

Savannakhet Downtown

Historic Quarter of Savannakhet



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3. Theater "Lao Chaleun"

"Chaleun" means "Civilization" in Lao language. This theater was built during the French colonial period. The façades in the Art Deco style that spread throughout the world between 1910s and 1930s.

4. New Provincial Museum

This is a typical administration building during the French colonial period. It has recently been renovated to be the New Provincial Museum (Open: Mon-Fri, 8:30-11:30, 13:30-16:00).

5. Provincial Hospital

The hospital was first built in 1925. There are 7 to 8 original buildings in good condition in the complex. Please feel free to visit the hospital but do not disturb patients.

6. Old Governor Office

This used to be the Governor Office during the French colonial period. Until recently, it was former provincial museum. Today, it is a part of hotel complex.

7. Tha Hea School

This is the oldest school in Savannakhet established in 1920s. One building was renovated and the other retains its original appearance. Compare the two buildings to imagine the school in those days.

8. Soumpholphakdy House

This house, built in 1926, used to be the residence of a French Security Officer. The façade is beautifully decorated in Art Deco style.

9. Lao Vietnam Association

This building has a unique design with a globe. It is used for various activities such as aerobics, singing contests, etc. You can see how Vietnamese citizens living in Savannakhet enjoy the leisure time.

10. Sala Savanh Guest House

This building was constructed in 1926. Until recently, it was used as the Thai Consulate. Apart from some additional elements like metal doors, the building retains its original features.

11. Saint Theresa Catholic Church

This church, built in 1920s, is a landmark of the Savannakhet historical zone, although it is not facing directly to the Talat Yen Plaza.



12. Si Muang House

This old building was recently renovated and extended. The building, however, well retains the original characteristics of shop-houses which are different from administration buildings.

13. Public Works Office

The office was originally built in 1950s. The ornamentation on the wall, which reads "TP", is an abbreviation of "travaux publics", meaning "Public Works" in French.

14. Mekong Hotel

The hotel, built in 1950s, was originally used for Government officials before and after going abroad by crossing the Mekong River. The building is beautifully decorated.

15. Xaiyaphoum Temple

This is the oldest temple in Savannakhet, originally established in 1542. The current buildings were constructed in the last century. They, however, maintain the original Savannakhet style of architecture.

16. Deer House

This house presents a similar style as those around the Talat Yen Plaza. It is likely that many identical buildings were constructed during the French colonial period. The house was used as rice mill until recently.

17. Sounantha Lower Secondary School

This area used to be a military post and the old building was an office to receive soldiers coming from other regions. Today, the area forms part of a sports complex.

18. Dinosaur Museum

This is one of the most popular attractions in Savannakhet. (Open: Mon-Sun, 9:00-11:30, 13:30-16:00; Admission: 5,000 Kip for foreign visitors, 3,000 Kip for Lao visitors)

19. Kaysone Phomvihane House

This is the house of former President Kaysone Phomvihane who was born in Savannakhet in 1920. He served as the first Prime Minister of Lao PDR from 1975 to 1991, and then as President until his death in 1992.

20. Shop-Houses

Shop-houses in this area are very attractive. Most of them are old buildings constructed between 1930s and 1950s. You can find a variety of use: laundries, confectioners, restaurants, retail shops, etc.

