

Why a French Banker Quit His Job and Moved to Vietnam?

“After living few years in Paris, France, I realized how important ~~the little things in life are. are the small things you are doing everyday that keep us on track.~~ There is a huge fake dream that most people are chasing in developed countries (ie the American dream? Big house, important job? Specify.). I am going to tell you why living in Vietnam is way better than a life in Paris or any other big city.” says ~~Guillaume Rondan, a former banker who has become an entrepreneur in Vietnam.~~

From Paris to Vietnam

In investment banking the days are quite long, but the career path is interesting, and can bring in a significant amount of money. When you build software that manipulates several million dollars in the financial market, the workday is quite a rush. Many people who have started their careers in high-paying corporate professions, such as bankers, strategy consultants and business lawyers are not ready to make a career reset and work for a low-income job that would involve a significant loss of salary. But it can be worth it.

Most of the Vietnamese people have this dream of travelling to Paris, ~~the the also-called~~ city of Love. Starting your career for a big corporation in Paris, living and earning an average salary is not that exciting. ~~in fact.~~ When you start feeling that your working days are pretty much the same: you wake up early, take ~~the growded-crowded~~ public transportation, have a quick lunch while you are replying to some e-mails, and finally ~~to~~ finally go back home exhausted. Most likely, you're also, you really considering if you chose the right path in life. Living in Paris is a dream many people are chasing ~~and some parisian are even proud saying that you need to deserve to live in Paris. By deserving, they mean that you need to face all the challenges : have a~~ But it comes with super high rental cost, facing daily people who look so depressed in the public subway and keeping a constant eye on changing train times, keep having to look at the time it is by night as the metro line close around midnight. But all those problems should be nothing compare to the amazing life you are supposed to get in the other hand. This is the huge lie the society, educational system and most of the successful path we are putting in the head of the kids and they dreaming about! That doesn't sound much like a dream come true at all.

~~«When I was 8 years old, I wanted to become Santa Claus so I would only have to work one day each year. I ended up as getting an engineer degree to work for an investment bank.»~~ confess Guillaume Rondan

Living in Paris requires a lot of sacrifices, while living in Vietnam would be more simple and harmonized. ~~Having to face all the disadvantages of living in Paris for a few benefits like theaters, art exhibitions, fancy restaurants makes the sum of the pro/cons not favorable.~~

~~“«Chosing to quit this-busy city life, building a business and that I would be able to carry with me. Working while I was traveling was a dream that was triggered me during the last years I spent in Paris.»~~ → admit Guillaume Rondan

Most ~~of the~~ self employed people or remote workers usually travel a bit while they are working. After travelling a few years, most of them choose a best place to live one of their favorite travel spots to settle in. ~~÷ a place where they feel at home. A lot of them end up in We can find a lot in~~

Chiang Mai, Thailand, ~~or Vietnam.~~ but Guillaume choose to live in Vietnam where he has been there for two years.

Why Do So Many Expats Live in Vietnam ?

~~Why choosing Vietnam to live in? Vietnam is a great place to settle in.~~ Its quality of life, ease of starting a business, economic dynamism and an entrepreneurial spirit ~~that is deep inside the society have~~ ~~has~~ been the main reasons that attract fresh, young entrepreneurs or those expats looking for a first working experience ~~to in~~ Southeast Asia. Living in Vietnam is an excellent choice for an expat. ~~It was Recently~~ ranked as the 2nd most popular destination for expats in *Internations'* annual Expat Insider 2019 study [<https://www.internations.org/expat-insider/2019/top-expat-destinations-39855>], ~~the country attracts entrepreneurs, investors, and graduates looking for opportunities.~~ The friendliness of the Vietnamese people, cost of living, growth of the country and opportunities are the key factors of this study about life in Vietnam. ~~Being an entrepreneur in Vietnam is a perfect mix of all those qualities, and anyone who lives there can thrive in their business and personal life.~~

~~A lot of retirees are considering to move to South East Asia. Vietnam is now one of the trendiest country most of them are looking for because its neighbor Thailand increase the requirements to get visa and the increase of strength of thai baht currency compare to major of the western currencies Euros and Dollar reduce the buying power of those retirees.~~

Foreign English teachers represent ~~also a huge part~~ a huge percentage of expats living in Vietnam. Some of them found their key mission in life, others are just looking for their next challenge while they can make decent money. Some of those teachers are in an advanced age and decided to become an English teacher after their first career in their home country. For those who are looking ~~to for~~ their next next big challenge ~~or impactful target they want to achieve, doing reflexion about which challenges really drives you reflecting and figuring out your best talents and your biggest drives could prove helpful to see what kind of career you could start in Vietnam.~~ , ~~which talent you are having and what would be your perfect day.~~

(Maybe add something here about some career services Vietnam could offer, or summarize what other career industries Vietnam has to offer people for people just starting out in the workforce or others with established careers ?)

How Should You Follow your Why? Why Vietnam is Best For you

From Simon Sinek [<https://simonsinek.com/find-your-why/>] 's perspective, choosing the right vision of success you want in your life ~~to be~~ ~~is one of the key to~~ living a fulfilling life ~~fullfill~~ it years after years. ~~If you are a fresh graduated, working for a big company, having a challenging corporate life during a few years is still be a great way to learn the code and what will be your life mission. Then at the early 30's, you will have better understanding of yourself and be able to find a path to improving your life. No matter what walk of life you come from, Vietnam has plenty of opportunies for you.~~

« Living in a country ~~with welcoming people, allowing to have a that provides a~~ great lifestyle ~~thanks to the due to~~ amazing food, perfect hot weather ~~in an and~~ entertainment ~~city such as Ho Chi Minh were the first things that drive me in there was the first thing that drove me to Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam.~~ Being challenged in my business and having new opportunities daily ~~is is~~ what kept ep

me on track to success, and the main why I chose ~~choosed~~ Vietnam to live in ~~to live in Vietnam~~”»
~~declare~~ says Guillaume.

If you are an expat, why did you choose to live in Vietnam ? If you have goals you'd like to achieve there, what are they? ~~think already about the things you want to achieved, what are they?~~

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Want to discover more about Guillaume Rondan ? He recently launched his blog Movetoasia.com [<https://movetoasia.com>] helping expats to come and live in Southeast Asia.

(I can see what those people said about the entrepreneur thing vs Vietnam in general. I think I cut most of the things that make it heavy on the entrepreneur aspects. I made the note about what you can add a couple of paragraphs up in parentheses, and you might be in better shape after you elaborate there.)