

VIETNAM



FACTS & FIGURES

Capital	Hanoi
Largest City	Ho Chi Minh City
Official Languages	Vietnamese
Official Script	Quoc Ngu
Currency	Vietnamese đồng (VND)
Geography (estimates)	
Population	95.5 million
Pop. Density	308 /km ²
Area	331,212 million km ²
Time Zone	GMT +7
Government	
President	Nguyễn Phú Trọng
Legislature	National Assembly
Independence from France	1945

HISTORY OF VIETNAM

- Ancient Vietnam civilizations, first occurred around 4000 years ago, and were among the first to develop an agrarian society.
- Vietnam was governed by a series of Chinese dynasties from 200BC until 10th century AD.
- Following the Tonkin Campaign (1883-1886), Vietnam became a French colony.
- At the end of World War II, Ho Chi Minh declared Independence from France in 1945.
- The Vietnam war began in 1959 and ended in 1975 with the surrender of South Vietnam.
- Modern day Vietnam has reformed its economy and restored many diplomatic international relations.





- Traditional Vietnamese cuisine is considered one of the healthiest worldwide.
- The cooking styles and cuisines differ in each of the three main Vietnam geographic regions.
- Traditional Vietnamese dishes include gỏi cuốn (salad roll), bánh cuốn (rice noodle roll), bún riêu (rice vermicelli soup) and phở.



Vietnamese Public Holidays

- Vietnamese New Year
- Tet holiday
- Hung Kings Temple Festival
- Liberation Day/Reunification Day (Apr 30)
- Labor Day (May 1)
- Vietnamese Family Day
- National Independence Day (Sep 2)

Language & Religion

- Vietnam's principal language is Vietnamese which is spoken by majority of the population.
- Vietnam's minority groups speak a variety of languages, including: Tay, Muong, Cham, Khmer, Chinese, Nuong and Hmong.
- The dominant religion in Vietnam is the Vietnamese folk religion, which is a set of local worship traditions devoted to the 'thần' (spirits, gods or deities).

Cuisine



Music & Art

- Traditional Vietnamese music varies between the country's northern and southern regions.
- Northern classical music is Vietnam's oldest musical form.
- Vietnam music has been most heavily impacted by the Chinese musical tradition along with those of Japan, Korea and Mongolia.
- Vietnam has 54 different ethnicities, each with their own traditional dance, such as the lion dance, and fan dance.

Important Dates & Holidays

