



## VIENTIANE RESTAURANT & SHOPPING RECOMMENDATIONS

### RESTAURANTS

#### **L'Adresse de Tinay**

Location: Wat Ongteu (behind the Temple), parallel to Setthathirath Road, Vientiane

Cuisine: French

An elegant yet casual French restaurant in the center of the city. Features fine French food, Asian fusion, and delectable desserts. Broad selection of wines are available

#### **Lao Kitchen**

Location: Hengboun Rd., Baan Anou, Vientiane

Cuisine: Lao

Lao Kitchen is a Lao family business owned and operated by two sisters – Noi and Teng. It offers delicious and fresh cuisine in a lovely decorated café with indoor and outdoor seating. One of the best new restaurants in the city it's a great introduction to local cuisine.

#### **Makphet Restaurant**

Location: Inpeng Street, Ban Wat Chanh (opposite Sala Inpeng)

Cuisine: Lao

Initiated by Friends International, this vocational training restaurant in Vientiane trains homeless youth to cook and wait tables. The restaurant upholds the highest standards of hygiene and serves modern Lao cuisine prepared with only naturally-grown ingredients and no MSG.

#### **Xang Khoo**

Location: 68 Pangkham Road (behind Nam Phu fountain square)

Cuisine: Lao, French

Managed by a friendly French guy, Xang Khoo restaurant offers a good selection of affordable Lao dishes and French crepes, in a cosy atmosphere.

#### **Pimenton**

Location: 5 Nokeokoummane Road

Cuisine: steakhouse, grill, tapas bar

With emphasis on local, organic sourcing and simple presentations, Pimenton redefines the modern Open Fire steakhouse with an Hispanic flair. The ambiance is at once a tribute to a restored warehouse and the aesthetics of a modern industrial look.

#### **Common Grounds**

Location: Rue Chao Anou (Downtown Area)

Cuisine: International, Western Food



Located in the center of Vientiane, this eatery offers a great selection of western food such as salads, wraps and vegetarian options. Common Grounds also supports local Lao projects helping women at risk, and they also have a children's playground, free Wifi and a meeting room.

### **Poysian Sin Dat**

Location: Located on T2 Street near the Airport, only 10-minute drive from town center

Cuisine: Lao

An authentic Lao barbeque where guests barbeque their own array of meats in an al fresco setting, accompanied by soupy broth and cold Beer Lao. This style of dining is locally called *sin dat* and it is a truly local (and delicious!) experience.

### **Aria**

Location: Francois Ngin Road

Cuisine: Italian

One of Vientiane's finest Italian restaurants serving homemade pasta and gelati. Not to forget the best pizza in town!

### **Le Banetton**

Location: Nokeokoummane Road

Cuisine: Bakery, light meals

A long time favorite in Vientiane, Le Banetton bakes the best bread in Laos and supplies many of the restaurants and hotels. Located in a quiet street off the main road the café and bakery serves delicious sandwiches, salads and treats.

### **La Signature**

Location: Ansara Hotel

Cuisine: French

Headed by talented and creative Jean-Marie Stainmesse, a young French Chef whose impressive culinary experience includes La Caravelle in New York City and Georges Blanc, in Vonnas, France. La Signature offers gourmet French cuisine that is sure to impress and also includes a children's menu. It is located on the first floor of The Ansara hotel in a quiet street in the center of town.

## **BARS**

### **Jazzy Brick**

Location: Side street off of Setthathirat Road, Located next to New Amphone restaurant

A Western-style cocktail lounge with wicker-backed armchairs, fabulous music and large tables upstairs for groups. There are more than 150 cocktails on the menu!

### **Khop Chai Deu**

Location: Setthathirat Road, next to Nam Phou Fountain

Popular three-storey bar with pool tables and a large outdoor seating area. Live bands play every night from 8pm onwards.



### **Spirit House**

Location: Mekong Riverside

### **Nam Phu Square**

Location: Nam Phu fountain square

## **SHOPPING**

### **T'shop Lai Gallery – Les Artisans Lao**

Location: behind Wat Inthong

Features furniture and handicrafts as well as exquisite art and photography. Les Artisans Lao has a wide range of beauty products, candles and coconut packaging made using renewable materials and environmentally friendly production methods.

### **Caruso Lao**

Location: 8 Ban Phiavath

The timeless skills of Caruso Lao's carvers, turners, silversmiths and weavers transform the natural treasures of Laos into exquisite, handcrafted furnishings and fashion accessories with an international aesthetic. Every piece in this sumptuous, high quality collection of Lao silk brocades and ikats, wood and silver is an individual work of art created by Lao artisans and many took months to complete.

### **Camacraft**

Location: Ban Phonton

CAMACRAFTS is a non-profit, self-help project which markets handicrafts made by Lao artisans. Products are entirely handmade using traditional patterns and techniques, which helps preserve the traditional needlework skills of Hmong and Lao women such as appliqué, cross stitch, embroidery and batik.

### **Mulberries**

Location: Nokeokoumanne Road

A not-for-profit company specialized in the production of naturally-dyed, handmade Lao silk and well-known for its selection of scarves and cushion covers.

### **Monument Books**

Location: 124/1 Nokeokoumanne Road

Good bookstore selling a wide selection of English and French books with an extensive catalogue of books on Southeast Asia.

### **Mixay Boutique**

Location: Nokeokoumanne Road

The shop sells a great variety of products made from the finest materials, including silk, silver and wood and works with local weavers to ensure this traditional craft is sustained. It also stocks traditional and modern styles of art, handicrafts, home decorations, furnishings and fashion.

### **Souvenir shop at COPE**

Location: Khou Vieng Road (across from Green Park Hotel)



The souvenir shop at COPE (Cooperative Orthotic and Prosthetic Enterprise) sells t-shirts and handicrafts to benefit the organizations ongoing efforts to rid the country of landmines and other unexploded ordinances.

**Phaeng Mai Gallery**

Location: Nong Buathong Road

Phaeng Mai Gallery is run by two Lao sisters who have been weaving since they were seven years old. The shop features the finest silks and highest quality designer clothing in Laos. There is also a free museum of antique textiles.

**Couleur d'Asie**

Location: Nokeokoumanne Road

Beautiful and original creations by designer, Viviane Inthavong, who was born in Vietnam and then studied fashion in Paris before settling in Laos more than 15 years ago. Her shop has a wide range of elegant clothing for women and a great collection of men's clothing.

**Poppies Pharmacy & Beauty**

Location: Heng Boun Road

The only real 'western' pharmacy in Laos Poppies provides good quality medicine and cosmetics as well as medical devices, vitamins and first aid care. All stores have well trained English speaking pharmacists to give advice on all health and beauty needs.

**Sao Ban**

Location: Chao Anou Road

Fair trade social business that works with traditional handicraft artisans to preserve and promote Lao village crafts.

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