



Vietnam Top 5 Travel Mistakes!

People make mistakes, especially when you travel to a strange country. Here are some of very common ones that happened to lots of travelers who visit Vietnam. Let's avoid them.

1. Multiple entry instead of Single-entry visa
Most of people need a [visa to Vietnam](#), and you must prepare it in advance, you just cannot go directly to airport and get it like other countries (Laos or Cambodia for example). You need prepare a valid visa at Vietnam embassy or arrange an approval letter for [Vietnam visa on arrival](#) through travel agency in advance before landing to Vietnam airport. But many people forgot that once they exit Vietnam, their visa also becomes invalid, they have to issue the new visa if they don't take the multiple entry option. Please remember to arrange multiple entry if you want to go back to country again in the period of time.
2. Booking a tour, hotel or ticket too late
Please note that the sooner you book the service, the better deals you will have. Especially in the peak season. Even low season in Vietnam now is also packed with local tourist. You cannot get a good domestic airfare, good hotel price or nice cabin in Ha Long Bay if you book too close to departure date.
3. Always pack before getting on & off
Looking at the lost & found list at the airport, you will be surprised. Most common items are money, phone, ipod, ticket, glasses, and even passport. I strongly recommend you to pack your stuff in the night before, especially on the train in Vietnam (some of train arrive very early in the morning) or check out and get your passport back soonest from your hotel.
4. Put tons of time for airport transfers
Traffic in Vietnam is bad, highly recommend you to add lots of spare time on airport transfers to Hanoi or Saigon. Saigon airport is just 7km away from center but on rush hours may take more than an hour to get there. Always ask for traffic condition in advance before your airport transfers.
5. Bring handbags out at night
No matter what is inside your handbag, you could be a target by bad boys. Snatching is sadly increasing in big city of Vietnam. Nha Trang beach city is one of the worst places at night. Saigon is also named and you must be careful with your belongings. I recommend you just bring some cash when you going out, small camera that fit your pocket is also handy. If you carry a big camera, making sure that it needs to store in camera proper bag and don't stay too late.

Have you ever faced those of mistakes? That will be fantastic if you could share your own experience or giving some advice to other travelers. Appreciate it!