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Vietnam's Heritage Sip, Paddle, Dzo!

Ha Noi - Ha Long - Ninh Binh - Da Nang - Hoi An (9 Days)



(Image: Ha Long Bay – Quang Ninh – Vietnam)

Trip information:

- **Guest's name:** []
- **Nationality:** []
- **Travel Period:** []
- **Number of group:** []
- **Destinations:** Ha Noi, Ha Long, Ninh Binh, Da Nang, Hoi An
- **Trip highlights:**
 - ✳ Visit Hanoi Railway Street and then enjoy a cup of coffee while waiting for the train to pass through.
 - ✳ Embark on a luxurious cruise aboard to Lan Ha Bay - Ha Long and enjoy a sunset party on board.
 - ✳ Explore home of many diverse bird species at Thung Nham Bird Park - Ninh Binh
 - ✳ Cruise through the scenic complex, featuring limestone karsts, caves, and temples at Trang An Landscape Complex
 - ✳ Snorkel in Cham Island's pristine waters and glide through Cam Thanh Coconut Forest on a basket boat.



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- ★ Glide above the clouds at Ba Na Hills, stroll along the iconic Golden Bridge, then wander through the ancient streets of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

- **Duration:** 09 days
- **Travel styles:** Classic, Family, Beach, Local Life, Nature & Active
- **Start:** Ha Noi - **Finish:** Da Nang
- **Physical:** Easy
- **Code:** VN0901
- **Ages:** All ages
- **Group size:** 2-14 (Please contact us for more support if you are a solo traveler or your group has more than 14 people).
- **Map link:**

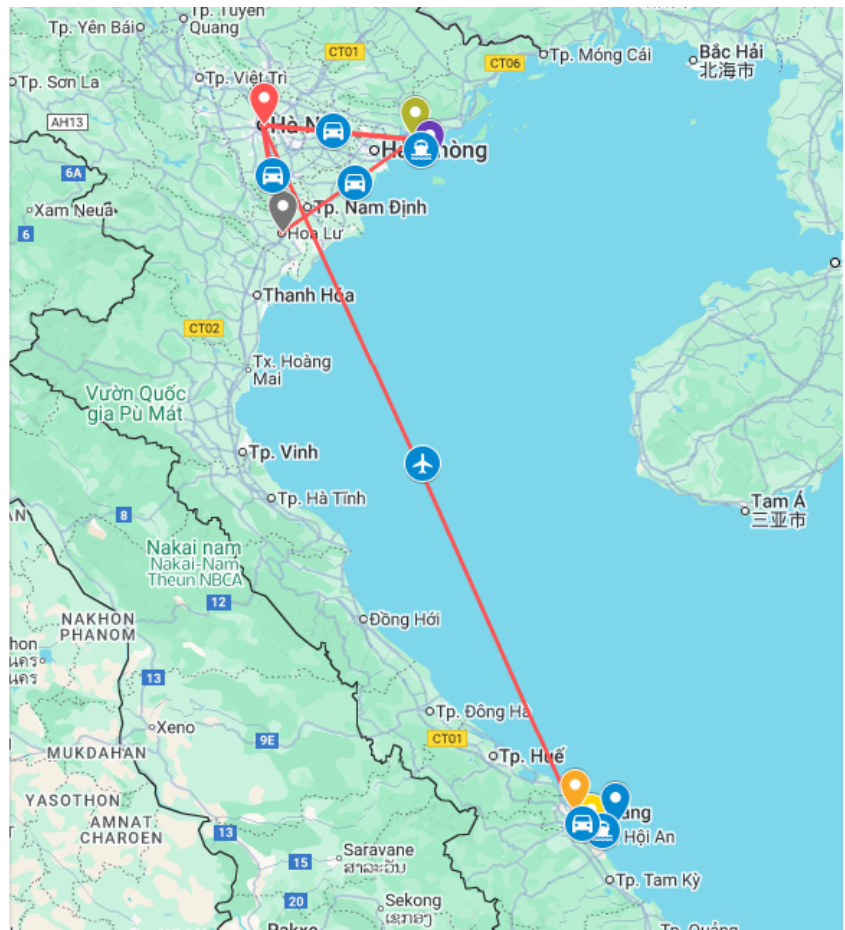
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Kiểu cá nhân

