





THE REVERIE — SAIGON

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The Reverie Saigon is unforgettable for many reasons. Boldly and unapologetically opulent, it is quite possibly the most spectacularly appointed hotel in the region. But before Verve dives into the design side of things, there are so many other reasons why a stay at The Reverie Saigon will remain indelibly printed upon our memory. For all its luxury and high value décor, the feeling of welcome, a home away from home – was quite remarkable. The staff, led by the exceptional hotel manager Christina-Vonwrede, is accommodating, friendly and uber-professional. Nothing is too much trouble. The views across the vibrant and pulsating city that is Ho Chi Minh (or Saigon as traditionalists prefer to call it), are breathtaking. Drawing back the curtains in our room on the night of our arrival revealed floor-to-ceiling windows that wrapped around the entire bedroom and bathroom. The winding Saigon river far below, and the lit-up night time city sprawl before us is a virtuoso vision come true.

As first-time visitors to Ho Chi Minh City, we could not wait to get out and explore. The Reverie Saigon is ideally situated for such activity. At the centre of District 1, the financial and commercial hub of the city, is within easy walking distance of many popular tourist highlights and opens onto Nguyen Hue Boulevard (ideal for café- and shop-hopping) as well as the luxury boutique-lined Dong Khoi Street.

Of course, you need never leave The Reverie Saigon as all needs are catered for within the confines of this amazing hotel. Dining options are plentiful, with probably the most memorable being that at The Royal Pavilion. Capturing the essence of Cantonese fine dining, this sumptuous restaurant is known for its divine dim sum and authentic cuisine. The presentation and artful plating of the exquisite array of mouth-watering delicacies is an experience not to be missed.



The Spa at The Reverie Saigon is well, let's just say it is divine, we thought we'd died and gone to heaven! The unique décor is majestic, yet serene, and it's graced by therapists who know just how to unknot every little spot of tension to ensure that you leave feeling rejuvenated and utterly relaxed.

Deserving special mention is The Reverie Lounge, a fabulous facility for suite guests. Located at the top of the building, the lounge offers round the clock refreshments and a tempting spread of light eats—it's a wonderful place to simply get away from the hustle and bustle of busy life.

Now back to that design. Clearly determined in its aim to be the best and among the most

expensive accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City, The Reverie Saigon is head to toe mirrors, marble, gilt and gold leaf, velvets, lacquer and crystals, opulent beyond words.

"I can't think of any other property anywhere in the world that has brought together so many of Italy's leading furnishing design brands", says Giulio Cappellini, art director of the Milan-based Poltrona Frau Group and an iconic trendsetter in the industry. "Except perhaps a museum".

And that, in a nutshell, about sums it up.

The Reverie Saigon is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience not to be missed.

