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Two men transport freshly harvested stalks of bananas in an oxcart on the road from Nha Trang to Dalat. Also visible on the road behind them are motorcycles and a minibus. Coconut trees and houses can be seen in the distant background. In many parts of Asia, especially rural areas, animal-powered and motor traffic share the same roads. Minibuses, such the one visible here, usually serve as local public transport rather than privately owned family vehicles. Bananas are native to Southeast Asia and the Pacific. They grow there in hundreds of varieties, some that are harvested unripe and cooked as starchy vegetables, while others are eaten raw and ripe as sweet fruits.



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