Laos

### US State Dept Travel Advisory
The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

[https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html)

### Passport/Visa Requirements
US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country’s embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

### US Embassy/Consulate
[856] 21-48-7000; US Embassy Vientiane, Ban Somvang Thai, Thadeua Road, Km 9, Hatsayfong District, Laos

### Vaccinations
See WHO recommendations

[http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

### Climate
Tropical monsoon; rainy season (May to November); dry season (December to April)

### Currency (Code)
Kips (LAK)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)
230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): A, B, C, E, F

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### Major Languages
Lao, French, English, various ethnic languages

### Religions
Buddhist 64.7%, Christian 1.7%, none 31.4%, other/not stated 2.1%

### Time Difference
UTC+7 (12 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water
Opt for bottled water.

### International Driving Permit
Suggested

### Road Driving Side
Right

### Cultural Practices
It is considered very rude to touch another person's head or to touch their body with your feet.

### Telephone Code
856

### Local Emergency Phone Numbers
Local numbers only
Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. [http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)


To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association (AAA) ([www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com)) and American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) ([www.aataidp.com](http://www.aataidp.com))

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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