

La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs
Bailliage du Viet-Nam
First Chapitre of Vietnam
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Program of Events

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Currency Conversion

The đồng (/dɒŋ/; Vietnamese: [ˈdɔ̃wŋm̩]); sign: đ; code: VND) has been the currency of Vietnam since May 3, 1978. Issued by the State Bank of Vietnam, it is represented by the symbol "₫".

22,900 Vietnamese dong (VND) converts to approximately one US Dollar (USD). Only licensed currency converters are allowed to convert foreign currency but it is not uncommon to receive a conversion of 20,000 VND through street vendors and shops.

Credit cards are widely accepted throughout Vietnam including in taxis. You will be required to sign in triplicate as the local banks are also mandated by law to keep a copy in their files.

Visa Arrangements

Members are reminded to have their travel documents and visas arranged well in advance of this upcoming event.

Attendees holding the following passports do not require a visa to enter:

ASEAN: Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Laos, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea

Nordic: Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Norway

European: Germany, France, Spain, Italy, United Kingdom (not including Ireland)

The following countries are eligible to acquire an e-visa online:

Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China (except for holders of the newer Chinese e-passport which depicts disputed island territories), Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea (South), Luxembourg, Mongolia, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Timor Leste, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela

The official Vietnamese Government website for e-visa issuance is:

<https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn>

All other nationals are advised to either visit a Vietnamese embassy or may reply back for an introduction to a reputable company that will arrange for visa issuance upon arrival.

Attendees who are not travelling on a Skyteam business class ticket to Ho Chi Minh can arrange for fast track through immigration for a nominal fee.

Hotel Arrangements

Maître Hotelier Carl Gagnon from the M Gallery Hotel des Arts (Accor Hotels) invites members and guests alike to experience one of the finest hotels in Southeast Asia. Special rates apply:

Room type	Room Only	Breakfast	Sky Lounge Access
Deluxe room	3,451,500++ (USD ~150)	3,796,650++ (USD ~165)	No
Grand Deluxe room	4,141,800++ (USD ~180)	4,256,850++ (USD ~185)	No
Sky Executive Deluxe	4,570,000++ (USD ~200)		Yes

Note: rates are quoted in VND (Vietnam Dong) for single occupancy and is subject to 5% service charge and 10% tax.

All reservation inquiries should go to: h9231-re@accor.com; h9231-re1@accor.com; h9231-re2@accor.com; h9231-re3@accor.com (kindly mention your attendance to our upcoming Chaine events to access the above special rates).

Health and Safety Considerations

Ho Chi Minh is a large-bustling city of 13 million residents and is unlike any other city in Vietnam. As in any large city, it is good to always stay vigilant against health risks and petty crime. Vietnam has almost no violent crime but it's best not to leave wallets on tables or purses and electronics unguarded.

When walking on the street, it is advisable that mobile telephones and other electronics remain in your pocket and when in crowded areas such as public markets, be sure to be consistently aware of your surroundings.

Street food is generally safe but those with weak constitutions should avoid. Similarly, not all water coming from taps may be potable. Ice is generally safe to drink and all locally-produced drinking waters are required by law to be sealed with a tamper proof plastic overlay to ensure it is not adulterated.

Please note that Vietnamese nightlife can be extremely loud. To be on the safe side, it is recommended that you consider wearing ear plugs if you plan to enjoy any local night spots. Please feel free to ask the a local Bailliage council member for a disposable pair in case you do not have any earplugs of your own.

Emergency Phone Numbers

Police: 113

Fire: 114

Ambulance – First Aid: 115

Law Consultancy service: 1088

Hospital Contact Numbers

International SOS (24 hours a day):

Address: 167 A Nam Ky, Khoi Nghia Street, District 3

Tel: (84-8) 3829 8424 – 3829 8520

Regional health care group offering full medical treatments including 24-hour emergency service, dental care and medevac

Colombia Asia Saigon (24 hours a day):

Address: 8 Alexandre de Rhodes Street, District 1

Tel: (84-8) 3823 8888

24-hour accident & emergency unit with professional foreign & local doctors

Transportation

Ho Chi Minh City's denizens mostly use motorbikes for personal transport leaving leaving traffic to be fairly smooth-paced and efficient. Tan Son Nhat Airport is conveniently close to the centre of Ho Chi Minh City. It should take no longer than 25 to 30 minutes to reach your hotel even in the peak of rush-hour.

There are a number of taxi transport options but we recommend that you seek to use Vinasun or Mai Linh Taxis as both companies have strict policies relating to the conduct of their drivers as well as decent customer service.

