

Laos to Vietnam Adventure (M-ID: 3093)

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from \$6,021.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

14 days

02/02/2024 - 02/15/2024 14 days

Packed into this motorcycle adventure are boat trips, riverside resorts, luxury hotels, modern motorcycles, rural homestays, and much more. What's not to like?

Witness and experience two different cultures during this 14 day adventure across the stunningly beautiful countries of Laos and Vietnam. Both countries are similar in many ways – achingly beautiful, interesting and exciting – yet the local culture and feel of Laos and Vietnam differ vastly.

On this motorcycle tour of Laos and Vietnam you'll ride a mix of terrain, from dirt and tarmac roads to single track trail & steep tracks. Extreme off-roading is not the aim of this tour, although it is available in some places for those that want it. This journey is all about experiencing these beautiful countries and cultures in the best way possible, using our beloved dirt bikes to venture into some of the most remote, beautiful and interesting parts of Indochina.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Experience a homestay in both Laos and Vietnam.
- Witness the stunning mountain landscapes of Northern Laos and Vietnam.
- Ride through small rivers and cross large ones on local wooden boats.
- Exhilarating dirt and tarmac riding through the mountains
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage town of Luang Prabang.
- Cruise up the beautiful Nam Ou River.

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TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1: Arrive in Vientiane - Welcome to Laos!
Accommodation: Hotel with a pool.
Included Meals: Lunch, dinner.

You will be greeted at the airport and transferred to your hotel for checking in. After a welcome briefing we'll meet the trusty steeds that will be your close companion for the 'Laos Leg' of your adventure. If you require any adjustments to suit your personal preference then just say the word and we'll get it done. We will then venture out for a test-ride around Vientiane, the capital city of Laos.

Vientiane has been the capital since 1563 after fears of a Burmese invasion of the North. Just like the rest of Laos in general, Vientiane has a very laid back and friendly atmosphere. In the evening we will enjoy a stroll along the banks of the Mekong River and quite possibly sample a cold 'Beer Lao' or two before further getting to know each other over a delicious welcome dinner.

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DAY 2: Vientiane - Muang Fuang, 175km
Accommodation: Charming 'Lao style' wooden house and private tents.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Time to saddle up and hit the road for the first day of our Laos adventure! We head West, following the Mekong River along a mix of tarmac and dirt roads. You will find yourself instantly immersed in rural Laos as we pass through twisting tracks and villages, witnessing spectacular views of the Thailand / Laos Mekong border.

We'll visit a large reservoir to enjoy lunch on a private boat before hopping back on the bikes for an incredible afternoon of riding. As we near our destination of Muang Fuang district we will explore a local market where we will buy ingredients for tonight's BBQ!

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DAY 3: Muang Fuang - Xayaboury, 270km
Accommodation: Town guesthouse.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Some cracking riding today! We ride on dusty roads, logging trails and single track. We will meet with our support vehicle at lunchtime where we'll enjoy a western-style picnic lunch prepared for you by our team.

It's then down to the river for an exciting crossing over the Mekong on small wooden longtail boats over to Ban Namphou. We will then ride winding dirt tracks through the hills before turning North on a scenic tarmac road through a national park.

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DAY 4: Xayaboury - Luang Prabang, 130km
Accommodation: Boutique hotel with a pool.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch.

This morning we will enjoy breakfast at an elephant sanctuary where the owner will give a talk to our group, explaining the hugely important role this place plays in North Laos. Whilst we won't actually be able to meet the elephants here, it is still a beautiful place to have breakfast and a great way to learn more about the state of the elephant population in Asia.

Today we will ride some beautiful trails and riverside tracks, stopping to visit an amazingly beautiful waterfall before arriving at the riverside town of Luang Prabang – a city that has been awarded as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We will enjoy a sunset cruise along the Mekong river, after which you will have the chance to explore the town by yourselves... there is a fantastic night food market and some great riverside restaurants and bars in this town.

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DAY 5: Luang Prabang Rest Day
Accommodation: Riverside resort with a pool.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch.

