Consulate General of Italy
Ho Chi Minh City

XI WEEK OF ITALIAN CUISINE IN THE WORLD

Promoted by the Consulate General of Italy in Ho Chi Minh City

ITALIAN GASTRONOMY TAKES CENTRE STAGE IN HO CHI MINH CITY, DA LAT AND VUNG TAU

The Consulate General of Italy in Ho Chi Minh City presents the 11th Week of Italian Cuisine, featuring a programme of culinary events, wine tastings, chef demonstrations and restaurant initiatives across Ho Chi Minh City, Da Lat and Vung Tau, running from 14 to 20 November, with selected initiatives continuing until 15 December 2026.

Launched in 2016 by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the annual Week of Italian Cuisine in the World promotes Italian food culture, regional culinary traditions and the principles of the Mediterranean diet.

The 2026 edition entitled **"Italian Cooking, UNESCO Heritage: Territories and Value Chains of Excellence"**, follows the recognition of Italian cuisine as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. It highlights the links between culinary traditions, local communities, agricultural biodiversity and the quality of regional food products.

The programme is organised by the Consulate General of Italy in Ho Chi Minh City in collaboration with the Italian Trade Agency (ITA), the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam (ICHAM), restaurants, chefs and Italian and Vietnamese business partners. Events will showcase the diversity of Italy's regional cuisines, wines and food products, as well as initiatives exploring the relationship between Italian gastronomy, design and Vietnamese culinary traditions.

The programme will be presented to Vietnamese media on 10 November 2026, during *A Foretaste of the 2026 Week of Italian Cuisine in HCMC*, a tasting lunch featuring a menu designed by Italian chef Luca Cappellato and hosted by the Consul General of Italy, Alessandra Tognonato.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

14 NOVEMBER | DA LAT

Flavours of Italy in the Highlands of Da Lat

An Italian food and wine event at Pasta Fresca Da Lat, featuring artisanal fresh pasta, Italian wines and gourmet products, alongside local specialities prepared by Le Alpi. The programme includes the participation of the Consortium of Prosciutto di Parma, presenting one of Italy's most renowned products and its territory of origin, as well as live music.

Venue: Pasta Fresca Da Lat, BL10, KQH Yersin, Da Lat.

16 NOVEMBER | HO CHI MINH CITY

Italian Fine Dining Experience

Italian Chef Enrico De Martino, from Hyatt Center Hanoi, presents a specially designed menu showcasing Italian regional cuisine and products, with each course paired with a selected Italian wine. The dinner is addressed to invited representatives of Vietnam's business community.

Venue: The Gate Restaurant & Wine Lounge, 17 Thao Dien, An Khanh Ward, Ho Chi Minh City.

17 NOVEMBER | HO CHI MINH CITY

Wine Dinner: Bridging Flavours – A Celebration of Italian Wines and Vietnamese Cuisine

Organised in collaboration with ICHAM, the dinner explores food and wine pairings between Italian wines and Vietnamese specialities, bringing together products and culinary traditions from the two countries.

Venue: Saigon Marina IFC, 2 Ton Duc Thang, Ho Chi Minh City.

18 NOVEMBER | HO CHI MINH CITY

Beyond the Table: The Italian Art of Design and Taste

Organised in collaboration with Upscale, the event combines Italian gastronomy and contemporary design. Italian Chef Fabio Vitale, from New World Saigon Hotel, will prepare a menu featuring traditional Italian dishes and ingredients interpreted through a contemporary approach.

Venue: Upscale Vietnam, The Galleria, The Metropole, B1.21, 20 Nguyen Thien Thanh, An Khanh Ward, Ho Chi Minh City.

18 NOVEMBER | HO CHI MINH CITY

Italian Heritage at B&B

Organised in collaboration with NanoHome and B&B Italia, the dinner features a menu combining Italian and Vietnamese culinary influences, in a setting dedicated to Italian design.

Venue: B&B Italia Saigon, SH03, D'Verano Building, An Khanh Ward, Ho Chi Minh City.

19 NOVEMBER | HO CHI MINH CITY

Launch of CIAO ITALIA! — A Taste of Italian Excellence

Organized by the Italian Trade Agency, with the support of the Consulate General of Italy in HCMC, the official launch of an Italian food and beverage promotion in collaboration with Central Retail Vietnam. The event will include a live cooking demonstration by Italian Chef Giuseppe Amorello of Pendolasco Restaurant, highlighting traditional Italian recipes and the quality of Italian food products available to Vietnamese consumers.

Venue: Tops Market Thao Dien, 12 Quoc Huong, An Khanh Ward, Ho Chi Minh City.

20 NOVEMBER | VUNG TAU

A Taste of Italy: From Heritage to Excellence

A special lunch dedicated to the gastronomic traditions of Central Italy, featuring regional recipes and ingredients that reflect the culinary heritage of the area.

Venue: Luca Pizza & Italian Restaurant, 230 Phan Chu Trinh, Vung Tau Ward, Ho Chi Minh City.

INITIATIVES RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

16–20 NOVEMBER | HO CHI MINH CITY

Special Italian Menus in Ho Chi Minh City

Participating restaurants will offer special menus featuring Italian regional recipes and products, giving the public the opportunity to explore different aspects of Italian cuisine.

Participating restaurants:

- *Pendolasco – 30 Tong Huu Dinh, Ho Chi Minh City.*
- *Bontà – 236/43/6 Dien Bien Phu, Gia Dinh, Ho Chi Minh City.*
- *Parkview café - New World Saigon Hotel – 76 Le Lai, Ben Thành, Ho Chi Minh City.*

16–22 NOVEMBER | HO CHI MINH CITY

CIAO ITALIA! — A Taste of Italian Excellence

With the support of the Consulate General of Italy in HCMC and in collaboration with Central Retail Vietnam, the Italian Trade Agency will organize "CIAO ITALIA! – A Taste of Italian Excellence", a special in-store promotional initiative showcasing Italian food and beverage products across 3 stores in Southern Vietnam: GO! in Nha Trang, GO! Đồng Nai, and Tops Market – Thảo Điền in Ho Chi Minh City.

Venue: Tops Market Thao Dien, 12 Quoc Huong, An Khanh Ward, Ho Chi Minh City

GO! Nha Trang: Lot No. 4, 19/5 Street, Vinh Diem Trung Urban Area, Vinh Hiep Commune, Khanh Hoa Province

GO! Dong Nai: No. 833, Hanoi Highway, Long Binh Tan Ward, Dong Nai City (Vung Tau Crossroads)

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DECEMBER EVENTS

3 DECEMBER | HO CHI MINH CITY

La Notte delle Stelle – An Exclusive Celebration of Italian Cuisine, Design & Lifestyle

An exclusive dinner combining Italian gastronomy and design, with a chef-led culinary experience and a presentation of high-end Italian kitchen solutions. The event will bring together Italian companies and Vietnamese professionals and stakeholders in the luxury residential and design sectors.

> *Venue: Gia Minh Luxury Showroom 123-125 Nguyen Hoang, Binh Trung, Ho Chi Minh City.*

5–6 DECEMBER | HO CHI MINH CITY

Italian Street Food in HCMC

An initiative organised in collaboration with ICHAM, dedicated to Italian street food and its regional specialities.

> *Venue: Saigon Marina IFC, 2 Ton Duc Thang, Ho Chi Minh City.*

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