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EXPLORE HISTORICAL CHAMPASAK SOUTHERN LAOS

Champasak was sought after by its Cambodian and Siamese neighbours, as well as the French, who left just 70 years ago when Champasak became a province under the first unified Laos. Today, the once grand Champasak Kingdom is a small and charming town along the Mekong, bursting with history and tradition, waiting to be discovered.

We have created half day and full day walking tour options for you clients to bask in the cultural and historical legacy of Champasak.

The half day tour takes you to the ancient temples, colonial mansions, and along the Mekong where life doesn't seem to have changed much. The full day tour also includes a cycling exploration as well as a home-cooked lunch to share with the friendly hosts.

Champasak is a perfect destination to extend a tour in Laos, located just ½ hour transfer for Pakse Airport. There are some good hotel options and Champasak has and a variety of day tours can be made to the Bolaven Plateau as well as the 4000 islands.



I MEKONG - COMING SOON

LUANG PRABANG

The most luxurious private boat of Laos, formerly known as "the Dokkeow," has recently changed ownership, and after some renovations, the 28-meter boat has been reborn as "the IMekong." The boat is built from high quality hardwood, has electric toilets, a king-size bed, modern lighting and a staff waiting to share their excellent dishes and ice-cold drinks. The lounge/dining area can adapt to your needs and either serves as a eating area for up to 8 guests, or a sub-bathing area with 4 beds; both ideal settings for enjoying time on the river. Designed with luxury in mind, the IMekong is set to create a refreshing splash-around in the beautiful waterways of the Mekong, and is waiting to facilitate tailormade luxury excursions such as Lunch Cruises to Pak Ou Caves and Sunset Champagne.

MEDITATION AT THE KUANG SI WATERFALLS

LUANG PRABANG

In partnership with local Meditation and Yoga Studio 'Your Mind Retreat', we have designed a unique Meditation program at the spiritual Kuang Si Waterfall. Guests are accompanied on their spiritual journey by Certified & well experienced instructor Michelle, who will lead you to the falls, early morning before anyone else arrives.



The meditations and yoga sessions are tailored to meet the guests' individual needs and personal practices and the program can be customized, for example, with a Gourmet breakfast following the Yoga session.

NAKORN GUESTHOUSE

CHAMPASAK

Where most of the highlights of Champasak are historical, we also stumbled upon a brand-new pearl in the ancient town. Nakorn Guesthouse offers basic, but comfortable rooms idyllically located on the Mekong Riverside. Frenchman Jacques and his wife One did impress us very much, not only with the well looked after guesthouse and their excellent hospitality, but also with some fantastic Lao and French dishes they served on their terrace.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

That Luang Festival
3 November 2017

Lao National Day
2 December 2017

LPQ Film Festival
8-13 December 2017

Hmong New Year
Mid/late Dec 2017

International NYE
31 December 2017

OUR GUIDE IN FOCUS; MR. SOMKHIT

We place a lot of emphasis on sourcing the best guides and they are a key part of our success at Nakarath. This newsletter we are pleased to introduce you to our guide; Mr. Somkhith Phanthanith. Somkhith has been with Nakarath since the beginning and specializes in the fascinating history and cultural heritage of his hometown Luang Prabang.

Q: Please tell us a bit about your personal life.

A: I got married just last month! So it is a very special year for me. I live with my family in Luang Prabang and I have three children of 15, 12 and 10 years old. My favourite sport is football. I follow the English Premier league and my favourite team is Manchester United. I also like to play Petanque and I challenge everyone for a game.

Q: How and where did you grow up?

A: I am born and raised in Luang Prabang. My father was a teacher for the government school and my mother had a butcher-shop at the market. I have been living in Luang Prabang all my life. I have been a monk several times but always for a few weeks up to a few months per time. After high school I studied to become a teacher with a Major in English and Agriculture.

After a short career as teacher, I decided Tourism & Hospitality suits me much better.



Q: For how long have you been a tour guide?

A: After starting my career at Villa Santi Hotel, I have been a tour guide since 2009. I enjoy communicating with guests and show them the best Laos has to offer.

Q: What is your favourite destination in Laos?

A: I very much like the mountainous North with its interesting Ethnic Diversity very much, but the Cultural Heritage town of Luang Prabang is my all-time favorite.

Q: What is your favourite restaurant?

A: My Favourite Restaurant is called Tamarind and is located at the Peninsula of Luang Prabang. I can highly recommend the Fish steamed in banana leaves, and Or lam, which is a traditional Lao stew and a typical Luang Prabang classic.

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