



COUNTRY FACTS LAOS



Laos is a small landlocked country in the Indochinese Peninsula and sparsely populated. Its isolation from foreign influence offers travelers an unparalleled glimpse of traditional Southeast Asian life. From the fertile lowlands of the Mekong River valley to the rugged Annamite highlands, Laos is the highlight of this region. Buddhism plays an important role in the life of the Lao people and has given them a deserved reputation for friendliness, gentleness, kindness, gaiety and wisdom.

Capital: Vientiane

Population: 6.5 million people

Languages: Lao is the main language. Foreign languages used in Laos are English and French.

Visa and passport: A visa and a Canadian passport valid 6 months after return are required to enter Laos. SUBJECT TO CHANGE. For accurate information on obtaining the visa, please consult the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada at: www.travel.gc.ca.

Time change: GMT + 7

Currency: the local currency is the Kip (LAK)

Airport tax: If you are departing or connecting through Laos airports, there is a tax of 10USD (11CAD) for international flights and 5000LAK (0.70CAD) for domestic flights.

Electricity: 230 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second.



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