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## VIETNAMESE LUNAR NEW YEAR

By Santa Fe Relocation

As we prepare in Vietnam for Tết (Lunar New Year), we would like to share our insights about the holiday so that you, your family and friends can fully enjoy this special time of the year. We hope this will help with the understanding of the history and traditions of Tết, what to be mindful of, how to say a few Tết phrases in Vietnamese, where Tết festivities are taking place and what establishments will be open during the holiday.

Please Enjoy! And Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!

### What is Tết?

Tết is the most important festival of the Vietnamese calendar. It marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year and a time for renewal. Festivities occur throughout the country; however, this is a family holiday therefore many of the observances take place at home.

The 2019 TET in Vietnam is "Kỷ Hợi" and are from Mon, Feb 04 to Thu, Feb 07, 2019 inclusive: Tết Lunar New Year's Eve (Feb 04), The First (Feb 05), Second (Feb 06), and Third (Feb 07) of Tết Nguyên

Đán. Vietnamese traditionally celebrate Tết from the fifteenth day of the twelfth lunar month to the fifteenth day of the first lunar month. And, even today, business slows down two weeks before and two weeks after TET.

According to Vietnam zodiac, Vietnamese New Year 2019 is a year of the "PIG". The Pig is the last animal sign on the Vietnamese zodiac. A Dog year always comes before a Pig year, and a Rat year always comes afterward in the next 12-year Chinese zodiac animal cycle. Pig is mild and a lucky animal representing care-free fun, good fortune and wealth. It is theorized that a person's characteristics are decided by their birth year's zodiac animal sign and element. There are five types of Pigs, each with different characteristics:

- Wood Pig (1935, 1995): Good-natured, lovely, easy-going, generous, brave but irritable.

- Fire Pig (1947, 2007): Ambitious, persevering, but impatient

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- Earth Pig (1959, 2019): Communicative, popular among their friends, with a strong sense of timekeeping
- Gold Pig (1911, 1971): Broad-minded, amicable, and willing to help others
- Water Pig (1923, 1983): Gentle, modest, earnest, responsible, but subjective in life

Preparations for the New Year begin a couple of weeks before the big day. This is a fun time full of anticipation and joy as we get ready for the thrill and excitement of the celebrations.



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## Preparations for Tết

Vietnamese families prepare their homes for the coming of the prosperous New Year with a thorough cleaning. Preparations begin about ten days before the New Year. Homes are cleaned out hopes of getting rid of the past year's bad luck. People buy new clothes, which is also considered lucky for Tết. In the days leading up to Tết, streets and markets are busier than usual. As many shops will be closed during Tết, we suggest stocking up on supplies to last at least 1-2 days. To note however that many establishments catering for foreigners nowadays limits their businesses closing.



### Legend of the Kitchen God

It is during this time that the Vietnamese believe **Ông Táo** comes in to serve as the Kitchen God. As the old year ends, it is believed that he discusses the family's situation with the Jade Emperor, the King of Heaven. Traditionally, Ông Táo returns to heaven on the 23rd day of the 12th month by lunar calendar. His departure is marked by a modest ceremony where offerings such as clothing, shoes, paper money are burned to help on his journey to Heaven.

Due to his status in Vietnamese culture, Ông Táo is a prominent character in many folk plays. He is considered a messenger from heaven, so often writers will depict the living conditions, problems, and solutions that need to be addressed by a family in their work.

Ông Táo is regarded as a family member, and various prayers and offerings are brought to him at the family altar.

### During Tết

The last day of the old year (04 Feb) and the first three days of the New Year (05 - 07 Feb) are the most important days of the celebration. On New Year's Eve, families gather for dinner, with all members being present. The **Giao Thừa** at midnight, is the most sacred time with the passage from the old to the New Year. Individuals offer personal prayers to honor and thank the God of Heaven and the God of Earth for their blessings. During this time, it is believed that Ông Táo returns to earth after reporting to the Jade Emperor. Each family offers an open-air ceremony to welcome him back to their kitchen.



The first day of Tết is reserved for the immediate family. Children are given red envelopes containing money from their elders referred to as **Li Xi**. Usually, children wear new clothes and give their elders the traditional Tết greetings before receiving the money. Since Vietnamese believe that the first visitor a family receives in the year determines their fortune **people never enter other's home on the first day without being invited first**. During subsequent days, people visit relatives and friends.

### Food & Flowers of Tết

In Vietnamese language, to celebrate Tết is to **ăn Tết**, literally meaning "eat Tết", showing the importance of food in the celebration. Some of the dishes can be enjoyed all year-round, while other dishes are only served during Tết. It is also believed to be good luck to enjoy vegetarian dishes on Tết. Some of the traditional dishes reflect this.

Popular traditional foods served during Tết are:

**Bánh chung** and **bánh tét**: tightly packed sticky rice with meat or bean fillings wrapped in Dong (Bánh Chung in the north) or banana leaves (Bánh Tét in the south).

