

WELCOME TO

Hanoi

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GUIDEBOOK INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBER

- **Police:** 113
- **Fire:** 114
- **Ambulance - First Aid:** 115

HOSPITAL

Hanoi French Hospital

- Address: 1 Phuong Mai St., Kim Lien Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3577-1100

Family Medical Practice - International Clinic

- Address: 2981 Kim Ma St., Ba Dinh Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 2843-0748

Raffles Medical

- Address: 51 Xuan Dieu St., Tay Ho Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3934-0666

Vinmec Times City International Hospital

- Address: 458 Minh Khai St., Vinh Tuy Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3974-3556

EMBASSY IN HANOI

Australia

- Address: 8 Dao Tan St., Giang Vo Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3774-0100

Austria

- Address: 53 Quang Trung St., Hai Ba Trung Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3943-3050

Belgium

- Address: 49 Hai Ba Trung St., Cua Nam Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3934-6179

Bulgaria

- Address: 5 Nui Truc St., Ba Dinh Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3845-2908

China

- Address: 46 Hoang Dieu St., Ba Dinh Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3845-3736

Denmark

- Address: 194 Tran Quang Khai St., Hoan Kiem Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3823-1888

Finland

- Address: 54 Lieu Giai St., Ngoc Ha Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3826-6788

France

- Address: 57 Tran Hung Dao St., Cua Nam Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3944-5700

Germany

- Address: 29 Tran Phu St., Ba Dinh Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3845-3836

India

- Address: 58-69 Tran Hung Dao St., Cua Nam Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3633-0536

Ireland

- Address: 41A Ly Thai To St., Hoan Kiem Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3974-3291

Italy

- Address: 9 Le Phung Hieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3825-6256

Japan

- Address: 27 Lieu Giai St., Ba Dinh Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3846-3000

Korea

- Address: SQ4 Diplomatic Complex, Do Nhuan St., Xuan Dinh Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3831-5111

Netherlands

- Address: 194 Tran Quang Khai St., Ly Thai To Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3831-5650

Norway

- Address: Hanoi Tower, 8th Floor, 49 Hai Ba Trung St.
- Tel: (+84-24) 3974-8900

Philippines

- Address: 27B Tran Hung Dao St., Cua Nam Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3943-7873

Singapore

- Address: 41-43 Tran Phu St., Ba Dinh Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3848-9168

Spain

- Address: 4 Le Hong Phong St., Ba Dinh Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3771-5207

Sweden

- Address: 360 Kim Ma St., Ngoc Ha Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3726-0400

United Kingdom

- Address: 31 Hai Ba Trung St., Cua Nam Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3936-0500

United States

- Address: 7 Lang Ha St., Giang Vo Ward
- Tel: (+84-24) 3850-5000



UPON ARRIVAL





PREREQUISITE TO APPLYING FOR A VISA

Prior to applying for a Vietnamese visa, you need to meet the following requirements:

- Having a valid passport (at least 6 months until expiry).
- Not barred for entry into Vietnam.
- Having a sponsor in Vietnam and/or being able to provide documents to demonstrate the purpose of visit.

APPLYING FOR A VISA (3 WAYS)

Recommended

1. Tourist e-Visa

Step 1: Prepare necessary materials.

- Valid passport with at least 6 months until expiry.
- One 4x6 passport photo with white background.
- Address in Vietnam.
- Ports of arrival and departure.
- A debit or credit card for payment.

Step 2: Apply online via <https://evisa.gov.vn/>.

Step 3: Pay the e-Visa fee.

- An email notification regarding your e-Visa application will be sent with a tracking code.

Step 4: Track the visa application.

- It takes at least 3 working days for a visa to be issued. Applying at least 7 working days prior to the flight date is recommended.

Step 5: Obtain the visa.

- Travelers are advised to bring at least 2 hard copies of the e-Visa.

2. Visa on arrival

Step 1: Apply for an Approval Letter.

- To obtain visa on arrival, travelers need to apply for an Approval Letter from the Vietnamese Immigration Department.

Step 2: Prepare necessary materials.

- Approval letter.
- Four 4x6 passport photos with white background.
- Valid passport with at least 6 months until expiry.
- Cash for the stamping fee.

Step 3: Pay the visa fee at the Visa On Arrival counter.

3. Apply via the embassy or consulate

Step 1: Make an appointment with the Vietnam embassy or consulate.

Step 2: Prepare necessary materials.

- Valid passport with at least 6 months until expiry.
- One 4x6 passport photo with white background.
- Address in Vietnam.
- Ports of arrival and departure.

Step 3: Submit necessary materials and pay visa fee.

Step 4: Wait for the visa to be processed.

- It takes at least 3 working days for a visa to be issued, depending on visa type. Applying at least 7 working days prior to the flight date is recommended.

Step 5: Collect passport and visa.

VISA FEE FOR ALL KINDS OF APPLICATION

Visa type	Cost (USD)
Single entry (1, 3 or 12 months)	25
Multiple entries (< 3 months)	50
Multiple entries (3 - 6 months)	95
Multiple entries (6 - 12 months)	135

DIRECT FLIGHTS TO VIETNAM

Departure from	To: Hanoi	To: Hồ Chí Minh City
ASIA PACIFIC		
Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth)	✓	✓
China (Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen)	✓	✓
India (Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru)	✓	✓
Indonesia (Jarkata, Bali)	✓	✓
Japan (Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Fukuoka)	✓	✓
Korea (Seoul, Busan)	✓	✓
Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)	✓	✓
The Philippines (Manila)	✓	✓
Singapore	✓	✓
UAE (Dubai)	✓	✓
EUROPE		
Denmark (Copenhagen)		✓
France (Paris)	✓	
Germany (Frankfurt, Munich)	✓	✓
Italy (Milan)	✓	
The Netherlands (Amsterdam)	✓	
Russia (Moscow)	✓	
United Kingdom (London)	✓	✓
NORTH AMERICA		
United States (San Francisco)		✓

WHAT TO PACK



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Hanoi is known for its humid subtropical climate with 4 distinct seasons.

Spring

- Lasting from February to April, Hanoi's spring is humid and drizzly, with the temperature ranging from 15°C to 20°C
- Pack light layers and do not forget an umbrella - spring showers are frequent

Summer

- Hanoi's summer is very hot with an average temperature of 33°C, lasting from May to September. On the hottest days, the temperature can even soar up to 39°C
- Comfortable, lightweight clothing in natural fabrics such as cotton is most suitable and sunscreen is a must. Do not forget to bring an umbrella to avoid the increased rainfall!

Autumn

- From September to October, autumn is considered the most beautiful time for travelers to visit Hanoi with gentle weather and less rain. The temperatures range between 25°C and 30°C
- Pack for both sunshine and rain, such as light sweaters, long-sleeved shirts, umbrellas, etc.

Winter

- Winter starts in December and often last until late February, with an average temperature of 17.2°C, sometimes dropping as below 10°C
- Wearing multiple layers with a thick jacket is recommended, especially since indoor heating is uncommon



PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES

Please bring sufficient amount of prescription medications for your trip. To avoid unnecessary incidents, you should check in advance if your prescription is allowed in Vietnam.



BUSINESS ATTIRE

Government meetings typically require formal business attire.

Men

- For high-level meetings (e.g. Party leader, Prime Minister, Ministry leadership, etc.), suit and tie are recommended
- For working-level meetings (Director General level and below), suit and tie are optional but still recommended

Women

- Long pants or skirts with sleeved-shirts, long dresses; jackets are recommended
- Avoid low necklines, sleeveless blouses, above-the-knee hemlines, stilettos



POWER VOLTAGE AND PLUG

The standard power voltage in Vietnam is 110/220V with the frequency of 50 Hz. You might need a voltage converters to safely use appliances. Plug types A, C, E and F are the most popular in Vietnam.

Compatibility

- Europe: Plugs are similar to Vietnam
- North and Central America: Plugs are compatible but please check voltage compatibility
- UK, Australia, New Zealand and Singapore: You might have to buy a voltage converter and power plug adapter

Where to buy converters/ adapters

Voltage converters and power plug adapters are available at the airport, and major electronic stores (e.g. Dien May Xanh, Nguyen Kim, etc.) with price usually ranges from VND 80,000 (~\$3) to VND 200,000 (~\$7.5).

INSURANCE PLAN

Proof of insurance is not required in Vietnam. However, having an appropriate travel insurance is recommended as there is no free medical treatment available. The first option would be to check with the local home insurance to see their options for coverage in Vietnam. Otherwise, a number of options is available:

Travel medical plan

- Medical emergencies: any medical emergencies during your trip and emergency room visits for various medical reasons.
- Lost, stolen or damaged items (e.g. luggage loss, damaged/ stolen items).
- Emergency evacuation and repatriation: any possible emergency evacuation and in the worst-case scenario, repatriation of remains.
- Trip cancellation or delay: if your trip is cancelled or delayed, you will be reimbursed for financial losses.

PHONE AND INTERNET SERVICE

Before traveling, asking your carrier about international roaming arrangements and roaming rates for Vietnam are recommended. You can also opt for a Vietnamese sim card with a more affordable rate for data, calls and texts.

CARRIERS

There are 3 main sim card providers in Vietnam with great coverage and fast speed at an affordable rate. Each carrier offers different data packages ranging between VND 150,000 (~USD 6) and VND 350,000 (~ USD 14) depending on the duration of your stay and the amount of data you need.

viettel

Owned by Ministry of National Defense, Viettel offers an extensive coverage across Vietnam, including both urban and rural areas. It is also known for its responsive customer service, which can be helpful if you have any issue. Unlimited data bundles are available.

vinaphone

Vinaphone is a good option if you plan to only stay in the big cities for your entire trip as it has great coverage in urban areas. Vinaphone provides various international roaming packages for those looking to travel to countries near Vietnam.

mobifone

MobiFone is particularly popular in Southern Vietnam. It has generally good coverage in the North but limited to urban areas. Unlimited data packages are available.

Vacation plan

Vacation plan includes trip cancellation or interruption, medical emergencies, loss or delays of luggage, and some over coverage depending on insurance providers.

Specialty plan

This includes evacuation plans, accident plans, which cover the emergency evacuation and often sold on annual basis. This insurance will cover transport and any emergency medical costs associated with the occurrence while you're in Vietnam.

TYPES OF SIM CARDS

Physical sim cards can be found at any local telecom providers or authorized sellers. These sim cards are available in different sizes, ensuring compatibility with a wide range of devices.

e-SIM cards have been adopted in Vietnam and can also be found at all various telecom providers. This option is particularly popular among those wanting to deal with physical sim cards, needing dual sim capabilities or having devices without a traditional sim card slot.

Where to get a sim card

The easiest place to buy a sim card in Hanoi is at Noi Bai International Airport. You can find dozens of kiosks selling sim cards as soon as you leave the baggage claim area. The staff can speak English and will be able to guide you through sim card activation.



You can also buy a sim card at the carriers' official stores in Hanoi. Though this method can be cheaper than buying from the airport, clerks at these stores may not speak English.

MONEY AND EXPENSES

CURRENCY

Although cashless payment is highly encouraged, Vietnamese people still tend to use cash for small transactions. Therefore, do keep plenty of VND 20,000; VND 50,000; VND 100,000 and VND 200,000 notes for taxis and snacks!

Vietnamese currency denominations



VND 1,000 (~USD 0.04)



VND 2,000 (~USD 0.08)



VND 5,000 (~USD 0.20)



VND 10,000 (~USD 0.40)



VND 20,000 (~USD 0.76)



VND 50,000 (~USD 1.90)



VND 100,000 (~USD 3.80)



VND 200,000 (~USD 7.50)



VND 500,000 (~USD 19.00)



CURRENCY EXCHANGE AND ATM WITHDRAWAL

Major foreign currencies can be exchangeable at banks, your hotel and the airport (just before the exit gates). International cards (Visa, Mastercard) are accepted at most ATM machines.

