Discovering *Vietnam*

Vietnam, the mystical heart of Southeast Asia, captivates travelers with its blend of ancient capitals, lush waterways, UNESCO World Heritage sites, and an array of natural and cultural wonders.

This is a land of contrasts—from the vibrant streets of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, alive with history, culture, and dynamic energy, to the serene beauty of Ha Long Bay, where limestone karsts rise dramatically from emerald waters, creating unforgettable scenery.

Beyond the cities, Vietnam offers diverse experiences: the terraced rice fields of Sapa, the lantern-lit charm of Hoi An, and the fertile Mekong Delta. From centuries-old pagodas to bustling markets, each region reveals its unique traditions set against breathtaking landscapes.

Vietnam invites visitors on a journey of discovery, where deep-rooted heritage harmonizes with modern life's rhythm, offering lasting memories, cultural immersion, and countless opportunities for exploration.

Activity Level
Moderate

The Cu Chi Tunnel Tour is not suitable for those with Claustrophobia. Temples can have steep steps and uneven ground so would not be suitbale for those with walking difficulties.

Visa Process

You must have a valid passport and a visa (or pre-approval for a visa on arrival) to enter Vietnam. Make sure to check the latest visa requirements before your trip.

Currency

The official currency is the Vietnamese Dong (VND). Exchange currency at authorized exchange points for the best rates.

Credit Cards

Credit cards are accepted in major cities and tourist areas in Vietnam. However, cash remains the preferred method of payment in smaller shops, markets, and rural areas.



Plug Sockets

Vietnam: Uses Type A, C, and F plug sockets..

Travelers are advised to bring a universal adapter to ensure device compatibility.



The climate in Vietnam varies depending on the location and time of travel.



Average Summer Around **86°F**
Average Winter Around **63°F**



Average Summer Around **93°F**
Average Winter Around **79°F**



Average Summer Around **86°F**
Average Winter Around **81°F**



Gratuities

Tipping is not expected but is appreciated, particularly in tourist areas. In restaurants, it is common to round up the bill.



Cultural Norms

Vietnam is generally safe for tourists, but exercise caution with personal belongings in crowded areas and tourist sites. Traffic can be busy, with motorbikes common, so use care when crossing streets. Vietnamese people are friendly and polite—greet with a smile, respect local customs, and dress modestly at religious sites.



Emergency

Dial **113** for police, **115** for medical emergencies, and **114** for the fire services.

Travelers are strongly advised to have travel insurance that includes coverage for medical emergencies.

Check in Process

Travelers must present a valid passport or government-issued identification at hotel check-in. Standard check-in time is typically from 3:00 PM local time.



Dining

Known for fresh, flavorful dishes such as pho, banh mi, and spring rolls.

Food & Water Safety: Hygiene standards differ from other parts of the world, so take precautions when eating out. Drink only bottled water and avoid tap water, including for brushing teeth, washed fruit and salad, or ice. Carry basic medicines in case of stomach upset.

Exercise caution when purchasing food from street vendors; ensure meals are freshly prepared and served hot.





What to pack

Essentials:
Passport & Visa: Carry your passport, visa, and all necessary travel documents.
Travel Insurance: Strongly recommended to cover unexpected situations.
Money: Bring cash (small denominations) and credit/debit cards. ATMs are widely available in cities.
Health Kit: Include prescription medications and essential over-the-counter medicines in your hand luggage.

Clothing:
Lightweight Clothing: Suitable for the warm climate.
Comfortable Shoes: Recommended for walking and exploring.
Cultural Awareness: Dress modestly when visiting temples or religious sites.

Personal Items:
Toiletries: Basic items such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and personal essentials.
Sunscreen & Sunglasses: For sun protection.
Insect Repellent: Especially important in rural or tropical areas.

Electronics:
Adapter/Converter: Types A, C, and F are used. Bring a universal adapter.
Phone & Charger: A local SIM card helps improve connectivity and reduce roaming charges.
Camera: Carry extra memory cards and batteries.

Other Useful Items:
Small Backpack/Daypack: Convenient for day trips and carrying essentials.
Hand Sanitizer: Useful for cleanliness while on the go.

