

VIETNAM







Why Vietnam?

- Super-low cost of living
- Stunning and diverse landscape (over 3,000 kms of beaches as well as mountains, limestone formations, etc.)
- Vibrant culture with a storied history
- Delicious and inexpensive local cuisine
- Fast-developing economy
- Established expat populations throughout the country



At A Glance

- **Residency**
 - Several options to stay long-term
 - No retirement visa
- **Health Care**
 - Regional variation in health care standards
- **Ease of Access**
 - No direct flights to the States
 - Domestic airlines are reasonably priced
 - Major cities are well-connected by plane, train, and bus



Country Pros

- You can live well for almost nothing
- Rapidly developing economy and infrastructure
- Diverse landscape and climates on offer
- Parks, lakes and scenic areas in most cities
- Ease of intercity travel
- Healthy and delicious local cuisine

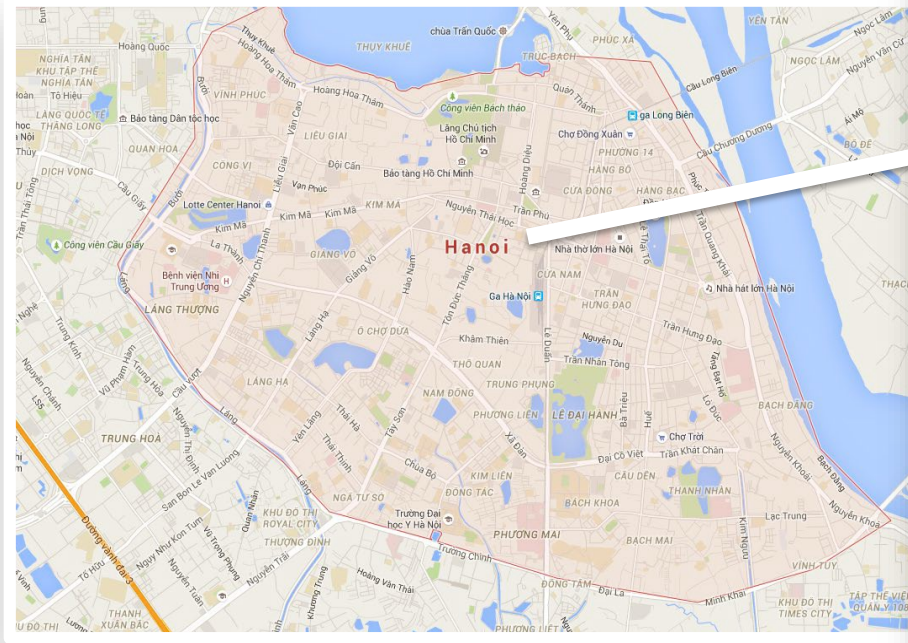


Country Cons

- Foreigners restricted in property ownership
- Long-term stay options are not straightforward
- Pollution (air, water supply, ocean)
- Foreigner pricing and scams
- Humidity (in hot and cold regions)
- Vietnamese is hard to learn
- Distance from United States



Hanoi





Hanoi Pros

- Big-city atmosphere
- Plenty to see and do—great shopping, lakes, parks, monuments, markets, shows, etc.
- Charming French architecture (especially in French and Old Quarters)
- Creativity & Art Scene in the TayHo Expat Area
- Access to a plethora of International Schools
- World's cheapest beer
- Four seasons



Hanoi Cons

- Constant chaos—24/7 construction, activity, and people in the streets
- Heavy traffic, especially motorbikes
- Pushy street hawkers
- Smog, poor air quality
- Poor public transit system
- Cold winters



Ninh Binh





Ninh Binh Pros

- Picturesque landscapes
- Historical landmarks
- Plenty to see and do—great hiking, cycling, boat rides, pagodas, gardens, etc.
- Known as the “Halong Bay on Land.”
- Experience local culture & food



Ninh Binh Cons

- Rural Environment
- Lack of western conveniences
- Touristy- can be overcrowded during tourist seasons
- Lack of International Schools
- English not widely spoken outside of tourist sites



Noteworthy

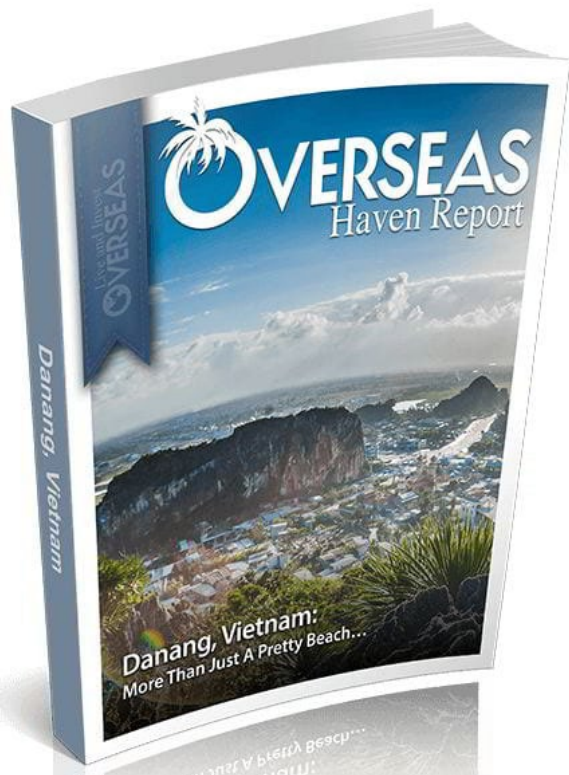
- Foreigners restricted in property ownership
- Vietnam spans 1,650 kms north to south and resembles an S shape
- Over 50 diverse ethnic groups
- Vietnam is the second-biggest producer of coffee in the world
- Vietnam is the world's largest exporter of Cashew nuts



Grading Vietnam

- English Spoken – C-
- Health Care – B
- Climate – A
- Infrastructure – C-
- Accessibility – C-
- Safety – B
- Culture – B+
- Recreation – A
- Taxes – B-
- Schools – B

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