All hotels and fine dining restaurants will have staff on hand to dispatch drivers as needed. You will never have to wait more than five to seven minutes for a taxi except for extreme circumstances (such as when Vietnam was victorious during the AFC U-23 Championship and the streets were completely flooded with revelers).

Vinasun dispatch: +84 28 3827 7178

Mai Linh dispatch: +84 28 3838 3838

Taxi drivers from the above companies will never negotiate flat fares. The meter is automatic.

Both companies also have smartphone applications that will make your day to day life more convenient.

As at current, we do not recommend Grab, Southeast Asia's version of Uber.

Communications

Many countries do not have a mobile roaming agreement with Vietnam's communist-era carriers. Should you need to stay online during your visit, it is recommended that you acquire a SIM card upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport. We recommend VinaPhone and MobiFone as the preferred carriers that should give decent trouble-free internet access while in Vietnam.

The cost of a SIM card should not exceed VND 200,000 (approx. USD \$9).

For those who require less rigorous access to the internet, all hotels, cafes and restaurants in Vietnam offer free internet for their patrons.

Event Itinerary

Overview

	Monday, August 27 th	Tuesday, August 28 th	Wednesday, August 29 th	Thursday, August 30 th	Friday, August 31 st
Early Morning			Cooking Class (8:45 am)		
Lunch Time		Singaporean Lunch (12:00 pm)			Farewell Lunch and Caviar Tasting (12:00)
Afternoon					
Evening	Evening Drinks and Welcome (8:00 pm)	Light Casual Dinner (7:00 pm)		Intronization (5:30 pm) Chapitre Gala (7:00 pm)	London Epic Evening Brunch (7:00 pm)
Late Evening		Evening Drinks (9:30 pm)	Evening Drinks (9:30 pm)	Post Gala Cigars and Digestifs (10:00 pm)	

Monday, August 27th Evening Drinks and Welcome

Rex Hotel Rooftop Bar

Dress:	Casual
Start time:	8:00 pm
Cost:	Pay what you consume
Transportation:	Not Included
Address:	Rex Hotel 141 Nguyen Hue Street, District 1 Ho Chi Minh City
Maximum:	30 people

The Rex Hotel Rooftop Bar was a well-known hangout spot for military officials and war correspondents during the (c. 1955-1975) Resistance War Against America. It features live entertainment and cocktails with entertaining references to a bygone era.

On the evening of August 28th, attendees are welcome to meet Rajesh Taneja, Bailli Delegee of Vietnam, members of his council as well as special and honoured guests who will be present for our Chapitre event on August 30th.

Tuesday, August 28th Singaporean and Peranakan Heritage Lunch

Lion City Le Loi

Dress:	Casual with Ribbons
Start time:	12:00 pm
Cost:	1,500,000 VND (approx. US 86.77)
Transportation:	Not Included
Address:	Lion City Restaurant 32 Le Loi Street, District 1 Ho Chi Minh City
Maximum:	65 people

Maître Restaurateur Harry Ang invites members and guests to enjoy Singaporean and Peranakan cuisine unlike anywhere else on the globe. Guests will remark how fresh ingredients, ancient techniques and a passion for preserving time-honored recipes will simply make this an remarkable meal.

Tuesday, August 28th Light Casual Upscale Dinner

TBD

Dress:	Casual Upscale
Start time:	7:00 pm
Cost:	Pay what you choose to enjoy
Transportation:	Not Included
Address:	TBD District 1 Ho Chi Minh City
Maximum:	20 - 45 people (TBD)

This venue is currently in process. Please stand by.

Tuesday, August 28th Evening Drinks

Saigon Saigon Rooftop Bar

Dress:	Casual Upscale
Start time:	9:30 pm
Cost:	Pay what you enjoy, please consume responsibly
Transportation:	Not Included
Address:	Saigon Saigon Rooftop Bar at the Caravelle Saigon Lam Son Square, District 1 Ho Chi Minh City
Maximum:	45 people

The Caravelle Hotel was once known the tallest, most luxurious and most modern hotel that Saigon had ever seen. Since its opening in 1961, the hotel has been the centre of culture in the South of Vietnam and continues to live up to this ideal today with multiple bustling venues including the Saigon Saigon rooftop.

Live music starts from 9:00 pm and since 1988 the Vietnamese Government has authorized dancing at this hotel. Attendees are certainly encouraged to partake and enjoy.

On the evening of August 29th, attendees are welcome to meet Rajesh Taneja, Bailli Delegue of Vietnam, members of his council as well as special and honoured guests including Inducting Officer, David Tetrault, Conseil d'Administration and Conseil Magistral, who will be present for our Chapitre event on August 30th.

