



GOLD in the GREEN at Kamu Lodge

Rich in culture, calm and stunning Laotian landscapes, Kamu Lodge has a lot to offer adventurous, eco-conscious travelers.





Pitched in the heart of the Lao jungle, Kamu Lodge may be off the map for most tourists, but to eco-friendly travellers it's a very bright blip on the radar screen. The tented eco-lodge recently received its first ASEAN Green Hotel Award at the 2012 ASEAN Tourism Forum, held in Manado, Indonesia.

Nestled between verdant rice paddies and the banks of the Mekong River, the compound's 20 private, tented lodges feature solar power electricity, thatched roofs, and all-natural furniture. Activities for guests draw from, and are interwoven with, the surrounding natural attractions and nearby Kamu community. Kamu Lodge supports the quality of life and preservation of the Kamu traditions through the use of locally sourced products and the education of guests.





“Enjoyable, sustainable living in unspoiled surroundings has always been the essence of the Kamu Lodge experience,” says Kurt Walter, group general manager of Apple Tree Group’s Hospitality Division. “The lodge owes a great deal to its stunning location, and we’ll be working to keep this part of the world pristine for as long as possible.”

Destination

Snuggled between China, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, and just a one hour’s flight from Bangkok and Hanoi, Laos is a beautiful and untouched nation that is still relatively closed to the rest of the world. In recent years it began to open its doors to tourism. This small, landlocked nation is rich in culture and heritage.

Luang Prabang is located in north central Laos, on the Mekong River, about 425 km north of Vientiane, the nation’s capital. Luang Prabang was itself the royal capital and seat of government of the Kingdom of Laos. The city is also a notable UNESCO World Heritage Site.

An Experiential Experience

Kamu Lodge offers an experiential stay for its guests by sharing the local culture while preserving the pristine environment. Tailor-made for an ultimate unique experience, with an additional benefit of having an opportunity to discover Lao’s rich traditions, as well as the centuries old daily life of Lao ethnic minorities.

The Lodge features 20 private canvas tents,

which were purposely built to provide unique accommodation. The tents were specially imported from South Africa and each one is protected from the elements by a thatched roof and feature solar power electricity. Attached stone bathrooms provide hot water and flushing toilets, the tents are aptly and comfortably furnished with bamboo and rattan furniture. You can enjoy views of the river from the private balcony.

All meals at Kamu Lodge are enjoyed *Al fresco*. Natural materials were used for building these unique outlets, seated on stilts high above the ground in local architectural style. Traditional Lao cuisine is served with true Kamu hospitality.

The Bar is a perfect place to unwind and relax after a tiring day trekking in the surrounding landscape. Relax and have a cool refreshing cocktail or Lao Beer. Once you’ve done the hiking, planting or taking part in traditional activities you can rest and revitalize with a Kamu Traditional Massage.


Out to the Outdoors

The Lodge’s numerous on-site activities can be enjoyed by groups, couples or individuals. Of course, kicking back by the river or amid the rice paddies with a good book is always an option.

Some of the activities are seasonal so may not be available on all visits. Rice planting and harvesting in the surrounding rice field will give you an idea of how hard the locals work. For those that would like to get rich quick there is gold panning from January to June in

the Mekong.

The walks in the jungle aren’t just to stretch your legs but it is a search for medicinal plants. If you would like to expend more of an effort there is a six hour hike and boat ride that means trekking through the forest to get to the waterfalls.

Also available are traditional team building programmes. 

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English and French speaking guides are available. Located in Northern Laos, Kamu is accessible only by boat, via a scenic 2.5 hour journey north on the Mekong River from Luang Prabang.

Weather

Wet season: between May and October

Dry season: between November and April

Airlines

Lao Airlines has flights from around the region, direct to Luang Prabang or via Vientiane.

www.laoairlines.com

