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VIETNAMESE LUNAR NEW YEAR

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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 2021 TET in Vietnam is "Tân Sửu" and are from Thu, Feb 11 to Sun, Feb 14 inclusive: Tết Lunar New Year's Eve (Feb 11), The First (Feb 12), Second (Feb 13),

and Third (Feb 14) 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 2021 is a year of the "BUFFALO". The Buffalo is the second animal sign on the Vietnamese zodiac, taking the place of the Ox in the Chinese zodiac

The Buffalo symbolizes industriousness and patience. Its year is one of slow, steady progress, patient strength, traits suitable for a scientist. The buffalo is a traditional symbol of spring and agriculture because of its association with the plow and its pleasure wallowing in the mud. People of this year are thought to possess the characteristics of that animal: steadiness, placidity, but stubbornness when crossed.

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 (Feb 11) and the first three days of the New Year (Feb 12 – 14) 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 **Lì Xì**. 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 chưng and **bánh tét**: tightly packed sticky rice with meat or bean fillings wrapped in Dong (Bánh Chưng in the north) or banana leaves (Bánh Tét in the south). Considered an indispensable dish of Tet, Bánh Chưng 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 Chưng and Bánh Tét



Preparing Bánh Chưng for Tet



Hạt Dừa, Hạt Bì, Hạt Hướng Dương hạt điều, nho khô(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 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



Ben Binh Dong Flower Market (open from 20th of lunar December)

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.



Lì 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 Lì 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 l-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 hỉ 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 nhuk) - 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 (Friday, 12th 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.
- DON'T: when you visit the host house, if they have son/daughter under marriage ages, do not ask their children "when will you get married?". If they are already married, DON'T ask "When will you get baby?". It's used to be very popular questions to all Vietnamese but it's changing now as it's considered impolite to ask those questions today.



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.



- 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.
- 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.
- 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 and white as it is associated with funerals and death, therefore bad luck. These colors are often worn at funerals in Vietnam and therefore people are supposed to avoid wearing them on the first days of the year.
- Avoid eating food that might bring bad luck such as Duck as it is thought as stupid, Squid because of the black ink, and Shrimps because it move backwards

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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** (*Ochna integerrima*) make it very popular in southern Vietnam.



Hoa Mai (Ochna Integerrima)

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 distill; 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.



Red Items

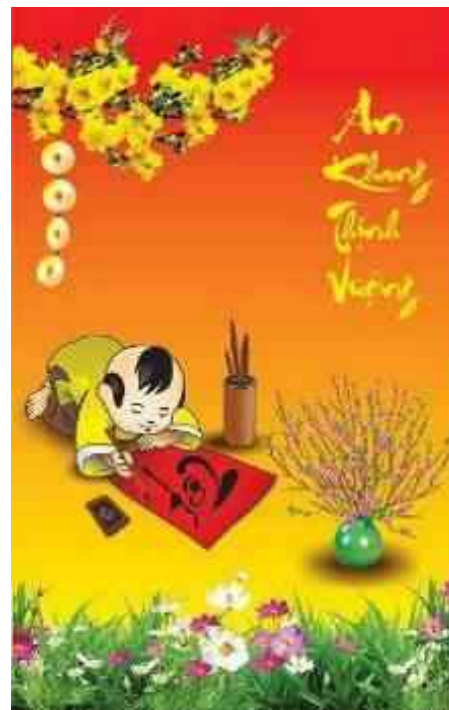
Red symbolizes good luck, prosperity, joyfulness and contentment. During Tết one can see the color red everywhere, from the ornaments, lucky envelopes, to the clothes of the elderly on the first days of the New Year. Whichever gifts you plan to give, place a priority on the red and yellow (gold) and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

Lucky colors

Other lucky color in the year of the rats are: Blue & Green

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...



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).

Did you KNOW that?

Vietnamese Zodiac Signs – Legend Stories

12 Zodiac Animals of Vietnam



In Vietnamese tradition, it is widely known that each year is "sponsored" respectively by one of the twelve animals of the

Vietnamese zodiac: the first one is the rat, then comes the buffalo, followed sequentially by the tiger, cat, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and lastly, the pig. Every twelve years, the sponsorship goes back to the same animal. Let's take a closer look at the legend stories behind these creatures.

