

Discover Bolaven Plateau

Chasing the waterfalls

4days – 3 nights, big loop

THE HIGLIGHTS OF YOUR PROGRAM:

Period	Program	Accompaniment	Meals included
Day 1	Pick up at the airport	Private driver	-/-/D
Day 2	Pakse - Bolaven	Private driver and guide	B/L/
Day 3	Bolaven	Private driver and guide	B/L/
Day 4	Bolaven – Pakse	Private driver and guide	B/L/

Detailed program:

Day 1: Arrive in Pakse

Pick up at the airport then transfer to the hotel. Depending on your arrival time and if you are not too tired and it is not too late, we will take you to **Phou Salao** to visit the golden Buddha there you will have a unique view of Mekong river, Pakse city and bolaven plateau. Free time for rest.

Overnight at Pakse Hotel

Day 2: Pick up at Pakse airport to Bolaven

Departure time at 8:00 AM

We will take you to Bolaven plateau. Your first stop will be in the **blacksmiths village**, where traditional agriculture tools are manufactured following secular craft procedures. The objects are primarily made from recycled aluminum sourced from bombs and other war scrap metal objects from the American bombing era.

Then we will take you to visit *Tad Itou* located *at km35*. The waterfall can be reached over a small path and stairs. The small pool at its bottom invites with some refreshing swimming opportunities.

Next visit is *Tad Fane* one of the most spectacular waterfalls in Laos. It is located in the protected area of *Dong Hua Sao* (NBCA). Surrounded by cliffs, it shows two twins water flows falling down 120 meters, and finally meeting in a powerful flow.

Lunch on top of the waterfall

Later we pass through small local coffee plantations to taste some fresh coffee or tea at *Mrs Soud coffee shop* and then next stop will be *Tad Yuang* waterfall with 40 meters twin torrents falls.

The site is permanently clouded by pulverized water and offers to your view a lush jungle.

Continue to **Tad Tayicseua** made of seven waterfalls located close to each other. Spend the afternoon visiting this impressive forests, untouched jungles, challenging cliffs and steep climbs that surround the area and you'll see more of their wild beauty as you hike your way through the falls.

Overnight at tad Tayicseua







Day3: Bolaven tour (B/L/D)

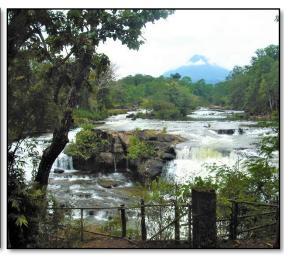
Departure time at 8:00 AM

Then we will go up to the town of *Paksong*, 1200 meters above sea level. Along the way, we stop to see the *Sé Katamtok* waterfall. Continue to *Sekong* for the visiting the waterfalls: *Tad Hue Khon* and *Tad Feak*

After visit, we will continue to *Thateng* district is a district of Sekong province. There is, an excellent ethnic minority market starting about 06:00 in the morning, to which villagers come to sell product from their plots. On the way you will stop at *Ban Kan Done*, known for preserving ancient ancestral traditions and practicing the smoking of traditional water pipe.







You will take the car and move to another area. You will reach the village of *Bane Phong Neua* and also *Ban Kok Phung Tai* stop at, mainly inhabited by members of the *Alak* community. Once in the center of the war, it shows many bomb craters in its surroundings. There, the house of the spirits shows unusual decorated architecture, and on the top of the roof a boat has been set. All around the village, magnificent Robusta coffee trees remain from the French period.

After that, you will get to *Tad Lo waterfall*, wonderful preserved natural site.

Before reaching the waterfall, you will have to cross a wooden bridge situated in an enchanting environment. The dense vegetation and the calm that reign over this place will amaze you.

This is where you will have *lunch* in a local restaurant (not include) and *check-in* at your hotel.

After lunch, you will do a **soft trekking** during 1h30, in the middle of the fields and through authentic and typical villages, in a quite natural environment. This will also be an opportunity to discover the economic rules of the local communities.

You will get back to the Tad Lo waterfall around 4 PM, just in time to enjoy the show of the **elephants bathing** in the river.

Overnight in Tad Lo village

Day 4: Bolaven to Champasak

Departure time start at your own pace

We will take you to visit a *coffee plantation with a specialized guide* in *Katu village*, who will teach you all about coffee, from the seed to the cup. You will walk softly in the middle of the coffee fields, and learn all the traditional medicinal plants that you use in their everyday life.

The next stop will be at the Tad Phasuam

Back to Pakse for your next destination

