When the past is recaptured by the imagination, breath is put back into life

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WELCOME TO LA VERANDA

Enchanting Elegance —
Explore a land of untold legend, an enchanted sanctuary where the romance of colonial Indochine fuses with the natural splendour of Vietnam’s largest and most picturesque isle.

— A Mansion by the Sea
A cobblestoned street meanders from the island’s leafy interior to the entrance of La Veranda Resort Phú Quốc, a member of MGallery Hotel Collection.

Inspired by the grandeur of a French colonial mansion, the resort’s large louvered windows open westward over a wide stretch of untouched beach and the azure waters of the Gulf of Thailand. The deep balconies, high ceilings and period collectibles furnishing 74 elegantly appointed rooms transport you to a bygone era when life was slower, simpler. More refined.

Serenity Meets Refinement —
This sense of refinement and understated elegance would come to define 1920s Indochine, a captivating period of romance that marked the height of French colonial influence. An era of timeless sophistication on the frontiers of a rapidly changing world, brimming with discovery and adventure.

La Veranda evokes the essence of this golden age, resurrecting the allure of a forgotten past and encouraging guests to be immersed in Phú Quốc’s storied history and rich tapestry of local flavours and textures.

To discover serenity in refined comfort.
INSPIRING — HISTORY

Humble Beginnings —
More than a century of history and adventure is built into the walls and ornate furnishings of La Veranda, a tribute to founder Madame Catherine’s storied family connection to Phú Quốc and colonial Indochine.

It is a connection that began with modest origins that belie Madame Catherine’s stylish grace – an enigmatic charm that melds French sensibilities with the indomitable matriarchal spirit of her Asian heritage.

Catherine’s grandfather was first lured from China to the sleepy backwater of Phú Quốc in the 19th century with grand visions of farming lucrative pepper crops in the island’s temperate climate.

But the power of romance would dramatically change this family’s course. He fell in love with Catherine’s grandmother, and together the young couple embarked on a bold journey to Phnom Penh to pioneer the beginnings of a prosperous fish sauce enterprise – and raise a large family.

— Child of the Sea
Born in 1935, Catherine can still recall spending long lazy summer vacations on the family’s fishing fleet, plying the picturesque waterways surrounding Tonlé Sap Lake in central Cambodia.

The arrival of war, however, would mark an end to those tranquil days. Catherine’s mother had married a French serviceman, and during the Japanese occupation the entire family was interned.

Her grandmother did not survive the ordeal, and when peace eventually returned, the fleet and the fish sauce business were sold. Madame Catherine moved with her family to an elegant colonial villa in fashionable post-colonial Phnom Penh, where she spent much of her young adult life mingling with Cambodian royalty and socialites.

The country’s descent into conflict and political instability would eventually force her to leave Indochine. But Indochine would never truly leave Madame Catherine.

A Journey Full Circle —
Over the following decades, memories of her family’s humble origins on Phú Quốc and of life on the waterways of the Mekong Delta pursued Catherine.

When she eventually returned to Phú Quốc, Catherine fell in love with the island of her ancestors. And, on a seaside plot, she began building what was intended to be a refuge for her retirement, a living monument to her family’s history.

Designed and decorated to Madame Catherine’s personal taste in an authentic 1920s French colonial style, this mansion by the sea now serves as the main building of La Veranda.

And because it was originally conceived as Madame Catherine’s home, everything from the furnishings to the art works and period collectibles have been carefully chosen to reflect the inspiring story of her family and their journey from Phú Quốc to Phnom Penh... and finally back home to their maritime roots.
An Unspoiled Isle

The tides of change shift languidly on Phú Quốc. Time slows and becomes malleable, bent and shaped by the gentle ebb and flow of the sea.

Wandering barefoot along the island’s calm beaches, you hear only the gentle murmur of a passing fishing boat, the soft crash of the azure ocean lapping on white sand. You find it hard to imagine that these rich waters and lush forests once provided refuge to the retreating army of King Gia Long, the founder of Vietnam’s last ruling dynasty. That the smiling locals guard mysterious secrets about a rich and storied past.

Today, the unspoiled coastline of Vietnam’s largest island offers a forward retreat, a sanctuary of peace and tranquillity just 50 minutes from Ho Chi Minh City by plane.

Inspiring Nature

From the high ridge that pierces the island’s fertile centre, 528 square kilometres of dense forest and palm-fringed beaches unfurl below. Locals call it ‘The Island of 99 Mountains’, but you have only one name for it: paradise.

