

VIETNAMESE LUNAR NEW YEAR

By Santa Fe Relocation Services

As we prepare in Vietnam for Tết (also known as the 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 year. We hope this helps 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 businesses will be open during the holiday.

Please Enjoy! Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!

What is Tết?

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

The 2017 TET in Vietnam is "Đinh Dậu" and are from Thu, Jan 26 to Wed, Feb 1 2017 inclusive : Tết Lunar New Year's Eve (Jan 27), and The First (Jan 28), Second (Jan 29), and Third (Jan 30), Fourth (Jan 31), and Fifth (Feb 1) of Tết Nguyen 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 two weeks before and two weeks after TET.

According to the Chinese Zodiac, which consists of 12 animal signs, 2017 is the year of the Rooster, the tenth zodiac sign. Each zodiac sign is associated with one of five elements: Metal, Wood, Water, Fire and Earth. It is theorized that a person's characteristics are decided by their birth year's zodiac animal sign and element.

Individuals born in the year of the Rooster include 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, people born in a year of the Rooster are very observant, hardworking, resourceful, courageous, and talented, Roosters are very confident in themselves.

According to Chinese astrology, the year of one's birth sign is the most un-lucky year in the 12-year cycle. In the year of your sign, fortune in all aspects of your life will not be very good. Therefore, Roosters should be more careful in 2017

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 most shops will be closed during Tết, we suggest stocking up on supplies to last at least 1-2 days.



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 (7 Feb) and the first three days of the New Year (8-10 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. 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 homes 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 food is also eaten year-round, while other dishes are only eaten during Tết. It is also believed to be good luck to eat vegetarian on Tết, some of the traditional dishes reflect this. Popular traditional foods eaten 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



Hạt Dưa, Hạt Bì, 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 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 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 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 Li Xi. 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 year when individuals may be under pressure to have money for the holiday and some result 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 (Mon, 8th 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** (*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 should be 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.

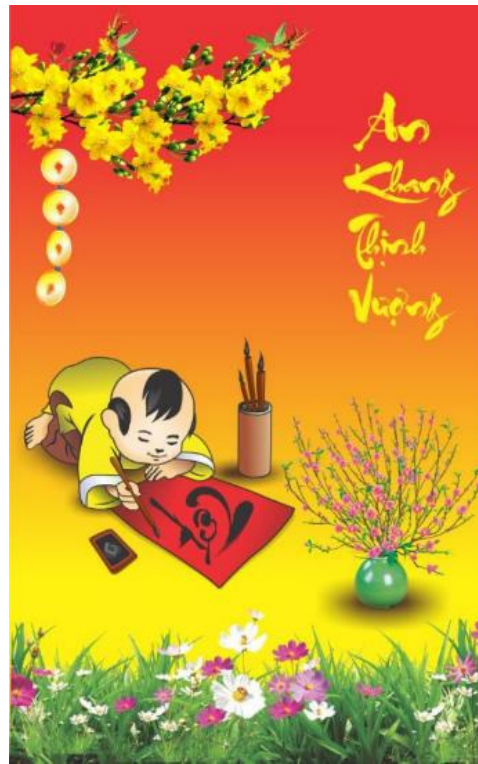


Red Items

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. Typically 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?

A long time ago, Dong Ho painting used to be a precious gift for Tet Holiday. Vietnamese people hung Dong Ho painting for a year, and then replaced them by new ones when a new year was coming. Apart from the beauty of lines and layouts, the folk feature of Dong Ho painting also lays on its color and paper; 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 sau" 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

Lunar New Year's Eve Fireworks:

There is no confirmation whether the fireworks will take place or not, however if it gets confirmed, there might be 8 different locations like last year, starting from 12:00am on the evening of 27 Jan.