Considered an indispensable dish of Tet, **Bánh Chung** or **Bánh Tét** is placed on the family altars to honor the ancestors and pray for their support in the new year.

**Hạt Dưa**: roasted watermelon seeds.

**Dưa Hành**: pickled onion and cabbage.

**Củ Kiệu**: pickled small leeks.

**Mứt**: These dried candied fruits are rarely eaten at any time besides Tết.

**Thịt Kho Tàu**: "Meat Stewed in Coconut Juice", a traditional dish of pork belly and medium boiled eggs stewed overnight in a broth-like sauce, often eaten with pickled bean sprouts and chives and white rice.



Bánh Chung and Bánh Tét



Preparing Bánh Chung for Tet



Hạt Dưa, Hạt Bí, Hạt Hướng Dương (roasted seeds).



Mứt (dried fruit)





*Thịt Kho Tàu (meat stewed in coconut juice)*



*A typical meal offering to ancestors.*

Vietnamese families traditionally lay out a tray of 5 fruits at the altar called “Mâm Ngũ Quả”. The fruits are colorful and meaningful. Asian mythology, the world is made of five basic elements: metal, wood, water, fire and earth. The plate of fruits on the family altar at New Year is one of the several ways to represent this concept. It also represents the desire for good crops and prosperity.



*Fruit offering in the North include kumquats, bananas, oranges and Buddha hands.*



*Fruit offering in the South include custard apples, coconuts, papayas, mango and goolar fig. In Vietnamese they are “Cầu, Dừa, Đủ, Xoài, Sung” which in the South*

*literally is a prayer to “have enough to use” in the New Year.*



*Kumquat Trees*



*Ho Thi Ky Flower Market (open all year)*

Similar to the pine tree for Christmas holiday in the West, Vietnamese also use many kinds of flowers and plants to decorate their homes for the holiday. Traditional plants include the **Hoa Đào** (Peach Blossom), **Hoa Mai** (Ochna Integerrima) and **Cây Quất** (Kumquat Tree). These plants represent coziness and prosperity. Other flowers may be displayed too.

## Tết-tiquette

### Share Your Li Xi

**Li Xi**, “Lucky money” is given by the older and superior, to the younger and subordinate. Parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, give lucky money to children. People give money to their friends' children, teachers give lucky money to students, and Management gives lucky money to employees.



Li Xi or Lucky Money is given in little red envelopes that you can buy in bookstores or on the streets. It should be given during the first few days of the New Year, but it is also possible to give a little before and after this time. It is traditionally important to give new bank notes, which are considered luckier for the recipients.

The amount of Li Xi can be from VND 50,000 to 500,000. Depending on the relationship of the giver and receiver, you may wish to give more or less.

For fulltime staff VND 200,000 to 500,000, for other staff (ie. trash collector, shared security, etc...) VND 100,000 to 200,000. You may also Li Xi their children, VND 50,000 to 100,000

### Bonus Time

If you have household helpers, drivers, gardeners etc., it is expected at this time to pay their salaries as well as Li Xi and/or bonus. The bonus is determined by how long they have been working for you and of course if you are happy with their services. Generally, if the employee has been working for you for more than one year the bonus starts from one month's salary and can be 2 or 3 months at your discretion. If the employee has been working for you for under a year you may pro rate the bonus.

Before Tết begins, you give your staff their salary and their bonus (bonus in red envelope) and wish them a happy Tết time with their families. For Employers who have already paid staff bonuses at the end of the calendar or fiscal year then a smaller amount for Li Xi should be given for good luck.

## New to Vietnam?

Tết is an exciting time for gift giving and family gatherings. However, if you are a foreigner in Vietnam, you are not obliged to participate and need only do what you prefer. Some may want to enjoy the quiet streets around this time and keep an eye on what shops and restaurants are open. For options and information on what to do in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, read more in our Calendar of Events & Activities and our Opening Time Guide.

### Common Wishes for Tết

- **Chúc Mừng Năm Mới** (Chook moong numb moi) - Happy New Year
- **Sống lâu trăm tuổi** (Sowng I-ow chrum th-ui) - Live to be 100 years old - used by children for elders.
- **An khang thịnh vượng** (Ang khang tinh vuong) - Security, good health, and prosperity
- **Vạn sự như ý** (Vant su nhu ee) - May a myriad of things go according to your will
- **Sức khỏe dồi dào** (Suok kewa yoi yao) - Plenty of health
- **Cung hi phát tài** (Khung he fak th-ai) - (from the Cantonese, Gung hay fat choy) Congratulations and be prosperous
- **Tiền vô như nước** (Th-ien voh nhu nhuok) - May money flow in like water - used informally
- **Nhiều may mắn** (nhew maye manh) - Good luck





### Dos and Please Don'ts and a Few Words of Caution

- DO Learn the Vietnamese greetings. If you're going to be around for Tết, join the festivities by wishing other people a Happy New Year in Vietnamese.
- DO Give out Lì Xì. Your children can also be part of the most exciting part of the New Year – give out the red envelopes to them to bring good luck!
- DO Be mindful of your belongings when going out. This is the time of the year when individuals may be under pressure to have money for the holiday and some resort to stealing.
- DO Double-check your doors and windows before leaving your home. Make sure that everything is locked.
- DO Put your wallet, hand phone, car keys in safe place. Be extra mindful when near crowds.
- DON'T Set foot in anybody's home on the first day of Tết, unless invited (Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of Feb this year). In many households, the father (or sometimes the whole family) is the first visitor. Many people and businesses will pick an auspicious date and time to leave their homes and/or start their businesses.
- DON'T Refuse anything others give or wish during Tết.



