

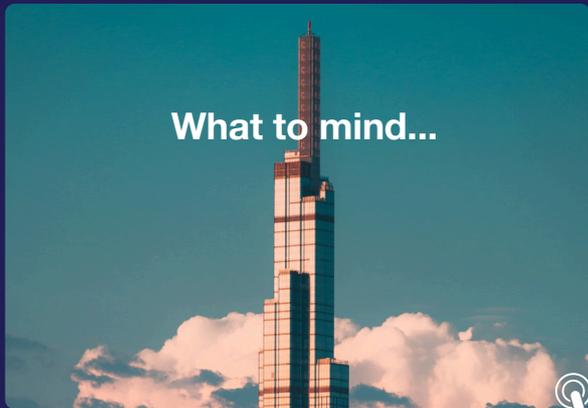
Pre-departure Guide

for Study Abroad students

Get ready for your future adventure



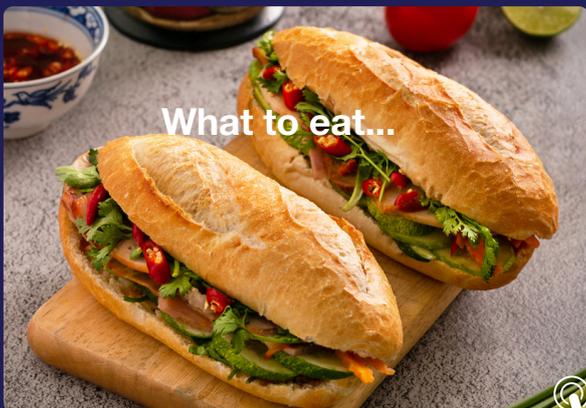
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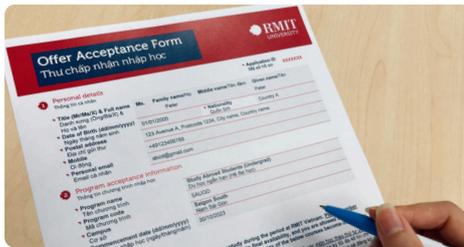
How2RMIT-er!

Below is essential information for you to start your University life smoothly:



1. Submit your application

- Submit your application & nominate a visa pick-up location via StudyLink Portal.



2. Accept an Offer Letter

- Accept offer letter and Pay Study Abroad fee(s) via StudyLink Portal
- Send the ranked approval courses via Studylink Portal or international@rmit.edu.vn



3. Apply for Student Visa

- Receive an Visa Invitation Letter from RMIT Vietnam via email.
- Submit a student visa application to the nominated Vietnam Embassy/ Consulate-General.



4. Enrol as a new student

- Receive an email for **RMIT student account activation**.
- Kindly **submit a portrait photo** for printing a student ID Card & **Check your enrolled courses** via **myRMIT**

*Note: For multi-factor authentication, Microsoft Authenticator app is highly recommended for all smart phone users.

Important note: Students take full responsibility for the study load and course selections as approved by the home institution.



5. Welcome to Vietnam!

- Register for “**RMIT 24/7 Free Airport Pick-up**” service.
- Must enter Vietnam **on or after the valid date of Student Visa** to **activate your student visa**.



6. Create your timetable

- Check the important dates & times and instructions for using timetable at bit.ly/classstimetables
- Access [myTimetable system](#) to select your class timetable.



7. Attend Orientation Week

- Collect a student ID card
- Take a campus tour
- Explore service fairs
- Join How2RMIT workshops to learn about student systems & services
- Participate in School and Program inductions

Student Visa procedures

It is compulsory for all international students to obtain Student Visa (DH category) while studying at RMIT University Vietnam.

Step 1

From StudyLink Portal, students need to:

- Accept an offer letter & rank approved course list
- Complete the Study Abroad fee(s) payment

Step 2

RMIT will arrange a Visa Invitation Letter. It will take at least 15 - 20 working days.

*Note: Students must be outside Vietnam while RMIT arranges a Visa Invitation Letter.

Step 3

RMIT will send a scanned copy of Visa Invitation Letter and instructions to students via email.

*Note: Students shall expect to receive the Visa Invitation Letter around 2 months before the semester begins.

Step 4

Students use the Visa Invitation Letter for Student Visa application at the nominated Vietnam Embassy/ Consulate-General.

Required documents for a Student Visa application:

- Signed online visa application form (or ask the Vietnam Embassy to provide the paper form).
- Original Passport
- Two (2) passport-style photos (size 4x6 cm)
- Visa Invitation Letter (will be sent by RMIT Vietnam)
- Visa fee (kindly check with nominated Vietnam Embassy)

Step 5

Students will be notified by the Vietnam Embassy/ Consulate-General about the date & time to collect a Student Visa stamp.

*Note: a Student Visa must show “DH” category with “Multiple entries” (refer to below samples) - please check these information on your student visa carefully upon receiving it.



Step 6

Students send below documents, upon their issuance, to international@rmit.edu.vn for our record & double-check:

- Copy of Student Visa stamp
- Statement of Student Visa Responsibilities Form [Download [HERE](#)]
- A copy of Entry Stamp, upon arrival in Vietnam

Note: It's **compulsory** for your landlord to **declare your temporary residence** at local police department or on the Online Residence system **within 12 - 24 hours of moving in**. Please **remind** your landlord on that.

Student Visa regulations



■ Student Visa (DH category) is used for STUDYING in Vietnam only.

■ International students are **not** allowed to engage in working/ internship activity without RMIT's permission.