The Rat

The Jade Emperor organized the race that animals were supposed to swim across the river, and the first 12 finishers would take a place on the calendar. The cat and the rat, being lazy, decided to ride on the back of the water buffalo. Shortly before reaching the other side, the two-faced and deceitful rat pushed the cat into the raging river, quickly hopped off to the finish line and obviously became the first animal of the zodiac list.

The Buffalo

It is said that the gracious water buffalo was about to be the fastest one, but he was way too naive when agreeing to help the rat and the cat across the river. The rest of the story, as has been mentioned earlier, explained the reason why the buffalo just the second one after the rat. The rat pushed the cat down to the river and jumped off the head of the buffalo when they neared the finish line and crossed first. Therefore, the buffalo was pensive to be the later.

The Tiger

Even the great strength could not help the tiger become the winner as the currents of the raging river were too strong. Finally, he came in crossing the finish line huffing and puffing.

The Cat

This zodiac made its 4th after being betrayed by the rat in the Great Race. While crossing the river on the water buffalo's back, the cunning rat pushed the cat into the river to guarantee its 1st place. Since then, the cat and the rat have been implacable enemies.

The Dragon

Why was a legendary dragon with the ability to fly not in the first position? The answer is that he was being busy helping a village of farmers by creating heavy rains to irrigate a local village suffering from severe drought. That's why the dragon made it in 5th place.

The Snake

The snake was another scheming animal because it nested itself into the hoof of the horse. When the horse neared the finish line, he popped out scaring the horse and consequently became the 6th one.

The Horse

The horse with all its power crossed the river by itself. However, it didn't notice the snake hiding in its hoof. Being scared half to death causing, the horse made it in 7th place.

The Goat

Being a slow swimmer, the goat decided to make a deal with the monkey and the rooster forming a team in order to cross the river. After being informed by the rooster about a raft floating nearby in the marshy grasslands, the goat cut through the weeds and grass with its sharp teeth and helped the monkey pull the raft out of the river. Happily, all three of the animals rode the raft across the river to the finish line.

The Monkey

Its story is the same as the goat's.

The Rooster

Its story is the same as the goat's.

The Dog

Although being a great swimmer, the dog was still on the bottom of the list because of its playfulness and excitement in enjoying the river. He had so much fun that he nearly forgot the on-going race and finally made it in 11th place.

The Pig

The reason why the pig ended up at the end of the great race was that it stopped a bit to eat a huge meal and then fell asleep. When he woke up, he realized he was still in a race and in panic, ran into the finish line.

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Events & Activities

Information shared are correct at the time of printing however it might change following Covid applicable regulations.

Ho Chi Minh City



Flower Display on Nguyen Hue Street in Ho Chi Minh City

Youth Cultural House 27Jan to 16 Feb at 4 Pham Ngoc Thach – Dist. 1. Popular with locals especially on special occasions/holidays.

- ➔ Vietnamese Calligraphy.
- ➔ Flower decoration on street with 145 yellow flowers of the Hoa Mai (ochona integerrima)
- ➔ Traditional handicraft villages: flower, rattan and rice paper
- ➔ Traditional Vietnamese food
- ➔ Lion dance, drum performances, music shows and more...

Tet Festival 2021 from 21 to 24 Jan 2021 at Le Van Tam Park (District 1) restore the culture and atmosphere of the traditional Tet in all 3 regions North, Middle and South of Vietnam

Tết Flower Markets: 04 Feb to 12 noon 11 Feb located in more than 174 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 **from 27 Jan to 12 noon 11 Feb**. The flowers here are brought from Mekong Delta to HCMC by boat and sold on the riverside.

Tết Flower Festival: 06 Feb to 17 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 **09 Feb to 15 Feb** at Mac Thi Bui – Nguyen Hue – Ngo Duc Ke street, Dist.1. with theme “30 years DK1 gantry house” – protection for the sovereignty of sea and islands

Annual Flower Street: displays will be up from **7pm, 09 Feb to 9pm, 15 Feb** on Nguyen Hue Street. . This year the flower decoration will be a combination of organic design and architecture with 26 buffalo design through 720m flower street

Lunar New Year's Eve: 11 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.lottecinemav.vn) (www.galaxycine.vn) (www.cgv.vn/en) (<http://bhdstar.vn/en>)

Lunar New Year's Eve Fireworks:

From 12:00am on the evening of **11 Feb 2021** at 6 different locations as stated below:

