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Victoria's Secrets

Tessa Williams, Audley's Indochina specialist, explains why one particular hotel group has become a firm favourite with our clients.

Train journeys and Asia seem to go hand in hand - from the Orient Express to the Trans-Siberian Express. Vietnam is fortunately no exception thanks to the Victoria group. A journey from Hanoi north to Lao Cai in the Tonkin Alps is now significantly more comfortable since they added their own renovated carriages to the local train. These carriages have brought

a touch of style and nostalgia to this overnight journey with an exclusive dining car and wood panelled two or four berth carriages. On arrival in Lao Cai, guests are transferred to the picturesque hill station of Sapa, populated with colourful ethnic tribespeople such as Black H'mong and Red Dzao, where the luxurious facilities of the Victoria Hotel offer a stylish retreat.

Fortunately, for those travelling the length of Vietnam, Sapa is not the only destination that the Victoria group have chosen for their hotels. In central Vietnam, their tasteful property is located on the beach just a few kilometres from the UNESCO protected town of Hoi An. Further south, they have built a beautiful resort on the beach near to Phan Thiet on the Mui Ne Peninsula and have two hotels in the Mekong Delta. The locations of the Victoria properties are chosen to allow visitors to Vietnam to explore in comfort areas away from the main cities. The Phan Thiet resort is located on a secluded white sand beach away from busier stretches of coastline and both the Can Tho and Chau Doc hotels are located deep in the Mekong Delta far removed from the day-trippers from Saigon. A sixth Victoria Hotel is due to open this summer in Cambodia close to the awe-inspiring Angkor complex.

Not only do all the hotels have excellent facilities, but all are located in unique and stylish buildings and are decorated in an elegant colonial style. The Victoria at Can Tho is our personal favourite with views over the Mekong, a graceful reception area and beautiful gardens. The spa facilities at the Victoria in Phan Thiet are amongst the best in Vietnam - relax with a massage in one of the individual bamboo huts to the sound of the waves breaking on the picture perfect beach. Staying at these supremely elegant hotels is truly an unforgettable way to see Vietnam at its best.