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Lost in translation



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What is Lost in Translation?

Lost in Translation in Vietnam is a cross-cultural volunteering experience. It is the perfect opportunity for young people who want to create an impact by teaching English in Vietnam and to gain personal development. Not only will you develop teaching skills, but you will get to know the Vietnamese culture and people interested in teaching from all over the world. There are four different projects to teach in Vietnam, about which you will find more information on the next pages.



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You definitely don't have to be a native English speaker to volunteer in Vietnam!
The only requirements for Lost in Translation are:

- Fluency in English
- Willingness to present and teach
- Enthusiasm
- Flexibility to adapt to a totally different culture



Why Vietnam needs you

Speaking the English language in Vietnam is an important skill for Vietnamese students to get better employment. However, learning and teaching English is still a problem in Vietnam: people lack confidence and grammar knowledge for good communication skills. Due to limited budget, students get discouraged to take English as an academic course. By volunteering in one of our projects, you can give Vietnamese students a better future and contribute to their society.

English proficiency in Vietnam has dropped to 'low' with a score of 51.57 on the EF English Proficiency Index (EPI). With a drop of 1.55, this is the first time Vietnam has been listed as a low-proficiency country considering English.



From 41st out of 88 nations in 2018, Vietnam has now dropped to 52nd among 100 nations. 80% of Vietnamese students scored under average on their English university exam. This needs to change, and your help can have an impact on many people!

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



The United Nations aim to provide as many people as possible with Quality Education by 2030. By volunteering in Vietnam, you will contribute to provide English education to Vietnamese youth and adults.

Vietnamese culture

Vietnam is the fifteenth most populous country in the world, with around 95 million inhabitants. Their national language is Vietnamese and as a second language some people speak French, but mostly people from the older generation. Their culture still has elements of their neighbouring country China, by whom they were annexed a long time ago.

The Vietnamese value system is based on humanity and harmony, which come together in four basic tenets: allegiance to the family, yearning for a good name, love of learning, and respect for other people. These tenets are closely interrelated.



Transactions are always negotiated: foreigners are often charged a little more, but you don't have to agree with that. Show your best negotiation skills and make sure to get the best price possible!

Food is an important part of Vietnamese culture. That's why it is seen as rude if you leave food uneaten because the land and workers put a lot of effort into making it for you. Pho noodles, dumplings: you name it! You will definitely not leave Vietnam hungry.



Football is the most played sport in Vietnam, next to some traditional sports. Music and theatre are very diverse in different parts of the country. Make sure to look up water puppetry and the lion dance to enjoy their traditions!



In 2019, more than 1100 youth from all over the world volunteered in Vietnam with AIESEC. Will you be one of them to continue this in 2020?

Volunteer in Vietnam

Lost in Translation is a volunteering project of AIESEC. It is a 6 – 8 weeks cross-cultural volunteering experience for young people who seek to develop themselves and the world. Open your eyes towards the possibility to build, create, teach, and travel. Grab your backpack, it's time to go!



ENABLER
NGO



STIPEND
Not Paid



DURATION
6 to 8 weeks



PRIMARY PURPOSE
Social Impact

BENEFITS

Develop Yourself and the World

A cross-cultural volunteering experience for young people who seek to develop themselves and the world.



Cross Cultural Environment

Be a local in an unknown environment and experience new cultures by working in a diverse and cross-cultural team. Step out of your box and broaden your horizon, becoming a citizen of the World!



Challenge Yourself

Understand more about yourself - your passions, skills and strengths - as you challenge yourself to step into a completely new environment. Our people offer the support to guide your learning, realisations, and self-discovery.



Volunteering Experience

Volunteer abroad in NGOs or in projects that contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals. Tackle pressing global issues to have a positive impact in local societies.

Don't just travel. Develop the world.



Develop Yourself

Grow and develop by going through practical experiences and learning by doing. An intense cross-cultural environment allows you to be more self-aware and solution oriented, improve communication skills and make friends.

Become the best version of yourself!

Why Vietnam with AIESEC?

You probably have a lot of choice to spend your summer or winter abroad, volunteering or just being at home. Going abroad with AIESEC to Vietnam might however be the best choice to have an experience of a lifetime!