### Local Taboos & Superstitions

- Vietnamese people extend wishes of good health and fortune to their fellows and avoid mentioning their ancestors' birth names or past mistakes.
- Fill vessels of rice, water, salt in the home for a prosperous New Year.
- Go to the pagoda to pick young buds from trees or plants and display them in your home to welcome good fortune.
- Sweeping or dusting should not be done on New Year's Day for the fear that good fortune will be swept away.
- All debts should be paid at this time.
- If you cry on New Year's Day, you will cry through the year. Therefore, children are tolerated and are not spanked.
- Shooting off firecrackers on New Year's Eve is a way of sending out the old year and welcoming in the New Year.
- Washing one's hair should not be done on New Year's Day as it will wash away the good luck of the New Year.
- Haircuts should be avoided on New Year's Day as you will be cutting your luck.
- Avoid wearing black as it is associated with bad luck.
- Avoid wearing white as it is associated with death.



Quả Phật Thủ, (Buddah's Hand) fruit, considered good luck.

## Tết Gift Giving

Gift giving is a popular Tết custom and is an important occasion for building and maintaining social ties. Much of the celebration of Tết centers around good luck, and everything is done with this in mind.



### What to give for Tết?

Giving gifts in Vietnam during the Tết holiday should focus on the Vietnamese symbols of good luck such as new clothes for children, peach branches or anything red.

Wine, tea, cookies, chocolates are widely used as gifts.

Here are among the most popular gifts given:

### Hoa Mai & Hoa Đào Flowers

Live, blooming flowers symbolize the rebirth that will take place in the coming spring and fruit blossoms symbolize the start of the cycle that will result in a new crop of fruit later in the year. These two distinct flowers are widely sold and purchased during Tết. The spectacular yellow flowers of the **Hoa Mai** (*ochina integerrima*) make it very popular in southern Vietnam.



*Hoa Mai (Ochna Intergerrima)*

**Hoa Đào** (peach blossom) is more common in the North as it can grow in the dry and cold weather. It is used to ward off evil spirits during the Tết celebrations.



*Hoa Đào (Peach Blossom)*

### **Kumquat Tree**

Like a "family tree", the Kumquat plant symbolically represents the many generations of a household. The fruits are grandparents, the flowers are parents and the buds and green leaves are children. Kumquat plants are carefully selected for their symmetrical leaves, color and shape of fruit.

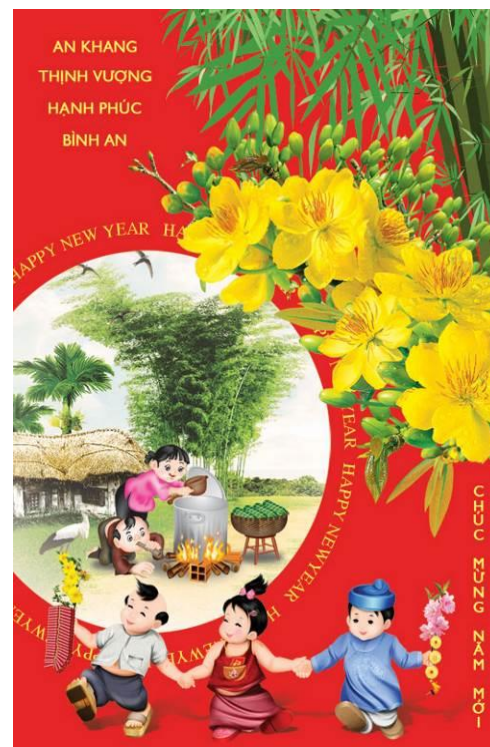


*Cây Quất (Kumquat Tree)*

Remember, when buying plants, you should purchase them closer to the holiday as the plants should be fresh and bloom for Tết.

### **Wine & Gift Baskets**

Historically wine was kept in pottery gourds and was believed to contain the essence of heaven and earth, nowadays; those old gourds are replaced by modern wine bottles. The meaning and tradition of giving wine has remained unchanged. It takes a lot of time for wine to ferment and distil; so wine is highly appreciated by Vietnamese. Nevertheless, drinking wine can make people feel warm and energetic, which are exactly what people wish for their upcoming year.



