



Country Profile: Vietnam

Vietnam is a developing, mainly agrarian country in the process of moving from a centrally planned to a market economy. Political control rests in the Communist Party. Tourist facilities can be basic in rural areas, but are increasingly well established in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, and some beach and mountain resorts. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Vietnam for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Vietnam
Continent:	Asia
Capital City:	Hanoi
Boundary Countries:	Cambodia, China, Laos
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Hue, Da Nang, Vinh, Hong Gai, Lao Cai, Haiphong, Quy Nhon, Nha Trang, Cam Ranh, Long Xuyen, Can Tho
Country Size:	329,560 sq km
Population:	86,116,560

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Vietnamese (official), English (increasingly favored as a second language), some French, Chinese, and Khmer; mountain area languages (Mon-Khmer and Malayo-Polynesian)
Currency:	Dong (VND)
Predominant Religions:	Buddhist 9.3%, Catholic 6.7%, Hoa Hao 1.5%, Cao Dai 1.1%, Protestant 0.5%, Muslim 0.1%, none 80.8%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 2 September (1945)
Economic Status:	Vietnam is a densely-populated developing country that in the last 30 years has had to recover from the ravages of war, the loss of financial support from the old Soviet Bloc, and the rigidities of a centrally-planned economy.
Security:	People's Armed Forces: People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) (includes People's Navy Command (with naval infantry, coast guard), Air and Air Defense Force (Kon Quan Nhan Dan), Border Defense Command), People's Public Security Forces, Militia Force, Self-Defense Forces
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