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THE RESIDENCE

A centerpiece in the vibrant heart of the UNESCO Old Town, this luxury boutique hotel in Havana is a majestic beauty reimagined, and places you front and center into the atmospheric history of the city.

The landmark colonial mansion has been restored to its former glory in a captivating renovation at the intersection of past and present, that exudes elegance, charm and character.

Situated within the very center of the most historic neighborhood San Isidro, selected by TIME in 2022 to be one of the 53 'coolest neighborhoods in the world', this luxury boutique hotel in Havana immerses you within the picturesque and atmospheric streets of colonial splendor and the unmistakable vintage charms of La Habana Vieja.

An exclusive gateway to uncovering the hidden treasures of one of the most extraordinary cities in the world.

A unique design concept that pairs the flavors of Cuba with contemporary European refinement, the hotel offers an experience where the appreciation of art, culture, and design converge.

The A|S Boutique Residence is an 'Adult-only' private experience as behind the majestic colonial façade, you will find only a limited amount of guest rooms and a suite.

A unique private guest room, an elegant design lobby, a dining room, an impressive roof terrace with a rooftop bar and designer lounge seats and our trendy HAV-café and HAV-art gallery are your exclusive yet intimate retreat in Havana.













LA HABANA VIEJA

The residence is nestled right in the heart of the oldest part of historical Old Havana in the neighbourhood San Isidro, which was recently added as a must see area by TIME OUT and declared to be ONE OF THE COOLEST NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE WORLD-2022. Like an exhale in the middle of the vibrant heart of Old Havana, this princely landmark 'turned -stylish-urban oasis', places you right in the thick of things- and at the same time allows you to quietly retreat from it just as easily.

Amidst countless UNESCO World Heritage sites and with the majestic *Convento de Belen* and *Plaza Belen* at it's doorstep, this is the ultimate startingpoint for exploration. The numerous alluring historical plazas of Old Havana are all within close walking distance, as well as *The Capitol, The Art Museums* and *The Great Theatre of Havana*.

The famous Castillo del Morro is accessible within a 10-minute drive. It takes only a 3-minute walk to reach the famous boulevard de Malecon AvenuePorte, and the hotel is surrounded by trendy hotspots, galleries and the best restaurants in town.

This area epitomises so much of the energy, the real life and the culture that gives Old Havana its special zing. The street *JESUS MARIA* is a typical Old Havana street where you will experience the authentic atmosphere of La Habana Vieja. Situated within only a 5 minutes walking distance from the more polished and famous touristy Plaza Vieja, this street is still in an untouched location where you can have an ultimate experience of the local 'daily life' situation. The atmosphere is almost cinematic and above all very friendly and entirely safe.

From the balcony, you have a first-row view on a narrow picturesque street with vintage cars, bicycle taxi's, horse carriages, and small local shops, bakeries and coffee shops. Recommended as a 'must-see street' of Havana's sightseeing walking routes, the street is very lively with many pedestrian locals and tourists and with hardly any car traffic. All it's side streets are packed with sightseeing hotspots.

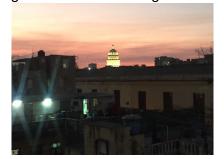
Experience a variety of quality restaurants, trendy clubs and bars, trendsetting galleries and, of course, salsa music and dance establishments.

Since Havana is situated directly at the sea, it has some stunning and mostly quite deserted beaches, that can be reached within a 20 minute drive from the hotel.

An exclusive urban oasis straight in the heart of the oldest part of the city, makes A|S Boutique Residence the ideal springboard to delve into the raw beauty of Old Havana. Simultaneously it is a safe haven to retreat to after the wonderful overstimulation of Old Havana, and from which you can again depart with completely renewed vigour before each outing.











III INTERIOR

The elegant and contemporary European design signature of this intimate yet majestic colonial residence will definitely charm you. The interior design is the work of the creative couple Andre Visser and Sandy Solano. With their aesthetic sense, they find true expression in all aspects of creativity.

"...We have started a conversation between the unique environment, the rich history, the overwhelming architecture and our European design philosophy to create a perfect balance between these worlds..."

