



STRAY

HOP-ON HOP-OFF GUIDED TRAVEL NETWORK SOUTHEAST ASIA



Kong Lor, Laos – Unique Stray Night Stop

**THAILAND
LAOS
CAMBODIA
VIETNAM**

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Prices are in USD

Get further off the beaten track

- + Friendly guides to bridge the cultural gap
- + Access to 10 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- + Spend the night with a family in their home
- + Temples, monkeys, elephants, secret beaches

THE STRAY PROMISE

Flexible guided trips which get you off the beaten track, into local culture, amongst real action and are better value for money.

OUR RESPONSIBLE TOURISM MISSION

To ensure our customers and crew leave the maximum positive impact on local communities and a minimum negative impact on the environment.

WHY STRAY?



WHY GET OFF THE BEATEN TRACK?

- + Have authentic, adventurous travel experiences
- + Get to know friendly, laid-back locals
- + Explore remote, untouched villages responsibly
- + Visit sacred temples and important archaeological sites
- + Create once-in-a-lifetime memories and share inspiring travel stories
- + Hidden beaches, secret swimming spots, remote caves
- + Learn about a rich history and fascinating culture
- + Wildlife: bears, elephants, turtles, monkeys...
- + Food: from sticky rice to spiders on a stick, try it all!
- + Adventures: zip-lining, fishing with locals, cave exploring and jungle trekking

Our travel mantra is "get further off the beaten track." This means by travelling with Stray you get to explore unique remote destinations and immerse yourself in local culture. You still get to visit all the popular places (Chiang Mai, Hoi An, etc.), as well as places that are not accessible by public transport or possible to experience when travelling without a guide.



GO GUIDED

- + Our **local and western guides** are experienced and knowledgeable, help bridge the cultural gap in remote areas, and are always up to date with what's happening in the region
- + They'll book you the best value accommodation and activity options
- + They'll help you get the most out of your Southeast Asia experience by translating at homestays, showing you great places to eat, drink, sleep and shop, and the best places to get a beer along the Mekong

RELIABLE TRANSPORT

- + We use **our own transport** to take you to places where no-one else goes!
- + Experience incredible and remote locations without the worry of unreliable public transport
- + Stray transport is safe, runs on time and picks you up from our guesthouse
- + Access the main centres plus get off the beaten track without paying for extra side trips
- + Travel stress-free knowing you and your belongings are safe

MEET THE BEST PEOPLE

- + A top-rated reason people choose Stray is because they get to travel with like-minded adventurous travellers
- + **Travel in small groups and meet new people.** We attract independent people from a huge range of nationalities and ages – people who want to get involved in the place they're travelling rather than just look out the bus window. Share experiences and make life-long friends!
- + Meet new travellers and crew as often as you like by just hopping off and joining a new group

TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY AND RESPECTFULLY

- + We operate a sustainable travel network, and educate our crew and travellers to **respect the culture**, local customs and the environment
- + We support local operators in smaller communities. Our mission is to ensure that our customers and crew have the maximum positive impact on local communities and leave a minimum negative impact on the environment and people
- + Why not volunteer? With Stray you can hop off and help out with different community projects in the region. It's a great way to give back!

FREEDOM TO EXPLORE

- + Stray Asia is Southeast Asia's hop-on, hop-off guided travel network for adventurous travellers of all ages
- + You manage your own travel bookings online. If you hop off, just login, check the seasonal timetables and update your itinerary. Easy!
- + Travel in Asia may be different to what you are used to (it's hot, food's different), we recommend taking your time and fully discovering this exciting, fun and sometimes bizarre destination

HOW IT WORKS

- + Whether you want to travel one country or explore all four, we have the travel pass to suit you! Enjoy the freedom of being able to jump off to explore for longer in any destination along the route. There's no rush - your pass is valid for a whole year



