



## Suggested Packing List – Laos

*We recommend that you check the weather forecast prior to your departure so that you can pack accordingly.*

Laos has a sub-tropical climate in the centre and south, with a more temperate climate in the mountainous north. Laos's weather is relatively straight-forward; with a wet season, a cool dry season and a hot dry season. The cool dry season, from **November to February** has mild temperatures and you will need a pullover or jacket in mountainous areas like Luang Prabang, Phonsavan, Saravane and Houeixay. **March and April** is the hot dry season, being the hottest time of the year as temperatures start getting warmer leading up to the wet season, which runs from **May through to October**.

Consider your packing carefully. You will need to bring clothing suitable for sun exposure and mild temperatures, as well as layers of warmer clothes are advised for cooler evenings. Generally, casual clothes are recommended for your holiday. Loose fitting, lightweight cotton materials are the most comfortable for humid weather. The dress code throughout the tour is casual however, it is important that all passengers dress conservatively. Smart casual clothes are suitable for evening banquets and shows, but are not compulsory.

Refer to your Travel Guide – Indochina with Thailand about how to dress appropriately for this culture and advice about choosing your luggage. Please note, due to restrictions on your internal flights, your luggage allowance is 20kg for checked luggage and 5kg for hand luggage.

### **Example packing list:**

- ✓ Your travel documents and passport – including a photocopy of your passport in case it is lost or stolen while you are abroad. Keep one photocopy at home and take another photocopy on your trip with you.
- ✓ Main luggage and 'day bag' – a smaller bag to carry with you during the day.
- ✓ Luggage padlocks.
- ✓ Money belt to carry passport, cash, credit cards, airline tickets & any other important travel documents.
- ✓ Comfortable trousers & shorts (or skirts for women).
- ✓ Shirts or tops of light cotton material.
- ✓ Walking shoes, sandals and socks – it is important to have sturdy and comfortable shoes for sightseeing every day.
- ✓ A water/windproof jacket and small umbrella.
- ✓ Sun protection – hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and lip balm.
- ✓ Swimming costume.
- ✓ Personal medical kit – please refer to your *Travel Guide*.
- ✓ Antibacterial wipes and or gel – to clean hands before eating.
- ✓ Some clothing covering the knees and shoulders for visits to religious sites. Women may find a 'modesty shawl' or sarong useful.
- ✓ Old pair of socks to wear when visiting temples.
- ✓ Small torch, conversion plug and spare batteries – batteries available to buy in Laos tend to be unreliable.
- ✓ Spare glasses/contact lenses – it is difficult to get any prescription lenses repaired or replaced in Laos.
- ✓ Camera and spare film/memory card – film available in Laos tends to be bad quality or sun damaged.
- ✓ Toilet paper – not all sightseeing public toilets will provide this.
- ✓ Snacks – tea bags/coffee, milk powder or sachets, muesli bars, instant soups or noodles, or anything else you can't live without!

### ✓ ***In addition, if your tour visits the mountainous region of northern Laos:***

- ✓ Light jumpers or thermals
- ✓ Thick and warm socks, gloves, scarf and a hat

Average temperatures	January-February (Cool dry season)		
	Temp°C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
LUANG PRABANG	7/29	MED	10
VIENTIANE	18/29	MED	9
PAKSE	18/32	MED	5
PHONESAVAN	10/24	MED	14
Average temperatures	March-April (Hot dry season)		
	Temp°C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
LUANG PRABANG	18/34	MED	65
VIENTIANE	23/33	MED	60
PAKSE	23/35	HIGH	50
PHONESAVAN	14/27	MED	60
Average temperatures	May-June (Wet season)		
	Temp°C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
LUANG PRABANG	22/34	MED	155
VIENTIANE	25/31	MED	249
PAKSE	23/32	MED	275
PHONESAVAN	19/27	MED	224
Average temperatures	July-August (Wet season)		
	Temp°C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
LUANG PRABANG	23/32	HIGH	260
VIENTIANE	25/30	HIGH	295
PAKSE	23/30	HIGH	460
PHONESAVAN	19/26	MED	378
Average temperatures	September-October (Wet Season)		
	Temp°C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
LUANG PRABANG	21/31	HIGH	15
VIENTIANE	24/30	MED	191
PAKSE	22/31	HIGH	255
PHONESAVAN	16/26	MED	133
Average temperatures	November-December (Cool dry season)		
	Temp°C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
LUANG PRABANG	16/28	MED	20
VIENTIANE	19/28	MED	7
PAKSE	18/31	MED	10
PHONESAVAN	11/24	MED	14