

Backpacks in Vietnam – A Brief Guide

People often talk of backpacking, but often miss out the vital aspect of backpacking – backpacks. These are not just packs you carry on your back. Backpacks come in various sizes and types and the more you know about them, the better. Traveling in Vietnam becomes a lot easier and enjoyable when you aren't nursing a hurt back or haven't already collapsed from the weight of your luggage. People indulge in varied types of traveling adventures – backpacking, hiking, camping, day trips or stay at [hotels in Hanoi](#), Ho Chi Minh City etc. Each one of these requires different types of luggage.

The right kind of backpack can ensure that you have a good time on your travels without any painful inconvenience caused by luggage. Backpacks are also called rucksacks, knapsacks or packs. Depending on the use of the backpacks, one may opt for any kind of backpack. These types vary in terms of features, size, style and capacity.

For day trips, daypacks are the best choice. As the name suggests, these packs are suitable for hikes that last a day and no longer. They are light and comparatively smaller than other backpacks. Daypacks have shoulder straps and hip belts too at times, which reduce the weight on the shoulder.

Their capacity is generally lesser than that of other larger backpacks. Hydration packs are special type of backpacks used by hikers, mountain climbers, bicyclists, skiers etc. These packs have a plastic sac like a bladder; it is a built-in storage of water. The carrier of the backpack can drink water via a hose. These backpacks usually hold up to 3 liters of water.

They are also known as camelbacks, after their most popular manufacturers, CamelBack. Material of good and durable quality is essential for backpacks due to the heavy weight they hold. Generally, canvas or nylon is the most popular choice for backpacks.

Ripstop nylon, one of the best fabrics for backpacks, is resistant to tearing and ripping (as the name suggests.) Another durable variety of nylon is Cordura, which is strong and designed for resistance to tears and scratches. It is important to ensure that the backpack bought for any kind of traveling – short or long trips – is strong and of good quality. In addition, it helps if one tests backpacks for water resistance. In case of rain showers, or river crossing, waterproof backpacks come in very handy. Arm yourself with knowledge about backpacks before venturing to buy one.

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