

Mai Pham

Mai Pham is a chef and owns a restaurant that has Vietnamese and Thai cuisine.

Mai Pham came to America with her family after the fall of Saigon in 1975.

- She received a degree in journalism from the University of Maryland.
- She spent some time working as a television reporter.
- In 1988 she decided to follow her passion for cooking and opened the Lemon Grass Restaurant.



Mai Pham is a respected expert in Southeast Asian Cuisine.

- She writes for national publications, teaches cooking classes, and is a consultant for several food organizations in the United States.
- She is the author of two cookbooks; “Pleasures of the Vietnamese Table” (2001) and “The Best of Vietnamese and Thai Cooking” (1996).
- She writes food articles for the San Francisco Chronicle and Los Angeles Times.
- She teaches at the Culinary Institute of America.

Mai Pham made the observation that once people developed an interest in her food they soon became interested in the Vietnamese culture as well.



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