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VISITOR HANDBOOK

PREPARING A TRIP TO HANOI and VIASM

I. THE VIETNAM INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY (VIASM)

On August 19th, 2010, Prof. Ngo Bao Chau received the Fields Medal at The International Congress of Mathematicians 2010, held in Hyderabad, India. This event set the momentum for many future activities of The 10-year National Program for the Development of Mathematics (NPDM 20102-2020).

VIASM's goal is to become a center for the study of Mathematics, providing a comfortable and inspiring environment for professors, researchers, and students to the standard of countries that are leading in Math. With such an environment provided, we at VIASM hope that the Institute would encourage the exchange of knowledge among the researchers and students that will be working at VIASM, which in turn will not only help the individual researchers achieve their goals but also further advance the general knowledge and interest in math in Vietnam. Our goal aligns with the goals of the NPDM, which aims to encourage the sustainable development of Math in Vietnam as a science, contributing to the progress of Vietnam as a country as well as uplifting Vietnamese Mathematics in the global scheme.

From the founding of VIASM to March 2020, VIASM headquarter were located on the 7th floor of the Ta Quang Buu Library within the campus of Hanoi University of Science and Technology. From April 2020, VIASM moved to the official headquarters at 157 Chua Lang Street, Dong Da, Ha Noi (refurnished from what was before Nguyen Van Huyen Elementary School) with a system of conference rooms, seminar rooms, private research rooms, offices, and guest houses.

After 10 years of operating, VIASM built a sufficient working system, with a clear legal position, detailed missions, and a fully furnished facility. This proved to be a strong foundation for VIASM's future successes.

VIASM Headquarters

No. 157 Chua Lang Street, Lang Thuong Ward, Dong Da District, Hanoi, Vietnam.

In Vietnamese:

Viện Nghiên cứu cao cấp về Toán

Ngõ 157, Phố Chùa Láng, Phường Láng Thượng, Quận Đống Đa, Hà Nội, Việt Nam.

II. VISA INFORMATION

● Exemption of VISA entry to Vietnam

The Vietnam Government on Tuesday (Mar, 15, 2022) agreed to resume its unilateral visa exemption policy for citizens from 13 countries as Vietnam seeks to reopen inbound tourism after nearly two years of closure.

Citizens from Belarus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the U.K. will be allowed to visit Vietnam for up to 15 days without a visa regardless of passport type and entry purpose.

The Vietnam Government also announced to resume other pre-pandemic immigration procedures for foreigners and overseas Vietnamese.

Visitor should review the complete list from the official website of the Vietnam Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<https://lanhsuvietnam.gov.vn/Lists/BaiViet/B%C3%A0i%20vi%E1%BA%BFt/DispForm.aspx?List=dc7c7d75%2D6a32%2D4215%2Dafeb%2D47d4bee70eee&ID=306>.

● Malaysia

As a citizen of this country, you are required no entry visa for a stay of maximum 30 days in Vietnam.

If staying longer than 30 days in Vietnam, Malaysian passport holders need to get a visa.

Source: [Vietnam Visa for Malaysian Citizens](#).

● Indonesia

As a citizen of this country, you are required no entry visa for a stay of maximum 30 days in Vietnam.

If staying longer than 30 days in Vietnam, Indonesian passport holders need to get a visa.

Source: [Vietnamese Visas for Citizens of Indonesia | Vietnam Visa](#).

- **Philippines**

As a citizen of this country, you are required no entry visa for a stay of maximum 14 days in Vietnam.
If staying longer than 14 days in Vietnam, Filipino passport holders need to get a visa.

Source: [Vietnam Visa for Filipino Citizens](#).

- **Thailand**

As a citizen of this country, you are required no entry visa for a stay of maximum 30 days in Vietnam.
If staying longer than 30 days in Vietnam, Thai passport holders need to get a visa.

Source : [Vietnamese Visas for Citizens of Thailand | Vietnam Visa](#)

- **India**

Indian passport holders do need a visa to enter the country.

Source: [Do Indian Passport Holders Need a Visa to Enter Vietnam?](#).

- **France**

French passport holders are not required an entry visa for a stay of a maximum of 15 days in Vietnam

Source: <https://ambassade-vietnam.com/fr/visa-vietnam/>

III. ARRIVAL

TRANSPORTATION

I. Noibai Airport Arrivals



II.

Above is a picture of the Noi Bai Airport Arrivals Area (for international flights). If you are informed that VIASM staff will come to the airport to pick you up, please wait in the “yellow” area.

❖ From Noi Bai International Airport to VIASM

The distance from the airport to the Institute is about 28 km with a variety of travel options.

Option 1. Taxis

The fare ranges from US\$ 10-13 (VND 250,000 - VND 300,000) and the preferred payment method is in cash. Estimated travel time: 30 minutes.

Taxi ride to the city center takes about 40 minutes and costs approximately US\$ 16 –18 (350,000 - 400,000 VND) from the Noi Bai Airport to the downtown area.

Recommended taxi companies (other taxis could be cheaper and also safe, but below are the most reliable):

- **Airport Taxi:** (84-24) 3886 6666.
- **Noi Bai Airport Taxi:** (84-24) 38868888 (highly reliable!).
- **Mai Linh Taxi:** (84-24) 38222666.
- **G7 Taxi:** (84-24) 32 32 32 32.

Option 2. Bus Express 86

The bus operates from Noi Bai International Airport to Hanoi Railway Station (Le Duan Street). The ticket is about 1.5 USD (VND 35,000) per person with an estimated travel time of approx. 55 minutes. Once you arrive at the final stop, you can take a taxi or public transport to the Hotel with a distance of about 7 km.

Bus map:

https://moovitapp.com/index/en/public_transit-line-86-H%C3%A0_N%E1%BB%99i-2921-1597502-17099406-0

Option 3. Public transports

There are several routes:

- Bus 07 (Thu Le Zoo) and Bus 17 (Long Bien Bus Station). The ticket is VND 9,000 with an estimated travel time of about 1-1,5 hours.

