



## Vietnam Visa

Everything you need to know about the Vietnam visa

Are you planning to travel to Vietnam for a holiday or business trip? For a stay of up to 30 days in the country, most travellers apply for the Vietnam e-visa. This applies to travellers from Ireland. Travellers from the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy and Spain only require a visa if their stay in Vietnam exceeds 45 days.

Mandatory	Yes
Suitable for	Tourism, business trip or transit
Validity period	30 days
Duration of stay	Up to 30 days
Normal delivery time	Average 13 days
Urgent delivery	Average 5 days; necessary from 16 days up to 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. No visit to an embassy, consulate, or visa agency is required. Follow the steps on [e-Visa.co.uk/vietnam](https://e-Visa.co.uk/vietnam) or click on the green button below.

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## Do I require a visa for Vietnam?

Since several years, the Vietnam embassy has advised against applying for the visa on arrival for a trip to Vietnam. This is because the Vietnam Embassy cannot guarantee you can enter the country without any problems. You would therefore do well not to travel to Vietnam before applying for a visa.<sup>1</sup> Fortunately, you can easily apply for the required visa for Vietnam online. This applies to travellers who are nationals of a country in the European Union, including Ireland, but also to travellers with the nationality of the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

### Is the Vietnam e-visa suitable for my trip?

The Vietnam e-visa is suitable for air travel to Vietnam, but you can also use the e-visa when you arrive in the country by boat (for example, during a cruise holiday) or over land. The visa is required for both adults and minor travellers. There is an exception for travellers with the nationality of the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, or Spain who possess the corresponding passport. If the stay in Vietnam is shorter than 46 days, travellers from these countries do not require a visa for a holiday or business trip to Vietnam.

### Visa valid for a single tourist or business trip

The e-visa is valid for a tourist or business trip to Vietnam lasting up to 30 consecutive days. The Vietnam visa you can apply for via this website is a single-entry visa. If you meet all the requirements, you can travel to Vietnam once with this visa. Do you want to stay in Vietnam for more than 30 days, or do you want to work, volunteer, or study in the country? Or do you not meet one or more requirements of the e-visa? In that case, you cannot apply for the Vietnam visa via this website and you need to contact the consulate or the [Vietnam embassy](#) for a different visa type.

### Advantages of the online Vietnam visa

In comparison to a physical visa, an e-visa can easily be applied for from your laptop, computer, tablet or smartphone. If both you and your travel purpose meet the requirements for using the e-visa, it is therefore much easier and cheaper to apply for this visa. Below, you can find all the requirements you have to meet to apply for the e-visa.

## Requirements online Vietnam visa application

Just as most other European travellers, British and Irish travellers can apply for the Vietnam visa online. Before you apply for a visa, check whether this applies to you as well. Do you not have the nationality of the United Kingdom, Switzerland or a country in the European Union? In that case, you can easily [check whether you can apply for the e-visa](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Travellers with a valid passport from the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy or Spain can leave for Vietnam without a visa if they do not stay in Vietnam longer than 45 days. Only in this case do they not need a visa for their stay in the country. For a stay exceeding 45 days, these travellers also need to apply for a visa before departure.

## **Use the visa the right way**

Keep in mind that an issued visa is no guarantee that you can actually travel to Vietnam. The country's immigration service can always deny travellers entry to the country. This can happen, for example, when it is suspected the traveller has a different travel purpose than is permitted with the visa or if the immigration service thinks you pose a possible risk to the country. However, in the vast majority of cases, the Vietnam visa allows travellers to enter Vietnam unhindered. Travellers wishing to use the e-visa must at all times take into account the following requirements.

### **The visa is suitable for tourist travel, family visits and business trips**

The purpose of your trip must fall under the travel purposes allowed with the e-visa. For example, you can use the e-visa for a holiday, to go backpacking, making a round trip, or any other tourist trip, to visit friends or family, but also for a business meeting or conference, or for a trip in employment with a non-Vietnamese organisation. On the other hand, it is not permitted, for example, to enter into employment with a Vietnamese organisation (including volunteering).

- **The e-visa is good for a single trip to Vietnam**

The visa can be used for a single trip lasting up to 30 days. For a new trip to Vietnam, you must therefore apply for a new e-visa. It is also possible to extend the e-visa once. This can only be done at an immigration office in Vietnam itself and can only be done in Vietnamese.<sup>2</sup>

- **Visa only valid in combination with valid passport**

The visa is only valid in combination with a valid standard passport. This must be the same passport as the one used to apply for the visa and this passport must be valid for at least six more months from your arrival date in Vietnam. It is not possible to apply for an e-visa with an emergency passport, a German children's passport, an ID card or a residence permit.

