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## FOOD GUIDE

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# VIETNAM | FOOD GUIDE

Vietnamese food may not win any awards for complexity, but it is distinct, unforgettable and fulfilling. The cuisine relies on a balance of salty, sweet, sour and hot flavours the strength of these, and meat or fish involved is dependent on the area and availability, therefore North, Central and South Vietnam have their own individual taste identity. History has also played its part in influencing each regions specialities although one aspect is generally consistent in that dishes use plenty of fresh herbs but tend not to be overly spicy, as chilli sauces are served separately.

## LOCAL SPECIALTIES

**Pho**  
Vietnam in a bowl.

**Com hen**  
Rice comes with a rich broth and tiny clams harvested from Hue's Perfume River.

**Banh xèo**  
A large crepe filled with loads of tasty goodies.

**Canh chua**  
Tangy tamarind-flavoured soup embodies the Mekong Delta's abundance.

**Mi quang**  
Named after its native province of Quang Nam in central Vietnam.

**Cao Lau**  
The signature noodle dish of Hoi An.

**Banh khot**  
A speciality of Ba Ria-Vung Tau province, small sweet-and-savoury prawn pancakes.

## RESTAURANT LIST

### Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

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| <p><b>Name</b> : Hoi An Restaurant</p> <p><b>Type of cuisine</b> : Vietnamese</p> <p><b>Address</b> : 11 Le Thanh Ton street, District 1. HCMC</p> <p><b>Website</b> : <a href="http://www.orientalsaigon.com.vn/hoian/">www.orientalsaigon.com.vn/hoian/</a></p> <p><b>Average price</b> : \$\$\$\$</p> <p><b>Dress code</b> : Smart Casual</p> <p><b>Opening Hour</b> : 11:30am - 2:00pm, 5:30pm - 10:30pm</p> <p><b>Our Opinion</b> : <i>The fragrant aroma of jasmine, ambient lighting and friendly staff just add to this luxurious setting in which to enjoy lunch or dinner. The cuisine is traditional Vietnamese and served family style.</i></p> | <p><b>Name</b> : Huynh Hoa Binh Mi (Baguette)</p> <p><b>Type of cuisine</b> : Vietnamese Sandwich</p> <p><b>Address</b> : 26 Le Thi Rieng street, District 1. HCMC</p> <p><b>Website</b> : -</p> <p><b>Average price</b> : \$</p> <p><b>Dress code</b> : Casual...like 'really' casual!</p> <p><b>Opening Hour</b> : 3:00pm – 10:00pm</p> <p><b>Our Opinion</b> : <i>One of the best places to try Vietnam's famous street food, Binh Mi in Saigon. With 6-7 layers of meat wrapped in a nice, crisp baguette this is a must-try for all the meat lovers.</i></p>  |
| <p><b>Name</b> : Hoa Tuc Restaurant</p> <p><b>Type of cuisine</b> : Asian, Vietnamese, Contemporary</p> <p><b>Address</b> : 74/7E Hai Ba Trung street, district 1. HCMC</p> <p><b>Website</b> : <a href="http://www.hoatuc.com/wordpress/">www.hoatuc.com/wordpress/</a></p> <p><b>Average price</b> : \$\$-\$\$\$</p> <p><b>Dress code</b> : Smart Casual</p> <p><b>Opening Hour</b> : 11:00am – 11:00pm</p> <p><b>Our Opinion</b> : <i>A lovely restaurant tucked away in a picturesque and lively courtyard right in the heart of Saigon. It's cosy and welcoming with a great atmosphere...</i></p>   | <p><b>Name</b> : Mandarine Restaurant</p> <p><b>Type of cuisine</b> : Vietnamese</p> <p><b>Address</b> : 11A Ngo Van Nam Street , District 1 HCMC</p> <p><b>Website</b> : <a href="http://www.orientalsaigon.com.vn/mandarine/">www.orientalsaigon.com.vn/mandarine/</a></p> <p><b>Average price</b> : \$\$\$\$</p> <p><b>Dress code</b> : Smart</p> <p><b>Opening Hour</b> : 11:30am - 2:00pm, 5:30pm - 11:00pm</p> <p><b>Our Opinion</b> : <i>The cuisine has influences from all the regions of Vietnam using a variety of herbs and spices and guests are treated to a nightly traditional string instrument performance.</i></p>  |
| <p><b>Name</b> : Hum restaurant</p> <p><b>Type of cuisine</b> : Vietnamese Vegetarian, Vegan &amp; Gluten Free Options</p> <p><b>Address</b> : 02 Thi Sach street, District 1. HCMC</p> <p><b>Website</b> : <a href="http://www.humvietnam.vn/en/home/">www.humvietnam.vn/en/home/</a></p> <p><b>Average price</b> : \$\$-\$\$\$</p> <p><b>Dress code</b> : Smart Casual</p> <p><b>Opening Hour</b> : 10:00am – 10:00pm</p> <p><b>Our Opinion</b> : <i>A great choice not only for vegetarians but also for those who crave fresh lovingly prepared food delivered in relaxing atmospheric surroundings.</i></p>  | <p><b>Name</b> : Noir.</p> <p><b>Type of cuisine</b> : European, Asian, Vietnamese, International, Fusion, Vegetarian Friendly</p> <p><b>Address</b> : Lane 178 Hai Ba Trung Street, Da Kao Ward, District 1 HCMC</p> <p><b>Website</b> : <a href="http://www.noirdininginthedark.com">www.noirdininginthedark.com</a></p> <p><b>Average price</b> : \$\$</p> <p><b>Dress code</b> : Nobody is watching!!</p> <p><b>Opening Hour</b> : 11:30am - 2:00pm, 5:30pm - 11:00pm</p> <p><b>Our Opinion</b> : <i>A unique dining in the dark experience! Served flawlessly by mute, deaf and blind staff with a choice of superb menus the challenge is on to test your palate and taste buds.</i></p> |



