

Suggested Packing List

TREASURES OF VIETNAM & CHINA

March, April and May

In northern and eastern China, this time of year is their spring and is marked by cool, comfortable weather with lower rainfall. China's far south (i.e. Guilin, Kunming) and Vietnam have a sub tropical climate with higher levels of humidity. March is early spring with colder temperatures in southern China and northern Vietnam, and dryer, slightly cooler temperatures in southern Vietnam. May is the beginning of the wet season in southern China and Vietnam, when higher daytime temperatures are relieved by rain each afternoon.

Generally, dark coloured, drip-dry clothes are recommended for your holiday. Loose fitting, lightweight cotton materials are the most comfortable for humid weather, while layers of warmer clothes are advised for any cooler evenings, etc. The dress code throughout the tour is casual however, it is important that all passengers dress conservatively. Smart casual clothes are highly recommended for evening banquets and shows.

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These are averages!	March			April			May		
	Temp °C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm	Temp °C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm	Temp °C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
BEIJING	-1 / 11	LOW	8	7 / 21	MED	17	13 / 27	MED	35
XIAN	2 / 14	LOW	30	8 / 21	LOW	50	13 / 25	MED	65
SHANGHAI	4 / 13	HIGH	84	10 / 19	HIGH	94	15 / 25	HIGH	94
GUILIN	11 / 18	MED	125	15 / 23	HIGH	250	20 / 28	HIGH	355
KUNMING	6 / 20	MED	20	9 / 23	MED	25	13 / 25	MED	85
HANOI	17 / 23	MED	38	20 / 32	HIGH	81	23 / 32	HIGH	196
HUE	20 / 27	HIGH	66	22 / 30	MED	60	23 / 33	HIGH	83
HOI AN	21 / 28	MED	22	23 / 31	MED	26	24 / 33	HIGH	62
SAIGON	24 / 33	MED	10	25 / 34	MED	50	25 / 34	HIGH	218

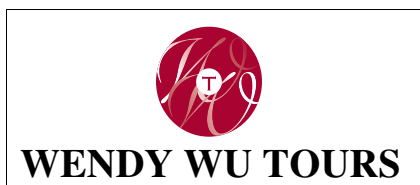
Here is an example of a packing list for this time of year:

- main luggage**
- 'daypack'** - a smaller bag to carry during the day
- luggage padlocks**
- money belt** to carry passport, cash, travellers' cheques, credit cards, airline tickets, etc
- sun protection** – hat, sunscreen and lip balm and **insect repellent**
- personal medical kit** – refer to Your Travel Guide
- antibacterial wipes** – wipes such as 'Wet Ones' to clean hands before eating
- walking shoes and socks** – it is important to have sturdy, comfortable shoes for sightseeing every day
- a 'modesty shawl'** or sarong to carry in your daypack; to cover up in temples, pagodas or conservative areas.
- conversion plug and spare batteries** – batteries available to buy in Vietnam tend to be unreliable
- spare glasses** – it is difficult to get any prescription lenses repaired or replaced in Vietnam
- camera and spare film** – film available to buy in Vietnam tends to be bad quality or sun damaged
- trousers/shorts (or skirts for women)** that reach below the knee
- long-sleeved shirts/tops** of light cotton material
- short-sleeved shirts/t-shirts**
- swimming costume**
- tracksuit/similar outfit** of soft material is recommended if your tour involves an overnight train journey
- a light jumper** in case of cooler weather or air-conditioning
- a light waterproof jacket/poncho/umbrella** in case of rain in humid weather

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June, July and August

Summer in northern and eastern China experiences warm weather and strong sun, while the southern regions such as Guilin and Kunming, will have higher humidity levels. This is the wet season for most parts Vietnam; their equivalent to summer, experiencing warm temperatures and humidity, which is relieved by the monsoonal rains that take place most afternoons.

Generally, dark coloured, drip-dry clothes are recommended for your holiday. Loose fitting, lightweight cotton materials are the most comfortable for humid weather, while layers of warmer clothes are advised for any cooler evenings, etc. The dress code throughout the tour is casual however, it is important that all passengers dress conservatively. Smart casual clothes are highly recommended for evening banquets and shows.

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	Temp °C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm	Temp °C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm	Temp °C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
BEIJING	18 / 31	HIGH	78	21 / 31	HIGH	243	20 / 30	HIGH	141
XIAN	18 / 33	MED	50	21 / 33	HIGH	90	20 / 33	HIGH	23
SHANGHAI	19 / 28	HIGH	180	23 / 34	HIGH	147	23 / 32	HIGH	142
GUILIN	23 / 32	HIGH	340	25 / 33	HIGH	225	24 / 33	HIGH	170
KUNMING	16 / 25	HIGH	180	16 / 25	HIGH	215	15 / 25	HIGH	205
HANOI	26/ 33	HIGH	239	26/ 33	HIGH	323	26/ 78	HIGH	343
HUE	25/ 34	HIGH	96	25/ 34	HIGH	50	24/ 34	HIGH	137
HOI AN	25/ 33	HIGH	87	25/ 34	HIGH	85	25/ 33	HIGH	103
SAIGON	24/ 32	HIGH	311	24/ 32	HIGH	293	24/ 31	HIGH	270

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- walking shoes and socks** – it is important to have sturdy, comfortable shoes for sightseeing every day
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- trousers/shorts (or skirts for women)** that reach below the knee
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September, October and November

Autumn in northern and eastern China experiences warm weather but temperatures definitely get cooler towards the end of the year. By mid-October, there are occasional days at freezing temperatures. Southern China (i.e. Kunming, Guilin) and northern Vietnam have milder temperatures for longer but can have damp, cooler days. The central and southern regions of Vietnam have a subtropical climate – this is the beginning of their dry season with mild and comfortable (less humid) weather, which makes this an ideal time to visit. However, in November, Central Vietnam experiences occasional storms.

Generally, dark coloured, drip-dry clothes are recommended for your holiday. Loose fitting, lightweight cotton materials are the most comfortable for humid weather, while layers of warmer clothes are advised for any cooler evenings, etc. The dress code throughout the tour is casual however, it is important that all passengers dress conservatively. Smart casual clothes are highly recommended for evening banquets and shows.

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BEIJING	14 / 26	MED	58	6 / 20	MED	16	-2 / 9	MED	11
XIAN	15 / 25	MED	105	9 / 19	MED	55	2 / 12	LOW	20
SHANGHAI	19 / 28	HIGH	130	14 / 23	HIGH	71	7 / 17	MED	51
GUILIN	22 / 31	HIGH	80	14 / 27	MED	90	11 / 20	MED	75
KUNMING	13 / 24	HIGH	125	11 / 21	MED	80	6 / 18	MED	40
HANOI	24/ 31	HIGH	254	22/ 29	MED	99	18/ 26	MED	43
HUE	23/ 31	HIGH	502	22/ 28	HIGH	688	20/ 26	HIGH	647
HOI AN	24/ 31	HIGH	349	23/ 29	HIGH	612	21/ 27	HIGH	366
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In addition, if you are travelling in October or November:

- light jumpers or thermals** are great for layering
- a warm water/windproof jacket**
- thick and warm socks, gloves and scarf**

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