### **What NOT to give for Tết?**

Several gifts are considered taboo, including watches, clocks (associated with death); knives, scissors, forks (cutting good luck) anything black (ink, coffee), anything related to fire (lighter) and handkerchiefs (as it symbolizes tears and sweat in the New Year).

### **Red Items**

Red symbolizes good luck, prosperity, joyfulness and contentment. During Tết one can see the color red everywhere, from the ornaments, lucky envelopes, to the clothes of the elderly on the first days of the New Year. Whichever gifts you plan to give, place a priority on the red and yellow and avoid dark colors.

### **Greeting Cards**

Similar to western culture, greeting cards are also given for this holiday. Typical greeting cards are printed in vivid colors like red or yellow and with distinctive images such as apricot and peach blossom, sticky rice cake etc...



**Did you KNOW that?**

A long time ago, Dong Ho painting used to be a precious gift for Tet Holiday. Vietnamese people hung Dong Ho paintings for a year, and then replaced them by new ones with the new year..

Apart from the beauty of lines and layouts, the folk feature of Dong Ho painting also lays on its color and papers; both are handmade and derived from materials available in nature. The paper is made of bark of tree named “do” and powder of seashells and glutinous rice, whilst colors of paint used in Dong Ho pictures are processed from various kinds of natural materials easily found in Vietnamese villages. While seashells bring a sparkling white background, glutinous rice makes the paper more supple and able to conserve colors for a long time. The black color is taken from ash of burned bamboo leaves; the red is from red gravel; the yellow is from flowers. All colors are so striking and lively that you seem to see the whole Vietnamese villages through each line, each color block.

Regarding themes of Dong Ho painting, it should be noted that the folk picture is a fine reflection of daily life, culture values, social philosophies and human aspiration for a better life in years coming; therefore, everyday life, folk allegories, social commentaries, mythical and historical figures, signs of happiness, luck, prosperity are main subjects of the painting. If you would like to wish your beloveds prosperity, happiness and luck, pictures named “Lon dan”, “Ga dan”, “Chan trau thoi sao” would be your best choice for a gift.



Source for “Did you know that?”:

<http://www.vietnamonline.com/culture/dong-ho-paintings.html>

## Events & Activities

### Ho Chi Minh City



*Flower Display on Nguyen Hue Street in Ho Chi Minh City*

**Youth Cultural House: 19 Jan –09 Feb** at 4 Pham Ngoc Thach – Dist. 1. Popular with locals especially on special occasions/holidays.

- Vietnamese Calligraphy.
- Lion dance, drum performances, music shows and more...

**Tết Flower Markets: 28 Jan to 04 Feb** located in more than 125 places in Ho Chi Minh city, the biggest ones are at 23/9 Park (Pham Ngu Lao Street near Ben Thanh Market, Dist.1), Gia Dinh Park (corner of Nguyen Kiem Street and Nguyen Thai Son Street, Binh Thanh Dist.) and Le Van Tam Park (corner of Hai Ba Trung Street and Dien Bien Phu Street, Dist.3). One of the oldest flower markets that are popular with locals is the Ben Binh Dong Flower Market, District 8. The flowers here are brought from Mekong Delta to HCMC by boat and sold on the riverside.

**Crescent Flower Street & Market: from 7pm, 29 Jan to 3 Feb** at the Crescent Mall, Dist. 7, with traditional country Vietnamese food and flower market and Vietnamese traditional music performance every night.

**Tết Flower Festival: 30 Jan to 10 Feb** at Tao Dan Park (55C Nguyen Thi Minh Khai Street, Dist. 3) include flower/ bonsai/ fish exhibition area, traditional festival area (games, calligraphy), souvenir area with music and traditional martial arts performance. Tickets 30.000VND/ person

**Book Street Festival: from 02 Feb to 8 Feb** at Mac Thi Bui – Nguyen Hue – Ngo Duc Ke street, Dist.1.

**Annual Flower Street:** displays will be up from **7pm, 02 Feb to 10pm, 08 Feb** on Nguyen Hue Street. The opening decoration of the street will be the Pig family of 9 members. Especially this year there will be 6 red piggy bank along the street for donation to help to students in HCMC.

**Lunar New Year's Eve: 04 Feb** - outdoor music performances 23/9 Park, Gia Dinh Park, with light art performances on streets in District 1

**Outdoor Entertainment** will include lion dances, drum performances – the performances will take place in front of all major hotels in Dist. 1, (ie. Caravelle, Rex, Majestic, Grand, Continental, Kim Đô, Oscar, and Bông Sen, Palace Music, etc..) throughout February



*Burning incense in Chinese Temple District 5 (a piece of paper is attached to the incense, prayer writes name of the deceased or those who they are praying for).*

**Amusement Parks:** Dam Sen Park – corner of Hoa Binh Street and Lac Long Quan Street, Dist. 11; Dai Nam Park - Thu Dau Mot Town in Binh Duong Province; Suoi Tien Park – Ha Noi Highway in Dist. 9. All locations will have many special performances.

