

## **You will need a visa to visit Vietnam.**

[Vietnam Visa procedures](#) (Source: Vietnam Liaison Office and actual experience. Remember, things do change. When in doubt, always ask.)

- Tourist visas must be authorized from Vietnam or handled through a Vietnamese travel agency.
- Vietnamese Americans visiting relatives can apply directly to the TUN Office. A first visit should take three weeks processing time.
- Diplomatic, Official (NGO or Academic), Press, and Business visas are processed by the Vietnam Liaison Office in Washington DC.

First, it helps to have an invitation letter from a Vietnamese institution. If you don't, contact the Vietnam TUN Office for assistance.

Once your contact in Vietnam (the Vietnamese institution that is inviting you) notifies you that your Vietnam visa is ready, send the following to the TUN Office in Washington DC:

A letter including:

- (1) the purpose of the trip,
- (2) approximate time period of the trip,
- (3) who (agencies/departments/companies/individuals) you plan to visit once in Vietnam. Note: provide a list of special equipment you plan to bring. This especially applies to the Press.

Two copies of the completed visa application form.

Three visa photos.

A copy of the invitation from the Vietnamese institution (the one that invited you to visit).

The applicable fee (call to check).

A copy of the data page of your passport.

When approval is received from Vietnam, visas take two working days to process and can be delivered by prepaid Federal Express. The single-entry visa fee is \$25.00.

- Contact for further information: Ms. Do Ngoc, head of TUN Travel, 48 ngo Ngo Sy Lien, Dong Da District, Hanoi, Vietnam. Telephone: +84-90-2188568

## **Notes:**

- Never go to Vietnam without first obtaining a visa.
- If you need assistance, most travel companies offering services to Vietnam can help.

It is also possible to obtain visas at the Vietnamese consulates in other cities such as Bangkok or Hong Kong. The length of time it takes to process the request varies.

- If you are going to Vietnam on business, you should request a specific business visa.
- Once in Vietnam, it may be possible to extend your visa for a fee.

- If you plan to be in both the North and the South, request a [Vietnam visa on arrival](#) that allows entry and exit through both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. If you change your itinerary without this leeway on your visa, you will be fined.