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Ballin' on a Budget: A College Student's Guide to International Travel

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Laos

While college is expensive, and leisure time can be spread thin, traveling while being a full-time student is far from impossible.

This week's edition of the column will be introducing you to yet another place that you may not have known to cost as little as \$45 per day to visit. Laos can be a great location for someone looking for an outdoorsy vacation and/or an escape from mass tourism.

This is a country that can be traveled to all year long depending on what you're looking for. October to May offers a warm and dry climate throughout, November to January offers the best river travel, and May to October offers the "green season" with short bouts of rainfall and enhanced experiences of waterfalls and other scenery.

Since, you can travel to Laos many months out of the year, it is perfect for whenever free time can be found. Whether it be spring, summer, fall, or winter, airfare remains consistent at a cost of around \$1200 each direction.

Laos offers sights such as the Mekong River which serves as a highway to people and habitat to many aquatic species, and monuments such as the Pha That Luang (pictured top left) which costs only \$0.30 to enter!