VISA VIETNAM

Visas must be obtained from the embassy of Vietnam in your home country prior to travel.

UK Passport Holders

As of 1 July 2015, British passport holders travelling for tourism or business will be able to enter Vietnam for up to 15 days without a visa.

You'll still need a visa to enter Vietnam for periods of 16 days and longer or if you wish to re-enter Vietnam within 30 days of your departure. Make sure you get the correct visa for the purpose and destination of your trip.

If you do require a visa the safest option is to get a visa from the Vietnamese Embassy before you travel. If you plan to leave Vietnam and re-enter from another country make sure you get a multiple visit visa.

Applying for your Vietnamese Visa by post

You will need the following:

Your passport (which must have longer validity than the visa by at least one month) The completed application form, together with one passport photograph taken no more than one year ago. The visa fee in the form of a POSTAL ORDER or CERTIFIED CHEQUE payable to "THE EMBASSY OF VIETNAM". Unless you are collecting your passport in person you must add £6 to the visa fee and supply a self-addressed envelope. Send (BY SPECIAL DELIVERY) to: Embassy of Vietnam, 12/14 Victoria Road, London W8 5RD

Visa Fees

Tourist Visa: single entry = \pounds 54, multiple entry = \pounds 85 An express service is available for a higher charge. Please check the visa fee when you make your application, as this can change without warning.

Processing Schedule

Five working days are required to process normal visa applications or two working days for express service after the Embassy receives the applications. You should not make telephone inquiries prior to these time limits.

Alternatively you can apply for your visa in person at the above address. The opening hours of the visa section are 9am to 12.30pm Monday-Friday. Phone: 020 7937 1912, Fax: 020 7937 6108,

Important note: The Vietnamese government advises that a 'Visa On Arrival' service is offered at 4 Vietnamese international airports, including Hanoi and Saigon. We suggest that you **DO NOT** choose to obtain your visa in this way. Many international airlines don't recognise the Visa On Arrival system for Vietnam, and we have experienced situations where clients have been denied boarding because they do not have a visa stamped in their passport.

US Passport Holders

The cost for a one month single entry visa is \$100 per person. This fee covers the visa stamping fee, visa approval arrangement free and processing fee.

What to submit:

Passport

Application form (to be filled online at <u>http://vietnamembassy-usa.org/vi/lanhsu/thi-thuc-visa-0</u>)

Fee in the form of a Money Order (one order per package), payable to the "Embassy of Vietnam". Applicants applying together may submit the fee in one money order.

2x2 inch Passport photo (to be attached to printed form) (2 photos if applying for a loose leaf visa).

A pre paid return envelope if you want to have your visa mailed back to you. For the safety of your passport, please use a mailing services which provide tracking numbers (USPS Express Mail or FedEx). Please do not use any other mailing service. Applicants applying together may provide one envelope for visas to be returned to the same address.

Send your application to: Consular Section Embassy of Vietnam 1233 20th Street, NW Suite 400 Washington DC 20036

We do keep our information up to date but be advised visa requirements are subject to change. It is recommended that you contact the relevant commission in the case of recent alterations.