- ➔ Nga Ba Giong Memorial Park (Hoc Mon)
- ➔ Bitexco Tower (Dist. 1)
- ➔ Park of Culture and Ethnic History (Dist.9)
- ➔ Dam Sen Park (Dist.11)
- ➔ Lang Le- Bau Co History Relic Zone (Binh Chanh Dist.)
- ➔ Football Field Can Gio (Can Gio)
- ➔ Cultural Center of District 12
- ➔ Thu Thiem Tunnel (Dist. 2 side)



Flower Display on Nguyen Hue Street in Ho Chi Minh City

Tết Flower Markets: located in more than 113 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) from 20 – 27 Jan.

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 starting from 12 Jan.

Tết Flower Festival: 22 Jan to 02 Feb, Tao Dan Park (55C Nguyen Thi Minh Khai Street, Dist. 3) will display 4,000 flower exhibits from all over Vietnam with music performance.

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

Annual Flower Street: displays will be up from 7pm, 25 Jan to 10pm, 31 Jan on Nguyen Hue Street. This year's theme is "Ho Chi Minh City – Peace, Prosperity and Development."

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) from 28 Jan to 02 Feb

Floating Flower Market: The Crescent Mall, Dist. 7, from 7pm, 21 Jan to 8pm 02 Feb. This year's theme is "Prosperous Spring" with traditional country Vietnamese food and flower market.



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).

Youth Cultural House: 4 Pham Ngoc Thach – Dist. 1. Popular with locals especially on special occasions/holidays. Open 15 Jan - 27 Jan.

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

Book Street Festival: from Mac Thi Bui and Ngo Duc Ke Street, Dist. 1 from 25 – 31 Jan. Bookstores will display their books outside for viewing and purchase.

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.

Hot Air Balloon Festival: Dam Sen Park – corner of Hoa Binh Street and Lac Long Quan Street, Dist 11, from 28 Jan to 12 Feb. especially in 30 and 31 Jan there will be light and music performance on the festival. .

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



Fireworks on Saigon River 2016

Hanoi City

Lunar New Year's Eve Fireworks:

If confirmed by the government, it will take place on the evening of 27 Jan.

Last year fireworks showed at 31 separate fireworks displays for the Lunar New Year's Eve. Among those, high-altitude fireworks show was performed at 6 major localities, while the remaining 25 gave smaller displays. If any, all are to begin simultaneously, at midnight, lasting for 15 minutes

- Hoan Kiem Lake: Ha Noi Post Office & Le Thai To Street (in front of Hanoi Moi Newspaper)
- Thong Nhat Park
- Nguyen Hoang Ton Park (Tay Ho)
- Van Quan Lake
- My Dinh National Stadium
- Son Tay Citadel
- Tet Flower Markets: located in most of Street in Ha Noi, biggest are at Quang An, Tay Ho Dist, Bac Tu Liem Dist, Lac Long Quan street, Hoang Hoa Tham street and area of Hang Ma,



Hang Luoc Street on days close to Tết.

- Performances: There will be several 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 some places around Hoan Kiem Lake
- Vietnam Museum of Ethnology Featuring Tết Activities: 04-05 Feb there will be a festival about the culture of Tây Bắc people, especially Thái Culinary, Hmong Culinary, Khơ Mú Culinary. Activities involving, calligraphy, traditional costumes and games, Dong Ho painting etc. will happen during the festival.
- Exhibitions: "The exhibition introduces the regional culture" at the Exhibition 93 Dinh Tien Hoang and "Have a heart Truong Sa in Hanoi" at 45 Trang Tien Exhibition House .
- Historical Sightseeing : Hoa Lo Prison, Hanoi Museum , Ngoc Son temple will be open during Tet
- Van Mieu (Temple of Literature): 54B Quoc Tu Giam Street, Dong Da Dist. Spring calligraphy opens for Tết celebration (21 Jan 2017-11 Feb 2017)
- Water Puppet Show: Thang Long Water puppet show will be open during New Year. This unique art is the achievement of Vietnamese creation, which reflects the lifestyle, behavior, and the attitude towards Gods, nature and human beings.
- Thong Nhat Park: 354 Le Duan will open throughout the New Year festival and will have lots of activities, special performances.