## Hanoi

**Name** : 'Home' Restaurant  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese Fusion  
**Address** : 34 Chau Long Street, Ba Dinh District.  
Hanoi  
**Website** : [www.homehanoirestaurant.com/vietnamesefood/our-home.html](http://www.homehanoirestaurant.com/vietnamesefood/our-home.html)  
**Average price** : \$\$-\$\$\$  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 11:00am - 2:00pm, 5:00pm - 10:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *Don't miss out...this is a "must visit" when in Hanoi...The interior space befits the exterior majesty with a modern twist on traditional style.*

**Name** : **Pho Thin**  
**Type of cuisine** : Beef Pho (Vietnamese Noodle soup)  
**Address** : 13 Lo Duc, Hai Ba Trung District.  
Hanoi  
**Website** : -  
**Average price** : \$  
**Dress code** : Casual...like 'really' casual!  
**Opening Hour** : 5:00am – 9:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *Want to eat Pho like a local, then this is the place. They only serve beef pho...so no menu to choose from and you pay on entry.*

**Name** : **Duongs Restaurant**  
**Type of cuisine** : International, Vietnamese Fusion  
**Address** : 27 Ngo Huyen, Hanoi Old Quarter,  
Hoan Kiem District Hanoi  
**Website** : [duongsrestaurant.com](http://duongsrestaurant.com)  
**Average price** : \$\$  
**Dress code** : Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 10:00am – 10:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *The head chef and indeed owner of this restaurant, Duong, having appeared for many years on Vietnams TV shows 'Top Chef' and 'Iron Chef'. Served with discerning eye for detail and presentation, within stylish and understated, elegant surroundings this is one not to miss.*

**Name** : **Ngon Villa**  
**Type of cuisine** : Street Food, Vietnamese  
**Address** : No 10, Tong Duy Tan Str,  
Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi  
**Website** : [www.ngonvilla.com](http://www.ngonvilla.com)  
**Average price** : \$\$  
**Dress code** : Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 10:00am - 2:00pm, 5:00pm - 10:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *Built in 1889 for a French army captain, Ngon Villa magnificently reflects this fascinating period of Vietnam's history yet is in the heart of one of Hanoi's local food streets.*

