

# VIETNAM

## *COUNTRY OVERVIEW*



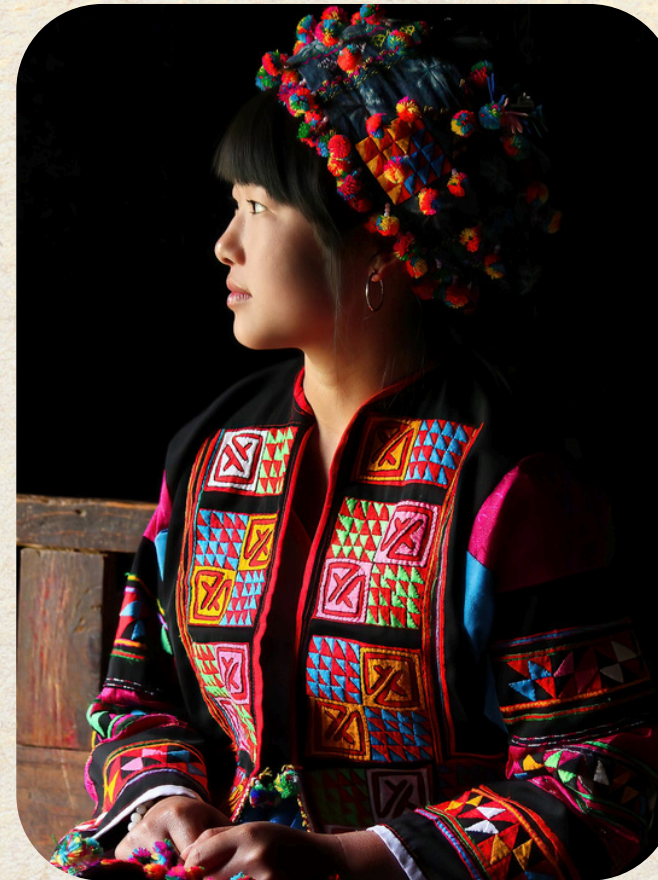
# VIETNAM *INFOMATION*



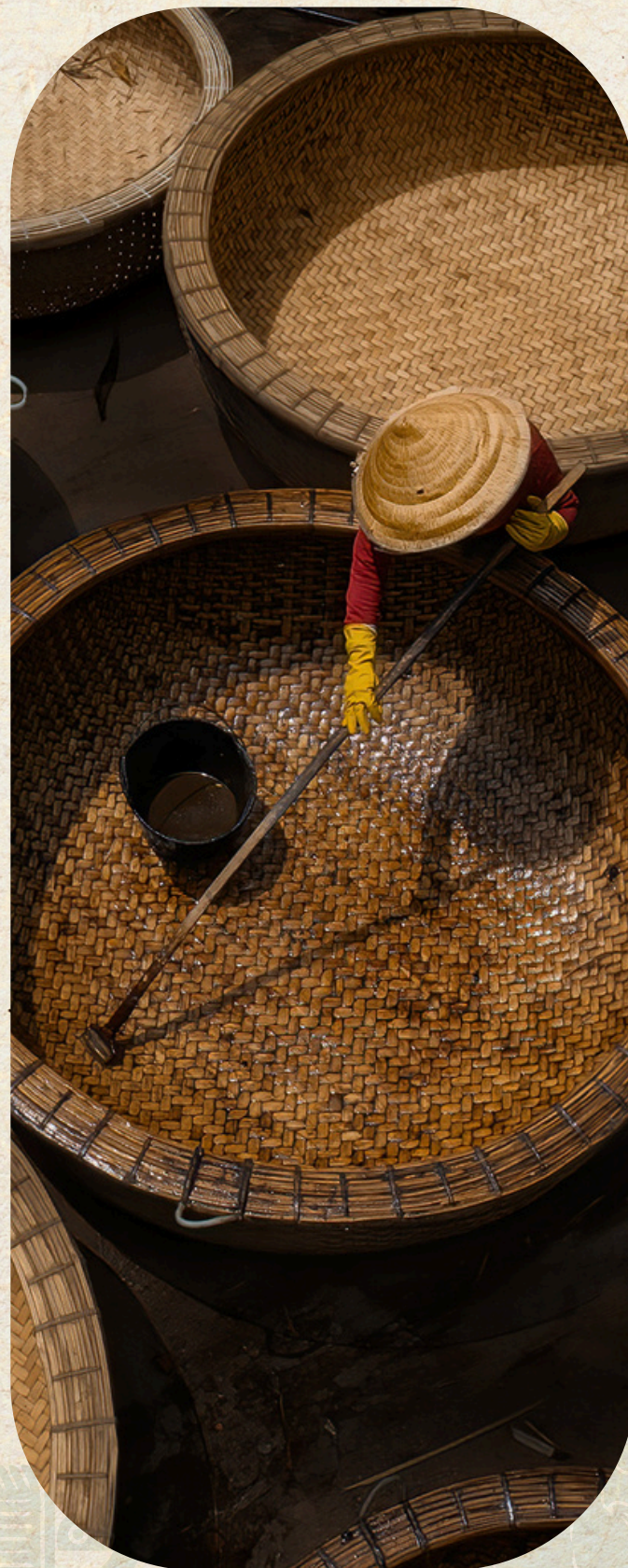
- **Capital:** Hanoi
- **Population:** Approximately 104 million (2025 estimate)
- **Area:** 331,212 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Official Language:** Vietnamese
- **Administrative Divisions:** 34 provinces and cities (including 28 provinces and 6 centrally-governed cities, as of June 12, 2025)
- **Major Holidays:** Lunar New Year (Tết Nguyên Đán), Hùng Kings' Commemoration Day (10th day of the 3rd lunar month), Reunification Day (April 30), National Day (September 2)
- **Currency:** Vietnamese Dong (VND)
- **Geography:** Coastal country in Southeast Asia, bordered by China, Laos, Cambodia, with a long coastline along the Pacific Ocean.