**Cinemas** will remain open. Check their web pages for viewing times ([www.megastarmedia.net](http://www.megastarmedia.net)) ([www.lottecinemavn.com](http://www.lottecinemavn.com)) ([www.galaxycine.vn](http://www.galaxycine.vn)) ([www.cgq.vn/en](http://www.cgq.vn/en)) (<http://bhdstar.vn/en>)

### Lunar New Year's Eve Fireworks:

From 12:00am on the evening of **04 Feb 2019** at 6 different locations as stated below:

- Thu Thiem Tunnel (Dist. 2 side)
- Historical Cultural Park (Dist.9)
- Dam Sen Park (Dist.11)
- Hiep Phuoc Industrial Park (Nha Be)
- Football Field Can Gio (Can Gio)
- Cu Chi Tunnel (Cu Chi)



*Firework on New Year Eve in Dist 1 near Ho Chi Minh Museum*





# NEW YEAR EVENT CALENDAR HCMC

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>21 Jan</b> Youth Cultural House	<b>22 Jan</b> Youth Cultural House	<b>23 Jan</b> Youth Cultural House	<b>24 Jan</b> Youth Cultural House	<b>25 Jan</b> Youth Cultural House	<b>26 Jan</b> Youth Cultural House	<b>27 Jan</b> Youth Cultural House
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## Hanoi City



**Tết Flower Markets:** Hanoi city has organized 64 Spots of Spring flower market for Lunar New Year 2019. It started to operate from January 15<sup>th</sup> and will be on display through 04<sup>th</sup> February. Biggest flower markets are located in Lac Long Quan, Quang Ba, Duong Bui, Quang Ba, Hoan Kiem, Hang Luoc. Ecopark Compound and Times City.

**Lunar New Year 's Eve:** there will be varieties of musical performances on New Year's Eve starting from 10:30pm - 12:00am. The largest one being in front of the Hanoi Opera House, other locations for singing performances are Thong Nhat Park and several places around Hoan Kiem Lake

### Activities:

- ✓ Thong Nhat Park: Nhat Park: 354 Le Duan will open throughout the New Year festival and will have a lot of activities and special performances
- ✓ Vietnam Museum of Ethnology Tet activities: Introducing visitor to also participate in traditional handicraft performances, folk arts, water puppetry, games folk and to enjoy many types local cuisine
- ✓ Van Mieu (Temple of Literature): Ho Van - 58 Quoc Tu Giam Street, Ba Dinh Dist. Spring calligraphy opens for Tết celebration (04 Feb 2019-10 Feb 2019)
- ✓ Hoang Thanh Thang Long: During the Lunar New Year, in Thang Long Royal Citadel, there are many traditional festivals and cultural festivals such as the worshipping ceremony of Ong Cong, Ong Tao. water puppetry, traditional martial arts
- ✓ Water Puppet Thang Long (57b Dinh Tien Hoang) : open throughout the Lunar New Year 2018.
- ✓ Hanoi Dragon Boat Swimming will take place in Ho Tay form 16-17 Feb 2019

### Performance:

- ✓ Baara Land: The most unique Entertainment program "Northern Essence Baara Land- Every night (except Tuesdays)- The most elaborate and ambitious entertainment program in Vietnam (Da Phuc, Sai Son Commune, Quoc Oai)
- ✓ Lim Festival: Lim town, Noi Due commune, Lien Bao Commune, Bac Ninh: 17-18 Feb 2019
- ✓ Perfume Pagoda: Hung Son Commune, My Duc Dist, Hanoi: 10 Feb 2019 till the end of Apr.
- ✓ Yen Tu Pagoda, Quang Ninh: 14 Feb till the end of Apr 2019

**Historical Sight Seeing:** Hanoi Museum, Ngoc Son Temple will be open during Tet

### Entertainment:

- ✓ Cinemas will remain open. Check their web pages for viewing times (<http://www.bhdstar.vn>); ([www.lottecinemavn.com](http://www.lottecinemavn.com)) (<https://www.cgv.vn>); (<https://chieuphimquocgia.com.vn>); (<https://betacineplex.vn>)

### Lunar New Year's Eve Fireworks:

5 fireworks locations, starting from 12:00am on the evening of the 04<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019

- ➡ Hoan Kiem Lake
- ➡ Thong Nhat Park
- ➡ Lac Long Quan Flower Garden
- ➡ Van Quan Lake
- ➡ My Dinh Stadium



Ông Đồ (CalligraphyArtist)



Each year, 7 days before Tết locals release small carp into fresh water. The carp serve as vehicle for Ông Táo or the Kitchen God to travel to the Jade Emperor.



