

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

Let's immerse yourself in the majestic scenery of the Mekong River with our Mekong Pearl Cruise on this 6-day upstream voyage. You can travel from the heart of Laos, Luang Prabang, to the Golden Triangle in Thailand to experience various fascinating cultures, visit colorful local markets and heal your soul with the outstanding unspoiled landscape along the upper Mekong!

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

Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Luang Prabang - Mekong Pearl Cruise	Mekong Pearl Cruise	Dinner
Day 2	Pak Ou Caves	Mekong Pearl Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 3	The Mighty Mekong	Mekong Pearl Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 4	Relaxation - Village Life - BBQ Dinner	Mekong Pearl Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 5	Hill Tribe Village - Thai–Laos Border	Mekong Pearl Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 6	Golden Triangle - Disembark	NA	Breakfast

Itinerary

Day 1: Luang Prabang - Mekong Pearl Cruise

Afternoon & Evening

Board your exclusive boutique river vessel, which is owned by a joint venture of German and Laotian partners, at **13:00**. Settle into your inviting cabin, which will serve as your home for the next six days.

Your first evening will be culturally enchanting, with a traditional **Lao dance performance** and a heartwarming **Baci well-wishing ceremony**, followed by our Mekong River Cruises Welcome Dinner.

Throughout the cruise, you'll be served a delectable selection of Asian and European dishes, providing a culinary journey as diverse as the sights you'll see along the way.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Pearl Cruise

Day 2: Pak Ou Caves

Morning

During breakfast, your cruise takes you upstream to explore the legendary [Pak Ou Caves](#), which are home to thousands of small Buddha statues lovingly placed by pilgrims over the centuries.

From this sacred site, you can take a **jungle trek** through lush greenery to the nearby village of Ban Muang Keo.

If you prefer a slower pace, a short boat ride will get you to the village. Miss Somechan Khonpachith, who has dedicated her life to mastering the art of distilling Lao-Lao, Laos' local rice whiskey, will guide you through the ancient process. She will not only reveal the secrets of this ancient technique, but will also invite you to try it.

Afternoon & Evening

In the afternoon, your ship continues cruising upstream towards Oudomxay Province, passing the Pak Ou Dam construction site.

The rest of the day is free to spend relaxing on deck or joining our Cruise Director for an engaging infotainment program.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Pearl Cruise

Day 3: The Mighty Mekong

As you travel upstream, the river traffic thins out, allowing you to fully appreciate the breathtaking scenery around you.

You can relax on deck, in your comfortable cabin, or in the lounge, soaking up the sun as the landscape transforms into a breathtaking panorama: hills covered in lush tropical vegetation, striking rock formations along the riverbanks, and a captivating combination of swift currents and calm waters.

The vibrant life along the river, combined with the majestic power of the Mekong, fosters a genuine sense of adventure and discovery.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Pearl Cruise

Day 4: Relaxation - Village Life - BBQ Dinner

Today, relax on deck as you take in the diverse landscapes and serene beauty of northern Laos, which provide a true escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

As the lush green hills pass by, your ship heads for the Nam Tha, one of the Mekong's most important estuaries.

In the evening, enjoy our well-known **barbecue dinner**, which is set in a picturesque riverside location.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Pearl Cruise

Day 5: Hill Tribe Village - Thai–Laos Border

Morning & Afternoon

After breakfast, travel to one of the local hill tribe villages in the Pak Tha area to witness their unique way of life.

Following your visit, return to the ship for the final leg of your river cruise, taking in the breathtaking scenery as you head toward the Thailand-Laos border.

The journey ends in the bustling border town of Huay Xay, a thriving trade center in Bokeo province, where the name 'Bokeo' means 'sapphire,' reflecting the region's rich history. Explore the bustling town market and the tranquil temple overlooking the Mekong. If time allows, we'll enter Thailand via the Thai/Lao Friendship Bridge.

Evening

We'll have a special farewell dinner on the Mekong in the evening to commemorate the memories and adventures we shared during this unforgettable journey.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Pearl Cruise

Day 6: Golden Triangle - Disembark

Morning

After breakfast, say your goodbyes to the Laotian crew before disembarking from your boutique ship in Chiang Khong. From there, you'll be whisked away to the legendary Golden Triangle, once infamous but now rich in mystery and history.

During your guided tour, you will see the majestic Golden Buddha of Sop Ruak and the captivating Hall of Opium, a museum with royal ties that provides a thorough examination of the opium trade's complex history and impact on health.

After that, you'll be transferred to either the airport or your hotel in Chiang Rai, bringing your trip to an end.

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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