



## DECHIU HOTEL HOI AN, VIETNAM

THE SCOOP ROOMS FROM ABOUT £65

Among the bungalows, beach clubs and seafood shacks of Hoi An's hectic shorefront is Dechiu, an unassuming oasis. TheO Pham, the Hanoian owner and architect behind this 10-bedroom spot, conceived it as a celebration of Vietnamese craft. The style dips its toe into tropical brutalism but with surprising warmth. Reclaimed-wood doors open onto a serene and earthy shared space and flavourful vegetarian/vegan-centric café Gieo. Past a tranquil koi pond, the stairwells are lined with a rotating selection of regional art. There's a *wabi-sabi* element at play with distressed cement floors and walls throughout, which, like most things at Dechiu, have a considered take. 'They are a reminder of the clay-built houses in the coastal countryside where I grew up,' says Pham. Each bedroom has its own subtle colour scheme, from honeyed ochre to milk and indigo blue, and is filled with antique and locally carved furniture, handmade linens and baskets made by northern hill tribes that serve as lampshades. Pham's favourites are the Architect's and Zen rooms, but all are designed to inspire creativity and meditation, with large desks and stacks of books beside daybeds dressed in vintage textiles. The sand is less than a minute's walk away, and there are bicycles to borrow for exploring Hoi An's merchant-house- and tea-shop-packed old town. This is a thoughtful, soothing place from which to tap into Vietnamese culture. **BOOK IT** [dechiuhotel.com](http://dechiuhotel.com)

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