1. Ha Noi - starting point
 2. Ha Long
 3. Lan Ha
 4. Ninh Binh
 5. Da Nang - finishing point
 6. Hoi An
 7. Cham Island
- Day 3: Ha Noi - Ha Long
Day 3: Ha Long - Lan Ha
Day 4: Lan Ha - Ha Long
Day 4: Ha Long - Ninh Binh
Day 5: Ninh Binh - Ha Noi
Day 5: Ha Noi - Da Nang
Day 6: Da Nang - Hoi An
Day 8: Hoi An - Cham Island - ...
Day 9: Hoi An - Da Nang

- By car
- By car
- By car
- By cruise
- By plane
- By ferry
- By car



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● **Price:**

Price USD/pax	Group 2-3 pax	Group 4-5 pax	Group 6-7 pax	Group 8-9pax	Group 10-11 pax	Group 12-14 pax	Single surcharge
4-star	USD 1341 per pax	USD 1071 per pax	USD 963 per pax	USD 947 per pax	USD 906 per pax	USD 878 per pax	USD 340
5-star	USD 1652 per pax	USD 1382 per pax	USD 1273 per pax	USD 1257 per pax	USD 1216 per pax	USD 1189 per pax	USD 589

The above prices are valid from 2025 to 2026, except on public holidays, festivals and major events in Vietnam, during which a surcharge of 10% to 20% may apply.

	4-star accommodation	5-star accommodation
Ha Noi	La Meior Hanoi or similar: https://lameiorhotel.com/room/deluxe-room/ (Deluxe room)	Oriental Jade or similar: https://theorientaljadehotel.com/accommodation/oriental-emerald-room (Oriental Emerald Room)
Ha Long	Peony Cruise or similar: https://www.peonycruises.com (Deluxe balcony)	Mon Cheri or similar: https://www.monchericruises.com (Ocean Suite Balcony)
Ninh Binh	An's Eco Garden or similar: https://anecogarden.com/hotel_room (Deluxe Garden)	Emeralda Ninh Binh or similar: http://www.emeraldaresort.com/Accommodation.aspx (Superior room)
Da Nang	Maximilian Beach hotel or similar: https://maximilan.com.vn/ (Beachfront Premier Deluxe)	Radisson Da Nang Hotel or similar: https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-da-nang (Premium Ocean View)
Hoi An	Mulberry Collection Silk Eco or similar: https://silkeco.mulberrycollectionvn.com/ (Deluxe city view)	Palm Garden Resort & Spa or similar: https://palmgardenresort.com.vn/ (Superior Garden View)

● **Trip Plan: (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner; ESG: English-speaking local guide)**

Day	Activities	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1	Arrival Hanoi – Hanoi half day city tour (ESG)	Hanoi	-/L/D
Day 2	Hanoi sightseeing (ESG)	Ha Noi	B/L/D
Day 3	Ha Noi - Ha Long - Lan Ha	Ha Long cruise	B/L/D
Day 4	Lan Ha bay - Ha Long bay - Ninh Binh with Thung Nham Bird Park (ESG)	Ninh Binh	B/L/D
Day 5	Ninh Binh sightseeing – Hanoi – Da Nang (ESG in Ninh Binh)	Da Nang	B/L/D
Day 6	Da Nang - Ba Na Hills – Hoi An (ESG)	Hoi An	B/L/D
Day 7	Hoi An – Old brick kiln – Coconut forests (ESG)	Hoi An	B/L/-
Day 8	Hoi An – Cham Island - Hoi An (ESG)	Hoi An	B/L/D
Day 9	Hoi An – Da Nang - Departure	N/A	B/-/-



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Itinerary:

DAY 1: Arrival Hanoi – Hanoi half day city tour (ESG/L/D)

- Arrive in Hanoi. Depending on your arrival time in the morning, our **English-speaking local guide (ESG)** and driver will welcome you at the airport and transfer you for lunch.
- **14:00:** Check-in at your hotel.
- After a short rest, take your first look at Hanoi, visiting famous monuments such as the **Temple of Literature**, known as the first university in Vietnam.



