



# Holidays in Vietnam

For all programs

**During 2025**

## Public Holidays

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Jan 1 (WED)	New Year's	We will celebrate with local people. We run: HCM Culture Week Or you can travel on your own.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Placement HCMC/Ha Long Bay</li> <li>• Kindergarten HCMC/ Ha Long Bay</li> <li>• Campus Life (Teaching) HCMC</li> <li>• Working with Disabled Children HCMC</li> <li>• Food Outreach HCMC</li> </ul>
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar (MON-SUN)	Tet Vietnamese New Year***	Join in the celebration of the Vietnamese New Year with local people or change to one of the other programs in operation. We run: Special program* Or you can travel on your own.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Placement HCMC/Ha Long Bay</li> <li>• Kindergarten HCMC/ Ha Long Bay</li> <li>• Working with Disabled Children HCMC</li> <li>• Culture week HCM</li> </ul>
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan- 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus Life (Teaching) HCMC</li> <li>• Food Outreach HCMC</li> </ul>
7 <sup>th</sup> Apr (MON)	Hung Kings Commemorati on	We will celebrate with local people or change to one of the other programs in operation. We run: HCM Culture Week Or you can travel on your own. (Special program will be run from 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr and 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr-2nd May and 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Placement HCMC/Ha Long Bay</li> <li>• Kindergarten HCMC/ Ha Long Bay</li> <li>• Working with Disabled Children HCMC</li> <li>• Food Outreach HCMC</li> <li>• Campus Life (Teaching) HCMC</li> </ul>
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1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> May (THUR and FRI)	International Workers Day		

1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep (MON+TUE)	National Day		
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## General Notes

- Dates may vary slightly due to local conditions.
- Special programs will be arranged based on participant numbers and available activities.

## Program Schedules During Lunar New Year (Tet)

### Week-by-Week Overview

- Jan 20-24: Work Mon-Fri (Culture Week, Medical Placement, Special Needs, Kindergarten, or Special Program).
- Jan 27-31: Work Mon, Tue, Fri (no program Wed and Thu). The special program includes meal preparation for the elderly and underprivileged groups.
- Feb 3-7: Work Mon-Fri (Special Program).
- Feb 10-14: Work Mon-Fri (Primary school or English center).

### Activities During Tet

- Assist in meal preparation, cooking, and serving for elderly individuals, underprivileged groups, and hospital patients.
- Local team provides all necessary materials.
- Location: ~15-minute walk or 5-minute taxi ride from accommodation.
- Working hours: 8 AM - 12:30 PM.

### Alternative Options

- Volunteers may participate in local festivities or use this time to travel.
- If preferred, dates can be adjusted to avoid disruptions; please contact us for assistance.

### Disruptions to Food Outreach and Teaching Projects

- Jan 20 - Feb 15: Both projects were disrupted. Volunteers shift to meal preparation or special programs.
- Teaching English: Classes resume Feb 17. Activities during disruption include working at English centers or primary schools.

## During 2026

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12th Feb -22 Feb (SAT-SUN)	Tet Vietnamese New Year***	<p>Join in the celebration of the Vietnamese New Year with local people or change to one of the other programs in operation. We run:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCM- SPECIAL PROGRAM*</li> <li>• HA LONG BAY- Recycling Project</li> <li>• HA LONG BAY- Waste and Compost Project</li> </ul> <p>Or you can travel on your own.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCMC-Medical Placement</li> <li>• HCMC- Kindergarten</li> <li>• HCMC-Special Need</li> <li>• HCM- Culture Week</li> <li>• CU CHI- Farming</li> <li>• DA LAT- English Teaching</li> <li>• DA LAT- Environmental</li> <li>• DA LAT- Farming</li> <li>• HA LONG BAY- Medical Placement</li> <li>• HA LONG BAY- Kindergarten</li> <li>• HA LONG BAY- Construction</li> </ul>
9th Feb -28th Feb  2th Feb-28th Feb	Tet Vietnamese New Year***	<p>Join in the celebration of the Vietnamese New Year with local people or change to one of the other programs in operation. We run:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCM- SPECIAL PROGRAM*</li> <li>• HA LONG BAY- Recycling Project</li> </ul>	<p>HCMC-Campus Life (Teaching) HCMC-Food Outreach</p>

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### Main Schedule (Special Program)

Week	Work Days	Notes
Feb 2 – Feb 6	Mon–Fri	Normal work
Feb 9 – Feb 13	Mon–Fri	Normal work
Feb 16 – Feb 20	Thu–Fri only	Mon–Wed no work (TET Holiday). Thu & Fri = Special Program
Feb 23 – Feb 27	Mon–Fri	Normal work

### TET Holiday (Feb 16 – Feb 22)

- Vietnamese New Year. Regular programs are paused.

Options during this period:

- Join TET Activities: Help prepare and serve lunch for the elderly and patients (8:00 AM – 12:30 PM, materials provided, nearby location).

- Travel or take time off: Explore the city or rest.
- If these options don't suit you, you may change your volunteering dates (please inform us in advance).

## Food Outreach Program

- Closed from Feb 2 – Feb 28.
- During TET: You can join food prep (special program) or take time off.

## Teaching English Program

Week	Schedule	Notes
Feb 9 – Feb 13	Mon–Thu: Teaching at schools or centers Fri: Travel or Special Program	Transport provided
Feb 16 – Feb 20	Wed–Thu: Special Program Mon, Tue, Fri: No class	Supported by local teachers
Feb 23 – Feb 27	Mon–Thu: Teaching at schools or centers	Transport provided