### **Take into account the permitted arrival and departure locations**

If you want to use the e-visa, you have to enter Vietnam through one of the permitted entry locations. You also have to leave the country through one of the appointed airports, border crossings or seaports. In the application form, you have to indicate on which location you enter and exit Vietnam. Do you want to deviate from (one of) these locations after the visa is granted? This is officially not allowed and your actual arrival and departure locations have to match the

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<sup>2</sup> Generally, it is difficult to arrange this extension. There are several travel operators in Vietnam that can help extend the e-visa in-country for a fee, but this is not recommended. It is easier to leave Vietnam briefly and reapply for an e-visa from a neighbouring country.

locations you chose when completing the visa application form.<sup>3</sup> See the table below for the locations you can choose from.

### Permitted arrival locations

<b>Airports (air travel)</b>	Cat Bi   Cam Ranh   Can Tho   Da Nang   Noi Bai   Phu Bai   Phu Quoc   Tan Son Nhat
<b>Border crossings (arrival by land)</b>	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
<b>Seaports (arrival by ship)</b>	Chan May   Da Nang   Duong Dong   Hon Gai   Hai Phong   Nha Trang   Quy Nhon   Ho Chi Minh City   Vung Tau

### Screening of applicants of the Vietnam e-visa

Travellers to Vietnam cannot pose a risk to public health or safety in Vietnam and its citizens. For this reason, the application form asks whether the traveller for whom a visa is applied has been deported from Vietnam in the past three years. If this is the case, the e-visa cannot be applied for. Keep in mind that the chances a visa application is rejected are higher for travellers who have committed a criminal offence (and whose criminal offence is known to the Vietnamese immigration service).

### Starting date and validity of the Vietnam visa

The Vietnam visa has a total validity period of 30 days and can therefore be used for a trip lasting up to 30 days. The number of days you are actually allowed to stay in Vietnam with the e-visa, depends on your arrival date. You indicate in the application form on which day you expect to arrive in Vietnam, and by doing so, you chose the starting date of the visa. The validity of the visa starts on the date you entered here. The expiry date is always exactly 30 days after the starting date.

### Permitted duration of stay based on the actual arrival date

The permitted duration of stay matches the validity of the visa. A stay in Vietnam with an e-visa can therefore not exceed 30 days. The total permitted duration of stay in Vietnam depends on the actual date the traveller arrives in the country. The date on which you leave from the country should never be more than 30 days after the chosen starting date of the visa. Arriving in Vietnam later than the arrival date you indicated will reduce the number of days you are allowed to stay in

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<sup>3</sup> Have you decided to change your arrival or departure location after applying for your visa? This is officially not allowed. Despite the fact there are stories of travellers who succeeded in entering or leaving the country from a different location than the one indicated in the form, this is not recommended. If you want to be sure you will not get in to trouble for this during your trip, you should apply for a new Vietnam e-visa.

the country. If, for example, you travel to Vietnam 5 days later than the starting date of the visa, you are allowed to stay in Vietnam for up to 25 consecutive days.

Once your visa application is processed, you can no longer change the chosen starting date. From that moment on, the validity period of the visa is fixed. If afterwards you decide you want to travel to Vietnam on a different date and still stay in the country for 30 days, you would therefore have to submit a new application with the correct dates.

### **What if the travel plans change?**

e-Visa.co.uk processes visa applications almost immediately upon receiving all the required details and documents. Once the application has been processed, you can no longer change the information and documents in your application. Correctly submitting all required information and documents for your visa application is therefore very important.

Did you make a mistake? All details can be changed until a visa specialist has assessed your documents. Have your documents been approved and has your application already been processed? In the following cases it is not necessary to change the information to retain the validity of the visa:

- you arrive in Vietnam on another date than the indicated expected arrival date (the starting date of your visa),
  - the dates of your arrival and departure from Vietnam need to be within the validity period of your visa,
- the accommodation address in Vietnam indicated in the application form has changed or is incorrect,
- your home address has changed or is incorrect, or one or more contact details are incorrect.

