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GUIDANCE ON VISA

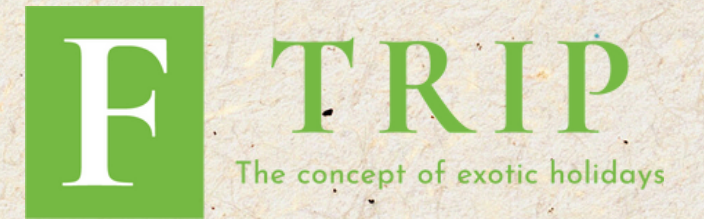


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LAOS *VISA EXEMPTION*

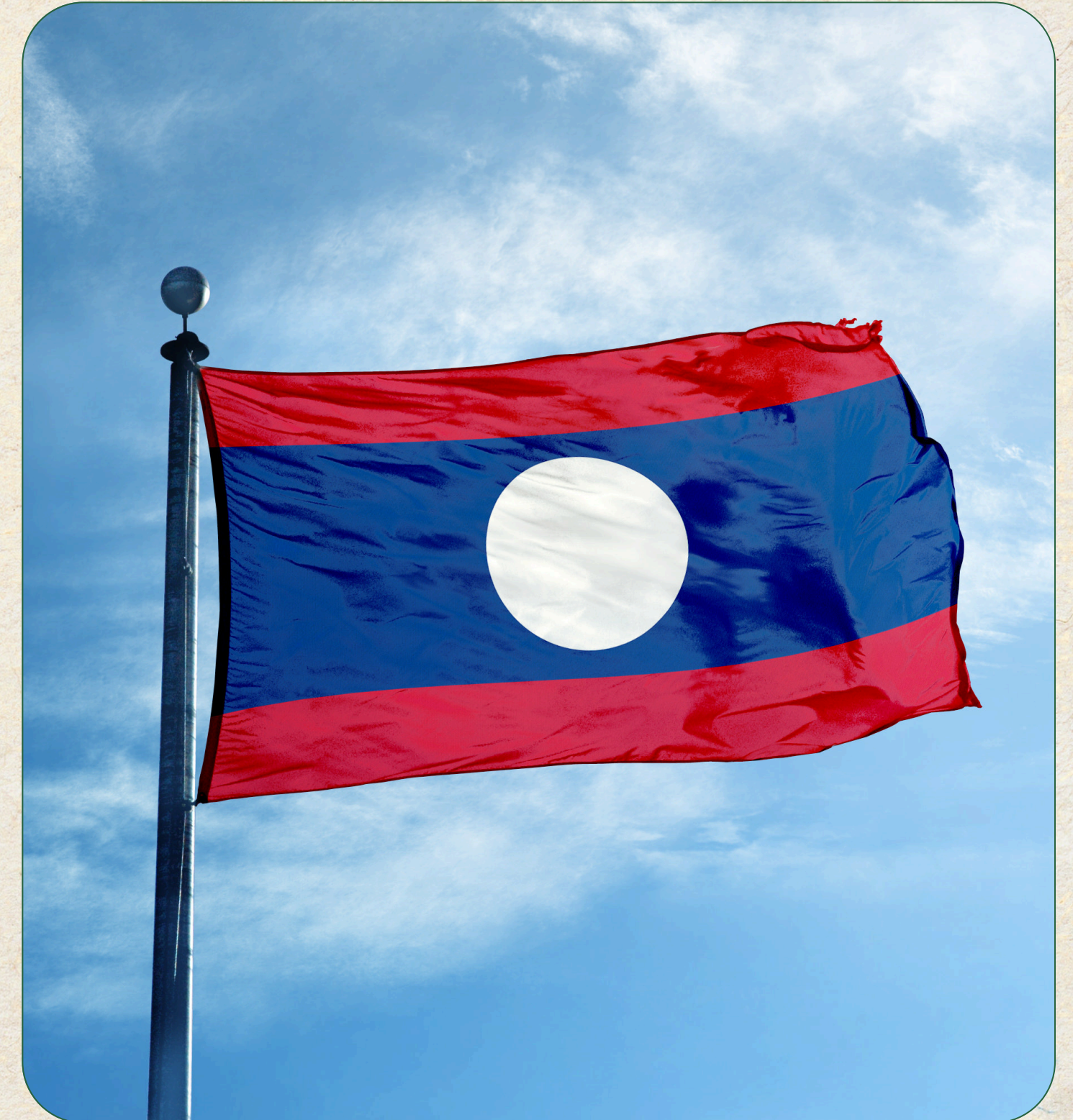
Eligible nationals: Citizens from ASEAN and some other countries holding ordinary passports.

Duration: Usually 30 days, but for some countries 14 or 15 days depending on nationality.

Examples:

- 14 days: Brunei, Myanmar, Switzerland, Japan, Luxembourg.
- 15 days: Japan, Luxembourg, South Korea, Switzerland.
- 30 days: Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam.

Note: The special exemption policy during Visit Laos Year 2024 ended on 1 January 2025. From 2025 onward, travelers must comply with standard visa rules.



LAOS *VISA ON ARRIVAL*



Stay duration: 30 days, extendable up to 90 days in total (two extensions possible).

Entry points: Available at major international airports (Vientiane, Luang Prabang, Pakse) and many land border checkpoints. Some accept both VOA and e-Visa, while others only VOA.

Requirements:

- Valid passport.
- Passport photo.
- Completed application form.
- Fee in cash, typically USD 40 (some nationalities such as Vietnam and China may pay around USD 20).

Process: May take from several minutes to a few hours at the border. Early arrival recommended.

Extension: Possible at the Immigration Office (e.g., Vientiane) for 7, 14, or 30 more days with additional fees.

LAOS *E-VISA*

Stay duration: 30 days, single entry only, not extendable once inside Laos.

Validity: Starts from the date of entry (not the approval date).

Processing time: Around 5–7 working days; apply at least 5 days before travel.

Entry points: Accepted at major international airports and some land/rail checkpoints (e.g., Vientiane, Luang Prabang, Pakse, Friendship Bridge I, Boten).

Requirements:

- Passport valid at least 6 months from the date of entry.
- Digital passport-size photo (4×6 cm, white background, recent).
- Passport information page scan.
- Travel plan, intended entry port.
- Email & valid credit/debit card for online payment.

Advantages: Faster processing at immigration counters (dedicated e-Visa lane), no need for cash payment at the border.

Limitations: Cannot extend, requires preparation in advance.



LAOS *VISA EXTENSION*

- Tourist visas can usually be extended up to 60 days total (30-day extension at a time) at the Immigration Office in Vientiane or provincial capitals.
- Extension fee: around USD 2 per day.

Visa Fees

- Typically USD 30–50, depending on nationality.
- Extra fees may apply for weekend/holiday arrivals or for passport holders from certain countries.

Visa Requirements

- Most travelers need a visa to enter Laos, except citizens of ASEAN countries (including Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, etc.) who enjoy visa-free entry for stays of 14–30 days depending on nationality.
- Passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry, with at least 1 blank page.

Entry Points

- Airports: Wattay International (Vientiane), Luang Prabang, Pakse, Savannakhet.
- Land Borders: Friendship Bridges with Thailand, border gates with Vietnam, Cambodia, and China.
- River Entry: Some Mekong river checkpoints also allow visa on arrival.



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