



Vietnam Visa

Important information about the Vietnam visa

Are you travelling to Vietnam on holiday or for business? Apply for your electronic visa easily online. Irish and Austrian travellers must have a visa for Vietnam. However, travellers from the United Kingdom, Spain, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland and the Netherlands, only need a visa if they stay in Vietnam for more than 45 days.

Mandatory	Yes
Suitable for	Tourism, business trip or transit
Validity period	90 days
Duration of stay	Up to 90 days
Normal delivery time	Average 13 days
Urgent delivery	Average 5 days; necessary 15 days before departure
Cost	£54.95 per person
Payment methods	Visa, MasterCard, American Express and PayPal

This document is about the Vietnam e-visa. If you meet the requirements of this visa, you can easily submit your application online. Visiting an embassy, consulate, or visa agency is not required. Follow the steps on e-Visa.co.uk/vietnam or click on the green button below.

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Do I need a visa for Vietnam?

A visa is mandatory for travel to Vietnam, except for citizens of countries exempt from the visa requirement, like the United Kingdom, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Travellers from these countries can stay in Vietnam for up to 45 days without a visa. This exemption only applies to tourist trips. If you are travelling to Vietnam for business purposes, you will need a visa, even if your stay is shorter than 45 days.

Is the Vietnam e-visa suitable for my trip?

The Vietnam e-visa allows you to enter Vietnam by plane, ship (including cruise ships) or land. Bear in mind, however, that you need to enter the country via a location accepting the e-visa. There are 13 airports, 13 seaports and 16 land border crossings where you can do this. When applying for your visa, you must specify your entry and exit points. All travellers, including minors, are subject to the visa requirement.

Visa validity period

There are two types of electronic visa for Vietnam: one for single entry and the other for multiple entry. A single-entry visa allows you to enter the country once. The multiple entry visa allows you to enter the country several times during the period of validity, which is up to a maximum of 90 days. Please note that this period may be shorter. On the application form, you must indicate your intended departure date. Your visa will be valid until this date. It is best to enter the day after your planned departure date. This will prevent any issues if your flight is delayed by a day.

You cannot apply for a visa online if you wish to stay in Vietnam for more than 90 days, or if you intend to work, volunteer or study in the country. Instead, you will need to contact the Vietnamese [consulate or embassy](#) to apply for a different type of visa. The same applies if you do not meet any of the e-visa requirements.

Advantages of the online Vietnam visa

Unlike a physical visa, an electronic visa can be easily applied for online, from a laptop, tablet or smartphone. Applying for an electronic visa is much easier and cheaper than applying for a physical visa. Below are the requirements that need to be met by those who wish to apply for an electronic visa.

Requirements for the online Vietnam visa

Please note that having an approved visa does not guarantee entry to the country. Vietnamese immigration services may deny travellers entry if they suspect that the purpose of the trip is not permitted under the e-visa scheme or if they consider the traveller to pose a potential threat to the country. However, most travellers with an e-visa can enter Vietnam without any problems. Those who wish to use the electronic visa should familiarise themselves with the following [requirements](#).

Eligible nationalities

British travelers can apply for a visa for Vietnam online. Check if you meet the eligibility requirements before applying for your visa. If you are not British, Swiss, or a national of a European Union country, check [here](#) first if you are eligible for an electronic visa.

Travelers with British, Spanish, Dutch, Belgian, German, French, Italian, and Swiss nationality do not need a visa for tourist stays of up to 45 days. Nationals of these countries who are not travelling for tourist purposes or who wish to stay in Vietnam for more than 45 days can apply for an electronic visa.

Allowed Travel purposes

The electronic visa can only be used for certain travel purposes. For example, for holiday trips, travelling with tour operators, or for visiting friends or family. It is also possible to use the electronic visa for business trips, for instance to attend meetings or conferences. However, it is not permitted to work for Vietnamese organizations, even if it is only as a volunteer.

Passport requirements

The visa is only valid in combination with the passport used to apply for it, which must have at least six months of validity left at the time you arrive in Vietnam. If your passport is not valid for this period, renew it before applying for your visa. You cannot apply for an e-visa using a national identity card, residence permit, emergency passport or German child passport (Kinderreisepass)..

Arrival and departure locations

If you apply for an electronic visa, you must enter and exit Vietnam via an authorised point of arrival, such as a designated airport, border post or seaport. You must indicate your intended point of entry and exit on the application form. The places where you can arrive and depart with an e-visa are listed below.