(Image: 1. Temple of Literature; 2. “Cha ca Lang” lunch – Ha Noi – Viet Nam)

- Explore **Hoan Kiem Lake**, **Ngoc Son Temple**, and **The Huc Bridge** — icons of Hanoi that reflect the historical development of Vietnam and its spiritual life. Additionally, enjoy a one-hour cyclo tour around the bustling **Old Quarter**, which has been submitted to UNESCO for recognition as a World Heritage Site.
- In the evening, savor authentic Hanoi street food, including Bun Cha (grilled pork noodles), Banh Cuon (Vietnamese rice rolls), Trang Tien sweet soup, ice cream, and draft beer.
- **21:00:** Return to your hotel for free time and stay overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2: Hanoi sightseeing (ESG/B/L/D)

- **08:00:** After breakfast at the hotel, check out. Spend the morning sightseeing in Hanoi, visiting **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** (closed on Mondays and Fridays), the **Presidential Palace**, **One Pillar Pagoda**, and **Tran Quoc Pagoda**.



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(Image: 1. Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum; 2. One Pillar Pagoda – Ha Noi – Vietnam)

- Have lunch at a local restaurant.
- **In the afternoon:** our driver and tour guide will take you through the outskirts of Hanoi to reach the countryside vibe with the most famous incense village in Vietnam, **Quang Phu Cau (40' from Ha Noi center)**: You will go through the ancient beauty of the Northern Vietnam countryside blended with modern elements. The village's impressive beauty and centuries-old history and its colorful incense sticks have been reported by the international press. Let's come here to know more about the daily life of a Vietnamese traditional craft village.



(Image: Quang Phu Cau - Ha Noi - Vietnam)



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- **16:00:** Move to visit the iconic **railway street** – one of Hanoi's unique destinations in the capital. The train travels by the backyards of these families a couple times each day. Enjoy a cup of coffee while waiting for the train to pass through.



(Image: Railway Street – Ha Noi – Vietnam)

- **17:30:** Free to relax until dinnertime. You can set a time to watch very famous traditional shows: **Vietnamese water puppet show** or **A O acrobatics & bamboo cirque** (free transportation is provided by VN Lovely Travel; **show tickets are at your own expense**). Overnight in Ha Noi.



(Image: Vietnamese water puppet show)



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DAY 3: Ha Noi – Ha Long – Lan Ha (B/L/D)

- **09:00 – 09:30:** After breakfast at your hotel in Hanoi, a **shared limousine bus and tour guide** will pick you up at your hotel.
- **12:00:** The crew members of **Peony or Mon Cheri Cruise** will welcome you at Tuan Chau Port, lot 16, Quang Ninh.
- **12:45:** You will be taken aboard our support vessel and travel from the wharf via the bay to board our luxurious craft, Peony or Mon Chéri Cruises. Upon arrival, enjoy a welcome drink, a refreshing towel, and a special lunch featuring fresh seafood and a selection of delightful dishes, served in the luxurious dining space of the cruise. Life just doesn't get better than this! We then set sail for **Lan Ha Bay** - ecognized as one of the World's Most Beautiful Bays.
- **15:30:** We will visit **Dark and Bright cave** - famous for the pristine natural beauty and poetic, attractive seascape of Lan Ha Bay. Here you will take some photos of the surrounding limestone karsts. This is also the best time for tourists to enjoy bamboo boat rides or swimming - which is an interesting activity to discover the truest beauty of the limestone mountains and the blue sky of Lan Ha Bay. Afterwards, visitors immerse in the emerald-green water of Lan Ha Bay with exciting swimming activities or enjoy a mini pool with a jacuzzi on Peony or Mon Chéri Cruise.



(Image: The Dark and Bright cave – Lan Ha Bay – Quang Ninh – Vietnam)



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- **17:30:** Return to Peony or Mon Chéri Cruise and unwind with a sunset party on the sundeck. This is a perfect opportunity for photography enthusiasts to capture the breathtaking sunset over Lan Ha Bay.
- **19:30:** Enjoy a romantic dinner at the restaurant on Peony or Mon Chéri Cruise.
- **21:00 - 22:00:** Enjoy the nightlife of the bay from the top deck. Immerse yourself in music, enjoy a glass of cocktail from the bar, watch a movie under the stars and relax on the cruise.
- Otherwise, you can try your hand at squid fishing with the sailors or simply relax in the room and enjoy the bay view from the balcony.
- Overnight on the cruise.

