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LIVING HISTORY

Hue is a city rich in culture and history and is recognized by Unesco as a World Cultural Heritage site, and La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa – MGallery by Sofitel enjoys a preeminent position in this mystic city

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SET ON THE BANKS of the mesmerizing Perfume River, stretching over 200m along the river, La Residence has the perfect, peaceful location in walking distance of both the Citadel's Ancient Forbidden City, and the City center.

The Hotel building itself has a history in keeping with the enchanting city in which it sits. The Hotel was constructed in the 1930s in the stunning streamline Art Deco style of the time, and was then, the official residence of the French governor 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 of 1968.

The grand opening of **La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa** in 2005, in keeping

with the original Art Deco design, has created one unique hotel complex that combines sensitively designed annexes to extend the original mansion to 122 luxury guestrooms and Suites, with the serene grounds and atmosphere unique in Vietnam that evokes a certain dreamy nostalgia. The extraordinary restored rooms have a unique set up and décor, which reflect the influence of the French architects and designers between 1910-1954 such as Emile-Jacques Ruhlmann and Pierre Chareau, or the stunning *Chambre Rouge* in the movie *La Chambre Rouge* (The Red Room) of Jean Pierre Berckmans in 1973. Walking along the hotel's corridors of bowed façade, long horizontal lines and nautical porthole windows, you may hear whispered tales of a bygone era.

Making its own history, the stunningly renovated and redesigned La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa has not only a fascinating history utterly unique in the city it inhabits, but also has hosted historic figures, iconic poets and authors. The familiar names of the political world are King Bhumipol of Thailand, H.E. Majesty The Queen of Denmark Margarethe II, H.E Mr. Norodom Sihamoni - King of Cambodia, Mr. Philipp Roesler - CEO of the World Economic Forum and former Vice - Chancellor of Germany; or famous American actor & comedian - Mr. Danny Devito, Irish actor - Mr. Colin Farrell, Mexican Film Director, Producer, Screenwriter - Mr. Alejandro Gonzalez Iñárritu, and many more.





La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa, proudly a luxury boutique hotel in the collection of MGallery by Sofitel, is a dedication to lovers of life, literature and culture. Be a part of luxury and share a passion for food with the talented Chef at Le Parfum Restaurant, one will delight in a fine dining fusion menu of Vietnam's very best and vibrant produce & spices combined with top quality imported products. High ceilings, hardwood - terrazzo floors, and striking balconies are complemented by opu-

lent, old world touches and paintings by colonial era French and Vietnamese artists - and when sipping Ricard in the Le Gouverneur lobby bar, keep an eye up for the stunning curving mural depicting rural scenes from colonial-era life by French artist Roland Renaud.

With top-notch service and product that the Hotel offers, La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa drew global attention with various prestigious prizes and awards from Condé Nast Traveler's Readers Choice Awards 2014 & 2015,

T+L Top 500 World Best Hotels 2014 & 2015, winner of World Luxury Hotel Awards 2013 & 2016; and many more.

Be a part of history and get ready to write your own at La Residence Hue, a one-of-a-kind masterpiece with luxurious cultural and culinary offerings. La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa is where you uncover the past and savor the present. We invite you to become part of the story.

For more info, *visit* www.la-residence-hue.com. ■