Here are 3 reasons why:

1. You won't be alone in this experience

You will get guidance from an AIESEC member in Belgium, who will guide you through the whole process. If there are any problems or questions during or before your experience, they can always help you. Furthermore, you will also get an AIESEC buddy in the country you are going to. This person can help you with local questions and can guide you through the country and to your project. Lastly, you will get to know locals, other AIESEC local members and AIESEC volunteers from all over the world!

2. You don't have to worry about the details

From the moment you sign up, AIESECers will help you to find the project that matches you. They will help you to prepare your interview and administrative organization. Before you take off, they will make sure everything is prepared for you to leave the country: they can advise you about visa, insurance, local rules...

3. You'll get to do something really cool

Gaining international experience, having an impact in Vietnam on the future of many local people, getting to meet people from all over the world and learning more about yourself and cultural differences: all aspects you will live by volunteering with AIESEC. So, what are you waiting for?



AIESEC is the biggest youth-led organization in the world since 1948. Today, we have provided more than 230.000 global experiences, all facilitated by youth for youth. This makes our organization unique: you will go abroad all while being helped by people from your own generation.

Touch Vietnam



Provide English training

English, fun activities and lectures to teach the Vietnamese: Touch Vietnam is a project where you will teach in an institution to provide training courses and work in an open "friendly" house for the young to develop themselves. You will teach English as a volunteer, engage in extra-curricular activities organized by the center and give lectures.



No meals included

This project doesn't include meals. However, nutrition in Vietnam is relatively cheap: you should account for 2-3 euros per meal.



Accommodation included

You will stay in a dorm room together with other exchange participants, which is the perfect way to make friends and learn about other people's cultures and customs!



Start date: flexible

The start date of this project is flexible and can be discussed during the first interview depending on the project's needs and your availability.



Vaccinations

Vaccinations are not required, but we recommend you to be vaccinated against DTP and Hepatitis A.

Change Giver



Teach & engage

Not all Vietnamese youth have access to better education, and that's what Change Giver is for. The project activates a multicultural space where volunteers will provide English courses to support the youth to get access to a better education. This will not just be in classes, but also in interactive activities like debates, storytelling and simulation job interviews. The main objective is to create an interactive learning environment for students and to motivate them to improve their daily English.



Two meals included

This project includes two meals per day. For the other meals, nutrition in Vietnam is relatively cheap: you should account for 2-3 euros per meal.



Accommodation included

Accommodation is included in your project in Pagoda, together with other volunteers: the perfect way to make friends and learn about other people's cultures and customs! The building is equipped with free wifi and basic furniture.



Start date: flexible

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Vaccinations

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Impact Vietnam



Create creative classes

Volunteers will deliver classes to adults as well as to children to improve their English. You will get the chance to use your creativity to create interactive sessions for your students based on the teaching curriculum of the host. You will meet with other teachers from all over the world who will stay in the same building as you.



Two meals included

This project includes two meals per day. For the other meals, nutrition in Vietnam is relatively cheap: you should account for 2-3 euros per meal.



Accommodation included

You will share accommodation with a host as homestay. This person can give you tips about the country and get you accustomed with the local culture and traditions.



Start date: 1st of July

Impact Vietnam starts at the first of July and does not have flexible start dates.



Vaccinations

Vaccinations are not required, but we recommend you to be vaccinated against DTP and Hepatitis A.

Sunflower



Teach children daily English

Sunflower English Center aims to create a great impact. They do this by providing everybody a better opportunity to learn English, especially children from 7-17 years old. Volunteers are also asked to give extra classes to slower students, so that all children can improve their English well at their own pace. Outdoor activities with the kids will also be part of your project, to engage them to speak English in daily situations as well.



No meals included

This project doesn't include meals. However, nutrition in Vietnam is relatively cheap: you should account for 2-3 euros per meal.



Accommodation included

You will stay in a Vietnamese hostel during your volunteering experience.



Start date: flexible

The start date of this project is flexible and can be discussed during the first interview depending on the project's needs and your availability.



Vaccinations

Vaccinations are not required, but we recommend you to be vaccinated against DTP and Hepatitis A.