- Cinemas will remain open. Check their web pages for viewing times (www.megastarmedia.net) (www.lottecinemavn.com) (http://platinumcineplex.vn/vi.html, https://www.galaxycine.vn/)
- Other Festivals surrounded Hanoi
- Lim Festival: Lim town, Tien Du District, Bac Ninh: 08-09 Feb 2017
- Perfume Pagoda: Huong Son Commune, My Duc Dist, Hanoi: 02 Feb 2017 till the end of Apr.
- Yen Tu Pagoda, Quang Ninh: 06 Feb till the end of Apr



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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Santa Fe in the Community

John Hopkins Breast Cancer Research Fund

Santa Fe is proud to be a founding member of the Johns Hopkins Research Fund that supports research and treatment of breast cancer.

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Animal Rescue Center (ARC)

Santa Fe is proud to support the Animal Rescue Center (ARC), which is an organization care for shelter dogs and cats, conduct adoption counseling, assist clients and veterinary staff, provide foster care. We sponsored for their events every year.

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

- Spring Race – 6 Mar at Vietnam Golf & Country Club
- Saigon Cyclo Challenge – 19 Mar at Celadon City
- Vietnam Victory Challenge Trail Run – 19 Mar in Dalat
- Red Bull Champion Dash – 15 Apr in Phu My Hung
- Color Me Run – 16 Apr in D2
- AmCham US Independence Day Celebration: early Jul in D2
- Danang International Marathon – Aug in Dalat
- BGV Fun Run for Charity: Sep in D7
- Vietnam Mountain Marathon: 24 Sep in Sapa
- Saigon Melbourne Cup: Oct
- Terry Fox Run for Charity: Nov in D7
- Christmas Charity Bazaar: new venue to be advised
- BIS Christmas BISzaar: Dec at BIS
- AmCham Governors' Ball: Dec in D1
- AmCham Breakfast with Santa Fe: Dec in D1



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Ho Chi Minh City Opening Hours 2017

Establishment	Dist.	Type	25-Jan	26-Jan	27-Jan	28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	01-Feb	02-Feb	03-Feb
3T	1	R										
Al Fresco	1	R				3pm-11pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm
Annam Gourmet - Hai Ba Trung	1	G										
Annam Gourmet - Saigon Center	1	G			8am-12am							
Apocalypse Now	1	B										
Aqua Day Spa	1	SP										
AO Show	1	E										
Au Parc	1	C, R										
Barbecue Garden	1	R										
Basilico	1	R										
BrotZeit	1	R					3pm-12pm	3pm-12pm	3pm-12pm			
Café Restaurant	1	R										
Carpaccio	1	R										
Chanh Bistro												
Rooftop	1	R	4pm-12pm	4pm-12pm	4pm-12pm							
Chill Skybar	1	B										
Chi Hoa	1	R			11am-9pm	11am-11pm	11am-11pm	11am-11pm	11am-11pm			
Chuck's Burger	1	R			12am-8pm	12am-8pm	12am-8pm	12am-8pm	12am-8pm			
Central Parc Banh Mi	1	R										
Ciao Bella	1	R			5pm-11pm	5pm-11pm	5pm-11pm	5pm-11pm				
Crumbs	1	G								take order		
Corso	1	R										
Cuc Gach Quan	1	R										
Diamond Plaza	1	S			9.30am-4pm							
Drunken Duck	1	B										
El Gaucho	1	R										
Elbow Room	1	R										
Fanny's Icecream	1	C				2pm-11pm						
Gloria Jean's	1	C										
Glow Spa	1	SP										
Garnesh	1	R										
Golden Elephant	1	R				3pm-10pm						

We tried our best to include your favorite establishments but we might have missed a few. Please give us your feedback Vietnam@santaferelo.com.

