

Hoi An Lantern Festival: the food cheat sheet

 The 14th night of every lunar month — every month, all year

EAT THIS

- Cao lầu tastes better by candlelight.
- book a balcony table over Bach Dang street.
- White rose dumplings, bánh mì from the famous counters before they close, and chè sweet soup from the river vendors while the paper lanterns drift.

THE PLAN

- Balcony and riverside tables on lantern nights book out days ahead.
- reserve as soon as you know your dates (the festival follows the lunar calendar; any hotel can confirm the next one).
- An Hoi islet across the bridge is calmer than Bach Dang.
- The night market runs regardless.

When is the Hoi An lantern festival?

Every month on the 14th night of the lunar calendar, all year. Your hotel or any guide can confirm the next date — or plan a trip around one.

Do I need to book restaurants for lantern night?

For a balcony or river view, yes — days ahead. For everything else the Old Town is walk-in as usual, just busier.

THE CROSS-CHECKED TOP 10 — HOI AN

RESTAURANT	CUISINE	PRICE	RATINGS
Tuan Restaurant & Cafe	Vietnamese		G 4.9 · TA 4.9
Nhan's kitchen	Pizza		G 4.9 · TA 4.9
Morning Glory Restaurant	Vietnamese		G 4.2 · TA 4.4
Baba's Kitchen	Indian		G 4.8 · TA 4.8
Firefly Restaurant & Bar	Vietnamese		G 4.9 · TA 4.9
Phi banh mi	Banh Mi		G 4.8 · TA 4.8
Red Bean Restaurant	Vietnamese		G 5.0 · TA 5.0
Nữ Eatery	Vietnamese		G 4.6 · TA 4.7
MIX Greek Restaurant Hoi An	Greek		G 4.6 · TA 4.8
Pause And Enjoy Restaurant	Seafood		G 4.9 · TA 5.0

BOOK BEFORE IT'S GONE

Festival dates mean festival demand. Tables with views and hotels near the action go to whoever booked first — use the live guide for tours, tables and hotels:

restaurantshoian.com/lantern-festival-dining