This morning if you feel up to the challenge, we will hop onto a ferry across the Mekong river to ride to a remote Hmong village, it is a very technical route as well as steep! We will have lunch in the village then head back and relax at the pool by 3pm-ish.

If you feel the need for some well earned rest, you are welcome to have a nice relaxing day at the pool, or a good explore around Luang Prabang – also a good option.

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DAY 6: Luang Prabang - Nam Ou Cave - Nong Khiaw, 185 km
Accommodation: Riverside resort with a pool.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch.

We say goodbye to Luang Prabang this morning and make our way to Nam Ou. We will visit the Pak Ou caves, a short ride along the main road of Nam Ou – here we will dismount our steeds and spend some time visiting these

special Buddha caves across the river.

Once back at the bikes, saddle up for the most beautiful so far... Riding high up in the hills, we will enjoy incredible views and pass through countless little villages where the locals are fascinated by us and the bikes!

Today is a really special riding day and it's polished off by arriving at your beautiful riverside resort in the late afternoon. Refresh yourself with a dip in the infinity pool and enjoy a cocktail or cold Beer Laos while enjoying the view of the karst mountains over the river.

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DAY 7: Nong Khiaw - Muang Khua by boat
Accommodation: Town hotel.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

It's time to kiss your Laos motorcycle goodbye as these will now be transported back to base in Vientiane. Spend the morning relaxing at this gorgeous resort, sipping coffee on your balconies overlooking the river and mountains. We will then hop onto our private boat for a relaxed & scenic journey up the Nam Ou river to Muang Khua. Along the way we will stop for a BBQ lunch on one of the many riverside beaches.

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DAY 8: Muang Khua - Mường Lay, 240km
Accommodation: Hotel.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

A minibus will pick us up in the morning and take us to the border... GOOD MORNING VIETNAM!

As we reach Vietnamese soil we will find our new local support team waiting with a clean fleet of dirt bikes, all lined up and ready to take us on the next leg of the adventure. On the way through the hills towards Muong Lay we will stop for a picnic lunch before joining the first of many winding dirt tracks!

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DAY 9: Muong Lay - Than Uyên, 160km
Accommodation: Town guesthouse.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

We'll enjoy our first Vietnamese breakfast at the hotel before jumping back on the bikes to ride North along the Black River.

A picnic lunch will be provided by our new local support team. It's then onwards and upwards as we climb up to the hill tribe town of Sin Ho – a small market town high up in the mountains, with welcoming locals and spectacular views across the hills.

Heading back down through the mountains we ride through scenic tea plantations and winding roads on the way to Than Uyen.

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DAY 10: Than Uyen – Nghia Lo, 180km
Accommodation: Hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

A steady days cruising as we pass through landscapes that couldn't look more Vietnamese if they tried!

Riverside riding, magnificent rice terraces up the side of mountains and beautiful hill-tribe communities – this is a truly spectacular country.

Today is a varied day of riding: quiet paved roads through tea plantations, narrow dirt tracks and back roads through the mountains and villages.

We arrive at our destination of Nghia Lo town where we can take a stroll to visit the local market and sample a cold beer or two. A perfect end to the perfect day.

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DAY 11: Nghia Lo – Moc Chau, 180km
Accommodation: Homestay with a local family.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

After a local breakfast of the famous Vietnamese 'Pho', we get back on the bikes and ride through farming communities and over hills to the Black River. We cross the river on a local ferry and will enjoy a picnic lunch on the other side.

Riding back up the hills we will ride small roads towards the small village of Moc Chau. You've experienced a rural homestay in Laos – now it is time to do it in Vietnam!

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DAY 12: Moc Chau - Mai Chau, 160km
Accommodation: Homestay with a local family.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Another relaxing start in this beautiful Vietnamese village. After a tasty breakfast we jump back onto the comfy Hondas and ride over to Mai Chau – an area full of rice paddies and limestone karsts, it's all quite picturesque if you ask us.

There will be plenty of rest stops to meet the local people and take some photographs of the amazing scenery.

We will arrive at today's destination in the afternoon where we will have time to enjoy the welcoming pool for you to cool off in.