At the same time, they understand the art of toning down and finding true elegance by achieving a perfect dialogue between luxury and minimalism. A style that is so precious to Havana's European history and to the sensibility of a luxury boutique hotel concept that is perfectly anchored in the 21th century. Materials and textures are fashioned with respect for the artistic, artisanal tradition that comes to life again through the contemporary designs and forms that withstand the tests of time.

All the rooms boast + 5 meter high ceilings and the authentic details of the residency integrate naturally with the exclusive contemporary design interior and with the large abstract paintings, all created by Andre Visser. (www.andrevisser.art).

The art of chic simplicity rather than ostentatious splendor is our idea of a luxury interior. A|S offers you a unique experience by merging European stylishness with a Cuban sparkle. The personally designed European ambiance combines beautifully with the authentic residency and its typical Havana atmosphere that has been conserved carefully. Contemporary luxury and modern convenience are implemented in the lofty urban rooms and lounges, where the urban dynamism has been tempered with serenity. An elegant, timeless appeal of a custom-made experience.













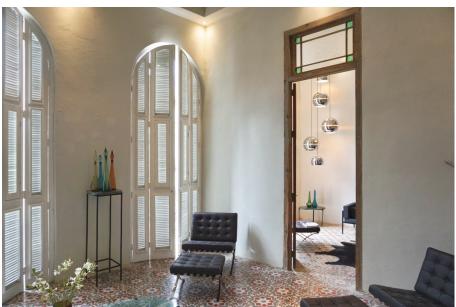
IV THE SALON

The unique environment and the embracing casual atmosphere are noticeable when you cross the threshold, leaving behind the bustle of the city to enter a lounge that could be your own—decked as it is with comfortable design furniture, impressive art and a beautiful collection of contemporary art books.

The elegant salon is a bohemian masterpiece of colonial style architecture where the colonial past and the contemporary present merge into a unique ambiance. A calm oasis with design, art and authentic eclectic elements. The stunning custom made louvre doors lead directly to 9 meters of balcony placing you in a front row position to be overwhelmed by the raw beauty of this UNESCO site panoramic.

At A|S Boutique Residence European elegance, quality and style merge naturally with Cuban passion, culture and colonial heritage.









V THE ROOMS

This intimate hotel provides only four guest rooms and two suites, all havens of true comfort due to their generous dimensions and the chic urban loft signature.

The Duplex Guest rooms, the majestic 'living room' Royal Suite and the monastic artistic Art Suite are superb examples of sheer style and passionate design.

The guest rooms have an approximate floor space of 27 m², and both the Art Suite as the Royal Suite of course have 2 rooms with an impressive floor space of 40-50 m² and either a balcony or a private patio. The rooms have been provided with all the necessary comforts, contemporary design interior and art to make your stay a great experience.

Restful sleep is paired perfectly with Andre Visser's heady art collection in each of the rooms, making them a destination of personal signature and individual statement. A distinctive personal touch.

Enjoy the luxurious A|S custom made signature king size bed with high quality pocket mattress, 'wellpur' pillows and luxurious cotton-satin bed linen.

The contemporary design bathrooms offer a large walk-in rainfall shower and all the required comfort.

Let us treat you to a joyful moment with our high-quality signature range of A|S-LAB amenities, exclusively designed and selected for our guests.

This is not a hotel room, this is an A|S Boutique Residence experience.









THE ROYAL SUITE

The signature *Royal Suite* is a true bohemian masterpiece and considered to be the crown jewel of the 19th century landmark. This sumptuous and capacious architectural showcase of + 45m2(485 ft2) is situated on the first floor, boasts 5 meter high ceilings and features an elegant living room and a generous separated bedroom. Large historical arched louvre doors of 4.5 meters height, provide direct access to the balcony at the front of the residence, offering a stunning front-row city panoramic of UNESCO site Old Havana. The lavish lounge area has double glass doors leading to the bedroom and an open plan walk-in bathroom. This is a secluded and seductive suite that immediately will embrace you as your exclusive urban retreat in the heart of the vibrant city.

