

Laha Sinh

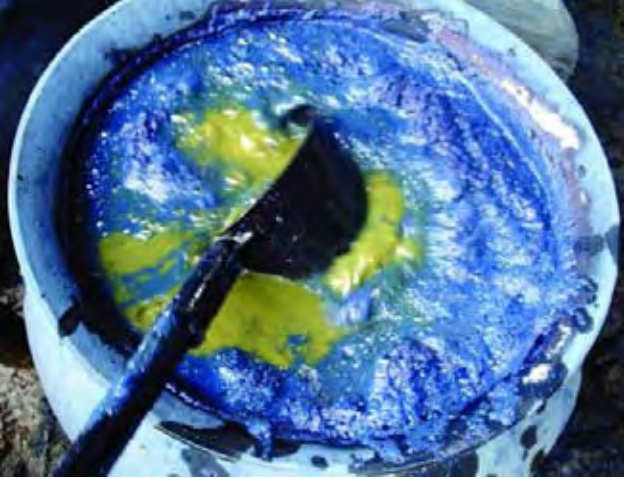


Who are we and what do we do?

For centuries, the Pouthai women of Savannakhet Province in southern Laos have woven fabrics using natural dyes and fibers from their surrounding environment. Phouthai people, who live along the Xepon River, are now famous for the quality of their hand woven, organically-grown, indigo-colored cotton fabric. Through the work of the Lahasinth Company, these beautiful textiles are now being marketed to the world under the Laha label.

Laha's mission is to support sustainable development, poverty eradication and the preservation of traditional culture in Laos through the production of fabrics from locally available materials. A wide of variety of products that include clothing, accessories and furnishings are made for Laha from uniquely dyed and woven textiles. Laha products portray the wonderful designs and patterns created by large village looms.





Natural dyed textiles are good for health



Laha sources and buys all products locally, which directly supports over 400 households in more than 15 villages, in 4 provinces in Laos. In Savannakhet, where the main workshop is located, the weavers are all women. They choose their own hours and work at home so they can easily combine part-time work with family responsibilities. In four villages, 140 households are engaged in weaving cotton, in another 6 villages, 200 households spin the raw cotton into thread, and in another 4 villages, 50 households grow the indigo plant that is used in dyeing most of Laha's cotton products. Laha also supports a number of growers of organic cotton in Sayabury, Luang Prabang, Salavanh and Savannakhet provinces.

What can you experience?

- Laha Boutiques are located in Vientiane and Luang Prabang. Here visitors can purchase a wide of variety of cotton products including fabric, scarves, shawls, hats, bags, cushions, floor rugs, table mats, bed covers and napkins, created in both modern and traditional designs.
- Visit the Laha production workshop in Savannakhet province for an inside view of cotton weaving and dyeing.
- With advance notice, Laha can arrange tours to villages to visit an indigo farm and a school and talk to weavers and dyers.
- Laha is pleased to work with tour companies to organize fascinating field and gallery visits.
- Contact your hotel or guesthouse for more information.