In the densely forested north, the exotic calls of graceful birds of paradise echo out from the national park. At Duong Dong port, a flurry of indolent activity erupts as the fishing fleets return with their bountiful catch to barter with local traders.

Lush pepper fields dot the island’s interior. A fish sauce factory offers a fragrant and fascinating exploration of its main industry.

Every corner of Phú Quốc invites you to make a delightful new discovery. To uncover lost secrets.
A Refined Retreat

A luxurious history comes to life in 74 elegant rooms.

--- Intricate Details
You find yourself enthralled by the little things, the intricate details: hand-painted mosaic tiles, an ornate lacquer box, the hand-written welcome letter from Madame Catherine, the furniture crafted from warming dark mahogany. It all combines to offer each of the 74 spacious rooms and suites an enticing blend of authentic classical signatures and elegant Vietnamese themes.

But it is the large private veranda that truly beckons, calling you past the four-poster colonial bed at the centre of each room, toward the fragrant smell of the lush tropical gardens at your window and the sound of clear, tranquil waters lapping at your doorstep.

--- Elegant Rooms
22 Deluxe Garden (38sqm)
09 Premier Garden (46sqm)
09 Premier Ocean (46sqm)
07 Executive Premier Garden (55sqm)
15 Classic Garden Villa (63sqm)
03 Memorable Premier Ocean (53sqm)
03 Junior Ocean Suite (73sqm)
06 La Veranda Ocean Villa (71sqm)

--- Luxurious Amenities
Fusing historical elegance with modern convenience, all rooms feature a range of luxury amenities: flat-screen television with cable programming, complimentary Wi-Fi, Bluetooth docking station, in-room safe, IDD telephone, dedicated work area and organic bathroom amenities.
Deluxe Garden — 38sqm

Natural fragrances from the tropical garden drift in through the French double doors that lead out to your private garden or balcony, stirred gently by the unhurried ceiling fan whirring silently overhead. Each of these 22 elegantly appointed rooms is personally decorated by Madame Catherine, with subtle nods to her early life on the magical waterways of Indochine.

Premier Garden — 46sqm

The four-poster colonial bed is covered with delicate white netting, evoking dreams of colonial grandeur. Ensuring dreams will never be forgotten. Admire the intricate craftsmanship of the dark mahogany furniture, reminding you of a time when life was less hurried. Or gaze at the soothing views of a lush botanical garden from your private terrace or balcony.

Executive Premier Garden — 55sqm

Small, elegant touches add authentic historical charm to each of these three large rooms. The mahogany writing desk in the separate, light-filled study area encourages quiet introspection. The plush vintage sofa and hand-selected art works evoke a golden age of exploration. The delicate floral arrangements that seem forever in bloom, forever caught in an age of fleeting beauty.
Classic Garden Villa — 63sqm

Enjoy a drink on your private terrace and be embraced by the soothing tropical hues of your private landscaped garden. Then retreat to your spacious bathroom and indulge in a rejuvenating bath or shower. High ceilings add a grand sense of space to these 13 large and sumptuous villas, which offer double or twin bed options.

Premier Ocean — 46sqm

The louvered French windows open to reveal stunning sea views, inviting the fresh sea breeze and natural garden fragrances to wash gently throughout the spacious room. All nine rooms offer a private terrace or balcony, and a generous bathroom with a full range of luxury organic amenities.

Memorable Premier Ocean — 53sqm

Sink into a vintage clawfoot bathtub, gaze out over the azure waters of the Gulf of Thailand, and discover forgotten luxury. Each of the three rooms is tastefully decorated with stylish furnishings, upscale amenities and artwork evoking a bygone era of opulence, making for a truly memorable experience. An unforgettable stay.
Junior Ocean Suite —
73sqm

Colonial Indochine was a land of exploration and vast expanses; these three opulent rooms are defined by open space, with separate living, dining and study areas inviting you to unwind. The traditional four-poster bed and bespoke Indochine furnishings, all personally chosen by Madame Catherine, exude genteel sophistication and colonial charm. And the beach is just steps away, beckoning you with stunning views of its calming waters from your private terrace.

La Veranda Ocean Villa —
71sqm

Capture your own private slice of French colonial grandeur and allow yourself to slip back in time in these six charming rooms. Recline in the sumptuous lounge chairs on your spacious private terrace and gaze out over the ocean, over the elegant table setting in your private manicured garden and the sparkling sands of Duong Dong Beach, as a magical Phú Quốc sunset paints the sky in deep shades of crimson and blue.
A TASTE OF TRADITION
A journey of culinary discovery begins at La Veranda.

