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The essential characteristics of drive tourism is its nature of having multiple destinations, as we are sure that you decide to become a self-driving tourist because you could develop your own personal itineraries. The fun part of driving to the destination is of course the nature of being free and independent; you could stop wherever you see interesting and attractive.

Ultimately, designing your own self-driving trails can lead you to explore themed touring routes across ASEAN borders from destination to destination. Every destination within a certain area in ASEAN could be configured with appropriate touring facilities according to the network characteristics relating to the nature of the trip you wish to enjoy on various touring routes.

Get ready for the new adventure

Part 1:

Preparation for Permit: Your self-drive trip begins here!

DRIVER LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

You must have your current and valid driver license or driver permit with you at all times when you're driving. If your overseas license or permit is not in English, you must also carry an accurate English translation.

The good news is - If you wish to drive in ASEAN and you are a citizen of ASEAN member states, your domestic driving license is recognized among all member states.

Article 15: Recognition of Driving License

Each Contracting Party shall recognize the domestic driving licenses and certified translation thereof issued by the competent authorities of the other Contracting Parties in accordance with the "Agreement on the Recognition of Domestic Driving Licenses Issued by ASEAN Member Countries" signed at Kuala Lumpur on 9 July 1985.

Your vehicle passport

Driving any vehicle out from Thailand, you need to obtain International Transport Permit. There are three types of permits; as a drive tourist your permit will be in the purple colour. There is a specific requirement for you to declare the ownership of the vehicle. If you do not own the vehicle, you must obtain a letter of authority from the owner to drive the car across the border.



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For all other visitors who are not the citizen of ASEAN member states, you must obtain an International Driving Permit.



Part 2: Planning Your Journey: Memorable Trip

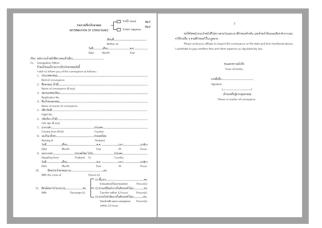
If you are thinking about being truly self-drive tourist in ASEAN, you must be prepared to be adventurous. Getting all required documents could be much easier, if you **contact local tour operator.**



The operator will prepare all immigration forms, insurance and can also arrange rented cars and suitable local licensed tour guide for you. It is much more fun to explore the local place with local. We recommend that you get things organized 30 days in advance from the commencing date of your journey.

Documents needed for all vehicles:





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Part 3: Prepare for Safe Journey

There are a few things that you may not be used to when driving in ASEAN. You will find that each country drives on different sides of the road.

If you start your journey from Thailand, we drive on the left side of the road. Once you enter Load PDR and carry on to Vietnam, you will have to switch to the right side of the road. This could be quite an adventure.

It's easy to underestimate travelling times here because our road tends to be busier and could go through busy communities with full of colourful ways of life.

The way we share our roads are different, expect to share the road with motorcycles (lot of them) and certain roads could go through farms where cows, goats and chickens could also be sharing the road with you. Please give way!



You could also expect to see that roads are mostly two-way, with one lane in each direction – going through Laos PDR there are still few motorways.

