

Vietnam Packing List

Clothing

Short sleeve shirt(s)
Long Sleeve shirt(s)
Light sweater
Jeans and/or long light pants or capris
Skirt or sun dress
Casual evening wear
Pajamas
Underwear
Socks
Belt
Jacket (lightweight rain jacket worn over sweater should be fine)
Sandals
Walking shoes (especially good in the north where it might be too cool for sandals)
Swimsuit

Accessories/personal items

Passport
Travelers checks
Cash
Credit/debit cards
Journal/notepad
Pens
Reading materials (e-reader, magazines, books, etc.)
Guidebook(s)
Maps
Eye shade
Sunglasses
Travel documents (boarding passes, contact info, directions, printouts w/reservation confirmations, etc.)
Alarm clock
Flashlight
SteriPEN (bottled water will be readily available but if you want to cut down on waste, consider this water purifier)
Water bottle (for your own purified water)
Gifts for locals (if you like)
Postcards from your home city (to share with locals)
Games (card or other small games)

Electronics

Cell phone (make sure it is “unlocked” by your carrier so that you can use a local SIM card with it.)

Cell phone charger

Camera

Camera charger

Memory card(s) for camera

Video camera

Video camera charger

iPod

iPod charger

Toiletries

Conditioner

Shampoo

Hairbrush

Deodorant

Hand lotion

Face lotion

Facial soap

Makeup

Razor

Toothpaste

Toothbrush

Tweezers & nail clippers

Dental floss

Feminine products

First aid kit

Tiger balm or pain reliever

Prescription medicines

Anti-diarrheal

Mosquito repellent

Malaria prophylaxes (consult with your doctor as to whether you want this)

Tea tree oil (for cuts)

Sunscreen

Antibiotic cream

Ace bandage

Handi-wipes and/or anti-bacterial gel

Safety pins

Lip balm

Band-aids

Pack as little as possible and bring only one carry-on if you can manage. Though there will be people at the hotels to help with bags, the lighter you can travel, the happier you'll be!

Do dress in layers. In Vietnam, nights can be cool in the north and days may be warm. You might encounter some rain from the winter monsoon so a light rain jacket would be helpful and easy to pack.

Note - Though shorts and tank tops are often worn by tourists in the south, particularly in Saigon, the locals generally dress more conservatively, covering their shoulders and knees. You might opt for something a bit more conservative than what you might wear in warm weather. Women will do well with **skirts** and **capris** and light **short sleeve shirts** while men will be comfortable in **light pants** and **short sleeve shirts**.

In the north, **jeans** or other **comfortable pants** and layers that include a **shirt** or **light sweater or jacket** will work fine.