The design signature of this *Deluxe One Bedroom Suite* is an eclectic cocktail of contemporary refinement and authentic grandeur and unmistakably eptomizes timeless elegance. The robust expòsed brick walls, the decorative antique floor tiling, the stunning wooden triad-doors and the imposing ceilings create a vibe of contemporary royalness. The European style furniture, the iconic Barcelona Chair together with the vintage style design pieces of Antigua green marble make this suite a unique concept of international allure. The large scaled abstract paintings are exclusively created for the Royal Suite by one of the owners and abstract artist Andre Visser (www.andrevisser.art) and make a personal and bold statement. This is the type of luxury that is not for everybody, however, definitely embraced by those who can appreciate a balanced blend of artistic minimalism, bohemian urbanism, historical architecture and cosmopolitan flair.













THE ART SUITE

The Art Suite is 'a loft-like signature suite' and central to the hotel's vision of design, good living and cultural distinction. An artistic and robust sanctuary with an impressive floor space of 50 m2(550 ft2). This 'One bedroom' suite is comfortably nestled at the ground floor of the mansion, directly connected with the hotel's art gallery and has a secluded private 'garden'-patio (9m2-100ft2).

The Art Suite is all about indulgence, sleekly styled and a bohemian mix of historical Cuban elements and iconic European design. A calm oasis, with a 'raw and puristic' design statement and a fascinating material palette of concrete, unpolished wood and industrial iron. The monumental spaces are +5 meter (16.5ft) high-ceilinged and have been transformed into a balanced cocktail of eclectic tiles and majestic wooden doors that blend naturally with large abstract artworks and contemporary design.

The monastic suite boasts imposing 5 meters height (16.5ft) straight arches and an arcade, all provided with industrial iron windows and endless iron-glass double doors, creating a tempered daylight that will definitely charm you. The soaring, suite's decadent 'wellness centerpiece' is a prominent – deep soak – Roman bath in it's lounge salon. The architectural set up is meticulously designed and provides a generous gateway that leads to a large 'walk-in' bathroom with rain-fall shower. An indulgently grand Emperor Bed (2m x 2m), the bespoke Barcelona chair with hocker, the lounge sofa and the locally developed bath products; all the expected and unexpected luxury amenities are present to feel completely pampered, cocooned and relaxed.

This suite is an architectural masterpiece and a heart-stirring reminder of this contemporary-yet-historical hotel, where centuries past and today blend perfectly. For those who appreciate authentic features and imposing architecture combined with robust industrial design, European flair and a 'chic-raw' touch, this luxury Art suite is the perfect retreat.















THE THREE ROYAL DUPLEX ROOMS

With it's contemporary urban design and stunning historical features the urbane, sleekly styled A|S Boutique Residence is one of the chicest and coolest boltholes in Old Havana. The *signature* Royal Duplex Rooms are a series of rooms with a spectacular yet intimate design concept that combines an urban loft style with the historical atmosphere of the landmark building. Wrapping around an internal courtyard these rooms are study of sublime design and made-to-measure proportions. The spacious *'loft-like split-level'* rooms with an approximate floor space of 28m2 (300 ft2), all boast +5 meters high ceilings and are contemporary decorated. Experience modern 'switch-on loft living' in a setting of attested Cuban architecture.

Authentic elements such as the antique floor-tiling and the imposing wooden triad-doors, merge seamlessly with the delicate lounge zone and the spacious walk-in bathroom. With alluring European design features such as the iconic Barcelona Chair, a cowhide rug, green Antigua marble furnishings and vintage Venetian glass ornaments, these immaculately styled rooms contribute to an ethical and unique travel experience. The large scale custom painting by one of the owners and abstract artist Andre Visser (www.andrevisser.art) gives an artistic and personal statement to each room.

The finished product is understated bohemian, both sleek and artfully dishevelled, vintage yet forward thinking. The Royal Duplex Rooms are your urban retreat and a personal space in which to sink back, unwind and slow down.

