

Tet Nguyen Dan (Lunar New Year)

Feature

Lunar New Year, commonly called Tet, is the most popular holiday and festival in Vietnam. This is the Vietnamese New Year that marking the spring's arrival based on the lunar calendar. The days of Lunar New Year differ from year to year but usually take place at the end of January or February.

Because Vietnamese families are so close, the Lunar New Year is considered the best opportunity for family members to return home and get together. To prepare for the New Year, Vietnamese people spend time shopping for New Year, going to temples and pagodas. Shopping items from food, clothing to home decorations. Vietnamese people believe that the Lunar New Year is an opportunity to enjoy life after a year of hard work, so people forget their hardships and focus on making the celebration as possible.

When to held

The first day of the first year according to Chinese lunar calendar.

Best place to celebrate

During Tet, bustling big cities like Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City are less crowded when more people return to their homeland to celebrate with their families. Hanoi is a great place to enjoy Tet because the Hanoi Opera House usually hosts great parties and fireworks at night. Then, while in the morning you can see people lighting incense and praying for ancestor at Ngoc Son Pagoda or Quan Su Pagoda.

