Around Vat Phou

4 Archaeological & Natural Trails



Vat Phou - Hong Nang Sida - Thao Tao

Explore Hong Nang Sida, near the old Khmer road that connected Vat Phou to Angkor and Thao Tao complex, accessible through ricefields and along a small stream. Trek into old forest and jungle, climb Kandai ling (Monkeys stairs) to reach an unknown platform with stone quarry and carved stones.

Trek Hong Nang Sida - Thao Tao & extension From 3 to 4 hours - Moderate trek - Seasonal



Oub Moung - Tam Lek - Phou Phae

Start from Vat Phou North big Baray, trek along rice fields and a small forest to reach a particular geological area. Then, climb a small hill to arrive to Oub Moung pre-Angkorian Temple and see its small brick tower and sandstone entrance. Continue until Tham Lek small cave to see Khmer inscriptions before going to Phou Phae waterfall following a small river to see more inscriptions.

Trek Oub Moung - Tam Lek - Phou Phae From 4 to 5 hours - Difficult trek - Seasonal



Ancient city - Vat Louang Kao

Discover Ancient City, founded in the midfifth century by the King Devanika. Observe some pre-Angkorian vestiges like subdivision walls, some architectural elements of pedestals. Visit 2 baray (Ancient Ponds) Nong Saphang Noi and Nong Saphang Yai, walk along the ancient structures of the city (Ancient Wall), and through rice fields

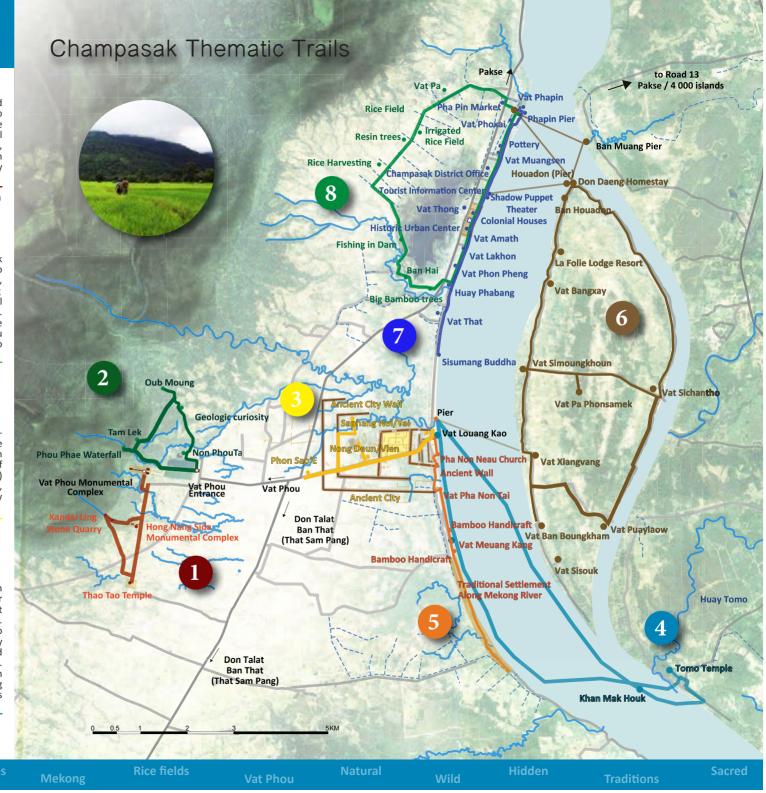
Trail Ancient City - Vat Louang Kao From 2 to 3 hours - Easy trail



Tomo Temple

Embark on a cruise on the Mekong from Vat Louang Kao or Champasak town pier to reach Ban Tomo located on the East riverbank, in the middle of a wild forest. Explore Tomo, Angkorian Temple, also known as a worship from 7th to 9th century AD. In dry season, see Angkorian carved stones on the Mekong - Khan Mak Houk. On your way back, you can stop on Don Daeng Beach, and also visit Vat Meuang Kang Temple (18th-19th centuries) to see its monumental architectural constructions.

Trail Vat Tomo - Mekong From 4 to 5 hours - Easy trail



Around Champasak Town

4 Local Life & Cultural Trails



Mekong bank - Vat Meuang Kang

Visit Vat Louang Kao Temple (modern temple). Vat Pha Non Thai and its surprising mixed architecture with modern, ancient and old construction elements and Vat Meuang Kang. Observe the fabrication of traditional bamboo rice baskets, fish traps in a traditional wooden stilt houses decor, and the Catholic Church (19th century).

Trail Mekong Bank - Vat Meuang Kang From 1 to 2 hours - Easy trail



Don Daeng Island

Set off to explore the preserved and peaceful Don Daeng Island starting by crossing the Mekong on a Lao traditional boat. Visit the island, by walk, by bicycle or motorbike. Relax on white sand beaches and admire a beautiful panoramic view on the Mekong.

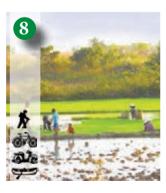
Trail Don Daeng Island From 3 to 5 hours - Easy trail



Champasak Town

Take an excursion into Champasak Town and its 9 villages located on the West bank of the Mekong. Follow the main road from Ban Paphin to Sisumang Buddha (about 6,5 km), visit 9 Buddhist temples. All along the way, observe local traditional architecture like a traditional Royal house, traditional wooden houses and colonial buildings inspired by the French, dating from 1950 to 1965.

Trail Champasak Town From 1 to 4 hours - Easy trail



Rice fields - Vat Pa

Escape to a magnificent landscape of rice fields and mountains in a calm and peaceful atmosphere. Start this 12 km loop from Champasak Tourist Information Center, and then follow the irrigation channel in a wild plain full of rice fields between the Mekong and mountains. Observe the preparation of the rice fields, the transplantation of seedlings, the harvest or the transformation of rice with rice mill. Make a stop at the forest temple (Vat Pa) to visit this particular temple and its small paths that lead to meditation rooms.

Trail Rice Fields - Vat Pa From 2 to 3 hours - Easy trail

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Prices are based on the number of person and on the services included in the product (Vat Phou guide, local guide, boat to Vat Tomo...)







Rules & Recommendations

- You are on a protected area, within the World Heritage Site.
 - · You must not move, take or deteriorate the archaeological remains.
- You must respect for local culture and the fauna and flora.
- You must follow the recommendations of the Vat phou guide (access prohibited and safety advice).
- Vat Phou guide is mandatory for trek 1 & 2 and advised for trail 3 & 4.



Champasak's Highlights



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