Checklist	Brunei	Cambodia	Indonesia	Laos	Malaysia	Myanmar	Philippines	Singapore	Thailand	Vietnam
Drive on the left or right side of the road	Left Lane	Right Lane	Left Lane	Right Lane	Left Lane	Right Lane	Right Lane	Left Lane	Left Lane	Right Lane
Speed	Speed limits are: 80 km/h (55 mph) on the highways; mph in built up areas; 15 mph in school zones.	The speed limit in built up areas for motorbikes is 30 km/h, for cars 40 km/h. Outside of the built up areas, the maximum speed limit for bikes and cars is 90 km/h. The speed limit for trucks is 60 km/h; if a truck is pulling a trailer, the speed limit is 50 km/h. On motorway, the maximum speed in tows is 60 km/h and 100 km/h outside towns.	The speed limits are: in built-up areas - 50 km/h; on highways – 100 km/h for motorbikes and 60 to 80 km/h for trucks; on roads – 80 km/h.	The speed limit within towns is 50 km/h, on single carriageway is 80-110 km/h, on expressway/ motorways is 100-120 km/h.	The speed limit on motorways is 110 km/h; on federal roads – 90 km/h; in urban areas – 60 km/h.	Primary Roads Maximum speed 50- 100 km/hr. Secondary Roads Maximum speed 30- 60 km/hr. Tertiary Roads Maximum speed 10- 30 km/hr.	The maximum allowed speed for cars and motorcycles is gokm/h (50 mph) on open country roads, 40 km/h (25 mph) on boulevards, 30 km/h (18 mph) on city and municipal streets, 20 km/h (12 mph) at school zones.	The speed limit varies from 40 km/h in urban areas tn 80-90 km/h on expressways	Maximum speed limits in urban urban aras are between 50 km/h ys, vary ys, vary fron 90 km/h to km/h to	The maximum speed for trucks is 80 km/h (50 mph), but on mph), but on mph), but on speed is 20km/h – 40km/h. km/h (19-25 mph) in urban areas and 40km/h – 60 km/h (25 – 37 mph) on rural roads.
Seat Belt Control by Law ?	The driver and passengers in the front seats are required to wear seat belts.	Drivers and front seat passengers must wear seat belts.	Front seats must have seat belts	Drivers not wearing seatbelts will be fined 70,000 kip under Prime Minister's Decree No.188 on traffic.	Seatbelts Seatbelts are obligatory for drivers and all passenger.	Both driver and riders have to wear seat belfs or they may be fined X30,000.	For failing to wear the prescribed seat bereat allowing a child who is 6 years and below to sit in the front passenger seat, artiver of a privare vof a privare vof a privare vof a privare vof a privare vof a privare vof a priver of a	Seat belts are mandatory for drivers and all passengers in front and rear seats.	Wearing seatbelts is mandatory in the front seats of the car	Violators can be fined VNB100,000- 200,000 (US\$4- 8). The old regulation only required the front-seat passenger to wear seatbelts.

DRIVING SPEEDS

The speed limits on ASEAN roads vary – look for speed limit signs. They will let you know what the maximum speed limit is for the stretch of road you're on. You'll often need to go slower than the limit to drive on our roads safely. That means a 100 km distance will seldom equal one hour ofdriving. It will usually take a lot longer, so always allow more time when planning your trip. On many of ASEAN's main roads, the speed limit will depend on how busy the road is.



Note and learn our differences:

Don't be offended once you enter Vietnam, we sound our horn a lot! Do not sound your horn in Thailand unless you really need attention.



Learn our traffic signs

before you start your journey.

It is better to see the symbolic sign as you will find that you might not be able to read the language.



Vietnam



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Planning Your Journey



STOPPING FOR POLICE

If police require you to stop your vehicle, they will be by the road to pull you over to the roadside. You must pull over as soon as possible. Park your car off to the side of the road safely and wait in it for the police officer to approach you.

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Part 4: Design your driving route Explore Thailand-Laos-Vietnam Self Drive Route



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Day 1 : Bangkok - Mukdahan

Points of interest :

Ayutthaya > Temples & Floating Market Nakhon Ratchasima > Dan Kwian village / Thao Suranari Monument Nakhon Phanom > Phra That Phanom Temple arrive Mukdahan, enjoy the evening by Mekong River

Day 2 : Depart from Mhokdahan to Laos and Vietnam (Hue)

(On the way from Savannakhet Border to Dan Savan Border) (On the way from Lao Bao Border to Hue) Points of interest : That Ing Hang

Day 3 : Depart from Hue to Hoi An

Points of interest :

Hue > Complex of hue monuments / Thien Mu Pagoda Hoi An >Tran Phu Road / Japanese Covered Bridge

Day 4 : Depart from Hoi An to Laos (Pak Song)

(On the way from Hoi An and Bo Y Border) (On the way from Phou Keua Border to Pak Song) Points of interest : Pha Cave

Day 5 : Depart from Pak Song to Pak Se

Points of interest :

Tat Yueang Waterfall / Tat Phan Waterfall / Pak Song Hiland

Day 6 : Depart from Pas Se to Thailand (Ubonratchani)

(On the way from Pak Se to Vang Tao Border) Points of interest : Ubonratchani > Phu Phrao Temple / Sirindhorn Dam Buriram > Chang International Circuit arrive Bangkok Experience Thailand and More...

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Important Contacts

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National Institute for Emergency Medicine	1669 / 02 872 1669
Highway Police	1193
Immigration Bureau	02 209 1100
Customs Care Center	1164 / 02 667 6655
Department of Land Transport	1584
Office of Insurance Commission	1186