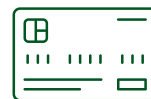
Withdrawal limits per transaction

- Local bank ATMs: VND 2 million (~USD 76) to VND 3 million (~USD 114).
- International bank ATMs: VND 5 million (~USD 190) to VND 10 million (~USD 380).



MOBILE PAYMENT

Google Pay, Apple Pay, Samsung Pay are available at stores that have a card machine and contactless sign.



BANK CARDS

While cash is used for small purchases and street vendors in Vietnam, most establishments accept payments from major card providers such as Visa and Mastercard. Do note that American Express is generally not accepted in Vietnam. Hotels, tour operators, boutiques, restaurants, big grocery stores and spas all generally accept international debit and credit cards.

Conversion rates and swiping fees will be set by your card provider.



TIP TO AVOID SCAMS

- Double check before paying with cash (VND 20,000 and VND 500,000 notes come in similar shades of blue!).
- Avoid outdoor ATMs when withdrawing cash.
- Only use your cards at well-known establishments and avoid patchy-looking shops.

SAFETY AND SECURITY



THEFT AND CRIME

Tourist areas, hotels and popular attractions in Hanoi are generally safe and security personnel are usually present to monitor and maintain order.

However, Hanoi is not crime-free. Theft and personal violence are a reality in any large city and normal safety precautions are necessary.

Petty crimes

Petty crimes (e.g. pickpocketing, purse snatching) occurs frequently in large cities like Hanoi. Be aware of your environment and minimize the amount of cash, credit cards, jewelry, and other valuables you carry with you, particularly in crowded markets and on public transportation.

Violent crimes

Violent crimes targeting foreigners are rare. However, threats of physical injury related to personal disputes happen occasionally. If that happens, contact the police as soon as possible.

CROSSING THE STREETS

Motorbikes dominate the streets and are the most popular mode of transportation in Vietnam. Traffic is generally somewhat chaotic and unpredictable, with motorbikes and cars moving in all directions with little regards to pedestrians' right of way.

When crossing the street, exercise caution, be patient and observe the traffic flow before crossing. When crossing streets, start walking at a slow pace and continue at the same pace until you reach the other side. Drivers will judge your speed and go around you. Do not go backward or turn around quickly as this may confuse drivers and cause accidents.

TRAVEL SCAMS

Similar to other popular tourist destination, Hanoi is not immune to travel scams.

Popular scams

- Taxi overcharging: Some taxi drivers may try to overcharge by manipulating the meter or taking longer routes.
- Fake tour operators: Some 'so-called' tour operators in the old quarter may try to scam you. Always best to research and book with reputable agencies or through the hotel.
- Counterfeit money: Counterfeit money can be an issue. Do familiarize yourself with the appearance of real notes, particularly the color and check security features.
- Street vendor scam: Street vendors may try to overcharge or sell counterfeit goods. Always check quality, authenticity and price before making a purchase.
- Motorbike rental scam: Some rental agencies may charge excessively high fees for damages that were already there or retain your passport as collateral. Consider renting from established companies.

POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES

Anti-government propaganda and demonstrations are not allowed in Vietnam and you should not discuss political opinion in public areas.

- Stay away from any demonstration in the city center.
- Avoid taking photos of the police and military or any Government building with a 'no-photo' sign.

HEALTH CONCERNS



INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VACCINATIONS

Insect-borne diseases such as dengue, Japanese encephalitis, malaria and zika virus are a risk. Rabies also occurs occasionally in Vietnam. Though there are no specific vaccination requirement for Vietnam travel, do meet with your medical provider to determine vaccinations needed no later than 6-8 weeks before your trip.

Recommendations

- Discuss your travel plans with your doctor.
- Use insect repellent, wear long-sleeved clothes.
- Do not touch or feed stray animals.
- Get medical help immediately if bitten by an animal.



AIR QUALITY

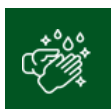
Air quality in some urban areas of Vietnam, particularly in large cities like Hanoi, can be a concern due to various factors, including industrial pollution, vehicle emissions, and atmospheric conditions. Poor air quality may lead to respiratory problems and other health issues, especially for individuals with pre-existing conditions such as asthma or cardiovascular diseases. Wearing a mask when going outside is recommended.



HEAT CONCERNS

Do not underestimate the strength of the sun in Hanoi summer. Sunburn can happen quickly, therefore, do not forget to apply sunscreen before going outside.

Dehydration and heat exhaustion are major concerns, which may show up in symptoms such as headaches and irritability. Regular hydration is recommended for long outdoor exposure.



WASHING HANDS

To prevent sickness and food contamination, wash your hands regularly. Carrying hand sanitizer is highly recommended.



FOOD-RELATED ILLNESS

Gastrointestinal upset is a common concern when in new countries. Generally street food in Vietnam is quite safe, but always use your own judgment when choosing from vendors. If you experience stomach upsets, take rehydration salts and stay hydrated. If the problem persists, seek medical attention.

Recommended tips

- Look for restaurants with a high turnover of customers.
- Avoid eating salads/ raw vegetables at street stalls
- Eat only freshly cooked and hot food.
- Rinse fruits and vegetables thoroughly with clean water or peel before eating.



WATER

Tap water is safe for brushing your teeth and showering. However, do not drink tap water in Vietnam under any circumstances. Bottled water is also widely available in Vietnam at any supermarket, grocery store, minimart for about VND 10,000 (~USD 0.40) to VND 20,000 (~USD 0.80). Remember to check the seal and the bottle for signs of damage or opening. Refrain from consuming ice cubes from street food vendors.



ARTISANAL ALCOHOL

Many households are fond of homemade alcohol. While mostly harmless, usually the production process is not regulated, and consumption of unhygienic alcohol can have serious adverse health effects. Use your best judgment when offered artisanal alcohol.



PHARMACY

Pharmacies, called “nhà thuốc” (*pronunciation: nya twok*) in Vietnamese, can be found on almost every square block of the city. Many prescription medicines, including several antibiotics, can be purchased over-the-counter. Bring your prescription or a copy with you so the pharmacist can assist you better.

TRANSPORTATION

TAXI AND RIDE-HAILING APPS

You can hail a taxi off the street everywhere around Hanoi or download the ride-hailing apps and get picked up within minutes. The ride to most places in the city center will only cost between VND 30,000 (~USD 1) to VND 60,000 (~USD 2.50).

For **airport transportation**, a ride usually costs between VND 200,000 (~USD 8) and VND 450,000 VND (~USD 18) depending on the kind of vehicle and traveling distance.

Note:

- Most taxi's do not accept card payments.
- While ride-hailing apps often offer promotions and discount codes, during peak traffic hours, getting a taxi is recommended to avoid surged price.

Reputable taxi companies (available on apps)



Taxi Mai Linh



Taxi Group



G7 Taxi



Xanh SM (EV)

Ride-hailing platforms



Grab



be

CYCLO

Cyclo is Hanoi's bicycle rickshaws. Passengers ride in the front cab, while the driver sits behind the passenger. Cyclo cabs are made for two passengers and are ideal for exploring short distances within Hanoi's city center. Ride them only if you're in no hurry, and if you don't mind the fright of seeing Hanoi's traffic whiz right in front of you.

Cyclo fare is upon negotiation but usually ranges between VND 150,000 (~USD 6) to VND 300,00 (~USD 12) for an hour. Try to pay the correct rate for your trip as the cyclo-riders often seem to not have any change.



ON FOOT

Like many great cities, Hanoi is best seen on foot. Narrow alleys, tree-line boulevards and pretty lakes are just the capital's charms. Make sure you bring your comfortable footwears to explore the city's treasures!

BUS

Hanoi is also served by local buses. Depending on the destination, a standard ticket is priced at VND 12,000 (~USD 0.5) but only payable via cash.

You can also travel around Hanoi center and visit several attractions with the Hanoi City Tour, a hop-on hop-off tour with high-quality passenger transport service on a double-decker bus. The cost ranges between VND 150,000 (~USD 5) and VND 450,000 (~USD 18) depending on the amount of time spent.



METRO

Hanoi Metro currently operates two unconnected lines running from outer districts to the city center:

- Yen Nghia station - Cat Linh station (SW - NE)
- Nhon station - Cau Giay station (W - E)

With limited routes, metro may not be the most convenient option to get around but it's still worth a try as an experience of watching Hanoi from above.

MEETING ETIQUETTE

THE BASICS

Hanoians are very friendly, hospitable and willing to forgive if you do something inappropriate. However, you will be much appreciated if you learn the following customs and etiquette:

DO'S

- Address people with their first name (with pronoun in front)
- Be mindful of others' age
 - Highest ranking people (i.e. head of delegation, family head) must be greeted first in all occasions
 - Use age-based and gender-based pronouns to address people
- Bow your head slightly (not 90° bow) when greeting
- Use both hands when passing and receiving items (incl. business cards, gifts)

DON'TS

- Public displays of affection
- Hug or kiss on cheek when greeting/ departing at business meetings or social occasions (shake hand only)
- Point with your finger (use your hand instead)
- Stand with your hands on your hip or put hands in pockets
- Confront in a disagreement (Vietnamese rarely vocalize disagreement and usually avoid by not answering a question)
- Pat a person's back (esp. senior with age/ status) or touch a person's head (esp. children)
- Put feet on table/ Sit on desk while talking



TIPS FOR ADDRESSING PEOPLE

Vietnamese name generally contains 3 parts: family name, middle name, and first (given) name.

- To address people formally, use Mr. or Ms. or a title/ pronoun plus the first name.
- It is acceptable to ask politely how one can address someone if the name is too hard to pronounce.



READY FOR SOMETHING MORE ADVANCE?

Unlike English where there are only 2 ways to address people (You and I), in Vietnamese, there are considerably more pronouns.

Use your best guess for people's age and challenge yourself with some popular pronouns!

The person you're addressing	How you address them		How you address yourself	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Government meeting setting	Ngài (pronunciation: ngai) Ông (pronunciation: ong)	Bà (pronunciation: ba)	Tôi (pronunciation: toy)	
Same age as you	Bạn (pronunciation: ban)		Tôi (pronunciation: toy)	
Older than you	Anh (pronunciation: ein)	Chị (pronunciation: chee)	Em (pronunciation: ehm)	
Younger than you	Em		Anh	Chị

BUSINESS ETIQUETTE

Prior to the meeting

- Appointment should be made several weeks (min. 2 weeks) in advance.
- Gift exchange is welcomed but should be discussed with the host prior to the meeting.
- Arriving 15 minutes prior to the meeting time is recommended even though meetings can begin later than the stipulated time.
- Seating order depends on Government official's arrangement. Delegation heads typically sit opposite (roundtable set-up) or at head of meeting room (bilateral set-up). For roundtable meeting, the host usually sits on the far side of the room.

During the meeting

- Handshakes are used upon meeting and departing. Always wait for a woman to extend her hand, if not, bow your head slightly.
- Give and receive business cards with both hands, followed by some time to read the name on the card (hastily stuffing a business card or barely giving a glance is deemed offensive).
- Vietnamese people appreciate a foreigner trying to speak their language. A simple Xin chào (Hello, pronunciation: seen-chow) or Cảm ơn (Thank you, pronunciation: cam-on) goes a long way.
- Meetings are usually conducted in Vietnamese with simultaneous translation. However, an increasing number of Vietnamese officials understand and speak at least some English.
- Silence periods during meetings are acceptable. Avoid interrupting or showing displeasure through facial and eye movements
- Avoid discussing sensitive topics.

After the meeting

- Always say thank you at the end of the meeting
- A thank-you letter is highly recommended as a way to show appreciation.
- Proactive follow-ups to demonstrate enthusiasm.

DINING ETIQUETTE

Arriving

- Let the host seat you.
- The oldest person should always sit first.