Bus map:

https://moovitapp.com/index/en/public_transit-line-07-H%C3%A0_N%E1%BB%99i-2921-1597502-17099498-0

- Bus 90: Nội Bài-Kim Mã, 9000 VND/ticket

Bus map:

https://moovitapp.com/index/en/public_transit-line-90-H%C3%A0_N%E1%BB%99i-2921-1597502-17099491-0

- Bus 17: Long Biên – Nội Bài

Bus map:

https://moovitapp.com/index/en/public_transit-line-17-H%C3%A0_N%E1%BB%99i-2921-1597502-17099408-0

For more information: <https://www.hanoiairportonline.com/public-bus/> or <https://xe-buyt.com/>

Option 4: Other Transportation Apps: An easy way to book taxis or motorbikes is the ride-hailing apps such as: *Grab, Be, and Taxi Mai Linh*. Grab (and Be) are the Uber of SE Asia and can be used to reserve a car, taxi, or motorbike. Besides ride-hailing, Grab is also a great app for food delivery.

You can download the Grab/Be apps in the app store (Android | Apple) on your phone and register using your phone number, Facebook account, or Google account. It takes no more than 2 minutes to complete the registration.

2. Traveling inside the city

Taxi from the Noi Bai International Airport to the center city costs approximately US\$10 – 13 (250,000 – 300,000 VND).

Most taxis have meter & receipt, the price is about US\$0.5 – 0.8/km (12 000 – 18 000 VND/km).

We recommend the following taxi brands:

- Mai Linh Taxi: (84 - 24) 38.616.161 – (84 - 4) 38.333.333
- Taxi Group (84 - 24) 38535353 – (84 - 4) 38262626
- Ba Sao Taxi: (84 - 24) 32 32 32 32
- G7 Taxi: (84-24) 32 32 32 32

❖ From downtown Hanoi to VIASM

From the direction of Nguyen Chi Thanh street: Start at Vincom Center Nguyen Chi Thanh building (54A Nguyen Chi Thanh), turn into Chua Lang street, go about 600m then turn left into lane 157B Chua Lang Street.

From the direction of Lang Street: turn into Chua Lang Street, go about 350m then turn right into lane 157B Chua Lang Street.

After turning into lane 157B Chua Lang street, go about 100m further to the main gate of the Institute - Gate No.1 (the gate on the right).

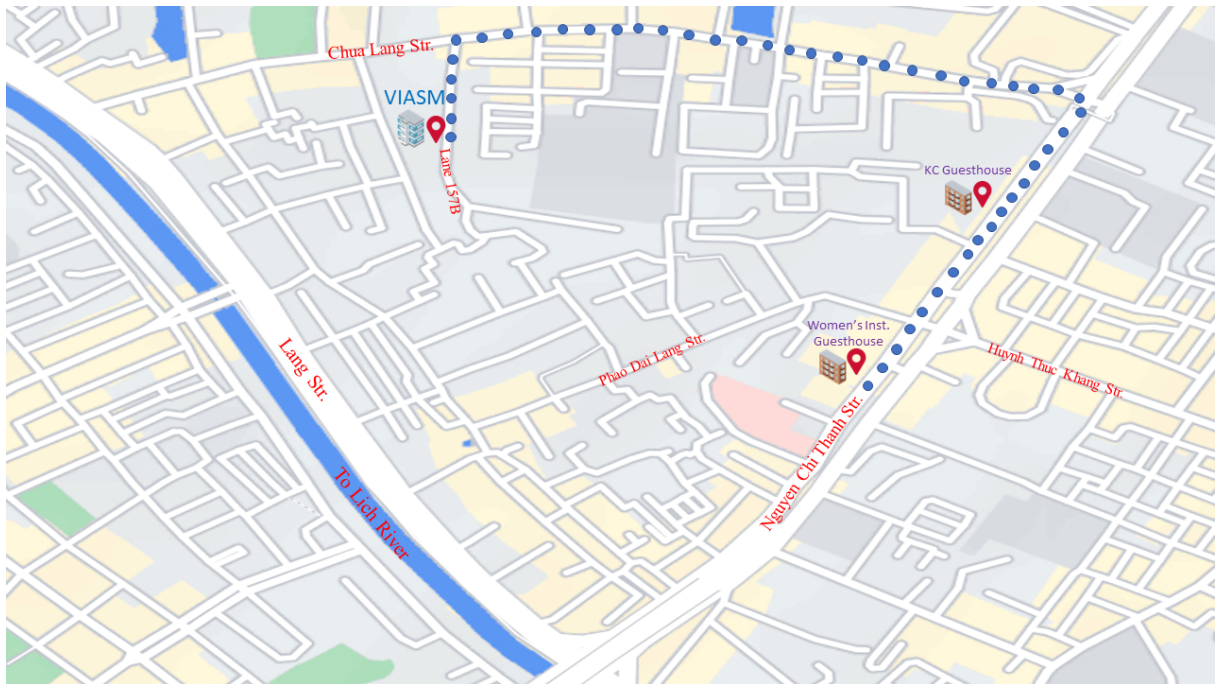
Gate No.1 will be opened from 7:00 to 19:00 daily. Outside the above time (from 19:00 to 7:00 the next day).