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**Looking for something to do after Tet? Here are some of our picks:**

- Saigon Cyclo Challenge
- Red Bull Champion Dash
- Color Me Run
- AmCham US Independence Day Celebration: early Jul in D2
- BBGV Fun Run for Charity: Sep in D7
- Vietnam Mountain Marathon: Sep in Sapa
- Saigon Melbourne Cup: Oct
- Terry Fox Run for Charity: Nov in D7
- Christmas Charity Bazaar
- BIS Christmas BISzaar: Dec at BIS



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Establishment	Dist.	Type	2-Feb	3-Feb	4-Feb	5-Feb	6-Feb	7-Feb	8-Feb	9-Feb	10-Feb
108 Eatery	2	R									
Aeon Mall		SM	8.00-23.00	8.00-23.00	7.00-19.00	11.00-22.00	8.00-22.00	8.00-22.00	8.00-22.00		
Al Fresco	1	R									
Al Fresco	2	R				12.00-20.00	12.00-20.00	12.00-20.00	12.00-20.00	12.00-20.00	
Am Thuc Tay Ta	2	R									
An Phu Supermarket	2	G			8.00-15.30		8.30-16.30	8.30-16.30	8.30-16.30	8.30-16.30	
Annam Gourmet	2	G									
Annam Gourmet	7	G									
Annam Gourmet - Hai Ba Trung	1	G									
Annam Gourmet - Saigon Center	1	G									
AO Show	1	E									
Apocalypse Now	1	B									
Aqua Day Spa	1	SP									
Au Lac Do Brazil	3	R									
Au Parc	1	C, R									
Barbecue Garden	1	R									
Basilico	1	R									
Baskin Robbins		R									
Belgo	1	R, B							from 16.00		
Bep Me in	1	R									
Bistro Song Vie	2	R									
BLOQ	2	E, R			various		various	various			
Boat House	2	R									
Body Impact	2	R, D									
Boomerang Bistro Saigon	7	R									
BrotZeit	1	R	15.00-23.00	15.00-23.00					15.00-23.00	15.00-23.00	15.00-23.00
Buddha Bar	2	B									
Burger King	2	R				13.00-22.00					
Carpaccio	1	R									
CGV Cinema		M									
Chanh Bistro - Calmette	1	R				16:30-11:45	16:30-11:45	16:30-11:45			
Chanh Bistro - LTT	1	R									
Chi Hoa	1	R									

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Chill Skybar	1	B									
Chuck's Burger	1	R	10.00-22.00	10.00-22.00	10.00-22.00	14.00-20.00	14.00-20.00	14.00-20.00	10.00-22.00	10.00-22.00	10.00-22.00
Ciao Bella	1	R									
Cocotte Ben Thanh	1	R									
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf		C			6.30-21.00	6.30-23.00					
Concept Coiffure	2	BS									
CoopMart		SM	6.00-24.00	6.00-24.00	6.00-12.00		8.00-12.00	8.00-12.00	8.00-12.00	8.00-12.00	
Cork and Bottle	1	B									
Corso	1	R									
Crumbs	1	G									
Cuc Gach Quan	1	R									
Dai Nam Theme Park	Binh Duong	E									
Dam Sen	11	E									
Diamond Plaza	1	S			8.00-18.00						
Domino's Pizza	Delivery	R									
Dong Pho	3	R									
El Gaucho	1	R									
Elbow Room	1	R									
Fanny's Icecream	1	C									
Fresh Catch	1	R									
Garnesh	1	R									
Glow Spa	1	SP									
Golden Elephant	1	R				15.00-22.00					
Hard Rock Café	1	B			16.00-22.00						
Harvest Baking	Thu Duc	G									
Hatvala	1	C									
Hoa Tuc	1	R									
Hoang Yen	1	R									
Jake's BBQ	1	R									
Jasmine	1	BS									
Jaspa's Wine & Grill	1	R				12.00-21.00	12.00-21.00	12.00-21.00	12.00-21.00	12.00-21.00	12.00-21.00
Just Kidding	2	K									
Kabin	1	R									
K-Café	1	R									
KFC	Delivery	R									
Koh Thai	1	R									
KOTO	1	R			nap	15.00-22.00	15.00-22.00	15.00-22.00	15.00-22.00		



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L'Apothiquaire	1	SP, BS									
La Hostaria	1	R									
La Phong	1	R									
La Plancha	2	R									
La Villa	2	R									
Le Banh Mi	1	R									
Le Cochon D'or	1	G		9.00-12.00							
Le Jardin	1	R									
Lee's Noodle Kitchen	2	R									
Let's Move HCM	2	K									
Lotte Mart	7	SM			8.00-20.00						
Lubu	2	R									
L'Usine	1	C			7.00-15.00						
Mad Cow	1	R, B									
Mad House	2	R	10.00-20.00	10.00-20.00	10.00-20.00	10.00-20.00	10.00-20.00	10.00-20.00	10.00-20.00	10.00-20.00	10.00-20.00
Mandala Wellness	2	SP									
Market 39	1	R									
May	1	R									
McDonalds	Delivery	R									
Mega Market	2	SM			6.00-12.00			6.30-19.00			
Mekong Merchant	2	R									
Moc Huong	2	SP									
Nam Giao	1	R									
Ole	1	R									
OnTop Bar	3	B									
Organik Shop, The	2	G									
Osaka Ramen	7	R									
Papagayo	2	R		12.00-15.00							
Pasha	1	R									
Pasteur Street Brewery	1	B									
Pendolasco	2	R									
Phat's Dumpling	2	R									
Phatty's	1	C									
Pho 24		R									
Phuc Long		C				9.00-22.00					
Pizza Hut	Delivery	R				15.00-22.00					
PizzAmore	2	R									

