











# Go Golfing

### 'MOUNTAINS TO MEKONG' LAOS GOLF TOUR

#### 30 APR - 6 MAY 2024 7 DAYS | 3 ROUNDS

Live, love, Laos! The Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) is also known as 'Lao - Please Don't Rush.' Take a tuktuk and take a load off in the most laid-back country in Southeast Asia.

We'll start in the charming **North**, find its secret golfing gems, and make our way to the sleepy **Central** of this landlocked nation. We'll explore **UNESCO World Heritage city Luang Prabang** and play the best greens in the **Mekong**-perched capital **Vientiane**.

#### WHEN TOURING WITH GO GOLFING, IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU

Bringing golfers together for the best time of their life is our mission at Go Golfing. And at the core of this mission is <u>YOU</u>. Your safety, comfort and joy will always come first in everything we do.

We start spoiling you from the time you get in touch. We help you with flights, insurance, visas and a packing checklist which brings comfort that you've got everything you need. The excitement starts from the time you say YES and regular tour updates build the anticipation of what's coming on tour.

Discover the magic in the itinerary. We guarantee you'll play the best private and resort courses. You'll stay in central hotels so you can explore freely. We've done the hard yards to bring you hand-picked and curated experiences, sightseeing and cultural immersion that we know you'll love.

Go Golfing's 27 years of experience travels with you. Our hosts undertake accreditation and destination training to ensure the tour is delivered to the highest standards. They'll make you feel welcome, introduce you around, organise the golfing competition and take care of your luggage and clubs. And when it comes to fun, they'll be the ringleaders. Local guides passionately share stories that connect you with their countries history, rich culture and way of life.

On tour strangers quickly become friends. In fact, we make sure you get to know a little about everyone on tour before you even leave home. 52% of travellers are female and 66 is the avg age. 72% are couples and 28% are singles. We even have a solo travellers club for singles looking to room share. There's been 17 marriages from couples who met on tour and countless friendships.

You'll be joining a wonderful community of golf-travellers, adventure-seekers and fun-lovers. 88% of clients have toured with us more than once, and incredibly, 57 travellers have now racked up more than 25 Go Golfing tours.

Go Golfing tours more countries than any other golf travel company in the world. We go above and beyond so you come home asking "Where to next?"

This tour is AMAZING, we hope you can join us.

Peter Mc Carthy

Founder & Chief Entertainment Officer

FOR THE LOVE OF GOLF AND TRAVEL





#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 Luang Prabang

30 April, 2024 Welcome to **Laos**! You'll arrive in **Luang Prabang** and feel like you've been transported to another world. This **Buddhist** nation will welcome you to a city that is entirely a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. See grand **French** colonial era properties, wooden **Lao** houses and beautifully preserved **gilded temples**. Watch traditional monks robed in orange walk the spotlessly clean streets where a thriving cafe culture has grown, all right next to the mythical **Mekong River**.

You'll be delivered to your **5 star accommodation** and given time to rest before we all come together for a **welcome dinner with drinks**.

(D, Drinks) HOTEL: Luang Prabang View Hotel

#### DAY 2: Luang Prabang

Luang Prabang means 'The place of the Buddha' and today we get to explore it on a City Tour! Enjoy your hotel breakfast before being swept up on a tour that will show you why this city is so special. You'll see the Royal Palace Museum, the Wat Xiengthong Buddhist temple, the Arts and Ethnology Centre, then on to Ban Xiengkhong and Ban Xienglek. We'll make our way to Wat Mai before climbing Mount Phousi to see the gilded Buddhist Stupa as well as the unparalleled views.

In the evening, the tour will end at the famous **Night Markets**, where local handmade textiles are on display, and then the rest of the evening is at your leisure.

(B, L) HOTEL: Luang Prabang View Hotel

#### DAY 3: Luang Prabang

After breakfast at the hotel we tee off for our first round in this stunning country at **Luang Prabang Golf Club!** 

Two distinct loops of nine holes hewn from thick forest both run anti-clockwise to ensure you always end up back at the clubhouse with no two fairways being parallel. Enjoy panoramic mountain views as well as a vista to the Mekong.