**Name** : **Madame Hien Restaurant**  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese  
**Address** : 15 Chân Cầm, Hoàn Kiếm  
Hanoi  
**Website** : [verticale-hanoi.com/detail/res/1/](http://verticale-hanoi.com/detail/res/1/)  
**Average price** : \$\$-\$\$\$  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 11:00am – 11:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *The restaurant is one of the ventures of the most celebrated French chefs in Vietnam – Didier Corlou. Madam Hien's menu is only authentic Vietnamese food. Served a French antique Villabuilding designed by the chief architect of the renowned Hanoi Opera House,*

**Name** : **Bahn Mi 25**  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese  
**Address** : 25 Hang Ca Street,  
Hoan Kiem District OR 174 Yên Phụ,  
Tây Hồ Hanoi  
**Website** : [www.facebook.com/banhmi25/](http://www.facebook.com/banhmi25/)  
**Average price** : \$  
**Dress code** : Casual...like really casual!  
**Opening Hour** : 7:00am – 7:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *Try either of the Bahn Mi 25 places. Fresh ingredients, clean locations and friendly service...also great prices, ensure this snack will hit the spot.*

## Hoi An

**Name** : **Streets Restaurant Café**  
**Type of cuisine** : Asian, Vietnamese, International,  
Vegetarian Friendly  
**Address** : 17 Le Loi Street, Hoi An  
**Website** : [www.streetsinternational.org](http://www.streetsinternational.org)  
**Average price** : \$  
**Dress code** : Casual  
**Opening Hour** : Daily 12:00pm - 10:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *With food inspired by chefs from around the world, the menus at STREETS feature the highest standards of carefully selected contemporary Vietnamese and International cuisine.*

**Name** : **Ancient Faifo**  
**Type of cuisine** : Asian, Vietnamese, Contemporary,  
Fusion  
**Address** : 66 Nguyen Thai Hoc Street, Hoi An  
**Website** : [www.ancientfaifo.com.vn](http://www.ancientfaifo.com.vn)  
**Average price** : \$\$-\$\$\$  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : Daily 7:00am - 10:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *Ancient Faifo has its own art gallery that showcases local Vietnamese artists' works on a regular basis. In line with its historical prominence, the menu presents ancient recipes with a touch of modern fusion.*

**Name** : **Cargo Club Restaurant**  
**Type of cuisine** : Cafe, European, Asian, Vietnamese,  
International  
**Address** : 107 – 109 Nguyen Thai Hoc street,  
Hoi An town  
**Website** : [msvy-tastevietnam.com/cargo-club/](http://msvy-tastevietnam.com/cargo-club/)  
**Average price** : \$\$-\$\$\$  
**Dress code** : Casual  
**Opening Hour** : Daily 8:00am - 11:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *Cargo Club is located in a beautifully restored shop house with a spacious inside dining area on the first floor and a lovely open-air terrace that overlooks the river.*

**Name** : **Home Restaurant**  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese  
**Address** : 112 Nguyen Thai Hoc Street, Hoi An  
**Website** : [www.homehoianrestaurant.com](http://www.homehoianrestaurant.com)  
**Average price** : \$\$-\$\$\$  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 12:00pm - 10:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *A welcome addition to the Hoi An restaurant scene Home serves authentic meals using local produce in a vintage house with modern décor. Attention to details goes beyond the food to all aspects of ambience and service... you won't be disappointed!*








**Name** : **Mango Mango**  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese  
**Address** : 45 Nguyen Phuc Chu, Hoi An  
**Website** : [www.themangomango.com](http://www.themangomango.com)  
**Average price** : \$\$-\$\$\$  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 7:00am - 10:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *It's a little pricier than other restaurants in town...but offers modern fusion Vietnamese food with a super view if you can grab an outside or balcony seat...plus the cocktails must be the best in town!*

**Name** : **Ba Buoi Chicken Rice**  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese Com Ga (Chicken Rice)  
**Address** : 22 Phan Chu Trinh, Hoi An  
**Website** : -  
**Average price** : \$  
**Dress code** : Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 10:30am - 8:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *For a taste of something truly Hoi An and for a real local feel try the Ba Buoi at Com Ga Ba Buoi. Opened by a family in the 1950's this eatery is one of the oldest in Hoi An and is located in a small house, has strict opening times to ensure quality and consistency.*