❖ From Vietnam Women's Institute Guesthouse to VIASM

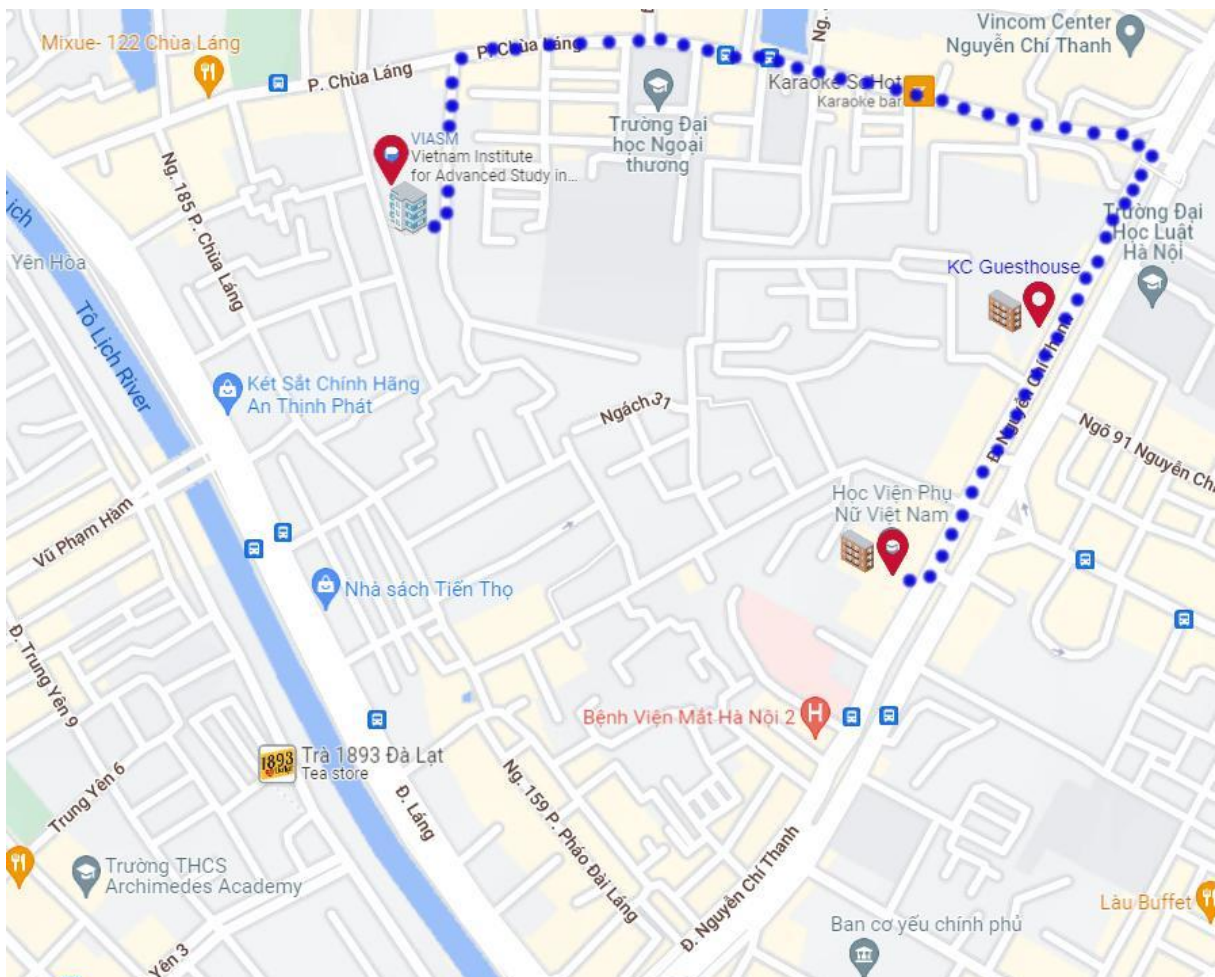
Vietnam Women's Institute Guesthouse

Address: No. 68 Nguyen Chi Thanh Street, Lang Thuong Ward, Dong Da District, Hanoi

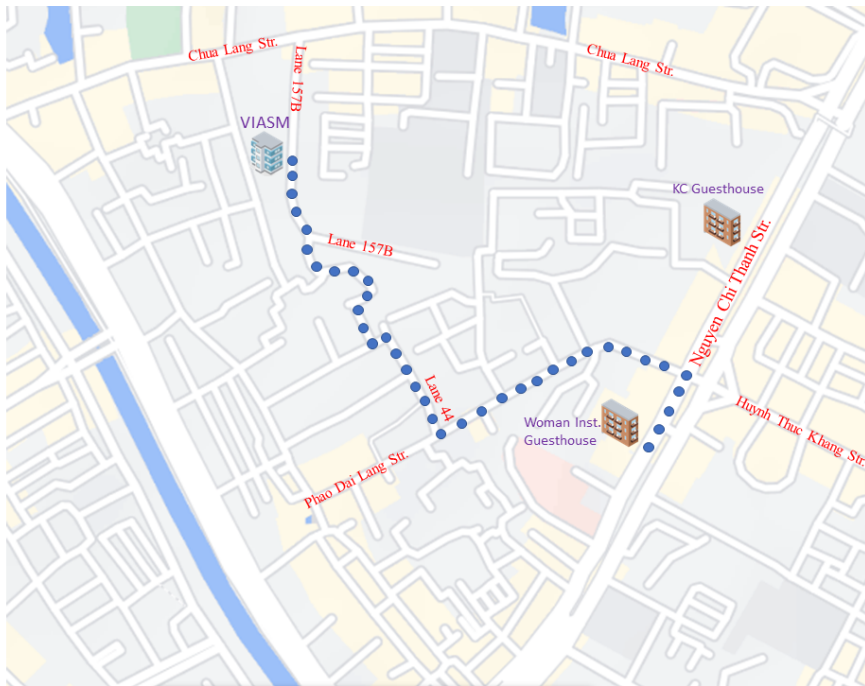
Below is map from the KC Guesthouse and Vietnam Women's Institute Guesthouse to VIASM