■ Unable to switch visa category in-country - If students enter Vietnam with a **non-student visa** before valid date on their student visa, students must **leave Vietnam** and **re-enter on or after** the student visa's valid date to **activate the student visa**.

■ Please ask your landlord to register your residence address immediately via the [\[Immigration Online Portal\]](#), as required by local regulations.

Pre-departure checklist



Welcome to the RMIT family! We have prepared this guide to assist you with your transition to Vietnam and to RMIT University in Vietnam. Please read it carefully and make sure you complete/tick all the steps in the pre-departure checklist. Doing so will make your transition MUCH smoother.

Before you leave home:

- Obtain a Student Visa
- Activate your RMIT account
- Arrange travel insurance
- Arrange your accommodation
- Register for "RMIT 24/7 Free Airport Pick-up" service
- Prepare your passport
- Make copies of all important documents to bring in your hand luggage:
 - Offer Letter from RMIT Vietnam
 - Passport
 - Visa Invitation Letter
 - Other formal identification(s)
 - International driver's license or driver's license from your home country

Packing checklist

Documentations



Valid passport

Should be valid for >6 months after your return.



Identification documents

As a backup in case your passport is inaccessible.



Scans of personal docs

All important docs should be scanned and stored online.



Cash to go for a few days

Best to be VND or USD.



Prescription meds

Copies of prescription scripts should be useful too.

Luggage & personal belongings



Phone & laptop chargers

It's a no brainer that's easy to forget.



European or universal adapters

You might need to charge several devices at the same time.



Appropriate clothings

- Summer clothes
- A cap/hat
- Winter clothes (in Hanoi)
- Sunglasses
- Pair of sandals, walking shoes



Medical supplies

- Sunscreen
- Mosquito and insect repellent
- Adhesive bandages
- Anti-diarrhea medicine



Reusable water bottle

Stay sustainable during your trip & on the campus.

Immigration & Customs in Vietnam



Immigration

■ Step 1: Prepare the documents & show them to Customs Border Officer:

- Student Visa stamp
- Visa Invitation Letter

■ Step 2: Double-check the Entry Stamp before leaving Immigration Counter

- To ensure Immigration Officer stamps a resident permit based on your Student Visa & your student visa is activated, student must double-check the arrival date & the validity of stay on the entry stamp.
- If there is any error occurring, student must inform the Customs Border Officer immediately for the adjustment.

■ Step 3: Send the copy of Entry Stamp to RMIT via email

Duty-free

- Cigarettes: 400g
- Cigars: 100g
- Tobacco: 100g
- Liquor: 1.5 litres
- Perfume and jewellery for personal use
- Small gift items valued at USD 300 or less
- Personal effects of a reasonable quantity

Materials under declaration

- Foreign currency: in excess of USD 5,000
- Gold and jewellery not for personal use
- CDs and tapes are sometimes retained for screening for a few days.

Banned materials

Under no circumstances should you bring the following into Vietnam:

- Weapons, firearms, explosives and inflammable objects
- Opium and other narcotics
- Anti-government literature
- Pornographic literature

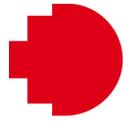
Items of high value

Goods of a commercial nature and articles of high value require export permits issued by the customs authorities. When you buy them, ask the retailer for a receipt and a declaration that the item may be exported. Antiques, some precious stones and animals listed in Vietnam's red book, which is based on the IUCN's red list (link to <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>), may not be brought into or out of the country.

Note:

Customs regulations are subject to change at any time. Therefore, the brief summary above is for reference only. RMIT Vietnam cannot be held liable for any costs, damage, delays, or other detrimental events resulting from non-compliance. Always double check with your local embassy or consulate.

Contact details



Please ensure that you have a Vietnamese phone number and update it to International Student Recruitment/ Student Connect team, so we can assist you in urgent situation.

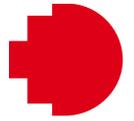
RMIT Student Services:

Department	Duty	Email/ Website
International Student Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airport pick-up Accommodation advice Medical Insurance Buddy program 	E: international.students@rmit.edu.vn
International Student Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visa Invitation Letter Assist Study Abroad students Transcript for study abroad students Sign docs (e.g Learning Agreement) 	E: international@rmit.edu.vn
Student Connect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student ID cards Enrolment and timetable variation Confirmation of Enrolment Letter Referral to other student services 	Lodge an enquiry via Online Portal: https://rmit.service-now.com/connect/
IT Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT Technical support Log in issue resolve (Office 365, myRMIT, etc.) Access to Adobe Creative Cloud, Microsoft 365, Campus Wifi, etc. 	Lodge an enquiry via Online Portal: https://rmititsm.service-now.com/sp or Call at: +84 28 3776 1414 (8am to 5pm, GMT+7)
Student Academic Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic learning & writing support Peer program tutors 	Website: rmit.edu.vn/students/support/academic-success-support
Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equitable Learning Services Counselling and Psychological Services Safer community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share your concerns via this LINK Website: rmit.edu.vn/students/support/wellbeing-support
RMIT Health Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine medical consultations for acute conditions General health education and advice Emergency services and referrals to specialist services 	Saigon South campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email: healthhcmc@rmit.edu.vn Phone: +84 28 3776 1360 Office: Room 10.01.03 Hanoi city campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email: healthhan@rmit.edu.vn Phone: +84 24 3201 2601 Office: Room 1.1.216

