

Vientiane

Chosen as the capital after Laos was established as a French protectorate in the late 19th century, Vientiane, pronounced “Wieng Chan” and meaning “Sandalwood City”, is still the capital of Laos today. Situated on a bend in the Mekong River, Vientiane is the country’s hub for travel to the rest of the country and an important junction for trade and commerce. While it is the busiest, most bustling city in Laos, with less than 450,000 residents it is also possibly the most laidback capital in Asia - almost like an overgrown village!



Travel around Vientiane is best done by bicycle or tuk-tuk as most of the city’s attractions are close to the tourist centre at Nam Phou fountain. However there is more to the city than just temples and monuments – the surrounding area offers excellent trips out to several spectacular waterfalls, elephant viewing in Phou Khou Khouay National Protected Area and the intriguing Buddha Park.

While Vientiane has plenty of attractions that will keep you busy for a day or two, why not Stay Another Day and experience even more...

