

Vietnam

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Vietnam.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[84] (24) 3850-5000; US Embassy in Hanoi, 7 Lang Ha Street, Hanoi, Vietnam; ACShanoi@state.gov; <https://vn.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

84

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 05; Fire: 08; Police: 03

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Vietnam: typhoid, hepatitis A, polio, Japanese encephalitis, chikungunya, rabies, hepatitis B, influenza, COVID-19, pneumonia, meningitis, chickenpox, shingles, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)..

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list/>

Climate

Tropical in south; monsoonal in north with hot, rainy season (May to September) and warm, dry season (October to March)

Currency (Code)

Dong (VND)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): A, B, C



Type A



Type B



Type C

Major Languages

Vietnamese, English, French, Chinese, Khmer, mountain-area languages (Mon-Khmer and Malayo-Polynesian)

Major Religions

Buddhist, Catholic, Hoa Hao, Cao Dai, Protestant, Muslim

Time Difference

UTC+7 (12 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

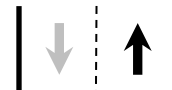
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Ha Long Bay; Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon); Hue (includes Imperial Citadel and Thien Mu Pagoda); Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park; Hoi An; Sapa Countryside; My Son

Major Sports

Soccer, vovinam (Vietnamese martial art)

Cultural Practices

Standing with your hands on your hips or crossing your arms on your chest are seen as impolite body language.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping 5-10% of the bill, if a service charge is not added, is polite at restaurants. At the bar, leave loose change or round up the bill. Bellhops expect \$1 (USD) per bag for a gratuity. Good housekeeping service deserves \$1-2 (USD) per day. Taxis do not expect a tip, but drivers appreciate hearing "keep the change."

Souvenirs

Conical hats, ao dai tunics, leather goods, handmade jewelry, scarves and silk-embroidered items, clay miniatures, sand paintings

Traditional Cuisine

Pho — rice noodles in beef or chicken broth seasoned with cumin, coriander powder, black cardamom, roasted onion powder, roasted ginger powder, fennel, and cloves; sometimes beef slices and/or vegetable sprouts are added.

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