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Popeyes	Delivery	R									
Propaganda	1	R									
Quan Bui	1	R									
Quan Bui	2	R									
Quynh's Salon	2	BS									
Racha Room	1	R									
Red Apron	1	W									
Red Apron	2	W									
Refinery	1	R									
Relish & Sons	1	R, B									
Relish & Sons	2	R, B									
Rico Taco	3	R, B	11.00-22.00	11.00-22.00	11.00-22.00	11.00-22.00	11.00-22.00	11.00-22.00	11.00-22.00	11.00-22.00	11.00-22.00
Saffron	1	R									
Saigon Zoo	1	E									
Seventeen Saloon	1	B									
SHRI	3	R									
Skewers	1	R									
SkyDeck	1	A									
Snap café	2	R									
Sorae	1	R									
Starbucks		R			6.30-12.00	14.00-23.00					
Stir Fry Rice and noodles	1	R									
Stoker	1	R									
Storm P	1	B									
Subway (Le Thanh Ton)	1	R									
Suoi Tien	9	E									
Sweet + Sour Bakery	2	C									
Tama River	2	R									
Tandoor	1	R									
Temple Club	1	R			11.00-22.00			18.00-22.30			
The Deck	2	R									
The Loop	2	R									
Thai Street	2	R									
TIB	3	R									
Tous Les Jours		G				12.00-22.00					
Trois Gourmands	2	R									
Tuk Tuk Thai Bistro	1	R			10.00-21.00						



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Union Jack's Fish&Chips	1	R									
Urban Kitchen	1	R									
Veggy's	1	SM			8.00-12.00						
Vesper's	1	B									
Vincom	1	S									
Voelker Bakery	2	G			7.00-13.00	7.00-13.00	7.00-13.00	7.00-13.00	7.00-13.00	7.00-13.00	
Warda	1	R			17.00-1.00	17.00-1.00	17.00-1.00	17.00-1.00			
Warehouse, The	1	W									
Westcoast Dental	1	Dental		9.00-12.00							
XU Restaurant Lounge	1	R, B									
YKC Hair Studio & Spa	3	SP, BS									
YuChu	1	R									
Zen Saigon	1	R									
Zeytun	1	R									

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3 chi em	Tay Ho	R	Closed										
Alfresco	Tay Ho	R	Open		10:00-21:00	14:00-21:00	Open		12:00-21:00	Open			
Amato	Hoan Kiem	R	Closed										
Asahi Sushi	Hai Ba Trung	R	Open		Closed		17:00-23:00	17:00-23:00	10:30-22:30				
Bar-rique Brasserie	Hoan Kiem	R	Closed										
Cau Go Restaurant	Hoan Kiem	R	Open										
Chim Sao	Hai Ba Trung	R	Closed						Open				
Chops	Tay Ho	R	Open										
Cousins	Tay Ho	R	Closed										
Cousins	Ba Dinh	R	Closed										
Cugini	Tay Ho	R	Open										
Da Paolo	Tay Ho	R	11:00-23:00		Closed			Open			11:00-23:00		
Dalcheeni	Tay Ho	R	Open		Closed			Open					
Donkey Bakery	Tay Ho	R	Closed										
French Grill	Tu Liem	R	Open		Closed			Open					
El Gaucho Steakhouse	Tay Ho	R	Open										
El Gaucho Steakhouse	Hoan Kiem	R	Open					Closed		Open			
Gizmo	Delivery	R	Open					Closed		Open			
Green Mango	Tay Ho	R	Open										
Green Tangerine	Hoan Kiem	R	Closed							Open			
Highway 4	Hoan Kiem	R	Open							Closed			
India Palace	Tay Ho	R	Open										
Jackson's steakhouse	Hoan Kiem	R	Open										
Jaspas	Hoan Kiem	R	Open										
Khazaana	Hoan Kiem	R	Open										
Kitchen	Tay Ho	R	Open				Closed						
KOTO	Dong Da	R	Open										
Ky Y	Hai Ba Trung	R	Closed										
La Badiane	Hoan Kiem	R	Closed										
La Bodega	Long Bien	R	Closed										
La Plume Bistro & Lounge - Press Club	Hoan Kiem	R	Open					Closed					
La Table du Chef - Press Club	Hoan Kiem	R	Open					Closed					
La Verticale	Hoan Kiem	R	Closed										
Le Jardin	Tay Ho	R	Open										



