



## COUNTRY FACTS VIETNAM



**T**oday's Vietnam is influenced not only by the ancient traditions and culture but also by its recent past. Vietnam is finding its way to its ancient roots of serenity and family oriented lifestyle. Experience a country still unspoiled and tolerant, a country quite unique in the world.

**Capital:** Hanoi

**Population:** 92.4 million

**Languages:** Vietnamese, Chinese, English

**Visa and passport:** A visa and a Canadian passport valid 6 months are required to enter Vietnam - SUBJECT TO CHANGE - For accurate information on obtaining the visa, please consult the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada at: [www.travel.gc.ca](http://www.travel.gc.ca)

**Time change:** GMT + 7

**Currency:** the local currency is the Dong (VND)

**Airport tax:** No airport tax is levied on passenger arriving or departing in Vietnam airports

**Electricity:** 220V

**Clothing:** bring light clothing for the South, warmer for the North and easy-to-remove shoes (for temples visits). Plan to bring a raincoat if you visit between May and October.



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**CITIES IN VIETNAM**



**HANOI**  
 Vietnam’s lovely capital is a city of lakes, shaded boulevards and public parks. With narrow alleyways lined with shop houses selling traditional handicraft and arts, the old center is an enchanting place to wander. The city transpires calm and serenity.



**HALONG BAY and HOA LU**  
 With thousands of exquisite islands rising from the emerald green waters, this bay is surely one of the most impressive landscapes in the world. The bay is best enjoyed by a leisurely boat excursion, with stops to explore the area’s many cliffs and caves. Hoa Lu offers almost the same landscape as Halong Bay except the rocks dominate rice fields instead of the sea. Both places offer unforgettable sceneries.



### **HUE and HOI AN**

The Imperial city of Hue was the cultural and intellectual center of Vietnam. The old Imperial Palace, the Citadel and the Thien Mu Pagoda, one of Vietnam's landmarks, are a few examples of the interesting sights in Hue. A boat trip down the Perfume River will take you back in time!

For many centuries, Hoi An was one of South East Asia's most important port. No other town in Vietnam has such well-preserved ancient buildings. Today Hoi An is unsurpassed for its charm and has blossomed into an artists' colony



### **HOI CHI MINH**

Also known as Saigon, the city has evolved as the economic center of Vietnam. The former "Paris of East" with Vietnam's best restaurants and an intense night life, is a city not to be missed.



For additional information, visit the official tourist board website of Vietnam:

[www.vietnamtourism.com](http://www.vietnamtourism.com)