Local emergency contacts

	On-campus	Off-campus
Emergency contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMIT 24/7 Security Hotline: 1800 2233 SOS hotline: +84 28 3829 8520 (medical emergency) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police: 113 Fire & rescue: 114 Ambulance: 115 Emergency rescue: 112

Student systems/ applications



Access RMIT systems/ applications to use in your studies:

Student systems/ apps	Purpose	Access link
RMIT email (Microsoft Outlook) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email and calendar Contacts and tasks services 	https://outlook.office365.com/mail/login.html
Microsoft Teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chat with RMIT students & staffs Online meeting Make & receive calls 	https://teams.microsoft.com/
Microsoft Authenticator app 	<p>For RMIT Multi-factor Authentication, Microsoft Authenticator app is highly recommended for all smart phone users.</p>	https://www.rmit.edu.au/students/support-services/it-support-systems/multi-factor-authentication
myRMIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a photo for student ID Card Review the pre-enrolled course(s) Change course enrolment Update personal details 	https://www.rmit.edu.vn/students/my-studies/myrmit
myTimetable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan, select class schedule for enrolled courses, and view class timetable. 	https://www.rmit.edu.vn/students/my-studies/class-timetables
Canvas - LMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to course/ learning materials Submit assignments/ group works Learn with others in Canvas 	https://rmit.instructure.com/
WiFi on campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can connect to RMIT's high speed wireless network by using your RMIT Student ID. 	<p>WiFi name: RMIT-University User name: your RMIT student ID Password: your RMIT password</p>
Microsoft Office 365 products 	<p>RMIT gives you free access to Microsoft Office 365 apps, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word Excel PowerPoint OneNote Publisher, etc. 	https://www.rmit.edu.au/content/dam/rmit/documents/Students/Support and Facilities/it-services-for-students/microsoft-office-365-installation-student-guide.pdf
Adobe Creative Cloud 	<p>RMIT is giving all enrolling students free access to Adobe Creative Cloud.</p>	<p>Find out how to get access HERE</p>

Weather



Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh City is a city of heat and humidity. So give yourself some time to adjust!

- Drink plenty of water.
- Wear a hat and a light jacket.
- Wear sunglasses for the bright sun.
- Powders and antibiotic soap (readily available) prevent prickly heat.
- Umbrellas and raincoats are necessities for the wet season (April to November).

Temperature

- Ranging from 23-35°C.
- Hottest months: March to May

Rain

- The heaviest rainfall occurs from April to November

Humidity

- Ranging from 55-80%
- Highest humidity: May to December

Sudden changes in weather can be expected.

Hanoi

Hanoi's climate can be classified as warm, humid and subtropical. It can take some time to get used to the cool, dry winters and hot, wet summers.

- If you commence your studies in the summer, make sure you have sunglasses, sunscreen and a hat to prevent sunburn.
- If you arrive in the winter, pack warm clothes, such as jackets, gloves and scarves.
- Umbrellas and raincoats are necessities for the wet season (May to September).

Temperature

- Spring: from 28-24°C (March to April)
- Summer: from 28-38°C (May to August)
- Autumn: from 24-30°C (September to November)
- Winter: from 10-20°C (December to March)

Rain

- The heaviest rainfall occurs from May to September.

Humidity

- Ranging from 74-83%
- Highest humidity: March to April

Sudden changes in weather can be expected.

Payments & transports

Payment



Cash

Lots of zeros to count, so learn your notes and be extra careful!



Cards

Not always available at street food vendors. Always ask first!



E-banking

Suggested banks:

- [HSBC](#)
- [Shinhan](#)
- [Vietcombank](#)



E-wallets

Most common ones:

- [Momo](#)
- [Zalo Pay](#)
- [Apple Pay](#)

Vietnamese notes

*Exchange rate: 1 EUR = 27,161 VND; 1 USD = 25,340 VND



1.000 VND = 0.037 EUR
= 0.039 USD



2.000 VND = 0.074 EUR
= 0.079 USD



5.000 VND = 0.18 EUR
= 0.20 USD



10.000 VND = 0.37 EUR
= 0.39 USD



20.000 VND = 0.74 EUR
= 0.79 USD



50.000 VND = 1.84 EUR
= 1.97 USD



100.000 VND = 3.68 EUR
= 3.95 USD



200.000 VND = 7.36 EUR
= 7.89 USD



500.000 VND = 18.41 EUR
= 19.73 USD

Transports



Taxi

Reliable brands:

- [Mai Linh](#)
- [Vinasun](#)
- [Vinataxi](#)

Check the spelling of brand names carefully!



Ride-hailing apps

Vietnam's versions of Uber:

- [Grab](#)
- [XanhSM](#)
- [Be](#)



Buses

Make sure you have your change ready. Bus routes and schedules can be found on Google map.



Walking

Be extra mindful of the weather and traffic.

Costs and money matters

The cost of living in both cities varies depending on your lifestyle. You can, for example, eat a bowl of soup on the street for USD 1 or go for a European-style dinner with wine for USD 100.

The living standards in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi can also vary depending on the area where you are located.

- In Ho Chi Minh City, in the city centre and newly developed areas (such as districts 1, 3, 7 (where RMIT's campus is located) and 10, prices are usually higher than other places (such as districts 4, 6, Binh Thanh, Tan Phu and Tan Binh).
- In Hanoi, prices in districts close to the Old Quarter districts such as Hoan Kiem, Tay Ho, Hai Ba Trung, Ba Dinh (where RMIT's campus is located) and Dong Da tend to be higher than in other districts (such as Cau Giay, Ba Dinh, Thanh Xuan and Hoang Mai).

