Street Food

Street food is popular in Vietnam, especially in big cities, and is sold in shops, from street vendors, in the market, or in alleys – anywhere that is crowded with people. Vietnamese street food is diverse and abundant. In addition to traditional dishes, there are also those of ethnic groups living in Vietnam, such as the Chinese and Khmer, and imports from Western countries – although these are often modified to suit the tastes of Vietnamese people.

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The uniqueness and variety of street food attracts both Vietnamese people and the most demanding tourists. The use of natural and environmentally friendly materials in making and decorating the dishes makes the experience even more distinct. Unlike in a restaurant, the experience of street food is tied closely to the bustle and energy of the streets themselves. Tables and chairs are usually small, and it is often impossible to tell where the street ends and the restaurant begins. Only in Vietnam is it normal to see a motorbike drive through the middle of a café.

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In what ways is street food better than eating in a restaurant?

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What kinds of street food are there?

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Street food is only sold by big roads and streets; is that true?