- ➔ Thu Thiem Tunnel (Dist. 2 side)
- ➔ Landmark 81 (Binh Thanh Dist.)
- ➔ Historical Cultural Park (Dist.9)
- ➔ Dam Sen Park (Dist.11)
- ➔ Nha Be Administrative Center (Nha Be)
- ➔ Football Field Can Gio (Can Gio)
- ➔ Cu Chi Memorial (Cu Chi)



NEW YEAR CALENDAR EVENT HCMC

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		27 Jan Youth Cultural House Flower Markets (D.8)	28 Jan Youth Cultural House Flower Markets (D.8)	29 Jan Youth Cultural House Flower Markets (D.8)	30 Jan Youth Cultural House Flower Markets (D.8)	31 Jan Youth Cultural House Flower Markets (D.8)
01 Feb Youth Cultural House Flower Markets (D.8)	02 Feb Youth Cultural House Flower Markets (D.8)	03 Feb Youth Cultural House Flower Markets (D.8)	04 Feb Flower Markets Youth Cultural House	05 Feb Flower Markets Youth Cultural House	06 Feb Flower Festival Flower Markets Youth Cultural House	07 Feb Flower Festival Flower Markets Youth Cultural House
08 Feb Flower Festival Flower Markets Youth Cultural House	09 Feb Flower Festival Flower Markets Youth Cultural House	10 Feb Flower Street (D.1) Flower Festival Flower Markets Youth Cultural House	11 Feb NEW YEAR's EVE Flower Street (D.1) Flower Festival Flower Markets Youth Cultural House	12 Feb Flower Street (D.1) Flower Festival Youth Cultural House	13 Feb Flower Street (D.1) Flower Festival Youth Cultural House	14 Feb Flower Street (D.1) Flower Festival Youth Cultural House
15 Feb Flower Street (D.1) Flower Festival Youth Cultural House	16 Feb Flower Festival Youth Cultural House	17 Feb Flower Festival				

Hanoi City



Tết Flower Markets: Hanoi city has organized 89 Spots of Spring flower market for Lunar New Year 2021. It started to operate from January 21st and will be on display through February 11st. Flower markets are located in Hang Luoc, Hang Ruoi, Hang Khoai, Hang Ma, Phung Hung, Thong Nhat Park, Tuoi Tre Park, Lac Long Quan, Quang Ba, Duong Buoi, Quang Ba, Hoan Kiem,.

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
- ✓ Flower street "Home Hanoi Xuan" will open from 07 Feb to 17 Feb 2021 at Splendor – An Khanh – Hoai Duc. Home Hanoi xuan street also recreates the image of delicate Hanoi through cultural and artistic activities connecting the heritage from the past to the present, introducing the old Tet style in the flow of life. modern life like Hanoi street food village, Bat Trang pottery village, Chuong village conical hat, Dong Ho painting, ethnic cake, calligraphy or ethnic music performance, water puppetry with close, cohesive folk games.
- ✓ Van Mieu-Quoc Tu Giam (the Temple of Literature) will host a calligraphy festival from February 5-21 with a number of activities to preserve and promote the beauty of the Vietnamese calligraphy culture. At the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long, various activities will be held from February 4-20 to celebrate Tet, including an exhibition space re-enacting traditional Tet rituals and customs, a space of worship, calligraphy arts, and others. Water Puppet Thang Long (57b Dinh Tien Hoang): open 15-16 Feb 2021
- ✓ Many outdoor activities will be held at Hanoi's walking streets including a programme to promote the culture of and tourism in the northern province of Hoa Binh.
- ✓ In tourism destinations in the outlying districts of Hanoi including Son Tay Ancient Citadel in Son Tay town, Hong Van ornamental creatures craft village in Thuong Tin district, and the Vietnam National Village for Ethnic Culture and Tourism in Son Tay town, there will be diverse events to celebrate Tet including traditional flower markets, exhibitions of ornamental plants, Tet

market festivals, songs and dance performances, culinary festivals, and others.

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Performance:

- ✓ Phat Tich Pagoda Festival: 15 Feb 2021 and Lim Festival: Lim town, Noi Due commune, Lien Bao Commune, Bac Ninh: 24 Feb 2021
- ✓ Perfume Pagoda: Huong Son Commune, My Duc Dist, Hanoi: 17 Feb 2021 till Apr 2021.
- ✓ Yen Tu Pagoda, Quang Ninh: 21 Feb 2021 till the end of Apr 2021.

