Vietnam

US State Dept Travel Advisory
The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Vietnam due to COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements
US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country’s embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/Consulate
[84] (24) 3850-5000; US Embassy in Hanoi, 7 Lang Ha Street, Hanoi, Vietnam; ACShanoi@state.gov; https://vn.usembassy.gov/

Telephone Code
84

Local Emergency Phone
Ambulance: 05; Fire: 08; Police: 03

Vaccinations
An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

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 type(s): A, B, C

Major Languages
Vietnamese, English, French, Chinese, Khmer, mountain-area languages (Mon-Khmer and Malayo-Polynesian)

Religions
Buddhist 7.9%, Catholic 6.6%, Hoa Hao 1.7%, Cao Dai 0.9%, Protestant 0.9%, Muslim 0.1%, none 81.8%

Time Difference
UTC+7 (12 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
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<th><strong>Potable Water</strong></th>
<th>Opt for bottled water.</th>
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<td><strong>International Driving Permit</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Road Driving Side</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Tourist destinations</strong></td>
<td>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</td>
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<td><strong>Major Sports</strong></td>
<td>Soccer, vovinam (Vietnamese martial art)</td>
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<td><strong>Cultural Practices</strong></td>
<td>Standing with your hands on your hips or crossing your arms on your chest are seen as impolite body language.</td>
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<td><strong>Tipping Guidelines</strong></td>
<td>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 &quot;keep the change.&quot;</td>
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Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

- **World Health Organization (WHO)** - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. [http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

**To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:**
- **American Automobile Association (AAA)** ([www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com))
- **American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA)** ([www.aataidp.com](http://www.aataidp.com))

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
- from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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