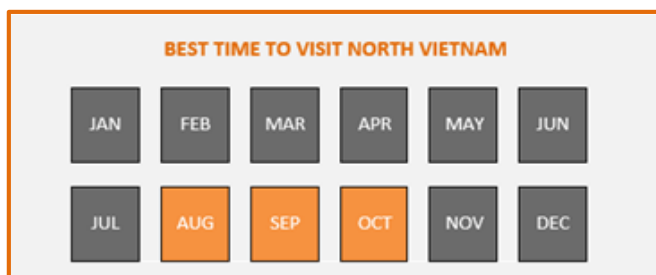


## CLIMATE & TIMES TO VISIT

Generally, Vietnam is a **viable destination at any time of the year** and has a remarkably diverse climate from north to south due to the country's length with each area marked by slightly different seasons and climates. Vietnam's climate can be divided into three different zones - **North Vietnam, Central Vietnam and South Vietnam**. The climate in North Vietnam is a humid and subtropical climate, while South Vietnam enjoys a tropical climate all year round, with the central region lying somewhere in-between. As Vietnam is a long, narrow country, climatic conditions vary considerably. Due to higher altitudes, it's generally coolest in the mountains - sometimes even freezing in the winter. In Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, the climate can be fairly hot and humid, so when you first arrive in Vietnam, you should take it easy for the first couple of days to acclimatise.



Hanoi and North Vietnam has a distinct weather system with **four seasons**. **Spring** is from **February to April** with pretty cold weather due to still being affected by the winter of the last year. **Summer** is from **May to July**. The weather at this time is hot with high humidity and temperatures averaging between 27°C to 30°C. **Autumn** from **August to October** is the best time to visit North Vietnam when the weather is most beautiful with clear sky and cool breeze. **Winter** is from **November to January**. It can be extremely cold in Hanoi and the mountainous regions, with overnight temperatures of 4°C and daytime temperatures are between 10°C and 20°C.



In the **central Vietnam**, it is mostly **dry** from **February to July**, with **rainfall** between **August and January** with the average temperatures of year from 28°C to 29°C. October and November are the most unpredictable months and flooding can occur.



Unlike the North, **South Vietnam** has only **two seasons**. The **dry season** generally runs from **November to April** with March and April being particularly hot and humid. Temperatures usually range from 27°C to 36°C during this time. The **wet season** brings short and heavy rain showers from **May to October**, with temperatures averaging between 22°C and 27°C.