Establishment	Dist.	Type	25-Jan	26-Jan	27-Jan	28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	01-Feb	02-Feb	03-Feb
Hard Rock Café	1	B			11am-10pm		5pm-12pm					
Hatvala	1	C										
Hoa Tuc	1	R										
Hoang Yen	1	R										
Hoang Yen Buffee	1	R										
Hog's Breath Café	1	R										
Hungry Pig, The	1	R										
Jasmine	1	BS			8am-12am							
Jaspa's Wine & Grill	1	R			12am-9pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm		
K-Café	1	R										
L'Apothiquaire	1	SP, BS										
Kabin	1	R										
Koh Thai	1	R										
KOTO (kumho)	1	R			4pm-10pm	4pm-10pm	4pm-10pm	4pm-10pm	4pm-10pm			
La Hostaria	1	R										
La Phong	1	R										
Le Banh Mi	1	R										
Le Cochon D'or	1	G			8am-11am							
Le Jardin	1	R										
L'Usine	1	C										
Market 39	1	R										
May	1	R										
Nam Giao	1	R				10am-10pm						
New York												
Steakhouse	1	R										
Osaka Ramen	1	R										
Pasha	1	R										
Pasteur Street												
Brewery	1	B										
Phatty's	1	C										
Propaganda	1	R			8am-10pm	8am-10pm	8am-10pm	8am-10pm				
Quan Bui 2	1	R										
Racha Room	1	R										
Red Apron	1	W										
Refinery	1	R										
Relish & Sons	1	R, B										

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Saffron	1	R										
Saigon Zoo	1	E										
Seventeen Saloon	1	B										
Skewers	1	R										
SkyDeck	1	A										
Spa Tropic	1	SP										
Sorae	1	R						6pm-10pm	6pm-10pm	6pm-10pm		
Stoker	1	R										
Storm P	1	B										
Subway (Le Thanh Ton)	1	R										
Tandoor	1	R										
Temple Club	1	R							6pm-12am			
The Society	1	R, B			6pm-12am	6pm-12am	6pm-12am	6pm-12am				
Tuk Tuk Thai					10am-9pm							
Bistro	1	R										
Urban Kitchen	1	R										
Vesper's	1	B										
Vincom	1	S										
Warda	1	R										
Warehouse, The	1	W										
Westcoast Dental	1			9am-1pm			9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm		
XU Restaurant												
Lounge	1	R, B										
YuChu	1	R										
Zen Saigon	1	R		11am-12pm	11am-12pm	11am-12pm	11am-12pm					
Agnes Café	2	C										
Al Fresco	2	R			8.30am-9pm	3pm-11pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm
Annam Gourment	2	G										
An Phu												
Supermarket	2	G			8am-3pm							
Authentic Spa	2	SP										
Boat House	2	R										
Buddha Bar	2	B										
Classic Fine Foods	2	G										
Chloe Cosme	2	SP										
Concept Coiffure	2	BS										
Cork and Bottle	2	B										

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La Plancha	2	R										
La Villa	2	R										
Lee's Noodle												
Kitchen	2	R										
Lubu	2	R										
Mad House	2	R							11am-11pm			
Mekong Merchant	2	R										
Metro	2	SM			8am-12pm			5am-4pm				
Organic Shop, The	2	G										
Papagayo	2	R										
Pendolasco	2	R										
Phat's Dumpling	2	R										
Quynh's Salon	2	BS										
Red Apron	2	W										
Silkworkwax	2	SP										
Snap Café	2	C, R										
Sweet + Sour												
Bakery	2	C										
Tama River	2	R										
The Deck	2	R										
Trois Gourmands	2	R										
Voelker Bakery	2	G		7am-1pm	7am-1pm	7am-1pm	7am-1pm	7am-1pm				
Au Lac Do Brazil	3	R										
Dong Pho	3	R										
Khoi Thom	3	R, B										
La Camargue	3	R					3pm-1am					
Nam Phan	3	R										
OnTop Bar	3	B										
SHRI	3	R										
TIB	3	R										
YKC Hair Studio & Spa	3	SP, BS										
Annam Gourmet	7	G										
Boomerang Bistro												
Saigon	7	R				3pm-11pm						
Lotte Mart	7	SM										
Veggy's		G			8am-12pm							
Suoi Tien	9	E										

