Suggested Packing List – Vietnam

We recommend that you check the weather forecast prior to your departure so that you can pack accordingly.

Average temperatures	January		
	Temp˚C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
SAIGON	21/ 31	MED	13
DALAT	14/ 23	MED	25
NHA TRANG	20/ 24	MED	45
HANOI	13/ 20	MED	18
SAPA	5/ 11	MED	40
HOI AN	18/ 24	HIGH	96
HUE	17/ 23	HIGH	180
Average temperatures	**February**		
	Temp˚C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
SAIGON	22/ 32	MED	4
DALAT	20/ 24	MED	16
NHA TRANG	22/ 25	MED	20
HANOI	14/ 21	HIGH	28
SAPA	6/ 12	MED	71
HOI AN	19/ 26	HIGH	33
HUE	18/ 24	HIGH	93
Average temperatures	**March**		
	Temp˚C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
SAIGON	24/ 33	MED	10
DALAT	23/ 26	MED	20
NHA TRANG	26/ 28	MED	33
HANOI	17/ 23	MED	38
SAPA	11/ 18	MED	119
HOI AN	21/ 28	MED	22
HUE	20/ 27	HIGH	66
Average temperatures	**April**		
	Temp˚C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
SAIGON	25/ 34	MED	50
DALAT	26/ 30	MED	34
NHA TRANG	28/ 29	MED	40
HANOI	20/ 32	HIGH	81
SAPA	13/ 21	MED	178
HOI AN	23/ 31	MED	26
HUE	22/ 30	MED	60
Average temperatures	**May**		
	Temp˚C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
SAIGON	25/ 34	HIGH	218
DALAT	26/ 34	MED	80
NHA TRANG	30/ 32	MED	53
HANOI	23/ 32	HIGH	196
SAPA	16/ 22	HIGH	370
HOI AN	24/ 33	HIGH	62
HUE	23/ 33	HIGH	83
Average temperatures	**June**		
	Temp˚C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
SAIGON	24/ 32	HIGH	311
DALAT	25/ 32	HIGH	84
NHA TRANG	30/ 32	MED	43
HANOI	26/ 33	HIGH	239
SAPA	17/ 22	HIGH	355
HOI AN	25/ 33	HIGH	87
HUE	25/ 34	HIGH	96

Vietnam has a subtropical climate, during the months of **December, January and February** it is their equivalent to winter and this is the coolest time of the year. In southern and central Vietnam, the days can still be warm but the evenings cooler and dryer, making this one of the best times to visit this region. Northern Vietnam, especially in the mountainous areas such as Sapa, can get quite cold and experience light rains at this time of year and you will need a pullover or jacket. It can snow at this time in Sapa and surrounding areas. There are occasional storms in Central Vietnam.

During the months of **April and May** it is their equivalent to spring and **September and October** being autumn. These four months enjoy almost identical weather conditions, with usually mild and warm weather.

During the months of **March and November** Vietnam enjoys warm temperatures, with March being early spring and November being late autumn. These two months enjoy almost identical weather conditions with mild and less humid weather. However, in November, central Vietnam experiences occasional storms and the weather begins to get colder. You will need a pullover or jacket in mountainous areas like Sapa.

During **June, July and August** it is the wet season for most parts of Vietnam; their equivalent to summer, experiencing warm temperatures and humidity, which is relieved by the monsoonal rains that take place most afternoons.

Consider your packing carefully. Generally, casual clothes are recommended. Loose fitting, lightweight cotton materials are the most comfortable for warm conditions, layers of warmer clothes for cold conditions and a warm water/windproof jacket for wintry weather in the north. The dress code throughout the tour is casual however, it is important that all passengers dress conservatively. Smart casual clothes are highly recommended for evening banquets and shows.

Refer to Your Travel Guide – Indochina about how to dress appropriately for this culture and advice about choosing your luggage. Your travel guide will also give recommendations on how to pack for overnight trains and give you advice on the personal medical kit. Please note, due to restrictions on your internal flights, your luggage allowance is 20 kilos for checked luggage and 5 kilos for hang luggage.