Exchange rate

The exchange rate, as of Jan 2025), is approximately:

- AUD 1 = VND 16,000
- USD 1 = VND 25,340

For the most up-to-date exchange rate, visit: www.vietcombank.com.vn

Choice of banks

There are many banks in both Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, but some are more efficient than others. Vietcombank is recommended, as they have many ATM machines throughout the country.

Timo Bank is a popular option among international students, as it provides a quick and easy option for obtaining an ATM card.

Changing money

Students can consider exchanging small amounts of Vietnamese money (Dong) at the airport upon arrival in the country and then exchange larger amounts when they reach the city.

Here are some recommended places:

Ho Chi Minh City

- Eximbank currency exchange booth:
135 Dong Khoi Street, District 1
- Hung Long Money Exchange:
86 Mac Thi Bui, District 1

Hanoi

- Any money exchange shops and jewelry stores at the Old Quarter.
- Any local or international bank branches.

Tips:

- Make sure you bring your identification documents with you when coming to the bank.
- Each bank has its own opening hours and rates. You can have a quick look at each bank's website to compare the rates among banks.
- To search for banks nearby your accommodation, open Google Maps and type in the keyword 'bank'.

Average prices

Vietnamese food

- Baguette (bánh mì): VND 15,000 - 35,000
- Pho: VND 30,000 - 50,000
- Black coffee: VND 15,000 - 30,000
- Coffee with milk: VND 15,000 - 30,000
- Bottled beer: VND 10,000 - 30,000
- Bottled mineral water: VND 7,000 - 15,000
- Lunch/ Dinner set: VND 45,000 - 70,000

Beauty and grooming

- Haircut:
 - Men: VND 50,000 - 200,000
 - Women: VND 200,000 - 300,000
- Manicure and pedicure: VND 100,000 - 400,000

Housing

- Close to city centre: USD 600 - 900 (whole apartment)
- Other areas: USD 500 - 700 (whole apartment)

Tip: Opting for shared accommodation can help you save money and make some local friends.

Transportation

- Taxi: VND 12,000 - 15,000 for the first kilometres and from VND 14,000 for each kilometres afterwards.
- Bus: VND 5,000 - 10,000

Notes:

- Recommended taxi service providers: Mai Linh, Taxi Group, VinaSun
- Ride-hailing applications: GRAB, Be and Gojek (formerly Go-Viet)
- Food-deliver applications: GRAB, BAEMIN, ShopeeFood

Living tips



Keep your phone and wallet with you at all times.



Avoid dangly jewelry or phone and beware of snatchers.



Always bargain (hard) when going to traditional markets.



Don't let yourself get pressured into buying something.



Laws around drug possession, use, and dissemination are severely strict. It's best to refrain altogether.

Useful phrases

Hello: Xin chào (sin chow)

Thank you: Cảm ơn (calm earn)

- it's not common to use "please" in Vietnamese

I'm sorry/ Excuse me: Xin lỗi (seen loy)

Excuse me waitress/waitor: Anh oi (for male) / Chi oi (for female)!

Check, please: Tinh tien!

How much?: Bao nhieu? (bow yew)

Too expensive: Mac qua! (mac wa)

Very delicious!: Ngon quá (ngon wha)

Student stories

Hear from real students, both past and present, about their transformational study experiences in Vietnam.



Georgia McIntosh (Australia)

"Ho Chi Minh City is a very interesting city. There's always something to see and do – from art exhibitions to live music and markets. You won't be bored!"

As for Vietnam in general, it's a country that has it all. The beaches, mountains, waterfalls, cities – it truly has so much to offer. You'll have the opportunity to travel through not only Vietnam but the rest of Southeast Asia.

The support network at RMIT Vietnam is fantastic. You never feel like you're on your own. There is always someone who is willing to help."



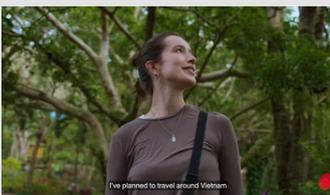
Ilya Andreev (Russia)

"My journey at RMIT's Hanoi campus as an international student has so far been filled with nothing but pivotal moments. Moving to a country full of unfamiliarity was daunting at first. But being in the RMIT community opened me up to a whole new world of exciting possibilities and experiences.

Having a different cultural background can create boundaries that limit your potential. However, getting yourself involved in a variety of activities on campus can broaden your perspectives and build your cultural sensitivity.

If you stay positive and open-minded, you may be surprised to find the extent of your own capabilities."

Craving for more inspirational stories? Check out the videos below!



[From Germany to Vietnam: Ella's Inspiring Exchange Journey at RMIT Vietnam](#)

Meet Ella, our Study Abroad student from Stuttgart, Germany, she's exploring amazing food, beautiful places, and a brand-new culture as her adventure begins.



[From the Netherlands to Vietnam: Melle's Inspiring Exchange Journey at RMIT Vietnam](#)

Spending a semester at RMIT Vietnam, Melle is exploring vibrant streets, stunning landscapes, and unforgettable moments – from bustling traffic to peaceful beaches.