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

Vietnam Museum of Ethnology organizes activities to discover buffalo in folklore such as: printing Dong Ho Paintings and introduces the meaning of the buffalo, shaping the buffalo image, especially activities: make buffalo from waste – Open from 15 Feb 2021 – 21 Feb 2021

Entertainment:

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

Lunar New Year's Eve Fireworks:

6 fireworks locations, starting from 12:00AM to 12:15AM in the midnight of the 11th Feb 2021. As of 3 Feb 2021, new event if any will be informed by the Government in the next days.

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



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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108 Eatery	2	R										N
Aeon Mall		SM	8:00-23:00		7:00-19:00	11:00-22:00		8:00-22:00				Y
Al Fresco	1	R										Y
Aveda	2	Sp										N
Anan	1	R										Y
Al Fresco	2	R						12:00-20:00				Y
A by Tung	1	R										N
Am Thuc Tay Ta	2	R										N
An Phu Supermarket	2	G			8:00-15:30			8:30-16:30				N
Annam Gourmet	2	G										N
Annam Gourmet	7	G										N
Annam Gourmet HBT	1	G										N
Annam Gourmet SC	1	G										N
Ateliers Des Reves	3	R										N
AO Show	1	E										N
Apocalypse Now	1	B										N
Aqua Day Spa	1	SP										N
Au Lac Do Brazil	3	R										N
Au Parc	1	C, R										Y
Barbecue Garden	1	R										Y
Big Pig		R			close 20:00			12:00-21:00				N
Baravin	1	R										N
The Brix	2	R			8:00-15:00		15:00-22:00			15:00-22:00		N
Ba Ba bún bò	1,2	R										Y
Basilico	1	R										N
Baskin Robbins		R										N
Belgo Belgian	1	R, B										Y
Bep Oc, eat drink fun	1	R								17:00-24:00		Y
Bep Me in	1	R										N
Bistro Song Vie	2	R										N
BLOQ	2	E, R										N
Boat House	2	R						9:00-21:00				Y
Body Impact	2	R, D										Y
Boomerang Bistro Saigon	7	R										Y

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ByNature	1	S										Y
Burger King	2	R										Y
CGV Cinema		M										N
Chanh Bistro - LTT	1	R				16:00-24:00						N
Chi Hoa	1	R										Y
Chill Skybar	1	B										N
Chuck's Burger	1	R	16:00-24:00									Y
Ciao Bella	2	R										Y
Corto		R										Y
Cocotte LTT	1	R										N
Cocotte Thao Điền	2	R										N
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf		C			6:30-21:00	6:30-23:00						N
Concept Coiffure	2	BS										N
CoopMart		SM	6:00-24:00		6:00-12:00		8:00-12:00					Y
Cork and Bottle	2	B										N
Corso Norfolk hotel	1	R										N
Crazy Coriander	Delivery											Y
Crumbs	7	G										N
Cuc Gach Quan	1	R										N
Dai Nam Theme Park	Binh											N
Dam Sen	Duong	E										N
Diamond Plaza	11	E										N
Domino's Pizza	1	S			8:00-18:00							N
Die Leckerei	Delivery	R										Y
Di Mai	2	G										N
Dong Pho	BT	R										N
El Gaucho	3	R										N
El Gaucho	1,2, BT	R										Y
East west brewing	1	R					16:00-24:00					N
Eddie's	2	R	11:00-21:00							11:00-21:00		Y
Elbow Room	1	R										Y
Fanny's Icecream	1	C										N
Feuro	Delivery				10:30- 15:00				11:00-20:00			Y
Glow Spa	1	SP										N
Golden Elephant	1	R										Y
Green Oi	Delivery	R										Y

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Marcel Burger	1, 2	R										N
Marcel Café	2	R										N
Market 39	1	R										N
Mezze Saigon	1	R										N
McDonalds	Delivery	R										Y
Mega Market	2	SM			6:00-12:00			6:30-19:00				N
Mekong Merchant	2	R										Y
My HN kitchen	2	R										Y
Moc Huong	2	SP										N
N21	3	R										N
Naman	2	S		close 19:00								N
Nam Giao	1	R										N
Nespresso.vn	Delivery											N
Nhau nhau & pot Au pho	1	R										Y
Ole	2	R										Y
Oliver's pizza	BT	R										Y
Ottima cheese	Delivery											Y
Osaka Ramen	7	R										Y
Pasha	1	R										N
Pasteur Street Brewery	1	B										N
Pendolasco	2	R										Y
Phat's Dumpling	2	R										Y
Phatty's	1	C										N
Pho 24	2	R										Y
Phuc Long		C				9:00-22:00						N
Pasha	2	R										N
Pasta Fresca	2	R				11:30 – 12:30/ 16:30- 20:30						N
Peekaboo Kid Café	BT	C										N
Pick me up Gelato	Delivery	C										Y
Pizza 4'P	Hai Ba											Y
Pizza 4'P	Trung, D.1	R				11.00-22.30						Y
Pizza 4'P	Others	R										Y
Pizza Hut	Delivery	R				15:00-22:00						Y
Popeyes	Delivery	R										Y
1920 Prohibition	1	B										N