# VIETNAM *PEOPLE & HISTORY*

Vietnam is a vibrant country in Southeast Asia with a rich history and resilient people. Spanning over 4,000 years, Vietnam's history is a tale of perseverance through ancient kingdoms, foreign invasions, and its burning will for independence. From the legendary Hùng Kings, who founded the nation, to the resistance against Chinese, French, and American powers, the Vietnamese people have shown remarkable strength and unity. Today, Vietnam blends its historical heritage with modern growth, offering visitors a unique mix of ancient temples, colonial architecture, and bustling cities.



# VIETNAM *WHY VISIT VIETNAM*



- **Natural Beauty:** Vietnam offers diverse landscapes, from stunning beaches and mountains to lush rice paddies and dramatic coastlines. Highlights include Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site with limestone karsts, Sapa's scenic rice terraces, and Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park, home to the world's largest cave, Son Doong.
- **Culture and History:** With eight UNESCO World Heritage sites like Hoi An and Hue, Vietnam boasts a rich history shaped by dynasties and colonial powers. Its 54 ethnic groups and vibrant festivals showcase cultural diversity.
- **Food:** Vietnamese cuisine is celebrated for its fresh, flavorful dishes reflecting the unique tastes of its three regions. In the North, savor hearty phở and delicate bánh cuốn; the Central region offers spicy bún bò Huế and royal specialties; while the South delights with sweet-sour cơm tấm and fresh spring rolls. Bustling food streets in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City enhance the lively culinary experience.
- **Affordability:** Vietnam is an exceptionally budget-friendly destination, letting travelers enjoy its attractions without financial worry. A bowl of phở starts at 35,000 VND (\$1.40 USD), while bún chả or bánh mì cost 20,000-40,000 VND (\$0.80-\$1.60 USD), offering great value.
- **Highlights:** The friendly and warm locals, along with adventure activities like trekking and motorbike tours, make Vietnam a welcoming and thrilling destination.

# VIETNAM *EXPLORE MORE*



## Traditional Clothing

The "Áo dài," an elegant national garment, is worn during festivals, Tet, or by students and workers, often paired with the "nón lá," a cultural conical hat. H'mông and Dao ethnic groups wear vibrant, intricately patterned clothing, showcasing their unique identities.