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Dam Sen	11	E										
Dai Nam Theme Park	Binh Duong Tan	E										
Harvest Baking	Binh	G										
Aeon Mall		SM		9am-10pm	9am-6pm	12am-10pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm	12am-9pm
Baskin Robbins		R										
Burger King	2	R										
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf		C			8am-9:30pm							
CoopMart		SM	6am-12am	6am-12am	8am-12pm							
Domino's Pizza		R			10am-3pm							
KFC		R			9am-9pm	12am-11pm						
McDonalds		R										
CGV Cinema		M										
Pizza Hut		R										
Pho 24		R										
Phuc Long		C										
Popeyes		R										
Starbucks		R			8am-12pm	2pm-11pm						
Tous Les Jours		G										

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Alfresco	Tay Ho	R		11am-9pm		2pm-9pm			11am-9pm		
Amato	Hoan Kiem	R									
Asahi Sushi	Hai Ba Trung	R	11am-10pm		11am-02pm	5pm-10pm			11am-10pm		
Bancong Deli	Tay Ho	R									
Bar-rique Brasserie	Hoan Kiem	R									
Cau Go Restaurant	Hoan Kiem	R					10am-10pm				
Chim Sao	Hai Ba Trung	R									
Chops	Tay Ho	R		noon-10pm					noon-10pm		
Com Ga	Hoan Kiem	R									
Cousins	Tay Ho	R		from 05pm-10pm					from 05pm-10pm		
Cousins	Ba Dinh	R	10am-11pm								
Da Paolo	Tay Ho	R	11am-11pm								
Dalcheeni	Tay Ho	R									
Don's Tay Ho	Tay Ho	R				5pm-11pm	5pm-11pm		5pm-11pm	5pm-11pm	
Donkey Bakery	Tay Ho	R									
French Grill	Tu Liem	R									
El Gaucho Steakhouse	Tay Ho	R									
El Gaucho Steakhouse	Hoan Kiem	R									
Gizmo	Delivery	R									
Green Mango	Hoan Kiem	R									
Green Tangerine	Hoan Kiem	R									
Highway 4 Bat Su	Hoan Kiem	R			8am-2pm		noon-12am				
Highway 4 Hang Tre	Hoan Kiem	R			8am-2pm		noon-12am				
India Palace	Tay Ho	R									
Jackson's steakhouse	Hoan Kiem	R				12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	
Jafa	Hai Ba Trung	R				12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	
Jaspas	Hoan Kiem	R				12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	
Khazaana	Hoan Kiem	R									
Kitchen	Tay Ho	R									
KOTO	Dong Da	R	8am-10pm				11am-5pm			8am-10pm	
Ky Y	Hai Ba Trung	R									
La Badiane	Hoan Kiem	R									
La Bodega	Long Bien	R									
La Plume Bistro & Lounge -	Hoan Kiem	R									

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La Table du Chef - Press Club	Hoan Kiem	R									
La Verticale	Hoan Kiem	R									
Le Jardin	Tay Ho	R					10am-10pm				
Le Petit Bruxelles	Hoan Kiem	R									
Linguini Fini	Tay Ho	R									
Loving Hut Hoa Dang	Hoan Kiem	R,G									
Luna D'autunno	Hoan Kiem	R									
Madame Hien	Hoan Kiem	R									
Madam' & Madame Hien (Ngo van So)	Hoan Kiem	R									
Maison De Tet Décor	Tay Ho	R									
Mamma Mia	Hoan Kiem	R									
Mediterraneo	Hoan Kiem	R									
Millenium Café des Arts	Hoan Kiem	R									
Moose and Roo Smokehouse	Hoan Kiem	R			11am-10pm	11am-10pm	11am-10pm	11am-10pm	11am-10pm		
Moose and Roo Vietnam Pub	Hoan Kiem	R			11am-10pm	11am-10pm	11am-10pm	11am-10pm	11am-10pm		
Namaste	Hoan Kiem	R									
Nha Hang Ngon	Hoan Kiem	R									
Panam'Creperie	Hoan Kiem	R									
Paris Deli	Hoan Kiem	R		8am-10pm					8am-10pm		
Pepe la Poule	Tay Ho	R									
Pizza 4P's	Hoan Kiem	R									
Porte d'Annam	Hoan Kiem	R									
Pots 'N Pan	Hoan Kiem	R					8am-11pm				
Puku Cafe	Hoan Kiem	R					noon-02am				
Republic	Tay Ho	R				12pm-10pm	12pm-10pm	12pm-10pm	12pm-10pm		
Rico Steakhouse	Hoan Kiem	R									
Rockstore	Hoan Kiem	R,B									
S&L's Dinner	Hoan Kiem	R									
Saint Honore	Tay Ho	R			7am-3pm	11am-7pm			9am-9pm		
Salt'n Lime	Tay Ho	R									
Stop Café	Hoan Kiem	R									
Sushi Dokoro Yutaka	Tay Ho	R									
Sushibar	Tay Ho	R									
Tandoor	Hoan Kiem	R									
Tierra Wine Bar	Hoan Kiem	R									
Thien Phat	Hoan Kiem	R									