### **Errors that are a problem for the validity of the visa**

There are also errors that are a problem. These include errors in the details that are essential for the validity of your visa. For mistakes in these details also applies that they can no longer be changed after your documents have been assessed by e-Visa.co.uk and your application is processed. You can still do so prior to the assessment of your documents. Errors in these details will lead to the rejection of an application or cause any visa that may have been granted to be invalid. This applies to the following situations:

- you incorrectly filled in your name or used a different spelling than the one on your passport,
- you made an error when filling in your passport number, your nationality or the country code of your passport,

- you made an error in the date of issuance and/or expiry of your passport,
- the indication of your gender on the visa is not the same as on your passport,
- your birthdate was filled in incorrectly.

If you made an error in one of these details, your visa is not valid. The only way to solve this is to apply for a new visa. You should therefore always check very carefully whether all filled in information is complete and correct. This way, you prevent any unnecessary extra costs.

## Apply for your Vietnam visa in three simple steps

All you need to have fixed before you start your application, is the first accommodation in Vietnam and your arrival and departure location. You can therefore apply for your visa well before departure. Even though an urgent application is one of the possibilities, it is recommended to start your visa application on time.

You apply for the Vietnam visa in three simple steps, that can be completed within five to ten minutes. Make sure that, before you start, you have the passport details of all travellers who require a visa ready.

### Step 1 | Complete the application form

- Open the [online application form of the Vietnam e-visa](#).
- Fill in your contact details and the details regarding the trip.
  - When choosing the starting date of the visa you can make an estimate but make sure that your eventual arrival and departure date are within the validity period of the visa. Keep in mind that the validity and the permitted duration of stay start on the date you select here. Concerning the accommodation address in Vietnam you only have to fill in the contact details of just one accommodation.
- Fill in the details of all travellers for whom you want to apply for a visa.
  - If you want to submit a group application to then apply for a visa for other travellers as well, you can add travellers to the form by clicking the button “Add a traveller”. When submitting a group application, always ask for permission of the other travellers for whom you are completing the form. After completing the form, always ask each traveller if the entered details for this traveller are correct.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> If you submit a visa application for a minor, you need permission of at least one of the parents or guardians. This parent/guardian has to confirm that the application for the child has been filled in completely correct. In addition, when travelling with children, you have to take into account certain rules that have been implemented to prevent child abduction. You can read more about this at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/international-parental-child-abduction>.

- If you have received the confirmation that all details are correct from each traveller, you click on “Apply visas”. You will then go to the checking page. Here you can check again if all filled in details are correct.
  - An approved visa is also only valid if all filled in details are correct.
  - Beware of any incorrect corrections and/or additions made by your browser’s auto-completion function, such as a different spelling of your name or details of other people for whom you are not applying for a visa.
  - As an applicant you yourself are responsible for the completeness and correctness of the submitted details.

## **Step 2 | Complete the payment and submit the required documents**

After you have completely and correctly filled in the form for your visa application, you can safely complete the payment. You can do so with Visa, Mastercard, American Express or PayPal. The [cost](#) for a standard application (without urgent delivery) of the Vietnam visa is £54.95 per person. This is the total amount and no additional costs are added.

### **Optional urgent delivery, registration of your trip and CO<sub>2</sub> compensation**

You pay the total price of a standard application of £54.95 per person if you do not use any extra options. If you want to use an urgent delivery, for example, you pay a surcharge of £17.50 per visa. In that case, you receive the visa within 5 days on average.

In the application form, travellers can also opt to [compensate the CO<sub>2</sub> offset of their trip](#) prior to travelling. The amount of this voluntary additional option is calculated based on the estimated offset of a direct two-way flight in economy class from the country of residence of the traveller to Vietnam.

### **Photograph and scan or image of the passport**

Once the payment is successfully completed, you add a photograph and a scan or image of the information page of your passport to the visa application. The instructions in regard to uploading these documents can be found on the submission page. There are several requirements that the photo you submit as a photograph has to meet. For example, the photograph has to be sharp and the applicant has to look straight into the camera with a serious expression. In addition, the photograph needs to have a light and even background. It can also be a selfie, as long as it meets the aforementioned requirements.

### **Passport information needs to be completely legible on the image or scan**

The digital copy of the information page of the passport needs to meet certain requirements. For example, all information must be clearly legible and no part may be covered (e.g., by a finger). It is not permitted to strike through information or make it unreadable. A redacted copy of your

passport cannot be used for your visa application. However, it is permitted to upload a copy in black and white.