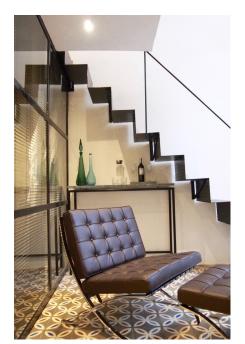
















THE COMPACT DUPLEX ROOM

This cosy yet charming 'loft-like' split level room with a compact total floor space of 17 m2 – 183 ft2 divided over two floors, is a unique contemporary concept that features smart design solutions in a smaller space. The sleek international design signature of the A|S Boutique Residence is well reflected in this Compact Duplex Room. The small-scale space has a studio-vibe and is meticulously designed, elegant and intimate and ideal for solo travelers or couples. The room has a window with a partial view on the side of the monumental Convento de Belen, a by UNESCO declared heritage site. The imposing antique wooden 'triad'-doors provide direct access to a garden patio. An open-plan walk-in bathroom with a large granite sink and even a compact sitting area complete this room. Also here the urban design style blends seamlessly with the decorative antique tiled floors and the five meter's high ceiling. In this embracing *Compact Duplex Room* you will be pampered with slightly upscale amenities, an indulgently comfortable and generous King bed and a fully stocked minibar with a Nespresso machine and a collection of wines. A calm, compact oasis with all the comfort to make it a perfect intimate retreat.











IV THE TERRACES

THE ROOF TERRACE

The impressive 150 square meters rooftop terrace with stunning UNESCO site city views and panoramic sun sets is a must-see experience. The rooftop bar offers a variety of cocktails and you are invited to relax in our luxury lounge seats. An urban oasis in the heart of Old Havana.

THE 'GARDEN' PATIO TERRACE

On the first floor and within the heart of the mansion, you will find the charming and intimate garden patio terrace. The duplex rooms are wrapped around this quiet, elegant and shadowy place. This is a great terrace to start or to end the day in a relaxed and comfortable way.









V THE RESTAURANT

On the ground floor of the mansion you will find the dynamic cultural hotspot HAV Coffee & Art, which is a destination on itself. HAV_Coffee & Art is a trendsetting and well-known café for a superb breakfast or lunch and a great Cuban brewed coffee in a unique art gallery environment. The contemporary design interior is a spot on statement and never before seen in Havana. This is a hotspot where the local and international art scene blend together with the guests of the A|S Residence and a great location to enjoy a relaxed casual atmosphere and quality organic food.

The HAV cuisine offers an excellent mixture between classic and contemporary styles in an intimate yet contemporary setting blending the old world of Havana with the style of today. The two chefs use only the freshest locally sourced ingredients for their seasonal menu. The presentation is exciting, modest and refined.

Extra attention is paid to the coffee that comes from the best Cuban coffee roasters and is prepared with the high-quality Italian espresso machine of HAV.

HAV is also where the guests of the A|S residency can enjoy their 'always included' organic or vegetarian breakfast. HAV is a unique concept because the cafe is part of and directly integrated into the prestigious HAV_Art gallery, where international and local artists exhibit their groundbreaking contemporary art.

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VI THE ART GALLERY

The HAV Art Gallery is part of and directly integrated into the HAV restaurant & café. Here international and local artists exhibit their groundbreaking contemporary art. The HAV_ Art Gallery is known for its controversial and outstanding contemporary art exhibitions of the works of established artists as well as being a platform for new talented artists.

The HAV Art gallery is a large open space that offers a continuous variation of controversial and contemporary art exhibitions and, at times, it hosts performances and music events. Frequently you can find here the abstract large scale artworks of the owner, Andre Visser. (www.andrevisser.art)











VII GROUPS & RETREATS

CORPORATE & SOCIAL GATHERINGS

A|S Boutique Residence can host any type of event or social gathering. We will make your meetings and affairs a unique encounter. The artistic and impressive setting of the HAV Art Gallery or the distinct and elegant atmosphere of the A|S Salon will make your event an extraordinary and memorable experience.

We offer personalized service, tailor-made proposals and individual solutions for every type of event. The event space is equipped with air conditioning, Wi-Fi and offers the opportunity to display a presentation through a projector.

All the comfort of our hotel services will be fully maintained including the genuine service and attentiveness of the hotel staff. We can provide this service for groups up to 30 people. Please contact us to discuss your wishes and let us think along with you.













PRIVATE DINING

The intimate and elegant environment of A|S Boutique Residence is the perfect setting for a refined private dinner by our HAV Chef. In the distinct and artistic environment of the HAV Art Gallery on the ground floor of the residence we will serve the diner. The five meters high ceilings are a true reflection of Havana's magnificent 19th century architecture and the contemporary art will give a fascinating 21st century twist. The adjacent HAV-Café is the perfect venue for pre-dinner drinks and canapes. Private dining is available for up to 20 guests.

