

Vietnam, Packing list of what to take for travel to Vietnam.

It's unlikely that any two people traveling to Vietnam would want to use exactly the same packing list. Some would be perfectly comfortable with little more than a swimsuit, some sandals, and a couple of T-shirts, while others might have a forty-pound case of photographic equipment or dive gear. We've put together some suggestions to help you make a start.

General

Bear in mind to take your passport, [visa to Vietnam](#), approval letter if you use [Vietnam visa on arrival](#) service, flight tickets, credit cards/cash/travellers cheques (take several modes of payment in case the ATM swallows your card etc.), travel insurance, and a minimal amount of clothes and toiletries. And you'll probably want to take non-essential luxury items like Ipod and Camera, to while away long bus or train journeys (the 36 hour train from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City), and make the experience more memorable.

What to Bring with you to Vietnam

Items that we suggest you bring depending on the season. Vietnam has 3 regions, the North, Centre and South. Each of the regions has distinct climates.

The north is hot and extremely humid and receives heavy rain from June – August. Winter is from November until March and is cool and damp. The mountain areas of the north including Sapa and Mai Chau, can be extremely cold during winter although they do not receive snow. The center is warm throughout the year and the rainy season occurs from August or September until December. The centre often receives storms or typhoons during October and November.

The south has 2 seasons, one dry and the other wet. The wet season last from June until October, but the summer storms rarely last more than a few hours. Given the above weather information, please consider the items you will bring with you to Vietnam. This list should be used as a guide only and is not an exhaustive list.

Clothing

Please note most Vietnamese still dress modestly and out of respect for the culture you should dress conservatively (no sleeveless/ halter neck tops, shorts other than for the beach, should not reach below the knee)

Packing List

- Personal clothing items, toiletries, medication
- Sunhat
- Sarong (to cover your shoulders should you enter temples or pagodas)
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent. Light weight clothing for the summer months. Warm clothing for winter in Hanoi and in mountainous areas
- Camera with film
- Small daypack for day trips and overnight trip to Halong Bay
- Appropriate shoes for trekking, cycling or walking in caves (Halong Bay)
- Sleeping sheet for train travel (can also be bought in Vietnam)
- Ear plugs and sleep mask (for train journeys)
- Water bottle and helmet (for cycling trips only)

Please note: Domestic airlines do impose restrictions on baggage at approx 20kg maximum, so travel lightly where possible. Also the trains cabins and boat cabins on Halong Bay have limited space so consider this when packing. Soft luggage is recommended.

The traveling experience by train in Vietnam

If you choose between buses and trains, I think the best choose to go by train, it is not only safety but also comfortable for walking, eating, hygiene and sightseeing on the coach

Buy Tickets

You should buy tickets as soon as possible if you decide to travel by train. A carriage of the train can consist of 4 to 6 beds, 4 to 6 beds, which are suitable for a small group to come along to occupy its own space. Mode of transport both entertaining and secure for belongings stored in separate buildings

Luggage

Moving from the gate to the train station is a bit of so far. There for you should bring light luggage. Wear comfortable, roomy while on the ship. Personal items important to bring people, other belongings stored in compact drawers under the bed or floor storage space in the store on the third floor bed. Furniture and personal effects you should be careful because of the crowded station or robbers

Clothing

Wearing a trouser will be more warm at night. Remember to bring an usefull cardigan. An craft not only is a pillow but also as an usefull/necessary sheet

Eat and drink

Usually, there are cateen carriages inside the train. They sells fast food such as as noodles, soup, bimbim. At the lunchtime, a trolley will be push along the train for delivering meal. If you have a long trip, bring fruit, drinking water and wet tissue

Hygienic

At the beginning of each building has a toilet and wash area. You should get up a little early for personal hygiene before the train to dock. If you do not want to use water on that, feel free to bring their own water bottles. Use water savley. Bring toilet paper while on board

Safe

A trip by train is safer and much more comfortable than by high quality bus. You can can move around freely inside the train between carriages.