

A collage of various colorful lanterns hanging from strings and structures. The lanterns are in different shapes and colors, including orange, yellow, purple, and multi-colored. Some are hanging from a wooden structure on the left, while others are hanging from a string on the right. The background shows a building with a balcony and a window.

Lanterns

Lanterns in Vietnamese Culture

Hoi An is known as Vietnam's city of lanterns.

The Hoi An Lantern Festival is an event held on the 14th day of each lunar month to celebrate the full moon. In Buddhism, a full moon is a monthly sacred event. The Buddha was born on a full moon and also attained enlightenment on a full moon.

Today, many in Vietnam celebrate the full moon as a time for reflection and honoring ancestors.

Make your own lanterns by printing and folding from a template.

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A night scene of the Hoi An Lantern Festival. A person is standing on a float, surrounded by many glowing lanterns. The background is dark with many small lights.

Watch a video of the Hoi An Lantern Festival!

