



IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR US CITIZENS - VIETNAM VISA CHANGES

From **September 2016**, the Vietnamese government has implemented a new visa policy for **US citizens** who plan to visit Vietnam. This new policy introduces a **1-year multiple entry visa** and replaces all previous types of visa (30-day tourism/business, single entry/multiple entry). The new regulations are for US citizens entering Vietnam for tourism, workshops, conferences, personal business, work with agencies or organizations.

There has yet to be an official announcement from the Authorities, but below is what we have been able to ascertain so far;

- USA Passport Holders who will be obtaining a **Visa on Arrival (VOA)** and will be entering Vietnam for the **first time** under the new regulations will still require a Visa on Arrival Pre-Approval letter (VOA) but the Visa stamping fee has now **increased to US\$ 135** (to be paid in USD cash at the airport) for the visa on arrival. The visa will be valid up to **1 year with multiple entries**. Visitors are allowed to stay maximum 3 months per entry.
- USA Passport Holders who have already received a 1-year multiple entry visa and will be entering Vietnam a **second** or **third** time (within the validity of the visa), need only to show the **previous passport stamps** or other **relevant documentation** at Vietnam immigration.
- According to the Airlines GDS 'Timatic system' for clients who will be getting their Vietnam VOA passports must be valid at least 1 month after the exit date of the visa that will be issued. Therefore Airlines may require passports to be valid at least **13 months** from the **date of entry** to Vietnam, as the VOA will be a 1 year visa. We strongly recommend that all US travellers should contact their individual airlines prior to travel to ensure that they will not experience any problems with passport validities when checking-in for flights into Vietnam.
- The Visa and stamping fees may vary for visas obtained directly through the Vietnamese Embassies and Consulates abroad. If you are in the USA please contact the Vietnam Embassy directly (202) 861- 0737 for more information
- For any clients who already have their US visa issued in their passport from a US Embassy or Consulate abroad prior to travel, they will require minimum **6 months validity on passport** from their **date of exit** from Vietnam.

We are working with VNAT for further clarification. As soon as we have received the official announcement or more information we will update you again. Should you require more information, please do not hesitate to ask your EXO Travel Consultant.

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