- + We use our Stray buses where we can, but be prepared to take on any form of transport. You will be on buses, boats, trains, tuk tuks and buffalo where needed
- + Transport and entrance fees are included as per your itinerary; but you will need extra money, for things like toilet use, tipping, meals, and entry fees at spontaneous stops we may make along the way. This money goes directly to the local community

ACCOMMODATION

- + We organise accommodation at overnight stops and you **just pay as you go**
- + Prices vary depending on location and season but expect to pay between US\$5 to US\$25 for a twin or double. Typical accommodations in Southeast Asia are family run guesthouses or budget hotels
- + Stray homestays are an all-inclusive price and include accommodation in a traditional family home, dinner, breakfast, local activities and contribution to seasonal village fund or project



Stray encourage travellers to participate in our local initiatives so the benefits of tourism reach smaller undeveloped communities. Your support can help build a new temple roof, new roads or provide much needed school books...ask your tour leader how you can give something back.

MORE LOCAL CULTURE



MORE ADVENTURE



MORE HOMESTAYS

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A Typical Day on Stray

A day with Stray is more like a 'road trip' with mates, so you won't feel like you're being herded from A to B! We are on our own schedule, meaning we take our time and fully explore the sights, sounds and secrets of this exotic region.

Your tour leader and guide will share their knowledge and stories of the region and in no time you'll become good friends. They are there to give you support and help you adjust to this colourful environment, and even book your accommodation and activities too. No day is the same, whether you're swimming in a waterfall, sampling local delicacies or taking photos of a beautiful temple, we spend each and every day immersed in the local culture. If you're lucky your local guide may invite you into their village or you may visit a school and spend time with the kids. We don't rush to reach our night's accommodation; after all, stopping along the way is all part of the journey!



Things We Do Along The Way

- + Visit Ancient UNESCO World Heritage temples in Ayutthaya, Thailand
- + See Asiatic soft-shell turtles at Turtle Lake, Southern Laos
- + Explore the ancient pilgrimage site and see thousands of Buddhist images at Pak Ou Cave, Northern Laos
- + See impressive jagged limestone hills, Southern Laos
- + Discover ancient bamboo manuscripts at the Hotay Pitok library, Southern Laos
- + Learn the history of the Khmer Rouge at S21 Prison and Killing Fields, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- + Cruise the river by tube, Vang Vieng, Laos
- + Ride the Battambang bamboo train and rail system, Cambodia
- + Ride the mini rollercoaster at the stunning Dantania Falls, Da Lat, Vietnam
- + Discover the impressive underground complex in the Vinh Moc Tunnels, Vietnam
- + See stalactites and stalagmites in the beautiful Thien Duong (Paradise) Cave, Dong Hoi, Vietnam
- + Learn about the Secret War at the COPE Centre, Vientiane, Laos
- + Visit the Primate Centre, see monkeys and gibbons, Cuc Phuong National Park, Vietnam

ARRIVAL PACKAGES

Ensure a stress-free arrival in Southeast Asia with one of our transfer, accommodation and must-do activity Arrival Packages: single, twin, basic and deluxe options available.

Arrival packages are available for:

-  BANGKOK
-  LUANG PRABANG
-  SIEM REAP
-  PHNOM PENH
-  HO CHI MINH CITY
-  HANOI



UNIQUE STRAY HOMESTAYS



EXPERIENCE **FOUR** STRAY HOMESTAYS

A homestay is a unique cultural exchange where you'll spend time immersed in the local culture and traditions of the village and its community. A once in a lifetime experience!

