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# VIETNAM | FOOD GUIDE

Vietnamese food may not win any awards for complexity, but it is distinct, unforgettable and fulfilling. The cuisine relies on a balance of salty, sweet, sour and hot flavours the strength of these, and meat or fish involved is dependent on the area and availability, therefore North, Central and South Vietnam have their own individual taste identity. History has also played its part in influencing each regions specialities although one aspect is generally consistent in that dishes use plenty of fresh herbs but tend not to be overly spicy, as chilli sauces are served separately.

## LOCAL SPECIALTIES

**Pho**  
Vietnam in a bowl.

**Com hen**  
Rice comes with a rich broth and tiny clams harvested from Hue's Perfume River.

**Banh xèo**  
A large crepe filled with loads of tasty goodies.

**Canh chua**  
Tangy tamarind-flavoured soup embodies the Mekong Delta's abundance.

**Mi quang**  
Named after its native province of Quang Nam in central Vietnam.

**Cao Lau**  
The signature noodle dish of Hoi An.

**Banh khot**  
A speciality of Ba Ria-Vung Tau province, small sweet-and-savoury prawn pancakes.

## RESTAURANT LIST

### Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

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| <p><b>Name</b> : Di Mai</p> <p><b>Type of cuisine</b> : Vietnamese</p> <p><b>Address</b> : 136-138 Le Thi Hong Gam Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City</p> <p><b>Website</b> : <a href="http://nhahangdimai.com">nhahangdimai.com</a></p> <p><b>Average price</b> : \$\$</p> <p><b>Dress code</b> : Casual</p> <p><b>Opening Hour</b> : 10:00am - 9:00pm</p> <p><b>Our Opinion</b> : <i>Stylish décor laid back yet sleek ambience. High-quality Vietnamese street food with lots of varied options. Di Mai just offers an old Saigon vibe mixed with modern takes on classic dishes.</i></p>  | <p><b>Name</b> : Hoa Tuc</p> <p><b>Type of cuisine</b> : Vietnamese</p> <p><b>Address</b> : 74/7 Hai Ba Trung Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City</p> <p><b>Website</b> : <a href="http://www.hoatuc.com">www.hoatuc.com</a></p> <p><b>Average price</b> : \$\$</p> <p><b>Dress code</b> : Casual</p> <p><b>Opening Hour</b> : 11:00am – 10:00pm</p> <p><b>Our Opinion</b> : <i>Extremely popular with visitors, locals and expats alike, Hoa Tuc boasts a beautiful deco-style interior, a spacious terrace with a Paris Metro inspired roof and a secluded al fresco dining section to its side with creepers and greenery all around.</i></p>   |
| <p><b>Name</b> : Blanc</p> <p><b>Type of cuisine</b> : Vietnamese, Western</p> <p><b>Address</b> : 180D Hai Ba Trung Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City</p> <p><b>Website</b> : <a href="https://www.blancrestaurant.vn/">https://www.blancrestaurant.vn/</a></p> <p><b>Average price</b> : \$\$</p> <p><b>Dress code</b> : Casual</p> <p><b>Opening Hour</b> : 5:30pm - 11:00pm (last order 09:30pm), closed on Monday</p> <p><b>Our Opinion</b> : <i>Experience a new dining option with sign language, where communication takes on a new form that is no need to speak. Get an insight into sign language and find yourself lowering your voice together with creative and well-presented dishes the passion and dedication of chefs.</i></p> | <p><b>Name</b> : Noir Dining in the Dark</p> <p><b>Type of cuisine</b> : Vietnamese, Western (Eating in the Dark concept)</p> <p><b>Address</b> : 178-180 Hai Ba Trung Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City</p> <p><b>Website</b> : <a href="http://www.noirdininginthedark.vn">www.noirdininginthedark.vn</a></p> <p><b>Average price</b> : \$\$</p> <p><b>Dress code</b> : Casual</p> <p><b>Opening Hour</b> : 5:30am - 11:00pm (closed on Mondays)</p> <p><b>Our Opinion</b> : <i>In pitch black dining room where guests will be guided and served by blind or visually impaired staff who have specially trained. This is not simply dining, but rather a uniquely mind-altering experience where smell, taste, touch and hearing unite to bring you a completely new journey of the senses.</i></p> |
| <p><b>Name</b> : Mandarine</p> <p><b>Type of cuisine</b> : Vietnamese</p> <p><b>Address</b> : 11A Ngo Van Nam Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City</p> <p><b>Website</b> : <a href="https://mandarine.com.vn/">https://mandarine.com.vn/</a></p> <p><b>Average price</b> : \$\$\$</p> <p><b>Dress code</b> : Casual</p> <p><b>Opening Hour</b> : 11:30am - 2:00pm, 5:30pm - 9:45pm</p> <p><b>Our Opinion</b> : <i>The dedicated chefs at Mandarin have created a menu focusing on the best of Vietnamese classical cuisine seamlessly blending modern cooking methods with ancient recipes.</i></p>   | <p><b>Name</b> : Vietnam House</p> <p><b>Type of cuisine</b> : Vietnamese</p> <p><b>Address</b> : 93 Dong Khoi Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City</p> <p><b>Website</b> : <a href="http://vietnamhousesaigon.com">vietnamhousesaigon.com</a></p> <p><b>Average price</b> : \$\$\$\$</p> <p><b>Dress code</b> : Smart Casual</p> <p><b>Opening Hour</b> : 11:30am - 2:00pm, 5:30pm - 9:30pm</p> <p><b>Our Opinion</b> : <i>The restaurant is a restored colonial building. It was the famed Café L'Imperial in the early 1900s. Vietnam House Restaurant presents a curated menu of the country's favorite dishes.</i></p>   |

