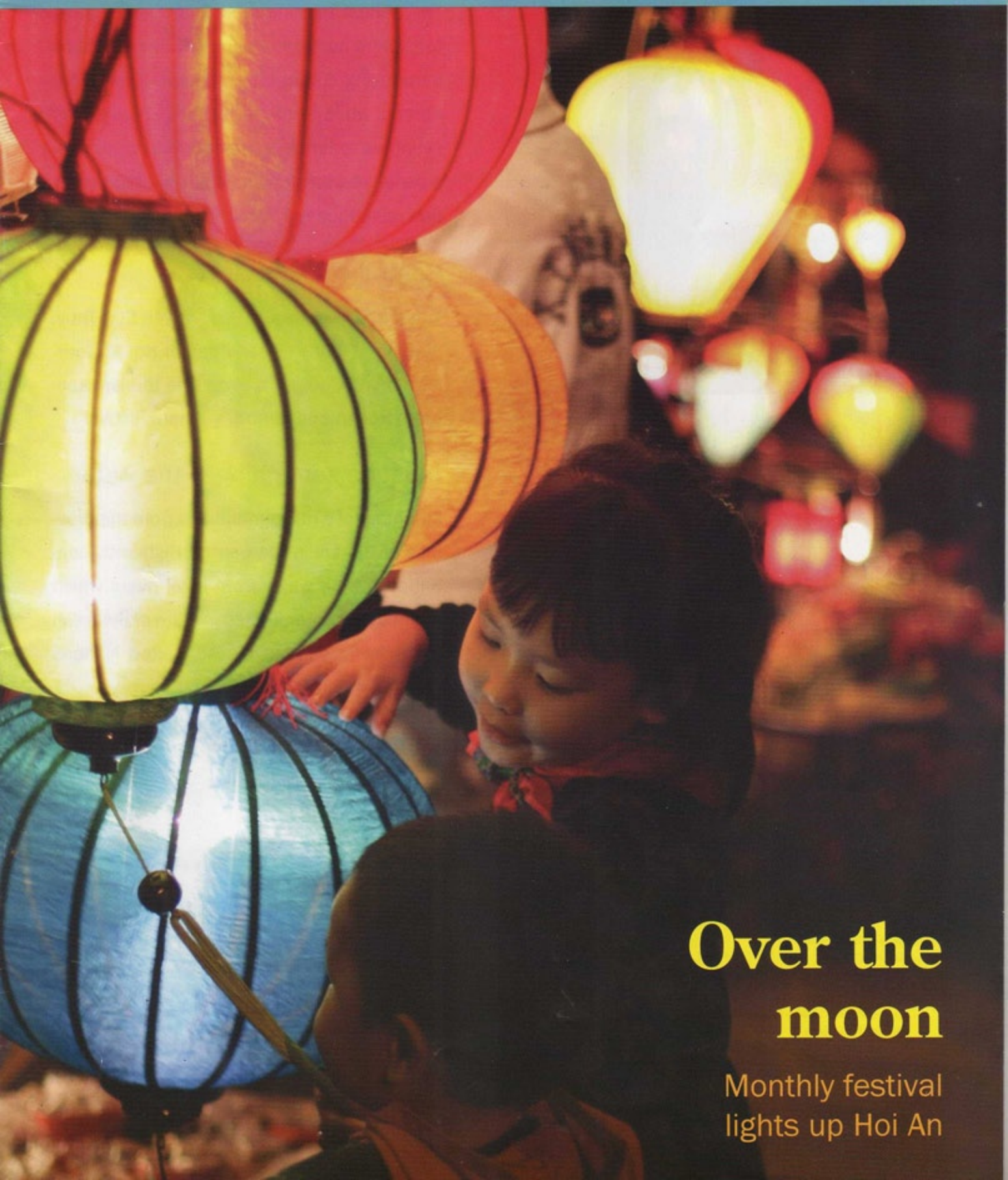


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Colonial chic at La Résidence

Stunningly situated on the fabled Huong (Perfume) River overlooking the flag tower in Hue's Citadel, La Résidence Hôtel & Spa (part of the MGallery collection) is an elegant art deco hotel created out of the former residence of the French Governor in the 1930s.

La Résidence exudes a timeless elegance, evoking both the rich history and beauty of Hue, while providing sumptuous accommodation that is without peer in this former Imperial City.

With 122 rooms and themed suites, La Résidence Hôtel & Spa is truly a boutique hotel and great care has been taken to preserve the charm, comfort and atmosphere of this classic French colonial-period villa. All rooms boast every modern convenience but the atmosphere of a bygone age is maintained through the use of local materials, art deco inspired design and careful attention to detail.

The morning breakfast at Le Parfum is the perfect way to start the day. You can take a seat in the cosy restaurant or amidst the serene garden with Asian, Vietnamese and European flavours all on offer. In the evening, order an apéritif on the terrace of Le Gouverneur Bar & Lounge, casting your eyes over the tranquil riverside setting amongst the frangipani and silk-cotton trees. The dominant focus at the bar is a spectacular fresco created by the French artist Roland Renaud, who is based in Vietnam.

To experience a singular culinary event, ask the concierge about the Governor's Colonial Dinner, a picnic lunch on Thien An Hill or a dinner cruise down Huong river; or if you'd like to dig deeper into the local cuisine, sign up for the cooking class, A Taste of Hue.

After discovering the ancient beauty of the Hue Citadel, once described as a masterpiece of urban poetry, you can soak in the charming salt-water swimming pool overlooking the river, or if you need to get the blood flowing, head up to the third floor gym or over to the tennis courts.

Alternatively, if you need to align your mind, body and spirit, enter Le Spa — a stylishly decorated haven that pays homage to a bygone era. Here you can rejuvenate yourself with a selection of luxurious treatments. The spa is spread across 380 square metres with seven relaxation rooms, an herbal sauna and Jacuzzi. Try the Imperial Vietnamese cupping therapy, a traditional massage using special pressure point techniques that will reawaken your body and refresh blood circulation. This treatment also reduces toxins and dispels lingering negative energy, while eliminating tightness and fatigue from stiff or tense muscles.

La Résidence Hôtel & Spa can also cater for meetings, conferences, weddings and other events. Check out www.la-residence-hue.com to find out more.

