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

**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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