Airports	Cat Bi Cam Ranh Can Tho Da Nang Noi Bai Phu Bai Phu Quoc Tan Son Nhat
Land border crossings	Bo Y Cha Lo Cau Treo Huu Nghi Ha Tien Lao Bao Lao Cai Moc Bai Mong Cai Nam Can Song Tien Tinh Bien Xa Mat Tay Trang Na Meo La Lay
Sea ports	Chan May Da Nang Duong Dong Hon Gai Hai Phong Nha Trang Quy Nhon Ho Chi Minh City Vung Tau

Traveller's background

Travelers must not pose a risk to public health or safety in Vietnam. For this reason, the visa application form asks whether the traveler has been expelled from Vietnam within the last three years. If so, an e-visa cannot be applied for. Please note that travelers with a criminal record are more likely to have their visa application denied.

Entry date and validity of the Vietnam visa

A Vietnamese visa is valid for a maximum of 90 days, but the actual validity period depends on the dates entered on the application form. You must indicate on the form the date on which you want the visa to become valid and your intended departure date. The visa will be valid for this period. You may arrive in Vietnam after the start date indicated, but not before. The same applies to the indicated departure date. You are not permitted to remain in Vietnam after the date indicated on the visa.

To avoid any problems, select the day before you arrive as the start date of your visa and the day after you leave the country as the end date. This way, if your flight is delayed, your visa will still be valid. Once your visa application has been processed, you will not be able to change your entry or departure date from Vietnam. In other words, the visa's validity period is fixed from that moment onwards. If you ultimately travel to Vietnam on a date that falls outside of this period, you will need to submit a new application taking your new travel dates into account.

Changes in your travel itinerary

e-visa.co.uk processes visa applications immediately after receiving all the necessary information and documents. Once an application has been processed, the information it contains cannot be modified. You can correct errors until our visa specialists have reviewed your documents. If your documents have already been reviewed and your application processed, check whether you need to submit a new application.

Your visa will remain valid in the following cases. No data will need to be corrected:

- Your accommodation address has changed or is not correct;
- Your address, or the address of one of the applicants is incorrect;
Your actual date of entry is later than the date indicated on the visa (please note: your stay must be entirely within the visa's period of validity);
- You will leave Vietnam before the date entered in the field : "Last day in Vietnam".

Mistakes that can result in a problem regarding the visa validity

Some errors may invalidate your visa. Please note that once e-visa.co.uk has reviewed your documents and submitted your application for processing, it will no longer be possible to correct

any errors. If you have provided incorrect information, your application will be rejected or your visa will be invalid:

- Your name is spelled incorrectly, or not spelled in the same way as it appears in your passport;
- There is a mistake in your passport number, or the nationality, place of birth or country code in your passport;
- There is a mistake in the issue or expiry date of your passport;
- The sex indicated in your passport is not the same as the one indicated on your passport;
- There is a mistake on your birthdate

Your visa will not be valid if you made a mistake on any of these data. The only way to resolve this is to apply for a new visa. Always check that you have entered all the details correctly. This will prevent you from incurring unnecessary additional costs.

Apply for your Vietnam visa in three simple steps

To apply for your visa for Vietnam, you must know your arrival and departure locations, as well as the address of your first accommodation. It is not necessary to have your trip completely planned out, so you can apply for your visa well in advance of your travel date. Although it is always possible to make an urgent application, it is always best to apply with sufficient time. Apply for your visa for Vietnam in three easy steps. It usually only takes a few minutes. Make sure you have the passport details of all travelers for whom you wish to apply for a visa at hand.

1 | Fill in the application form

- Open the [Vietnam e-visa online application form](#)
- Enter your contact and travel details
 - You can estimate the start date of your visa. However, please note that it will only be valid from that date onwards. In other words, you will be able to enter Vietnam after that date, but not before.
- Provide the details of all travelers for whom you wish to apply for a visa.
 - If you wish to apply for a visa for several travelers, you can submit a group application. Click on the “Add a traveler” button to add travelers to the form. If you submit a group application, you must have the consent of the other travelers. Once the form has been completed, ask each traveler to check that the information entered is correct.

- Once you have verified that the information is correct, click on “Apply for a visa” and you will be taken to the verification page. Carefully check again that all the information you have entered is correct. As the applicant, you are always responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information provided.

2 | Pay the costs and provide the necessary documents

Once you have correctly and fully completed the visa application form, you can make the payment. This can be done securely online using PayPal, Google Pay, Apple Pay or a credit card. Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit cards are accepted. The [cost](#) of a standard visa application for Vietnam is £54.95 per person. This is the total amount, so no additional fees will be applied.