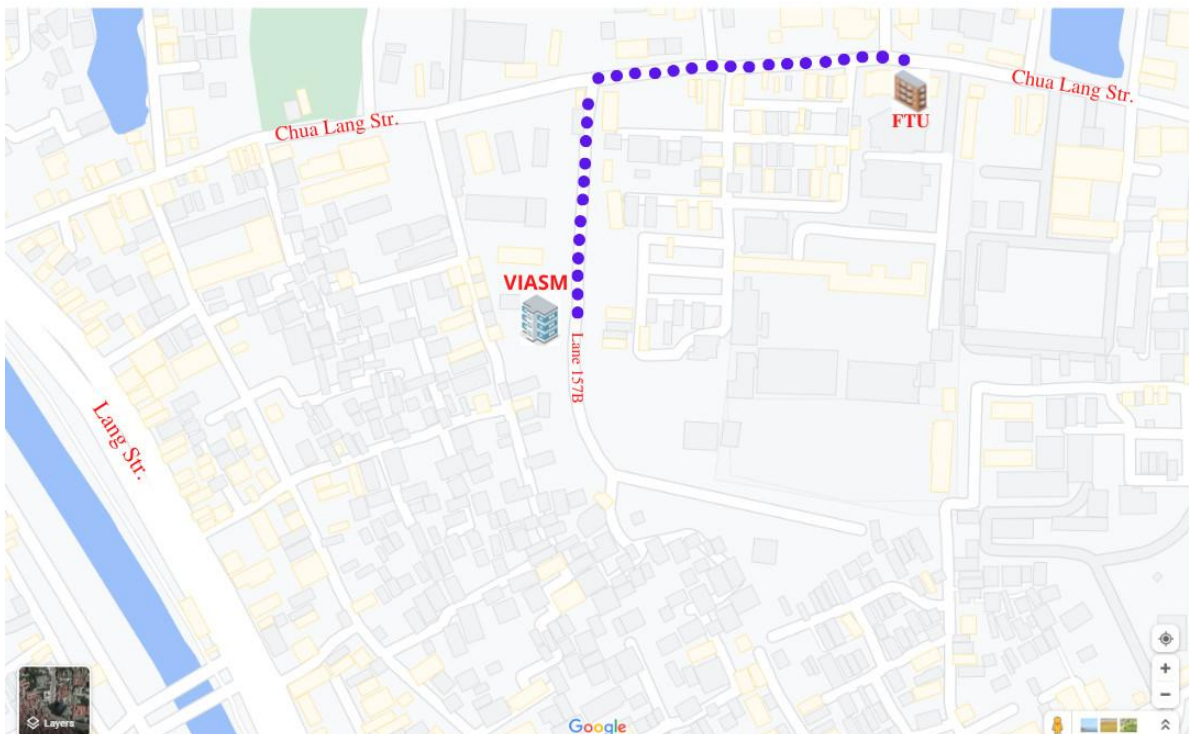
Driving Direction (Source: google maps): Women Inst. Guesthouse → Nguyễn Chí Thanh Str. → Chua Lang Str. → Lane 157B, Chua Lang Str.



Driving Direction (Source: google maps)



Walking Direction: Women Inst. Guesthouse → Nguyen Chi Thanh Str. → Phao Dai Lang Str. → Lane 44, Phao Dai Lang Str. → Lane 157B, Chua Lang Str.



Walking/Driving directions (Source: google maps): VIASM (Head north on) → Lane 157B, Chua Lang Street → (Turn right) Chua Lang Street → FTU (Foreign Trade University)

IV. SIM CARD AND CURRENCY EXCHANGE

The easiest place to buy a SIM card is at the airport when you first arrive in Vietnam. Make sure

you bring your passport when you go to purchase a SIM Card and make sure to have your cell phone unlocked for international use before you leave your home country. Expect to pay between 150,000-350,000 VND (\$6-\$15 USD) for a SIM card and prepaid data package, depending on how long you're staying in Vietnam and how much data you want. You can choose a mobile carrier that provides SIM in Vietnam such as: Viettel, MobiFone, Vinaphone, Vietnamobile.

It is best to purchase a Vietnamese SIM card either in the airport or at one of the official stores of the mobile network providers.

- ***At the Airport:*** You'll find dozens of kiosks selling SIM cards as soon as you exit the baggage claim area in any of Vietnam's international airports.
- ***At Post and telecommunication Office:*** If you have already left the airport without a SIM card then you should head directly to one of the branch offices of the telecom companies. You can find many official stores from Viettel, MobiFone, and Vinaphone (please see below).

Viettel Official Stores

1. No. 185 Giang Vo street, Dong Da district, Ha Noi.
2. No. 145 Thai Ha Street, Trung Liet Ward, Dong Da district, Hanoi

Vinaphone Official Stores

1. No.57, Huynh Thuc Khang street, Dong Da, Hanoi
2. No.75, Dinh Tien Hoang Street, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

MobiFone Official Stores

1. No 97 , Nguyen Chi Thanh street, Dong Da, Hanoi
2. No 213 , Xa Dan street, Dong Da, Hanoi

Vietnamobile Official Store

1. 203 Xã Đàn, Nam Đông ward, Dong Da district, Hanoi

Currency exchange service is also available at the Noi Bai International Airport. You can find the booths that offer this service at multiple locations within the airport:

Noi Bai International Airport has arranged the location of money exchange counters at T2 international terminal as follows:

Currency exchange counter #1: Departure Gate #17.18

Currency exchange counter #2: At the departure station, opposite the D procedure line

Currency exchange counter #3: At the arrival station, behind the border police counter

Currency exchange counter 4: Exit of the international arrivals hall

Public area on the 1st floor on the west side:

Direct foreign currency exchange counters: BIDV Bank and Maritime Bank.

ATMs for foreign currency exchange: BIDV Bank, Maritime Bank, VPBank Bank

Public area on the 1st floor on the East side:

Direct foreign exchange counters: Vietinbank and Techcombank.

ATM for foreign currency exchange: Vietinbank, Techcombank, Agribank.

V. HOSPITALS/MEDICAL CENTERS

Source: <https://vietnamtravel.com/best-hospitals-and-medical-centers-in-hanoi/>

1. Family Medical Practice Hanoi

Address: 298I Kim Ma Street, Van Phuc Compound, Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam

ACCESS: Van Phuc Compound is located on the right hand side of Kim Mã Street when heading towards Daewoo Hotel. 12 minutes by car from VIASM.

