

Community Lodge & Homestays

The villagers of Ban Hua Don Daeng invite you to stay overnight in their community lodge or with local families and enjoy Southern Lao hospitality. The community lodge and village homestays were created with the support of the LNTA-ADB Mekong Tourism Development Project as an income generating project.

In order to minimize problems in the village and to make your trip more enjoyable, **advanced booking is recommended**. Contact the District Tourism Office in Champassak or the Provincial Tourism Office in Pakse (+856-031) 212 021 for more information or book in advance through a local tour company.



The Community Lodge on Don Daeng

The community lodge has 2 common rooms each sleeping 5 people. Mattresses, pillows, blankets and mosquito nets are available. The lodge has two common bathrooms and a common dining area.



Playing the 'saw ee' & the 'kaen'

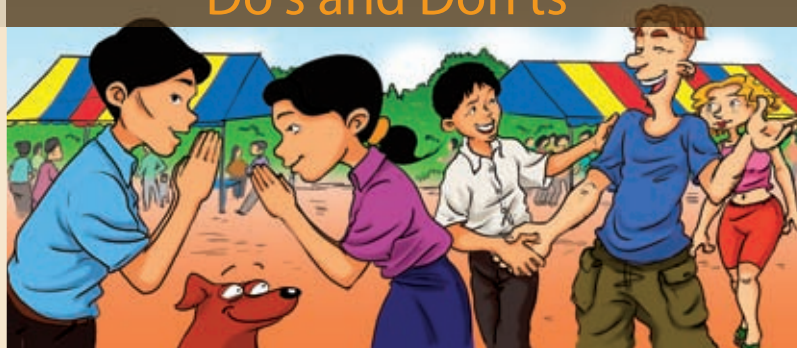
You can also stay with local families. Families can accommodate 2-4 people per household. Sleeping is arranged in a common room. Homestay families have a common bathroom and provide boiled drinking water and sleeping equipment including mosquito nets.



The Community Restaurant

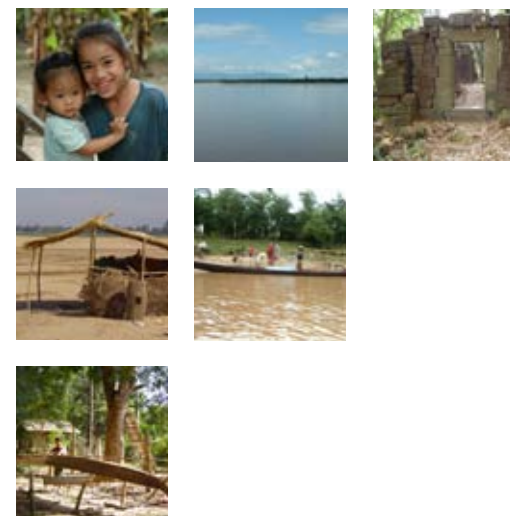
Included in your stay is a family-style meal of Lao cuisine prepared and hosted by the villagers. Food typically includes fresh Mekong fish and locally grown organic vegetables. Vegetarian food is also available. Please order your food a couple hours in advance.

Do's and Don'ts



THESE REQUESTS COME DIRECTLY FROM THE VILLAGERS

- **Dress Modestly**
Please wear shirts that cover shoulders and pants or skirts that cover your knees. Shirts with a low neckline are not appropriate.
- **Public Bathing:**
Please do not bathe in the nude in public. Women should cover up with a *sarong* when bathing in public.
- **Photographs**
Please ask before taking close-ups or portraits. Respect those who choose not to be photographed.
- **Gifts**
Please do not give anything to children as this practice encourages begging. Also, do not give medicine to anyone but a doctor or nurse.
- **Body Language**
In Laos, your head is 'high' and your feet 'low' - don't gesture with your feet, and don't put your feet on furniture. Also, do not touch someone else's head. Kissing and hugging in public is impolite - please be discrete.
- **Respect Local Traditions**
Please do not touch anything that may be of religious significance, such as Buddha statues, altars, and burial grounds. Please take off hats and shoes when entering temples.
- **Environment**
Do not litter on land or in water; take all your garbage with you. Do not buy wildlife or wildlife products.
- **Purchasing Local Crafts**
Please support local producers by purchasing newly made quality handicrafts. Do not purchase unique items such as antiques or family heirlooms that are irreplaceable.
- **Drugs**
Please do not do drugs in Laos. Drug tourism does damage and sets a very bad example for Lao youth.



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