- + **Homestay on Mekong River in Northern Laos**; explore the village, visit the local school, sample local Rice Whisky and cool off in a secret waterfall
- + **Stay in a traditional wooden house** in a sacred monkey forest, in **Southern Laos**. Get up close and personal with the Macaque Monkeys, and take part in preparing a traditional Lao dinner
- + **Overnight in a traditional Cambodian** fishing village. Visit the school, wander through rice paddies, explore the local market and enjoy dinner with your host family
- + **Discover pristine beaches and stay on the Vietnamese coast**, with barely another tourist in sight. Fish with the locals, swim, snorkel, play beach volley ball and enjoy an evening bonfire and BBQ

“ The homestay was an amazing experience. I was blown away by the kindness and generosity of the local people, the playfulness of the children and beautiful culture. An experience I would not have had if it wasn't for Stray. ”
~ James



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GUIDED TRAVEL NETWORK

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WHY LAOS

Discover untouched Southeast Asia: Traditional homestays, breathtaking waterfalls, underground river caves, monkeys, turtles, elephants and rare dolphins.

Phonsavan: Check out the mysterious Plain of Jars

Vang Vieng: Karst rock formations, outdoor activities, tubing

Kong Lor: An underground river in a mighty 7 km cave

Bolaven Plateau: Visit a Lao coffee plantation

Don Det: One of the famous 4000 Islands, spot rare Irrawaddy Dolphins

Luang Prabang: UNESCO World Heritage town, Kuang Si Waterfalls, elephants, silk weaving

Wat Phou: Ancient UNESCO World Heritage temple ruins

Ban Pak Nguay: Traditional village life and remote Mekong River homestay

Xo Champhone: Remote village homestay, sacred 'Monkey Forest', Turtle Lake



WHY THAILAND

Buddhist culture, sparkling temples, mouth-watering street food and vibrant nightlife. Experience anything from spas and night markets to remote trekking, diving, beach life and epic Full Moon Parties.

Bangkok: Sprawling metropolis, wild entertainment, street food

Chiang Mai: Muay Thai Boxing, Flight of the Gibbon Zip-lining, Thai cooking, jungle trekking

Chiang Rai: Home of the elaborate White Temple

Koh Phangan: White sand beaches, diving and the Famous Full Moon Party

Ayutthaya: Incredible UNESCO World Heritage temple ruins



WHY VIETNAM

Swim, dive, fish in turquoise waters. Relax on pristine beaches, explore buzzing cities and authentic coastal towns. Wander through rice paddies and discover spectacular caves.

Da Lat: Friendly locals, mountain bike, sample locally grown coffee and wine

The Haven: Beachfront fishing village, swim, snorkel and cycle

Ninh Binh: Monkeys, gibbons and other endangered species at the Primate Centre

Dong Hoi: Swim in pristine rivers and explore impressive caves

Hoi An: UNESCO World Heritage riverside town, tailors, cycling, scuba diving, beach

Hue: UNESCO World Heritage, tombs, pagodas and palaces

An Hoa Beach Stay: Coastal village life, fish with the locals, snorkelling, beach volleyball, bonfire and BBQ



WHY CAMBODIA

Encounter friendly people, chill out on an island hideaway, discover Cambodia's infamous history, explore Angkor temples and ruins and sample Cambodian delicacies from spider to squid.

Phnom Penh: 521 Prison and Killing Fields, Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda

Koh Tunsay: Pristine beaches, fresh seafood, an island hideaway

Kampot: Pepper and salt farms, delicious seafood, remote trekking

Siem Reap: Gateway UNESCO World Heritage Site Angkor: temples and ruins

Battambang: Rural village homestay, farming, fishing, festivals and temples

KEY

- Unique Stray Night Stop
- Overnight stops
- Points of Interest

- Guided Stray Route
- Guided Train
- Connections
- Ferry Connection

- Stray Mekong River Boat
- Stray Adventure Route
- Stray Adventure
- Stray Arrival Package
- UNESCO World Heritage Site

***Minimum Travel Days**
The least number of days it takes to do the pass, depending on which day you depart. Please check the current timetable online, as these change with the new seasons. All departures are subject to availability.

Recommended Travel Days
We highly recommend you allow extra days to hop off, explore and chill out along the way. This means you can stay flexible and get the most out of your pass. For multi-country passes allow a week or two. For single country passes allow a few days.