[Study Abroad Experience | RMIT Vietnam](#)

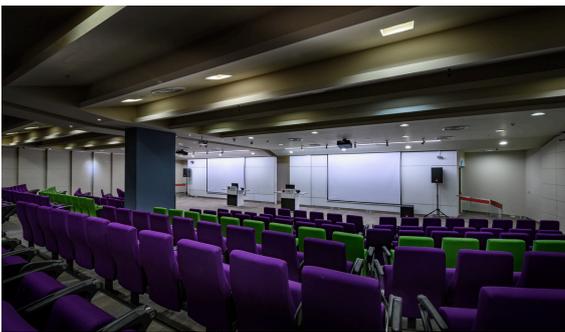
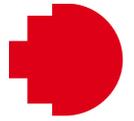
Chillina & Yanis were attending the study abroad program at RMIT Vietnam in 2020. The opportunity to spend 2 trimesters in Vietnam and to immerse themselves in the new culture.



[From Australia to Vietnam: Emelie's Inspiring Exchange Journey at RMIT Vietnam](#)

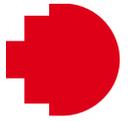
Meet Emelie, a design student from Australia on exchange at RMIT Vietnam. What began as a study abroad experience has become a creative, cultural, and unforgettable adventure.

Saigon South Campus



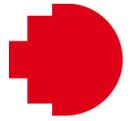
Check out our Saigon South campus
bit.ly/RmitSGScampustour

Hanoi Campus



Check out our Hanoi campus
bit.ly/RmitHanoicampustour

International students' activities



Week 0

- International Student Induction
- Welcome Day
- How2RMIT workshops
- School and Program induction



Week 1

- City tour
- Welcome Dinner



Week 2 - Week 3

- Vietnamese Cooking Class
- RMIT Carnival Day
- Club Day



Week 4 - Week 8

- Language & Culture Exchange Sessions
- RMIT Careers Fair
- RMIT International Festival



Week 9

- Historical Trip
- Ceramic Workshop



Week 12 - Week 14

- Farewell Event
- RMIT X-run
- RMIT Sport Day
- RMIT Wellbeing Fair



Where to stay...



Accommodation

Ho Chi Minh City



M Village - Pham Ngu Lao

- Type: Hotel, Serviced apartment
- Address: 325 - 327 Pham Ngu Lao, Pham Ngu Lao Ward, District 1, HCMC
- Price range: From 650 - 1355 USD/month
- Website: m-village.vn/en/branch/m-village-pham-ngu-lao
- Contact: <https://www.rmit.edu.vn/content/dam/rmit/vn/en/assets-for-production/documents/pdfs/students/accommodation/off-campus-alternative-accommodation.pdf>



MEX Real Estate (Agent)

- Type: Shared Apartment, Serviced Apartment, Villa
- Location: District 7 & District 2
- Price range: 350 USD - 700 USD/pax/month (excluding bills)
- Website: mex.vn/en/for-rent.html
- Contact: Ms. Alicia Thanh - Phone: +84 914 163187 (WhatsApp)
Email: thanh.mex.vn@gmail.com



Crystal Palace

- Type: Hotel, Serviced apartment
- Address: 13 Nguyen Luong Bang, Tan Phu Ward, District 7, Ho Chi Minh City
- Price range: From 70 - 130 USD/night (inform that you are RMIT student to get special price)
- Website: crystalpalacevn.com/en/
- Contact: Ms. Tran Ngoc Phuong; Phone: +84 909 600 048
Email: phuong.tran@merperle.vn



CityHouse Apartment (Agent)

- Type: Serviced apartment
- Location: District 1, District 2, District 3, & District 7
- Price range: 350 - 800 USD/month (excluding bills)
- Website: <https://www.cityhouseapartment.com/en/serviced-apartment-for-rent-in-hcmc-saigon>
- Contact: Ms. Quyen - Phone: +84 937 308 111
Email: quyen.nguyen@cityhouseapartment.com

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Accommodation

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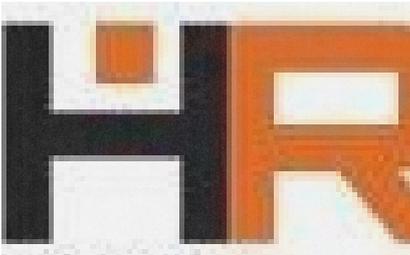
22 Housing (Agent)

- Type: Serviced Apartment, Studio
- Location: Ba Dinh District, Tay Ho District, Cau Giay District
- Price range: Minimum of 400 USD/month
- Website: <https://22housing.com/>
- Contact: Ms. Nguyen Dinh Quyen - Phone: +84 765 10 2222
Email: _22housing@gmail.com



Vietnam Housing (Agent)

- Type: Serviced Apartment
- Head Office: 24 Hoang Quoc Viet Street, Cau Giay District, Ha Noi.
- Price range: 400 - 650 USD/month
- Website: <https://www.housing.vn>
- Contact: Mr. Nam - Phone: +84 932 237 988
Email: namnv@housing.vn



Hanoi Residence (Agent)

- Type: Shared Apartment, Serviced Apartment, Villa
- Location: Varied
- Price range: Varied
- Website: <https://hanoiresidence.com/>
- Contact: Mr. Tran Tuan - Phone: +84 987 899 099
Email: contact@hanoiresidence.com

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What to eat...



Ho Chi Minh City



Bánh Mì - Vietnamese sandwich

■ Bánh Mì Huỳnh Hoa

26 Le Thi Rieng street, Pham Ngu Lao ward, District 1

■ Bánh mì Bùi Thị Xuân

122E Bui Thi Xuan street, Pham Ngu Lao ward, District 1

■ Bánh Mì Bảy Hồ

19 Huynh Khuong Ninh street, Da Kao ward, District 1

■ Bánh Mì Hòa Mã

53 Cao Thang street, Ward 3, District 3



Phở - Pho

■ Phở Hòa Pasteur 🍲

260C Pasteur street, Ward 8, District 3.