DAY 4 : Lan Ha bay - Ha Long bay - Ninh Binh with Thung Nham Bird Park (ESG in Ninh Binh /B/L/D)

- **06:30-7:30:** Breakfast is served at Mon Chéri Cruise restaurant.
- **08:00:** Visit **Frog Pond**, go kayaking or be free to relax in the four-season mini pool on Lan Ha Bay - A silk ribbon made from green mountains, blue seas and diverse fauna and flora.



(Image: Frog Pond – Lan Ha Bay – Quang Ninh – Vietnam)



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- **09:30:** Check out of the room. Then the lunch in the restaurant is ready for you, pay the extra fee (if any) at the reception while traveling to the port. Kindly needed to pay for the costs in charge of the front desk (if any) while traveling to the port.
- **10:30 - 10:45:** Disembark and move back to the port.
- **12:00:** Transfer to **Ninh Binh** by private car with our English-speaking local guide.
- **15:00:** Check in at a hotel in Ninh Binh, take a short rest.
- **16:00:** Visit **Thung Nham Bird Park** which is surrounded by tropical forests over limestone mountain chains with a lot of valleys and caves. Bird garden is a living space for many birds such as stork, heron, mallard, etc. There are also two rare species in the Red Data Book, flamingo, and phoenix. Everything is peaceful and poetic.
- **18:00:** Go back to the hotel and have dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Ninh Binh.



(Image: Thung Nham Bird Park – Ninh Binh – Vietnam)



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DAY 5: Ninh Binh sightseeing – Hanoi – Danang (ESG in Ninh Binh/B/L/D)

- **08:30:** After breakfast, we continue visiting the **Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex**. You have a chance to take a leisurely cruise around the area, seeing 47 grottos and caves, and 31 valleys. Pagodas are located inside the Trang An scenic landscape complex.



(Image: Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex – Ninh Binh – Vietnam)

- **11:30: Have lunch** at a local restaurant.
- **13:30:** In the afternoon, we visit **Hoa Lu old capital**, where you can take time to visit Dinh Le Temple, with Dinh Temple worshipping King Dinh Tien Hoang and Le Temple worshipping King Le Dai Hanh since the 17th century and hear stories about ancient kings and the quintessence of Dai Co Viet history.
- **14:30:** Transfer back to Ha Noi.
- **16:30:** Have dinner at a local restaurant in Ha Noi.
- **17:30:** Our driver will take you to **Noi Bai International airport** for the flight to Da Nang.
- Our driver in Da Nang will pick you up and transfer you to your hotel in Da Nang. Overnight in Da Nang.

DAY 6: Da Nang - Ba Na Hills – Hoi An (ESG/B/L/D)

- After breakfast, transfer to **Ba Na Hills**. Spend your time on the most modern cable car in Southeast Asia, then explore Le Jardin d'Armor and Ling Ung Pagoda. Continue the second cable car to visit the French village, enjoy street music, admire art statues, and



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visit Linh Phong Monastery. Don't miss walking on the **Golden Bridge** amid the foggy hills and enjoy the gorgeous view of Da Nang City.



(Image: Golden Bridge – Danang – Vietnam)

- **Have lunch** at the restaurant (buffet lunch with more than one hundred different dishes).
- **15:00:** We will go downhill and transfer for 1.5 hours to **Hoi An ancient town** – a major Asian trading port in the 17th and 18th centuries. Visit some places such as the Chinese Communal House, Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, ancient Tan Ky Merchant's houses, and the 400-year-old Japanese Bridge.
- Have dinner with **Hoi An local food** and relish the colorful nightlife, enjoy a **boat ride along the river with floating candles**, and admire the lanterns in Hoi An before returning to your hotel or resort in Hoi An.

DAY 7: Hoi An – Old brick kiln - Cam Thanh Coconut Forest – free in the afternoon (ESG/B/L/ -)

- **08:00:** After breakfast at the hotel, our tour guide will escort you to visit the **Old Brick Kiln**, nestled in a green rice field and known for its picturesque scenery. Enjoy some coffee and take in the surroundings.



