

TRAVEL NEWS

From 28 March, **SilkAir** is planning to add a flight on Saturday between Danang and Singapore. Now there are four flights a week, by Airbus A320. The airline is offering a promotion of \$160 for return tickets (excluding \$82 tax) till the end of May. For booking, click www.silkair.com or contact the representative office in Danang at Hoang Anh Gia Lai Plaza Hotel, 01 Nguyen Van Linh Street, tel: (0511) 356-2708.

Princess d'Annam Resort and Spa and Ocean Dunes Golf Club in Phan Thiet are offering a golf package that shuttles players by limousine from Princess d'Annam villas on the shores of Ke Ga Bay to Ocean Dunes in Phan Thiet.

Guests of the Princess's d'Annam (www.princessannam.com) will be handled by the club's top-8 caddy corps exclusively; PDA guests will ride only the new electric golf club cars, as opposed to older gasoline-powered cars; and a PGA of America professional will provide 15 minutes of dedicated instruction to player who wants some fine-tuning.

For reservation please contact reservation@princessannam.com or dial (062) 3682 222.

Caravelle Hotel in Saigon is introducing the Caravelle Heritage Club (CHC), a frequent patronage programme for regular guests. Repeat patrons can rack up CHC points that can be redeemed for accommodation in several categories of rooms and suites, for use of the hotel's meetings rooms, for gift vouchers and other perks. Members of the CHC also receive a suite of default benefits, including a 10% discount on all food and beverage purchases, a buffet dinner voucher for redemption during the month of the member's birthday, welcome fruit bowls, guaranteed room availability for reservations made 24 hours in advance, early check-in and late check-out, as well as other perks.

The patronage program also lets guests redeem CHC points for stays at some of

Vietnam's other leading, independent hotels and resorts, including The Nam Hai and the Princess d'Annam Resort and Spa.

Membership in the program is free to qualifying applicants. Application can be made at the hotel's web site, or at the reception desk.

For more information, see additional detail at www.caravellehotel.com.

The Nam Hai Resort near Hoi An is introducing a walking tour of its interpretation of the Vietnamese *nhà rường*, which translates literally as 'house of panels' and is also known as garden house. The Tour is narrated by the resort's architect, Reda Amalou of Paris-based AW2, on portable player. On 35 hectares of landscaped tropical gardens overlooking the East Sea, The Nam Hai has 60 one-bedroom villas and 40 pool villas ranging from one to five bedrooms.

Life Resort Danang will officially open in early April, 2010. Life Resort Danang has 187 rooms in nine categories from 67 superior rooms and 91 deluxe rooms to suites and villas and one grand presidential suite. The resort will also feature the 1,400 square-metre Nang Spa, with 10 treatment rooms, a fitness centre, tennis courts, a resort pool, conference facilities and several food and the 300-seat Senses restaurant. Pre-opening, Life Resorts Da Nang is offering reservations at \$135++ per night for stays from April 1 to May 31.

For more information, contact Life Resorts (848) 3.844-3605 or sales@life-resorts.com or visit www.life-resorts.com.

Khaisilk Corporation has just begun building Royal Residence, a boutique resort, adjacent to Cham Charm Restaurant in Phu My Hung, District 7, Ho Chi Minh City. In the style of a Maharaja's palace, with 15 suites, a cinema, viewing room, spa and gym with outdoor swimming pool, restaurant, bar and cigar lounge. The resort will be built in one year and open in March, 2011.