

The rear upper deck has chairs, sofas and coffee tables.

We also have the bar area here where our staff can serve you tea, coffee or drinking water, which are all included free during the cruise. You are also able to purchase beer, soft drinks, wine and spirits.

Breakfast and lunch are usually served here, watching the sun twinkling on the water's surface.

The Vat Phou boat has 12 elegant twin shared cabins, each with a view over the southern Mekong River.

Every cabin is fully air-conditioned and also has a fan for optimum temperature control.





The cabins are fitted with dressing tables and a wardrobe so you can unpack easily and relax.

The private bathrooms **have a hot shower and a western style toilet for your convenience.**

Each cabin is cleaned daily **by our Vat Phou staff.**

We offer a set menu with Lao, Vietnamese and Thai dishes.

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

-  *We enjoyed the cruise very much, the boat is in excellent condition, the meals and service was great and our guide was superb. Thank you very much for this gorgeous trip.*
-  *What a wonderful experience! We spent on the Vatphou two wonderful days. It was for us an unforgettable experience. Kobchai ! See you soon.*
-  *A superb experience - can't wait to come back. Thank you all so much for a very special two days - a lifetime memory.*
-  *Very relaxing; timely walks (to work off our big meals). Friendly and courteous crew. Great chef!*

DEPARTURE TIMES:

- **The Vat Phou Cruise start** at the Sinouk Coffee House in central Pakse at **09h30 am**. It is not possible for us to wait for passengers who are arriving late, and Vat Phou will not be responsible for payment of bus, car, boat / ferry boat charges or any charges incurred by clients who arrive late and have to catch up with the already departed cruise.

REMARKS:

- 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.



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➤ **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

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., Vat Phou will bear **no responsibility** for not providing services, accommodation, meals, laundry, transportation or any other services as agreed and signed on this agreement.

RATE / PRICES:

Vat Phou reserves the right to adjust rates for the duration of the present Agreement in the event of tax and service charge alterations by the relevant authorities

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, Vat Phou reserves the right to increase the package price by 10 \$ for each 10 \$/Barrel in oil price increase.
