

SCENES DURING FRENCH RULE

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Vietnam has been a country touched by war or military occupation for a very long time. This illustration depicts an artistic impression of the French storming <u>Son Tay</u> on the 16th of December, 1883 (during the time that France was the dominant force in Vietnam). Historians are unclear who created this image—it may have been Pierre Méjanel (1837-1905).

What was Vietnam like during the time of <u>French rule</u>? How did the people live? Thanks to an extraordinary collection of photographs on a French-language web site, we can take a trip back in time to see for ourselves.

- France called the area of Vietnam *Indo-Chine* (Indochina) as reflected on its stamps.
- Young <u>women</u> with bare feet, worked at a tobacco plant in Hanoi.
- Commerce in Phat Diem during French colonial times.
- People smoked <u>opium pipes</u>, often <u>while reclining</u>, even during <u>colonial</u> times.
- Life in Vietnam before and during French involvement in the country.

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