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WELCOME TO VIETNAM

# PACKING LIST

*for your trip to Ho Chi Minh City*



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HO CHI MINH CITY

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This is a list of recommended items for your packing list. It is advisable to travel light in HCMC.



USE YOUR COMMON SENSE  
WHEN PACKING

## Important

### Money

Change your money in HCMC and not in Singapore. You get better rates here and there are many money changers around.



### Bag

Bring along a small bag or backpack for daily use. Handy for your umbrella, and shopping too.

### Electrical



An electric power point adaptor is important - buy one (about S\$1-2) in Singapore to fit the following (2-pin; flat or round; parallel)

### Cameras

Digital/video cameras, sufficient cards, batteries and chargers. Make sure you bring along the cable to download pictures from your d-cam to your notebook if you're bringing the latter along. Or bring along a card reader.

### Flashlight

A small flashlight/torch especially for use in the Cu Chi Tunnels, and during blackouts.

## THINGS TO BRING

**S**ufficient clothes and undergarments for the days that you will be in HCMC. One jacket to keep warm. You will probably buy many t-shirts/blouses/shorts/jeans as they are cheap here. So plan carefully what you really need to bring. You need lots of luggage space for your shopping.

Shoes/socks and sandals/slippers. Socks are cheap in HCMC - you can bring one or two pairs and buy the rest here.

### Toiletries

Toothbrush and toothpaste  
Shavers  
Sanitary pads  
Shampoo/shower gel/soap  
Personal toiletry items

Towels are provided by the hotel but it is still advisable to bring a small towel.

### Stationery

Bring along at least a pen and a small notebook - useful for filling forms, recording what you buy, prices, exchange rates, etc.



# “He who does not travel does not know the value of men.” - Moorish proverb

## Protection from the sun

Sunglasses, sunscreen, cap/hat, insect repellent, lip balm - you can buy cheap sunglasses in HCMC though.

## Medication

Personal medication, and if you like first aid kit.

## Keeping busy

Some books to keep you busy during the longer coach rides. PSP/MP3 players/iPods. Also useful for the overnight stays with quiet evenings.

## Plastic Bags/Ziplocs

Remember those plastic bags/ziplocs for your dirty clothes. And put your toothpaste and whatever that may leak in the bags too. You

won't want your luggage all messy from the leaks during the flight.

## Rain

Wet season is from Apr to Nov. A small umbrella would be useful.



“If you reject the food, ignore the customs, fear the religion and avoid the people, you might better stay at home.” - **James Michener**



“When you travel, remember that a foreign country is not designed to make you comfortable. It is designed to make its own people comfortable.”

Clifton Fadiman

## COOK THIS UP

### Travel Recipe

a dose of humour  
a sprig of understanding  
a touch of love  
a pinch of patience  
a spoonful of curiosity

