Food and beverages offer some of the best insights into a destination and its culture, heritage and traditions. It provides a memorable experience that gives visitors a “taste of place”. In this 12-day study tour that covers two culinary powerhouses in South-East Asia, Taiwan and Vietnam, George Brown Food Tourism students will get a chance to visit food producers and farms, eat at local restaurants and street food markets, and attend a cooking class lead by a local chef.

We fly into Taiwan’s capital city, Taipei and visit a tea garden for lunch and tea picking, tour a night market, and have dinner at an iconic dumpling restaurant. In Vietnam, we’ll experience one of the world’s freshest and most fragrant cuisines. From cafés and ancient monuments in Hanoi, to the cooler air in the central highlands of Dalat where we visit an indigenous coffee cooperative farm, to Buon Ma Thuot, the country’s coffee centre with its own coffee museum, to a cruise in Halong Bay’s emerald waters where stunning limestone island mountains were formed thousands of years ago. Drink in cafés, buy fruit from wicker baskets hanging over a vendor’s shoulders, and sit at market stalls as aromatic noodle soups are assembled in front of you. Experience Taiwan and Vietnam’s iconic sights, get an opportunity to smell and touch local ingredients and get a true taste of South-East Asia on this delectable Food Tourism Study Tour.
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PROGRAM FEE
• $5,300 CAD (subject to change based on final participant numbers)
• All students may be eligible for up to $1,650 from the Global Mobility bursary

Program fee includes:
• Roundtrip international airfare and flights within Vietnam
• Accommodations (double occupancy)
• An average of two meals per day, including breakfast daily
• Ground transportation
• All tips for local guides, drivers, hotel and group meals

Participant responsibility:
• Passport and visa expenses
• Cancellation insurance
• Travel/medical insurance
• Meals, other than those already included
• Souvenirs and personal purchases
• Fuel surcharges, if applicable

ELIGIBILITY
• Open to all Hospitality & Culinary students
• Minimum 3.0 Program GPA
• Passport with at least 6 months validity beyond trip end date
• Meet all entry, exit and re-entry requirements for Taiwan, Vietnam, and Canada

REQUIREMENTS
• Attend mandatory pre-departure orientation at George Brown
• Complete and sign all mandatory mobility forms

FUNDING
• Students may be eligible for the Global Mobility bursary or the Global Skills Opportunity (GSO) scholarship
• GSO project funding is open to all domestic students but will prioritize Indigenous students, students from low-income backgrounds and those with disabilities
• Please contact Aida Viveiros at aviveiro@georgebrown.ca for more information

APPLICATION
• Email faculty leads or aviveiro@georgebrown.ca for application
• Submit $1,000 non-refundable deposit
• Application due Oct. 20th, 2023

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