



### **The socialist republic of Vietnam.**

Mainland Territory: 330,951.1 sq. km

Population: 90,772.9 thousand inhabitants

National Capital: Ha Noi

Lying on the eastern part of the Indochinese peninsula, Vietnam is a strip of land shaped like the letter "S". China borders it to the north, Laos and Cambodia to the west, the East Sea to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the east and south. The country's total length from north to south is 1,650km. Its width, stretching from East to West, is 600km at the widest point in the north, 400km in the south, and 50km at the narrowest part, in the center, in Quang Binh Province N 17° 30' E 106° 36' North. Vietnam is also a transport junction from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.

Climate: Vietnam lies in the tropics and monsoon.

Topography: Three quarters of Vietnam's territory consist of mountains and hills.

Administrative Units: Vietnam is divided into 63 provinces and cities.

Visa: [Vietnam visa on arrival](#) and [Vietnam evisa](#) are available.

The major religious traditions in Viet Nam are Buddhism (which fuses forms of Taoism and Confucianism), Christianity (Catholicism and Protestantism), Islam, Caodaism and the Hoa Hao sect. Buddhism was first introduced to Viet Nam in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century, and reached its peak in the Ly dynasty (11<sup>th</sup> century). It was then regarded as the official religion dominating court affairs. Buddhism was preached broadly among the population and it enjoyed a profound influence on people's daily life. Its influence also left marks in various areas of traditional literature and architecture. As such, many pagodas and temples were built during this time.

Vietnam should be on the top of everyone's travel list. It's that simple. With its dramatic landscapes, fascinating history, epic food and pulsating energy, Vietnam will electrify all of your senses and seize you from all angles. Vietnam is at once crazy and serene, thrilling and relaxing. There are endless reasons to hop on a flight to Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City and travel down or up this amazing country by train, plane, bus or - the preferred method of transport - motorbike. If you need persuading, here are 21 reasons to fall head over heels in love with Vietnam

#### **Climate**

Hanoi Vietnam is located in both a tropical and a temperate zone. Characterized by strong monsoonal influences, but has a considerable amount of sun, a high rate of rainfall, and high humidity. Regions located near the tropics and in the mountainous regions are endowed with a temperate climate.

#### **Ho Chi Minh City**

The climate is divided into two seasons, with the rainy season lasting from May to November. The average annual temperature is 27.5°C without winter, and yearly rainfall totals 1,979mm. Tourism is convenient for all 12 months of the year.

#### **Ba Ria-Vung Tau**

The climate here is tropical monsoonal. The average annual temperature is 27°C, rarely stormy, rich in sunshine. Vung Tau is without winter so resorts are active throughout the year.

Vietnam's fast rising property market leaves hard times behind!

Brought to its knees when its property market bubble burst four years ago, Vietnam is riding into another boom, with construction starting in Ho Chi Minh City on two of the world's tallest skyscrapers and buyers snapping up new projects fast. The speed of the market's turnaround has been startling. Successful property transactions have doubled from a year ago, and developers have halved their unsold inventory from \$6 billion at the peak of the crisis at the start of 2013.

Vietnam, voted one of the top ten best countries to retire

When you hear the name Vietnam, the first thing that will probably pop into your head is the war that was fought there nearly 40 years ago. The good news for retirees is that things have changed considerably in the intervening years and Vietnam has become an excellent place for Americans to retire - especially if you love natural beauty. The country's unspoiled tropical rain forests, virgin beaches and islands, mountains, rivers and amazing waterfalls, highlands and exotic wildlife come together to form a vast array of things to see and experience.

Would you like to live for \$750 a month?

In addition to its natural beauty, Vietnam offers a relatively lower cost of living than here in the US. As an example of this, it's possible to live for about \$750 per month in Nha Trang, which includes \$350 a month to rent a furnished, 2-bedroom house with high-speed Internet and cable TV. One American who moved recently to Nha Trang has said that she can't imagine a more enjoyable place to be retired.

A high quality of life

Despite its low cost of living, Nha Trang offers a high quality of life. The city boasts a park that runs almost the entire length of its 6-mile-long beach and its bay is gorgeous. The low price of food in Nha Trang means that you can eat out often and there are dozens of restaurants that serve Western foods. One of these restaurants has a menu that lists few items costing more than 40,000 dong or slightly less than \$2 American.

Healthcare is close at hand

The city is also located close to the 1,000-bed Khanh Hoa General Hospital so it's relatively easy to get good health care. The country is currently working on a universal healthcare system that will cover all Vietnamese people. It is studying Thailand's health care system as a model.

Learn to teach English and supplement your income

Start a new career and become a part-time English teacher. Get an internationally recognized TESOL certification. One month learning new skills and hands on teaching in Ho Chi Minh, includes [hotel accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City](#), printing & copying facilities, text books and work placement after successfully finishing the course. Kind of guaranteed to pass if you don't pass first time there is no extra charge for assistance or to sit in on classes and redo the required parts.

