

# Rivertime

## *Resort and Ecolodge*

*"an ecotourism resort close to the capital of Laos"*

**Unweit der Hauptstadt Vientiane bietet die Rivertime Resort Ecolodge Laosreisenden eine ganz authentische und urspruengliche Erfahrung von Land, Leuten und Kultur.**



Das Rivertime Resort Ecolodge wurde mit großem Einfuehlungsvermögen in einem alten Sekundaerwald am Ufer des beeindruckenden Nam Ngum Flusses errichtet. Dennoch ist es von der Hauptstadt aus schnell zu erreichen und bietet dem auf Umweltschutz und Nachhaltigkeit bedachten Besucher eine ideale Moeglichkeit für einen erholsamen Urlaub - und ist damit „eines der besten Ökotourismus-Angebote Asiens!“



Sonnenuntergang am Nam Ngum River, vom Floating Restaurant beobachtet.

Das Rivertime besteht aus 12 Bungalows unterschiedlicher Groessen - vom Doppelzimmer bis zum Familienbungalow. Alle verfügen über einen Ausblick auf den Fluss, sind komfortabel ausgestattet und werden den Anforderungen eines modernen Ökotouristen gerecht.

Auf dem Grundstück des Rivertime Resort befindet sich ein liebevoll angelegter Blumen- und Biogemüsegarten, einige Quadratkilometer alter Baumbestände, ein schwimmendes Restaurant auf dem Nam Ngum Fluss, ein kleines Internet-Cafe, ein Fischteich sowie ein Abenteuerspielplatz.

Das Rivertime Resort hat verschiedene Trekkingwege, Radtouren und geführte Touren im Angebot. Wählen Sie zwischen 20 Minuten Spaziergängen durch den Sekundärwald auf dem Grundstück des Resorts bis zu halbtägigen Trekkingausflügen in der nahen Umgebung oder auf den Fahrrädern des Resorts.

Ebenfalls können Ein- oder Zweitages-Trekkingtouren durch die bergigen Wälder der Phou Khao Kwai National Protected Area arrangiert werden. Boote zu den zahlreichen interessanten Ausflugszielen entlang des Nam Ngum Flusses legen am Resort regelmäßig ab.

Weitere Aktivitäten wie Aufenthalte bei Einheimischen in einem der umliegenden Dörfern, Lao Kochkurse, traditionelle Massagen, Kurse zum Reisanbau, „Baci“ Zeremonien, Tanzvorführungen, einheimisches Kunsthandwerk und gemeinsames Essen mit den Einheimischen können selbstverständlich auch von uns arrangiert werden. Touren nach Vientiane und dessen faszinierende Tempel, Kloster, Museen und vielen anderen Sehenswürdigkeiten können Sie im resort-eigenen Minibus machen

## **The Local Area**

Rivertime is situated 29 kilometres north-east of the Lao capital on the south bank of the Nam Ngum river (a tributary of the Mekong). The location is mid-way between Vientiane and the mountainous Phou Khao Kwai National Protected Area (NPA).

The resort is near a village of the Lao Loum ethnic group (Ban Thadokkham) on one side, and a Lao Soun ethnic village (Ban Jut Nung) on the other. Across the river from the resort is another Lao Loum village called Ban Na Taer. *Note: 'Ban pronounced 'baan' is the Lao word for 'village'*



*View over rice fields towards the resort and Phou Khao Kwai National Protected Area*

Each nearby village has its own Buddhist temple and each temple has its own unique style. Thadokkham temple is the largest. It is highly-revered and often visited by Vientiane residents. This is the temple where the resort owner has spent several meditation retreats as a Buddhist monk. Directly across the river from the resort is Na Taer temple, notable for its unique architecture and temple turtles. A total of four Buddhist temples are within easy walking distance of the resort.

Also within easy walking or cycling distance are three village primary schools and the main agricultural research centre of Laos. The schools and the research centre all welcome visits which can be easily arranged by the resort management.

## The Resort Lodges

The Resort currently has twelve lodges with plans to expand to twenty in the near future. Each family-sized lodge has been constructed within old secondary forest, yet with beautiful views of the Nam Ngum river. All lodges have wide balconies overlooking the river towards the mountains of Phou Khao Kwai National Protected Area. Community lodges have extra-large balconies which are shared by three adjacent lodges.



The lodges vary from each other in terms of exterior and interior design, reflecting the particular forest location in which they are set, and to maximize river views.



## The Resort Grounds



### Road leading to the resort

The resort nestles in a large area of old-growth secondary forest on the south bank of the Nam Ngum river. During the construction of the resort in 2006-2007, we took great care to ensure that the natural environment of the forest be retained. All lodges and resort buildings are placed in their own unique environment and designed in such a way as to leave all surrounding trees intact.

The resort is crisscrossed by a series of paths connecting the lodges and resort facilities. The forest and land through which the paths lead has been left to continue developing naturally, enabling visitors to have easy access to all parts of the resort while leaving the natural environment intact.



## The Garden Restaurant

The Garden Restaurant and organic vegetable garden are adjacent to Rivertime Resort. It is owned and operated by Thanongsak, a retired but young Thai executive, who came to live in Laos to get away from the poor environment and hustle and bustle of Bangkok.





The area of the Garden Restaurant and Kitchen Garden, contains more than 90 kinds of Southeast Asian decorative plants, trees and organic vegetables for guests to appreciate. There are several 'salas' inside the garden where guests can sit and enjoy their meals, as well as salas built on the river bank where guests can enjoy a panoramic river view while relaxing or ordering food and drinks from the restaurant.

## **The Floating Restaurant**

A floating restaurant built on bamboo rafting serves Lao and European dishes and provides guests with a surround view of the Nam Ngum river while they enjoy their food. The main restaurant can seat up to 80 guests, while two smaller, sections can be reached by 'floating bridges' to provide a more private setting for up to 20 people in each section.



*The Floating Restaurant*