MULTI-COUNTRY HOP-ON HOP-OFF PASSES



LOT
START: BANGKOK FINISH: HANOI
Minimum Travel Days: 38*
\$2240 USD



MEKONG
START: BANGKOK FINISH: BANGKOK
Minimum Travel Days: 22*
\$1520 USD



MOC BAI
START: BANGKOK FINISH: HANOI
Minimum Travel Days: 22*
\$1515 USD



FULL MOON
START: BANGKOK FINISH: BANGKOK
Minimum Travel Days: 17*
\$1050 USD

TOM YUM
START: BANGKOK FINISH: BANGKOK
Minimum Travel Days: 11*
\$660 USD

TANG TAI
START: BANGKOK FINISH: BANGKOK
Minimum Travel Days: 10*
\$610 USD

PHOU
START: CHIANG MAI FINISH: VIENTIANE
Minimum Travel Days: 6*
\$420 USD

UNLINED BUCKET
START: BANGKOK FINISH: BANGKOK OR PHUKET
Minimum Travel Days: 3*
\$115 USD

LAOS



DTUI NOY
START: HOUEY XAI FINISH: HANOI OR DON DET
Minimum Travel Days: 12*
\$660 USD

PHONE NOY
START: VIENTIANE FINISH: PAKSE OR DONDET
Minimum Travel Days: 7*
\$420 USD

BOUN NOY
START: HOUEY XAI FINISH: VIENTIANE
Minimum Travel Days: 5*
\$310 USD

NOY NOY
START: LUANG PRABANG FINISH: VIENTIANE
Minimum Travel Days: 2*
\$170 USD

CAMBODIA



AMOK
START: SIEM REAP FINISH: PHNOM PEHN (FREE CONNECTION TO FROM BANGKOK/HO CHI MINH CITY)
Minimum Travel Days: 5*
\$560 USD

CHHNANG
START: DON DET FINISH: BANGKOK (FREE CONNECTION TO FROM BANGKOK/HO CHI MINH CITY)
Minimum Travel Days: 7*
\$560 USD

KHMER
START: SIEM REAP FINISH: SIEM REAP
Minimum Travel Days: 7*
\$770 USD

AMBEL
START: BANGKOK FINISH: HO CHI MINH CITY
Minimum Travel Days: 10*
\$770 USD

MRECH
START: HO CHI MINH CITY FINISH: BANGKOK
Minimum Travel Days: 10*
\$770 USD

VIETNAM



DONG
START: HO CHI MINH CITY FINISH: HANOI
Minimum Travel Days: 12*
\$860 USD

STRAY INCLUSIVE ADD-ON PACKAGES

Stray Add-On Packages ensure your travel plans are all sorted before you leave home. Packed full of must-do activities, accommodation and adventures, add this to your Stray Pass and you're set to go. You won't miss a thing!



LOT ADD-ON PACKAGE **\$1240 USD** (TWIN SHARE PER PERSON)
DEPARTS SATURDAYS FROM BANGKOK Min. Days: 41

ACCOMMODATION

All accommodation is included as per the itinerary

Including four incredible homestays:

- Traditional family life on the Mekong River, Laos
- Stay with the locals in a Sacred Monkey Forest, Laos
- Entrance to Thien Duong Cave (Paradise Cave), Dong Hoi
- Experience coastal village life in Vietnam

- ACTIVITIES**
- A half-day boat or bicycle tour in Ayutthaya
 - Flight of the Gibbon zip-line tree top adventure, Chiang Mai
 - One day Mahout Elephant course, Luang Prabang
 - A half day Kuang Si Waterfall Tour, Luang Prabang
 - Kong Lor caves guided boat trip, Kong Lor
 - Sunset River Cruise, Kampot
 - Full day temple tour, Angkor Wat
 - Siem Reap circus performance and dinner
 - Half-day cycle tour, Da Lat
 - Hoi An two-hour river boat cruise
 - Motorbike tour, Hue
 - Entrance to Thien Duong Cave (Paradise Cave), Dong Hoi
 - Half-day Hanoi city tour

STRAY INCLUSIVE ADD-ON PACKAGES ALSO AVAILABLE FOR:

- MEKONG FULL MOON
- KHMER TANG TAI
- TOM YUM DONG

STRAY ADVENTURES

Uncover the hidden secrets of Southeast Asia and get even further off the beaten track. Stray Adventures are short, guided escapades that get you closer to real action in Southeast Asia. Well worth hopping off the bus for!