## Hoi An

<b>Name</b>	: <b>Banh Mi Phuong</b>
 <b>Type of cuisine</b>	: Vietnamese Banh Mi (Sandwich)
 <b>Address</b>	: 2B Phan Chau Trinh street, Hoi An town
 <b>Website</b>	: -
 <b>Average price</b>	: \$
 <b>Dress code</b>	: Casual
 <b>Opening Hour</b>	: 6:15am - 9:30pm
 <b>Our Opinion</b>	: <i>Madam Phuong has been in business for 25 years starting with a food stand and is now serving 'allegedly' the best banh mi in the whole of Vietnam from her shop in Hoi An.</i>

<b>Name</b>	: <b>Thanh Cao lau</b>
 <b>Type of cuisine</b>	: Vietnamese Hoi An Noodles
 <b>Address</b>	: 26 Thai Phien street, Hoi An town
 <b>Website</b>	: -
 <b>Average price</b>	: \$
 <b>Dress code</b>	: Casual
 <b>Opening Hour</b>	: 7:00am - 7:00pm
 <b>Our Opinion</b>	: <i>Ms. Thanh makes one dish: cao lau. And she does it very well. Ask locals where to eat good cao lau and they're likely to point you to this eatery just outside the historic center of town.</i>

## Da Nang

<b>Name</b>	: <b>Waterfront Restaurant &amp; Bar</b>
 <b>Type of cuisine</b>	: Bar, International, European
 <b>Address</b>	: 150 – 152 Bach Dang street, Da Nang City
 <b>Website</b>	: waterfrontdanang.com
 <b>Average price</b>	: \$\$-\$\$\$
 <b>Dress code</b>	: Smart Casual
 <b>Opening Hour</b>	: Daily 9:00 am - 11:00 pm
 <b>Our Opinion</b>	: <i>Waterfront is set over 2 levels, with an upstairs restaurant and downstairs bar. The view from the restaurant of the Dragon Bridge is delightful.</i>

<b>Name</b>	: <b>Pho Viet Kieu</b>
 <b>Type of cuisine</b>	: Vietnamese
 <b>Address</b>	: 201 Le Quang Dao , My An, Ngu Hanh Son, Da Nang
 <b>Website</b>	: www.facebook.com/PhoVietKieu/
 <b>Average price</b>	: \$
 <b>Dress code</b>	: Casual
 <b>Opening Hour</b>	: 11:00am - 2:30pm, 5:00pm - 9:30pm
 <b>Our Opinion</b>	: <i>If you ever find yourself in Danang, by the beach craving Pho this is the place to come. Delicious authentic Vietnamese food in great environment with very reasonable prices....</i>

<b>Name</b>	: <b>Fatfish Da Nang Restaurant &amp; Lounge Bar</b>
 <b>Type of cuisine</b>	: Pizza, Mediterranean, Asian, Bar, Seafood, Pub
 <b>Address</b>	: 439 Tran Hung Dao street, Da Nang city
 <b>Website</b>	: www.fatfishdanang.com
 <b>Average price</b>	: \$\$-\$\$\$
 <b>Dress code</b>	: Smart Casual
 <b>Opening Hour</b>	: Tues - Sun 11:00am - 10:00pm Closed Mondays
 <b>Our Opinion</b>	: <i>This stylish restaurant and lounge bar offers innovative Asian fusion dishes, pizza and wood-fired barbecue all partnered with a great selection of craft beers from Saigon's Pasteur St Brewing.</i>

<b>Name</b>	: <b>Quan Hue Ngon</b>
 <b>Type of cuisine</b>	: Vietnamese BBQ
 <b>Address</b>	: Lot H1-2&3 Pham Van Dong, Son Tra District, Da Nang
 <b>Website</b>	: www.facebook.com/Red-Sky- Danang-127824007323338/
 <b>Average price</b>	: \$
 <b>Dress code</b>	: Casual
 <b>Opening Hour</b>	: Daily 3:00pm - 9:30pm
 <b>Our Opinion</b>	: <i>Ever fancied trying your hand at your own Vietnamese BBQ? Set a little out of the way it is worth it for the value for money, Vietnamese cuisine and helpful friendly staff. If you can...try the beef cooked over hot stones... really tasty.</i>