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(Image: Old Brick Kiln – Hoi An – Vietnam)

- **09:30:** Move to **Cam Thanh Village** for a brief introduction to its history. Board a basket boat and paddle along the water coconut river, where fishermen will teach you how to catch crabs (2 people per boat). Enjoy basket boat dancing performance, and crab-catching, then participate in a **cooking class** to make Banh Xeo and Fried Spring Rolls, followed by lunch featuring local specialties by the riverside. Menu includes *fresh spring rolls, Banh Xeo, salad, fish in clay pot, morning glory, rice, and dessert.*



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(Image: Cam Thanh Coconut Forest – Hoi An – Vietnam)

- **13:30:** Transfer back to your hotel.
- **Afternoon:** Free time – explore the old town's alleys to the local life; visit tailor shops, or handicraft gifts and coffee beans. Alternatively, relax at **An Bang Beach** 3 km from the hotel. **Dinner on your own.** Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 8: Hoi An – Cham Island - Cam Thanh coconut forest (ESG/B/L/D)

- **08:30:** After breakfast, transfer to Cua Dai pier for a snorkeling trip to Cham Island, followed by **high-speed canoe** transportation (shared with other groups). Visit all the local island highlights: Hai Tang Pagoda, Champa Ancient Well, and Marine Protected Area. **Enjoy coral reef snorkeling.**
- **12:00:** **Have lunch** at the largest restaurant on Cham Island.



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(Image: Coral reef snorkeling – Cham Island – Vietnam)

- **14:30:** Take the high-speed canoe back to Cua Dai Port.
- **15:30:** Arrive back in Hoi An center, take a short rest, then have dinner with local specialties.
- Free evening to discover Hoi An at night. Overnight stay in Hoi An.

DAY 9: Hoi An – Da Nang – Departure

(B/-/-)

- After breakfast, free at leisure, check out.
- **Our driver only** will pick up and transfer you to the airport for your next destination.

Thank you for joining us, and have a nice trip!

Inclusion:

- ✓ Good air-conditioned private 7-seat car (for 2-3 pax)/ 16-seat minivan (for 4-8 pax)/ 29-seat coach (for 9-14 pax) as per the above itinerary.
- ✓ Water in the car: 2 bottles of 500ml per pax/visiting day.
- ✓ English-speaking local guides (07 days) as mentioned in the above itinerary.

*Surcharge (if any):

- Thailand/French-speaking local guide (USD 6/day/group)
- German/Mandarin-Chinese/Korean-speaking local guide (USD 20/day/group)
- Spanish-speaking local guide (USD 40/day/group).
- ✓ Accommodation including breakfast (B) with free bicycles in Hoi An.
- ✓ All entrance fee for sightseeing: Temple of Literature, Ngoc Son Temple, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Presidential Palace, One Pillar pagoda, Quang Phu Cau incense village,



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Thung Nham Bird Park, Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex, Hoa Lu old capital, Hoi An old town, Cam Thanh coconut forest.

- ✓ 01-hour cyclo tour in Ha Noi old town.
- ✓ Coffee in Hanoi Railway Street.
- ✓ Ha Long cruise package 2D1N including 02 lunches, 01 dinner and 01 breakfast with entrance tickets + **sharing tour guide + transfer by sharing limousine-bus Ha Noi - Ha Long.**
- ✓ Ba Na Hills round-trip cable car including buffet lunch on **day 6.**
- ✓ Night boat with floating lanterns in Hoi An river.
- ✓ Coffee at Hoi An old brick kiln.
- ✓ Boat trip and cooking class in Cam Thanh coconut forest.
- ✓ Cham Island round- trip speed-boat tickets and snorkeling fees.
- ✓ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner): 05 lunches on day 1,2,5,7,8 + 06 dinners on day 1,2,4,5,6,8

Exclusion:

- ✗ Bank transfer fees
- ✗ Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- ✗ Surcharge for peak seasons and mandatory dinners at hotels (if applicable)
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Vietnam visa (the passport must be valid for over 6 months and have 3 blank pages)
- ✗ Personal expenses
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in the itinerary and beverages during meals
- ✗ **Water puppet show tickets**
- ✗ **AO show tickets**
- ✗ Entrance fees for Debay Wine Cellar and Wax Museum in Ba Na Hills
- ✗ Airfare (If applicable)
- ✗ Tips for guides and drivers (Suggested amount: \$3-5 per person per day). Tipping is optional and should reflect the quality of service received.

Children Policy:

- The child rate applies to one child sharing a twin or double room with two adults.
- For infants (<04 years old): **free of charge, except domestic ticket cost.**
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% of the adult rate.
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% of the adult rate.
- 04 - 11 years old in twin share: 90% of the adult rate.

