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## Hoi An Lantern Festival in Viet Nam (14th day of every month)

**About festival :** Between the colorful Hoi An lantern festival held every month and the local favorite dish Cao Lau, it's debatable which put this little town on the tourist map. The lantern festival has become popular enough that even if your visit isn't on the full moon date you can still participate in the Hoi An traditional full moon festival just about any night. Lanterns are lit every night after the sun has sunk in Hoi An. Candles are placed at the bottom of the colorful paper lanterns. The Hoi An lantern festival is a gorgeous tradition.



History : Hoi An Lantern Festival is a monthly event that transforms the quaint UNESCO World Heritage Site into a spectacular display of paper lanterns. On the 14th day of each lunar month, every shop, restaurant, bar and businesses in the Ancient Town switches off all electricity and relies on hundreds of candles and lanterns. Meanwhile, entrance to all temples is free of charge, where you can see monks and locals holding candlelit ceremonies.





**Activities :** The lanterns are set into the river as an offering and to worship their ancestors as well as the God of the land. This tradition started centuries ago, where on the full moon people from all over the region would come to participate. The practice is still alive today and at 8 pm on the eve of the full moon the lights of the town are shut off, and the only light comes from the lanterns being carried down the river. As beautiful as it was to see, I had visions in my head that the river would be full from bank to bank with colorful light, Hoi An, Vietnam is a beautiful city no matter what the stage the moon is in: Great food, culture, and just a charming town.



