



Bolaven 2days – 1 night

Bolaven “Home of the Laven”, the largest ethnic group on the plateau. It sits on the bottom of a crater from a giant, extinct volcano, with an altitude of 1000 to 1300 meters. Rich with waterfall, lush jungles, coffee and tea plantation, farmland, and ethnic diversity as: Katu, Alak Ta-oy and several others. Embark on an authentic journey through Bolaven plateau.

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*Day 1: Pakse - Bolaven

Departure time:

8h00 -9h00

First stop at **Ban Blacksmith**, where traditional agriculture tools are manufactured following secular craft procedures. This village comprises various, small family-run factories that produce anything from a jungle knife to a machete. The various road-side stalls expose lots of knives from different shapes and prices
P.S: Not any working activity on Buddha day or on public holidays

9h00 - 11h00 Then we will head to CPC factory to learn how the coffee is pulped, fermented, washed, dried and packed in bags for exportation. *(24 km from Pakse)*

12h00 -13h00 Lunch in a local restaurant

13h00 – 15h00

After, we continue to a small local coffee plantation where a **specialized guide in Katu village** will teach you all about coffee, from the seed to the cup. You will walk softly in the middle of the coffee fields, and you will learn the customs of the Katu people and all their medicinal plants in the bush.

15h – 17h Tad Hang and Tad Lo waterfall, wonderful preserved natural site will be our next stop. Before reaching the waterfall, we 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. *(25km)*

Note: 16h00 – 16h30: Time for the elephants bathing show in the river at Tad Lo waterfall

Dinner & Overnight at Tad lo village

*Day 2: Bolaven - Pakse

8h – 9h00

After breakfast, we will head to the village of **Bane Kokphung Tai**. Animistic group, they sacrifice buffaloes, on the full moon of March, to the spirits which protect their villager. Young children start smoking medicinal tobacco in a bamboo tube as young as 5 years of age.

9h30 – 11h

Our next destination is **Tad Yuang waterfall**. This impressive waterfall with twin torrents falls from 40 meters high. The setting is idyllic as it is surrounded by a lush jungle. Be careful when you take the stairs to join the waterfall as they are slippery! It's ok to swim at the bottom women must wear a sarong.

Free stops on the way to take pictures and visit local market and local coffee shops at your own leisure

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12h Enjoy your lunch at Tad Yuang waterfall

13h00 – 14h

Coffee and tea plantation at ***Mrs. South's Tea Shop*** where we will get to know all the subtleties of smoking and drying tea, ang tea tasting. Coffee, tea, pepper, cinnamon and other many local products are available at this very family atmosphere. ***(1km from Tad Yuang and Tad Fane)***

14h – 16h

Continue to ***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, in volcano cone and finally meeting in a powerful flow.

Last stop of this tour will be **Tad Etu** waterfall. The waterfall can be reached over a small and steam path and stairs. The small pools at its bottom invites with some refreshing swimming opportunities. **(5km)**

Overnight in Pakse

Or drop off at Pakse airport

TOTAL COVERED DISTANCE: around 220 kilometers in 2 days

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