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Dear Partners,

Lunar New Year (TET in Vietnamese) 2017, Year of Rooster is coming! Following 12 months of the wit and hyperactive Monkey, the **New Year of the Rooster** is going to bring fresh challenges and opportunities. We hope you have a healthy, prosperous year.

Best Wishes,  
ITS Vietnam

Date	THU 26 JAN 17	FRI 27 JAN 17	SAT 28 JAN 17	SUN 29 JAN 17	MON 30 JAN 17	TUE 31 JAN 17	WED 01 FEB 17
Lunar Calendar	29 Tết	30 Tết	1 Tết	2 Tết	3 Tết	4 Tết	5 Tết
08:00 - 12:00		CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED		
13:00 - 17:00		CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED		

Please be noted our hotline contact will be available throughout the Tet holidays if you need assistance.

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**New visa policy for U.S. citizens to Vietnam (update)**

We would like to update the information about the U.S. visitors visa conditions given last September. From 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 onwards, shorter visas are again available. U.S. citizens can apply for shorter duration visas instead of 1 year visa.

For more information, please contact [info@itsvietnam.com](mailto:info@itsvietnam.com)

## [ITS NEWS]

### ITS Will Be Attending the ITB Berlin 2017 ' The World Leading Travel Trade Show, Germany

Date: From the 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 - Booth No. 314, Hall 26C.

Ms. TRAN THI THUY – DIRECTOR will be attending to answer all your questions during the trade show with our colleagues from Vietnam Administration of Tourism.

### Lunar New Year (Tet)

**Tet - Vietnamese and Chinese Lunar New Year** is the most important festival for Vietnamese people, which consists in the gathering of the families in their hometowns to taste the flavors of the Vietnamese festivities and worship their ancestors. This festival falls between late January or early February, depending on the Lunar Calendar.

Despite officially being a three-days affair, festivities usually lasts for a week or even more. The festivity is celebrated eating delicious dishes, such as bánh chưng (a square cake made of sticky rice stuffed with beans and pork), canh măng (a soup of boiled bamboo shoots and flied pork) and xôi gấc (orange sticky rice), drinking and enjoying another social activities, including a visit to the local pagodas

Everyone will wear their best costumes, and they will adorn their houses and businesses as well. These last ones hang red banners with the festive message "Chuc Mung Nam Moi" (Happy New Year), which along with the throng of stalls that spring up throughout the city, they give a coloured atmosphere to the city, becoming it the most special festival of the year.



***Tet festival** will start from the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017*

## **ITS Products: New Opening of Emperor Cruises in Ha Long**

Emperor Cruises is offering a cruising experience around Bai Tu Long Bay, an alternative route to Ha Long Bay's most crowded parts. A 30s style boat full of luxurious details who will make the visitors feel like kings and queens! Inspired in the luxurious life of Bao Dai, Vietnam last's emperor, the visitors will find a sophisticated cruise covered in wooden with butler services and private and spacious accommodations.

Plus, in Bai Tu Long Bay you can enjoy of very diverse and wonderful experiences, such as going kayaking, visiting floating fish farms, exploring hidden caves and lagoons, learning the secrets of the legendary Vietnamese cuisine... Combining a seaplane flight with a cruise to explore the scenery beauty of this UNESCO World Heritage site. Undoubtedly, a once-in-a-lifetime experience that you won't be able to forget!



***Emperor Cruises Ha Long will start to run from the 1st March 2017***