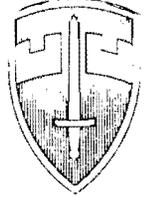


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Vietnamese Commemorative Dates And National Holidays

Official Vietnamese holidays and commemorative days are listed in this pamphlet.

Vietnamese celebrate many holidays and special occasions on dates in accordance with the Lunar Calendar. These dates vary from year to year on the Gregorian Calendar. Other commemorative days (more recent in origin) are observed according to the Gregorian Calendar. These have not been assigned Lunar Calendar dates.

Listed Vietnamese commemoration days are not observed as holidays. However, special celebrations may occur on these days, as part of regional observances.

Celebrations may be held on days other than those listed, due to changes in official decrees. Religious origins may also account for celebrations at times not shown on these charts. For example, until recently Confucius was honored twice a year, once in the spring and again

in the autumn. In some Vietnamese areas the spring date may still be observed even though it is no longer official.

At any time, government decrees may adjust these dates, add dates, or delete from the list.

As guests of the Republic of Vietnam, servicemen should respect all national and religious holidays.

THE LUNAR CALENDAR

The Lunar Year has 354 days distributed among 12 months. Each month (29 or 30 days) is timed by one revolution of the moon around the earth. A 13th month is added every three years to adjust to the Solar or Gregorian Calendar. This extra 33-day month, called *Nhuan*, is inserted between the third and eighth months. The 12 regular months are numbered.

VIETNAMESE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS *

DATE (1967)	HOLIDAY	DAY (Lunar Calendar)	PERIOD OF OBSERVANCE
1 Jan	New Year's Day		One day
18 Jan	Buddha's Enlightenment (Phat Hoa)	8th day of 12th month	Morning only
8,9,10 Feb	Vietnamese New Year (Tet Nguyen Dan)	29th day of 12th month; 1st, 2nd and 3rd days of 1st month	Three days from 8 Feb afternoon
19 Apr	Ancestor's Anniversary Day (Hung Vuong)	10th day of 3rd month	One day
1 May	Labor Day (Lao Dong)		One day
4 May	Ascension (Thang Thien)		Morning only
23 May	Buddha's Birthday (Phat Dan)	15th day of 4th month	One day
15 Aug	Assumption (Mong Trieu)		Morning only
20 Aug	Vietnamese All Soul's Day (Trung Nguyen)	15th day of 7th month	
28 Sep	Anniversary of Confucius (Khong Tu)		Afternoon only
1 Nov	Anniversary of Revolution of 1 Nov., and Military Day (Cach Mang)		One day
2 Nov	Commemoration of Unknown Soldier (Chien Si Tran Vong)		Morning only
25 Dec	Christmas Day		One day

* According to the most recent government decrees.

VIETNAMESE COMMEMORATION DAYS

(NOT OBSERVED AS HOLIDAYS)

DATE (1967 Calendar)	TITLE	DATE — Lunar Calendar
13 February	Dong Da Battle commemoration	5th Day of the 1st Month
16 March	Trung Vuong's Anniversary (Vietnamese Women's Day)	6th Day of the 2nd Month
29 March	Easter	
13 May	Vietnamese Memorial Day	5th Day of the 4th Month
16 May	Anniversary of King Phu Dong	8th Day of 4th Month
12 June	Double Five Festival	5th Day of 5th Month
17 June	Nguyen Thai Hoc's Anniversary	
15 July	Ly Thuong Kiet's Anniversary	8th Day of 6th Month
20 July	Shame Day	
20 August	Truong Cong Dinh's Anniversary	
13 September	Nguyen Du's Anniversary	10th Day of 8th Month
18 September	Mid-Autumn Festival	15th Day of 8th Month
23 September	Tran Hung Dao's Anniversary	20th Day of 8th Month
25 September	Le Loi's Anniversary	22nd Day of 8th Month
29 October	Phan Boi Chau's Anniversary	
1 November	All Saint's Day	
4 November	Quynh Luu Uprising	
13 November	Phan Dinh Phung's Anniversary	