

# An introduction to vietnamese etiquette the dos and don'ts

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**What are the do's and don'ts in Vietnam?** As a general rule, keep your cool and avoid loud arguments, making a scene, berating others for mistakes, or pointing out anything that may cause the locals to feel shamed. TIP: Vietnamese dislike public displays of affection, and men and women often do not touch in front of others.

**What are the rules of etiquette in Vietnam?**

**What is considered polite in Vietnam?** Social Etiquette Confucianism strongly emphasizes morality, duty and courtesy and is based on hierarchy and respect for elders and knowledge. Besides, Vietnamese people tend to value humility, restraint, and modesty. They tend to avoid being boastful or showing off wealth. Unpleasant subjects are often merely avoided.

**What type of behavior is considered rude in Vietnam?** Do not touch someone's head, hair, or face, even as a friendly gesture. The head is considered the most sacred part of the body in Vietnamese culture, and touching it is seen as rude or invasive. You should also avoid pointing at someone with your finger, as this is considered impolite.

**What are the unspoken rules in Vietnam?**

**Is it rude not to tip in Vietnam?** Not tipping is not typically seen as rude in Vietnam, especially in non-touristic areas. However, for excellent service, a small tip is a thoughtful way to show your appreciation.

**What to beware of in Vietnam?** Petty crime, street crime and harassment happen, especially in larger cities. Bag slashing is common in tourist areas, at markets, on crowded trains and buses, and at supermarkets. It increases in the lead up to and during Vietnamese and Western holiday periods.

**How do Vietnamese show respect?** Shake with both hands, and bow your head slightly to show respect. Bow to the elderly who do not extend their hand. Vietnamese women are more inclined to bow their head slightly than to shake hands. When greeting someone, say “xin chao” (seen chow) + given name + title.

**What does crossing your fingers mean in Vietnam?** In Vietnam the gesture is considered rude, especially to another person. Referring to female genitals, it is comparable to the middle finger in American culture. In German-speaking countries and also Sweden and Latvia the gesture is a sign of lying. Instead, wishing for luck is gestured by holding thumbs.

**What does smiling mean in Vietnam?** The Vietnam smile is a proper response to saying inappropriate things in most situations. When Vietnamese smile, they can show happiness, agreement, acceptance, desire, and tolerance. But the same smile can show disagreement, embarrassment, confusion, anger, and contempt.

**Is it rude to not finish food in Vietnam?** Remember to finish the food put on your plate. This shows respect for the cook and is not wasteful. When you are done eating, place your chopsticks on top of your rice bowl. Expect lots of comings and goings and lively discussion.

**How do you dress respectfully in Vietnam?** Wear appropriate clothing – you will need to cover their chest and shoulders. If you are wearing a dress, make sure it hangs lower than your knees. Top tip: always pack a light scarf in your bag to cover yourself in case a spontaneous temple visit occurs! Wear sandals.

**What is disrespectful in Vietnamese?** rudeness or lack of respect. s? thi?u tôn tr?ng.

**Can I wear red in Vietnam?** We recommend you to pack some red clothes or jackets as this colour is considered as the appearance of luckiness according to Vietnamese culture.

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**How do Vietnamese show affection?** People in France kiss cheeks (but really just touch cheeks while making a kiss sound) when they meet each other. In Vietnam, if you want to show affection with someone, you'll sniff someone.

**What is an offensive gesture in Vietnam?** Middle finger: This gesture is impolite and will make others very angry. Pointing finger to the forehead: When you point your finger to the forehead, you are trying to say that someone is crazy. It is a rude gesture.

**Is eye contact disrespectful in Vietnam?** Vietnamese people typically avoid direct eye contact and may gaze downward when talking. Avoiding eye contact demonstrates respect to elders, people of higher status or of the opposite sex. Speaking in a loud tone with excessive gestures is considered rude, especially when done by women.

**What are food taboos in Vietnam?** Most Vietnamese avoid dog meat, mainly due to religious and moral reasons, while Buddhists consider dogs polluting, possibly because dogs eat their own excrements and are highly incestuous. Vietnamese farmers avoid both dog and buffalo meat, as they work shoulder to shoulder with these animals.

**Do you flush toilet paper in Vietnam?** In Vietnam, people rarely flush the toilet paper since the system can hardly handle it. Therefore, a bin is usually placed by the toilet for you to throw the waste it. Also, do not trust the soap in the washroom. It might be more hygienic to carry with you a hand sanitizer and use it frequently.

**Is \$5 a good tip in Vietnam?** A tip of US \$1 to US \$3 (20,000 to 70,000 VND) is considered a thoughtful gesture of gratitude. In certain restaurants and cafés, you may find a tipping box at the counter. Leaving a small amount of cash, around US \$1 (20,000 VND) or less, in this box is a way to express your appreciation for the service provided.

**What is considered unlucky in Vietnam?** Of the Vietnamese unlucky numbers, the number 4 is the most widely known, as it is pronounced similarly to the word for “death”. Another such number is 13, often associated with bad luck. This apprehension towards the number 13 is not unique to Vietnam and can be attributed

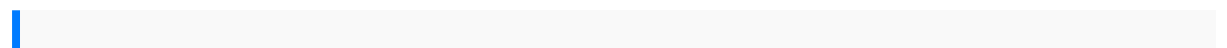
to various historical and cultural factors.

**What is not allowed to do in Vietnam?** Some things that are illegal in Vietnam for both locals and tourists include: carrying weapons and other potentially injurious items such as Guns, Knives, Explosives, Flammable Materials; Prostitution, Gambling, Pornography, Drug Use and Distribution,.. .

**What should I be careful of in Vietnam?** Pick pocketing and thievery of personal items left unattended are common, especially in areas where large crowds gather. Avoid crowded areas when possible, including means of mass transportation. Be aware of unlicensed or privately owned taxis/cabs.

**What can't you wear in Vietnam?** Remember that short shorts, crop tops and tank tops are not considered appropriate in Vietnam. Loose, long clothing is both respectful and tends to keep you cooler in hot climates.

**What is not allowed to bring into Vietnam?** Items that you cannot bring into Vietnam include weapons, munitions, explosives and inflammables, firecracker of all kinds, opium and drugs, toxic chemicals, and cultural materials unsuitable to Vietnamese society (pornographic seditious publications, films and photos), harmful child toys.



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