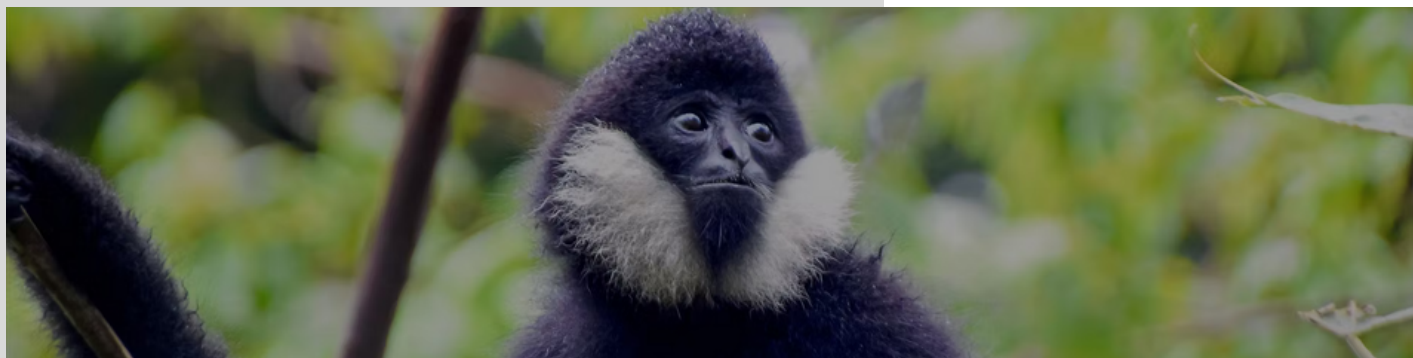


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NAKARATH TRAVEL



Wildlife Sanctuary visits

LUANG PRABANG & VIENTIANE

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We now offer great opportunities to learn about conservation and wildlife rescue in Laos. We work closely with two of the country's most respected wildlife organisations and offer special visits led by their directors.

In Luang Prabang, we partner with Free The Bears, well known for its bear rescue centre at Kuang Si Waterfalls. The organization has now opened a new wildlife sanctuary, for a wide range of rescued animals, including, leopard cats, civets, pangolins, tortoises, birds, and red pandas. Located about 45 minutes outside Luang Prabang in a quiet mountain valley, guests will be guided by one of the Sanctuary managers, offering in-depth insight into rescue, rehabilitation, and daily operations.



In Vientiane, we work with the Lao Conservation Trust for Wildlife (LCTW), which has recently opened a sanctuary on the edge of Phou Khao Khouay National Protected Area, about 1½ hours from town. The visit is hosted by the Sanctuary Manager or Head Veterinarian, and includes a guided sanctuary exploration, followed by a bear enrichment activity. The visit focuses on animal welfare, and long-term conservation efforts.

Just let us know if you would like to receive more information.

SpringRiver Resort

KHAMMOUANE



Tucked away in the karst mountains of Khammouane Province, SpringRiver Resort has long been one of our favorite hotels in Central Laos . The resort has now entered a new chapter under new ownership.



After 10 years, the Swiss–Thai founders decided it was time for a new challenge. The new owners bring extensive experience in tourism to Khammouane and are keen to further develop the resort.



The clear blue Spring River, will remain unchanged and Improvements will focus on the resort facilities, especially the Garden View rooms. Sustainability measures and safety equipment will also be improved in Q2 of this year.

SpringRiver is a peaceful retreat, just minutes from Konglor Cave, making it an must-stay stop on any journey through central Laos.



GUIDE IN FOCUS: MR. SENGLAVEE

LUANG PRABANG

This month, we're introducing Mr. Senglavee, also known as Mr. Noy, one of our top guides in Luang Prabang. Born and raised in Luang Prabang, he has in-depth local knowledge of his hometown and the rest of Northern Laos. Noy is kind, active, and very welcoming, making him an great guide for your clients.



Q: Tell us a bit about yourself.

A: I grew up in a small village before moving to Luang Prabang. Now, I am married with a 2 year old daughter. I truly enjoy my job as a guide, as it allows me to meet people from all over the world. In my free time, I love playing to listen music and to read books.

Q: What is your favorite destination?

A: My favorite destination is my hometown, Luang Prabang, which has so much to offer. The nature is beautiful, and there are are a lot of special places to explore.

Q: which Lao dish would you recommend?

A: Everybody should try laab, a tasty salad made with minced meat, plenty of mint, and other fresh herbs. It can be prepared with various meats, fish, or even mushrooms for a delicious vegetarian option.

Q: How long have you been a guide?

A: I became a guide in 2016. First in Vang Vieng, as an adventure guide, and after returning to Luang Prabang in 2020 as a National guide. I love sharing my country's rich history and culture, and I want to make sure that visitors experience the very best of Laos.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vat Phou Festival

1 & 2 February 2026

Boun Maka Bousa

3 March 2026

Lao New Year

14-16 April 2026