

Do's & Don'ts in Laos

THE LAO WORD FOR HELLO IS 'SABAI DEE', USUALLY SAID WITH A SMILE, TOUCHING OR SHOWING AFFECTION IN PUBLIC WILL EMBARRASS YOUR HOSTS.



PLEASE SHOW RESPECT AND DRESS NEATLY WHILE IN TEMPLES AND WHEN TAKING PHOTOS.



THERE ARE MANY OTHER SACRED ITEMS AND SITES IN LAOS. PLEASE DON'T TOUCH OR ENTER THESE PLACES WITHOUT PERMISSION.



MONKS ARE REVERED AND RESPECTED IN LAOS,
HOWEVER WOMEN SHOULD NOT TOUCH A MONK OR A MONK'S ROBES.



LAOS LOSES A LITTLE OF ITS
HERITAGE EVERY TIME AN ANTIQUE
IS TAKEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY.
PLEASE DO NOT BUY ANTIQUE
BUDDHAS OR OTHER SACRED ITEMS.
INSTEAD, SUPPORT LOCAL
CRAFTSMEN BY PURCHASING
NEW, QUALITY HANDICRAFTS.



THE USE OF DRUGS IS ILLEGAL IN
LAOS. THE CONSEQUENCES MAY
BE SEVERE FOR YOU AND
LAO SOCIETY.



Enjoy your visit!



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