

## Six Special Dishes from Hoi An

For such a small city, [Hoi An](#) has a surprisingly rich food culture. There are dishes here which you can't find anywhere else in Vietnam, and an abundance of great restaurants and street stalls in which to try them. If in doubt, head to the central market, where a delirious hall of food stands is serving up any specialty you could possibly hope for.



### Cao Lầu

If you believe the local legends, Cao Lầu is a dish which can only be prepared in Hoi An. The water used to boil the noodles must be from a particular well, and the noodles must be ground from rice mixed with ash from Cham Island. It's a questionable story... but who cares, when it's this good. Cao Lầu could be made with cremation ash, and I'd still eat it. The noodles are thick, almost like udon, and served with pork and a generous amount of greens in an oily sauce.