LUANG PRABANG TOWN

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ATTRACTIONS

TEMPLES

VAT XIENG THONG
See Luang Prabang Town map

Luang Prabang's oldest and most magnificent temple is a prime example of the Luang Prabang style of temple architecture. It is situated towards the end of the peninsula, at the confluence of the Mekong and Nam Khan rivers.

VAT VISOUN
See Luang Prabang Town map

This temple to the south of the town centre, originally built entirely of wood, was for many years a museum of religious arts. It is famous for its exceptional watermelon-shaped stupa.

THAT PHOUSI
See Luang Prabang Town map

Also known as Vat That Chomsi, and located at the top of Phousi, this is the most prominent landmark in Luang Prabang and provides magnificent views of the town.

OTHER IMPORTANT TEMPLES
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These include Vat Sene, Vat Nong, Vat Mai, Vat That Luang, and Vat Manolom. In Chomphet there is Vat Xieng Mene, Vat Long Khoun and Vat Chomphet.

WATERFALLS

TAD KUANG SI

This multi tiered waterfall with spectacular limestone deposits is situated 30km from Luang Prabang and can be reached by road from Luang Prabang or by a 3-hour walk from Ban Long Lao.

TAD SAE
See Around Luang Prabang map

A series of cascading step waterfalls in natural surroundings 15 km southeast of Luang Prabang. Accessible from the town by road or boat.

VILLAGES

BAN LONG LAO

A Hmong and Khmu village in beautiful natural surroundings with local guides available to walk to Kuang Si waterfalls.

BAN PHANOM
See Around Luang Prabang map

A village famous for its Tai Lue textiles.

BAN XIENG MENE
See Temple walk map

Across the Mekong from Luang Prabang, in Chomphet with paths to surrounding villages and temples, and splendid views of the town.

BAN XIENG LEK, BAN XANG KONG
See Luang Prabang Town map

Both official 'Cultural Villages' where traditional crafts including weaving, paper and drum making are still practiced. Accessible from town by road.

BAN CHAN
See Around Luang Prabang map

This village on the Chomphet side of the Mekong is well known for traditional pottery. An hour walk from Ban Xieng Mene or short boat ride from Luang Prabang.

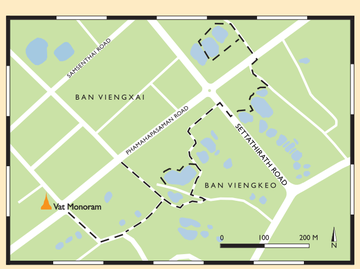
OTHER ATTRACTIONS

TAM TING (PAK OU CAVE)

Famous for the more than 4000 Buddha statues placed there by worshippers; it is located 30km north of Luang Prabang at the confluence of the Mekong and Nam Ou rivers. Accessible from town by road or boat.

NATIONAL MUSEUM
See Luang Prabang Town map

The former royal palace now houses an important collection of the Royal Family's personal belongings and gifts.

WETLAND WALK
See map below

This walk passes through several of the beautiful and environmentally important wetlands of Luang Prabang. Please be considerate, as the trail is through private land.