Nam Xam River Promenade
Clustered across from Vat Phoxaysanalam, a number of houses weave high-quality cotton and silk textiles, many of which are exported to Asian markets such as Singapore and Japan.

**Vat Phoxaysanalam**

Xieng Khouang

Stupa

Internet

Bank

Stadium

Tourist Information

**Visa**

Visas are required in advance for all nationalities. Visa on arrival is not available. The signed visa application form is required for all nationalities.

**Getting to Xam Neua and Vientiane**

Houaphanh Province is located in northeastern Laos and can be reached from Vientiane by plane and by bus or private vehicle from Xieng Khouang/Phonsavanh, Luang Prabang and Vietnam.

**Getting to From and Vietnam**

Visas: The Nam Sai (Laos – Viet Nam) border is open everyday from 07:00 –12:30 and 15:00 – 17:30. Tourists entering Vietnam require a visa in advance, while most nationals arriving to Laos can receive a visa on arrival at Vientiane.Visa on arrival is not available. The signed visa application form is required for all nationalities.

TRANSPORT FROM VIENGXAY TO VIETNAM:

1. Shuttles: There are regular shuttles between Viengxay and Xam Neua. These shuttles leave every morning and every evening from the Interprovincial and International Bus Station to Thanh Hoa, Vietnam.

2. Taxis: There are taxis available from the Interprovincial and International Bus Station to Thanh Hoa, Vietnam. These taxis leave every morning and every evening.

3. Motorbike taxis: Motorbike taxis are available from the Interprovincial and International Bus Station to Thanh Hoa, Vietnam. These taxis leave every morning and every evening.

4. Private vehicles: Private vehicles are available from the Interprovincial and International Bus Station to Thanh Hoa, Vietnam. These private vehicles leave every morning and every evening.

5. Buses: There are regular buses between Viengxay and Xam Neua. These buses leave every morning and every evening from the Interprovincial and International Bus Station to Thanh Hoa, Vietnam.

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**Getting to and Around Viengxay**

**Buses**

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**Motorbike taxis**

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**Private vehicles**

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**Visitors Center**

The Viengxay Caves Visitor Centre is located in the Nam Phong District, Xam Neua Province. The Visitors Center includes a Visitors Centre, a Visitor Centre, a Visitor Centre, a Visitor Centre, and a Visitor Centre. The Visitors Center includes a Visitors Centre, a Visitor Centre, a Visitor Centre, a Visitor Centre, and a Visitor Centre.

**Getting to and Around Phou Phou**

**Buses**

Regular flight service between Vientiane and Xam Neua. For more information on the exact times and frequency of flights, contact the Lao Airlines office in Vientiane.

**Motorbike taxis**

Motorbike taxis are available from the Interprovincial and International Bus Station to Thanh Hoa, Vietnam. These motorbike taxis leave every morning and every evening.

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Highlights of Houaphanh Province

Birthplace of Lao PDR

1. **VIENGXAY CAVES**
   - Serving as the Pathet Lao revolutionary movement’s command center from 1944-1975, the “Hidden City” housed some 20,000 people, government offices, temples, monasteries, schools, hospitals, theaters and factories.

2. **NAM ET-PHOU LOUEY NPA**
   - These adjoining National Protected Areas (NPAs) cover approximately 3,380 km² of rugged mountainous terrain with peaks reaching 3,380 meters, and forested with mixed deciduous and evergreen trees. Key species include clouded leopards, tigers, and other large, indigenous cats.

3. **NAM XAM NPA**
   - Several endangered species inhabit this 1,734-km² National Protected Area, including tigers, gibbons, elephants, and threatened birds. Its steep hills, climbing to 1,800 meters, are covered with mixed deciduous and semi-evergreen forest and feed the main river, the Nam Xam and Nam Nian.

4. **NAMNOUA WATERFALL**
   - This spectacular waterfall gushes as it plunges in a mist over two tiers from an 80-meter-high ledge and continues as it cascades over sloping rocks to a pond, where the waters are said to have medicinal qualities and can reach temperatures of up to 100ºC.

5. **NAMEUANG HOT SPRINGS**
   - Set in a serene valley of fields and rice paddies, the Namuang Hot Springs offer visitors a relaxing stop when traveling to or from Xamneua. While at the hot springs, consider visiting nearby Houaphan waterfall as well. These falls crash over sloping rocks to a pond, where the waters enter a small river. A short walk up a mountain ridge ends at Houaypham Village, known for recycling crashed aircraft and cars to make belts.

6. **PHONXAY-SALEUY WATERFALL**
   - A short, easy walk on a flat trail from Road 6 leads to this tree-lined waterfall that drops some 100 meters, as it cascades over rock slabs to a final leap into a relaxing pool and on to a calm stream. A trail alongside the falls takes the adventurous to the top. Vendors on Solokhy Village’s roadside sell locally-made textiles.

7. **VIENGTHONG HOT SPRINGS**
   - Locals have been bathing, washing clothes, and even boiling eggs in this vast hot springs area, among the largest in Laos, for generations. Located in a pastoral setting of trees and rice paddies, the waters are said to have medicinal qualities and can reach temperatures of up to 100ºC.

8. **HINTANG ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK**
   - Dating some 2,000 years, these menhirs (standing stones) were first examined in 1931, and burial sites in the area contained some ancient trinkets. Masked by standing rock slabs and stone disks, these relics, predating the Plain of Jars, are located along a 12-km mountain ridge in the province’s south.

9. **XAM NEUA ATTRACTIONS**
   - Xam Neua District center hosts a handful of interesting attractions: hilltop Independence Monument, Vat Phouayxam’s 450-year-old Buddha, weaving houses producing export-quality goods, a pair of sacred stupas, a trio of markets, and the Nam Xam River Promenade with a pair of bridges for photo ops.

10. **XAM TAI TEXTILES**
    - Xam Tai has a reputation for weaving that best quality silk and cotton textile products in Laos, and visitors can follow this fascinating process that uses natural dyes to create intricate traditional designs at a number of the district’s villages. Sizeable wooden wheeled wheels tribute Xam Tai Town’s rice fields.