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Propaganda	1	R										Y
Phuong Ha	1	S										N
Quan Bui	1	R										Y
Quan Bui	2	R										Y
Quynh's Salon	2	BS										N
Racha Room	1	R										Y
Renkon	1	R										N
Rico taco	1	R										N
Red Apron	1	W										Y
Red Apron	2	W										Y
Refinery	1	R										Y
Ryan's	2	G						10:00-15:00				Y
Relish & Sons	2	R, B										Y
Saigon Zoo	1	E										N
SHRI	3	R										Y
Skewers	1	R										N
SkyDeck	1	A										N
Snap café	2	R	close 13:00									Y
Sorae	1	R										N
Soumaki	Delivery											Y
Starbucks		R			6:30-12:00	14:00-22:00						N
Stoker	1	R										Y
Subway (Le Thanh Ton)	1	R										N
Suoi Tien	9	E										N
Sweet + Sour Bakery	2	C										Y
Tama River	2	R										Y
Tandoor	1	R										N
Tartine Saigon	BT	R				7:00-15:00						N
Tartine Saigon	An Phu, 2	R										N
Tartine Saigon	Thao Dien	R				7:00-15:00						N
Tangerine	2	R										N
The Deck	2	R										N
The Loop	2	R										Y
Thai Street	2	R	close 13:00									Y
That Nevermind	1	B										N
TIB	3	R										N

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The Monkey Gallery	1	R											N	
Tous Les Jours		G						12:00-22:00						N
Truffle	BT	R											N	
Trois Gourmands	2	R											N	
Tuk Tuk Thai Bistro	1	R											Y	
Vagabond Patisseries		R,C											N	
Vive gourmet	BT	G											Y	
Vincom	1	S											N	
WaterFit	2	E											N	
Warda	1	R						14:00-22:00						N
Warehouse, The	1	W											Y	
XU Restaurant Lounge	1	R, B											N	
YKC Hair Studio & Spa	3	SP, BS											N	
YuChu	1	R											N	
Zeytun	1	R											Y	
			Hotline +84 7726 43599											
Westcoast Dental	1	D												
Family Medical Practice	1, 2, 7	M	Hotline *9999											
FV Hospital	7	M	Hotline +84 5411 3500											
Raffles	3	M	Hotline +84 2834 0777											

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Alfresco	Tay Ho	R										Y
Asahi Sushi	Hai Ba	R										Y
	Trung	R										N
	Hoan	R										N
Cau Go Restaurant	Kiem	R										N
Chao Ban	Tay Ho	R										N
Chim Sao	Hai Ba	R										N
	Trung	R										Y
Colette	Hoan	R, B										Y
	Kiem	R, B										Y
Chops	Tay Ho	R										Y
Cousins	Tay Ho	R										Y
Cousins	Ba Dinh	R										Y
Cugini	Tay Ho	R										Y
Dalcheeni	Tay Ho	R										N
French Grill	Tu Liem	R										Y
Fig tree garden	Tây Hồ	R										Y
El Gaucho Steakhouse	Tay Ho	R										Y
El Gaucho Steakhouse	Hoan	R										Y
	Kiem	R										Y
Highway 4	Hoan	R										Y
	Kiem	R										Y
India Palace	Tay Ho	R										Y
Jackson's steakhouse	Hoan	R										N
	Kiem	R										Y
Jaspas	Hoan	R										Y
	Kiem	R										N
Khazaana	Hoan	R										N
	Kiem	R										N
KOTO	Dong Da	R										N
Ky Y	Hai Ba	R										N
	Trung	R										N
La Badiane	Hoan	R										N
	Kiem	R										N
La Bodega	Long	R										N
	Bien	R										N
La Plume Bistro & Lounge - Press Club	Hoan	R										N
	Kiem	R										N

