



Gourmet grotto

Many a visitor to Vietnam's spectacular Halong Bay has admired its cave-riddled karst cliffs from the deck of a boat—this is, after all, one of the world's premier boating destinations. But in May you can go one better, with a magnificent meal to remember inside the famed Drum Cave. Once a year, as summer approaches, Emeraude Classic Cruises holds its annual wine and dine cruise, which offers a five-star dinner in a candlelit grotto within the cave (above). As mellow jazz tunes fill the air, an international chef conjures up a gourmet meal for diners in black tie, set against the stunning backdrop of the peaceful bay. It's a caving experience that should banish all associations with dank holes and headtorches forever. www.emeraude-cruises.com



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