

Cultural Treasures of Vietnam & Cambodia

For any questions or concerns about your upcoming tour not addressed here, please call 1-800-826-2266

Time Zone: **Vietnam and Cambodia follow the Indochina Time Zone.** Both countries are 12 hours ahead of Central Time.

Weather: Average High/Low

City	Spring
Hanoi	73°F/63°F
Hue	81°F/70°F
Ha Long Bay	68°F/63°F
Saigon	95°F/77°F
Siem Reap	95°F/77°F

Visas: United States citizens are required to have a visa to enter Vietnam and Cambodia. Visa costs are included in the tour price and are obtained upon entering each country. For the Vietnam visa, you will need two blank pages in your passport and one blank page for the visa to Cambodia.

Vaccinations: There are no vaccine entry requirements for Vietnam or Cambodia.

Language: While English is not widely spoken in Vietnam and Cambodia as a first language, it is the most common second language and is prevalent in major cities and tourist areas.

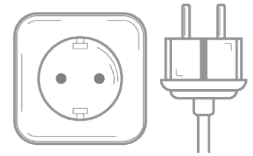
Currency: The Vietnamese dong is the currency in Vietnam whereas the Cambodian riel is the currency of Cambodia.

A helpful website for referencing current rates is www.oanda.com.

Visa and MasterCard are the most accepted cards in both countries. ATM machines are generally easy to find, especially in major cities and tourist areas. Many hotels in Vietnam and Cambodia will exchange money, but it is generally not the best option due to less favorable exchange rates.

Packing: Lightweight, breathable clothing, and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Dress for comfort and convenience with a flexible wardrobe. Consider a light jacket or sweater for cooler evenings and a rain jacket or poncho for possible brief showers. All guest rooms and vessel staterooms are equipped with a hair dryer, and each hotel has a swimming pool. Guests coin operated laundry is not standard, but most hotels have a laundry service (at an additional expense). We recommend you pack an adequate supply of your prescription medication to last throughout your entire trip. Other recommendations include sunscreen, sunglasses, toiletries, antibacterial lotion, insect repellent, travel alarm or cell phone with an alarm as many hotels do have clocks in the room.

Electrical Current: The standard voltage in Vietnam is 200 volts, 50 cycles. The most common plug types are Type A (two flat parallel pins) and Type C (two round pins – pictured). Electric outlets and plugs are different from those in North America. An adapter is required to plug your device into an electrical socket. However, a voltage converter is only required if your device is not compatible with 220 volts. If the tag on your device lists 110-220 volts, you will not need a converter. Adapters and converters are available at luggage, department, and electronic stores.



ON TOUR

International Driver/Guides: Holiday Vacations has arranged for International Drivers and Guides to provide commentary for the regions you will be visiting. Guides will also discuss customs, traditions, language differences, and history.

Gratuities: The following are NOT included in the tour and may be provided by you at your discretion. If you feel that each person has met your expectations, please tip accordingly.

The suggested gratuity for your Holiday Vacations Tour Director is \$8-10 per guest, per day. Any tipping is on an individual basis and is given directly to the Tour Director at the end of the tour.

For the Guide: Recommended amount \$3 USD per guest, per day of service is appropriate.

For the Driver: Recommended amount \$2 USD per guest, per day of service is appropriate.

Cell Phones/Internet Access: Network coverage is generally good, especially in urban areas. Please check with your local provider for information on coverage and fees. Internet access is typically available at the hotels.

Flights: Flights to Hanoi typically connect through Singapore or Tokyo. Flying time from Los Angeles to Singapore is approximately 17 hours and 3.5 hours from Singapore to Hanoi.

Water: While higher-end hotels may have filtration systems, it's best to err on the side of caution and opt for bottled water or boiled tap water for drinking and brushing teeth.

Souvenirs: Ao Dai (traditional Vietnamese garment), Vietnamese silk products, ceramics, lacquerware, paper lanterns, puppets, hand embroidery, Vietnam calligraphy, Vietnamese coffee or tea, coconut candy. In Cambodia – traditional krama scarves, lacquered elephant, Khmer kites (produces musical notes when flown, typically made of bamboo, palm leaf and fabric) to name a few.