While the golfers play, **Non-Golfers** will embark on yet another city tour. Yes, there is even more to this city - have we mentioned it's a **UNESCO World Heritage Site?** Visit **Phousi Market** first, then some of the smaller neighbouring villages before stopping in at **Khuang Si Waterfall**. After lunch a cruise along the **Mekong River** is a must, with views of **Pak Ou Caves** and a stop-in at **Ban Xianghai** for rice wine before taking a short drive to Ban Phanom, a village famous for its hand weaving.

Tonight, the evening will be at leisure.

(B, NGL) HOTEL: Luang Prabang View Hotel



#### **ITINERARY**



#### DAY 4: Luang Prabang to Vientiane

This morning, we'll have our breakfast before being transferred to the airport for our internal flight. We'll be leaving the beautiful **Luang Prabang** behind and journeying onwards to the capital: **Vientiane**. When we arrive, we'll be greeted at the airport by our guide and driver before being transferred to our **5 star accommodation** to settle in.

Tonight is at your leisure - this city is the largest in Laos, befitting of it's status as capital, so this is as lively as it gets! Vibrant **night markets**, stunning **temples** and eyecatching **French-Indochinese architecture** all abound, but the locals always say "the best thing to do here has always been to wander down to the riverside, relax with a cold Beerlao (the national beer) and watch the sun set on the Mekong."

(B) HOTEL: Crowne Plaza Hotel

#### DAY 5: Vientiane

This morning, the golfers will get ready for a round at **Lakeview Golf Club**, with it's innovative design, undulating greens and steep bunker complexes.

A modern resort course located within Vientiane City, designers used clever mounding and earthworks to transform a flat field into an exciting and challenging golf course. Well maintained, this course uses the latest in Paspalum grass to keep playing surfaces constant throughout the year.

**Non-Golfers** will embark on a tour of Vientiane starting with its oldest temple: **Wat Sisaket**, which contains thousands of Buddha statues and **Wat Prakeo**, former royal temple. Then it's on to **That Luang Stupa**, the national icon before coming face-to-face with the **Patuxay Monument**. We'll transfer out to see **Buddha Park**, a curious collection of Buddhist and Hindu sculptures on the banks of the Mekong numbering in the hundreds.

The evening will be at leisure.

(B, NGL) HOTEL: Crowne Plaza Hotel



#### DAY 6: Vientiane

After breakfast, wish the golfers luck as they depart for their final round in Laos at **Long Vien Golf Club!** 

The first 27-hole course in Laos, the original 18 opened in 2012 and the second 18 in 2016, human-made mounding, water features and intricate sharp-lipped bunker complexes provide the main challenges. Mature trees, flowering plants, and red-grass water areas from most of the holes.

**Non-Golfers** have the day at leisure to explore, and as your final day it's a great opportunity to do some souvenir shopping! A country known for handcrafted goods and **silk** in particular, there are boutiques and markets within which you can pick up beautiful, authentic woven gifts for yourself or for loved ones back home.

Enjoy your evening at leisure.

For a bite to eat, wander along the river and take your pick from dozens of unpretentious **beer gardens** and **restaurants** where you can find cuisines local, from neighboring countries and even Western.

Tonight we gather for a **presentation dinner**, toasting the memories and the victories while swapping numbers!

(B) HOTEL: Crowne Plaza Hotel

#### **DAY 7:**

It's time to say your goodbyes!

#### Vientiane to Home or Hanoi

After breakfast, we'll transfer you to **the airport** for your flights home or onwards to **Hanoi** for the **Vietnam** tour.

We hope you have a safe flight and look forward to seeing you at one of our other 30 golf tour options.

