

Vietnam





Introduction

- Officially known as the **Socialist Republic of Vietnam**
- Located at the eastern edge of mainland Southeast Asia
- Neighboring countries: China, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia
- Capital: Hanoi
- Largest city: Ho Chi Minh City
- 2021 Population: 97.5 million
- National language: Vietnamese
 - **110 officially recognized dialects and languages** spoken in Vietnam




Introduction (cont'd)

- ▶ There are 63 provinces and municipal cities in Vietnam
- ▶ 54 ethnic groups recognized:
 - ▶ Kinh (Viet) 85.7%, Tay 1.9%, Thai 1.8%, Muong 1.5%, Khmer 1.5%, Mong 1.2%, Nung 1.1%, Hoa 1%, other ethnicities 4.3%
- ▶ Economy based largely on agriculture
- ▶ Religions: main religion – Vietnamese folk religion
 - ▶ Buddhists 4.79%, Catholic 6.1%, Hao Hao 1.02%, Cao Dai 0.58%, Protestant 1.0%, other religions 0.2% (according to the General Statistics Office of Vietnam 2019 data)



Best Places to Visit

- ▶ Sapa
 - ▶ Ha Giang
 - ▶ Hanoi
 - ▶ Ha Long Bay
 - ▶ Phong Nha – Ke Bang National Park
 - ▶ Hue
 - ▶ Da Nang
 - ▶ Hoi An
 - ▶ Ho Chi Minh City
 - ▶ Phu Quoc
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Da Nang



Hoi An



Ho Chi Minh City



Phu Quoc





Notable Cultural Traditions and Activities

► Family Life

□ Tradition

- ✓ Three or four generations living under the same roof
- ✓ More children more fortunes
- ✓ Influenced by Confucianism and the feudal view of male preference



Notable Cultural Traditions and Activities (Cont'd)

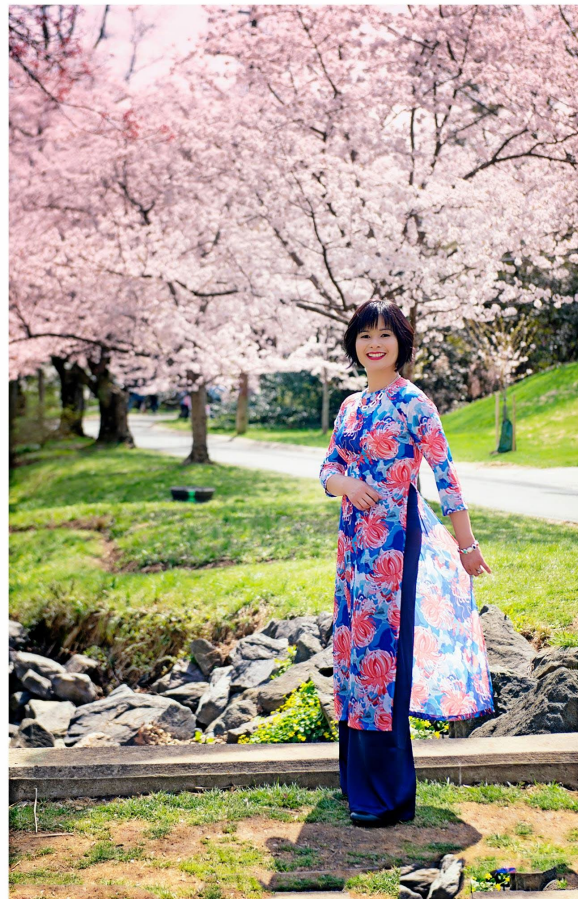
► Family Life

□ Today

- ✓ Two or three generations
- ✓ Most couples have only two children
- ✓ Men's superiority over women is weakening
- ✓ Respect for the elderly and love for the children

Notable Cultural Traditions and Activities (Cont'd)

➤ Traditional Vietnamese Dress (Ao Dai)



Special/Common Food from Vietnam Culture

- Fresh foods daily
- Pho
- Egg rolls



Special/Common Food from Vietnam Culture (Cont'd)

- Banh mi
- Goi ngo sen
- Vegetarian food





Facts about Vietnam Cultural Sports

- Canoeing
 - Swimming
 - Diving
 - Horse races
 - Elephant races
 - Arrow and cross-bow shooting
 - **Soccer**
 - Boxing
 - Cycling
 - Tennis
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Vietnamese Music & Entertainment

- Royal Court
 - Palace
 - Banquet
 - Refined
 - Confucian Temple
 - Great
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Vietnamese Music & Entertainment

- Dancing
 - Popular Theatre
 - Reformed Theatre
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Resources

- ▶ <https://vietnamembassy-usa.org/>
- ▶ <https://vietnamembassy-usa.org/vietnam/culture>
- ▶ <http://tourism.vietnamembassy-usa.org/>
- ▶ <https://vietnam.travel/plan-your-trip/health-safety>
- ▶ <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/vietnam>



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