During the meal

- Only start eating after the oldest person eats.
- Expect a lot of lively discussions.
- Use the serving chopsticks/ spoons to get food from the shared dish to your bowl.
 - If no serving utensils available, use the other end of your chopsticks to move food to your bowl.
 - Exception: close families and old people can double-dip, not acquaintances and colleagues.
- Pass dishes using both hands.
- Do not position chopsticks vertically on a bowl of rice or point chopsticks to anyone.
- Do not dig into the shared dish to seek for the part you like as it's considered selfish.
- If fish is served, do not flip the fish on the plate (unlucky sign). Taking the fish bone out is more appropriate.
- While drinking in gatherings are acceptable, do not initiate the offer to women (Vietnamese women rarely drink).
- It is common for people to hold bowls close to their faces when eating (no need for expressing your surprise through facial or eye movements).
- Do not make sounds and close your mouth when you chew.
- Try to finish everything on your plate.
- When finish eating, simply rest your chopsticks on top of your rice bowl.

After the meal

- The bill is paid by the person offering the invitation.
- Always say thank you and make sure you let the host know you are satisfied with the meal. This will convey your appreciation with the host's efforts.



Read between the lines

- Social connections are important, Vietnamese people like to get to know you on a personal level and figure out who you are outside of business before even considering any business decision. Therefore, some 'personal' questions in Western standard are considered normal in Vietnam. It is indeed seen as a sign of friendliness and interest!
- Silence may be used when someone disagrees, and so not to cause a loss of face for attendees
- Saying "yes" may merely indicate understanding and acknowledgement, rather than actual agreement

COMMON SAYINGS AND PHRASES

English	Vietnamese	Phonetic Pronunciations
Hello	Xin chào	seen chow
Goodbye	Tạm biệt	tarm byeet
How are you?	Bạn có khỏe không?	ban co kwe khome?
I'm fine	Tôi khỏe	toy kwe
Sorry	Xin lỗi	seen loy
You're welcome	Không có gì	khome co zee
It's okay	Không sao	khome shao
Thank you	Cảm ơn	cam on
My name is...	Tôi là...	toy la...
Nice to meet you	Rất vui được gặp bạn	ruht voo-yee duk g-uh-p ban
Yes	Vâng	vang
No	Không	khome
Hey (to get the waiter's attention)	Em ơi	ehm oy
How much does it cost?	Bao nhiêu tiền?	bow nyew tian
Do you speak English?	Bạn biết nói tiếng Anh không?	ban byet noy tyeng ein khome?
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Today	Hôm nay	home nei
Tomorrow	Ngày mai	nei my
Good night	Chúc ngủ ngon	chook wu w-on



UNLOCK HANOI'S CHARMS



HOAN KIEM LAKE

- Address: Hoan Kiem Ward
- Hours: Accessible any time, surrounding streets closed off every weekend to become a Walking Street

The Hoan Kiem Lake area's is steep in Vietnamese culture. During the day, locals love to sit, talk, and exercise on the surrounding paths and gardens.

During the weekend, the atmosphere completely changes as streets around the lake are closed to cars, buses and motorbikes. The lake gets busy with people taking quiet walking or claiming a place to dance with a group. Do walk around to participate in this pleasant bustle!



NGOC SON TEMPLE

- Address: Hoan Kiem Lake
- Hours: 7 AM to 6 PM on weekdays, 7 AM - 9 PM on weekends
- Entrance fee: VND 30,000 (~USD 1.20) for adults

Ngoc Son Temple (direct translation: Jade Mountain Temple) is perched on the tiny island of Hoan Kiem Lake. The Temple was erected in the 19th century in commemoration of Tran Hung Dao, the greatest military commander of the Tran Dynasty.

TURTLE TOWER

Turtle Tower stands out in the middle of Hoan Kiem Lake. The tower was built in 1886 to bury the remains of the father of Nguyen Ngoc Kim, an intermediary between Vietnam and France during the French colonial period. After Vietnam's victory, the tower was renamed Turtle Tower in honor of the hero Le Loi.



THAP BUT, DAI NGHIEN, CAU THE HUC, DAC NGUYET LAU AND TRAN BA DINH



Right before getting on Cau (Vietnamese: bridge) The Huc, you will be captivated by the impressive stone features called the Thap But and the Dai Nghien. Thap But, resembling a pen with its nib pointing to the sky, sits on a rock pile which represents the earth. To reach the island where Ngoc Son Temple is situated, you need to walk across The Huc Bridge. The wooden bridge is visually striking with vibrant red color and contemporary architecture.

After crossing, you will get to Dac Nguyet Lau (direct translation: Moon Gazing Pavilion), the gate to Ngoc Son Temple. As you continue walking, you will set foot on Tran Ba Dinh (direct translation: Tidal Wave Defense Pavilion).

THANG LONG WATER PUPPET THEATER

- Address: 57B Dinh Tien Hoang St., Hoan Kiem Ward
- Hours: 3 PM - 8 PM (last show)
- Ticket (available at door):
 - VND 150,000 (~USD 6) for standard ticket
 - VND 200,000 (~USD 8) for VIP ticket

Recognized as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, the Thang Long Water Puppet Theater was established to preserve and showcase traditional art of Vietnam. You can expect a sparking water puppet show including other forms of Vietnamese traditional art such as folk music and dances. Some show event involves audience participants to interact with the puppets!



OLD QUARTER



The Old Quarter is located to the West and North of Hoan Kiem Lake. Consist of 36 streets, the Old Quarter is a historic urban part of ancient Hanoi.

The Old Quarter history began when King Ly Thai To decided to change the capital to Hanoi in the 11th century. Craftsmen from all surrounding regions started flocking to the area, and over time, they organized themselves into guilds and cooperatives. The 36 streets were formed and given the name of the commodity the guild was known for.

Nowaday, even when some shops don't feature the business as the street name anymore, this little neighborhood is famous for its narrow streets, busy marketplaces and traditional architecture.



DON'T MISS THESE STREETS

- Hang Gai: Silk Street, haven for silk enthusiasts
- Hang Ma: Festive Street, decoration wonderland
- Hang Bac: Silver Street, must-visit for jewelry lover
- Hang Bong: Cotton Street, must-see art galleries
- Hang Be: Paper street, arts and crafts paradise
- Hang Quat: Fan Street, crafted Vietnamese fans

TA HIEN BEER STREET

- Address: Ta Hien St., Hoan Kiem Ward
- Hours: 5 PM until late

In the heart of Hanoi Old Quarter streets, Ta Hien is a must-visit destination for Hanoi's night life. Its origin dated back to the French colonia period, Ta Hien Street was originally a bunch of old streets that were merged and named Rue Geraud, a vibrant spot for the elites to enjoy poetry and theater. Ta Hien is known for local beer (Vietnamese: bia hoi), delicious dishes and energetic vibe.



HANOI OPERA HOUSE

- Address: 01 Trang Tien St., Cua Nam Ward
- Hours: 8 AM - 10 PM (coffee shop next door) or depends on performance schedule

Hanoi Opera House is an architectural work that the French started to build in 1901 and completed in 1911 with a French neoclassical look. The Opera House is a symbol of culture, history and architecture of Hanoi.

As the Opera House is not open to the public, there are two ways to take a closer look at the Opera House, you can either buy a show ticket to get inside (check the performance schedule for a show you might enjoy) or grab coffee at the coffee shop attached to the Opera House and take in the view! From Friday to Sunday, the same coffee shop also offers live music.



VIETNAM NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HISTORY



- Addresses: 2 exhibition areas
 - 01 Trang Tien St., Cua Nam Ward
 - 216 Tran Quang Khai St., Hoan Kiem Ward
- Hours: 8 AM - 12 PM and 1:30 PM - 5 PM, Tuesday to Sunday
- Entrance fee: VND 40,000 (~USD 1.40) for adults

Right behind the Hanoi Opera House, the Trang Tien location of the Museum displays Vietnam from prehistory to the end of the Nguyen Dynasty (1945). Across the street, the Tran Quang Khai location showcases Vietnam from the mid-19th century to present. The Museum of History is the oldest museum in Hanoi, storing a heritage of over 200,000 documents and artifacts representing the entire historical flow of Vietnam.

HOA LO PRISON RELIC

- Address: 01 Hoa Lo St., Cua Nam Ward
- Hours: 8 AM - 5 PM every day
- Entrance fee: VND 50,000 (~USD 1.90) for adults

Built by the French in 1896, Hoa Lo Prison was known as “hell on earth”, interning thousands of Vietnamese patriotic and revolutionary fighters. As the doors creak open, visitors will embark on a journey that unveils the tales of courage, sacrifice and redemption as Hoa Lo is a place where not only barbaric crimes but also the unyielding will and spirit of so many patriotic Vietnamese were witnessed. Hoa Lo provides narrations devices in several languages for visitors to experience the sight in their own way.



VIETNAM WOMEN'S MUSEUM

- Address: 36 Ly Thuong Kiet St., Cua Nam Ward
- Hours: 8 AM - 5 PM everyday
- Entrance fee: VND 40,000 (~USD1.40) for adults

The Vietnamese Women's Museum delivers a beautifully presented tribute to Vietnamese women across ages with plenty of historical contexts alongside a wealth of information on today's modern Vietnamese women. The Museum features displays across 5 floors delivered over 3 sections: women in family, women in history, and women's fashion with more than 1,000 artifacts depicting many faces and changing roles of Vietnamese women. Displays are available in English and French.



HANOI POLICE MUSEUM

- Address: 67 Ly Thuong Kiet St., Cua Nam Ward
- Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Tuesday to Friday
- Entrance fee: Free

Hanoi Police Museum offers approximately 1,000 artifacts on Hanoi's police forces including uniforms, police equipment and tools. Formerly known as the House of Traditions of the Hanoi Police, in 1999, due to deterioration of the House's facilities, the authority relocated the artifacts to the Hanoi Police Museum. The Museum was officially opened in 2015 to celebrate the 70th annual traditional day of the police forces. With its modern and friendly design, clear display, information in 3 languages and AC, the Hanoi Police Museum has become a popular destination for tourists.



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

- Address: 40 Nha Chung St., Hoan Kiem Ward
- Hours: 8 AM - 11 AM and 2 PM - 5 PM, everyday
- Entrance fee: No

Built during the French colonial period, the St. Joseph's Cathedral is a typical example of Gothic architecture in the capital of Vietnam with colorful tall glass windows and high domes, adorned with pictures of Jesus Christ. In addition to the Gothic style, some Vietnamese features were shown through baked clay bricks, red tiles, pasteboard walls, red and golden gilded wood worship alters.

During the French colonial period, Catholicism was widely propagated and the Cathedral became the center of Catholicism in Northern Vietnam. The Cathedral serves as a religious destination for Vietnamese Catholics and a hiding spot for Vietnamese revolutionary soldiers.



HANOI TRAIN STREET

- Addresses: Visitors can enter from multiple points
 - 3 Tran Phu St., Dien Bien Ward
 - Alley 224 Le Duan St., Nguyen Du Ward
 - Along Phung Hung St., Hoan Kiem Ward

Hundred years old train tracks running through the heart of Hanoi have become a part of 'must-see' attractions for visitors to Hanoi. Visitors can watch the train run in extremely close distance while enjoying their cup of coffee or banh mi (Vietnamese baguette). The Train Street are sometimes shut down by the authority for safety purposes. Regardless of how attractive the Train Street looks, do comply with local laws to ensure safety.



TEMPLE OF LITERATURE

- Address: 58 Quoc Tu Giam St., Van Mieu-Quoc Tu Giam Ward
- Hours: 8 AM - 5 PM, everyday
- Entrance fee: VND 70,000 (~USD 3) for adults

The Temple of Literature was built under Ly Thanh Dong's dynasty in 1070 to honor Confucius. Shortly after, it became Vietnam's Imperial Academy, a prestigious school for top academics. Today, the Temple honors Vietnam's finest scholars and signifies the beginning of a uniform educational system in Vietnam.

The Temple is frequent by Hanoians and students during Tet (Lunar New Year) or before any major exam with the hope of a successful year or good luck.