The lotus flower is a symbol of purity, elegance, and the resilient spirit of the Vietnamese nation, as well as an emblem of Buddhism. It embodies the strength, indomitable will, and noble qualities of the Vietnamese people.



## The Lotus Flower



## Motorbikes

Motorbikes are the primary mode of transport, with over 45 million in use nationwide. On average, Vietnamese spend 2–3 hours daily on motorbikes, especially in bustling cities like Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, where they account for 90% of traffic.

Beyond its practical use for sun and rain protection, the nón lá is a cultural icon, often featured in poetry and art. In Hue, the "poem hat" with hidden verses between layers of leaves is a unique souvenir. Handcrafted from palm leaves and bamboo, it reflects the artisans' skill.



## "Nón Lá"



## Vietnamese Coffee

Vietnamese coffee, known for its bold flavor, is brewed with a phin filter and often mixed with sweetened condensed milk for cà phê sữa đá. Grown in the Central Highlands, robusta beans offer rich, nutty notes. It's a beloved part of Vietnam's vibrant café culture.

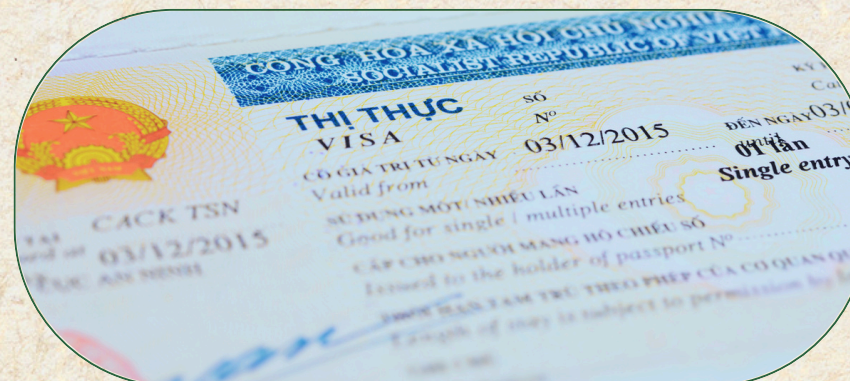
# VIETNAM VISA



## Vietnam Visa Exemption

As of August 2023, regular passport holders from the following countries do not need a tourist visa for Vietnam:

- 90 days: Chile, Panama
- 45 days: Belarus, South Korea, Japan, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Russia, France, Finland, Spain, Sweden, Italy, UK (excluding British Overseas citizens)
- 30 days: Cambodia, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand
- 21 days: Philippines
- 14 days: Brunei, Myanmar



## Vietnam Visa On Arrival

A visa on Arrival (VOA) is needed to apply and be approved before departure. Only with an Approval Letter, then a VOA be issued on arrival Important:

- Passport validity of at least 6 months and 2 blank pages
- Indicate your arrival date (you can enter after but not before the approved date)
- Bring cash (USD25 per person) for the stamping fee; credit cards are not accepted
- Visa service fee is non-refundable and requires full payment in advance



## Vietnam E-Visa

Requirements:





































- Passport validity of at least 6 months and 2 blank pages
- One recent passport-size photo in digital format
- E-visa fee: USD 25 (single entry), USD 50 (multiple entry), non-refundable

Notes:

- Typically 3 working days, but delays may occur due to high volume or holidays
- Each application is for one person, no group applications

Vietnam E-visa can be applied at:  
[www.evvisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn](http://www.evvisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn)

# VIETNAM *WEATHER & WHEN TO GO*

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
NORTH												
CENTER												
SOUTH												



Hot



Hot - Rain



Cold - Dry



Cold - Rain

# VIETNAM *LOGISTIC*

Road Way

Rail Way

Air Way

Cruise



# VIETNAM *ROADWAY* TRANSPORTION

- Highway network connects major cities and provinces (Hanoi – Ha Long, Hanoi – Hai Phong, Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong Delta).
- Express buses & private cars are popular for intercity travel; travel time depends on traffic.
- Motorbikes & scooters are the most common means of transport for short distances and local exploration.
- Transport Options: Offers all types of vehicles, including 7, 16, 29, 35, and 45-seater cars, ensuring comfortable transportation for groups of any size.

