

# THE SEASONED TRAVELLER

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## HAPPY TET AT THE PARK

Join us to celebrate Tet or Lunar New Year with exciting offers for the whole family.



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Tet, a shortened form of Tet Nguyen Dan, is the most important and popular traditional festival in Vietnam, celebrating the first three days of the first month of the Lunar calendar. This 2019, it will be held from February 5 to 7.

Come celebrate this festive month with our enticing dining offers.

# HAPPY TET CELEBRATION



## FIRST DRINK ON US AT AFTER 5

This February, take your friends and colleagues out for after-work drinks at After 5 because the first drink is on us. Enjoy chilled-out beats as you nibble on delicious snacks and watch the sun set across Saigon's city skyline.

While you are there, simply post one or more photos of your time at After 5, with hashtag #After5, and tag or check in at Park Hyatt Saigon Restaurants and Bars on Facebook. Don't forget to set your post to public views and comments. Then, show the post to our staff and enjoy a complimentary drink. One complimentary drink per guest per day. After 5 is open from 5 pm until late every day.



## LUCKY LION DANCE

To usher in the Year of the Pig, Park Hyatt Saigon will present a traditional Lion Dance performance in the lobby at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, 5 February 2019. This cultural act is performed to attract good luck for the coming year. Please join us for the performance on this very auspicious first day of the Lunar New Year.



## SUNDAY BRUNCH AT OPERA

Forget your busy days and ease into a relaxing Sunday at Opera restaurant to celebrate the arrival of the lunar new year 2019. Wake up a little late and indulge in authentic Italian flavours with delicious seafood, roasted meats and delightful desserts. You can choose from three packages:

- **La Domenica Chic:** VND 2,090,000\* per person including Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut Champagne, house wines, cocktails, soft drinks, coffee and tea.
  - **Il Pranzo Italiano:** VND 1,580,000\* per person including Bisol Belstar Prosecco DOC Brut, house wines, cocktails, soft drinks, coffee and tea.
  - **Sapori a Tavola:** VND 1,380,000\* per person including coffee and tea.
- Available every Sunday from 12 noon to 3 pm.



## AFTERNOON TEA AT PARK LOUNGE

Ring in the New Year with a lavish afternoon tea experience, designed for you to enjoy with friends and loved ones.

Inspired by the beautifully detailed work of Hanoi Lacquer boxes and exquisite craftsmanship of the French Ercuis serving stands, our Pastry team has created an exceptional High Tea set to celebrate the very best of French and Vietnamese cuisine.

On Saturday and Sunday, we are proud to introduce a unique weekend High Tea experience titled *The Art of Afternoon Tea*. Take a journey through time and explore the famous artistic movements that shaped a century and whose works and legacy carry on today. Have your choice of:

- **Champagne High Tea:** VND 990,000\* per person including one hot beverage and one glass of Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Brut, Yellow Label Champagne.
  - **Sparkling High Tea:** VND 890,000\* per person including one hot beverage, free-flow Chandon Sparkling Brut and Cosmopolitan cocktail.
  - **Park High Tea:** VND 620,000\* per person including one hot beverage.
- Afternoon high tea is available from Monday to Friday from 2 pm to 5 pm. The Art of Afternoon Tea buffet is available every Saturday and Sunday from 2 pm to 5 pm.

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\* All prices are subject to 5% service charge and then 10% VAT

# ENJOY LUNAR NEW YEAR LIKE A SAIGONESE

Tet or Lunar New Year is one of the most important occasions for Vietnamese people. If you are in Saigon during this time, why not check out these activities to celebrate Tet like a Saigonese?



## Try banh tet, the southern version of banh chung

While most people are familiar with the traditional *banh chung* (square cake) during Tet, *banh tet* (cylindrical cake) is in fact more popular in southern Vietnam as well as Saigon. Similar to *banh chung*, the savoury version of *banh tet* is made from glutinous rice, mung bean and pork.

## Take photos at flower markets and Nguyen Hue Flower Street

For Vietnamese people, flowers play an essential role in celebrating Tet. Saigonese often make excursions to the numerous flower markets around the city before Tet to choose an apricot tree and other flowers to bring home for decoration. During Tet, people dress beautifully and flock to Nguyen Hue Flower Street to take photos with the various impressive flower installations and artwork.

## Give and receive lucky money in red envelopes

Red envelopes symbolise good luck and are often given by older members of the family to the younger ones. Nowadays, people also give lucky money to their older family members, as well as their friends and colleagues. Why not prepare some red envelopes to give your loved ones during Tet? You might also receive one in return!

This year, Lunar New Year starts on February 5. If you discover other ways to enjoy Lunar New Year in Saigon, do not hesitate to share it with us via [social.saiph@hyatt.com](mailto:social.saiph@hyatt.com).

# A SWEET VALENTINE TO REMEMBER

For those with a resident bae by your side or still single and fabulous, Valentine's Day is full of expectations. This time, treat your loved one to romantic offers at the Park.

## SAN VALENTINO DINNER AT OPERA

On the night of 14 February, come to Opera for a dreamy four-course set menu paired with Bisol Bel Star Prosecco. The dinner begins with oysters on ice prepared two ways, natural and one tartare with chives and tomato water jelly.

Next, you will enjoy capesante, a pan-seared scallop with eggplant cream, chocolate jelly and cocoa nibs. The first main course is tortelloni ai fiori, ricotta-stuffed ravioli flowers, sautéed calamari and saffron consommé. The dinner continues with risotto scampi e peperoncino, a creamy risotto with scampi and chili and then a heart-shaped strawberry cake as dessert.

