



## Travel Alert: Laos

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The Department of State alerts U.S. citizens to the risks of travel in parts of Laos due to the unpredictable security situation. U.S. Embassy personnel are restricted from traveling in certain areas due to reports of violence, combined with the unusually heavy presence of Lao government security forces in some areas. This replaces the Travel Alert issued on July 1, 2016, and expires on December 30, 2016.

The U.S. Embassy in Vientiane continues to restrict Embassy staff from travel in the following areas:

- Road 13 from Km 220 north of Kasi in Vientiane Province to Km 270 at the Phou Khoun junction in Luang Prabang Province
- the "new road" from the Kasi junction to the Road 4 junction between Luang Prabang and Vang Vieng
- all of Xaisomboun Province

The Embassy continues to permit personnel to:

- travel between Vientiane and Vang Vieng on Road 13
- travel northward from Luang Prabang
- travel by air to Luang Prabang

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U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Laos should take precautions, remain vigilant about their personal security, and be alert to local security developments.  
For further information:

See the Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Laos Country Specific Information.

Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and to make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

Contact the U.S. Embassy in Laos, located at Thadeua Road Km 9, Ban Somvang Tai, Hatsayfong District, at +856-21-487-7000, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, excluding U.S. and Lao holidays. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is also +856-21-7000. Non-emergency services are provided by appointment only.

Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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