

Ever wonder what the right way to travel to Vietnam is? Honestly, there is no right or wrong way, but I will say that there are certain methods that do make traveling a whole lot easier. For example, these 5 tips on how not to travel will take away from woes of being abroad. Take it from the pros when we say we have learned the hard way!

1. Don't leave for a trip in fight with someone close to you. Settle the quarrel before you leave, otherwise it will consume your entire mind and you will not be able to enjoy yourself. I spent two weeks in the beautiful Great Lakes off Da Nang a couple years ago and you would think that I had a great time. Sadly no. I spent the entire time missing my boyfriend at the time because before I left we got into huge fight and never resolved it. The trip was a waste of money and time.

2. Apply an approval letter to get [visa on arrival Vietnam](#) to save your time. You do not need to visit Vietnam embassy to get [Vietnam visa](#), just find a local travel company and apply a visa on arrival application with them.

3. Don't bring your entire closet with you. Travel light is honestly the Best advice we can give you. Lugging around a 50-pound suitcase, a backpack, a laptop, a pillow and more is not necessary. You are traveling to get away...so do it! Bring only the amount of clothes you need for the number of days. Do not pack two outfits for each day – ridiculous!

4. Do not assume you will never be the person that gets robbed. It happens all the time and I don't care who you are – you are not exempt from it. I live by this: Plan for the worst and hope for the best. What will you do if you find yourself in a foreign country with no money, no passport, no phone etc...? You need to have a plan and it is best to learn what your plan of action will be when you are in your home country.

5. Do not expect the world to love you because you're American, but rather expect a lot of people to dislike you. Unfortunately, I have gotten scoffed at multiple times when people find out I am an American. We have gotten a bad rep. As travelers it is our duty to show the naysayers who we really are through one on one interaction. Don't be afraid of the people who do not like you, but rather open yourself up to them. If they still don't like you then, F them!!