

CIA Bases and Archaeological Wonders Laos Tour

📍 V4JG+VJC, Phu Vao Road, Luang Prabang



• **Note: The prices vary by group size**

• Trip price in USD per person:

Prices from 01 Oct- 30.25- April 26 ESG

USD/pp	02P	04P	06	08p	Single supplement
HT	1357.00	925.00	781.00	710.00	390.00

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Laos with our **CIA Bases and Archaeological Wonders Lao Tour**. This fascinating experience uncovers the country's rich history and ancient cultural heritage. By blending modern intrigue with timeless wonders, this tour offers a deeper understanding of Laos' complex past.

Explore the Secrets of CIA Bases in Laos

Start your adventure by delving into the history of **CIA operations in Laos** during the **Secret War** (1964-1973). Laos played a crucial role during this period, with the CIA conducting covert missions to counter communism. Visit remote areas where these bases once stood, including remnants of bunkers, airstrips, and hidden outposts. Furthermore, guided tours provide fascinating narratives about Laos' wartime role and its lasting impact on local communities. As a result, you'll gain unique insights into Laos' secretive history.

Uncover the Ancient Mysteries of the Plain of Jars

Transitioning from modern history, explore the ancient archaeological wonders of Laos, starting with the Plain of Jars. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this location in Xieng Khouang features hundreds of massive stone jars scattered across the landscape. These mysterious jars, estimated to be over 2,000 years old, have puzzled archaeologists for decades. Many believe they were used for burial practices or food storage, though their purpose remains a subject of debate. As you tour the site, the ancient enigma of the jars will captivate your imagination.

Discover Wat Phou: A Khmer Temple of Historical Significance

Next, continue south to the Khmer ruins of Wat Phou near Champasak. This ancient temple complex, dating back to the 5th century, offers an excellent example of both Hindu and Buddhist architecture. Nestled at the foot of Mount Phou Khao, the temple provides stunning views of the Mekong River. The site's intricate carvings and architectural beauty reflect the lasting influence of the Khmer Empire in the region. Wat Phou holds immense historical and spiritual significance, adding another layer to your cultural journey.

A Journey Through Laos' History and Culture

The CIA Bases and Archaeological Wonders Lao Tour is perfect for history enthusiasts, culture lovers, and curious travelers alike. Whether you are fascinated by the wartime history of Laos or intrigued by ancient archaeological sites, this tour provides a comprehensive view of the country's heritage. From CIA bases to the ancient mysteries of Laos, you will uncover hidden stories and experience a unique journey through time. Book your trip today with [Laos Travel Links](#) and embark on a tour that combines Laos' wartime secrets and ancient archaeological marvels.

Tour Facts

Group Size:

8

Duration:

10

Language:

English, French, German, Italian, Spanish

Tour Type:

continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Discover Vientiane's Hidden Gems



Meal: None

Arrive in Vientiane with a morning flight and meet your guide at the airport. Check in at your hotel in this tranquil capital by the Mekong River. Spend the afternoon exploring Buddha Park, a captivating fusion of Buddhist and Hindu sculptures. Admire That Luang Stupa and Victory Gate on your way. As evening falls, enjoy a scenic stroll along the Mekong River at sunset and explore the vibrant night market.

- [Overnight in Vientiane.](#)
- [Easting Vientiane Hotel](#)
- [Click here to view hotel's website](#)

Duration
4 Hours

Day 2 : Scenic Excursion to Historic HQ



Meal: B

After enjoying breakfast, we'll embark on a captivating city tour, visiting iconic landmarks like Wat Prakeo, home of the Emerald Buddha, and Wat Sisaket.

Following our sightseeing adventure, we'll embark on a 5-6-hour drive to Xay Somboun, a formerly a crucial battleground between Lao Communist forces and the American CIA. Known as "The Most Secret Place on Earth," this location holds fascinating history.

- [Overnight in Xay somboun](#)
- [Newsealand Hotel](#)
- [Click here to view hotel's info](#)

Duration
6 Hours

Day 3 : Exploring Xaysomboun's Hidden Treasures



Meal: B

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at a local eatery. Spend the morning discovering the charms of the area, either with a guide or at your own pace.

In the afternoon, venture to the Chao Anou Vong caves, followed by a hike to Phra Nang Yue for stunning vistas. As the sun sets, take in breathtaking landscapes from the viewpoint at Phou Houa Lon (Bald Mountain).