Please contact us to discuss your wishes and let us think along with you.





WEDDINGS

Weddings at the A|S Boutique Residence are intimate, personal and exclusive. Together with a dedicated planner we can make your wedding an unforgettable experience. Celebrate this beautiful moment in an intimate setting in the elegant Salon and afterwards in the HAV Art Gallery with all your loved ones.

The stunning roof terrace with rooftop bar and sunset city views gives an opportunity for a selected group of guests.

With outstanding service, refined dining experience and your personal preferences it will definitely be a memorable and outstanding evening. Please take notice that it is required to book the complete A|S Residence as a wedding venue. We can host 12 guests for the overnight stay, up to 25 guests in the Salon and on the roof terrace and up to 80 guests in the HAV venue.

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WELLNESS RETREATS

The extensive and exclusive rooftop terrace with stunning Old Havana city panoramic is the unique setting for urban outdoor Sunrise & Sunset-yoga retreats and dancing classes. A|S Boutique Residence organizes residential retreats as well as retreats on location, by experienced yoga and dance professionals. The dancing and yoga classes are for all levels and guided by professional English and Spanish speaking instructors. High above Old Havana's narrow streets and amidst this stunning Unesco protected historical site, you will endulge a stress-free urban yoga- or dance retreat.

Complete relaxation and inner peace is provided through a carefully designed massage program. The wellness menu provides a variety of holistic massage- and retreat concepts that are a careful integration of Eastern and Western methodologies. Wellness treatments take place in the private atmosphere of your room. Please read the Wellness Menu via the link in the headline.

After the class or wellness therapy, there is the convenience of the HAV Coffee & Art grand-café downstairs where we serve a healthy organic and partly vegetarian breakfast or brunch in the stunning environment of the art gallery and with a front-row view on Havana's scenic downtown street life.





VIII AIS PHILOSOPHY

The A|S Boutique Residence is a privately owned luxury boutique hotel, nestled in the heart of La Habana Vieja. Europe and Cuba merge in this exclusive masterpiece—just as the owners Andre and Sandy have merged their cultures into a loving relationship.

"...We have travelled around the world and lived in different continents and metropoles. That international experience is brought to life in the lifestyle and philosophy of the A\S Boutique Residence. Our international background together with our European and Cuban heritage has resulted in a unique concept.

We believe that it is our combined talent and nonstop drive to evolve and create, together with the artistry of our people, flair and skills that create an exhilarating and artfully composed experience. Here we celebrate freedom, individuality, design and art and above all we embrace the independent traveller's minds...'

The Cuban architecture, the local craftsmanship and the heritage site make this boutique hotel reach into the social and cultural fabric of the environment, for our guests to nurture a sense of belonging. We have created a retreat that reflects a true sense of place and fits organically into the historical surrounding, with a modern design decor that serves as a bridge between culture and people. The raw beauty of the Old Town environment and the laid-back casual atmosphere of the residence merge seamlessly with a community of people who share the same aesthetic values and lifestyle.

"...Our pledge to you is our commitment to providing a superlative guest experience to create exquisite memories in an creative environment where individuality, freedom and true relaxation can florish..."

Along with an unparalleled, personalized service in an understated chic and distinctly upscale setting, you will feel welcome and at home. For those seeking a slice of luxury, a dose of solitude or just an embracing urban oasis in a dynamic city, this is the place. We invite you to switch off from the outside world, unplug and slow down.

"...Welcome to the perfect bolthole for the liberated minds and free traveller spirits ...!"



IX THE OWNERS

Founded and restored by Netherlands-born abstract artist and fashion industry veteran Andre Visser and his Havana-born partner Sandy Solano Diaz, a professional dancer and musician, the hotel is a unique concept of colonial heritage meets contemporary international design. 'European elan with a Cuban sparkle'.

'Coming from the international Design and Art world, we have travelled the globe and lived in different continents and metropoles. That international experience is brought to life in the lifestyle of A|S Boutique Residence ...'























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