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DAY 13: Pu Luong – Hanoi, 180km
Accommodation: Quality centrally located hotel.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

It's the final day of this epic cross-border adventure, so we will rise early to make the most of it. We'll spend the morning exploring some fun off-road trails before joining the blacktop to make our way towards the busy city of Hanoi.

Celebratory beers await back at base in Hanoi. Later that night, it's out onto the busy streets for a farewell dinner.

For those that want a big night, there is no shortage of bars

and clubs in this bustling city. There are also plenty of places to sample the local brew – 'Bia Hoi' – a glass of this beer on the streets will cost you as little as 12c!! Yes, 12c, we're not kidding. It's no Stella Artois, but it's surprisingly OK and you can have a lot of fun with just \$1!

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DAY 14: Departure - Transfer to the Airport
Accommodation: Not included.
Included Meals: Breakfast.

It's the end of the road with your Laos-Vietnam motorcycle tour with us, so we'll arrange airport transfers for those leaving today and say our goodbyes.

But the fun doesn't need to stop here. If it's your first time in Vietnam, we would strongly recommend an overnight boat trip in Ha Long Bay. After nearly two weeks of riding, it's certainly a nice way to wind down before your flight home!

Countries	Laos Vietnam
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Combo On-/Offroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle motorcycle rent optional
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	medium
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

For dates:

February 2, 2024 - February 15, 2024

per rider in shared twin/double room with own motorcycle (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.) \$6,021.00

per rider in shared twin/double room incl. rental motorcycle (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.) \$6,966.00

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per person single room (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room") \$702.00

per person Motorcycle Damage Waiver (surcharge) \$344.00

Included

Rental Motorcycle Kawasaki KLX 250 (in Laos) + Honda CRF 300L (in Vietnam) - dependent on booking

Accommodation

Airport Pickup/Drop-off

Expedition Leader

Financial Protection

All fuel

GPS Tracking

Local Guides
Meals
Mechanic
Medical Support
Part Profits Donated to Charity/Rainforest & Wildlife Conservation
Support Vehicles
Personalised Jersey
Welcome Pack

Not included

Everything not listed as included

Flights

Motorcycle Damages

Other Expenses: Alcohol; Laundry; Souvenirs; Any meals that are not mentioned in the itinerary; Recovery, oil, spare parts, labor or other indirect costs resulting from the damage or repair of your motorcycle; Emergency transportation; Any other item, optional excursion, activity or entrance fee that is not specifically mentioned as being included.

Personal Travel Insurance

Riding Kit

More details

Destination: Laos, Vietnam (Asia)

Trip Type: Guided & Supported

Max Group Size: 12 Riders

Riding Type: Dirt Bike

Pillion Friendly ? : No

Terrain: 70% unpaved

Difficulty: 7 / 10

Support: Local guide | Trip manager / 1st response medic | Support vehicle | Consulting doctor | Mechanic

Comfort: 6 / 10

Average Daily Ride Hours: 6 - 7

Total Distance km: 1880

Accommodation:

Twin-share accommodation is included as standard – see "Prices" and "Optional Extra" for single room pricing and availability. On this trip we stay in a mixture of hotels, traditional homestays, guesthouses and a few riverside resorts thrown in for good measure. Please note, neither twin nor single rooms will be available at the homestay accommodations. Please see the daily itinerary for details on the type of accommodation.

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Airport Pickup/Drop-off:

You'll be collected from Vientiane (VTE) airport (Laos) on the morning of the first day. (You are of course welcome to arrive a day or two earlier, but there will be an extra cost for airport pickup). At the end of the trip we will arrange transfers from our final hotel to Hanoi (HAN) airport (Vietnam).

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Expedition Leader:

Your tour will be led and managed by a highly experienced member of our team (trained as a wilderness first response medic).

Financial Protection:

We are committed to customer satisfaction and consumer financial protection. At no extra cost to you, all our passengers are fully insured, and subsequently the balance of monies paid as detailed in your booking confirmation form. The policy also includes repatriation if required, arising from the cancellation or curtailment of your travel arrangements due to insolvency. During the COVID-19 crisis, every rider that requested a refund was issued a cash refund.

