

## Laos

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Laos due to COVID-19-related restrictions. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<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; CONSLAO@state.gov; <https://la.usembassy.gov/>

### Telephone Code

856

### Local Emergency Phone

Local numbers only

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

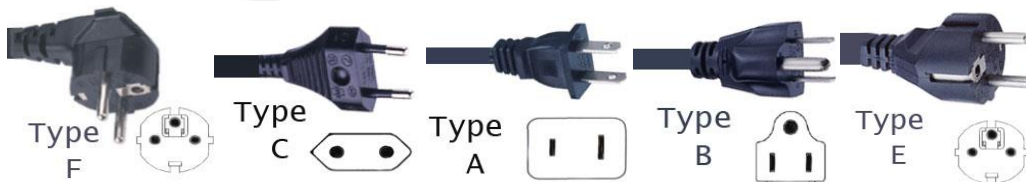
Tropical monsoon; rainy season (May to November); dry season (December to April)

### 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%

### 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

<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Elephant Village Sanctuary; Four Thousand Islands (includes Khone Pha Pheng Waterfall); Kong Lor Caves; Wat Phu;; Vientiane; Luang Prabang (former royal city); Plain of Jars
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, sepak takraw (kick volleyball), muay lao (martial art)
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	It is considered very rude to touch another person's head or to touch their body with your feet.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tipping is not customary except in tourist-oriented restaurants where 10% of the bill is appreciated, but only if a service charge has not already been added. Tour guides and day-long drivers expect \$10-15 (USD) per day for a gratuity. Tip hotel staff \$2-3 (USD) per day for their service .

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)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

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

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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