

# 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)..

<http://www.who.int/>

### 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 7.9%, Catholic 6.6%, Hoa Hao 1.7%, Cao Dai 0.9%, Protestant 0.9%, Muslim 0.1%, none 81.8%

### Time Difference

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

### Potable Water

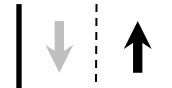
Opt for bottled water

### 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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