Payment & Deposit Terms:

To ensure that all parties meet their respective obligations, we outline our standard payment terms below:



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Deposit: A confirmation and invoice will be sent to the customer within 24 hours of receiving the booking. A deposit of 50% of the total tour cost or full payment is required, depending on the specific tour arrangements and the terms outlined in the invoice. Payment can be made through any of our online payment methods.

Final Payment: The deadline for the remaining balance will depend on the services booked and will be communicated by our travel consultant and via the invoice during the booking process.

Cancellations & Refund Policy:

Each local supplier and partner have its own specific cancellation terms, which will determine the applicable cancellation fees. Detailed information about these policies can be found on the individual service pages, particularly under the Rate & Availability section. If a customer decides to discontinue the tour midway, no refund or exchange will be issued. Additionally, no compensation will be provided for any services that remain unused during the tour.

Tours (from 4 days and above)

- More than 90 days before arrival date: FREE of charge.
- From 60 to 90 days before arrival date: 20% of the total rate.
- From 30 to 59 days before arrival date: 30% of the total rate.
- From 15 to 29 days before arrival date: 50% of the total rate.
- From 7 to 14 days before arrival date: 70% of the total rate.
- Less than 7 days before arrival date or no-show: 100% of the total rate.

Short Tours (1 – 3 days)

- More than 4 days prior: 50% of the total rate.
- From 1 to 4 days prior: 70% of the total rate.
- Less than 1 day prior or no-show: 100% of the total rate.

Important notes:

Immigration process:

For visa-on-arrival: Present a valid passport and, if applicable, an entry letter to the customs officer for visa stamping.

For e-visa holders: Present your valid passport and e-visa (or a printed copy) at the immigration checkpoint. No stamp is required.

Weather:

Vietnam's unique geography creates a range of weather patterns, with both tropical and temperate zones. The best weather nationwide is from **March to May**, so if you're planning a trip to Vietnam, consider visiting during this time for the most enjoyable weather.

📌 **Regional Weather Guide**



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- **Northern Vietnam Weather Overview:** Northern Vietnam has four distinct seasons, with variations between **delta** areas (e.g., Hanoi, Ninh Binh, Ha Long) and **mountainous regions** (e.g., Mai Chau, Pu Luong, Sapa, Ha Giang, Cao Bang).

Delta Areas

- **Jan–Feb:** Cool (15–22°C), overcast, light drizzle; humid around Tet (Lunar New Year).
- **Mar–Apr:** Mild, pleasant (20–28°C), light rain, blooming flowers—ideal for sightseeing.
- **May–Aug:** Hot (28–37°C), humid, with frequent rain and **thunderstorms**; **June–July** are wettest.
- **Sep:** Warm, storm risk remains; rainfall decreases toward end of month.
- **Oct:** Start of dry season; some rain early in the month, clearer skies later.
- **Nov–Dec:** Dry, sunny, cooler (18–25°C)—**best time to visit** the region.

 **Central Vietnam:** This area has only two seasons: dry and rainy. The weather varies due to the Truong Son Mountain range, which strongly influences local climates. For example, crossing Hai Van Pass between Hue and Da Nang brings a noticeable shift in temperature and weather.

- **Hue:**
 - September-February: Cool to cold; rainy, stormy to cloudy
 - March-August: Warm to hot, sunny, clear skies
- **Hoi An, Da Nang:**
 - September - January: Rainy, stormy to cloudy; cool to cold
 - February - August: Warm to hot, sunny, clear skies
- **Best time to visit** the region Recommended travel time: February – Early of May

 **Pack Accordingly:** Pack lightweight clothing for hot weather and a raincoat or umbrella for the rainy season.

Note when checking in for domestic flights in Vietnam:

- When checking in, please bring: Passport (valid for more than 06 months). For expatriates and foreigners entering with a separate visa, please bring your passport, visa, and customs declaration when traveling
- You should be at the airport 90 minutes before departure time and carry light luggage, not too bulky.
- Please bear the incurred costs and responsibility if you have a request to change the itinerary, flight date and time, or if there is incorrect information according to the regulations of the airlines.



