

Vietnam

CAPITAL: Hanoi

LANGUAGE: Vietnamese

POPULATION: 95.5 Million

CURRENCY: Dong- 25,000 = 1 USD

US EMBASSY CONTACT: Hanoi: (024) 3850-5000

ELECTRICITY: Sockets A, C & D, Standard voltage 100/220 V

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

American citizens are required to apply for visas to enter Vietnam for tourism and business purposes. US passport **MUST** be valid for at least 6 months beyond travel dates and must have 2 blank pages for visa stamp. <https://www.myvietnamvisa.com/visa-requirements/united-states.html>

IMMUNIZATIONS & HEALTH

You should be up to date on all routine vaccinations, including Measles. The **CDC recommends** most travelers get travel vaccines & medicines for Hepatitis A & Typhoid. CDC also recommends talking to your healthcare professional about Hepatitis B, Rabies, Malaria, and Japanese Encephalitis

CULTURE & ETIQUETTE

Avoid being boastful or showing off wealth. Public display of affection is generally frowned upon so try to refrain. Dress conservatively and keep your body covered. The Vietnamese cultures has a great respect for the elderly

RELIGION

Combination of 3 main religions (Daoism, Buddhism, and Confucianism) Referred to as Tam Giao

TIPPING

Tipping is not customary-but is very much appreciated. Why not leave your server a couple extra Dong for good service?

WATER

Avoid Tap Water For Drinking

ACCOMODATIONS

Budget \$5-8 (dorm) \$18-25 (private) Mid-range: \$30-45 Splurge: \$60+

FOOD COSTS

Street food \$1-2. Restaurant \$3-6. Very nice restaurant \$10+-. Beer in store \$0.88. Beer in a bar \$1.32-\$2.75

GENERAL POINTERS

Bring your own toilet paper and hand sanitizer