(1) THE PEPPERTREE
Gourmet French and Vietnamese fine dining

Fragrant Phú Quốc pepper and the island’s prized tangy fish sauce inspire an artful blend of authentic local and French cuisine. Madame Thanh’s nuoc mam infuses more than a century of royal history into your Trio of Spring Rolls, carefully prepared by our award-winning chefs. While you soak in the romantic ocean views and cooling sea breeze, indulge in Madame Catherine’s own num sang kya fpeou, a light coconut custard with pumpkin.

Hours: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

(2) LE JARDIN
Casual all-day dining and weekly themed buffets

Escape the warmth of the tropical afternoon sun by nestling under swaying coconut palms, grass between your toes in a casual lawn setting. Or sit on the beach deck as our chefs prepare the island’s freshest seafood, the azure sea lapping gently at the shore just a stone’s throw away. You indulge in Le Jardin’s all-day à la carte dining, enjoying Mediterranean and Western favourites, Vietnamese classics and sumptuous weekly themed buffets.

Hours: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

(3) LE BAR
Sunset bar and terrace

Find refuge in the breezy, softly lit Le Bar and savour its signature ruou sim cocktail, made with locally crafted rose myrtle wine, and its wide selection of elegant estate wines. Discover a Farm Fresh option from the creative range of garden-inspired cocktails using ingredients from our own organic garden. Or simply sink into an elegant vintage armchair and gaze out from the sweeping outdoor terrace at yet another dazzling Phú Quốc sunset.

Hours: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

(4) ORGANIC GARDEN
Fresh produce just steps away

Wander deeper into the lush tropical gardens that cocoon La Veranda and stumble upon our 1,000sqm organic garden. Micro-greens, salsads, herbs and spices are all cared for with the help of Asia’s top organic experts. The fresh mint and lime being picked from the garden is taken straight to the kitchens and bar, part of La Veranda’s commitment to providing organic Farm to Table products. A first for Phú Quốc.
GOURMET — EXPERIENCES
Uncover inspiring new textures and flavours.

INSPIRED — BY LOVE
Intimate dinners, private escapes, magical moments. What romance is made of.

— Wine and Dine
Relax in the intimate privacy of your own private terrace or right on the soft white sands of Duong Dong Beach, as your personal waiter pours fine French Champagne and serves a selection of cold canapés. Or stare dreamily into each other’s eyes over a Candlelight Dinner featuring inspired dining menus in a range of intimate locations.

— Let There Be Tea
Long afternoons spent sharing stories over fine teas were once considered an art form. A time to share stories and meet new acquaintances. Discover that inspired art with complimentary Vietnamese teas and bites at Le Bar.

Streets of Vietnam —
Rich aromas and dazzling flavours have made Vietnamese street food among the world’s most renowned. Take an epicurean journey from North to South, our Signature Vietnamese Buffet at Le Jardin.

Seafood Market —
Weathered fishermen haul their catch ashore in salt-reeked boats every day on Phú Quốc. Now you can experience their bounty. From the sea to your table, indulge in the island’s best catch with a carefully prepared barbecue buffet on the deck at Le Jardin.

Cooking it Up —
Delve into the flavours of Vietnam and bring the secrets of local cuisine back home with you. Our sous chef will guide you through the local market then teach you how to craft fresh ingredients into traditional local dishes.

— Sea of Smoke BBQ
As the sun sets over La Veranda, the smoke begins to rise from our weekly Signature BBQ buffet on the beach. Experience an array of barbequed meats, tempting seafood dishes and fresh, organic salads.

— Gourmet Xin Chao
The words ‘Xin Chao’ are used as a welcoming greeting in Vietnamese. The Peppertree welcomes you to indulge in one of our specially crafted mix-and-match set menus: Vietnamese Heritage, Asia Signature or Western.

Private Escape —
Discover the boundless solitude of our Memorable Moment tour, enjoy the special romantic upgrades specially tailored by our Romance Concierge.

— Proposals and Vow Renewals
Life’s greatest journey begins with a simple question. In the privacy of your room strewn with fragrant rose petals or amid a sea of candles on the beach, our Romance Concierge ensures you have everything you need to make a magical start to your life together. Or to continue your life together with an intimate vow renewal ceremony.
TĨNH WELLNESS — SANCTUARY

Discover a tranquil world of wellness inspired by the beauty of Phú Quốc and colonial Indochine.

