





Country: LAO PDR
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Name	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Flag	
Population	6.802 million (2015)
Capital	Vientiane
Population	210,000 (2008)
Political Regime	One-Party Socialist Republic
Official Language	Lao
Currency	Lao Kip (LAK)
Stability USD to LAK Chart <i>(Source: XE.com)</i>	<p>15 Dec 2011 00:00 UTC - 13 Dec 2016 07:45 UTC USD/LAK close: 8151.28790 low: 7618.00000 high: 8298.77232</p> 
Religion <i>(Source: Pew Research Center 2010)</i>	66.00% Buddhism 30.7% Laotian Folk Religion 1.5% Christianity 1.8% Others





GDP <i>(Source: World Bank)</i>	12.22 billion USD (2015)
Inflation <i>(Source: World Bank)</i>	1.3 % (2015)
Growth <i>(Source: World Bank)</i>	7.0 % (2015)
UN	Member since 14/12/1955
ASEAN	ASEAN Member State since 23 July 1997
World Trade Organization	Member since 02/02/2013
Tourism <i>(Source: World Bank 2014)</i>	3,164,000 per year
Balance of Trade <i>(Source: www.tradingeconomics.com)</i>	-594.89 USD Million Dec/15 (Quarterly)
Dialing Code	+856
Time Zone	UTC+07:00
Brief History <i>(Source: Google)</i>	Laos is a Southeast Asian country traversed by the Mekong River and known for mountainous terrain, French colonial architecture, hill tribe settlements and Buddhist monasteries. Vientiane, the capital, is the site of the That Luang monument, where a reliquary reportedly houses the Buddha's breastbone, plus the Patuxai war memorial and Talat Sao (Morning Market), a complex jammed with food, clothes and craft stalls.
Map <i>(Source: Google)</i>	

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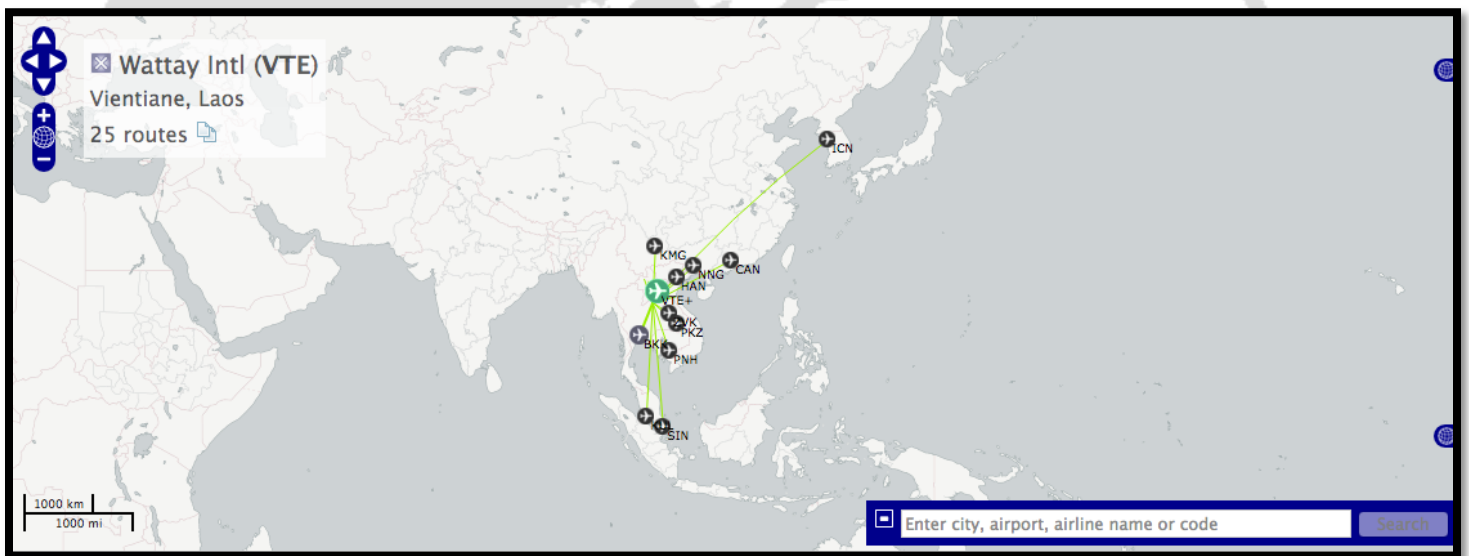


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Main Airports in Lao PDR:

Location served	ICAO	IATA
International airports		
Luang Prabang	VLLB	LPQ
Pakse	VLPS	PKZ
Vientiane	VLVT	VTE

Open lines from the Main Airport of the Capital City



(Source: Openflights.org)

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Different types of Visa

Visa exemption agreements have the difference of condition and type of passport, diplomatic passport, service passport and ordinary passport.