Average temperatures	July		
	Temp˚C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
SAIGON	24/ 32	HIGH	293
DALAT	26/ 33	MED	46
NHA TRANG	32/ 34	MED	43
HANOI	26/ 33	HIGH	323
SAPA	17/ 22	HIGH	480
HOI AN	25/ 34	HIGH	85
HUE	25/ 34	HIGH	50
Average temperatures	August		
	Temp˚C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
SAIGON	24/ 31	HIGH	270
DALAT	25/ 34	MED	54
NHA TRANG	31/ 34	MED	53
HANOI	26/ 32	HIGH	343
SAPA	17/ 23	HIGH	480
HOI AN	25/ 33	HIGH	103
HUE	24/ 34	HIGH	137
Average temperatures	September		
	Temp˚C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
SAIGON	24/ 31	HIGH	327
DALAT	28/ 33	HIGH	150
NHA TRANG	28/ 30	HIGH	154
HANOI	24/ 31	HIGH	254
SAPA	16/ 22	HIGH	320
HOI AN	24/ 31	HIGH	349
HUE	23/ 31	HIGH	502
Average temperatures	October		
	Temp˚C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
SAIGON	23/ 31	HIGH	266
DALAT	26/ 32	HIGH	200
NHA TRANG	26/ 28	HIGH	320
HANOI	22/ 29	MED	99
SAPA	13/ 18	HIGH	190
HOI AN	23/ 29	HIGH	612
HUE	22/ 28	HIGH	688
Average temperatures	November		
	Temp˚C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
SAIGON	22/ 31	HIGH	116
DALAT	23/ 25	HIGH	200
NHA TRANG	20/ 22	HIGH	322
HANOI	18/ 26	MED	43
SAPA	10/ 17	HIGH	119
HOI AN	21/ 27	HIGH	366
HUE	20/ 26	HIGH	647
Average temperatures	December		
	Temp˚C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
SAIGON	21/ 30	MED	48
DALAT	22/ 28	MED	50
NHA TRANG	19/ 22	HIGH	182
HANOI	15/ 22	MED	20
SAPA	7/ 13	MED	40
HOI AN	19/ 24	HIGH	199
HUE	18/ 23	HIGH	375

Example packing list:

- Your travel documents and passport- including a photocopy of your passport in case it is lost or stolen while you are abroad. Keep one photocopy at home and take another photocopy on your trip with you.
- Main luggage & luggage padlocks.
- 'Day bag' - a smaller bag to carry with you during the day.
- Money belt to carry passport, cash, credit cards, airline tickets, etc.
- Trousers (or long skirts for women).
- Shirts or long-sleeved tops of light cotton material.
- Walking shoes and socks – it is important to have sturdy and comfortable shoes for sightseeing every day.
- Sun protection – hat, sunscreen and lip balm.
- Personal medical kit including insect repellent
- Antibacterial wipes – wipes such as 'Wet Ones Anti-bacterial' to clean hands before eating.
- Tracksuit/similar outfit of soft material is recommended for the overnight train journeys.
- A water/windproof jacket.
- A 'modesty shawl' or sarong to wear in Muslim or conservative areas (for women).
- Torch, conversion plug and spare batteries – batteries available to buy in Vietnam tend to be unreliable.
- Scarf or bandana – useful to protect your face against dusty winds at high altitude.
- Spare glasses – it is difficult to get any prescription lenses repaired or replaced in Vietnam.
- Small bath towel is useful for overnight train journeys.
- Toilet paper – not all sightseeing public toilets will provide this.
- Snacks – tea bags/coffee, milk powder or sachets, instant soups or noodles, or anything else you can't live without!
- Camera and spare film/memory card – film available in Vietnam tends to be bad quality or sun damaged.

In addition, if your tour visits northern Vietnam:

- Light jumpers or thermals
- A warm water/windproof jacket
- Thick, warm socks, gloves, scarf and a hat