### **Processing your visa application**

The application can only be processed when all documents for all travellers have been submitted correctly. A visa specialist at e-Visa.co.uk checks whether the documents meet all the requirements and lets you know via email if this is the case. If the documents do not yet meet the requirements, you can submit them again. You receive an email when all documents for your application have been approved and your application is processed. From this moment on, with a standard application, it takes on average about a week to receive your visa.

### **Step 3 | Printing your visa and taking it with you on your trip**

You receive a number of messages via email regarding your application. For example, you receive an email when your payment has been received, when your uploaded documents have been approved and when your application has been approved. In each of these emails, you can find a link to your secured personal status page. On this personal page, you can check the status of your application at any given moment. If you have not received any emails, check your junk mail folder as well. If you cannot find any of the emails mentioned in that folder either, you can also look up the status of your application [online](#). Once your application has been approved, you can view and download the visa from your personal status page. You have to print the visa for all travellers twice. You can do so both in colour and greyscale. Also, once it is issued, check again for all travellers that the details on the visa are correct. Pay particular attention to the following details:

- passport number
- full name as mentioned on the passport
- birthdate
- country of birth as mentioned on the passport
- the issuance and expiry dates of the passport
- the gender of the traveller as mentioned on the passport

Do not forget that every traveller has to bring two printed copies of the visa with them on their trip. Each traveller has to hand in a copy upon arrival in Vietnam and the other copy has to be handed in when they leave the country. Just before departure, check whether you need to take into account any [Covid-19 related measures in Vietnam](#).

### **What if my visa application is rejected?**



In the vast majority of cases, visa applications for Vietnam are approved. However, if your application is rejected, it is difficult to find out what the reason was. The country's immigration service never gives any explanation as to why visa applications are rejected. If you submitted your visa application through e-Visa.co.uk, you will receive a full refund if your application is rejected.<sup>5</sup> However, this only applies to travellers for whom a visa application for Vietnam has not been rejected previously. If an application is rejected, these are the most obvious reasons:

- You are not eligible for the visa because you do not meet all the requirements.
- You have filled in the application form incorrectly. It does not matter if this happened knowingly or unknowingly.
- You have not completed the application form in full.
- The documents you submitted do not meet the requirements.

In case of a rejected visa application, first check if you filled in the application form correctly. Most details you entered in the application form can be found in the first confirmation email you received from e-Visa.co.uk. If you discover you made an error when completing the form, you can submit a new visa application with the correct information.

If you cannot discover any errors in the details you filled in, do not submit a new visa application. The new application is probably going to be rejected as well. In this case, you can apply for a physical visa at the embassy of Vietnam.

## Require a Vietnam visa urgently?

If you need a Vietnam visa within a short period of time, it is best to submit an urgent application. In the case of an urgent application, the visa is delivered within 5 days on average. From 16 days prior to the starting date you selected in the visa application form, e-Visa.co.uk can still process your application if you check the box for 'Urgent delivery'. If you choose for an urgent application, e-Visa.co.uk will process your application even outside office hours within 24 hours and, in most cases, within an hour. A surcharge of £17.50 per person applies to urgent applications.

### **Delivery time only starts after receiving your documents**

Keep in mind that even for urgent applications, the average delivery time only starts when all required documents have been received in good order. e-Visa.co.uk can never guarantee that a visa is actually granted within the average delivery times. This is because the Vietnamese

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<sup>5</sup> e-Visa.co.uk is not responsible for any damages resulting from a rejected or late approved visa application. Please read the [general terms and conditions](#).

immigration service decides about the approval of applications. An application may be delayed due to heavy traffic at the immigration service, technical malfunctions or any delays caused by official holidays. For this reason, only average delivery times are mentioned and never maximum delivery times.

Take note: an application that takes longer than average does not have a bigger chance of being rejected, and it is normal that there are a few days between the assessments of different applications within a group application.

## Other questions about your visa application for Vietnam?

If you have any questions after reading this document, you can check the answers on the [frequently asked questions about the Vietnam visa](#) through the website. Do you have any questions about a pending visa application for Vietnam submitted through e-Visa.co.uk? In that case, first check your status page for more information about the status of your application. On this page you can also find advice on what to do if your application takes longer to be processed than average. You can find the link to your personal status page in different emails you have received from e-Visa.co.uk. You can also find the [status of your visa application for Vietnam](#) via the website. If you still have questions, you can also [contact us](#) in another way.