VIETNAM NATIONAL FINE ARTS MUSEUM

- Address: 66 Nguyen Thai Hoc St., Ba Dinh Ward
- Hours: 8:30 AM - 5 PM everyday
- Entrance fee: VND 40,000 (~USD 1.40) for adults

Across the street from the Temple of Literature, the Fine Arts Museum was built in the 1930s as a boarding school for daughters of French officers in the Indochina. In 1966, the building was officially repurposed to be the Fine Arts Museum to store several Vietnamese artistic essences. The Fine Arts Museum is considered an important monument to promote the cultural heritages of Vietnamese ethnic groups.

With more than 20,000 artifacts, the exhibited artworks show art in the Stone Age and Bronze Age, fine arts through Vietnamese feudal dynasties, folk art and handicraft art and Vietnamese modern art.



VIETNAM MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM

- Address: 28A Dien Bien Phu St., Hoan Kiem Ward
- Hours: 8 AM - 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM, closed on Mondays and Fridays
- Entrance fee: VND 40,000 (~USD 1.40)

Inaugurated in 1959, the Vietnam Military History Museum is one of the oldest museums in Hanoi, displaying military-related artifacts indoor and outdoor. The exhibition dates back to as early as Hung Vuong era, first thousand years of Chinese colonization, then a century of French colony. The Vietnam War and division of North-South periods are also documented in the Museum.

The outdoor area showcases large evidences of the war, such as a Soviet-built MiG-21 jet fighter, triumphant amid the wreckage of French aircraft downed at Dien Bien Phu and a US F-111, etc.



HANOI FLAG TOWER

- Address: 28A Dien Bien Phu St., Hoan Kiem Ward
- Hours: 8 AM - 4:30 PM, Tuesday to Sunday
- Entrance fee: VND 20,000 (~USD 0.70) for adults

Next to the Vietnam Military History Museum, the Hanoi Flag Tower was built from 1805 to 1812 under the Nguyen Dynasty to function as a vantage point. The Flag Tower is one of the rare buildings that survived the wars of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Enter inside the Flag Tower and walk up the stone stairs, visitors have three separate observation decks to look at the city as well as the Military History Museum below.



IMPERIAL CITADEL OF THANG LONG

- Address: 19C Hoang Dieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward
- Hours: 8 AM - 5:00 PM everyday
- Entrance fee: VND 70,000 (~USD 2.70)

Included in the UNESCO World Heritage List, the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long is among the most famous attractions of Hanoi. The construction of the Citadel dated back to the 11th century by the Ly Dynasty, a significant milestone signifying the country's emergence as an independent polity. For nearly 13 centuries, the Citadel held a pivotal role of regional political dominance.

The artifacts found at the heart of the Imperial Citadel are remarkable proof of enduring cultural exchange. The site has absorbed cultural influences from China, Champa and France.



HO CHI MINH MAUSOLEUM

- Address: 2 Hung Vuong St., Ba Dinh Ward
- Hours:
 - Summer/ Fall: 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM, Tuesdays to Thursdays and Saturdays
 - Winter/ Spring: 8 AM - 11 AM, Tuesdays to Thursdays and Saturdays
- Entrance fee: VND 25,000 (~USD 1) for foreigners

Regarded as the Founding Father of modern Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh was a visionary leader playing a pivotal role in shaping the course of Vietnam's history. His significant contributions earned him the status of a revered statesman, inspiring generations with his devotion to the nation's welfare.

In his will, Ho Chi Minh wanted to be cremated and had his ashes laid in the 3 regions of the country. However, according to the will of the Communist Party and the People, the Government decided to keep his body intact and placed at the Mausoleum so that everyone can come to commemorate and visit him.



The Mausoleum complex also features several other attractions for visitors to learn more about Ho Chi Minh's life and the liberation of Vietnam under his leadership.

HO CHI MINH MUSEUM

The Ho Chi Minh Museum features 3 floors and is shaped like a 20m tall enormous white flower.

Commemorate Ho Chi Minh's 100th birthday, the Museum showcases a massive exhibition of more than 2,000 rare artifacts and show-pieces which depict Ho Chi Minh's career and Vietnam's revolutionary stages.



ONE PILLAR PAGODA

Located in the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum complex, the original One Pillar Pagoda was built in 1049 under the Ly Dynasty. During the war in 1954, the Pagoda was demolished. Subsequently, the Government funded a major restoration based on the drawings from the Nguyen Dynasty.

Known for its distinctive architecture, the primary structure is carried by 8 wooden beams that represent 8 flower petals. Being supported on a large stone pillar, the Pagoda represents a lotus standing in the middle of the Linh Chieu lake.

HO CHI MINH'S STILT HOUSE

Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House is located in a quiet garden where Ho Chi Minh lived and worked from 1958 until his passing in 1969. The House preserves a lot of memories from the time he lived and worked here, especially in his last 10 years. After his passing, the Government decided to keep the house as a national monument.



QUAN THANH TEMPLE

- Address: 190 Quan Thanh St., Ba Dinh Ward
- Hours: 8 AM - 5:00 PM everyday
- Entrance fee: VND 10,000 (~USD 0.40)

Quan Thanh Temple was built in 1010 during the early Ly Dynasty, worshipping Taoism and Buddhism. The Temple was recognized as a national historical and cultural relic. In addition to bronze casting, Quan Thanh Temple is famous for the beauty of wood carving with several sacred creatures in Vietnamese mythology, pine, bamboo, chrysanthemum, apricot, earthly and celestial activities.



WEST LAKE

West Lake is the largest natural lake in Hanoi, with a shore length of 17 km and 500 ha in area. With its charm and historical significance, the lake has been mentioned in several songs and poems about Hanoi.



TRAN QUOC PAGODA

- Address: 46 Thanh Nien Rd., Tay Ho Ward
- Hours: 8 AM - 4:00 PM everyday
- Entrance fee: Free

Tran Quoc Pagoda was built in 541 in the early Ly Dynasty. The name means a place to help people repel natural disasters and also bring them a peaceful life. Adhering to the strict principles of Buddhism, Tran Quoc Pagoda preserves the ascetic beauty of Eastern architectural style. The Pagoda's 300m2 design is a harmonious blend of traditional element, characterized by intricate woodwork, curved roofs and delicate ornamentation.



THANH NIEN ROAD

Originally named Co Ngu Road (direct translation: steady maintenance), Ho Chi Minh renamed the road to Thanh Nien road (direct translation: Youth Road) in the early 1960s after the road expansion. Considered one of the most beautiful roads in Hanoi, Thanh Nien Road is about 1km long from Quan Thanh St. to Yen Phu descent, separating West Lake and Truc Bach Lake.

TRUC BACH LAKE

Spreading over an area of 9 ha with striking geographical features, Truc Bach Lake has a historical link with the Second Indochina War, depicted through the John McCain Memorial beside the lake.



ART GALLERIES

Art in Hanoi has flourished post-Doi Moi, with the economic reform that set the country off on a trajectory of rapid economic growth, allowing artists greater freedom of expression. There are several art galleries and collectives that give an evolving roster of contemporary local and international artists spaces to promote their work. Make sure you check out these galleries!

GREEN PALM GALLERY

- Address: 39 Hang Gai St., Hoan Kiem Ward
- Hours: 9 AM to 7 PM everyday

Established in 1996, Green Palm Gallery is considered one of the most famous and prestigious institutes for Vietnamese fine arts and a choice for collectors in Vietnam and abroad.



INDOCHINE HOUSE

- Address: 32A Nha Chung St., Hoan Kiem Ward
- Hours: 9:30 AM to 7 PM, Monday to Saturday

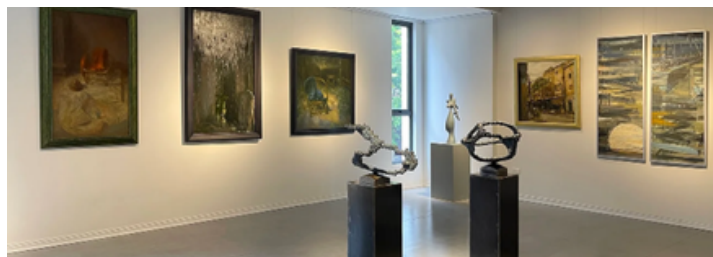
Indochine House is an antique space focusing on offering oriental beauty by promoting Asian arts and Vietnamese artists.



HANOI STUDIO GALLERY

- Address: 23 - 25 Mac Dinh Chi St., Ngoc Ha Ward
- Hours: 10 AM to 7 PM

Hanoi Studio Gallery was founded in 1997 to focus on the promotion of Vietnamese contemporary artists whose diverse practices include painting and sculpture.



MANZI EXHIBITION SPACE

- Address: 2 Hang Bun Alley, Nguyen Tri Phuong Ward
- Hours: 11 AM to 7 PM, Tuesdays to Sundays

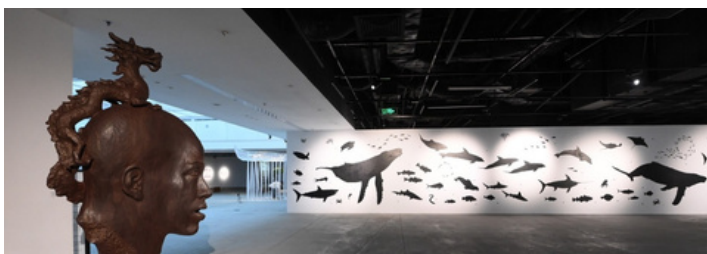
Manzi is known as one of the most dynamic art spaces in Southeast Asia with a wide range of art activities and art projects including visual art exhibitions, workshops, movie screening, etc.



VINCOM CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

- Address: B1 - R3 Floor, Royal City, 72A Nguyen Trai St., Thanh Xuan Ward
- Hours: 10 AM to 9 PM everyday

VCCA offers an interactive activities from visual art and sculpture exhibitions, music and dance performances to screening.

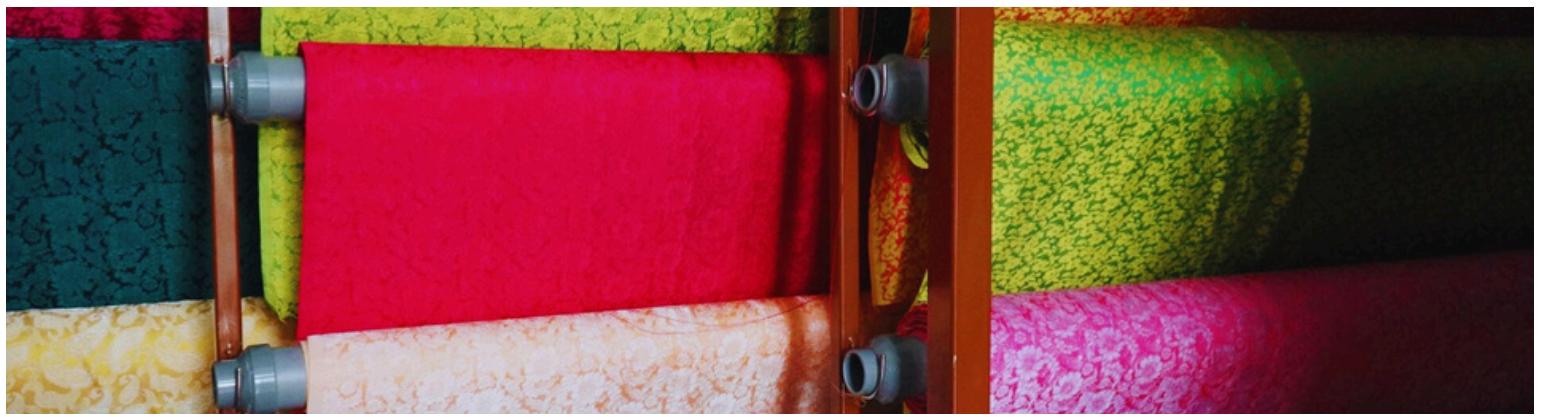


TACH SPACE

- Address: 20 Hai Ba Trung St., Hai Ba Trung Ward
- Hours: 10 AM to 7 PM

Tach Space is a multi-functional complex including F&B, entertainment and arts that are selected carefully. The exhibitions continuously change with the intention of giving people new perspective from daily things in life.





