



Spacious surrounds

I've travelled to many places in Vietnam but few can match Hoi An, where the tranquil atmosphere and the hospitality of local people made me want to stay longer. I chose the beautiful Hoi An Hotel on Tran Hung Dao Street as my home, just five minutes on foot to the heart of the ancient town. Its architecture reflects the atmosphere and beauty of Hoi An in days passed, with a traditional décor of dark wood furnishings, white crown mouldings, and muted colour schemes. The four-star hotel has disabled access, with 150 international-standard rooms and suites in low-rise blocks spaced throughout lush, shady grounds, with a range of facilities such as a reading room and a kid's club.

Its spacious garden boasts colourful flowers, grass, and oak trees; somewhat unusual in the heart of town. I enjoyed sitting on a cane chair under the shade of an old oak tree amid a fresh breeze and the singing of birds. After visiting the ancient town and cycling out to the beautiful craft villages nearby I relaxed at the White Lotus Spa, where skilled therapists cared for my tired feet with a special treatment of natural oil and fresh herbs. The Hoi An Hotel also holds tai chi lessons in the morning and Vietnamese language and cooking classes.

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A wide range of flavours, from East to West, are also offered at the hotel. The Oaks Terrace restaurant brings a contemporary Western brasserie style to Hoi An, serving an international a la carte menu for lunch and dinner. Indochine Corner, meanwhile, features a traditional Asian interior with an open air, indoor setting, serving a buffet breakfast and a select menu of traditional Vietnamese and other Asian dishes. The Western bar, an alfresco-style bar with a view of the swimming pool and garden, is a great place to enjoy cocktails and Italian cuisine, including pasta and pizzas straight from a wood-fired oven.

For me, it was great to learn more about the culture and daily life of the local people from speaking with the friendly staff, who also helped me to discover the delights of Hoi An ancient town. 