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La Table du Chef - Press Club	Hoan Kiem	R										N
La Verticale	Hoan Kiem	R										Y
Le Jardin	Tay Ho	R										Y
Loving Hut Hoa Dang	Hoan Kiem	R,G										N
Luna D'autunno	Hoan Kiem	R										Y
Maison De Tet Décor	Tay Ho	R										N
Mamma Mia	Hoan Kiem	R										N
Mediterraneo	Hoan Kiem	R										Y
Moose and Roo Smokehouse	Hoan Kiem	R										Y
Namaste	Hoan Kiem	R										Y
Nha Hang Ngon (Phan Boi Chau)	Hoan Kiem	R										Y
Panam'Creperie	Hoan Kiem	R										N
Paris Deli	Hoan Kiem	R					10:00-22:00					Y
Pepe la Poule	Tay Ho	R									17:00	Y
Picante	Tay Ho	R										N
Pizza 4P's	Hoan Kiem	R										Y
Puku Cafe	Hoan Kiem	R	24/24 from Feb 9-10		11:00 - 3:00 from Feb 11-14				24/24 from Feb 15-17			N
Qinza	Long bien	R										Y
Republic	Tay Ho	R					12:00-22:00					N
Rico Steakhouse	Hoan Kiem	R						18:00				Y
S&L's Dinner	Hoan Kiem	R										Y
Sait Honore	Tay Ho	R										Y
Salt'n Lime	Tay Ho	R										N

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Simple Coffee	Tay Ho	R										Y
Sushi Dokoro Yutaka	Tay Ho											Y
Sushibar	Tay Ho											N
Tierra Wine Bar	Hoan	R										Y
	Kiem											
Tung dining	Hoan	R										
	Kiem											
Thien Phat	Hoan	R										N
	Kiem											
The Hanoi Social Club	Hoan	R										N
	Kiem											
The Little Hanoi Restaurant	Hoan	R										N
	Kiem											
Weslake Station	Tay Ho	R										Y
Zaika	Hoan	R										Y
	Kiem											
Zenith Yoga	Tay Ho	R										N
88 Lounge	Tay Ho	B										N
Furbrew	Tay Ho	B										N
Red River Tea Room	Tay Ho	B										N
The Kneippe	Tay Ho	B										N
Người yêu cũ Retro	Hoan	B										N
	Kiem											
Cong Caphe	Tay Ho	C										Y
Emm's (Urban Café)	Ba Dinh	C										Y
Hanoi Sandwich House	Tay Ho	C										Y
Joma Bakery	Tay Ho	C										Y
Manzi Artspace	Ba Dinh	C										Y
Moca café	Hoan	C										N
	Kiem											
Starbucks	Hoan	C										Y
	Kiem											
Tadioto Café	Hoan	C										N
	Kiem											
Annam Gourmet	Tay Ho	SM										N
Mega Market (ex-Metro)	Hoang	SM										N
O'Douceurs	Mai											N
	Tay Ho	Bakery										N

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Dan's Shop and Bistro	Tay Ho	G										N
Hanoi Gourmet	Hoan Kiem	G										N
Hanoi Small Goods	Delivery	G										N
L's Place	Tay Ho	G			Closed 15:00							N
L's Place	Hoan Kiem	G			Closed 15:00							N
Naturally Vietnam	Tay Ho	G										N
Nguyen Son Bakery	Hoan Kiem	G										Y
Oasis	Tay Ho	G										N
Red Apron - Celliers d'asie	whole Vietnam	G		Closed 12:00								Y
Veggy's	Tay Ho	G										N
Vinmart - Royal City	Thanh Xuan	G										N
Big C	Cau Giay	S			08:00-12:00		08:00-22:00					Y
Aeon Mall	Long Bien	S			09:00-18:00	12:00-22:00	09:00-22:00 from Feb 12-17					N
Chula fashion	Hoan Kiem	S										N
Tan My Design	Hoan Kiem	S										Y
Bookworm	Ba Dinh	E					10:00-19:00					
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	S			09:00-18:00							
Elite Fitness	Tay Ho	A										
L'Espace	Hoan Kiem	A										
Viet Climb	Tay Ho	A										
Hanoi Club - Yen Phu	Tay Ho	A,K										

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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										
Family Medical Practice	Ba Dinh	M										
			Hotline: +84 24 3676 2222									
Raffles	Tay Ho	M										
Peace Dental	Hai Ba Trung	D										
Westcoast Dental	Tay Ho	D	Hotline: +84 968 565 151									

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