



VISA-TO-VIETNAM GUIDELINE

The Organizing Committee of the 78th ICOLD Annual Meeting is pleased to provide delegates with some information about visa to Vietnam.

We are going to let you know who are exempting for Vietnam Visa and for those who need Vietnam visa, we provide the **3 popular ways** to apply for a visa.

A. WHICH CITIZENS IS EXEMPTING FOR VIETNAM VISA ?

Only citizens of certain countries can visit Vietnam without Vietnam entry visa. Those countries include:

- **No Vietnam entry visa required for travel less than 30 days:** Citizens of Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Myanmar, Cambodia, Brunei and Laos.

- **No Vietnam entry visa required for travel less than 15 days:** Citizens of Japan, South Korea, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland.

- **No visa required for travel less than 90 days or several visits within 6 months:** Citizens of France holding valid diplomatic or official passports.

- **No Vietnam entry visa required for travel less than 60 days:** Citizens of Chile holding valid diplomatic or official passports.

- **No Vietnam entry visa required for travel less than 60 days:** APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) Holders from Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) member economies

- **No Vietnam entry visa for traveling to Phu Quoc Island (Vietnam) :** Foreigners and Vietnamese bearing foreign passports who enter Vietnam through an international border gate and then travel to Phu Quoc Island and stay in Phu Quoc less than 15 days will also be exempt from Vietnam visa application. Passports must be valid for at least 45 days. After arriving in Phu Quoc Island, if visitors want to travel other

localities or stay in the island for more than 15 days, the immigration department will be responsible for issuing visas right on the spot.

- **No visa required for overseas Vietnamese less than 90days** staying if holding Vietnam visa exemption certificate.

That's some information on Vietnam exemption we would inform you know. All other citizens are required to get Vietnam entry visa before departure (Vietnam visa issued prior to departure by Vietnamese consulates or embassies) or a pre-approved Vietnam entry visa (visa is issued on arrival at Vietnam's International Airports) supplied before arrival in Vietnam.

B. THE MOST POPULAR WAYS TO GET VIETNAM VISA:

I. APPLYING FOR A VISA AT AN EMBASSY BY YOURSELF REQUIREMENTS and PROCEDURE

- Passport with a validity of at least 6 months
- Visa application form.
- 2 photos of passport regulation size .
- Visa fee: range of US\$50 - 85 if application is sent directly to the Vietnam Embassy or US\$25-55 if your visa has been pre-approved. This fee depends on The Embassy and Type of visa required.

The visa application form may vary from Embassy to Embassy, so you need to take the form from the specific Embassy where you will obtain your visa. Submit this form filled with your original passport, 2 or 3 photos, accompanied by the visa fee. If you apply directly to The Embassy, your information will then be sent to Hanoi for approval. Therefore, it will take between 4 to 10 days depending on your country of origin. In case the Visa has already been approved at the Hanoi Immigration Office, this will then take only one day. The tourist visa is for a single entry only and a one-month stay, but it can be extended after you enter Vietnam. Diplomatic, official visas, business and other types of visas should be handled through the official agencies or government or business sponsor of the traveler.

II. GETTING VISA AT THE AIRPORT: REQUIREMENTS and PROCEDURE

- Apply visa online with a travel agent.
- Meet & give them your passport(s) & photos when you arrive at the airport in in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Danang City
- Waiting in 5 to 10 minutes at the lounge of the airport
- Getting back your passport(s) with visa stamped on already

Obviously you can apply by yourself for getting the approval letter or getting Vietnam visa at Vietnam Embassy. But for those have no time and no Vietnam Embassy available, you can apply the pre-approved letter for vietnam visa through a travel agent in Vietnam. One of businesses of travel agents is arranging visa for their clients, they will know the way to arrange Vietnam visa with best service and competitive price. Normally, after 2 days you will get the approval letter for Vietnam visa as you requested.

After receiving your online visa request, agent will contact with the Vietnam Immigration Department for arranging visa base on your request.

Notes :

- Service fee will be paid for travel agent in advance and stamp fee will be paid at the airport.

- Travel agent will arrange visa upon arrival automatically if no special request.

- Please in inform travel agent if you need visa stamped at embassy/consulate or enter Vietnam by sea port or by road.

III. CONTACT TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR HELP: REQUIREMENTS and PROCEDURE

- Contact The Secretariat of the 78th ICOLD Annual Meeting for help.
- Receive more assistance on how to apply a visa to Vietnam or ask the Secretariat for help contact a travel agent.

Notes:

- Please send email to Secretariat at: 78icoldvn@venus-communications.com