**Name** : **Le Corto**  
**Type of cuisine** : French  
**Address** : 5D Nguyen Sieu Street, District 1,  
Ho Chi Minh City  
**Website** : <http://lecortovietnam.com/>  
**Average price** : \$\$\$  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 11:30am - 2:30pm, 5:30pm - 10:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *Inspired by the comic character Corto, the cuisine features both Western sophistication and an unstoppable desire in the disciplines of French haute cuisine and local flavor to deliver a delightful experience. A varied range of choices for wine by the glass.*

**Name** : **Clay**  
**Type of cuisine** : Asian-inspired wood-fired cuisine  
**Address** : 18 Street 6, Thao Dien Ward,  
District 2, Ho Chi Minh City  
**Website** : -  
**Average price** : \$\$\$\$ (No set menu)  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 3:00pm - 12:00am (Tue-Fri)  
11:00am - 12:00am (Sat & Sun)  
**Our Opinion** : *At riverside CLAY Saigon, they serve Asian-inspired wood-fired cuisine, full of local ingredients and a seasonally changing menu. And it's served up in a Mediterranean-style space with a modern twist. There's room to breathe and lots of warm tones and natural materials like ceramics, wood, and rattan. C'est chic.*

**Name** : **Le Comptoir**  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese, Western  
**Address** : 12 Ho Huan Nghiep Street, District 1,  
Ho Chi Minh City  
**Website** : [lecomptoirbistro-books.business.site](http://lecomptoirbistro-books.business.site)  
**Average price** : \$\$  
**Dress code** : Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 6:30am – 11:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *Le Comptoir offers a good place to start the day away from hustle and bustle in a cozy atmosphere full of history, centrally located in Saigon though. It not only delivers Vietnamese dishes but also Western cuisine with a stylish presentation.*

**Name** : **The Deck**  
**Type of cuisine** : Western  
**Address** : 38 Nguyen U Di Street, Thu Duc City,  
Ho Chi Minh City  
**Website** : [www.thedecksaigon.com](http://www.thedecksaigon.com)  
**Average price** : \$\$\$\$ (set menu needs to be booked  
in advance)  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 8:00am – 10:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *The Deck is situated on the banks of the Saigon River, a short 20 min journey from the heart of Saigon. It is the city's most modern Pan Asian cuisine venue where friendships, romance and fine food come together. It is one of the best spots in the city to watch the sunset and unwind with a signature cocktail.*

## Hanoi

**Name** : **Rue Lamblot**  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese  
**Address** : 6 Ly Quoc Su Street,  
Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi City  
**Website** : <https://ruelamblot.com/>  
**Average price** : \$  
**Dress code** : Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 11:00am - 3:00pm, 5:00pm - 9:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *Well-located in The Old Quarters, Rue Lamblot is an ideal culinary address due to its spirit of dishes which are created and well-presented by talented chefs. Indulge yourself in reminiscences of ancient Hanoi and the bustling lifestyle nowadays and enjoy the delicate balance of flavors and fresh ingredients.*

**Name** : **Koto Van Mieu Deli**  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese  
**Address** : 39 Van Mieu Street, Dong Da District,  
Hanoi City  
**Website** : [www.kotovanmieu.com/](http://www.kotovanmieu.com/)  
**Average price** : \$\$  
**Dress code** : Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 7:30am - 10:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *KOTO Van Mieu was our flagship training restaurant, nestled next to the Temple of Literature. KOTO Van Mieu served guests from all around the world and important dignitaries from Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Julia Guillard to Margrethe II of Denmark.*

