



# CANSO ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE 2017

HA NOI, VIET NAM

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION GUIDE

### Ha Noi – the city of culture

Ha Noi was christened “Rising Dragon” by Emperor Ly Thai To in 1010. Lying at the heart of the Red River Delta, in the North of Viet Nam, the capital city is the second biggest city in Viet Nam, with a population of 7.6 million and covering an area of 1.285 million m<sup>2</sup>. For Vietnamese people, Ha Noi has always been a symbol of culture.

Ha Noi preserves many ancient architectural works, including the Old Quarter and over 600 pagodas and temples. It is also famous for being the city with the most lakes – Hoan Kiem Lake, or Sword Lake, and West Lake are two among 18, each with its own legend.

### Visa Information

Viet Nam provides a visa exemption list that you can [view here](#).

For guests who are not citizens of countries in the mentioned list, VATM will support the visa application as follows:

- VATM will issue an invitation letter for guests with passport details they have provided for the conference registration.
- VATM will work with the immigration authority of Viet Nam to apply for the “Permission for foreigners to immigrate in Viet Nam”, for guests that have received the invitation letter. This procedure will take five working days. Once it is approved, the authority will send an approval letter to the Viet Nam Embassy in the guest’s country.
- Guests are then required to visit the Viet Nam embassy in their country to submit their passport for the visa application.

### Time Zone

The time zone of Viet Nam is UTC + 07:00

### Ha Noi weather

Ha Noi is blessed with four seasons in the year and early May marks the beginning of summer. Daily average temperature varies between 25 and 31 degree Celsius. Humidity is 73 percent on average, a typically tropical climate.

### Language

The national language of Viet Nam is Vietnamese and the most popular foreign language is English. Hotels and larger shops in Ha Noi generally have staff that can communicate in English.

“Xin chào” (Hello) and “Cam o’n” (Thank you) are Vietnamese words that you might be interested to learn before coming to Viet Nam.

### Currency of Viet Nam

The currency of Viet Nam is the Dong (VND). You can check the exchange rate issued by Vietcombank [here](#).

ATMs are common in Ha Noi. You can easily find them at the airport, hotel and shopping centres. Instructions are offered in English and Vietnamese.

### Vietnamese cuisine

Viet Nam is proud of its various cuisines. “Pho” (rice noodle soup with beef or chicken), “Bún Cha” (fresh rice noodles served with grilled pork and tasty sweet and sour sauce), and spring rolls are among the top specialties of Viet Nam cuisine.

### Electricity

The voltage used in Viet Nam is 220V and power outlets are commonly for two-pin plugs.

## Transport

Taxi is the most convenient way to get around Ha Noi.

Depending on your trip, there will be a different flag rate but the minimum payable fee is normally 12.000 VND (nearly 0.5 USD) per kilometre.

There are two-way taxis available between Noi Bai Airport and downtown Ha Noi:

Group Taxi: (+844) 3853 53 53  
(+844) 3826 26 26  
(+844) 3856 56 56

Mai Linh Taxi: (+844) 38 61 61 61/38 222 666

Noi Bai Taxi: (+844) 38 86 88 88/37 62 19 03

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