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- Do not leave sharp objects, knives, scissors, etc. or liquids in your hand luggage. All power banks should be placed in hand luggage.
- Self-consciously preserve your luggage during the trip (at hotels and attractions). Keep all important documents related to immigration procedures, such as airline tickets, passports, cash, and valuable personal items, in the safety box provided at your hotel. Avoid leaving them in your room or locking them in your suitcase in case of theft. *Consider taking photos of all identification and important information to save on your phone for easy access if needed.*
- Vietnam Lovely Travel will not be responsible if the carrier and aviation security refuse to transport due to error in the above information.
- Some order and details in the program may change to suit the objective situation (weather, traffic, etc...).
- You should bring special medicine (according to a doctor's prescription) if you are being treated for a chronic illness.

Do I need to purchase travel insurance before traveling in Vietnam?

Absolutely. All passengers traveling with Vietnam Lovely Travel are required to purchase travel insurance before the start of their trip. Your travel insurance details will be recorded by your tour guide on the first day of the trip. Due to the varying nature, availability and cost of health care around the world, travel insurance is very much an essential and necessary part of every journey.

Money matters:

When it comes to spending money on the trip, every traveler is a little different. You know your spending habits better than we do, so please budget an appropriate amount for optional meals, drinks, shopping, optional activities, and laundry. Make sure you have read the itinerary and inclusions thoroughly so you know what is included in the trip price and what you may need to pay for while traveling.

- Vietnamese Dong (VND) is the currency of Vietnam.
- ATMs: Check if your card is compatible with local ATMs before traveling to Vietnam. Using an ATM card will help ensure safety during your travel. However, you should also bring a small amount of cash for services, shopping, meals, etc., when needed.
- Scam alert: Be careful of street vendors and local markets using similar colors of 500,000 VND and 20,000 VND bills to scam visitors.
- **Counterfeit money:** There are some counterfeit banknotes in circulation in Vietnam, particularly for the 500,000 VND, the biggest Vietnam currency note, so you should only exchange money at reputable places or consult your tour guide for advice.
- **Keep small bills on hand:** Many vendors and small businesses may not have change for larger denominations, so it's helpful to keep smaller bills on hand.



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- **Notify your bank:** If you plan to use your credit or debit card in Vietnam, notify your bank beforehand to avoid any issues with your account being flagged for suspicious activity.
- USD to VND current exchange rate: 1 USD ~ 25,000 - 26,000 VND (change cash in jewelry shops, the exchange rates are often better than in a bank or at the airport).
- QR code payment: widely accepted in many urban areas in Vietnam.
- Are credit cards accepted widely in Vietnam?
USD and Major credit cards are widely accepted at large shops, hotels and restaurants in Vietnam. However, smaller vendors, family-run eateries, markets, and rural areas may only accept cash. Carry enough cash for as a backup, especially outside cities.

Dining: Please inform your operator or guide in advance if you have any **dietary restrictions or food allergies**.

Phone and internet access:

- With the modern world you may want to bring along tablets or smartphones for the children to document their adventure - there are a wide variety of apps out there which we suggest downloading before you depart. There will be opportunities to charge (just make sure you bring the correct adapter) and there will be wi-fi available in most of the hotels/restaurants on the tour, although it will probably not be at the speeds you are used to at home and it won't be available everywhere.
- E-sim can be a good option for you (less than 10 USD/sim card)

Electricity and adapter: 220V - 50Hz. If you are using different ones, our local guide can help you buy an adapter for not more than 1 USD.

Accommodation:

- Check-in: Usually between 14:00–15:00 (can be later on weekends, in peak seasons, or at 5-star hotels).
- Check-out: Typically, before 11:00–12:00.
- Early check-in & late check-out: Subject to room availability and hotel policy; charges may apply.
- Amenities: Basic amenities like a toothbrush, towel, comb, hairdryer, and iron are provided in all hotels.

Laundry: Local laundry services outside the hotel may offer better rates. However, for expensive clothing, it's safer to use hotel laundry to avoid any risk of damage.

Shopping: At local markets, bargaining is common and expected. You can often negotiate 10–30% off the initial price for local goods.



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Safety: To protect your belongings, always keep your bag or purse in front of you, especially in crowded areas.

Business Hours:

- Offices: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Monday to Friday). Most are closed on Saturdays.
- Shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues: Typically, open from 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM daily.

Is tipping compulsory in Vietnam?

Tipping is not mandatory or a common custom in Vietnam. However, it is greatly appreciated by service staff—such as waiters, hotel porters, drivers, and tour guides—especially when they provide exceptional service. Even a small tip can make a big difference and is considered a gesture of kindness and respect.