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**TRAVEL TREND:  
A HEALING JOURNEY TO THE EAST**

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TET HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE IN VIETNAM  
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“ART DE NOEL” BY SOFITEL ANGKOR  
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**Loy Krathong Festival 14-16th,  
November 2016**

*La Residence Hue  
- An enchanting  
stay by the bank  
of iconic Huong River*





Set in a 2ha site on the banks of the mesmerizing Perfume River, with 200-metre-long views along the river, La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa, MGallery by Sofitel has the perfect location right in the heart of the city. The grounds have outstanding views overlooking both the Ancient Citadel and the Forbidden City, providing the perfect location to explore the nearby treasures.

The building itself has a history almost to match the enchanting city in which it sits. The hotel has been constructed around the renovated 1930s Art Deco building, which was the official residence of the French governors in central Vietnam until 1954, a bustling Command Centre for the Americans in the 1960s and a hospital that nursed North Vietnamese soldiers during the Tet Offensive. All the restored rooms have a different set up and decoration which reflects the French architects working there between 1910-1954.

After 1975 the building was used as the office of the house of representatives of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam when the original structure was enlarged. And this most recent project has involved the renovation of the building, in keeping with the original Art Deco design, creating one unique hotel complex that combines Vietnam's past, present and future. La Residence is thus an architectural mix of the old and the new; sensitively designed annexes extend the original mansion to 122 rooms and Suites with the grounds and atmosphere impossible to find elsewhere in Vietnam.

At the heart of the hotel is an Art Deco masterpiece that weaves the hotel's past into your present. It evokes a certain dreamy nostalgia. The hotel's principal designer, Brigitte Dumont de Chassart, is a Parisian who built on the Art Deco bones of this building with Art Deco decor that take people on a journey back in time.

La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa, among many boutique hotels in the collection of MGallery by Sofitel, is a dedication to lovers of life, literature and culture. Each MGallery hotel stands as a gateway into another world – be it a bygone era, a hidden haven or a spectacular natural landscape. Being a part of it, La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa is comprised not only of the fascinating history and having hosted historic figures or iconic poets and authors, but also of stunningly renovated and re-designed, utterly unique in the city it inhabits. Walking among the hotel's bowed façade, long horizontal lines and nautical porthole windows, you'll hear whispered through the halls, echoed in the artful design and layered into the details of signature dishes and cocktails. High ceilings, hardwood terrazzo floors, and striking balconies are complemented by opulent, old world touches like louvered shutters, Art Deco light fixtures and furnishings, and reproductions of paintings by colonial era French and Vietnamese artists – when sipping ricard in the Le Gouverneur lobby bar, keep an eye up for the curving mural depicting rural scenes from colonial-era life by French artist Roland Renaud.

La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa is where you uncover the past and savor the present; become a part of the story and get ready to tell your own tale. The hotel is the owner of many prestigious awards worldwide:

- Conde Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Award Best Hotels in Southeast Asia 2014 & 2015, Top 15 Hotels & Resorts in Southeast Asia 2015

- T+L 500 World Best Hotels 2014 & 2015 by Travel + Leisure Magazine

- World Luxury Hotel Awards winner 2013 & 2016

For the special celebration of festive seasons in Vietnam, La Residence welcomes guests to the Gala Dinner on 24th December. Have your relaxing time staying in the hotel and take part in several beautiful shows and activities such as tradition Vietnamese lion & dragon dance, Christmas lightning event, classical pianist performances by the renowned Hue artist, and so forth.