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**Name** : **Duong Dining**  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese  
**Address** : 101 Ma May Street,  
Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi City  
**Website** : <https://duongdining.com/>  
**Average price** : \$\$  
**Dress code** : Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 11:00am – 10:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *Located in the heart of Hanoi, Duong Restaurant is a great choice for authentic Vietnam cuisine. Offers presented delicious dishes in a modern Vietnamese charm ambiance. At DUONG, the food is not only tasty and well-prepared but also the presentation is very attractive and appealing.*

**Name** : **GIA**  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese, Tasting menu  
**Address** : 61 Van Mieu Street, Dong Da District,  
Hanoi  
**Website** : <https://gia-hanoi.com/>  
**Average price** : \$\$\$\$  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 11:30am - 2:00pm, 6:00pm - 11:00pm  
(last order 9pm), Fri to Sun,  
closed on Monday  
**Our Opinion** : *Conceptual dining in the heart of Hanoi, GIA celebrates Vietnamese cuisine, culture, and the love for family with modern cooking techniques and playful flavors.*

**Name** : **T.U.N.G Dining**  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese, Fusion  
**Address** : 2C Quang Trung Street,  
Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi City  
**Website** : <https://www.tungdining.com/home>  
**Average price** : \$\$\$  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 6:30pm – 11:00pm  
(Closed on Monday)  
**Our Opinion** : *T.U.N.G dining breaks through all the limits and barriers of traditional fine dining with the most welcoming and warm-hearted, friendly experience. The 4-letter name stands for Twisted, Unique, Natural, Gastronomies, represents their philosophy, unparalleled experience inspired by fresh local ingredients.*

**Name** : **La Table Hanoia**  
**Type of cuisine** : Vietnamese, Western  
**Address** : 12 Ly Dao Thanh Street,  
Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi City  
**Website** : [latablehanoia.com](http://latablehanoia.com)  
**Average price** : \$\$\$\$  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 11:00am - 2:00pm, 6:00pm - 10:00pm  
**Our Opinion** : *Distinguished as the city's most prestigious dining establishment, the restaurant offers a fine dining experience without being too formal, where you will enjoy award-winning cuisine housed in sophisticated and elegant surroundings complemented by an adjacent open-air terrace and a relaxing bar.*

**Name** : **Le Beaulieu**  
**Type of cuisine** : French  
**Address** : Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel  
15 Ngo Quyen Street, Hoan Kiem District  
**Website** : <https://www.sofitel-legend-metropole-hanoi.com/dining/le-beaulieu/>  
**Average price** : \$\$\$\$  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 11:30am - 2:00pm, 6:00pm - 10:00pm  
(closed on Sat, Sun)  
**Our Opinion** : *Renowned for its gastronomic excellence, impeccable service and exceptional wines – perfectly crafted in both flavour and presentation.*

**Name** : **La Badiane**  
**Type of cuisine** : French  
**Address** : 10 Nam Ngu Street,  
Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi City  
**Website** : -  
**Average price** : \$\$\$ (no set menu)  
**Dress code** : Smart Casual  
**Opening Hour** : 11:30am - 2:00pm, 6:00pm - 9:30pm  
(last order), close on Sunday  
**Our Opinion** : *La Badiane Hanoi is known for the brilliant combination of traditional French cuisine with the herbs and spices of Vietnam. Established in 2008, this stylish dining venue occupies a whitewashed colonial villa that's fitted with large windows overlooking a lush courtyard.*

## Hoi An






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| <b>Name</b>  | : <b>Morning Glory</b>  |
|  <b>Type of cuisine</b> | : Vietnamese  |
|  <b>Address</b>         | : 106 Nguyen Thai Hoc Street,<br>Hoi An Town  |
|  <b>Website</b>         | : <a href="http://www.tastevietnam.asia/morning-glory-restaurant-hoi-an">www.tastevietnam.asia/morning-glory-restaurant-hoi-an</a>  |
|  <b>Average price</b>   | : \$\$  |
|  <b>Dress code</b>      | : Casual  |
|  <b>Opening Hour</b>    | : 9:00am - 10:00pm  |
|  <b>Our Opinion</b>     | : <i>Situated right at the heart of Hoi An ancient town, a trendy place to enjoy the vibe and sample Hoian specialties in an elegant setting. Watch the chefs at work in the dynamic island show kitchen.</i> |