■ Phở Việt Nam 🍲

14 Pham Hong Thai Street, Ben Thanh Ward, District 1

■ Phở Miền gà Kỳ Đồng 🍲

14/5 Bis, Ky Dong street, Ward 9, District 3



Bún bò Huế - Vietnamese Beef Noodle Soup

■ Bún bò Vỹ Dạ Xưa

2 Le Van Thiem street, Tan Phong ward, District 7

■ Bún bò chú Há

300 Vo Van Tan street, Ward 5, District 3.

■ Bún Bò Gánh

110 Ly Chinh Thang street, Ward 8, District 3



Cơm tấm - Vietnamese Broken Rice

■ Cơm Tấm Ba Ghiền 🍲

84 Dang Van Ngu street, Ward 10, Phu Nhuan District

■ Cơm Tấm A Dũng

12 Hoang Dieu street, Ward 12, District 4

Ho Chi Minh City



Authentic Vietnamese restaurant

■ Quán Bụi

19 Ngo Van Nam street, Ben Nghe ward, District 1

■ Cúc Gạch Quán 🍴

10 Dang Tat street, Tan Dinh Ward, District 1

■ Ngon Restaurant

160 Pasteur street, Ben Nghe Ward, District 1

■ Bép Mẹ ỉn 🍴

136 Le Thanh Ton Street, Ben Thanh Ward, District 1

■ Bánh Xèo 46A 🍴

46A Dinh Cong Trang street, Tan Dinh Ward, District 1

■ Hoàng Tâm

TK22/1 Nguyen Canh Chan street, Cau Kho Ward, District 1

■ Bánh Khọt Cô Ba Vũng Tàu

21 Pham Thai Buong, Tan Phong Ward, District 7



Western restaurant

■ Pizza 4P's

Location: <https://pizza4ps.com/vn/location/>

■ WKND Saigon

27 Tong Huu Dinh street, Thao Dien Ward, Thu Duc City

■ BAIETA Saigon

16/8 Nguyen Van Huong street, Thao Dien Ward, Thu Duc City

■ The Running Bean

115 Ho Tung Mau street, Ben Nghe Ward, District 1

■ Sol Kitchen & Bar 🍴

112 Ly Tu Trong Street, Ben Thanh Ward, District 1

■ El Gaucho Argentinian Steakhouse Vietnam

Location: <https://vn.elgaucho.asia/location-all/all>



Vegetarian options

■ Chay Garden 🍴

52 Vo Van Tan street, Ward 6, District 3

■ Shamballa

17-19 Trinh Van Can street, Cau Ong Lanh Ward, District 1

■ Hum Vegetarian

32 Vo Van Tan street, Ward 6, District 3

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Phở - Pho

■ Phở 10 Lý Quốc Sư 🍴

10 Ly Quoc Su street, Hang Trong Ward, Hoan Kiem District

■ Phở Gà Nguyệt 🍴

5B Phu Doan street, Hang Trong Ward, Hoan Kiem District

■ Phở Tư Lùn Ấu Triệu 🍴

34 Au Trieu street, Hang Trong Ward, Hoan Kiem District



Bún Chả - Bun Cha

■ Bún chả Hương Liên 🍴

24 Le Van Huu street, Phan Chu Trinh Ward, Hai Ba Trung District

■ Bun Cha Ta

21 Nguyen Huu Huan street, Ly Thai To Ward, Hoan Kiem District

■ Tuyệt Bún Chả 34 🍴

34 Hang Than street, Nguyen Trung Truc Ward, Ba Dinh District



Phở Cuốn - Pho Rolls

■ Phở Cuốn Chinh Thắng

7 Mac Dinh Chi street, Truc Bach, Ba Dinh District

■ Phở Cuốn Hương Mai

[Address](#)



Bún Ngan

■ Thủy Lương Ngan Cháy Tỏi - Hàng Lược

49 - 51 Hang Luoc street, Hang Ma Ward, Hoan Kiem District

■ Bún Ngan Cô Lan

Alley 34 Hang Da street, Cua Dong Ward, Hoan Kiem District

Hanoi



Authentic Vietnamese restaurant

■ Tâm Vị 🍴

4B Yen The Street, Dong Da District

■ 1946 Restaurant 🍴

3 Yen Thanh Alley, 61 Cua Bac street, Ba Dinh District

■ Giang Mỹ

Address



Western restaurant

■ Pizza 4P's

Location: <https://pizza4ps.com/vn/location/>

■ The Hanoi Social Club

No. 6 Hoi Vu Alley, Hoan Kiem District

■ Muối Tiêu - Salt n' Pepper Kitchen

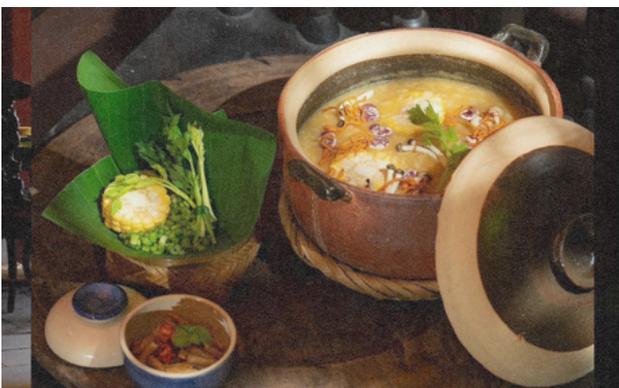
90A Hai Ba Trung street, Tran Hung Dao Ward, Hoan Kiem District