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Le Petit Bruxelles	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green
Loving Hut Hoa Dang	Hoan Kiem	R,G	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Luna D'autunno	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green
Madame Hien	Hoan Kiem	R	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Madam' & Madame Hien (Ngo van So)	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Maison De Tet Décor	Tay Ho	R	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Mamma Mia	Hoan Kiem	R	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Mediterraneo	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Millenium Café des Arts	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Moose and Roo Smokehouse	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Namaste	Hoan Kiem	R	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green
Nha Hang Ngon (Phan Boi Chau)	Hoan Kiem	R	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green
Panam'Creperie	Hoan Kiem	R	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Paris Deli	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Red	Red	Red	10:00-22:00	Red	Red	Red	Red
Pepe la Poule	Tay Ho	R	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Picante	Tay Ho	R	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Pizza 4P's	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green
Porte d'Annam	Hoan Kiem	R	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Puku Cafe	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Republic	Tay Ho	R	Red	Red	Red	12:00-22:00	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Rico Steakhouse	Hoan Kiem	R	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Rockstore	Hoan Kiem	R,B	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
S&L's Dinner	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Saint Honore	Tay Ho	R	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Salt'n Lime	Tay Ho	R	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Simple Coffee	Tay Ho	C	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Stop Café	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Sushi Dokoro Yutaka	Tay Ho	R	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Sushibar	Tay Ho	R	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Tandoor	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Tierra Wine Bar	Hoan Kiem	R	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Thien Phat	Hoan Kiem	R	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
The Hanoi Social Club	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	12:00-23:00	Red	Red
The Little Hanoi Restaurant	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Vine Wine Boutique Bar and Café	Tay Ho	R	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Wild Lotus	Hoan Kiem	R	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red

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Weslake Station	Tay Ho	R									
Zaika	Hoan Kiem	R									
Zenith Yoga	Tay Ho	R									
88 Lounge	Tay Ho	B									
Furbrew	Tay Ho	B									
Red River Tea Room	Tay Ho	B									
Rumors Pub	Tay Ho	B									
The Kneippe	Tay Ho	B									
Camelia (Melia Hotel)	Hoan Kiem	B									
Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf	Tay Ho	C									
Cong Caphe	Tay Ho	C									
Emm's (Urban Café)	Ba Dinh	C									
Hanoi Sandwich House	Tay Ho	C					8.00-20.00	8.00-20.00	8.00-20.00	8.00-20.00	
Joma Bakery	Hoan Kiem	C									
Manzi Artspace	Ba Dinh	C									
Moca café	Hoan Kiem	C									
Starbucks	Hoan Kiem	C									
Tadioto Café	Hoan Kiem	C									
Annam Gourmet	Tay Ho	SM			9.00-16.00						
Mega Market (ex-Metro)	Hoang Mai	SM			9:00-12:00						
O'Douceurs	Hoan Kiem	Bakery									
O'Douceurs	Tay Ho	Bakery									
Dan's Shopand Bistro	Tay Ho	G									
Hanoi Gourmet	Hoan Kiem	G									
Hanoi Small Goods	Delivery	G									
L's Place Ciputra, Golden Westlake	Tay Ho	G									
L's Place	Tay Ho	G									
L's Place	Hoan Kiem	G									
Naturally Vietnam	Tay Ho	G									
Nguyen Son Bakery	Hoan Kiem	G									
Oasis	Tay Ho	G									
Red Apron - Celliers d'asie	whole Vietnam	G		9.00-12:00							
Veggy's	Tay Ho	G									
Vinmart - Royal City	Thanh Xuan	G									
Yuki's	Tay Ho	G									



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Big C	Cau Giay	S			8:00-12:00			8:00-22:00			
Aeon Mall	Long Bien	S			9:00-18:00	12:00-22:00			9:00-22:00		
Chula fashion	Hoan Kiem	S									
Tan My Design	Hoan Kiem	S									
Bookworm	Ba Dinh	E					10:00-06:00				
Tam Dao Golf and Resort	Tam Dao	E									
Tay Ho Paint ball	Tay Ho	E									
Royal City	Thanh Xuan	E,K									
Time City	Hai Ba Trung	E,S,K									
Lotte	Ba Dinh				9:00-18:00						
Elite Fitness	Tay Ho	A						9:00-18:00			
L'Esace	Hoan Kiem	A							9.00-12:00		
Viet Climb	Tay Ho	A									
Hanoi Club - Yen Phu	Tay Ho	A,K									
Little Gym Hanoi	Thanh Xuan	K									
A Top Spot Beauty Salon	Hoan Kiem	Spa									
Santal Spa	Tay Ho	Spa									
Zen Spa	Tay Ho	Spa									
The Hair Work Shop	Tay Ho	BS									
Tran Hung Hair Creation	Hoan Kiem	BS									
Vincom Ba Trieu	Hoan Kiem	S									
Yakushi Center	Tay Ho	S									
Asvelis	Tay Ho	VET									
Family Medical Practice	Dong Da	Medical									
Raffles	Tay Ho	Medical									
Peace Dental	Truc Bach	Dental									
Westcoast Dental	Tay Ho	Dental									

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