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| <b>Name</b>  | : <b>Mango Mango</b>   |
|  <b>Type of cuisine</b> | : Western, Fusion  |
|  <b>Address</b>         | : 45 Nguyen Phuc Chu Street,<br>Minh An Ward, Hoi An Town  |
|  <b>Website</b>        | : <a href="http://www.mangomangovietnam.com">www.mangomangovietnam.com</a>   |
|  <b>Average price</b> | : \$\$\$   |
|  <b>Dress code</b>    | : Casual   |
|  <b>Opening Hour</b>  | : 9:00am - 11:00pm   |
|  <b>Our Opinion</b>   | : <i>It is the second Hoian venture of well-known chef Duc Tran. You can find innovative East-meets-west dishes on his menu. Mango Mango is fancy - in a cool and relaxed kind of way. Pop by in the late afternoon for a cocktail or a glass of wine watching river life passing by - and stay around for dinner.</i> |

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| <b>Name</b>  | : <b>The Field</b>  |
|  <b>Type of cuisine</b> | : Vietnamese  |
|  <b>Address</b>         | : Tong Van Suong Street,<br>Vong Nhi Hamlet, Hoi An Town  |
|  <b>Website</b>         | : -   |
|  <b>Average price</b>   | : \$\$  |
|  <b>Dress code</b>      | : Casual  |
|  <b>Opening Hour</b>    | : 10:00am - 8:00pm  |
|  <b>Our Opinion</b>     | : <i>Located in a rice field with sustainable bamboo and handmade decorations. The Field is a good choice to experience Vietnamese cuisine including vegetarian, and vegan.</i> |

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| <b>Name</b>  | : <b>Reu Tra Que</b>  |
|  <b>Type of cuisine</b> | : Vietnamese  |
|  <b>Address</b>         | : Dong Hamlet, Tra Que Village,<br>Cam Ha Commune, Hoi An Town  |
|  <b>Website</b>         | : <a href="http://www.reu.com.vn">www.reu.com.vn</a>  |
|  <b>Average price</b>   | : \$\$\$  |
|  <b>Dress code</b>      | : Casual  |
|  <b>Opening Hour</b>    | : 8:00am - 15:00pm (for Lunch),<br>6:00pm - 10:00pm (for Dinner)  |
|  <b>Our Opinion</b>     | : <i>Located in Tra Que Herb Village, Reu restaurant is an interesting destination for Hoianan cuisine in specific and Vietnamese cuisine in general. Not just to surprise the diners with the atmosphere, the dishes at the restaurant will bring guests memorable experiences of the freshness from the garden.</i> |








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| <b>Name</b>  | : <b>Mango Room</b>   |
|  <b>Type of cuisine</b> | : Western, Fusion   |
|  <b>Address</b>         | : 37 Phan Boi Chau Street,<br>Cam Chau Ward, Hoi An Town  |
|  <b>Website</b>        | : <a href="http://www.mangomangovietnam.com">www.mangomangovietnam.com</a>  |
|  <b>Average price</b> | : \$\$\$  |
|  <b>Dress code</b>    | : Casual  |
|  <b>Opening Hour</b>  | : 9:00am - 11:00pm  |
|  <b>Our Opinion</b>   | : <i>Mango Rooms serves contemporary fusion dishes influenced by chef Duc's many years of travel and adventure. His creations are driven by the incredible ingredients available locally with his international experiences. Mango Rooms has a great garden dining space with a riverfront view and bubble bar for amazing cocktails and sparkling selections to celebrate.</i> |

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| <b>Name</b>  | : <b>Aubergine 49</b>  |
|  <b>Type of cuisine</b> | : Western  |
|  <b>Address</b>         | : 49A Ly Thai To Street, Hoi An Town   |
|  <b>Website</b>         | : <a href="http://www.hoian-aubergine49.com">www.hoian-aubergine49.com</a>   |
|  <b>Average price</b>   | : \$\$\$   |
|  <b>Dress code</b>      | : Smart Casual   |
|  <b>Opening Hour</b>    | : 6:00pm - 10:00pm<br>(Closed on Sundays)  |
|  <b>Our Opinion</b>     | : <i>Aubergine 49 features an extensive menu of contemporary Eurasian cuisine, exquisite wines, and homemade desserts. The kitchen of this fine dining venue is headed by Vietnamese chef Thinh Nguyen who has worked in the Landsborough hotel in London.</i> |





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| <b>Name</b>  | : <b>Little Faifo</b>  |
|  <b>Type of cuisine</b> | : Vietnamese   |
|  <b>Address</b>         | : 66 Nguyen Thai Hoc Street,<br>Hoi An Town  |
|  <b>Website</b>         | : <a href="https://littlefaifo.com/">https://littlefaifo.com/</a>  |
|  <b>Average price</b>   | : \$\$\$   |
|  <b>Dress code</b>      | : Smart Casual   |
|  <b>Opening Hour</b>    | : 9:00am - 9:30pm  |
|  <b>Our Opinion</b>     | : <i>Little Faifo is located in one of the old town's many wonderful airy merchant houses carefully preserved for over 200 years. The menu is a mix of familiar local fare and some more experimental options.</i> |

