

# Heritage Line Anouvong Cruise Upstream 4 days: Luang Prabang - Huay Xai

The Heritage Line Anouvong Cruise Upstream offers a captivating 4-day journey that takes you on a mesmerizing expedition along the Mekong River, from the historic city of Luang Prabang to the charming town of Huay Xai. This luxurious river cruise gives a uniquely immersive experience, allowing travelers to explore the cultural and natural wonders of Laos in unparalleled comfort. This itinerary is perfect for those seeking a unique blend of cultural discovery, natural beauty, and luxurious travel. Give yourself a treat and come along on this incredible river cruise tour!

- **Durations:** 4 days
- **Trip outline:** Luang Prabang - Pak Ou Caves - Pakbeng - Huay Xai
- **Price from:** US \$2036/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://besttratetours.com/mekong-river-cruises/anouvong-cruise-4-days-luang-prabang-huay-xai.html>

## Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Luang Prabang - Pak Ou - Khok Phou	Heritage Line Anouvong Cruise	Lunch, Dinner
Day 2	Khok Phou - Khok Luang - Khok Aek	Heritage Line Anouvong Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 3	Khok Aek - Pakbeng - Khok Mwe	Heritage Line Anouvong Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 4	Khok Mwe - Huay Xai	NA	Breakfast, Brunch

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Luang Prabang - Pak Ou - Khok Phou

#### Morning

Our team will welcome clients to Heritage Line Pier at Luang Prabang Riverside, Khem Khong Street. Please process check-in, and our staff will bring your luggage directly to your room before departure.

The captivating 3-night journey starts with stories about Luang Prabang's rich cultural heritage and fascinating history through our expert guide.

During the board presentation, the cruise heads towards our first destination, the renowned [Pak Ou Caves](#). Nestled along the rugged banks of the Mekong, two caverns cradle around 4,000 sacred Buddhist statues and images. Venturing into the lower cave, which stands out as the most impressive and easily accessible, we explore the rich cultural tapestry within.



*Visit the famous Pak Ou Caves, ideally situated on the riverbank*

Following the cave exploration, Heritage Line extends two optional experiences to enrich your journey:

- Join an exhilarating kayak expedition along the tranquil Nam Ou River.
- Visit the neighboring village of Ban Muang Keo, where we have the opportunity to observe traditional silk weaving and Lao whiskey distillation.

**NOTE:** *In the village, we also have the opportunity to visit a local alcohol workshop in this village (depending on time and availability).*

### **Afternoon**

Our next touring destination is **Ban Khok Phou**, which boasts a history spanning two centuries and is infamous for highland agriculture. If interested, we can observe the intricate procedures involved in the harvesting and processing of agricultural yields to acquire a deeper understanding of their farming methods.

The highlight of this experience is the participation in the traditional **Baci ceremony**, an emotionally resonant Laotian ritual presided over by esteemed local elders, imparting blessings upon your expedition. If circumstances allow, we may ascend to a petite temple, providing opportunities for serene meditation alongside resident monks and novices.

Return the ship when the sun starts going down and catches up in your eyes the most miraculous and glamorous dusk on the Mekong upstream.

### **Evening**

As the afternoon slowly turns into the evening, our voyage also progresses. Soaking in the villagers' welcome cocktail on the Mekong riverbank, our chef will invite all of you to a special **BBQ dinner** in a romantic setting.

**Meals:** Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Heritage Line Anouvong Cruise

## **Day 2: Khok Phou - Khok Luang - Khok Aek**

### **Morning**

For early risers, the daily yoga class is on the terrace deck, set against the stunning Mekong backdrop, offers a refreshing way to begin the day.

The ship departs early, allowing you to enjoy breakfast while observing the quiet morning rhythms of nature along the river.

Our morning visit brings us to a picturesque village of the Khmu people, where simplicity defines daily life. Bamboo houses stand on stilts amid expansive rice fields, and generations - young and old alike remain deeply connected to the land, sustaining their livelihoods through manual farming.

Here, you can mingle with villagers, observe their way of life, and engage in meaningful conversations that offer deeper insight into their lived experiences.

### **Afternoon**

As we sail into the mid-afternoon, our expert guide hosts an informative talk on the diverse ethnic groups of Laos along the Mekong River.

Soon after, another striking riverside scene unfolds as we arrive at a unique village where three ethnic communities: Hmong, Lao Loum, and Khamu live side by side. Each group carries its own history, traditions, family structures, and architectural styles.