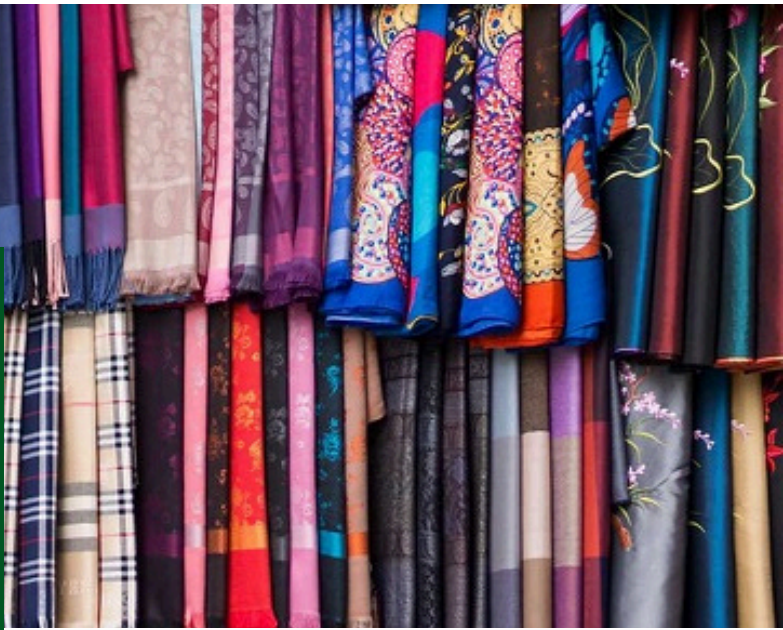
SHOPPERS' HEAVEN



SILK AND CLOTHING

In the Old Quarter area, you will be able to find the finest quality of silk and clothing on Hang Gai, Hang Bong, Hang Trong, etc. As you explore the narrow alleyways and bustling storefronts, you will discover a wide variety of exquisite products, from elegant scarves and traditional ao dai to intricately woven tapestries and decorative pillow covers.

A stroll down these streets will also captivate you with houses and buildings that have stood the test of time, preserving the traditional styles and techniques passed down from generation and generation.



SILK AND SILK PRODUCTS

With high production cost, good quality and elegant appearance, silk is considered one of Hanoi's exquisite products. Do check out these prestigious boutiques below for authentic silk products. Some shops also offer custom made clothing.

- **Tan My Embroidery**, 16 Hang Trong St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9:30 AM to 7 PM.
- **Three Sisters Silk**, 16 Hang Bong St., Cua Nam Ward, 8 AM to 10 PM.
- **Xeo Xo**, 10 Hoi Vu Alley, Cua Nam Ward, 10 AM to 9 PM.
- **Thuy Design House**, 21 Nha Tho St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 10 AM to 8 PM.
- **Lua To Vang**, Kiosk 45, 122 Le Duan St., Dong Da Ward, 9 AM to 8 PM.

TAILORED SUITS

Hanoi is well-known for its skilled tailors and textiles of superior quality. As a suit usually takes around 3 to 4 fittings, any trip that is longer than 5 days presents a great opportunity to get a bespoke custom made suit from Hanoi's finest tailors.

- **Van Hung Tailor**, 36 Tho Xuong Alley, Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 12 PM and 2 PM to 7 PM.
- **Duc Nhan Tailor**, 32 Hang Non St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 8 AM to 7:30 PM.
- **Cazo Bespoke Tailoring**, 77 Hang Bong St., Cua Nam Ward, 9 AM to 9 PM.

READY-TO-WEAR

Local brands

If you want to have some chic and unique clothing items to remember Hanoi by, do check out these local brands of young artists with exquisite taste in fashion.

- **TiredCity**, 13 Hang Gai St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 8:30 AM to 10 PM.
- **DangHaiYen**, 3 Hai Ba Trung St., Cua Nam Ward, 9 AM to 9 PM.
- **Wephobia**, 20 Hai Ba Trung St., Cua Nam Ward, 9 AM to 9:30 PM.
- **Canifa**, 69 Ba Trieu St., Cua Nam Ward, 9 AM to 9 PM.
- **Mono Talk**, 113 Ba Trieu St., Cua Nam Ward., 9 AM to 10 PM.
- **Routine**, 73A Mai Hac De St., Hai Ba Trung Ward, 9 AM to 10 PM.

International brands

Hanoi also offers a selection from international brands with various styles and sizes for your own comfort.

- **Luxury brands (Burberry, Salvatore Ferragamo, Versace, Gianvito Rossi, Brooks Brothers, etc.)**, Trang Tien Plaza, 24 Hai Ba Trung St., Cua Nam Ward, 9:30 AM to 9:30 PM.
- **Zara**, Vincom Center, 191 Ba Trieu St., Hai Ba Trung Ward, 10 AM to 10 PM.
- **Uniqlo**, Vincom Center, 191 Ba Trieu St., Hai Ba Trung Ward, 10 AM to 10 PM.
- **H&M**, Vincom Center, 56 Nguyen Chi Thanh St., Lang Ward, 10 AM to 10 PM.

HANDICRAFTS



Parallel with the development of the agrarian civilization in Vietnam, the art of handicraft was seen emerging in the countryside of Vietnam as a past-time hobby that grew to become the center of commercial activities and a source of livelihood for farmers besides agriculture production. Mostly spotted around the Red River Delta region, handicraft communities went from singular activities of households, spreading to form whole craft villages that have their expertise passed down and further enhanced through generations.

JEWELRY

Hang Bac Street (direct translation: Silver Street) is a hub for silver artisans and merchants. Whether you're looking for plain or engraved jewelry, Hang Bac Street is the perfect place to find high-quality and unique items that reflect the elegance of Vietnamese craftsmanship.

- **Bac Thuy**, 105 Hang Bac St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 8 AM to 9 PM.
- **Giang Son Gemstone Jewelry**, 130 Hang Bac St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 7:30 AM to 10 PM.
- **Hi'de Maison**, 11 Hang Trong St., Cua Nam Ward, 9 AM to 8 PM.
- **Duong Jewelry**, 48 Hang Trong St., Cua Nam Ward, 9 AM to 8 PM.
- **Dot Dot Gem**, 175 Hang Bac St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 9 PM.

PORCELAIN

If you don't have time to go to Bat Trang Village, products from Bat Trang are available in several locations in city center.

- **Hien Van Ceramics**, 8 Chan Cam St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 6 PM.
- **Gom Chu Dau**, 111 Le Duan St., Dong Da Ward, 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM (closed on Sundays).
- **Minh Long**, 90 Mai Hac De St., Hai Ba Trung Ward, 8 AM to 7 PM.
- **Gom Chi**, 43 Van Kiep St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 6 PM.

BAMBOO AND RATTAN WEAVING

With more than 400 years of history, Phu Vinh Village is the most well-known for its bamboo and rattan weaving crafts. The unique feature of Phu Vinh Village's products lays in the special, sophisticated and meticulous braiding lines.

- **The Bamboo**, 115B Thuy Khue St., Tay Ho Ward, 8:30 AM to 12 PM and 1:30 to 6 PM.
- **Huong Bich**, 431 Kim Ma St., Ba Dinh Ward, 9 AM to 6 PM.

HAND EMBROIDERY

Embroidered arts, from Quat Dong Village, require dozen of hours every day with demanding concentration and exceptional techniques.

- **XQ**, 139 Hue St., Hai Ba Trung Ward, 10 AM to 6 PM.
- **Tiem Tho**, 12 Truong Han Sieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 8:30 to 7:30 PM.

LACQUERWARE

Originally, Ha Thai Village is known for lacquerware specially made for Kings and the royal family. Nowadays, artisans have created many diverse daily products with sophisticated designs.

- **Hanoi House**, 38 Hang Dao St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 8 PM.
- **Craft Link**, 51 Van Mieu St., Dong Da Ward, 9 AM to 6 PM.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SOUVENIRS

COFFEE

Vietnam is one of the largest coffee exporters in the world with the production of 5 main types of beans: Arabica, Robusta, Liberica, Peaberry and Weasel Coffee. The traditional drip is the most common way to brew coffee as the Vietnamese like their coffee more concentrated and intense.

- **La Viet Coffee**, 7 Vong Duc St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 7 AM to 10 PM.
- **Refined - specialty coffee**, 17 Nha Tho St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 9 PM.
- **Blackbird Coffee**, 5 Chan Cam St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 7 AM to 9 PM.
- **Soul Specialty Coffee**, 12 Duong Thanh St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 7 AM to 10 PM.
- **Ta Ca Phe**, 21 Hang Thiec St., Cua Nam Ward, 7:30 AM to 9:30 PM.



TEA

Tea plays an essential role in the daily life of Vietnamese people with the following most popular being green tea, black tea, oolong tea, ginger tea and flower tea.

- **Master Tan**, 102 Hang Dao St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 8:30 AM to 11 PM.
- **Ninh Huong**, 22 Hang Dieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 8 AM to 10 PM.
- **Do Tra**, 273 Kim Ma St., Ba Dinh Ward, 8 AM to 10 PM.



O MAI

Originally used as an effective remedy for sore throats, o mai (sweet and salted dried fruits) is a traditional Vietnamese snack with tangy and savory profile.

- **Qua Xua Que Huong**, 7 Hang Duong St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 11 PM.
- **O Mai Hong Lam**, 11 Hang Duong St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 7:45 AM to 10 PM.
- **O Mai Tien Thinh**, 21 Hang Duong St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 8 AM to 10 PM.
- **O Mai Van Loi**, 24 Hang Da St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 8 AM to 10 PM.
- **O Mai Ba Thu**, 147 Ba Trieu St., Hai Ba Trung Ward, 8 AM to 10 PM.



CHOCOLATE

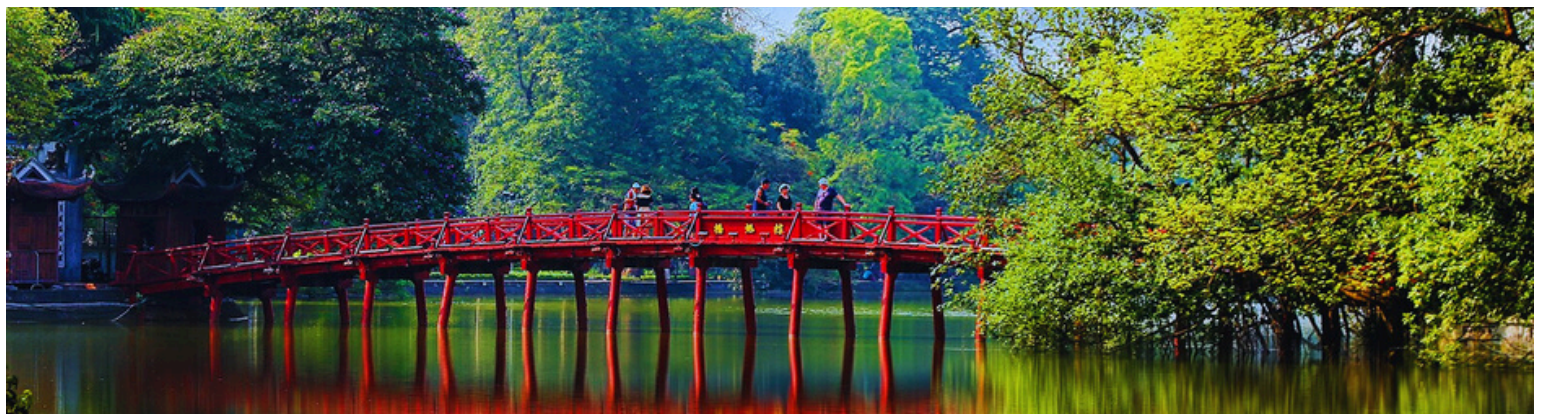
Vietnam is considered one of the few Asian countries on the list of world's best-tasting cocoa products as many regions across Vietnam are ideal for cultivation.