**7 - Seater**



**16 - Seater**



**29 - Seater**



**35 - Seater**



**45 - Seater**



# VIETNAM RAILWAY TRANSPORT



- North–South Railway stretches from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City (over 1,700 km) with scenic coastal and rural views.
- Tourist routes: Hanoi – Lao Cai (gateway to Sapa), Hue – Da Nang (Hai Van Pass view), offering unique cultural experiences.
- Overnight trains are a comfortable and affordable option for long distances.



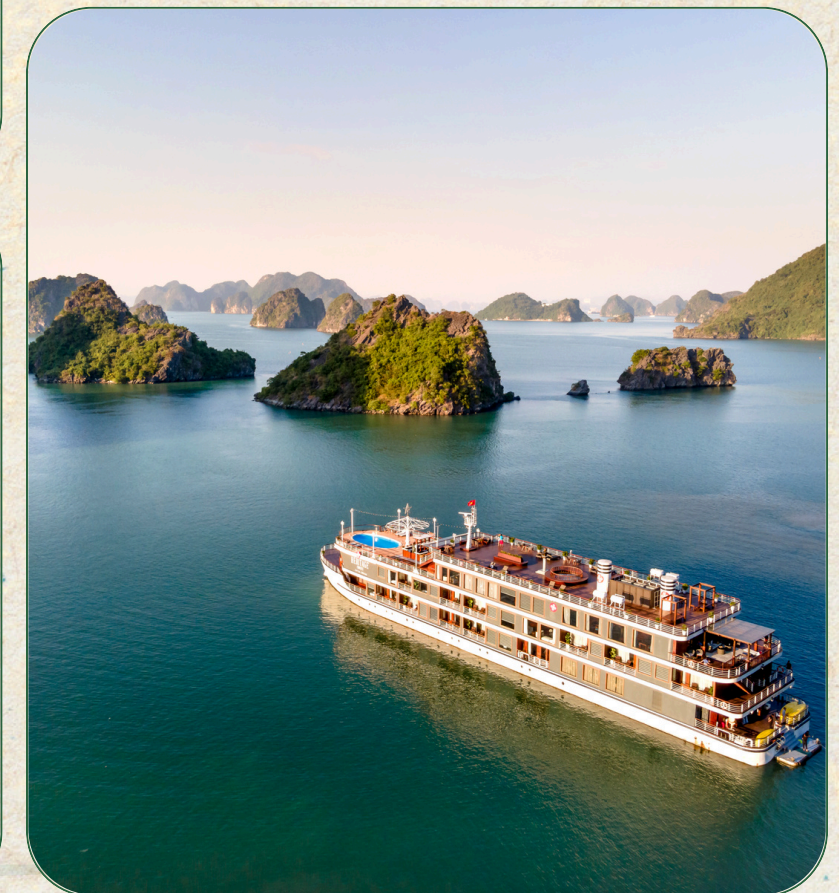
# VIETNAM *AIRWAY* TRANSPORTION

- Vietnam has 3 major international airports: Noi Bai (Hanoi), Tan Son Nhat (Ho Chi Minh City), Da Nang.
- Domestic flights are frequent and affordable, connecting key destinations (Hue, Nha Trang, Phu Quoc, Da Lat).
- Several low-cost carriers (VietJet Air, Bamboo Airways, Vietnam Airlines) make traveling fast and convenient.



# VIETNAM CRUISESHIP

- Experience: Scenic cruises in Ha Long Bay, Lan Ha Bay, and the Mekong River, featuring landscapes, floating villages, and riverside life.
- Cruise Options: From 3-star budget cruises to 4-star refined services and 5-star luxury with gourmet dining, spa, and premium experiences.
- Itineraries: Flexible choices from day trips to multi-day journeys, including Ha Long, Lan Ha, Han River, and the Mekong Delta.



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