Optional express delivery and CO₂ compensation

The total price of £ 54.95 per person does not include any additional options. If you need your visa quickly, you can submit an urgent application. In this case, you will be charged a surcharge of £ 17.50 per person. You will receive your visa within an average of 5 days.

On the application form, travelers can also choose to offset the CO₂ emissions of their trip. The cost of this additional voluntary option is calculated based on the emissions of a direct return flight in economy class from the traveler's country of residence to Vietnam.

ID photo and passport scan

Once you have made your payment, please attach a passport photo and a scan or photograph of your passport to your visa application. Instructions for uploading these documents can be found on the upload page. The photo must meet certain requirements: it must be clear, and the applicant must be looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. It must also have a clear, uniform background. It can also be a selfie, provided it meets these requirements.

Processing of visa applications

The application can only be processed once all documents have been submitted correctly. The visa specialists at e-visa.co.uk will check whether the documents meet all the requirements and will inform you by email if they do. If the documents do not meet the requirements, you can resubmit them. You will receive an email as soon as all the documents have been approved and your application has been processed. From that point, it will take an average of 13 days to receive your visa.

3 | Print your visa and take it with you during your trip

We will keep you updated on the progress of your visa application via email. You will receive an email when we receive your payment, when we approve the documents you have submitted, and when we approve your application. Each email will contain a link to your personal status page,

where you can check your application's status at any time. If you do not receive any emails, please check your spam folder. If you cannot find any of these emails there, please check the status of your application online.

Once your application has been approved, you will be able to view and download your visa from your personal status page. Print two copies of the visa for each traveler. You can print them in either color or black and white. Each traveler must submit one copy upon arrival in Vietnam and one upon leaving the country.

Double-check that your visa details are correct. Pay particular attention to the following details:

- Passport number
- Full name
- Date of birth
- Country of birth
- Passport issue and expiry date
- Sex

What to do if your application is rejected

Visa applications for Vietnam are usually approved in most cases. If an application is rejected, it is difficult to find out the reason, as the immigration service never gives explanations for its decisions. If you have submitted your visa application to e-visa.co.uk you will receive a full refund of the amount paid. This only applies to travelers who have been denied a Vietnam visa for the first time. These are usually the most common reasons for rejecting a visa application for Vietnam:

- The person is not eligible for the visa because they do not meet all the requirements.
- There is a mistake in the application form, or the form is not complete.
- The documents provided do not comply with the requirements.

If your visa application is rejected, always check first that you have filled in the application form correctly. E-visa.co.uk always sends you a confirmation email containing most of the information entered on the application form. If you realise you have made a mistake, you can reapply for a visa with the correct information.

If you cannot find any errors in the data you entered, there is no point in submitting another application. It is very likely that it will also be rejected. In this case, you can apply for a physical visa at the Vietnamese embassy.

Do you need a Vietnam visa urgently?

If you need a visa for Vietnam urgently, you can submit an urgent application. In this case, you will receive your visa within an average of 5 days. If you submit your application less than 15 days before your arrival date in Vietnam, e-visa.co.uk will only be able to process your application if you select the 'urgent' option. Urgent applications are reviewed outside of office hours and are therefore processed quickermore quickly. They have a surcharge of £ 7.50 per person.

El plazo de entrega comienza cuando se reciben todos los documentos

Please note that the average processing time for urgent applications only begins once all the necessary documents have been received correctly. E-visa.co.uk cannot guarantee that a visa will be approved within this timeframe, as the decision to approve applications ultimately lies with the Vietnamese immigration service. Approval may be delayed due to a higher than usual workload, technical failures, or local holidays. This is why we only mention average delivery times, and never maximum delivery times.

Applications that take longer than usual to process are not more likely to be rejected. Since all applications are assessed individually, it is normal for a few days to elapse between the approval of the various individual applications within a group application.

Do you have any further questions regarding your visa application for Vietnam?

Have you got any questions after reading this document? If so, please refer to the answers to [frequently asked questions about visas for Vietnam](#). To check the status of your application, first visit your personal status page, where you will find advice on what to do if your application is taking longer than usual to process. You will find a link to your personal status page in emails from e-visa.co.uk. You can also [check the status of your Vietnam visa application](#) at any time via the website. If you have further questions, you can contact us in other ways. Do you have any questions? You can also [contact us by other means](#).