■ Avos and Mango

No.52 Alley 12 Dang Thai Mai street, Tay Ho District

■ Milk & Honey Tay Ho

34 Tay Ho street, Tay Ho District



Vegetarian options

■ Ưu Đàm Chay

55 Nguyen Du street, Hoan Kiem District

■ White Cloud Vegan

143 An Duong Vuong street, Tay Ho District.

■ Buffet Chay Hương Thiên

261 Xa Dan street, Dong Da District

■ Vị Lại

177 Bui Thi Xuan street, Hai Ba Trung District

■ Sadhu - Vegetarian Buffet

- Udic Complex, N04 Hoang Dao Thuy, Cau Giay District

- 87 Ly Thuong Kiet street, Hoan Kiem District

What to do...



Best Places to Visit in Vietnam

Vietnam is more than a country; it's an experience! So don't spend all of your time with your head buried in textbooks!

Take the opportunity to explore and to check out the following places when you arrive in Vietnam.

The best travel Instagram accounts: [@vietnamtravelers](#)
[@vietnammoment](#) [@vietnam.whatsup](#)



Ho Chi Minh City

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The Independence Palace

The Independence Palace is a not-to-be-missed destination in Ho Chi Minh City, as it once served as the living and working quarters to French and Japanese colonialists.

- Address: 106 Nguyen Du street, District 1
- Opening hours: 7:30am - 5:30pm (Mon - Sun)



Notre Dame Cathedral

Notre Dame Cathedral is a Roman Catholic church with a late medieval Gothic touch. The most unique features of the Church – the two 60-meter high bronze bell towers – were added years following original construction to magnify the church's beauty.

- Address: 01 Cong Xa Paris street, District 1
- Opening hours: 8:00am - 11:00am | 2:00pm - 4:00pm (Mon - Sat)



Ben Thanh Market

Ben Thanh Market is home to nearly 1,500 booths with more than 6,000 small businesses selling wholesale and retail items. Each day, it welcomes more than 10,000 visitors to shop for goods & souvenir.

- Address: Le Loi street, District 1
- Opening hours: 7:00am - 11:59pm



Bui Vien Walking Street

Also known as “Backpacker Street”, the Pham Ngu Lao / Bui Vien Street boasts Ho Chi Minh City's signature vibrant nightlife, with a wide range of bars, pubs and street food stands, making it the most beloved local and tourist hangout hotspot in the city.

- Address: Pham Ngu Lao Street, District 1
- Opening hours: 5:00pm - 12:00am



The Cafe Apartments

If you are looking for a fun place to explore with many Instagram-worthy corners, this is the place! The Cafe Apartments building is situated right in the heart of the Nguyen Hue walking street, with many lovely tea shops, vintage cafes, eateries and boutiques occupying the former apartment block.

- Address: 42 Nguyen Hue street, District 1
- Opening hours: 8:00am - 10:00pm



Get a glimpse of the city's culture

Explore the bustling life and the mix of old and new in Ho Chi Minh City through this short video made by RMIT's School of Communication & Design.



Ho Chi Minh City

Embracing Coffee Culture



Filter coffee

- [Cộng Cà Phê](#), [Address](#) (18 branches in HCMC)
- [Highlands Coffee](#), [Address](#) (245 branches in HCMC)



Racquet coffee

- [Cheo Leo Cafe](#), 109/36 Nguyen Thien Thuat street, District 3



Egg coffee

- [Little HaNoi Egg Coffee](#), 119/5 Yersin street, District 1

Handcraft workshops



[Bopbi House](#)

6C Tu Xuong street, District 3



[Tipsy Arts](#)

6B Nguyen Canh Chan street, District 1



[Candle Making - Coming Home Candle](#)

Level 1, 158/17 Nguyen Cong Tru street, District 1.

Art shows & spaces



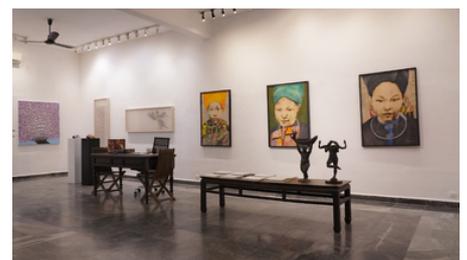
[Bamboo Circus A O Show](#)

Saigon Opera House, 07 Cong Truong Lam Son street, District 1



[Saigon Outcast creative space](#)

188/1 Nguyen Van Huong street, District 2



[Craig Thomas Gallery](#)

27i Tran Nhat Duat Street, District 1

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A Day Trip



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Shopping & Supermarkets



[Saigon Centre](#)

65 Le Loi street, District 1

[The New Playground](#)

26 Ly Tu Trong street, District 1

[Crescent Mall](#)

101 Ton Dat Tien, District 7

[Lotte Mart](#)

[Address](#)

[Vesta Lifestyle](#)

- Flagship Store - 34 Ngo Quang Huy street, Thao Dien, Thu Duc city, HCMC.
- 33A Thao Dien street, Thao Dien, Thu Duc city, HCMC.

[Saigon Square](#)

77-89 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia, Ben Thanh ward, District 1.