Now in Lao PDR have 14 types of visas for foreigner and each visas have the difference condition for more informational about visas, condition, types and acceptance agreement please read in the below

1. Diplomatic Visas (D-A1)

Description: Diplomatic visas is issued to diplomats consular officers, head of United Nations agencies and other international organization and their dependents (Spouse and Children) holding diplomatic passport.

Visa status: diplomatic visas (A1) and official visas (A2) are exempted from visa fees. Multiple entry visa may be obtained for a period of one year and may be renewed each year until the assignment's completion.

2. Official Visas (S-A2)

Description: Official visa is issued to the staff members of diplomatic mission, consulates, unite nation agencies and their dependents (Spouse and Children) holding official passport.

Visa status: official visas (A2) are exempted from visa fees. Multiple visa may obtain for a period of one year and may be renewed each year until the assignment's completion.

3. Courtesy Visas (C-B1)

Description : Courtesy visas is issued to foreign experts and their dependents holding Diplomatic, official and ordinary passports performing assignments under bilateral cooperation or grant assistance project for the government of Lao PDR.

Visa Status: Courtesy Visa (B1) is exempted from visa fees, multiple entry visas may be obtain for and period of six (06) months until assignment completion.

4. Visit Visas (B3)

Description: Visit visas are issued to foreign citizens holing ordinary passport an intending to visit relatives working in the Lao PDR.

Visa status: visit visas (B3) is subject to the payment of visas and service fees upon each travel destination to the Lao PDR. B3 category visa does not entitle its holder to work or apply for multiple entry visas.

5. Expert Visas (E-B2)

Description : expert visas is issued to foreign visitors for their excursion an enjoy sightseeing in Lao the tourist visas valid for thirty (30) days entering and staying permit in the territory of the Lao PDR. Embassies or General Consulates, of the Lao PDR gives those tourist visas at abroad or Lao authorities at the international check points which have had full right obtain tourist visas upon arrival in accordance with their stem employment prohibited.





Visa status: Expert visa is issued to the foreign expert international organization such as Non-Governments accordance to the assignments of the contracts loans (spouse and children) and or relative who want to come in short visit.

6. Journalist Visas (M-B2)

Description: Journalist visa is issued to the foreign media who will collect the news in Lao PDR.

7. Business Visas (NI-B2)

Description: Business visas is issued for foreign experts performing assignment under projects provided by loan agreements and as provided by employment contracts or projects wards, to expert or volunteers of Non-government Agencies expert of education and medical staff members of Diplomatic mission, General consulates, the United Nation Agencies and other international organization holding ordinary passport for the countries or from third countries, as well as foreign business persons.

Visa status: Business visas (B2) is subject to payment of mandatory visa and service fees, Multiple entry visas may be obtained for a period of one (1) year, Six (6) months and three (3) months and may be renewed every one (1) year, six (6) months, or three (3) months until completion of assignments.

8. Student Visas (ST-B2)

Description: Student's visas is issued to the students who study in Laos PDR for one to five years and may be renewed year by year for long stay in Lao PDR.

9. Tourist Visas (T-B3)

Description : Tourist visas is issued to foreign visitors for their excursion an enjoy sightseeing in Lao the tourist visas valid for thirty (30) days entering and staying permit in the territory of the Lao PDR. Embassies or General Consulates, of the Lao PDR gives those tourist visas at abroad or Lao authorities at the international check points which have had full right obtain tourist visas upon arrival in accordance with their stem employment prohibited.

10. Non - Immigrant Visas (NI-B3)

Description : Non-Immigrant visas is issued to foreign visitors for their excursion an enjoy sightseeing in Lao the tourist visas valid for thirty (30) days entering and staying permit in the territory of the Lao PDR. Embassies or General Consulates, of the Lao PDR gives those tourist visas at abroad or Lao authorities at the international check points which have had full right obtain tourist visas upon arrival in accordance with their stem employment prohibited.

Visa status : Non-immigrant visas is issued to Foreigners' engineering, researcher and short education in Lao PDR, as well as the monks, athletics, foreign musician who will be present in traditional festival and others to visit relatives in Lao PDR.





11. Transit Visas (TR-B3)

Description: Transit visa is issued to foreign visitors who transit through the Lao PDR. to third country including their air tickets the embassies or general consulates of the Lao PDR at abroad having full right obtain transit visas with its two voyages and stem “ employment prohibited” those visas are allowed to stay permit in the Lao PDR for the period of five(5) days only.

12. Labour Visas (LA-B2)

Description : Labor visas is issued to the foreigners or non-citizens who get work permit from the Ministry of labor and welfare and identity cards from the Foreigner control Department and work regally in Lao PDR.

13. Permanent Visas

14. Husband or wife Visas (SP-B3)

Source: THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION OF LAO PDR - www.immigration.gov.la/visas.html

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