

Traveling to Vietnam



Safety advises

Global Affairs Canada: Exercise a high degree of caution

More details: http://travel.gc.ca/destinations/vietnam



About your destination

Vietnam (UK /vjtnæm, -nm/, US /vitnm, -næm/; Vietnamese: Vit Nam [vit næm]), officially the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV; Vietnamese: Cng hòa Xã hi ch ngha Vit Nam (listen)), is the easternmost country on the Indochina Peninsula in Southeast Asia. With an estimated 90.5 million inhabitants as of 2014, it is the world's 14th-most-populous country, and the eighth-most-populous Asian country. Vietnam is bordered by China to the north, Laos to the northwest, Cambodia to the southwest, and Malaysia across the South China Sea to the southeast. Its capital city has been Hanoi since the reunification of North and South Vietnam in 1975.

Vietnam was part of Imperial China for over a millennium, from 111 BC to AD 939. An independent Vietnamese state was formed in 939, following a Vietnamese victory in the Battle of Bch ng River. Successive Vietnamese royal dynasties flourished as the nation expanded geographically and politically into Southeast Asia, until the Indochina Peninsula was colonized by the French in the mid-19th century. Following a Japanese occupation in the 1940s, the Vietnamese fought French rule in the First Indochina War, eventually expelling the French in 1954. Thereafter, Vietnam was divided politically into two rival states, North and South Vietnam. Conflict between the two sides intensified in what is known as the Vietnam War. The war ended with a North Vietnamese victory in 1975.

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Good to know

Language Vietnamese (official), English, Chinese, Khmer

Timezone Asia/Ho_Chi_Minh

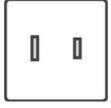
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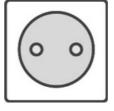
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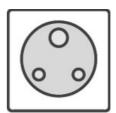
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Electricity









Health and risks

Water Drinking tap water in Vietnam is not safe

Vaccinations Malaria

Malaria occurs in some areas. Protect yourself from mosquito bites. Precautions are personal.

Consult a qualified medical professional to determine the right actions

Hepatitis A

Vaccination is recommended for all travelers to this country

Hepatitis B

The vaccination advice is personal. Consult a qualified medical professional to determine whether vaccination is useful for you

Yellow fever

Yellow fever does not occur in this country. However, vaccination is required if you are traveling from a country with the risk of yellow fever

Tyfoid

Vaccination is recommended if you are staying 2 weeks or longer in this country

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