




Vietnam

US State Dept 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 U.S. 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+ Travelers	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 <div>    </div> <div> <div>Type A</div> <div>Type B</div> <div>Type C</div> </div>
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, none
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