## ROMANTIC DINNER AT SQUARE ONE

For a cosier and more exclusive feel, you can dine at Square One restaurant where the menu and quality of service are sure to please.



The romantic four-course dinner on 14 February starts with lobster, rhubarb nage and colours of zucchini and foie-gras poêlé, daikon confit and mint and radish petals. The main dish will be steamed sole with beurre blanc, caviar and asparagus. Then, indulge in lamb prepared two ways (rack and saddle) with artichoke, lemon confit and lamb jus before the almond sablé dessert with pistachio mousseline, raspberry and strawberry ice cream. Our Vietnamese a-la-carte menu is also available at Square One.

## MOULIN ROUGE PARTY AT 2 LAM SON

Do you remember the spectacular Oscar-winning musical from 2001 starring Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor? If you are a fan of this musical, our Moulin Rouge party at 2 Lam Son this Valentine's night is not to be missed. You will be greeted by a Moulin Rouge atmosphere at centre stage and then be dazzled by an unforgettable singing and burlesque dance performance. The details are a tight-lipped secret, so mark the date and come join us with your buddies for a fun and memorable Valentine's bash.

## SWEET CAKES OF LOVE

This Valentine's from 7 to 14 February, an assortment of delightful sweets will be available at Park Lounge and The Pastry Boutique. Choose from a heart-shaped box of chocolate bon bon to a range of creative pastries including Sakura cake from white chocolate mousse with peach compote; Progres with milk chocolate mousse and mango passion crème; and Tiramisu with mascarpone cream, biscuit and espresso coffee punch. All are in beautiful heart shape to signify love and affection. The Sakura cake is also available in whole cake portion.

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## MEET CHEF ÉTIENNE AT SQUARE ONE

Chef Étienne Laffaille began his professional career at a young age and is now our new Chef de Cuisine at Square One restaurant.

### What is your favourite cuisine to cook?

I have always been in love with the "bourgeois French cuisine" which is authentic, rich and pure with magnificent taste.

### Could you share your experience?

After earning a Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality Management, I worked at Michelin-star restaurants in France, including the famous 3-star Michelin L'Ambroisie in Paris where former US President Barack Obama had dinner with former French President Francois Hollande in 2015.

### Why did you choose to come to Saigon?

My grandfather spent some time in Vietnam and always told us how beautiful this country was. Therefore, I decided to come and discover the vibrance of Saigon myself.

### What's something new you will bring to Square One?

As the new Chef de Cuisine, I will continue working on the open road and progress so that customers can enjoy authentic French cuisine, made from the best local and imported ingredients.

## Dining Promotions

- **Opera:** Special Veneto dinner of the month. Available from 6 pm – 10:30 pm daily.
- **Opera Bar:** Complimentary Italian snacks and bites with every order of wine or cocktail at Bacaro Aperitivo. Available from 6 pm – 8 pm every Thursday.
- **2 Lam Son:** Ladies First with a complimentary limitless gin and tonic selection for ladies. Available from 9 pm to 11 pm every Wednesday.
- **Park Lounge:** Live performances by singer Izabella Strychalska from 7:15 pm to 11 pm, Monday to Saturday every week.
- **Square One:** Business Lunch set with regional Vietnamese and upmarket French brasserie styled fare. Available from 12 noon to 2:30 pm from Monday to Friday.



## Gift Certificates for February

- **Sweet Moments** with a signature chocolate or coffee and a portion of The Pastry Boutique cake. From VND 255,000\*.
- **Saturday Brunch** with our Vietnamese and French cuisine. From VND 1,380,000\*.
- **Sunday Brunch** with authentic Italian flavours, roasted meats and delicious seafood. From VND 1,380,000\*.
- **The Art of Afternoon Tea** with signature sweets and pastries inspired by Impressionism. From VND 620,000\*.

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## Destination of the Month



### HO THI KY FLOWER MARKET

A destination for flower lovers, Ho Thi Ky market is where you can buy a wide variety of blooms like lilies, roses, daisies, lotuses, hydrangeas and more. These flowers come from Da Lat, the Mekong Delta as well as other countries. You can also ask the seller to arrange flowers for special purposes such as home decoration or gift giving.

Address: 52 Ho Thi Ky street, District 10.

## City Tour

# HIDDEN GEMS OF SAIGON

Stepping away from popular tourist attractions, the tour begins at Tao Dan Park where you can observe locals practicing their morning exercises and showcasing their birds at the “Birds Club”. We then pass by Thich Quang Duc Memorial and learn about Buddhism during the Vietnam War. Then, you will visit a secret underground arsenal, which was a hiding place for nearly two tons of weapons during the general offensive in 1968. Proceed next to the FITO Museum, where a collection of 3,000 items related to the development of traditional Vietnamese medicine is displayed. Visit a Chinese physician to learn about medicinal herbs before making the last stop at a famous Chinese temple.

This half-day tour includes private transportation, an English-speaking guide, entry fees and a selection of beverages. This tour is available at VND 5,700,000\* for two guests and VND 650,000\* per extra guest.

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## Spa Offer

# SPRING BEAUTY SECRET FROM XUAN SPA



One beauty secret is to take advantage of natural ingredients. The healing power of nature is tremendous, especially during springtime when flowers and plants are in full bloom. This spring, see yourself bloom like a flower with our New Year Package, which includes a 60-minute hydration or soothing facial massage and a 60-minute body massage, using ingredients rooted in the rich biodiversity of the Mekong Delta. Price is VND 2,600,000\* per person per package.

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