

Part 3 — Your First 30 Days

Landing, housing, transport, money, connection. One real task a day. Arrival-you overestimates itself, so the days need room for what they are for.

Arrival date: _____ Visa expires: _____ Next visa run booked for: _____

- ☐ E-visa + bookings + insurance printed in carry-on folder
- ☐ Airport: ATM (in VND), SIM (passport registration), Grab from designated pick-up
- ☐ Address declaration confirmed with accommodation, and after **every** re-entry
- ☐ Coffee flag planted; mornings walked; hospital located and saved
- ☐ Grab on Vietnamese number; Zalo installed; neighbourhood groups joined
- ☐ Ten days: nothing irreversible decided
- ☐ Housing two-step begun: short-term base, unhurried search, 9 pm Saturday second viewing
- ☐ Viewing checklist run (electricity rate in writing!); deposit protected with day-one video
- ☐ Transport decision made as a decision (Grab-only is fully viable)
- ☐ Bank account attempted once, properly — life built as if the answer is no
- ☐ Fibre installed or verified; VPN tested; monthly SIM plan from a city store

The one sentence to ask every landlord, every time: “Have you declared my stay with the police?”

Ask it the day you move in, keep whatever confirmation exists, and ask again after every visa run — the declaration attaches to your entry, not your address alone.

Completed: _____ Date: _____ Reviewed with: _____

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