## Hue

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| <b>Name</b>  | : <b>Y Thao Garden</b>   |
|  <b>Type of cuisine</b> | : Vietnamese   |
|  <b>Address</b>         | : 3 Thach Han Street,<br>Thuan Hoa Ward, Hue City  |
|  <b>Website</b>       | : -  |
|  <b>Average price</b> | : \$\$   |
|  <b>Dress code</b>    | : Casual   |
|  <b>Opening Hour</b>  | : 8:00am – 10:00pm   |
|  <b>Our Opinion</b>   | : <i>Located in a neighborhood within the Imperial Citadel, this traditional-style home is surrounded by lush gardens and water features and provides an intimate experience within a Vietnamese haven. It is a great choice for imperial-style food with splendid decoration.</i> |

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| <b>Name</b>  | : <b>Tha Om</b>  |
|  <b>Type of cuisine</b> | : Vietnamese   |
|  <b>Address</b>         | : 12/12 Nguyen Phuc Nguyen Street,<br>Kim Long Village, Hue City   |
|  <b>Website</b>         | : -  |
|  <b>Average price</b>   | : \$\$\$\$   |
|  <b>Dress code</b>      | : Casual   |
|  <b>Opening Hour</b>    | : Make a reservation in advance  |
|  <b>Our Opinion</b>     | : <i>Tha Om is a small restaurant and is the residence of the owner, not far from the north bank of the Perfume River. Tha Om is not only a place to explore the city's architectural heritage but also a good venue for Hue's finest dishes. Tha Om Garden offers a selection of Vietnamese royal cuisine in beautiful presented.</i> |

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| <b>Name</b>  | : <b>Morning Glory Signature</b>   |
|  <b>Type of cuisine</b> | : Vietnamese   |
|  <b>Address</b>         | : 41 Nguyen Phuc Chu Street,<br>Hoi An Town  |
|  <b>Website</b>         | : <a href="http://tastevietnam.asia/morning-glory-signature-restaurant-hoi-an">tastevietnam.asia/morning-glory-signature-restaurant-hoi-an</a>   |
|  <b>Average price</b>   | : \$\$\$   |
|  <b>Dress code</b>      | : Smart Casual   |
|  <b>Opening Hour</b>    | : 11:00am - 10:00pm  |
|  <b>Our Opinion</b>     | : <i>Morning Glory Signature has a deeply personal selection of dishes using only the highest quality native ingredients. Some are new or reimagined versions of more traditional dishes, but all carefully maintain the essence of what Vietnamese cuisine.</i> |

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| <b>Name</b>  | : <b>Kim Long Fine Dining</b>   |
|  <b>Type of cuisine</b> | : Vietnamese, Western   |
|  <b>Address</b>         | : 104/47 Kim Long Street,<br>Kim Long Village, Hue City   |
|  <b>Website</b>       | : <a href="http://ancienthue.com.vn/kim-long-fine-dining">ancienthue.com.vn/kim-long-fine-dining</a>  |
|  <b>Average price</b> | : \$\$\$  |
|  <b>Dress code</b>    | : Casual  |
|  <b>Opening Hour</b>  | : 10:00am – 10:00pm   |
|  <b>Our Opinion</b>   | : <i>Located in the main Garden House in a garden compound, this boutique Kim Long Fine Dining Restaurant mixes local specialties with Asian and European flavors to create memorable, modern-day versions of royal feasts. Contemplate the lacquered authentic furniture surrounded by refined ornamental details.</i> |

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| <b>Name</b>  | : <b>Le Jardin De La Carambole</b>  |
|  <b>Type of cuisine</b> | : French, some Vietnamese   |
|  <b>Address</b>         | : 32 Dang Tran Con Street,<br>Thuan Hoa Ward, Hue City  |
|  <b>Website</b>         | : -   |
|  <b>Average price</b>   | : \$\$\$  |
|  <b>Dress code</b>      | : Casual  |
|  <b>Opening Hour</b>    | : 7:00am – 11:00pm  |
|  <b>Our Opinion</b>     | : <i>A memorable dining experience, this classy and refined French restaurant occupies a gorgeous colonial-style building in the Citadel quarter. The menu majors in Gallic classics, and there's a decent wine and cocktail list and views out over the citadel make it a great place for a sundowner.</i> |