

Lost Civilizations : Vietnam

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The **history of Vietnam** is intertwined with the history of the people who occupied the country, and particularly of the Vietnamese people, who are the dominant ethnic group.

For over a millennium, Vietnam is a possession of China.

In 939, the country becomes independent. The Đại Việt nevertheless conserves its relation with the Chinese Empire in continuing to recognize its suzerainty and paying it tribute.

From the 10th century, the thread of the country's history becomes mixed with the Vietnamese people's expansion towards the south.

The country must repeatedly struggle to conquer or defend its territory, against the kingdom of Champa and then the Mongol Empire.

Until the 15th century, the Vietnamese people share the what will be the territory of modern-day Vietnam with the kingdom of Champa, the country of the Cham people.

Aside from the Vietnamese people, the history of Vietnam also includes the histories of other peoples like the Hoa (Chinese-origin Vietnamese), the Khmer Krom (Khmer minority) and the Cham people: but the Vietnamese ethnicity nevertheless has a dominant role in its formation as a state.

From the end of the 16th century to the end of the 18th century, the country is *de facto* split in two.

The lords of the Trịnh family dominate the north and those of the Nguyễn family the south.

The Nguyễns win in the end: the Nguyễn dynasty will reign this time in its own name over the country now re-baptized *Việt Nam*.

In the 1880s, the Tonkin Campaign allows the French Republic to complete its conquest of the Vietnamese territory.

In 1887 Vietnam is integrated into French Indochina. The Nguyễn dynasty is kept in place, but retains only a symbolic power.

France will continue its domination until its defeat in 1954. The Vietnam war will oppose the North and the South from 1954 until the American defeat in 1975.