



VISA

All visitors entering Laos must possess valid passports. Visas can be obtained from [Lao Embassies](#) and Consulates abroad. In addition, visas can also be obtained on arrival at the [international checkpoint](#).

Visas can be secured in advance of arrival at [Lao Embassies](#). This can be done in several ways through a tour company recognized by the Lao PDR, from [Lao Embassies](#) or Consulate in countries.

For those wishing to extend their stay, it is possible to extend your visa at the Immigration Office in Vientiane, through travel agencies. It is also possible to obtain a [Visa-on-Arrival](#) at [international checkpoints](#).

Validity starts from day of entry into Laos. Tourist/Business: 30 days (can be extended twice in Vientiane for 30 days). Visas must be used within three months of being issued.

Passport/Visa Note: Those requiring visas should obtain them in their home country before travelling to Laos. Visas are available on arrival at [international checkpoints](#). On entering Laos visitors must ensure they receive an entry stamp in their passport as fines for not having one are high. All visitors' passports should be valid for at least six months.

Laos Visa Extension

If you find your visa is about to expire and you wish to stay longer in Laos, don't worry, it is possible to get all types of Laos visa (except for a Transit Visa), extended at the immigration office in Vientiane. It cost US\$2 per day if you apply before the expiry date. However, if you leave it until your visa expires you will be fined for US\$10 per day for the days you over stayed.

If you are in Vientiane, your Laos Visa extension can be done at the Immigration Office behind the Joint Development Bank (JDB) on Lane Xang Avenue, opposite the Morning Market. The office is open Monday-Friday, from 8:00am-11:30am and 1:30pm-4:00pm (closed 11:30 to 13:30 at lunchtime). The office is closed for applications on Friday afternoon.

Requirements

Your passport

One passport type photo

Service fee of US\$3

Application fee of 3,000 kip per person

Visa extension fee : \$2 per day if you have valid visa, \$10 per day if your visa is already expired (overstayed days)

[Get a travel agent or specialist provider to do your Laos visa extension for you.](#)

Most travel agents can arrange a Laos visa extension for you with a small overhead fee. This varies between providers, so shop around for the best deal.

The process is straight forward, just fill out the application form then submit together with your passport and pay the fees. In normal circumstances your visa is usually ready the same day.

If you only plan to stay for a few more days this option could work out best.

If you are in Vientiane it is very easy, you can take a public bus (around 10,000 kip) to the Lao-Thai Friendship Bridge. Complete the immigration procedures on the Lao side; then take the shuttle bus (5,000 kip) to the Thai immigration point and enter Thailand. If you want to come straight back into Laos you simply have to cross the road to the Thai immigration to exit the country. Once again, get the shuttle bus and then arrive at the Lao side, where you can apply for a Laos [Visa on Arrival](#).

Your passport must have at least 6 months of remaining validity and a blank page for a visa stamp and don't forget to take enough cash (US dollars) for the visa fee and two passport sized photos.