

# We're in Vietnam!

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4 Hue is a **unique** city with lots to see. I would love to stay longer, but Tom and I are both ready for the beach. Tomorrow we'll take the train back to the south, and then we're going to a town called Vung Tau. It has several  
5 beaches and is famous for crafts made out of seashells. Vietnam is an amazing country with so much variety—big modern cities, small traditional towns, mountains, jungles, and beaches. Two weeks here just isn't enough.



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3 Now we're in the old capital city of Hue. After hiking around the Sapa mountains, it's nice to have **accommodation** with electricity and a shower! Our trip to Sapa was long and **exhausting**. From there, we took a van to a small village in the mountains and went hiking for three days. The people who live there are called Hmong. They live a very **basic** life—no electricity or telephones. They don't have many **possessions**, but they are the kindest, friendliest people  
10 I've ever met. Everyone smiles and says "hello." Kathy and I can only speak a few words of Vietnamese, so smiling is the best way of communicating. This afternoon, we're taking a walking tour in Hue. We're going to visit the Forbidden Purple City, where the emperor lived.



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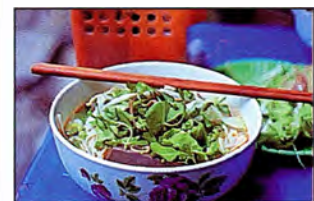
2 Ho Chi Minh City is fantastic! The pagodas are **fabulous** and the different Buddha statues are wonderful to look at. We visited a market in Cholon, in the western part of the city, and saw an amazing **range** of fruits and vegetables. Everything was so colorful. We took hundreds of photographs! Later today we take the train north. We'll stay in Hanoi for two days, then catch a bus to Sapa.  
20 Tom can't wait to go trekking in the mountains.



spring rolls

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1 Greetings from Vietnam! Tom and I arrived here this afternoon tired but excited. This is our first trip to Asia and the friendliness of the people is amazing. All the different sights and smells make us **eager** to try everything—especially the  
30 food! We're looking forward to eating spring rolls and pho for dinner. Our hotel is cheap and very clean. The owners are friendly and helpful; they seem to like us. They gave us drinks when we arrived and have told us about some places that we shouldn't miss. We plan to stay here in Ho Chi Minh City for a few days and visit temples in the city, then travel to the north.



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