FROM **\$165 USD**

- THAILAND**
Northern Thai Tribal Adventure
Muay Thai Boxing Adventure
Thai Beach Full Moon Adventure
- LAOS**
Laos Caves and Tiger Adventure
- CAMBODIA**
Sihanoukville Island Hopping Adventure
- VIETNAM**
Mekong Delta Market Adventure
Halong Bay Boat Adventure
Sa Pa Village Adventure



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For more details including full itineraries, timetables and travel information go to www.straytravel.asia

NEED SUPPORT WHEN YOU'RE IN ASIA?



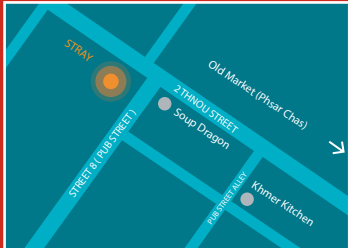
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GOING TO NEW ZEALAND?

Jump on Stray's NZ bus network and get further off the beaten track!
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1. Travel insurance is compulsory to travel on Stray Asia.
2. Transport and entrance fees are included as per your itinerary; but you will need extra money, for things like toilet use, tipping, meals, and entry fees.
3. Stray operate set departures according to the season and may not operate daily. The most up-to-date timetable is always on our website. Passengers are responsible for booking and planning their own trip as they go, using our online booking system.
4. Stray hop-on-hop-off pass is valid for travel for 12 months from the first date of travel (subject to applicable visa requirements). You can hop on and hop off the Stray bus as often as you want and for as long as you want, within this 12 month period. Pass must be activated within 12 months of purchase.
5. Stray passes are only valid for the person whose name they were originally issued for and are non-transferable. You will be ID checked.
6. If you are on limited time, we recommend you book your seats at least 7 days in advance. Seat confirmations are always subject to availability.
7. Local Tourism laws in Laos PDR require 72 hours notice of all Stray Asia passengers' Name, Gender, Passport Number and Nationality to cross the border. We are not able to allow late bookings on the sectors between Chiang Mai - Huay Xai. If your name does not appear on the Travel Authority you will not be able to hop on the bus even if there are spare seats.
8. Cancellation. For cancellation of open-dated passes or 48 hours outside a confirmed departure date the fee is 35%. Within 48 hours of a confirmed departure date the fee is 50%. After you have commenced travel, passes are non-refundable or transferable.
9. Stray operates an adventurous product and is not suitable for children under the age of 5 years old. Children aged 5 -16 years of age may travel if accompanied with an adult and must be restrained with a seatbelt or an approved child seat. They are entitled to a 25% discount off the full retail price for the hop-on hop-off bus passes. Travellers aged 16-17 can travel unaccompanied if they have a signed consent form from a parent or guardian. (Please email Stray Reservations - support@straytravel.asia for a consent form).
10. Some sectors may require a minimum number of passengers to operate, and are subject to change at any time. In circumstances where minimum numbers are not reached an alternative may be offered or a smaller vehicle used. If a tour is cancelled due to minimum numbers not being reached passengers will be notified by email at least 48 hours in advance. Passengers may be offered an alternative option or a refund proportionate to the cancelled sectors.
11. Minimum days are just a guide; these are subject to change and timetable availability.
12. We use our Stray buses where we can, but be prepared to take on any form of transport. You will be in minivans, boats, trains, tuk tuks and on buffalo where needed.
13. For full terms and conditions of purchase and travel, please view them online at www.straytravel.asia