6 May, 2024 Note: be careful when you tell a **Go Golfing Traveller** to 'come visit sometime!' - **they will!** We'll ensure you can keep in touch with your new friends, but we think the best time you can spend with someone is on holiday, so be sure to keep an eye on our website or subscribe to our newsletter for the latest tour releases!

It's not over yet! Keep an eye out for your Post-Tour Memento in the mail!

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#### Legend

B: Breakfast L: Lunch

**NGL: Non-Golfer Lunch** 

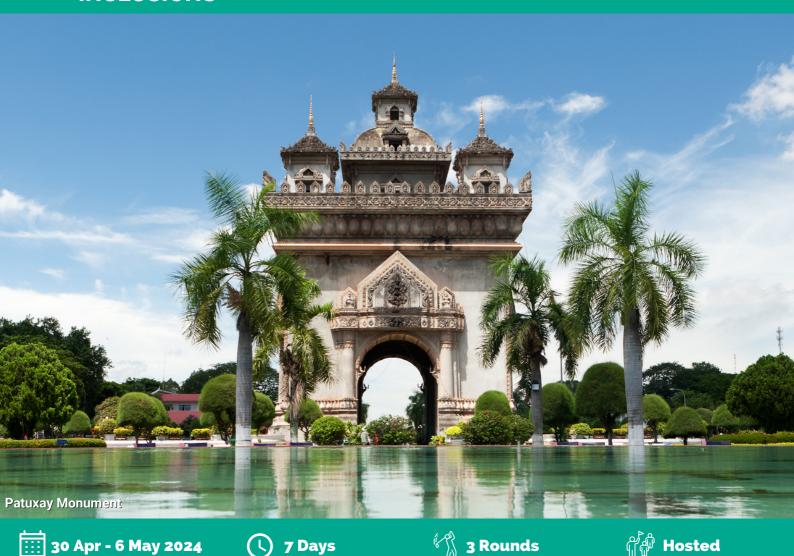
D: Dinner

# Who doesn't want more of a good thing? Book Laos and Vietnam to receive free flights from Vientiane to Hanoi





#### **INCLUSIONS**





- Including breakfast daily:
  - 3 nights at Luang Prabang View Hotel, Luang Prabang
  - 3 nights at Crowne Plaza, Vientiane

#### **Internal Flights:**

Luang Prabang to Vientiane

#### **Golfer Inclusions:**

#### 1 round at each course incl. caddies and shared carts

- Luang Prabang Golf Club
- Lakeview Golf Club
- Long Vien Golf Club

#### Meals:

#### **Breakfast daily**

- 1 lunch + 2 Non-Golfer lunches
- 2 dinners, inc:
- · Welcome and farewell dinners with drinks

#### Other Inclusions:

- Transfers to and from airport
- · Luxury air-conditioned coach transfers
- Commemorative polo shirt
- Individual and team competitions with prizes
- Accompanied by a Go Golfing accredited host



#### **BOOKING INFORMATION**

#### Ready to book?

Visit our website or call +61 7 5508 2250 and one of our travel experts will be happy to assist you with your booking and answer any questions you may have.

## Pricing

Golfer Twin Share	AUD \$4,737 PP
Golfer Single	AUD \$5,665 PP
Non-Golfer Twin Share	AUD \$3,995 PP

#### **Travel Insurance & Flights**

If you would like to receive a quote for flights and/or travel insurance, tick the box on your booking form and we will have our partner travel agent get in touch with you to provide some options.

Did you know that Go Golfing members who fly domestically with Virgin Australia Airways can bring their golf clubs for free? Terms and conditions apply, check out the website for more details.

#### **Special Request**

We can tailor your tour to suit you - add an extra night or more, swap out one experience for another, just let us know in the Special Requests section of your booking form and we'll confirm the details with you.

#### **Payments**

- An initial deposit of AUD \$500 pp is to accompany your booking form.
- Alternately, you can elect to pay in full.
- Final payment is then payable on or before 10 Feb 2024.
- Full booking terms and conditions can be found on the Go Golfing website or the tour booking form.

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