Wednesday, August 29th Cooking Class

Hoa Tuc Restaurant and Cooking School

Dress:	Casual
Start time:	8:45 am
Cost:	1,000,000++ (approx. USD \$43.50)
Transportation:	Transport from wet market to cooking school included
Address:	Ben Thanh Market Le Loi Street, District 1 Ho Chi Minh City
Maximum:	15 people

Hoa Tuc Restaurant opened the Saigon Cooking Class almost ten years ago in response to the requests of numerous patrons who recognized the restaurant's passion for Vietnamese cuisine as well as their willingness to share some of their culinary secrets.

The Saigon Cooking Class includes a wet market shopping tour, all transport back to the actual restaurant location, instruction on cooking a three course Vietnamese lunch as well as a commemorative recipe booklet featuring the recipes you enjoyed during the half-day course.

Wednesday, August 29th Free to Explore

On the eve of the First Chapitre Event of Vietnam, guests are encouraged to explore Ho Chi Minh's many fine dining establishments. The National Committee and other honored guests will rejoin you later in the evening for drinks as mentioned on the following page.

Wednesday, August 29th Evening Drinks

TBD

Dress:	Casual Upscale
Start time:	9:30 pm
Cost:	Pay what you enjoy, please consume responsibly
Transportation:	Not Included
Address:	TBD District 1 Ho Chi Minh City
Maximum:	45 people

This venue is currently in process. Please stand by.

Thursday, August 30th Intronization

Opus Saigon Restaurant

Dress:	Black Tie Formal or National Dress with Ribbons
Start time:	5:30 pm – 7:15 pm
Cost:	None. Open only for inductees attending the Gala.
Transportation:	Not Included
Address:	Opus Saigon 12 Phan Ke Binh Street, Da Kao Ward, District 1 Ho Chi Minh City
Maximum:	55 people (limited to inductees and a guest only)

David Tetrault, Member of the Conseil d'Administration, Member of the Conseil Magistral will induct members who indicated their wish to receive their ribbons prior to July, 22nd, 2018.

Thursday, August 30th Chapitre Gala

Opus Saigon Restaurant

Dress:	Black Tie or National Dress with Ribbons
Start time:	7:00 pm – Reception, 7:30 pm – Dinner
Cost:	TBA (price will be no more than 6,000,000)
Transportation:	Not Included
Address:	Opus Saigon 12 Phan Ke Binh Street, Da Kao Ward, District 1 Ho Chi Minh City
Maximum:	100 people

Opus Saigon was recently dubbed the most luxurious restaurant in Saigon by Harper’s Bazaar Magazine. The venue, designed to touch all senses, smell – touch – taste – hearing – sight, promises to host an unforgettable event.

Maître Restaurateur Mme Huong Lam invites members, inductees and guests to experience the inaugural Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Chapitre in her multi-storied event space.

Chargée de Missions and Fashion Designer Ha Linh Thu will provide guests with a sneak peek of her 2018 fall-winter collection to be presented at Vietnam International Fashion Week later this year in Hanoi.

Thursday, August 30th Post Gala Cigars and Digestifs

Opus Saigon Restaurant

Dress:	Black Tie or National Dress with Ribbons
Start time:	10:00 pm
Cost:	None. Open only for attendees of the Gala.
Transportation:	Not Included
Address:	Opus Saigon 12 Phan Ke Binh Street, Da Kao Ward, District 1 Ho Chi Minh City
Maximum:	100 people

After dinner, we will move to the rooftop of Opus Saigon to say our farewells. Cigars will be available and Delamain Cognac will be served.

Friday, August 31th Farewell Lunch and Caviar Tasting

Cugini Restaurant

Dress:	Casual with Ribbons
Start time:	12:00
Cost:	TBA (price will be no more than 1,500,000)
Transportation:	Not Included
Address:	Cugini Restaurant 19 Tran Ngoc Dien Street, Thao Dien Ward, District 2 Ho Chi Minh City
Maximum:	25 people

Maître Restaurateur Cyprien Pierlovisi invites members to experience casual Italian fare and a special local Caviar de Duc caviar tasting.

Friday, August 31th British Nights at M Gallery Hotel Social Club

London Epic Evening Brunch

Dress:	Business Casual (Jacket) with Ribbons
Start time:	7:00 pm
Cost:	2,888,000++
Transportation:	Not Included
Address:	M Gallery Hotel des Arts 76-78 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai Street, District 1 Ho Chi Minh City
Maximum:	50 people

Social Club Saigon presents, as part of their British Nights Series, a London Epic Evening Brunch with entertainment by Fab Four – The Thai Beatles (they really do look and sound like the Beatles!)

Social Club regularly hosts one of the most decadent buffets in Southeast Asia. Guests will not be disappointed.

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