- **Maison Marou**, 20 Nha Tho St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 10 PM.
- **Alluvia Chocolate**, 45 Dinh Tien Hoang St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 10 PM.
- **Pheva Chocolate**, 8B Phan Boi Chau St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 8 AM to 7 PM.
- **Belcholat Chocolatier**, 91A Trieu Viet Vuong St., Hai Ba Trung Ward, 8 AM to 9 PM.





WELLNESS

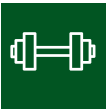




SPA & MASSAGE

Hanoi's spas offer a diverse range of treatment, whether you seek soothing massages, revitalizing facials, holistic wellness therapies or traditional massages.

- **Spas Hanoi**, 189 Hang Bong St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 10 AM to 10 PM.
- **Orient Spa**, 26 Au Trieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 10 AM to 10 PM.
- **Metis Spa**, 9 Nha Tho St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 10 AM to 11 PM.
- **La Spa by La Siesta**, 27 Hang Be St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 9 PM.



FITNESS

Your hotel accomodation will likely offer free fitness amenities. However, if you're looking for full sets of equipments or specific sports that you love, do check out free try-out or one-time pass option at these establishments.

GYM

- **Elite Fitness**, Floor 8, Hong Ha Building, 25 Ly Thuong Kiet St., Cua Nam Ward, 6 AM to 10 PM.
- **California Fitness and Yoga**, 41 Hai Ba Trung St., Cua Nam Ward, 6 AM to 10 PM.
- **Swequity Ultimate Fitness**, 1 Luong Yen St., Hai Ba Trung Ward, 6 AM to 9:30 PM.

YOGA & PILATES

- **Om Hanoi: Yoga & Cafe**, 62 Ly Thuong Kiet St., Cua Nam Ward, 9 AM to 4 PM.
- **Fourt Pilates**, 15 Ly Nam De St., Hoan Kiem Ward, hours vary.
- **Zenith Yoga**, Westlake Suit Building, 99B Alley 275 Au Co St., Tay Ho Ward, 8 AM to 6 PM.

KICKBOXING

- **Monkey Boxing**, 21 Han Thuyen St., Hai Ba Trung Ward, 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM.
- **Star Kickboxing and Fitness**, 72 Xuan Dieu St., Tay Ho Ward, 6 AM to 9 PM.
- **AKC Fitness**, 6 Nguyen Truong To St., Ba Dinh Ward, 6 AM to 10 PM.



MANICURE

Manicure and pedicure are common, inexpensive and luxurious in Hanoi. Do check out these reputable nail salons with English-speaking staff below!

- **Cosmo Nail Spa**, 30 Hang Voi St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 8:30 PM.
- **Nail by Puta**, 216 Hang Bong St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 8 PM.
- **The Garden Nail Spa**, 29 Nha Chung St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 9 PM.
- **Xam Nails - Eyelish - Hair**, 2B Ly Quoc Su St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 8:30 AM to 10 PM.
- **Nail Room Mit's House**, 20 Quang Trung St., Cua Nam Ward, 9 AM to 9 PM.
- **Plush Nail & Beauty**, 23 Quan Thanh St., Ba Dinh Ward, 9 AM to 8 PM.



HAIR AND BEARD

Though haircut or a beard trim might not be a priority for a short trip to Hanoi, check out these places and book beforehand if you need an emergency fix prior to an important meeting.

MEN

- **Max Barbershop**, 101 Hang Buom St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9:30 AM to 8 PM.
- **"1991" Barbershop**, 76 Hang Bo St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 10 AM to 8 PM.
- **House of Barbaard Barbershop & Wellness Center**, Melia Hanoi Hotel, 44 Ly Thuong Kiet St., Cua Nam Ward, 9 AM to 9 PM.
- **Hanoi Fresh Cut**, 9 Ngo Tram St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 10 PM.

WOMEN

- **Nguyen Hung Hair Salon**, 6 Luong Ngoc Quyen St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 8 PM.
- **Hair Salon Canh Leonardo**, 6A Dao Duy Tu St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 10 PM.
- **K Hair Studio**, 15 Hang Ca St., Hoan Kiem Ward, 9 AM to 8:30 PM.
- **Just.in.M Hairdressing**, 5 Ly Thuong Kiet Alley, Cua Nam Ward, 9 AM to 8 PM.



CULINARY JOURNEY



THE REAL VIETNAMESE STREET FOOD

Hanoi's rich history and cultural heritage have left a profound impact on its culinary traditions. As you explore the bustling streets and markets, you will uncover the fascinating blend of Vietnamese, Chinese and French influences that have shaped the city's gastronomy over the century.

At the heart of Hanoi cuisine are its key ingredients and cooking techniques that give each dish its distinct

taste. Fresh herbs, aromatic spices, and savory sauces come together to create a symphony of flavors that will tantalize your taste buds.

Most of the restaurants listed below are small, street side and sometimes are at the owner's home. For those that want to eat like a local, this is as local as it gets!

NOTE

- Some restaurants have been recognized by the Michelin Guide:
 - ✿ Michelin star for exceptional cuisine, talented chefs, high-quality ingredients, creativity, and overall dining experience
 - 👤 Bib Gourmand for restaurants that offer excellent food at moderate prices
 - ✿ Selected restaurants for good quality cooking
- Always verify the restaurant location before arriving as these shops sometimes close or move without prior notice. Most street food stalls do not accept credit cards, bring cash if you plan to eat here.
- Various Vietnamese food contains fish sauce or other ingredients that might not be suitable for your dietary and allergy requirements. Do research the ingredients before you eat!



PHO BO (NOODLE SOUP WITH BEEF)

Ingredients: Beef, rice noodles, ginger, onion, cinnamon, cardamom, star anise, coriander seeds, salt, sugar, fish sauce

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Pho 10 Ly Quoc Su	10 Ly Quoc Su St., Hoan Kiem Ward	6 AM to 10 PM	\$ 👤
Pho Bat Dan	49 Bat Dan St., Cua Dong Ward	6 AM to 10 AM 6 PM to 8 PM	\$ 👤
Pho bo Lam	48 Hang Vai Street, Hang Bong Ward	5:30 AM to 10 AM	\$ 👤
Pho Khoi Hoi	50 Hang Vai Street, Hang Bong Ward	6 AM to 9 PM	\$ 👤



PHO GA (NOODLE SOUP WITH CHICKEN)

Ingredients: Chicken, rice noodles, ginger, onion, cinnamon, fennel, coriander, star anise, cloves, sugar, fish sauce, coriander, cilantro

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Pho ga Nguyet	5B Phu Doan Street, Hoan Kiem Ward	6:30 AM to 1 PM 4:30 PM to 12 PM	\$ 👤
Pho Huyen Huong	20 Bao Khanh St. Hoan Kiem Ward	6 AM to 2 PM 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	\$
Pho Ga Cham	64-68 Yen Ninh Street, Ba Dinh Ward	6 AM to 2 PM	\$ ✿
Pho Dung	20 Hang Chi Alley, Hang Gai Ward	6 PM to 1 PM	\$ ✿



PHO-ESQUE

Besides the regular soup version of pho, the dish also comes in different shapes and forms, notably pho cuon (pho roll), pho xao (stir-fry pho), pho chien (deep fried pho) and pho tron (mixed dry pho).

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Pho cuon Chinh Thang	7 Mac Dinh Chi St., Ba Dinh Ward	9 AM to 11 PM	\$ 🍀
Pho xao Phu My	45 Bat Dan St., Hoan Kiem Ward	7 AM to 1:30 PM 5 PM to 10 PM	\$
Pho tron Hanh	65B Lan Ong St., Hoan Kiem Ward	6 PM to 11 PM	\$



CHA CA (TURMERIC GRILLED FISH WITH DILL)

Ingredients: Fish, turmeric, scallions, dill, shallots, garlic, galangal, vermicelli, shrimp paste (optional, can opt for fish sauce), salt, sugar, lime juice, etc.

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Cha ca Thang Long	6B Duong Thanh St., Hoan Kiem Ward	10:30 AM to 9 PM	\$\$ 🍀
Cha ca Anh Vu	120K Giang Vo St., Đống Đa Ward	10:30 AM to 2:30 PM 5PM to 9:30 PM	\$\$ 🍀
Cha ca La Vong	14 Cha Ca St., Hoan Kiem Ward	10 AM to 10 PM	\$\$



BUN CHA (GRILLED PORK WITH VERMICELLI IN FISH SAUCE)

Ingredients: Pork, fish sauce, garlic, chilli (optional), sugar, vinegar, carrots, green papaya, fresh herbs, lettuce

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Bun cha Tuyet	34 Hang Than St., Hoan Kiem Ward	8:30 AM to 5:30 PM	\$ 🍀
Bun Cha Ta	21 Nguyen Huu Huan Street, Ly Thai To Ward	10:30 AM to 9 PM	\$ 🍀
Bun cha Huong Lien	24 Le Van Huu St., Hai Ba Trung Ward	8 AM to 8 PM	\$ 🍀



BANH MI (BAGUETTE)

Ingredients: Bread, meat (depends on the order), pickled carrots and daikons, tomato, cucumber, pate, fresh herbs, house-made sauce

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Banh mi 25	25 Hang Ca St., Hoan Kiem Ward	7 AM to 9 PM	\$
Banh mi Nguyen Sinh	17 Ly Quoc Su St., Hoan Kiem Ward	7 AM to 9 PM	\$
Banh mi Pho Hue	118 Hue St., Hai Ba Trung Ward	6 AM to 2 PM	\$



BUN THANG (CHICKEN BASED NOODLE SOUP WITH TOPPINGS)

Ingredients: Vermicelli, chicken, omelet, Vietnamese pork sausage, dried shrimp, fresh herbs, pickled daikon, shiitake mushroom, shrimp paste (optional)

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Xoi ga - Bun thang	29 Hang Hanh Alley, Hoan Kiem Ward	6:30 AM to 1 PM	\$
Bun thang Lan Lun	5 Hang Thiec St., Hoan Kiem Ward	6 PM to 10:30 PM	\$
Bun thang Ba Duc	48 Cau Go St., Hoan Kiem Ward	6 PM to 10 PM	\$



BANH CUON (STEAMED RICE ROLLS)

Ingredients: Rice flour, pork sausage (optional), wood ear mushroom, shiitake mushroom, fish sauce, sugar, vinegar, fresh herbs

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Banh cuon Ba Xuan	16 Doc Hoe Nhai St., Ba Dinh Ward	6:30 AM to 1:30 PM 3:30 PM to 11:30 PM	\$
Banh cuon Ba Hoanh	66 To Hien Thanh St., Hoan Kiem Ward	6 AM to 8 PM	\$ 🌸
Banh cuon Thanh Van	14 Hang Ga St., Hoan Kiem Ward	7 AM to 1 PM 5 PM to 9 PM	\$



BUN RIEU AND BUN OC (CRAB/ SNAIL NOODLE SOUP)

Ingredients: Crab, snail, pork sausage, beef (optional), vermicelli noodles, tomato, tofu, fresh herbs, pepper, onion, vinegar, salt, fish sauce, shrimp paste (optional)

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Bun rieu cua	41 Quang Trung St., Cua Nam Ward	7 AM to 7:30 PM	\$
Bun oc co Hue	43 Nguyen Sieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward	5 AM to 4 PM	\$
Bun rieu Hong Phuc	22 Hong Phuc St., Ba Dinh Ward	6:30 AM to 3 PM	\$



CHE (SWEET DESSERT SOUP)

Ingredients: Beans, lotus, seeds fruits, rice flour, tapioca, coconut milk, sugar (depends on the specific type of che)

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Che thap cam 1976	72G Tran Hung Dao St., Cua Nam Ward	9:30 AM to 10:30 PM	\$
Chang Hi	18 Hai Ba Trung St., Hoan Kiem Ward	8 AM to 10 PM	\$
Che Tu Nhien	22B Ngo Van So St., Cua Nam Ward	Noon to 6 PM	\$

ONE-STOP SHOP VIETNAMESE FOOD



Hanoi's food scene is a dynamic blend of tradition and innovation, offering an endless range of dishes to explore. If you are only in town for a short time yet still want to try everything Hanoi has to offer, check out the restaurants below to try all sorts of different dishes in one sitting.