- [Overnight in Xaysomboun.](#)
- [Newsealand Hotel](#)
- [Click here to view hotel's info](#)

Duration

4 Hours

Day 4 : Discovering War History at the Plain of Jars



Meal: B

After breakfast, we delve into the history of Long Chieng, a pivotal CIA base during the Vietnam War that once sheltered over 40,000 residents. This strategic location played a crucial role through the Lao Civil War until it fell to Lao Communist forces in 1975.

Following lunch, we head to Xieng Khouang, the gateway to the enchanting Plain of Jars. We'll explore sites 2 and 3 before unwinding with a beautiful sunset from our hotel balcony.

- [Overnight in Xieng Khouang.](#)
- [Vansana Plain of jars Hotel](#)
- [Click here to view hotel's website](#)

Duration
6 Hours

Day 5 : Archaeological Adventure in Xieng Khouang



Meal: B

Start your day with a hearty hotel breakfast, then explore the vibrant local market with its colorful crafts and delicious street food. Next, visit the UNESCO-listed Plain of Jars, home to thousands of ancient stone jars over 2,500 years old.

Afterward, learn about landmine clearance efforts at the MAG Center. End your day at Aza Hot Spring Resort, relaxing in soothing geothermal waters.

- [Overnight in Muang Kham.](#)
- [Aza Hotel and Resort](#)
- [Click here to view hotel's website](#)

Duration
5 Hours

Day 6 : Enchanting Voyage to Luang Prabang



Meal: B

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel before setting off on a captivating journey to Luang Prabang. Departing at 7:30 AM, enjoy a scenic 6-7-hour ride accompanied by your private guide and driver.

Marvel at breathtaking landscapes and picturesque villages along the way. Upon reaching your destination, check in to your centrally situated hotel, where you can relax and bask in the tranquil ambiance that envelops you.

- [Overnight in Luang Prabang](#)
- [Choasis Hotel](#)
- [Click here to view hotel's website](#)

Duration
2 Hours

Day 7 : Uncover City's Treasures



Meal: B

Start your morning by immersing yourself in Laos' rich cultural heritage at the Royal Palace National Museum, home to treasures from the first to the last king. Next, ascend the sacred Phou Si Hill for breathtaking panoramic views of the Mekong River.

Afterward, visit the Traditional Art and Ethnology Center to deepen your appreciation of local traditions. In the afternoon, treat yourself to a rejuvenating hour at a local massage parlor, then unwind at your hotel at your leisure.

- [Overnight at Luang Prabang](#)
- [Choasis Hotel](#)
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Duration
7 Hours

Day 8 : Mekong River Adventure



Meal: B

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast, then cross a quaint French colonial bridge to discover local villages. Visit Craft Man Village to admire beautiful Mulberry handcrafts. Next, board a traditional boat to the stunning Pak Ou Caves, enjoying a delicious floating restaurant lunch along the way.

Sample the region's famous rice whiskey at Xang Hai before exploring the breathtaking Pak Ou Cave, filled with thousands of Buddha statues. End your adventure with a scenic boat ride back to Luang Prabang, followed by an evening at the vibrant Luang Night Market.

- [Overnight in Luang Prabang](#)
- [Choasis Hotel](#)
- [Click here to view hotel's website](#)

Duration
5 Hours

Day 9 : Waterfall Wonders and Elephant Encounters



Meal: B

Start your day at 5:30 AM with the peaceful alms-giving ceremony alongside local monks. Discover the breathtaking Wat Xieng Thong and explore the vibrant Morning Market before enjoying a delightful breakfast at your hotel.

Next, journey to the stunning Kuang Si Waterfall. Immerse yourself in nature as you stroll through lush forests, visit the Asiatic Black Bear Rescue Center, and enjoy a refreshing swim in the crystal-clear lagoon. On the return trip, don't miss a visit to the elephant camp for an unforgettable experience.

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- [Choasis Hotel](#)
- [Click here to view hotel's website](#)

Duration
4 Hours

Day 10 : A Heartfelt Farewell



Meal: B

Departure Flight detail: TBA

After enjoying a delightful breakfast, take the opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich culture of Laos.

Feel free to indulge in some shopping at your leisure, picking up unique souvenirs to remember your journey. When the time comes, you'll head to the airport to catch your flight home, enriched by your experiences.

End of service.

Duration
3 Hours