ESSENTIAL INFORMATION
LAOS

PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for at least six (6) months after your journey ends, and should have a minimum of two (2) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Laos. There are currently two options available as outlined below. A&K recommends a visa on arrival.

Visa on Arrival: A tourist visa can be obtained on arrival at all points of entry. The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD $35 (subject to change without notice) and must be paid in cash in U.S. dollars or local currency. Two passport-size photos are also required.

Visa Stamp: A visa stamp in your passport can be obtained either by applying directly to a Laotian consulate or through a visa processing service. While there are additional costs involved in using a visa service, this option is available for guests who prefer assistance in the visa process.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at visacentral.com/abercrombiekent or call 844 823 1224 and reference A&K’s account number 73001. Service fees apply.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

VACCINATIONS

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Laos if you are arriving from, or have transited through, a yellow fever-endemic area in South America or Africa. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; you may be denied entry without it. If your physician advises against receiving the vaccination because of your personal medical history, he or she can provide you with the necessary documentation for the country/countries you are visiting.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Cash transactions can generally be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency. U.S. dollars should be recently issued bills in smaller denominations. Major credit cards are accepted on a limited basis, mainly in the larger shops, hotels and restaurants. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns such as Luang Prabang and Vientiane but limited in rural areas.
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BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS
On flights within Southeast Asia, each passenger is limited to approximately 44 pounds (20 kilograms) of checked baggage in Economy Class and approximately 66 pounds (30 kilograms) in Business Class. For carry-on baggage in both Economy and Business Class, passengers are allowed one piece of luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 11 pounds (5 kilograms).

Please use the provided A&K luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for A&K staff to collect and manage your luggage for you.

PACKING LIST
Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Temples and other religious sites require modest dress to enter. Guests are advised to pack clothing that covers knees, shoulders, and upper arms for select visits. You may be required to remove shoes when entering sacred sites.

Clothing

☐ Casual slacks
☐ Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
☐ Sweater or lightweight jacket
☐ Comfortable walking shoes with traction
☐ Brimmed hat for sun protection
☐ Personal garments
☐ Swimwear/cover-up

Other Recommended Items

☐ Sunglasses
☐ Simple first-aid kit
☐ Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
☐ Charging cables for electronics

Optional Items

☐ Small LED flashlight
☐ Lightweight binoculars

☐ Walking shorts
☐ Long sleeve shirts or blouses
☐ Long comfortable skirts for women
☐ Lightweight raincoat or poncho
☐ Sleepwear
☐ Socks
☐ Foldable umbrella for rain protection and sun shade

☐ Sun block / Insect repellant
☐ Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
☐ Smartphone
☐ Global travel adapter

☐ Foldable walking stick
☐ Small daypack or fanny pack

Laundry service is available at most hotels and dry cleaning is available in larger cities. Check costs and return times before using these services.
While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars) depending on the type of journey.

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For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to a Small Group Journey, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only.