

# Chef's Table – Gold Prize CULINARY TRIP TO VIETNAM

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## OVERVIEW

Vietnam culinary trip visiting Ho Chi Minh and Hoi An, awarded to the two Chef's Table gold winners – sponsored by NAFDA.

### Included in the prize:

- **Direct return international flights:**
  - (a) Friday 20-09-2019 - VN772  
Depart: 10:15 - Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (SYD)  
Arrive: 16:10 - Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN)
  - (b) Wednesday 25-09-2019 – VN773  
Depart: 20:45 - Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN)  
Arrive: 08:15 - Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (SYD)
- **Interconnecting flights:**
  - (a) Sunday 22-09-2019 – VN122  
Depart: 11:00 – Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN)  
Arrive: 12:20 – Da Nang Airport (DAD)
  - (b) Tuesday 24-09-2019 – VN125  
Depart: 13:00 – Da Nang Airport (DAD)  
Arrive: 14:30 – Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN)
- **Accommodation:**
  - Ho Chi Minh City: 4-star Aristo Hotel (single room)
  - Hoi An: 4-star Emm Hotel (single room)
- **Meals:**
  - All meals as indicated in itinerary below (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- **Transfers:**
  - Transfers to/from Tan Son Nhat/Da Nang Airport Airports and hotels.
  - Transfers to tours
- **Culinary tours:**
  - Variety of culinary tours as indicated in itinerary below.

### Not Included in the prize:

- Spending money for items not included in the above/itinerary (e.g. beverages, gifts, tipping etc)
- Visa entry to Vietnam
- Personal travel insurance
- Passport costs

- Pre/post accommodation
- Transfers to and from Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport on the day of departure and arrival
- Any other items not included in itinerary

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- Flight times subject to change
  - Dates are final and cannot be changed, so please ensure you make prior arrangements for work and family commitments should you win the Gold Prize.
  - The prize and tickets are non-refundable, non-transferable, nor redeemable for cash or other goods or services. The Prize must be taken as offered, and cannot be varied.
  - Tickets cannot be used as part payment of another airfare.
  - Once the prize has been accepted, all passenger information is required, including: Full name as it appears on the passport including middle name, Nationality, Gender, Date of Birth.
  - It is the responsibility of the prize winners to obtain passports, visas and all other documentation required to travel. Please check visa requirements prior to departure when travelling to Vietnam – visit <https://vietnamvisa.govt.vn/australian-citizens/> for more details and complete the online form.
  - It is the responsibility of the prize winner to organise their own personal travel insurance.
  - ClubsNSW and NAFDA waive all responsibility for the travellers
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## DAY 1

Welcome to Vietnam!

Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, you will be transferred to your hotel to relax and enjoy the start of your trip, before dinner at a local restaurant.

## DAY 2

Start the day off with a buffet breakfast at your hotel before embarking on the first tour of the trip. The trip commences with a visit to a local market with the guide Chef as an introduction to the culinary culture and gastronomy of Vietnam.

Once back at the cooking school, the Chef will reveal the dishes you will be cooking, using the ingredients sourced from the market; and then it's all hands-on to replicate the dishes for you to enjoy for lunch.

Following the cooking experience, you have the afternoon free to explore Ben Thanh market, before heading off for dinner at 5:30pm.

Experience the real Saigon during dinner, on the back of a motor bike! Eat your way through 5 popular districts, sampling seafood and dessert along the way.

Retire to the Aristo Hotel at 10pm.

### DAY 3

Begin the day with your hotel buffet breakfast, with a free morning until your airport transfer for your flight to DaNang. Flight departs at 11:00am, and lands in DaNang at 12:20pm.

Upon arrival, your driver will transfer you to a local restaurant for lunch.

After lunch, you will be transferred to the Emm Hotel, where you have the afternoon free to explore local Hoi An, before dinner that evening at a local restaurant.

It's then back to the Emm Hotel to recharge for tomorrow's jam-packed day.

### DAY 4

The day kicks off with buffet breakfast at the hotel; before heading down at 8:30am to the group's meeting point at Hai Scout Café (98 Nguyen Thai Hoc Street, Hoi An Ancient Town).

Visit Hoi An's colourful main market, and experience its amazing sights, sounds and aromas. Interact with local sellers, and sample the array of foods on display.

After exploring the market, it's all aboard a boat for a leisurely 25 minute cruise along the Hoi An River to the Cooking School. Soak in river life along the way, and make sure your camera is handy!

On arrival, explore the cooking school's herb and vegetable garden, before learning about some of Hoi An's and Vietnam's well-known dishes including rice paper rolls, crispy Hoi An pancakes with shrimp, Seafood Salad with mixed Vietnamese Herbs served in Half a Pineapple, Mi Quang chicken noodles. You will also learn the technique of making fresh rice paper.

The cooking lesson runs for about 2 hours in total, with each dish first demonstrated by the Red Bridge chef's, before you're given the opportunity to prepare the same dish.

Included in the class is a brief introduction to the incredible art of Vietnamese food carving – creating a tomato rose and cucumber hand fan.

Relax after a busy morning, and enjoy your creations for lunch!

After lunch, it's back to Hoi An, where you have the afternoon free to explore the city.

At 5:30pm, meet the group at Hoi An Café to sample the delicious local street food delight "Banh Can", while you watch the streets and stalls come to life. It's then time to head out on Vespa's to try the famous "White Rose" Dumplings in town.

After enjoying your entrees, you will head to the lantern lit An Hoi Islet, jump in a local boat for a slow ride alongside the ancient town of Cam Nam Islands, where you will join locals for a seafood starter overlooking the Thu Bon River as the sun sets on Hoi An.

It's then on to a lively local restaurant where the group will cook a hot pot at the table and learn the art of wrap 'n' roll – Vietnamese style!

A short ride through the busy streets and alleys takes you to your last port of call - a recent addition to Hoi An's vibrant dining scene; a modern Vietnamese restaurant in a new neighbourhood, where you will tuck into some tasty BBQ specialties, grilled DIY style at your table! Finish off the evening

with some customary cold beers and the delicious dessert of Banh Flan - a light version of crème caramel.

Head on back to the Emm hotel to unwind after a busy day.

## DAY 5

Enjoy your last hotel buffet breakfast, and free time to soak in the last of Hoi An, before your transfer to DaNang airport for your interconnecting flight to Ho Chi Minh City at 1:00pm.

Once at Tan Son Nhat Airport, walk through to the international terminal to check in for your return flight home to Sydney, departing at 8:45pm.

## DAY 6

Arrival into Sydney Kingsford Smith airport at 8:15am.