— Welcome to TĨNH Wellness Sanctuary
Step into a world of peace and calm, where natural paths of wellness lead to your healthiest you. Immerse yourself in beautifully appointed treatment rooms, succumb to carefully curated treatments, embrace your natural state of wellness—mind, body, soul.

Our Philosophy —
Through holistic approaches and authentic methods, TĨNH Wellness Sanctuary guides every guest to their natural state of wellbeing. We have crafted a haven of serenity where every detail is designed to enhance and soothe, restoring inherent states of wellness to body, mind, spirit.

— A Sanctuary of Wellness
4 Treatment Rooms (28.5sqm) • 4 VIP Treatment Rooms (55sqm) • Full-Spectrum Infrared Sauna • Swedish Sauna • Red Dao Bath • Steam Room & Hydrotherapy • Salt-water Pool • Yoga Sala • Fitness Centre • Relaxation Room • Organic Beauty & Nail Bar • Wellness Kitchen • Retail • Wellness Library

WELLNESS JOURNEYS —

Beyond spa treatments, TĨNH Wellness Sanctuary has soothing programs, running along chosen paths.

Inspired journeys allow you to renew your body and mind naturally. Let us restore peace of mind and guide you towards a lifetime of healthy habits.

• Detox Journey
• Burnout Recovery Journey

Our wellness journeys are available over one, three, five or seven days.
ENTICING DISCOVERIES
Uncover the secrets of an enchanted isle.

— Travel in Time
The island’s south holds rich secrets, tales from a storied and mysterious past. Their secrets whisper on the sea breeze, enticing you to unlock them on our Historical South Tour, taking in a full afternoon of history, culture and beach indulgence.

Catch of the Day —
The open sea beckons, calling you towards the golden horizon aboard a traditional fishing boat on our Sunset Jaunts tour. Cast your line into the turquoise depths, as your chef waits patiently to transform your catch into a delightful dinner. As darkness settles, local fishermen instruct you on the finer points of squid fishing.

— Taste of Tradition
Phú Quốc’s rich history is deeply infused in the island’s rich culinary culture. Discover a taste of the island’s story on the Taste of Island Life tour. Immerse yourself in the vibrant bustle of Duong Dong town, the frenzy of the open market, the beauty of the pier and the daily wonders in the Ham Ninh fishing village.

Call of the Wild —
The meandering waters of the Cua Can River act as your guide on the Kayak Trekking tour. You disembark in the natural embrace of the national park, trekking to Ganh Dau cave for a glimpse of Cambodia on the distant mainland. Hop on the back of a xe om motorbike for a more intimate look at the island on the Bike and Hike tour. You meet friendly local inhabitants, the last of the traders and craftsmen who remain linked to the forgotten past, and embrace their idyllic village life.

Phú Quốc is full of places to explore. Please inquire about La Veranda’s full tour offerings.
MEETINGS AND EVENTS
The elegance of the past meets modern peace of mind.

— Meeting At La Veranda
The big meeting is today, but you’re not feeling stressed. An airy, inviting meeting room is elegantly styled with dark timber furnishings. Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the resort creates a sanctuary of connectivity. You feel reassured, ready for the job ahead.

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A Garden Affair —
The beachside deck of Le Jardin offers a stylish outdoor setting for cocktail-style affairs and banqueting, a place for up to 100 guests to enjoy decadent cuisine and live entertainment in the laid-back sophistication of an elegant seaside setting.

WEDDINGS
Events last a day, memories last forever.

— Intimate Ceremonies
The dramatic sunset forms a picturesque backdrop to the distinctive floral arrangements and magical outdoor settings of your dream wedding or vow renewal ceremony at La Veranda.

The Romance Concierge takes care of the small details. The stressful details. You feel unburdened, confident, free to take care of the truly important things on your perfect day: enjoying an unforgettable moment amid a dreamy beachfront setting.

Inspired Themes —
• Vietnamese Ceremony on the Beach: Red and white Oriental theme
• Tropical Paradise Beach Wedding: Palm trees and tropical colours
FACILITIES

Satellite cable TV • Complimentary Wi-Fi • Bluetooth docking speakers • Laundry • Fitness centre • Baby-sitting • Business corner • Diving arrangement • Spa & Wellness Sanctuary • Concierge • Airport transfer • Room service • Tour desk • Currency exchange • Doctor on call • Swimming pool • Ticketing • Restaurant • Lounge bar • Turn-down service • Sport activities (kayaking, volleyball)

AWARDS