Website: <https://www.vietnammedicalpractice.com/hanoi/en>

2. Hong Ngoc General Clinic-Keangnam

Address: B1 Basement and 10th floor, Keangnam Landmark 72, Pham Hung, Hanoi

(024) 3927 5568 ext 8

ACCESS: 10 minutes by car from VIASM.

Website: <https://en.hongngochospital.vn/>

3. Hanoi French Hospital - HFH Hospital

Emergency Hotline: (024) 3574 1111

Address: 01 Phuong Mai Street, Dong Da District, Hanoi, Vietnam.

ACCESS: 21 minutes by car from VIASM.

Website: <https://www.hfh.com.vn/en/home>

4. Raffles Medical Hanoi

Address: 51 Xuan Dieu Street, Tay Ho District, Hanoi

Telephone: (024) 3676 2222

ACCESS: 20 minutes by car from VIASM.

Website: <https://rafflesmedical.vn/en/raffles-medical-hanoi/>

VI. RELIGIOUS SITES

Source: <https://localtravelidea.com/ha-noi/churches-in-hanoi>

1. St. Joseph Cathedral of Hanoi

Location: No.40 Nha Chung street, Hang Trong ward, Hoan Kiem district, Hanoi

Prayer time:

- 5:30am, 6:15pm during weekdays
- 6pm on Saturdays
- 5am, 7am, 9am, 11am, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm on Sundays

Mean of transport recommendation: Bus 09B (7000 VND/ticket)

2. Ham Long church

Location: No.56 Phan Dinh Phung street, Quan Thanh ward, Ba Dinh district, Hanoi

Prayer time:

- Weekend days: 7pm
- Saturday: 5:30am, 7pm
- Sunday: 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 7pm

3. Cua Bac Catholic church

Location: No.21 Ham Long street, Phan Chu Trinh ward, Hai Ba Trung district, Hanoi

Prayer time:

- Weekdays: 5:30am (6am in the winter) and 7pm (except for Monday and Friday)
- Saturday: 7pm
- Sunday: 6am (6:30am in the winter), 8:30am, 5pm, and 7pm

4. Sainte Marie church

Location: No.37 Hai Ba Trung street, Trang Tien ward, Hoan Kiem district, Hanoi

5. Hanoi Evangelical church

Location: No.02 Ngo Tram street, Hang Bong ward, Hoan Kiem district, Hanoi

6. Al-Noor Mosque Hanoi

Location: No.02 Ngo Tram street, Hang Bong ward, Hoan Kiem district, Hanoi

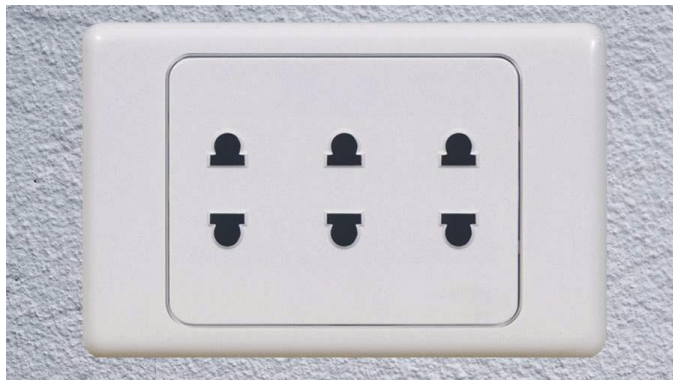
7. An Thai church

Location: No.460 Thuy Khue street, Buoai ward, Ba Dinh district, Hanoi

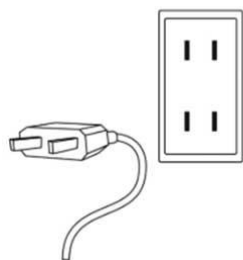
Prayer time: 6 pm during weekdays; 5:30 am and 6:30 pm on Sundays

VII. ELECTRICITY

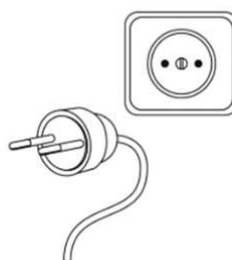
Coming to Vietnam, it is useful to know something about the electricity, for example if you need a world plug or travel adapter. This is the most common outlet:



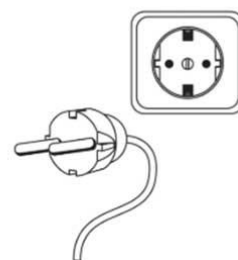
In short, plug type A (two flat vertical pins), type C and type F (two round pins) fit most sockets in Vietnam. The following 3 adapters can be used without problems in Vietnam:



Type A



Type C



Type F

When you have an adapter that fits in one of them, it means that in most hotels and guesthouses you can easily charge the battery or battery of your camera, laptop and telephone. You almost never encounter an outlet with only Type A , B or C. There are some cases where an alternating current of 110 volts is used, for which you need a “flat three-point plug”, only the chance that you will encounter it is very small.

Voltage and frequency: The electricity voltage of Vietnam is 220 Volts at 50Hz. Check if the label on your device says something similar to “100-240V 50-60Hz” or “220V 50Hz”, the device is compatible with the voltage in Vietnam.

What to do if your plugs (or right adapter) are not supported in Vietnam?

A travel adapter should be bought at home and packed in your luggage. If you have already landed in Vietnam, you can buy a world plug or travel adapter at electronic shops, electronic centers, convenience stores, and supermarkets such as: **Dien May Xanh, Nguyen Kim, Pico, Mediamart**. The price is around \$4 per adapter.

