

Shopping tips

Souvenirs is an attached part of any trip. Some below suggestion will be helpful for you. Please be advised that you can save up to 10% VAT tax when you choose a free tax shop and show them your passport and [Vietnam visa](#).

Traditional items

Lacquer ware, wooden or stone carving are always good choices for souvenirs due to their wide range of prices and easy to transfer. Vietnam has many handicraft villages with master workers who can create amazing products. Those items are not only a souvenir from our wonderful country but can make a style décor at your home. Most favorite items of lacquer wares are pictures of Hanoi or Halong bay with different sizes. A set of cups also is hot-picked. You can buy wooden carving products such as a whole set of living room chairs, tables or bedrooms decoration etc... in a carpenter village – Dong Ky – a short distance from Hanoi.

Stone carving products (status of Buddha, sacred creatures, home decorations or fashion accessories such as necklets etc) can be found in Marble Mountain Danang.

Embroidered paintings

Embroidered paintings are Vietnam's proud product to offer as a souvenir which are handmade. In order to finish a painting, workers need several hours to even some months depending on size and complication of the sample design.

As the result, embroidered paintings always cost much more than other items do.

The most favorite brand is X.Q embroidered paints. XQ originated from Dalat city and now has showroom in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Silk

The tradition of silk weaving now remains in several villages in Vietnam in which is Van Phuc village – the most famous one. The visitors are able to watch the process of making silk till they are turned into ready-to-wear products such as Ao dai (traditional costume of Vietnam), scarf, table/chair décor etc. There are many other places where you can find high-quality silk such as in Hoi an or Hue.

Tailoring Clothes

The most practical souvenir from Vietnam is clothes made from silk. These handmade products do not only carry iconic symbols of Vietnam but cool, well sweater-absorbing, comfortable to wear. The tailors are skillful and so much quick that they can get your order done within 24 hours. You can find many good shops to make order in Hanoi, Hue and Hoi An. They can help you make a lot of items and the most favorite one is "Ao dai" – Vietnam traditional dress.

Coffee

Vietnam coffee has been well-known over the world due to its cheap price and high quality. Some famous coffee brands are Trung Nguyen, Me Trang... Coffee is easier to pack, keeping and separated into smaller bags that are very nice to make a souvenir to your friends and families. Note: coffee from Vietnam is mostly Robusta that is believe bitter than Arabica coffees – the one widely used in Western.

Places to buy

You can buy these souvenirs at local markets. However, you should be escorted by a local and make a bargain to get the best price. Local markets can be very

interesting when you can see how local lives are going but please prepare for noise, hygiene issues or even pocket thieves. Some most well-known markets are Dong Xuan, Hang Be (in Hanoi), Ben Thanh, Cho Lon (Sai gon), Dong Ba (Hue), Cai be, Cai Rang floating markets (Mekong Delta).

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