Vietnam offers an exciting and unique opportunity for ESL teachers to work in one of the most interesting and beautiful countries in Southeast Asia. With a growing economy, English language teaching in Vietnam has become extremely important over the past several years. Teaching jobs in Vietnam give teachers the chance to enjoy the natural beauty of Vietnam's vast coastal beaches, inland mountains and complex river systems, while experiencing a charming traditional culture that continues to evolve as the country opens itself up to the outside world.

The quality of life for a TEFL teacher in Vietnam is fantastic. The standard average wage for a TEFL Qualified, degree holding, native English speaker is around \$20 per hour. This is often higher depending on your experience and qualifications. You should be able to find a part time job in a Language Centre, teaching children for \$20 per hour, within a couple of days. There are opportunities to teach all ages, from kindergarten to adult, although finding adult work can be a little more difficult to come by.

#### Apartment

Foreigners can now own homes in Vietnam. Vietnam has eased restrictions on foreign ownership of property in an effort to lure the cash needed to revive a market saddled with oversupply since a real estate bubble burst in 2011. The Southeast Asian nation has been battling with lingering bad debt after years of easy credit and lax oversight came to an end three years ago, sparking a crash in the property market and leaving the banking sector unable to provide the credit companies needed to grow.

Lawmakers amended the law on foreign property ownership on Tuesday to allow foreign investment funds, foreigners with valid visas, international firms with operations in Vietnam and overseas Vietnamese to buy residential properties. The changes will take effect in July 2015. Overseas Vietnamese send home around \$11 billion a year in remittances. The law, however, limits foreign ownership of whole apartment blocks to 30 percent of the building, and a maximum of 250 homes in any one city neighborhood "ward".

"If the government doesn't set limits, big investors or the Chinese could just sweep in and buy the whole of Hanoi if they wanted," Luu Minh Ngoc, CEO of Hanoi-based property firm Bac Son Group. "So, the limit on foreigners is appropriate and should only be relaxed gradually and in sectors."

The property market had shown signs of improvement before the changes. The value of property in inventory fell to 83 trillion VN Dong (\$3.90 billion) by September, from 170 trillion dong in March last year, according to local media. Property market participants welcomed the new law as a boost to liquidity and to clearing some of the property from the market linked as collateral to bad debts.

Standard interest rates are much higher than the west

The benchmark interest rate in Vietnam was last recorded at 6.50 percent. Interest Rates in Vietnam averaged 7.48 percent from 2000 until 2015, reaching an all-time high of 15 percent in June of 2008 and a record low of 4.80 percent in August of 2000. The Interest Rate in Vietnam is reported by the The State Bank of Vietnam. In Vietnam, interest rates decisions are taken by The State Bank of Vietnam. The official interest rate is the Refinancing Rate, last refreshed on Sunday, May 10, 2015.

Vietnam's leading affordable home provider plans to issue \$15 million to \$30 million of five- to 10-year securities by the end of the year, Chairman Nguyen Xuan Quang said in an interview. The bonds may be convertible into shares in the company's housing projects, he said.

Nam Long's notes would be the first overseas bonds issued by a Vietnamese property developer since November 2013, Bloomberg data show, and the first ever for the company. Vietnam's real estate market is showing signs of improvement, with affordable housing helping to pave the way. "The market is getting more exciting and home buyers are ready for a new cycle," said Asia Commercial Bank Securities' senior analyst Pham Thai Thanh Truc, who recommends holding Nam Long's stock. "This is the right time for developers like Nam Long to launch their projects." The company's shares have risen 9.7 percent this year on the VN Index, compared with 2.3 percent in 2014. Nam Long dropped 0.5 percent as of 11:02 a.m. in Ho Chi Minh City trading.

#### Transactions Double

Property transactions doubled in the first six months with 9,250 in Hanoi and 8,750 in Ho Chi Minh City, according to data on the government's website July 21. Loans for property increased 13 percent to 340 trillion VND (\$15.6 billion) through the end of April from the end of 2014, according to the same posting. Affordable home sales in Ho Chi Minh City rose 124 percent year-on-year to 5,765 units in the first six months, according to CBRE Vietnam. Hanoi sales jumped 15 percent on-year to 2,000 units in the same period. Nam Long targets to sell more than 2,000 affordable units this year, up 54 percent from 2014. The bond proceeds would be prioritized for affordable home projects, which make up about 90 percent of the home products Nam Long plans to offer through 2017, Quang said Wednesday. "The market was frozen with few sales for a long time since 2008, but people's housing needs have never stopped," Quang said. "Now it's time to satisfy that accumulated demand."

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