

Vietnam Facts, Figures & Contacts



Capital City Hanoi
Population 82 Million
Telephone Codes Country code 84 International code 00

Money & Tipping

Vietnam Dong VND Approx Rate 1AUD = 11000 VND 1USD = 16000 VND

The unit of currency is the Vietnamese Dong (VND). Banknotes come in denominations of 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, 10,000, 20,000, 50,000, 100,000 and 500,000 Dong. In small towns, it can be difficult to get change for the larger notes, so keep a stack of smaller bills handy.

ATMs (ANZ & Vietcombank) & foreign exchange offices are widely available in larger cities in Vietnam. They are able provide exchange for USD cash & travelers cheques and AUD cash. Credit cards (VISA in particular) are spreading in higher end hotels, restaurants and shops in big cities. Do not accept torn or soiled notes.

Government-run hotels and tourist restaurants usually add a 5% service charge to bills so there's no need to tip. Leaving a small tip in other restaurants will be greatly appreciated by the staff. You should think about tipping hired drivers and guides, and it's polite to leave a small donation at the end of a visit to a pagoda.

Visas

All Australian passport holders are required to obtain a visa before entering the country. Tourist visas are generally valid for 30 days and takes minimum 5 working days to process in Australia. To extend your visa whilst in Vietnam, visit Immigration Office 40A Hang Bai St Hanoi or contact a tour operator in major cities who can assist for a fee. Visas can not be obtained upon arrival without prior approval.

Health Care

Always seek professional advice from your doctor, this is a guide only. Even for very fit and healthy people, medical travel insurance is highly recommended. Be careful with drinking water and food as traveller's diarrhoea is very common in Vietnam. Summary of vaccinations recommended for Indochina: Tetanus, Measles, influenza, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Malaria Prophylaxis

Electricity

Vietnam uses 220V electricity. Most outlets are flat pins but there are still some round pins in use.

Language

Vietnamese is Vietnam's official language. The most widely spoken foreign languages in Vietnam are Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin), English and French.

Number	Vietnamese	Phonetic sounds	English	Vietnamese	Phonetic sounds
1	Mot	<i>Mot</i>	Hello	xin chao	<i>sin chow</i>
2	Hai	<i>Hi</i>	Thank you	cam on	<i>cam ern</i>
3	Ba	<i>Ba</i>	Goodbye	tam biet	<i>dum bee-et</i>
4	Bon	<i>Bawn</i>	I want to buy	toi muon mua	<i>toy moon mooa</i>
5	Nam	<i>Num</i>	How much?	bao nhieu	<i>bow nyew</i>
6	Sau	<i>Saow</i>	Where is?	o dau	<i>er dow</i>
7	Bay	<i>Buy</i>	Please	Xin	<i>csin</i>
8	Tam	<i>Taam</i>	Railway Station	Ga	<i>gah</i>
9	Chin	<i>Jin</i>	Restaurant	nha hang	<i>nya hang</i>
10	Muoi	<i>Mooy</i>	Sorry	xin loi	<i>sin loy</i>

Useful Contacts

Police Tel: 113 Medical Aid/Ambulance Tel: 115
Operator Tel: 110 Fire Tel: 114
Australian Embassy Tel: 831 7755 Address: 8 Doa Tan St, Hanoi
Australian Consulate Tel: 829 6035 Address: 5B Ton Duc Thang St D1, HCMC
Vietnam Airlines Tel: 942 0848 Address: 94 Tran Quoc Toan Hanoi
 Tel: 832 0320 Address: 116 Nguyen Hue, D1, HCMC

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