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Synopsis

The Rough Guide to Vietnam is the essential guide to one of Southeast Asia's most enticing destinations. Roam the markets, temples, and shops of thousand-year-old Hanoi, and then slow down the pace with a trip to national parks or the remote highlands. The introduction will help you choose where to go and what to see, inspired by dozens of stunning photos. The Things Not To Miss section runs through all the must-sees, while the Itineraries guide you around the country's highlights. Navigation through the book and on the ground is aided by clear color maps with every chapter. Each map is keyed with all the accommodation, eating and drinking options, nightlife venues and shops that are reviewed in detail in the Listings chapters. From the rugged mountains of Ha Giang in the north to the pancake-flat Mekong Delta in the south, the honest and up-to-date appraisals in The Rough Guide to Vietnam will steer you to the best places to stay, eat, and party across every price range. Reviews take in hill-tribe homestays, quirky hostels, boutique hotels, sophisticated restaurants, and delicious street food, while informed and accessible writing covers everything from Buddhism to battlefields. This fully revised edition is full-color throughout, helping the country's tremendous food, impressive colonial architecture, and colorful customs leap from the page. Detailed color maps offer clear guidance. Make the most of your time with The Rough Guide to Vietnam.

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Reliable, readable Rough Guides * Conde Nast Traveller *

This is one of three guides that we have looked at to prepare for our upcoming trip to Vietnam. The other two were library books. This is clearly the best of the three, and we are reading it cover to cover. Until we return from Vietnam, we will not know whether it is completely accurate, but it is very informative and clearly written. I am amending my review to indicate that I discovered that admission costs ARE included in the book. They are written in small print between the name of the site/attraction and its description. In the same place, also in small print, is additional information about the attraction, such as location and hours.

Wonderful book - we just read the history and are now reading about culture. The description of each major town is excellent. Why four stars - the FONT! It's so tiny that we feel old because we can't read certain sections (like the short English-Vietnamese glossary at the end - agh!)

I like the Rough guides and believe are the most thorough around.

Got us through Vietnam!

I love it

I have always used travel books on my travel & I usually buy The Lonely Planet guidebooks. Since The Lonely Planet did not have an updated version, I decided to give the Rough Guides a try due to the glowing reviews. My biggest problem with this book is the tiny print, I had a difficult time reading & navigating with this book. With Wifi everywhere in Vietnam, I ended up uploading the Tripadvisor app and used it consistently to find hotels, restaurants and top 10 things to do in each city. The app is free and has current reviews of places & activities to do. The book has more context, historical information and interesting but again hard to read due to the text size. I hardly used the book at all but instead relied on Tripadvisor app and the Internet to seek out information. Technology has changed the way we travel. I will not be purchasing a travel guidebook in my future travel. It was a waste of money & deadweight carrying the book around. I am keeping it for the beautiful pictures.

good book

Excellent overview with a lot of history. Good layout

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