



Mid-Autumn festival in Vietnam. Things I used to do in Full Moon night. Today is Jul 7, only almost 2 months left until Mid-Autumn festival – a major festival of Vietnam is held on full moon day of 8<sup>th</sup> lunar month. Children in Vietnam like this festival a lot, they can eat a lot of mooncakes and get donated the gifts. The festival is also time to people in a family gather together, eat mooncake and enjoy the full moon.

Mid-Autumn is a major festival of Vietnam I still remember when I was a kid, in the Mid-Autumn days, I used to hold the lantern, mask, form a long line along with other kids and parade noisily through all the streets that we can. Last, we back to our street to watch lion dance and start Full Moon party. When I grew more and had a bike, me and my younger sister usually chased the lion dance troupe. And when I was adult, I didn't like that games anymore. I used to sit back, drink something and watch children parade through the streets. However, there was one thing that I always did in all of Mid-Autumn festivals, back home and enjoy Full Moon with family.

Now, I have lived in Hanoi capital for 3 years with my [Vietnam business visa](#), that's also 3 times I can't welcome the Mid-Autumn with my family, may this year will be the fourth. However, living in a big city and rich culture like Hanoi capital also has many interesting to alleviate the homesickness.

Upcoming the Mid-Autumn, I used to visit Hang Ma street, where selling many types of mask, lantern, toy..., queue for hours to buy few mooncakes at traditional baked cake shop on Thuy Khue street (Tay Ho district), stroll around the Old Quarter and watch the red lanterns are hung on all streets...

In the night of Full Moon day, Hanoians would go to Hoan Kiem lake and enjoy the Festive atmospheres. However, I used to just sit back in somewhere, drink something and watch the streets. I don't like too cramped and noisy space, addition in this day, congestion traffic is sure and you won't want to be trapped between thousands of people.

Mid-Autumn festival this year falls on Sep 8. If visiting Vietnam in this time, you will be enjoyed the jubilant festival and the charming streets with thousands of red lanterns. The best choices to enjoy the Festive atmospheres are biggest cities: Hanoi capital, Da Nang, Saigon... and the most beautiful is Hoi An ancient town. Hoi An has a very different Mid-Autumn, busy but not noisy. Everyone turn off the power, the vehicles are banned. The streets are charming with thousands of lanterns, Moon is brighter because no electric lights, space is wider and quieter because no vehicles. Hoi An is really ideal destination in the Mid-Autumn festival. If you're having travel plans and applying [visa for Vietnam](#) in this year, don't forget the Mid-Autumn festival on Sep 8.