VIII. CURRENCY AND PAYMENT

Vietnamese currency: The official currency in Vietnam is the Vietnam đồng (VND), 1USD = 23,220 VND and 1 EUR = 23,550 VND. You can sometimes pay in US dollars or Euros in Vietnam (but it is not recommended). The widely accepted credit cards in Vietnam are Visa, Mastercard and American Express. You can exchange from USD or EUR to VND at the airport or at any bank in the city. You can refer to and check the exchange rate at Vietcombank's website below:

<https://portal.vietcombank.com.vn/en-US/Personal/TG/Pages/exchange-rate.aspx>

However, in general, you can hardly exchange from VND back to foreign currency in a bank. Thus, please only exchange an amount enough for the duration of your stay.

Cash withdrawal and exchange: Upon arriving in Vietnam, you'll want to have some cash in the local currency. You can find ATMs accepting international cards just outside the arrival gates at all major airports. ATMs are a common sight in Vietnamese cities, and you should have no trouble locating one in most destinations. International cards such as Visa and MasterCard are accepted at more than 20,000 ATMs nationwide. If you need help finding the nearest ATM, just ask your hotel.

Withdrawal limits per transaction range between 2 million VND (just under 100 dollars) and 3 million VND with local bank ATMs; and between 5 million VND to 10 million VND with international bank ATMs.

You can also find currency exchange vendors inside Vietnam's international airports just before the exit gates. Once you're in your destination, you can usually exchange currency at local banks such as: Eximbank, Vietcombank, Vietinbank, Agribank, Techcombank, BIDV, etc, around the city.

Card payments in Vietnam: While cash is used for small purchases and street vendors in Vietnam, most establishments accept payments from major credit card providers such as Visa. Hotels, tour operators, boutiques, restaurants, grocery stores, and spas all generally accept international debit and credit cards. Conversion rates and swiping fees will be set by your card provider.

IX. RESTAURANTS

Hanoi's foods boasts many popular dishes and there are a variety of choices, and is famous for its street food culture. Here are some recommendations:

- *Chim Sao Restaurant*: 65 Ngõ Huế, Hai Bà Trưng District, Hanoi (<http://chimsao.com/>)
- *Quán Ăn Ngon Restaurant*: 18 Phan Boi Chau, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi. (<http://ngonhanoi.com.vn>).
- *Truc Lam Trai Restaurant (serve vegetarian food)*: 39 Le Ngoc Han, Hai Ba Trung District (at Tran Xuan Soan and Hoa Ma), Hanoi, Vietnam (<http://truclamtrai.com>).
- *Madame Hien*: 15 Chan Cam, Hanoi (French-Vietnamese cuisine in a French antique building of old Spanish Embassy).
- *Porte d'Annam Restaurant*: 22 Nhà thờ, Hà Nội (Vietnamese with Spices).

More restaurants which serve vegetarian food:

- *Macrobiotic homefood Restaurant*: 19 Truc Khe, Dong Da District, Hanoi (<https://homefood.com.vn/event>)
- *Vi Lai Vegetarian Restaurant*: 67 Ly Thuong Kiet, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi (<https://vilai.vn/>)

- Sadhu Vegetarian buffet Restaurant: Udic Complex, N04 Hoang Dao Thuy, Trung Hoa, Cau Giay, Hanoi (<https://sadhu.vn/>)
- Vegan - Veggie Castle Vegetarian buffet Restaurant: 38 Ngoc Khanh, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi(<https://veggiecastle.vn/>)
- Từ An Vegetarian buffet Restaurant: V4 Building, Home City, 177 Trung Kinh Street, Yen Hoa Ward, Cau Giay District, Hanoi
(<https://www.facebook.com/nhahangchaytuan.homecity>)

X. BAR & DRINK

- *Tadioto Bar*: 24 Tong Dan
- *Cộng Café*: 27 Nha Tho, 2 Le Phung Hieu, 4 Ly Thuong Kiet, 46 Trang Tien
- *The Kaffe*: 18 Dien Bien Phu
- *Highlands Café*: 38, Le Thai To
- *Nola Café-Bar*: 89 Ma May

XI. VIETNAMESE FOOD

Food Delivery Apps

There are a number of great food delivery apps available in Vietnam that you can easily use to enjoy delicious Vietnamese cuisine without actually getting out of your place. Some of the most popular ones include:

- **GrabFood (on Grab app)**: GrabFood is another great food delivery app that's available in Vietnam. It offers a wide selection of restaurants and dishes, making it a good choice for those who want to explore different cuisines.
- **ShopeeFood**: ShopeeFood is a popular food delivery app in Vietnam. It offers a wide selection of restaurants, and you can place orders for delivery or pickup.
- **Baemin**: Baemin offers a wide selection of restaurants and dishes to choose from. You can also track your orders and receive notifications when your order is ready.
- **Foody**: Foody is an app that offers food services. It is the most famous food app in Vietnam.

- **GoFood (on GoViet app):** GoViet is a new food delivery app that's quickly gaining popularity in Vietnam. It offers a wide selection of local restaurants, making it a great choice for those looking to try Vietnamese cuisine.

Banh mi (called *Bánh mì* in Vietnamese):

Although the origins of the banh mi are French, the Vietnamese truly made this delicacy their own and it is now one of the best dishes you can try while in Hanoi. Banh mi is an airy baguette with a thin and crispy crust that is stuffed with pork, pâté, cured ham and an incredible mixture of Vietnamese herbs and spices, such as coriander, cucumbers, carrots, radishes and more.

