

A REAL FRIENDS JOURNEY

13 Days Across Cambodia & Laos

Siem Reap • Battambang • Phnom Penh • Vientiane • Luang Prabang

Based on Diane and Colleen's friends' trip, February 2026

Length	Route	Pace	Core touring
13 DAYS	2 COUNTRIES	ACTIVE	PRIVATE

This itinerary is based on a real journey arranged for two friends. It combines Cambodia's Angkor temples, Battambang countryside and Phnom Penh with Vientiane and Luang Prabang in Laos. It suits travelers comfortable with full sightseeing days, regional flights, train journeys and several hotel changes.

Why download this itinerary? Use it to understand the route, pace and main experiences. Hotel choices, flight and rail schedules, local guide arrangements and precise timings are tailored and rechecked for each departure.

Trip at a Glance

A two-country route combining Khmer temples and local experiences in Cambodia with Buddhist heritage, Mekong scenery and rural activities in Laos. Most sightseeing is private; Living Land Farm is a joined activity.

Days	Region	Route	What it adds to the trip
Days 1-3	Siem Reap	Angkor • villages • Tonle Sap	Khmer temples, local families and lakeside life
Days 4-6	Battambang to Phnom Penh	Bamboo Train • Oudong • Phnom Penh	Countryside travel, crafts and Cambodian history
Days 7-8	Vientiane	That Luang • Patuxay • Buddha Park	Buddhist monuments and capital-city culture
Days 9-11	Luang Prabang	Temples • Pak Ou • Kuang Si	Mekong scenery, temples and waterfall
Days 12-13	Laos to departure	Living Land Farm • Vientiane	Hands-on rice farming, train transfer and departure

How we support a route like this: one-to-one planning, destination-based guides, private vehicles for core touring, coordinated airport and station transfers, and help arranging flights and trains between destinations.

Detailed Day-by-Day 13-Day Journey

The descriptions below follow the real trip's main experiences rather than setting a fixed self-planning schedule. Exact timings and transport details are checked for each booking.

DAY 1	Siem Reap Arrival Arrive in Siem Reap, where a local guide and driver welcome the travelers and escort them to their hotel. The rest of the day is set aside for settling in before sightseeing starts. Indochina Tour support: Private airport welcome, hotel transfer and check-in assistance.
DAY 2	Angkor Temples Full Day Explore Angkor Thom's South Gate, Bayon, Baphuon, Phimeanakas, the terraces and Ta Prohm. Continue to Angkor Wat, enjoy sunset from Bakheng Hill and finish with a Khmer Apsara dance dinner. Indochina Tour support: Private guide and vehicle for a full day of sightseeing, with dinner-show arrangements.
DAY 3	Siem Reap Countryside • Tonle Sap Lake Travel by open-air Jeep through country lanes, stop at villages, see traditional handicrafts and share lunch with a local family. Continue to Kompong Phluk, then explore Tonle Sap Lake and mangrove scenery by boat. Indochina Tour support: Jeep experience, local family visit, private guide and Tonle Sap boat arrangements.
DAY 4	Siem Reap • Battambang Drive to Battambang to visit Wat Ek Phnom and observe local food production, including fish paste and rice paper. Explore Phnom Sampov, its Killing Caves and the evening bat flight. Indochina Tour support: Private road transfer, guided local visits and overnight arrangements in Battambang.
DAY 5	Bamboo Train • Phnom Penh Visit local markets and ride Battambang's Bamboo Train, then travel toward Phnom Penh via craft-producing areas, Oudong's historic royal sites and Silversmiths Village. Indochina Tour support: Private vehicle and driver, guided stops and Bamboo Train arrangements.

DAY 6
Phnom Penh Historical & Cultural Sites

Visit Choeung Ek Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum to learn about the Khmer Rouge period. Continue to the National Museum, Silver Pagoda, Royal Palace and Wat Phnom.

Indochina Tour support: Private city guide and vehicle, with visits coordinated across the capital.

DAY 7
Phnom Penh • Flight to Vientiane

Transfer to the airport for the flight from Phnom Penh to Vientiane. On arrival in Laos, meet the local guide and driver for the hotel transfer; enjoy the remaining time at leisure.

Indochina Tour support: Airport transfers, regional flight coordination and destination handover.

DAY 8
Vientiane City Highlights

Visit Wat Sisaket and Wat Prakeo, then explore That Luang Stupa and Patuxay Monument. Continue to Buddha Park, known for its collection of Buddhist and Hindu sculptures.

Indochina Tour support: Private local guide and vehicle for a full-day capital tour.

DAY 9
Train to Luang Prabang

Transfer to the station and travel from Vientiane to Luang Prabang by train in second class. Meet the local team on arrival, check in and enjoy a free afternoon.

Indochina Tour support: Station transfers, second-class train arrangements and hotel transfer.

DAY 10
Luang Prabang Temples & Local Culture

Begin with the morning alms ritual, then visit the Royal Palace Museum, Wat Sene, Wat Xieng Thong, Wat Visoun and Wat Aham. Discover the Arts and Ethnology Centre, weaving villages, Wat Mai and Mount Phousi.

Indochina Tour support: Private guide and vehicle for the cultural visits and local transfers.

DAY 11**Pak Ou Caves • Kuang Si Waterfall**

Cruise upstream on the Mekong, stopping at Ban Xanghai to learn about rice wine production. Visit the Buddha-filled Pak Ou Caves, then continue to the Bear Rescue Sanctuary and Kuang Si Waterfall.

Indochina Tour support: Boat excursion, guide, lunch stop and road transfers coordinated into one day.

DAY 12**Living Land Farm • Train to Vientiane**

Join a rice-growing experience at Living Land Farm, with activities that introduce traditional skills such as bamboo weaving, gardening and tool making. After lunch, take the high-speed train back to Vientiane.

Indochina Tour support: Joined farm experience, train arrangements and station-to-hotel transfer.

DAY 13**Farewell from Vientiane**

Enjoy any remaining free time before the airport transfer and departure from Vientiane. The original travelers' trip ended on February 25, 2026.

Indochina Tour support: Airport transfer and departure arrangements matched to the flight schedule.

Could This Route Work for You?

This journey suited two friends who wanted to explore Cambodia and Laos within a fixed vacation period. It brought together Angkor's major temples, countryside activities, the history of Phnom Penh and Buddhist culture and scenery in Laos.

This route may suit you if you...

- have around 13 days to travel through Cambodia and Laos
- enjoy temple visits alongside villages, river scenery and local activities
- are comfortable with regional flights, trains and several full sightseeing days
- prefer private guides and vehicles for the core sightseeing days

What would we tailor for your trip?

Your travel consultant can adjust the pace, hotel category, room arrangement, walking intensity and time spent in each city. Transport connections are checked against your dates, and activities such as the farm visit can be planned around your interests.

A real journey, not a fixed package

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