

Part 5 — The One-Year Review

Twelve months in. Not a test you pass or fail — a deliberate look at whether the life you built is the one you meant to build. Sit down with it once a year, on the same date.

Review date: _____ Arrived: _____ Next review due: _____

- ☐ Three weekly anchors in the calendar (one expat, one local-facing, one purposeful)
- ☐ You've organised at least one table, dinner or group yourself
- ☐ Separate activities per partner; the closed-unit trap checked
- ☐ Visitors hosted on *your* Vietnam, not TripAdvisor's
- ☐ Work status: legal path taken, or grey zone priced with eyes open (income offshore, never local cash work)
- ☐ 183-day tax question answered by a professional, not a forum
- ☐ Formalisation reviewed annually: does an anchor (TRC, marriage, property) now serve a proven life?
- ☐ Wills current in both directions; the ten-minute wishes conversation had
- ☐ Plan B still funded, still current
- ☐ The two lists, if it's wobbling: what would have to change / could it change here?
- ☐ And if it's home: first-dinner departure, never the second kind

No verdicts in bad weather. Not in jet lag, not in the week after a hard visa run, not in the third week of the wet season. If it is wobbling, write the two lists — what would have to change, and could it change *here* — and read them on a good day.

Reviewed: _____ Date: _____ Reviewed with: _____

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