HOW TO GET STARTED

SIGN UP

Once you show interest in our exchange product, you can sign up and build your profile. Visit aiesec.org to sign up!

INTERVIEW

Be contacted by the opportunity manager and go through the selection procedure, which will include an interview. The process time is around 7 days.

PREPARE & GO

Pack your bags, open your mind and get ready to start your AIESEC experience.

SEARCH & APPLY

Login to aiesec.org and filter search results to find the perfect opportunities for you and apply proactively!

CONFIRM

Once you get officially accepted to an opportunity, go through administrative preparation (contract, payment, visa etc.).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT



Be between 18 and 30 years of age



Good level of English



Open-minded to new cultures and experiences

FEES & COSTS

After you have been accepted for your ideal opportunity, AIESEC helps you settle the administrative process. A contract is signed between you and AIESEC and you are required to pay a product fee. **After payment, the final approval takes place.**

AIESEC does not cover flights, visas, and/or any required vaccination.

PRODUCT FEES = €329 INCL. VAT + 15\$ trainee fee to Vietnam

AIESEC is a not-for-profit organisation. This fee is taken to cover our administrative processes to keep us financially sustainable so we can continue to provide high-quality leadership experiences.

WHAT ARE YOU PAYING FOR?



APPLICATION SUPPORT

Support from a Local Committee of AIESEC in Belgium to get you approved to an ideal opportunity and virtual support while you are abroad.



EXCHANGE PREPARATION SEMINAR

Before you start your experience, we will prepare you with some final information..



EXCHANGE SUPPORT

Support from a Local Committee of AIESEC in Belgium and the Host Country to assist you during your exchange experience.



VISA APPLICATION

A tourist or business visa is required for Vietnam. AIESEC can provide guidance and support, if necessary, for the visa application process.



INCOMING PREPARATION SEMINAR

When you arrive in Vietnam, locals will introduce you to the country and culture. You will get the chance to meet with other volunteers from all over the world. You will also receive an information booklet and a t-shirt from AIESEC in Vietnam.



RE-INTEGRATION SEMINAR

Close off your Global Volunteer experience and complete your leadership development journey.

COSTS TO CONSIDER



TRAVEL &
VISA



TOURISM



INSURANCE &
MEDICAL



FOOD

Read why Sophie, Leïla & Duc enjoyed

Lost in translation VIET NAM



Sophie

Going on an exchange to Vietnam was the best experience I could've ever wished for. I learned a lot about myself, met so many lovely people and developed so many new skills. I'm really grateful AIESEC provided me with the support to go on this exchange.

I've been on exchange in July for an education project in Vietnam. I didn't really thought about it. I just applied. I wanted to know more about myself and the world. This project made me learn the importance of education. When you teach to kids, you are not just a teacher, you become a master, an influencer. You realize that what you do is a gift for them. Not only teaching, even playing will impact them. Unconsciously you open them many doors to a huge future. I just realized that the world is not that big. We are not that different. In my head now the world is small. It's the human beings who keep creating those boundaries between all the communities. And with AIESEC, I found a way to break all of them.



Leïla



Duc

There are 3 main things which this experience gave to me: I developed my leadership, I made a lot of friends that I will never forget and I discovered the potential of Vietnamese students... They are so smart and learn so fast. Their way of learning is different and failure in these countries is not frowned upon. On the contrary, it helps to move forward. It's so difficult to tell how my trip was amazing!! You really should go to discover yourself!

AIESEC is a global platform for young people to explore and develop their leadership potential. We are a non-political, independent, not-for-profit organisation run by youth and recent graduates of institutions of higher education.

We are a global network of young leaders under the age of 30 who strive to improve themselves and the communities around them. We are passionate about world issues, leadership development, cultural understanding and experiential learning.

 **70,000**

Active members
worldwide

 **9**

Local offices in
Belgium

 **200+**

Young Belgians who take a
leadership experience
abroad with AIESEC

 **5,000+**

Partner
organisations
worldwide

 **6,000+**

Professional internship
opportunities worldwide

 **21,000+**

International volunteering
opportunities worldwide

AIESEC in a Nutshell

Explore one of these
volunteering opportunities
that will help develop yourself and
the world

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