



COMPLEMENTARY INFO

Read about Laos essential information in order to prepare your trip in a relaxed way. Get the practical local knowledge, take note of compulsory administrative formalities and find more details about our trip organization as well as pricing.

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Climate

Despite having two distinct weather seasons you can travel in Laos all-year-round. Laos' weather is relatively direct compared with much of Asia : consisting of a dry season (October to late April) and a wet season (May to late September). Within each season there are variations in temperature, with the dry months leading up to the wet season (March and April) and the early wet season (May and June) typically being the hottest of the year.

| Month | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
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| North | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South | | | | | | | | | | | | |



Enjoyable temperature with no rain or little rain



Enjoyable temperature with sporadic rain



Heavy rain with possibility of storm



Cold, with temperature going down to 10°C



Heat and high humidity

Transport

a. By road

Every road transfer during your tour in Laos will be done using private vehicles with drivers, unless stated otherwise in our offer. We guarantee that our vehicles are new and comfortable. Fuel, toll, accommodation, payment and food for the driver are included in the offer. Tips are up to your judgement. The size of the vehicle (van, minibus, bus) is chosen according to the size of the group of travelers, but in any case we always manage to leave free seats for you to enjoy more space.





b. By plane

If your trip include internal flights, they will be carried out by Lao Airlines, the main airline in Laos. The fleet is mostly composed of Airbus planes but you might flight on ATR-72 for shorter journey.



c. By boat

Certains de nos circuits au Laos peuvent inclure des promenades en bateau. Pour de courtes distances sur de petites rivières, nous utiliserons des pirogues traditionnelles locales. Pour une plus longue distance sur le Mékong, vous voyagerez sur des bateaux lents.



Lodging

Lodging represent an essential aspect of your trip, it is therefore advised to carefully select where you are going to stay. To this purpose, we have set up a list which gather the best accommodation in Laos and enable you to choose within a various array of hotels, resorts & guesthouses.

BiiG Travel has negotiated prices with a wide range of accommodation ranked from 2 to 5 stars. It is according to your budget and wishes that we will submit you concrete proposals.

In some areas, it is possible to stay with a local, with of course less comfort but more authenticity and sharing. These homestays are a great opportunity to meet with local families, discover their culture and daily life while bringing them economic benefits. In respectful and fair partnership with each host family, we have added some more comfort without denaturing the place. Except for some very remote accommodation, you will benefit from western standard bedding and decent sanitary facilities.

Read more : [Homestay rating system](#)

[Accommodation classification](#)



Pricing

Our tours are private trips meaning that you will be on your own during the entire tour, with dedicated guide and driver. Your tour program is therefore flexible and can be modified according to your wishes and budget. You can also benefit from individualized care such as special food or small events organization (birthday, honeymoon...).





Our tour packages do not take care of round trip international flight tickets since it is easier and cheaper to buy directly from your side in your country of residence. However, our tours include every services on site from your arrival until your departure date.

Our price scale vary according to different elements :

- Period of the year : During high touristic season (March, April, November, December), the price of services is usually higher than during low touristic season (May, June, September)
- Number of participants : The more participants joining the trip and the less costly it is.
- Chosen accommodation : The choice of accommodation can make a consequent difference in your tour final price, whether you decide to stay in a luxury 5-star hotel or a guesthouse.
- Activities : Two trips of same duration and following the same itinerary can have two different prices according to the number and nature of the activities.

For some cases, a booking date too close from the departure date can lead to price increase due to the low availability of services.



Visa

Citizens of the ASEAN (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam), as well as Japan, South Korea, Russia and Switzerland, enjoy visa-free access to Laos.

Most other nationalities can obtain a 30-day tourist visa on arrival, including EU citizens, North Americans and Australians.

The whole process is very straightforward. You need between US\$30 and US\$42 in cash (fee depending of passport of origin) and one passport-sized photo. Those without a photo, or who are arriving on a weekend, holiday or after office hours, will have to pay an additional one or two dollars. No other foreign currencies are accepted.

For citizens of some African and Middle Eastern countries who are not eligible for a visa on arrival, Lao embassies and consulates abroad also offer 30-day tourist visas. The process involves roughly the same cost and documentation and generally takes three working days.

To be noted that the 30-day tourist visa can be extended an additional 90 days at a cost of US\$2 per day, but only in major cities such as Vientiane, Luang Prabang, Pakse and Savannakhet.

Do not forget that your passport should be valid for a period of at least 6 month as from your return date.