1. **Bánh Mì 25:** No. 25, Hang Ca, Hang Dao Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
2. **Bánh Mỳ P:** No.12, Hang Buom, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi.
3. **Quán Bánh mì 35:** Alley 35 Thai Thinh, Nga Tu So, Dong Da, Hanoi
4. **Bánh mì phố:** 57C Dinh Tien Hoang | 64 Hang Bong | 39 Hang Bai | 61E Hang Ma | 74 Hai Ba Trung | 29A Tran Binh Trong | 183 Giang Vo | 21 Pham Ngoc Thach | 100 Thai Thinh | 58 Dao Tan | 128 Vu Trong Phung | 22 Tran Thai Tong | 101-B1 To Hieu (Cau Giay) | 285 Nguyen Hoang Ton.
5. **Bami Bread:** 107 Lang Ha | 98 Hang Bac | 128 Giang Vo | 85 Lang Pagoda | 28 Duy Tan | 189 Tay Son | 7 To Huu | 88B Tran Hung Dao | 209 Nguyen Van Cu | 208 Hoang Quoc Viet | 526 Tran Khat Chan | 135 Tran Dang Ninh | 6 Nguyen Thi Dinh | 330 Nguyen Trai.
6. **Bánh mì Phố Huế:** 118A Hue Street, Hai Ba Trung District, Hanoi.
7. **Bánh Mì Lãn Ông - Hàng Bông:** 18 Hang Bong, Hang Gai Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi.
8. **Bami King:** No. 56 Quan Thanh | No. 116 An Trach | No. 03 Lang Ha | No. 27 Nguyen Phong Sac | 11 Thai Phien | No. 161 Lang Ha | No. 02 Trung Hoa.

Pho (called *Phở* in Vietnamese)

This Vietnamese noodle soup has pretty much taken the world by storm. Pho originated in Hanoi and is arguably the national dish of Vietnam. This delicious blend of broth, rice noodles and meat (usually beef or chicken) can be experienced all over Hanoi, but some of the best places include:

1. **Pho Bat Dan (Phở Bát Đàn):**

25 Hang Ca, Hoan Kiem Ward, Hanoi, Vietnam.

49 Bat Dan Street, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi

2. Pho Thin (Phở Thìn):

13 Lo Duc Ward, Pham Dinh Ho, Hai Ba Trung, Hanoi.

Lane 74, Nguyen Thi Dinh Ward, Trung Hoa, Cau Giay, Hanoi.

19B Hoang Ngoc Phach Ward, Lang Ha, Dong Da, Hanoi.

3. Pho Suong (Phở Sướng):

36B Mai Hac De, Bui Thi Xuan, Hai Ba Trung, Hanoi, Vietnam.

24B Trung Yen lane, Dinh Liet, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi.

No. 1, lane 26 Nguyen Hong, Dong Da, Hanoi.

4. Pho Nho (Phở Nhó):

27 Ward Huynh Thuc Khang, Nam Thanh Cong Group, Ba Dinh, Hanoi, Vietnam.

5. Pho Hang Trong (Phở Hàng Trống)

8 Hang Trong, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi, Vietnam

Banh Cuon (called *Bánh Cuốn* in Vietnamese):

This classic Hanoi dish of pancakes filled with a mix of rich pork, shrimp or chicken, mushrooms, shallots, and nam pla is the most popular breakfast food in the country.

1. Banh Cuon Ba Hoanh (Bánh Cuốn Bà Hoàng):

66 To Hien Thanh, Bui Thi Xuan, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi, Vietnam.

2. Banh cuon Gia an (Bánh cuốn Gia an):

83 Nguyen Thi Dinh Ward, Trung Hoa, Cau Giay, Hanoi, Vietnam.

61 Huynh Thuc Khang Ward, Lang Ha, Dong Da, Hanoi, Vietnam.

70 Trung Hoa Ward, Trung Hoa, Cau Giay, Hanoi, Vietnam.

3. Banh cuon gia truyen (Bánh cuốn gia truyền)

12-14 Hang Ga, Hang Bo, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi.

4. Banh cuon Ba Hanh (Bánh cuốn Bà Hạnh)

16B Tho Xuong, Hang Trong Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi

Bún Chả (called *Bún Chả* in Vietnamese):

Consisting of grilled pork strips and balls (cha) served over rice vermicelli noodles (bun) with a plate of fresh herbs, a bowl of dipping sauce and pickled vegetables on the side, bun cha is one of the best specialties you shouldn't miss when visiting Hanoi.

Although there are many restaurants that prepare this famous dish, Bún Chả Hương Liên is one of the best places in Hanoi that should undoubtedly make its way onto your must-visit list. This restaurant gained worldwide acclaim when President Obama and Anthony Bourdain ate bun cha together right here in this local, authentic and incredibly delicious place.

1. Bun Cha Huong Lien (Bún Chả Hương Liên)

24 Le Van Huu, Phan Chu Trinh, Hai Ba Trung, Hanoi, Vietnam

14 Alley 59 Lang Ha Ward, Coconut Market, Dong Da, Hanoi, Vietnam

2. Bun Cha Hang Quat (Bún Chả Hàng Quạt):

74 Hang Quat, Hang Gai, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi, Vietnam

3. Bun Cha Nem (Bún chả nem):

41 Cua Dong, Hang Bo, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi, Vietnam

4. Bun Cha Tuyen 34 (Bún chả Tuyền 34):

34 Hang Than, Nguyen Trung Truc, Ba Dinh, Hanoi, Vietnam

Cha Ca (called *Chả cá* in Vietnamese):

A distinctive Hanoi delicacy, cha ca is a dish consisting of white fish seasoned with garlic, ginger, turmeric and dill, served on a sizzling pan. On the side, you will also get a bowl of rice noodles, spring onions, red chili slices, peanuts, parsley and nuoc cham sauce, all of which are meant to be mixed together with the turmeric fish.

1. Cha ca Thang Long Restaurant (Chả cá Thăng Long)

19 - 21 - 31, Duong Thanh, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

2. Cha ca La Vong Restaurant (Chả cá Lã Vọng)

14 Cha Ca Street, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

3. Cha Ca Anh Vũ Restaurant

116 K1 Giang Vo, Ba Dinh, Hanoi

4. Cha Ca Kinh Kỳ Restaurant

25 Duong Thanh, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

621 Lac Long Quan, Tay Ho, Hanoi.

41 Huynh Thuc Khang, Ba Dinh, Hanoi.

172 Nguyen Son, Long Bien, Hanoi.

104 Hoa Ma, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

5. Cha Ca Lão Ngư Restaurant

171 Thai Ha, Dong Da, Hanoi.

XII. TOURS

Viettravel, Saigontourist, Vietglobal and Sinhcafe are generally the most reliable.

