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IMEKONG CRUISE

LUANG PRABANG

Starting October, the luxurious iMekong' is cruising the Mekong around Luang Prabang. The 28-meter long ship is beautifully constructed from high-quality hardwoods. It boasts excellent facilities such as a king-size sunbed and electric toilets. Awaiting are a full bar, a chef, and a private river butler who will ensure this experience stands out among the crowd.

The lounge/dining area serves as a seating area for up to 8 guests and is highly adaptable.

Designed with luxury in mind, the iMekong caters for some memorable river experiences such as Lunch Cruises to Pak Ou Caves and private sunset cruises, complete with canapes & cocktails or champagne.



LAO POET HOTEL

VIENTIANE

The latest addition of hotels in Vientiane is the Lao Poet Hotel. The hotel is situated in the heart of the town centre and has its own called "Urban Jungle" theme. While under the same management, the hotel is very different from its sister hotel, Satri House. Where Satri House is one of our favourite colonial style hotels in Luang Prabang,



Lao Poet Hotel is stylish, mixing modern touches with flourishes of 1930's Indochina. The hotel has 55 rooms in 3 categories which range from 27 to 65m² in size. It has a small spa and a rooftop pool with bar which offers some views of the cityscape.

XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCIAL MUSEUM PHONSAVAN

A new museum will open in Phonsavan on the 14th of November. The Xieng Khouang Provincial Museum has been under construction for nearly 2 years and is sponsored by New Zealand aid. The hotel exhibits artefacts and information including highlights in fields of archaeology covering different historical periods and the ethnic diversity of Laos. Short films focused on these subjects were produced specifically for the benefit of visitors to the museum.



BISTRO PASTIS LUANG PRABANG

We have located an interesting dinner option in the backroads of Luang Prabang! Just off the peninsula, French Chef Frederic Vinsonneau has turned a back garden into a small restaurant with an Ardoise menu of southern French and Mediterranean cuisine. The menu evolves with the seasons, market availability and chef's mood and desires. This restaurant with a homely relaxed ambience is not easy to find for the first time, but well worth the find!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

That Luang Festival
22 November 2018

Lao National Day
2 December 2018

LPQ Film Festival
7-12 December 2018

International NYE
31 December 2018

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OUR GUIDE IN FOCUS; MR. VIENGXAI

Nakarath always places great emphasis on sourcing the best guides, and they are a vital part of our success. In this newsletter we are pleased to introduce you to one of our guides; Mr. Viengxai Silivong. Viengxai has been with Nakarath since the early days and has guided many dozens of guests throughout the country. Viengxai is an entertaining guide and great with children. He is a favourite for family groups.

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

A: I am 39 years old, I am married with three children; My daughter is 15 years old, and my sons are 13 & 6 years old. In my free time, I like to watch English premier league, and I love to play Badminton and Snooker with my friends.

Q: How and where did you grow up?

A: I am born and raised in a small village called Ban Phasouk just outside of Luang Prabang. I grew up on my parent's farm, together with parents and three sisters. After high school, I moved to Luang Prabang where I joined the monkhood for three years. In those three years I did not only learn about Buddhism and the strong cultural connection the religion has with Luang Prabang, but I also learned to speak English as well.

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

A: I have been a tour guide for more than 15 years. After learning to speak English during my time as a monk, I was happy to talk with travellers. Since getting my guiding license, I could turn my hobby into my job



Q: What is your favourite destination in Laos?

A: I very much like the scenic mountainous areas of the far North, but my favourite place is still my hometown Luang Prabang. I am very proud of the rich history it has as the long-time cultural capital of Laos..

Q: What is your favourite restaurant?

A: My favourite restaurant is in Oudomxay province. It is just a small and basic restaurant goes by the name 'Ganja Restaurant'. The owner is most amiable and friendly. I sincerely believe they have the best buffalo sausages in all the country.

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