Name	Address	Hours	Price	
Tam Vi	4B Yen The St., Van Mieu-Quoc Tu Giam Ward	11 AM to 2:30 PM 5 PM to 9 PM	\$\$	🌸
Gia Restaurant	61 Van Mieu St., Van Mieu-Quoc Tu Giam Ward	6PM to 9PM	\$\$\$	🌸
Uu Dam Chay	55 Nguyen Du St., Hoan Kiem Ward	11 AM to 11 PM	\$\$	🌸
The East	5B Tong Duy Tan St., Hoan Kiem Ward	10:30 AM to 2 PM 5:30 PM to 10 PM	\$\$	👤
Luk Lak Vietnamese Restaurant	4A Le Thanh Tong St., Cua Nam Ward	7:30 AM to 10 PM	\$\$	👤
Xoi Com - Family Meals	36 Láng Hạ St., Lang Ward	10 AM to 2 PM 5 PM to 9 PM	\$	👤
1946 Cua Bac	61 Cua Bac St., Ba Dinh Ward	10 AM to 10:30 PM	\$\$	👤
Ngon garden	70 Nguyen Du St., Cua Nam Ward	7 AM to 9:30 PM	\$\$\$	🌸
A Ban Mountain Dew	76 Tran Phu St., Ba Dinh Ward	10 AM to 2 PM 5 PM to 11 PM	\$\$\$	🌸
Vien Dining	178 Trieu Viet Vuong St., Hai Ba Trung Ward.	6 PM to 10:30 PM	\$\$\$	🌸
Tanh Tach	3 Yet Kieu St., Hai Ba Trung Ward	11AM to 2 PM 5 PM to 10 PM	\$\$\$	🌸
Vi An	145 Hoang Cau St., O Cho Dua Ward	10 AM to 10:30 PM 4:30 PM to 10 PM	\$\$	🌸
Maison 1929	2 Cua Dong St., Hoan Kiem Ward	11:30 AM to 10 PM	\$\$	🌸
Cau Go Vietnamese Cuisine	9 Dinh Tien Hoang St., Hoan Kiem Ward	10 AM to 10 PM	\$\$	🌸
Lamai Garden	36B De Quai St., Tay Ho Ward	6 PM to 11 PM	\$\$\$	🌸
Senté: The flavor of Lotus	20 Nguyen Quang Bich St., Cua Dong Ward	10:30 AM to 2PM 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM	\$\$	🌸

CAFÉ CULTURE

Hanoi's coffee culture is connected to the legacy of French colonialism. The French first introduced coffee to Vietnam in 1857 and by 1950, the country was producing and exporting instant coffee, which placed the focus on Robusta. Vietnam is now one of the world's largest coffee producers.

As for Hanoians, drinking coffee has become a culture. Hanoians prefer sipping their stronger blends outside in front of a small shop. Any time of the day, you can easily see some locals with a cup of coffee in their hands while enjoying the hustle and bustle of the streets.



DRIP COFFEE & COFFEE WITH CONDENSED MILK

Ingredients: Coffee, condensed milk (optional), sugar (optional)

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Cafe Nhan	39D Hang Hanh St., Hoan Kiem Ward	6 AM to 11:30 PM	\$
Cafe Pho Co	11 Hang Gai St., Hoan Kiem Ward	8 AM to 11 PM	\$
Cafe Lam	60 Nguyen Huu Huan St., Ly Thai To Ward	7:00 AM to 10 PM	\$



EGG COFFEE

Ingredients: Coffee, sugar, egg, condensed milk

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Cafe Giang	39 Nguyen Huu Huan St., Ly Thai To Ward	7 AM to 10 PM	\$
Loading T	8 Chan Cam St., Hang Trong Ward	8 AM to 6 PM	\$
Cafe Dinh	13 Dinh Tien Hoang St., Hoan Kiem Ward	7 AM to 10 PM	\$



COCONUT COFFEE

Ingredients: Coffee, coconut milk, condensed milk, ice

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Cong Caphe	27 Nha Tho St., Hoan Kiem Ward	7:30 AM to 11:30 PM	\$
Xofa Cafe & Bistro	14 Tong Duy Tan St., Hoan Kiem Ward	Open 24 hours	\$
La Place	6 Au Trieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward	7:30 AM to 12 AM	\$



WESTERN STYLE AND SPECIALTY COFFEE

Ingredients: Coffee, milk (optional)

Name	Address	Hours	Price
RAAW Coffee	15 Hang Buom St., Hoan Kiem Ward	8 AM to 11 PM	\$
Habakuk Fine Coffee & Bistro	4 Phan Huy Chu Alley, Hoan Kiem Ward	8 AM to 11 PM	\$-\$ \$ 🍷
Tranquil Books & Coffee	19 Cao Ba Quat St., Ba Dinh Ward	8 AM to 11 PM	\$

A TASTE OF HOME

If you have been traveling for too long and start missing your own comfort food or just want to know how your favorite dish from home will taste in a far-away land, you will not be disappointed in Hanoi. With the ever-growing expat community, people from over the world have settled and set up shop.

This has allowed Hanoi to be a bit of a mecca for cuisine. Whether it is American, French, Italian, Indian, Korean, Spanish, there is something for everyone. So, when that craving for a taste of home hits, Hanoi has you covered.



AMERICAN

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Moose & Roo Smokehouse	21 Hai Ba Trung St., Hoan Kiem Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday to Thursday: 5 PM to 12 AM Friday to Sunday: 11 AM to 12 AM 	\$\$\$
S&L's Diner	24 Duong Thanh St., Hoan Kiem Ward	10:30 AM to 10 PM	\$\$
GoodTime Vietnam	1 Nam Trang St., Ba Dinh Ward	11 AM to 11 PM	\$\$



CHINESE

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Crystal Jade Palace	Rey Hotel, 14 Ly Nam De St., Hoan Kiem Ward	10 AM to 2 PM 5 PM to 10 PM	\$\$\$
Golden Dragon	Hanoi Hotel, D8 Tran Huy Lieu St., Giang Vo Ward	11:30 AM to 1:30 PM 5 PM to 9:30 PM	\$\$ - \$\$\$
John Anthony	JW Marriott Hanoi Hotel, 8 Do Duc Duc St., Tu Liem Ward	11:30 AM to 2:30 PM 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM	\$\$\$



FRENCH

Name	Address	Hours	Price
French Grill	JW Marriott Hotel, 8 Do Duc Duc St., Tu Liem Ward	6 PM to 10:30 PM	\$\$\$\$ 🌸
Le Beaulieu	Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel, 15 Ngo Quyen St., Hoan Kiem Ward	11:30 AM to 2:30 PM 6 PM to 10 PM	\$\$\$ 🌸
Cousins Restaurant	15 Alley 45 To Ngoc Van St., Tay Ho Ward	11 AM to 2 PM 5 PM to 10 PM	\$\$



INDIAN

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Rasm Indian Cuisine	126 Tu Hoa St., Tay Ho Ward	11 AM to 3 PM 6 PM to 10 PM	\$\$
Dalcheeni Indian Restaurant	100 Xuan Dieu St., Tay Ho Ward	10:30 AM to 2:30 PM 6 PM to 10:30 PM	\$\$
Namaste Hanoi	46 Tho Nhuom St., Cua Nam Ward	11 AM to 2 PM 6 PM to 9:30 PM	\$\$



ITALIAN

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Pizza Belga	47 Hang Be St., Hoan Kiem Ward	11 AM to 3 PM 5 PM to 11 PM	\$\$
Casa Italia	18 Le Phung Hieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward	11 AM to 10 PM	\$\$
Giovanni's	48 To Ngoc Van St., Tay Ho Ward	11 AM to 2 PM 6 PM to 10 PM	\$\$\$



JAPANESE

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Koki - The House of Senses	Capella Hotel, 11 Le Phung Hieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward	11:30 AM to 1:30 PM 6 PM to 10 PM	\$\$\$\$ 
Kimono	52 - 54 Ly Thuong Kiet St., Cua Nam Ward	10 AM to 10 PM	\$\$\$
Wa Japanese Cuisine	34G Tran Phu St., Ba Dinh Ward	10 AM to 10 PM	\$\$



KOREAN

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Jumarc - Korean Modern Bar Kitchen	23C Hai Ba Trung St., Hoan Kiem Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday to Saturday: 5:30 PM to 12 AM Sunday: 5 PM to 10 PM Monday: Closed 	\$\$ - \$\$\$
Samwon Garden - Korean Dining Restaurant	Somerset West Point Hanoi, 02 Quang An St., Tay Ho Ward	11 AM to 2PM 5PM to 10 PM	\$\$ - \$\$\$
Chum Restaurant	Alley 70 Nguyen Thi Dinh St., Thanh Xuan Ward	10 AM to 10 PM	\$\$ - \$\$\$



SINGAPOREAN

Name	Address	Hours	Price
d'Lions Restaurant	92 Le Duan St., Van Mieu - Quoc Tu Giam Ward	10 AM to 10 PM	\$\$
Kampong Chicken House	29 Phan Dinh Phung St., Ba Dinh Ward	10:30 AM to 2:30 PM 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM	\$\$
DWok Restaurant	Unit 11B, CT5 Building, My Dinh-Me Tri New Urban, Tu Liem Ward	11 AM to 10:30 PM	\$\$



MEXICAN

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Tacos Fresh and More	54 Dao Duy Tu St., Hoan Kiem Ward	11 AM to 10:30 PM	\$\$
Anita's Catina	36 Quang Ba St., Tay Ho Ward	10 AM to 11 PM	\$\$
Naco Taco	103 Alley 47 Quang Khanh St., Tay Ho Ward	11 AM to 11 PM	\$\$



SPANISH

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Capos	12-14 Au Trieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward	11:30 AM to 10:30 PM	\$\$\$
Pincho - Tapas Kitchen and Drinks	34C Cao Ba Quat St., Ba Dinh Ward	11 AM to 2 PM 6 PM to 10:45 PM	\$\$
Ole - Tapas, Wine & Cocktails	10 Quang An St., Tay Ho Ward	11 AM to 11 PM	\$\$



THAI

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Yatts	19 Ngo Van So St., Hoan Kiem Ward	11 AM to 2 PM 6 PM to 10 PM	\$\$\$
Som Tum Thai	37 Tran Hung Dao St., Cua Nam Ward	10 AM to 10 PM	\$\$
Tuk Tuk Thai Bistro	31 Trieu Viet Vuong St., Hai Ba Trung Ward	10 AM to 2 PM 5 PM to 10 PM	\$\$

ECLECTIC EATS & LIBATIONS

Alongside traditional dishes and international cuisines, one may relish a combination of many culinary types of different cultures, forming new dishes that are extremely creative and attractive. Staple and simple food that are dear to one's heart like eggs, bacons or steaks are also a hit among the locals and visitors.



In addition, the vegetarian culinary scene in Hanoi is popping, providing a well-balanced meal that is not only rich in nutrition but also visually stunning. Last but not least, Hanoi's nightlife offers all types of vibes and creative cocktails or mocktails for every soul. Any bespoke bar here can guarantee you a great time.

