

Modern Tet

In the past, people had to wait until Tet to eat sticky rice cakes, pork, or chicken. Nowadays, they are all sold year-round. There are still special dishes on the Tet holiday, but many families still make sticky rice cakes to maintain the holiday traditions. Preparation for Tet is no longer as complicated. Everything can easily be bought in a few trips to the shop or with a few mouse clicks or a couple of phone calls.

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Young families spend time during Tet for entertainment, visiting friends, or traveling, but Vietnamese people still preserve many customs, such as visiting ancestors' tombs, cleaning and decorating the house, gathering on New Year's Eve, and giving lucky money.

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Despite many changes, the Lunar New Year is still the largest, busiest, and most jubilant holiday for the Vietnamese people. It is an opportunity to enjoy time together eating well, dressing well, offering good thoughts, and wishing each other good fortune. Most especially, Tet is a time for families to gather, reconnect, and celebrate another peaceful year.

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What do people do nowadays at Tet?

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What old customs are still maintained?

How do you celebrate Tet?