1. VietGlobal

❖ Whole day exploring Hanoi

Price

1 pax: 160 USD

2 pax: 94 USD

3 – 5 pax: 79 USD

6 – 9 pax: 53 USD

10 – 13 pax: 46 USD

14 – 16 pax: 43 USD

Services included

English speaking guide

Entrance fee and Sightseeing tickets

Lunch at restaurant with Vietnamese cuisine

1 small bottle of water per person on day trip

All private transfer and transportation

❖ Ninh Binh – Hoa Lu Ancient Capital – Tam Coc

Price

1 pax: 172 USD

2 pax: 101 USD

3 – 5 pax: 86 USD

6 – 9 pax: 58 USD

10 – 13 pax: 51 USD

14 – 16 pax: 48 USD

Services included

Round-trip Hanoi – Ninh Bình by new High Way
Entrance fees
English speaking guide during the trip
Boat trip in Tam Coc
2 bottles of water per person on bus
Lunch with Vietnamese dishes.

❖ Handicraft Villages in Hanoi

Price

1 pax: 154 USD
2 pax: 88 USD
3 – 5 pax: 73 USD
6 – 9 pax: 47 USD
10 – 13 pax: 41 USD
14 – 16 pax: 37 USD

Services included

Transferring as per program
English speaking tour guide
Entrance fees
Lunch at local restaurant
Mineral water
2 bottles of water per person on bus
Lunch with Vietnamese dishes

❖ Ha Long Bay- Surprising Cave- Titop Island

Price

1 pax: 327 USD
2 pax: 198 USD
3 – 5 pax: 167 USD
6 – 9 pax: 118 USD

10 – 13 pax: 104 USD

14 – 16 pax: 98 USD

Services included

Round-trip Hanoi-Ha Long by new Highway
English speaking guide during the trip
Sharing boat on Ha Long Bay
Visiting Surprised Cave, Titov Island, Luon Cave
Kayaking or bamboo boat rowing
Safety briefing and Water proof bag
2 bottles of water per person on bus
Lunch with Vietnamese dishes

Contact:

Hotline: 0946.834.789

Email: info@vietglobaltour.com

Website: <http://vietglobaltour.com/en/home/>

2. Sinhcafe

Hoa Lu – Tam Coc – Hang Mua Tour

Depart: everyday

Duration: 1 day

Price: US\$ 34.5 (VND 800.000)

<http://sinhcafetour.com.vn/tour/hoa-lu-tam-coc-hang-mua.htm>

Bai Dinh – Trang An Tour

Depart: everyday

Duration: 1 day

Price: US\$ 34.5 (VND 800.000)

<http://sinhcafetour.com.vn/tour/tour-hoa-lu-trang-an-1-ngay.htm>

Ha Long Tour

Duration: 1 day

Price: US\$ 39 (VND 900.000)

<http://sinhcafetour.com.vn/tour/tour-ha-long-1-ngay.htm>

Mai Chau - Moc Chau Tour

Duration: 2 days & 1 night

Price: US\$ 54 (VND 1.250.000)

<http://sinhcafetour.com.vn/tour/tour-mai-chau-moc-chau-2-ngay-cu-a-sinhcafe.htm>

Hotline:(ZaLo-Viber) 0817996566

Email: sinhcafehanoitours@gmail.com

Website: <http://sinhcafetour.com.vn/>

XIII. POSTCARD

If you want to send a postcard, the *Main Post Offices* (called *buu dien* in Vietnamese) are open daily from about 7 am to 7 pm. You can pick up a postcard at one of the souvenir booths and send it home. More personal than a text or an email, a postcard is a charming reminder from the days of yesteryear. On average, a postcard or letter to the United States or Europe costs about 1\$ to 2\$.

- **Hanoi Main Post Office.**

Address: No.75, Dinh Tien Hoang, Trang Tien, Hanoi, Ha Noi.

Season: Daily | Monday – Friday (7 AM – 7 PM) | Saturday & Sunday (8 AM – 6 PM)

- **Vietnam Post - VNPost**

Address: No. 95, Nguyen Chi Thanh Street, Lang Ha Ward, Dong Da District, Hanoi

XIV. BIKE RENTAL

Bicycle rental is now very easy and popular in all major cities in Vietnam. There are some bicycle rental places in Hanoi. We recommend the following:

- **Bike Plus**

Address: No.96, Yen Hoa, Yen Phu, Tay Ho, Hanoi

Phone: 0243 999 880

Website: <https://bikeplus.vn/>

- **F-Bike**

Address: No.152, Hong Tien Street, Bo De, Long Bien, Hanoi

Phone: 0929 876 666

Website: <https://xedapfbike.vn/>

- **Wiibike**

Address: 66, 19/5 Street, Van Quan, Ha Dong, Hanoi

Phone: 0929 898 098

Website: <https://wiibike.com/>

- **Good Morning Store**

Address: No.73, Trich Sai, West Lake, Hanoi

Phone: 0987 989 191

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/GoodMorningHoTay>

- **Van Chinh Store**

Address: 112 Nguyen Van Cu, Long Bien, Hanoi

24D Ta Hien, Hang Buom, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

Phone: 0942 467 674 – 0989 595 533

Website: <http://chothuexemayohanoi.vn/>

- **Xe dap Ha noi**

Address: 44 Alley 548 Nguyen Van Cu, Long Bien, Hanoi

Phone: 0912 101 969

Website: <https://xedaphanoi.vn/>

XV. OTHER HANOI GUIDES

We recommend the following pages:

- <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/vietnam/hanoi/sights>
- <https://www.di.ens.fr/users/phan/WhattodoinHanoi.pdf>
- <https://hanoifreelocaltours.com/one-day-in-hanoi/>
- <https://wander-lush.org/hanoi-souvenirs-best-things-to-buy-in-hanoi/#What>

We hope you have a good time in Hanoi!

