

Mekong Pearl Cruise Downstream 6 days: Golden Triangle - Luang Prabang

On our 6-day downstream journey, let's take in the magnificent landscape of the Mekong River with our Mekong Pearl Cruise. You may go from the Golden Triangle in Thailand to Luang Prabang, in the center of Laos, to learn about a variety of intriguing cultures, see vibrant local markets, and let the breathtaking, untainted scenery along the upper Mekong soothe your spirit.

- **Durations:** 6 days
- **Trip outline:** Chiang Rai - Golden Triangle - Pak Ou Caves - Luang Prabang
- **Price from:** US \$1785/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://bestratetours.com/mekong-river-cruises/mekong-pearl-cruise-downstream-6-days-golden-triangle-luang-prabang>

Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Chiang Rai - The Golden Triangle - Mekong Pearl	Mekong Pearl Cruise	Dinner
Day 2	Laotian-Thai Border - Huay Xay - Pak Tha	Mekong Pearl Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 3	Astonishing Landscapes - Remote Villages	Mekong Pearl Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 4	Pak Ou Caves	Mekong Pearl Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 5	Luang Prabang - Wat Xieng Thong - Mount Phousi - Farewell Dinner	Mekong Pearl Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 6	Luang Prabang - Disembarkation	NA	Breakfast

Itinerary

Day 1: Chiang Rai - The Golden Triangle - Mekong Pearl

Morning

08:00-09:00: You will be picked up from Chiang Rai Airport or at your hotel to transfer to the Golden Triangle Area.

After arriving at the [Golden Triangle](#), you will join a fascinating sightseeing tour at the **Golden Buddha of Sop Ruak** and the **Hall of Opium**. This intriguing museum offers an in-depth look into the history and politics of the opium trade as well as the effects of opium usage on one's health.

Afternoon

Then, you will be welcomed onboard warmly by the Mekong Pearl Cruise Team.

Let's settle in your cozy cabin and immerse yourselves in the tranquil scenery of the Mekong River while the ship begins your fantastic 6-day downstream journey on the Mekong River.

Evening

After enjoying a welcome dinner onboard, you can relax on the spacious deck to take a deep breath in the middle of the majestic Mekong River or sip a cocktail in the onboard lounge.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Pearl Cruise

Day 2: Laotian-Thai Border - Huay Xay - Pak Tha

Morning & Afternoon

This morning is the departure to the **Laotian-Thai Border**. You'll arrive at Huay Xay Town, where you will really enter the People's Democratic Republic of Laos.

Northern Laos' breathtaking landscapes, including lush greenery, mist-covered mountains, and peaceful riverside villages, will captivate you. We travel to Pak Tha, a significant Mekong estuary, where we will anchor for the night amidst the tranquility of this remarkable region.

Evening

Have dinner and overnight onboard while the ship moors at a sand or riverbank.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Pearl Cruise

Day 3: Astonishing Landscapes - Remote Villages

Morning

After breakfast, embark on a journey to one of the local **hill tribe villages** in the Pak Tha area, where you will have the opportunity to experience their distinct way of life.

When you return to the vessel, you will be greeted with refreshing drinks on the upper deck, providing an ideal opportunity to unwind and enjoy the peaceful river atmosphere before lunch is served.

Afternoon

As we continue downstream, we pass through remote and untouched Laotian regions that can only be reached by water.

The Mekong River reveals some of its most beautiful landscapes here: lush hills covered in tropical vegetation, dramatic rock formations, and a fascinating mix of fast currents and calm waters.

Evening

Whether you choose to relax on deck, retreat to the comfort of your cabin, or unwind in the lounge, you will be surrounded by the beauty and tranquillity of these breathtaking surroundings.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Pearl Cruise

Day 4: Pak Ou Caves

Morning & Afternoon

After a quiet morning, we arrive at a charming riverside village around midday. We visit the legendary [Pak Ou Caves](#), which house thousands of small Buddha statues lovingly placed by pilgrims over the centuries.

From this sacred site, you can embark on a **jungle trek** through lush greenery to the nearby village of Ban Muang Keo. For a more leisurely pace, a short boat ride will take you to the village.

Miss Somechan Khonpachith, who has dedicated her life to mastering this craft, will show you how to distill Lao-Lao, Laos' traditional rice whiskey. She'll not only reveal the secrets of this time-honored technique, but also invite you to a tasting.

Evening

As the day comes to a close, our ship remains anchored, surrounded by majestic limestone mountains, creating a picturesque backdrop for your evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Pearl Cruise

Day 5: Luang Prabang - Wat Xieng Thong - Mount Phousi - Farewell Dinner

Morning & Afternoon

Today, you'll visit Luang Prabang, the former royal capital of Laos and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Your adventure begins with a guided walk through the city, which will lead you to the famous [Wat Xieng Thong](#), a stunning example of Laotian architecture and one of the city's most iconic landmarks.

As evening falls, you'll ascend [Mount PhouSi](#), where you'll be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of the Mekong and Khan rivers, the ideal way to end the day.

Following that, you can take a leisurely stroll along the peaceful Mekong promenade or immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the colorful Hmong Night Market.

Evening

Back on board, a special farewell dinner will mark the end of your cruise. This is an opportunity to bid farewell to the Laotian crew, cruise director, and captain, signaling the end of an unforgettable journey.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Mekong Pearl Cruise

Day 6: Luang Prabang - Disembarkation

Morning

In the early morning, you can visit or attend the **Tak Bat**, a traditional almsgiving ceremony in Luang Prabang's streets, during which dozens of orange-robed monks and novices walk through the streets and alleys of the old town.

Your guide will then take you through the bustling local morning market, which is filled with the fragrant aromas of exotic spices, locally grown teas, and freshly brewed Laotian coffee.

After breakfast, you will check out and disembark, bringing with you unforgettable memories of your journey along the Mighty Mekong. Our shared adventure ends with a transfer to the airport or a city hotel in Luang Prabang.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: NA

Booking Policy

Inclusion

- 5 overnights in selected cabin type aboard your boutique river cruise vessel
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
- Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Tours and transfers as mentioned
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, porters and performers
- Water in the vehicles and on the ship
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, and D=Dinner)
- Coffee, tea, and table water is complementary onboard your boutique river cruise vessel
- Presentations and lectures onboard by the cruise director
- Transfers from/to Chiang Rai and Luang Prabang airports or hotels within city limits (only guaranteed if information was correctly provided 4 weeks prior to embarkation, at the latest)

Exclusion

- Flights
- Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary
- Visas for Laos
- Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures
- Gratuities for boat crew, and personal, non-itinerary services
- Alcoholic and soft drinks other than mentioned
- Personal Insurance

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation before 120 days prior to the start of the cruise: 30 % of the total rate
- Between 120 and 61 days prior to the start of the cruise: 50 % of the total rate
- Between 60 and 30 days prior to the start of the cruise: 70 % of the total rate
- Less than 30 days prior to the start of the cruise: 90 % of the total rate

Children Policy

- Free of charge for children below 5 years old, in parents' room and using existing bedding.
- Baby cots are available.
- Children above 5 years must occupy a separate bed and pay full rate (Single or double occupancy).

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