Ho Chi Minh City

Barber Shop



Tony Barber House

- Price range: 07 - 12 USD (Hair cut & Shave)
- Address:
 - 205/7 Nguyen Trai street, District 1
 - 141A Street 79, District 7
 - 176 Nguyen Trong Tuyen street, Phu Nhuan District

Brothers - Boutique Men's Salon

- Price range: 16 - 37 USD
- 151 Dong Khoi street, District 1

Hair Salon



Ete Saigon

- Price range: 09 - 95 USD
- Address:
 - 212B/18 Nguyen Trai street, District 1
 - 148 Hung Vuong street, District 10
 - 166 Nguyen Trong Tuyen street, Phu Nhuan District

RITA Hair & Eyelash salon

- Price range: 16 - 90 USD
- 5th Floor, 12B-14B Ngo Van Nam street, District 1

Manicure & Pedicure



The Prive Spa - International Nail Care & Spa

- Price range: 05 - 50 USD
- Address:
 - 7 Le Thi Rieng street, District 1
 - 40 Street 41, Thu Duc City, HCMC

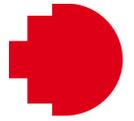
Shape Nails & Lashes

- Address:
- 85 Tran Quang Khai street, Tan Dinh Ward, District 1
 - 224 Vo Van Tan street, Ward 5, District 3

Lacy Beauty

- Price range: 02 - 15 USD
- 102/11 Tran Khac Chan street, District 1

Hanoi



Sightseeings



Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum

The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is the top tourist attraction in Hanoi, as it honours President Ho Chi Minh – the country's national hero. The mausoleum is open for a limited time during the day. You may have to queue before going inside.

- Address: Dien Bien, Ba Dinh District
- Opening hours: 8.00am - 11.00am (closed Mondays and Fridays)



Old Quarter

The Old Quarter is the essence of Hanoi's culture. The 36 little streets in the quarter are each named for a commodity once sold by businesses on those streets during the period of French colonisation. It's also a great area for trying traditional food from the roadside stalls or for bargaining for souvenirs at boutiques shops.



Hanoi's Train street

Hidden in Hanoi's Old Quarter, this narrow alley attracts many tourists who want to take photos on the active tracks and even catch a passing train! Be careful though, as the street can get very crowded.

- Address: 3 Tran Phu street, Hang Bong, Hoan Kiem District



Hoan Kiem Lake

Hoan Kiem Lake is a major landmark where you can enjoy the green surroundings and get away from the city's noise and frenetic pace. A feature of the lake is Ngoc Son Temple – another tourist attraction.

- Address: Dinh Tien Hoang Street, Hoan Kiem District



Hoa Lo Prison Relic

Visiting Hoa Lo Prison Relic, visitors will have a chance to experience the images recreating the scene where thousands of Vietnamese patriotic and revolutionary fighters being detained and tortured.

- Address: 01 Hoa Lo street, Tran Hung Dao, Hoan Kiem District



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Hanoi

Embracing Coffee Culture



Cafe Giang

- 39 Nguyen Huu Huan street, Hoan Kiem District
- Foodhall level 3, Lotte Mall Tay Ho.



Tranquill Books & Coffee

- 5 Nguyen Quang Bich street, Hoan Kiem District



Cộng Cà phê

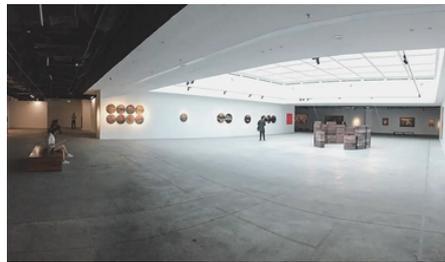
Address (27 branches in Hanoi)

Art shows & spaces



Thang Long Water Puppet show

57B Dinh Tien Hoang street, Hoan Kiem District



Vincom Center for Contemporary Art (VCCA)

B1-R3 Floor, Royal City, 72A Nguyen Trai street, Thanh Xuan District



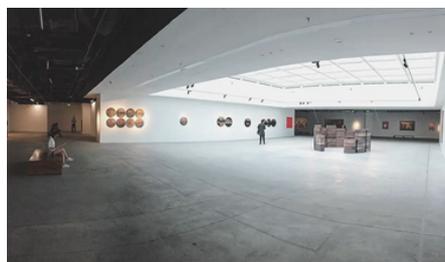
Bat Trang Pottery Village & Pottery class

Bat Trang commune, Gia Lam District



Quang Phu Cau Incense Village

Quang Phu Cau commune, Ung Hoa District



Aea Space - an experimental arts spaces

Lane 59, Ngo Gia Tu, Long Bien District

Hanoi

Shopping & Supermarkets



Lotte Mall West Lake Hanoi

272 Vo Chi Cong street, Ba Dinh District

Trang Tien Plaza

24 Hai Ba Trung street, Hoan Kiem District

Collective Memory - The House of Curios

12 Nha Chung street, Hoan Kiem District

Dong Xuan Market

Dong Xuan, Hoan Kiem District.

Hair Salon



Hanoi Cartel Studio

- Price range: 09 - 95 USD
- 93 Truc Bach street, Ba Dinh District

AUBE Hair and Spa

- Price range: 16 - 200 USD
- 32 Quang An street, Tay Ho District

Manicure & Pedicure



The Garden Nail Spa

- Price range: 05 - 20 USD
- 29 Nha Chung Street, Hoan Kiem District

Chill Pill Beauty Studio

- Price range: 17 - 61 USD
- 1 Pham Huy Thong street, Ba Dinh District



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