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The Hanoi Social Club	Hoan Kiem	R									
The Little Hanoi Restaurant	Hoan Kiem	R				everyday 10am-10pm					
Vine	Tay Ho	R									
Wild Lotus	Hoan Kiem	R									
88 Lounge	Tay Ho	B									
Furbrew	Tay Ho	B									
Red River Tea Room	Tay Ho	B					4pm until late				
Rumors Pub	Tay Ho	B									
The Kneippe	Tay Ho	B									
Camelia (Melia Hotel)	Hoan Kiem	B					5pm-2am				
Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf	Tay Ho	C				10am-10pm					
Cong Caphe	Tay Ho	C									
Emm's (Urban Café)	Ba Dinh	C									
Hanoi Sandwich House	Tay Ho	C									
Joma Bakery	Hoan Kiem	C									
Manzi Artspace	Ba Dinh	C									
Moca café	Hoan Kiem	C									
Starbucks	Hoan Kiem	C			8pm-noon	noon-23pm					
Tadioto Café	Hoan Kiem	C									
The Kafe	Hoan Kiem	C									
Annam Gourmet	Tay Ho	SM									
Citimart - Somerset Grand	Hoan Kiem	SM			9am-noon						
Fivimart Aeon	Tay Ho	SM									
Mega Market (ex-Metro)	Hoang Mai	SM			9am-noon						
O'Douceurs	Hoan Kiem	Bakery	8am-5pm								
O'Douceurs	Tay Ho	Bakery	8am-5pm								
Dan Shop - Hanoi Lakeview	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	Vietnam	G									

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Veggy's	Tay Ho	G	8am-8pm								
Vinmart - Royal City	Thanh Xuan	G			9am-noon						
Yuki's	Tay Ho	G					9am-6pm				
Big C	Cau Giay	S			9am-noon						
Aeon Mall	Long Bien	S			10am-6pm	noon-10pm					
Chula fashion	Hoan Kiem	S					10am-6pm				
Tan My Design	Hoan Kiem	S		8am-4pm						9am-5pm	
Bookworm	Ba Dinh	E					9am-7pm				
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									
Elite Fitness	Tay Ho	A	9am-6pm				8am-6pm			9am-6pm	
L'Espacé	Hoan Kiem	A	8am-10pm		8am-2pm						
Viet Climb	Tay Ho	A									
Hanoi Club - Yen Phu	Tay Ho	A,K									
Little Gym Hanoi	Thanh Xuan	K									
Play Café	Tay Ho	K									
A Top Spot Beauty Salon	Hoan Kiem	Spa	9am-8pm								
Lancy Spa	Tay Ho	Spa	9am-7pm								
Santal Spa	Tay Ho	Spa									
Zen Spa	Tay Ho	Spa	9am-21pm								
zen	Hoan Kiem	BS	8am-7pm		8am-3pm					8am-7pm	
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									8am-8pm
Asvelis	Tay Ho	VET									
Family Medical Practice	Dong Da	Medical									
International SOS/Raffles	Tay Ho	Medical									
Peace Dental	Chuc Bach	Dental									
Westcoast Dental	Tay Ho	Dental									

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