GPS Tracking:

This motorcycle tour is accompanied by a GPS tracker that displays our live location and track history on an online map. We will provide you with the link and login details which you can then share with your family at home so they can track your progress throughout the trip.

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Fuel:

All fuel for your motorcycle is provided by us.

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Local Guides:

This tour will be guided by an experienced local in both countries.

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Meals:

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided on most days. Please see the daily itinerary to see what meals are included on each day.

Mechanic:

A mechanic will be riding at the back of the group, ready to attend to any issues that may arise.

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Medical Support:

At least one member of the support team will have been trained as a Wilderness First Response medic. An extensive medical kit including a defibrillator (AED) & stretcher is carried in the support vehicle. We also have consulting doctors on call, 24/7, who are always ready to assist in the case of an emergency. Our doctors are fully briefed on all riders' medical info before the tour, they know what we do, where we are riding, exactly what we have in our medical kit, and what training our medics have. Tours are accompanied by GPS trackers and a satellite messenger device so our doctor and office can see exactly where we are and can maintain communication.

Motorcycle Hire (if selected):

If you have your own suitable & reliable motorcycle at the start point, you are quite welcome to use that for this trip. If not, we will provide a rental motorcycle for you... Please see the Dates & Prices section for available bikes. The cost of shipping the motorcycle to and from the start and finish destination is also included.

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Part Profits Donated to Charity and Rainforest, Wildlife Conservation:

Part profits from every motorcycle tour are donated to M'Lop Tapang – a local Cambodian charity dedicated to bettering the lives of young children & their families. Playing our part in rainforest & wildlife conservation and to offset our carbon emissions, we donate part of profits to World Land Trust.

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Support Vehicles:

The Laos leg of this motorcycle tour will be accompanied by a 4x4 support vehicle with a trailer and spare bike. On the Vietnam side, the support vehicle will be a large van. Both are equipped to carry your luggage, an extensive medical kit + stretcher + AED, drinking water, snacks, tools, spare parts and a satellite messaging device.

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Welcome Pack:

We'll welcome you with a bag of goodies which will include a T-shirt, Baseball cap, Map, Stickers, Mug, Keyring, Neck tube.

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Flights:

You'll need to book a flight to Vientiane, Laos (VTE) on or before the morning of Day 1 of this trip. You will then fly back out of Hanoi, Vietnam (HAN) airport on the last day of the trip. It is important you either:

Book a flexible flight ticket that allows you to make amendments or cancel without penalty;

Have travel insurance that you will reimburse you for out of pocket expenses incurred by a cancelled trip;

Do not book your flights until we have notified you that this departure is guaranteed.

Motorcycle Damages:

Please be aware that you are responsible for all damage caused to the motorcycle. If you don't want the potential hassle of being charged for motorcycle damage at the end of the ride, we offer our own damage protection plan. If you book the Motorcycle Protection Plan (see under prices), all damage to the motorcycle is then covered by us. Please bear in mind that this excludes damage caused by irresponsible riding (for example, a failed wheelie attempt).

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Personal Travel Insurance:

It is a condition of booking that you obtain appropriate travel insurance that covers you for riding the same capacity motorcycle that you'll be riding on this motorcycle tour. The insurance must cover emergency evacuation, medical bills, repatriation etc.

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Riding Kit:

Enduro/summer weight adventure style kit is the way to go on this motorcycle tour, rather than a road riding kit. If you are opting for an enduro kit, we'd recommend you bring extra layers and waterproofs to keep out the wet stuff. You'll want some decent armored protection and please do bear in mind that we will sometimes be riding on the road... 'dress for the slide, not the ride!'

Optional Extra: Motorcycle Damage Protection Plan

All damage to the motorcycle is then covered by us. Please bear in mind that this excludes damage caused by irresponsible riding (for example, a failed wheelie attempt).

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Optional Extra: Single Room Supplement

Single room accommodation is available for 10 out of the 13 nights.