

Luang Prabang, Luang Prabang Province, Laos

A UNESCO-listed riverside town where gilded temples, saffron-robed monks, and the slow Mekong conspire to slow everything down. One of Southeast Asia's most serene river ports.

-  River docking (mooring on Mekong banks)
-  Typical call: full day or overnight
-  Lao Kip (USD & Thai Baht accepted)
-  Lao (English spoken in tourist areas)
-  UNESCO World Heritage Site

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River banks — floating pontoon or steps; luxury ships moor in town center

Best For: Temple-hopping, morning alms ceremony, Kuang Si Falls, Mekong boat trips

Walk to center: 0–5 min from town-center mooring; 3–5 km from outer piers (tuk-tuk)

Don't Miss: Tak Bat alms-giving at sunrise and Wat Xieng Thong at the peninsula tip

 Getting around:  **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Tak Bat — Morning Alms Ceremony** — Watch hundreds of saffron-robed monks file silently through the streets at sunrise collecting offerings of sticky rice.
- **Wat Xieng Thong & Royal Palace Museum** — Luang Prabang's most beautiful temple sits at the tip of the peninsula — sweeping roofs nearly touch the ground, with a...
- **Kuang Si Waterfalls** — Stunning three-tiered turquoise limestone waterfalls about 30 km (45 min) southwest of town, with natural swimming...
- **Pak Ou Caves by Longtail Boat** — Two riverside limestone caves packed with thousands of Buddha statues, 2 hours upstream from town by longtail boat.
- **Mount Phousi Sunrise or Sunset** — Climb 328 steps to the summit of Mount Phousi for panoramic 360° views of the town, the Mekong, and the Nam Khan River...

BEST WALKS

- **Peninsula Temple & Palace Loop** ~2.5 km · 45–60 min · Flat — The essential Luang Prabang walk.
- **Bamboo Bridge & Nam Khan Riverbank** ~1.5 km · 30 min · Easy — During dry season (Nov–Apr), cross the famous seasonal bamboo footbridge over the Nam Khan River (tiny toll ~10,000 Kip), then walk...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇸🇹 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:53AM–6:29PM · Jun 5:32AM–6:51PM · Aug 5:51AM–6:39PM · Sep 5:58AM–6:14PM · Oct 6:06AM–5:47PM	
Apr	93°	72°	12d	🇸🇹 Lao Kip (USD & Thai Baht accepted)	
Jun	90°	76°	23d		
Aug	86°	75°	28d		
Sep	86°	74°	24d		
Oct	85°	71°	13d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash is king. Carry Lao Kip for temples, tuk-tuks, and markets. USD is accepted but change may come in Kip at a poor rate. ATMs

Luang Prabang, Luang Prabang Province, Laos — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Wat Pa Huak** Ancient temple with beautiful murals near Royal Palace.
- 2 Wat That Luang** Historic temple housing a revered golden stupa.
- 3 Wat Chom Si** Temple atop Phousi Hill, offering panoramic views.
- 4 Dara Market** Bustling local market for fresh food and goods.
- 5 Elephant Conservation Center** Office for booking ethical elephant conservation tours.
- 6 Tat Sae Waterfalls** Multi-tiered turquoise waterfalls perfect for swimming.
- P Cruise port / terminal**