Let's walk through the village to a family home where members of each ethnic group explain their daily lives, bringing the lecture from the previous day vividly to life.

Back onboard, as the afternoon turns to evening, gather at the bar to enjoy light snacks and a preview of the next day's program.

### **Evening**

Before dinner, a traditional dance performance takes place on the terrace deck, adding a cultural highlight to the evening.

After dinner, you're welcome to join us in the lounge for a cosy film screening of "Chiang", the Laotian word for "elephant." Filmed in this very region in 1927 by the same visionary who later produced the first King Kong movie, the film sets a fitting tone for the adventures ahead.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Heritage Line Anouvong Cruise

## **Day 3: Khok Aek - Pakbeng - Khok Mwe**

### **Morning**

A charming sunrise welcomes all the guests with an uplifting yoga lesson on the sundeck, followed by a rich breakfast buffet.

Following that, our journey proceeds to [Pakbeng](#), situated along the riverbank on the opposite side of the town, and nestled amidst the jungle is Laos' foremost sustainable elephant sanctuary.

The sanctuary is emblematic of ecotourism and sustainability, offering a unique opportunity to witness majestic natural wonders. Witnessing elephants in the rainforest and learning about their unique stories makes for an unforgettable experience.

After lunch, take a **cooking class** where you'll learn to make a Lao-Thai dish simple enough to recreate at home later. Let's try your hand at making these dishes and try them yourself.

### **Afternoon & Evening**

Our journey continues, culminating in our final overnight mooring spot. Once again, we anchor at a splendid sandbank, creating a picturesque setting for a relaxed aperitif, ideally accompanied by a stunning sunset.

Following that, a **farewell dinner** is given on the airy terrace deck, signaling the end of this incredible voyage.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Heritage Line Anouvong Cruise

## Day 4: Khok Mwe - Huay Xai

### Morning

Embark on a tranquil morning tour designed for relaxation and rejuvenation after a 4-day voyage. Begin your day with a simple yet leisurely breakfast, setting the tone for a peaceful experience ahead.

Whether it's a mindfulness session or a gentle exploration, this morning tour invites you to embrace serenity and create lasting memories in a calm and unhurried atmosphere while floating toward Huay Xai, our final destination.

This morning tour takes you on a journey through the **Golden Triangle**, a region that gained notoriety for being a major opium-producing area. Followed by an informative presentation on issues related to colonialism, conflicts, and the roles played by various nations in the region.

The cruise then passes the "Green River," a significant geographical feature in the region where the Mekong and Nam Tha Rivers meet.

The tour culminates with a hands-on **Lao cooking class** and a buffet brunch featuring enticing mains and desserts. An hour before arrival, you are at liberty to enjoy the final moments before bidding farewell to an unforgettable morning cruise.

### Afternoon

The cruise arrives at Huay Xai pier, marking the end of an unforgettable adventure. We continue to transfer you to the Lao-Thai border, in front of the Lao immigration office.

There, we would bid farewell and extend our gratitude for choosing to explore with us, wishing you continued exploration and joy.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Brunch

**Accommodation:** NA

## Booking Policy

### Inclusion

- Accommodation; daily (group) shore excursions & entrance fees
- Sightseeing and transfers during the cruise
- Transfers from/to Heritage Line's meeting point to/from the ship (please read details in the embarkation guide);
- English-speaking tour guiding on and offshore
- Entertainment/activities during the cruise as mentioned in the program; meals as mentioned in the program
- Welcome drink, brewed coffee, tea and mineral water; passenger liability insurance;
- Internet on the ship (subject to cellular network signal);
- Complimentary usage of ship facilities (exclusive of spa treatments);
- Port or anchorage fees; river pilots; fuel; taxes.

### Exclusion

- Crew and guide gratuities;
- Visa fees; private transfers; personal expenses;
- Beverages other than those stated under inclusions; medical services;
- Spa treatments;
- Port and anchorage fees;
- All other services or items not listed under inclusions.

## Cancellation Policy

- For cancellations of bookings, the following charges will apply:
- Prior 180 days to embarkation date: 5%
- 180 – 121 days prior embarkation date: 15%
- 120 – 91 days prior embarkation date: 30%
- 90 – 61 days prior embarkation date: 50%
- 60 – 31 days prior embarkation date: 75%
- 30 days – embarkation date: 100%

## Children Policy

- A child from 5 to 11 years old: 50% of adult rate (sharing bed ), or 75% of adult rate if staying in a cabin with one adult . Children below 5 years are not allowed on board

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