## Nha Trang

<b>Name</b>	: <b>Sailing Club Nha Trang</b>
 <b>Type of cuisine</b>	: Bar, Seafood, European, Asian, Vietnamese, International
 <b>Address</b>	: 72 - 74 Tran Phu Street, Nha Trang
 <b>Website</b>	: www.sailingclubnhatrang.com
 <b>Average price</b>	: \$\$-\$\$\$
 <b>Dress code</b>	: Smart Casual
 <b>Opening Hour</b>	: 7:30am – 1:30am
 <b>Our Opinion</b>	: <i>This western-influenced establishment has great food and drinks, excellent service and a fabulous beach location...whether its daytime by the beach or nighttime by the bar its one of the best places in town!</i>

## Hue

<b>Name</b>	: <b>Jalapeno Restaurant</b>
 <b>Type of cuisine</b>	: Mexican and Vietnamese
 <b>Address</b>	: 38 Ph_m Ngu Lao Street, Phu Hoi Ward, Hue
 <b>Website</b>	: www.jalapenohue.com
 <b>Average price</b>	: \$\$
 <b>Dress code</b>	: Casual
 <b>Opening Hour</b>	: 6:00am – 11:30pm
 <b>Our Opinion</b>	: <i>With an extensive menu featuring Vietnamese, traditional Hue cuisine and Mexican. Friendly staff and a lovely atmosphere make this place a real treat. Don't forget to try the home made 'fried' ice-cream.</i>

## Sapa

<b>Name</b>	: <b>Moment Romantic Restaurant</b>
 <b>Type of cuisine</b>	: Vietnamese, European
 <b>Address</b>	: 026 Muong Hoa Street, Sapa
 <b>Website</b>	: -
 <b>Average price</b>	: \$\$
 <b>Dress code</b>	: Casual
 <b>Opening Hour</b>	: 6:30am – 10:00pm
 <b>Our Opinion</b>	: <i>A five minute walk away from the centre of Sapa will bring you to this family run restaurant and probably the friendliest place in town. Serving traditional 'home cooked' Vietnamese food, plus the option of western dishes</i>

<b>Name</b>	: <b>Lanterns Vietnamese Restaurant</b>
 <b>Type of cuisine</b>	: European, Asian, Vietnamese, Vegetarian Friendly
 <b>Address</b>	: 34/6 Nguyen Thien Thuat Street, Nha Trang
 <b>Website</b>	: www.lanternsvietnam.com
 <b>Average price</b>	: \$-\$\$
 <b>Dress code</b>	: Casual
 <b>Opening Hour</b>	: 7:00am – 7:00pm
 <b>Our Opinion</b>	: <i>Make a reservation to avoid disappointment. I personally love the hotpot dishes but they serve a variety of cuisines. The staff are friendly and attentive...</i>

<b>Name</b>	: <b>Ancient Town Restaurant</b>
 <b>Type of cuisine</b>	: Seafood, Asian, Vietnamese, Vegetarian Friendly
 <b>Address</b>	: Hue Walking Street, Nguyen Dinh Chieu, Hue
 <b>Website</b>	: www.facebook.com/ ancienttownrestaurant.hue/
 <b>Average price</b>	: \$
 <b>Dress code</b>	: Casual
 <b>Opening Hour</b>	: 3:00pm – 11:00pm
 <b>Our Opinion</b>	: <i>If this restaurant was any closer the the Perfume River it would be in it! Situated on Hue walking street it provides good food at a very reasonable price...but the location is stunning!</i>

<b>Name</b>	: <b>The Hill Station Signature Restaurant</b>
 <b>Type of cuisine</b>	: Vietnamese, European
 <b>Address</b>	: 037 Fansipan St, Sapa
 <b>Website</b>	: thehillstation.com/sapa-signature- restaurant/
 <b>Average price</b>	: \$\$
 <b>Dress code</b>	: Casual
 <b>Opening Hour</b>	: 7:00am – 10:30pm
 <b>Our Opinion</b>	: <i>Serving local food sorced from local people in a warm friendly environment this has got to be a 'must visit' in Sapa. Authentic food with a beautiful ambience.</i>





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