FUSION

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Etesia Kitchen counter + Wines	14B Lo Su St., Hoan Kiem Ward	10:30 AM to 2 PM 5 PM to 12 PM	\$\$-\$\$\$ 🌸
Chapter Dining & Grill	12C Chan Cam St., Hoan Kiem Ward	6 PM to 11 PM (closed on Sunday)	\$\$-\$\$\$ 🌸
Sente: The Flavour of Lotus	20 Nguyen Quang Bich St., Hoan Kiem Ward	10:30 AM to 2 PM 5:30 PM to 10 PM	\$\$ 🌸
LABRI - Oriental Neo Bistro	113 Bui Thi Xuan St., Hai Ba Trung Ward	6 PM to 10 PM (closed on Sunday)	\$\$\$ 🌸
Pizza 4P's	43 Trang Tien St., Hoan Kiem Ward	10:30 AM to 11 PM	\$\$ 🌸

BRUNCH


Name	Address	Hours	Price
Godmother.	12-14 Au Trieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward	8 AM to 9 PM	\$\$-\$\$\$
Running Bean	22 Nha Tho St., Hoan Kiem Ward	8 AM to 10 PM	\$\$
Lifted Coffee & Brunch	101 Hang Ga St., Hoan Kiem Ward	8:30 AM to 7 PM	\$\$

STEAKHOUSE

Name	Address	Hours	Price
El Gaucho	11 Trang Tien St., Hoan Kiem Ward	11 AM to 11 PM	\$\$\$\$ 🌸
Rico South American Steakhouse	7 Nguyen Gia Thieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward	11 AM to 2 PM 5 PM to 10 PM	\$\$\$
Los Fuegos - Argentinian Steak and Grill	35A Alley 12 Dang Thai Mai St., Tay Ho Ward	11:30 AM to 10:30 PM (closed on Wednesday)	\$\$\$



VEGETARIAN

Name	Address	Hours	Price
Co Dam Chay	68A Tran Hung Dao St., Cua Nam Ward	11 AM to 1:30 PM 6 PM to 8:30 PM	\$\$\$ 
Sadhu Vegetarian Restaurant	87 Ly Thuong Kiet St., Cua Nam Ward	10:30 AM to 10 PM	\$\$
Uu Dam Chay	55 Nguyen Du St., Hoan Kiem Ward	10:30 AM to 9:30 PM	\$\$
Caga Cafe & Restaurant	45C Tran Quoc Toan St., Hoan Kiem Ward	7:30 AM to 9 PM	\$\$
La Vegarie	4A Trang Thi St., Hoan Kiem Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday to Saturday: 11 AM to 2 PM; 6 PM to 10 PM Sunday: Closed 	\$\$\$
Cai Mam Bistro Signature Vegan	5 Luong Van Can St., Hoan Kiem Ward	10:30 AM to 2 PM 5:30 PM to 10 PM	\$\$

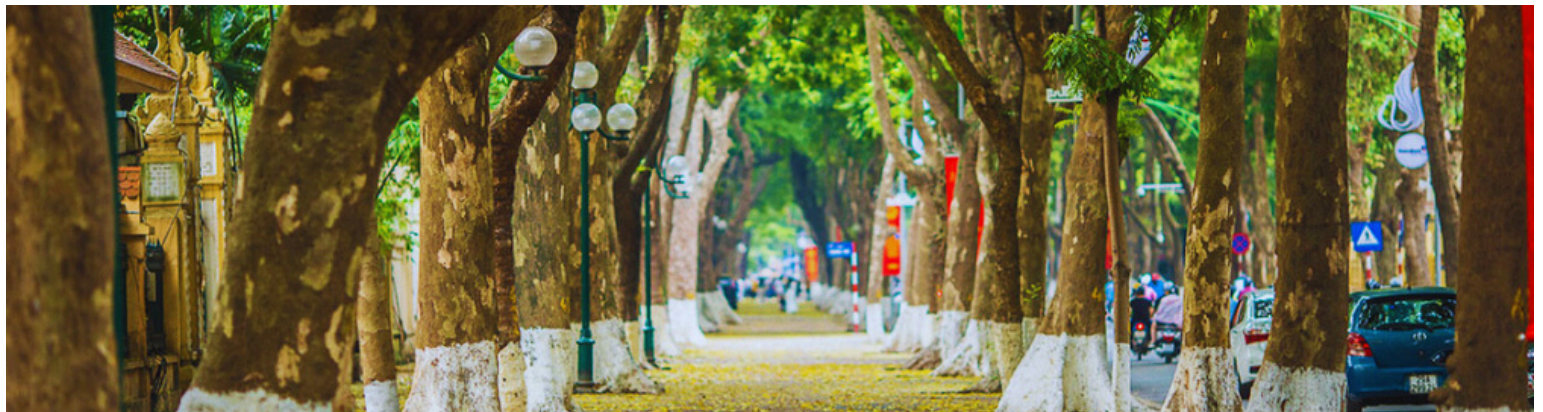


BESPOKE BARS

Name	Address	Hours	Price
The Haffington	94 Hang Ma St., Hoan Kiem Ward.	3 PM to 1 AM (next day)	\$\$\$
Polite & Co	5B Bao Khanh Alley, Hoan Kiem Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday to Friday: 5 PM to 11:30 PM Saturday and Sunday: 5 PM to 1 AM 	\$\$
Tadioto	24B Tong Dan St., Hoan Kiem Ward	11 AM to 11:30 PM	\$\$
Binh Minh Jazz Club	1 Trang Tien St., Hoan Kiem Ward	8 AM to 12 AM	\$\$
Kumquat Tree Speakeasy Bar	1 Nguyen Khac Can St., Hoan Kiem Ward	7:30 PM to 12 AM (closed on Monday)	\$\$\$
Tannin Wine Bar	46 Hang Vai St., Hoan Kiem Ward	4 PM to 12 AM	\$\$
Long Waits Jazz	5 Nguyen Quang Bich St., Hoan Kiem Ward	7 PM to 12 PM	\$\$
The Hudson Rooms	Capella Hotel, 11 Le Phung Hieu St., Hoan Kiem Ward	5 PM to 12 AM	\$\$\$
Use Bar	55 Hue Alley, Hai Ba Trung Ward	6 PM to 12:30 AM	\$\$\$

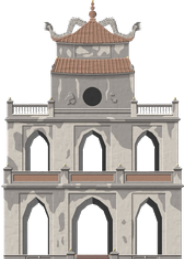


CUSTOMIZE YOUR TOUR



2-HOUR TRIP

#1



STROLL AROUND HOAN KIEM LAKE AND OLD QUARTER (90 MINS)

In the heart of the bustling Hanoi, **Hoan Kiem Lake** is one of Hanoi's most popular walking spots. On this walk, you can also take a pit stop to admire the beauty of **Ngoc Son Temple**. Afterwards, a walk in the **Old Quarter** will show you intriguing neighborhoods, mix of Vietnamese architecture, green spaces and ancient shops.

#2



SIP EGG COFFEE (30 MINS)

Combination of coffee, egg yolks, sugar and milk, egg coffee is a specialty that you can't miss out on when you're in Hanoi. This type of coffee can be served hot or cold, both variations will bring you some quite different experiences of paralleled delight.

Both **Cafe Dinh** (13 Dinh Tien Hoang St.) or **Cafe Giang** (39 Nguyen Huu Huan St.) are in walking distance from the Old Quarter.

HALF-DAY TRIP

#1



VISIT HO CHI MINH MAUSOLEUM (60 MINS)

Learn more about Ho Chi Minh's life and his significance in Vietnamese history as well as expand your understanding of the country. While you're at it, do visit the **One Pillar Pagoda**, **Ho Chi Minh Museum** and **Stilt House**.

#2



WALK AROUND IMPERIAL CITADEL OF THANG LONG (90 MINS)

The Imperial Citadel of Thang Long holds a special place in the hearts of those who love exploring a thousand years of Vietnamese history. Each historic point has its own story to tell, making it a truly fascinating experience.

#3



CLIMB HANOI FLAG TOWER (30 MINS)

Hanoi Flag Tower has endured the ravages of war and still stands at the heart of Hanoi with a long-standing history. Being a symbol of Vietnam's independence, this historical site is an ideal spot for any history enthusiast. You can also check out the **Vietnam Military History Museum** after.

#4



ENJOY A TRADITIONAL VIETNAMESE MEAL (60 MINS)

Traditional family dishes are an essential part of Hanoi's culinary culture, showcasing the unique flavors and culture of this vibrant city and bringing families together. Restaurants serving family style dishes in walking distance from the Flag Tower include **Tam Vi** (4B Yen The St.) and **Old Hanoi Restaurant** (18 Ton That Thiep St.).

FULL-DAY TRIP

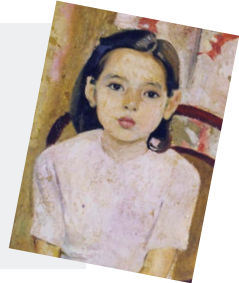


LOAD UP ON VIETNAMESE BREAKFAST FOOD (30 MINS)

Hanoi food is renowned for its lightness yet packed with nutrition. Check out pho (rice noodle soup) from **Pho 10** (10 Ly Quoc Su St.) or banh mi (Vietnamese baguette) from **Banh mi 25** (25 Hang Ca St.), you're in for a treat!

VISIT VIETNAM NATIONAL FINE ARTS MUSEUM (60 MINS)

The Fine Arts Museum is considered an important monument to promote the cultural heritages of Vietnamese ethnic groups. With more than 20,000 artifacts, the exhibited artworks show art in the Stone Age and Bronze Age, fine arts through Vietnamese feudal dynasties, folk art and handicraft art and Vietnamese modern art. This Museum is a treat for the art lovers!



IMMERSE IN TEMPLE OF LITERATURE (60 MINS)

Just across the street from the National Fine Arts Museum, the Temple of Literature is among one of the most popular attractions. With its picturesque campus, traditional construction and historical value, the Temple of Literature is undoubtedly the symbol and treasure of Hanoi.



RE-CHARGE WITH LUNCH AND A COFFEE (90 MINS)

Options for lunch vary as the food scene in Hanoi is dynamic and constantly evolving. For a hearty yet fresh meal, try bun cha (grilled pork with vermicelli noodles) at **Bun cha Cua Dong** (41 Cua Dong St.) or cha ca (tumeric grilled fish with dill) at **Cha ca Thang Long** (6B Duong Thanh St.). Then head over to **Loading T** (8 Chan Cam St.) for an egg coffee or a coconut coffee!



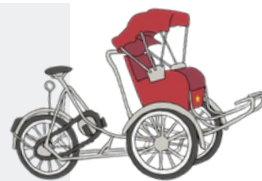
GO SEE HOA LO PRISON RELIC (90 MINS)

Hoa Lo Prison, one of the most brutal prisons with extremely cruel punishment, is a historical place that witnessed the strong determination of Vietnamese revolutionaries and their sacrifice for the country. Hoa Lo is in every visitor's bucket list.



CYCLO THROUGHOUT THE HOAN KIEM LAKE AND OLD QUARTER (2 HRS)

Sit back and enjoy a pedicab tour as your driver pedals behind you, showing you the highlights and photo spots like the Hoan Kiem Lake, Opera House, Joseph Cathedral Church and the Old Quarter. Afterward, you can explore all the souvenir shops in the Old Quarter on foot.



TREAT YOURSELF WITH A MASSAGE (60-90 MINS)

After a whole day of walking around, a massage is well needed. Call ahead to **Orient Spa** (26 Au Trieu St.) or **La Spa by La Siesta** (27 Hang Be St) to schedule your session.



END YOUR DAY WITH A NICE DINNER AND A NIGHT CAP (2-3 HRS)

Spoil yourself with tasting menu from **Gia Restaurant** (61 Van Mieu St.) or **Vien Dining** (178 Trieu Viet Vuong St.). If you prefer something more casual, **A Ban Mountain Dew** (76 Tran Phu St.) is also a local's favorite. Then don't forget to grab a night cap at **Haflington** (94 Hang Ma St.) or **Long Waits Jazz** (5 Nguyen Quang Bich St.), or ask the staffs at **The Hudson Room at Capella** to visit their secretive Track 61!

