

hotel review



River 108 Nora Lindstrom

Tucked away just around the corner from the riverside, River 108 is a stylish boutique hotel for business travellers looking for some added class. Clad in hues of champagne gold and silver, the 12-room establishment plays with an art deco theme within a modern design framework.

Go for the six river view suites. Yellow-tinted stone floors and walls give the room a solid feel, while its high ceiling and 48sqm area provides an air of spaciousness. The substantial double bed, with top quality cotton sheets and a wooden headboard stretching all the way to the ceiling sits in the middle of the room. Even so, the suite also fits a large writing desk and armchair, as well as ample wardrobe space including a safe.

The bathroom and toilet are separate, with the former featuring a beautiful stone bath as well as a big, ceiling-mounted showerhead. Another highlight is the balcony—a perfect spot for an afternoon beer from the mini-bar, or late night contemplation of the night's festivities. It should be mentioned that the night market, located right opposite the hotel, can be

somewhat loud, though this wraps up before midnight. In any case, solid windows take care of most of the noise.

The rooms are not the only draw. With free WiFi throughout as well as comfortable meeting space on the hotel's domed top floor, River 108 leaves little to desire for those who prefer having their business meetings outside of their hotel rooms.

Top end cuisine is available a stone's throw from the premises. The complimentary continental breakfast is served at Fish Restaurant at the corner of Sisowath Quay and Street 108, and the seafood establishment should not be overlooked for a spot of dinner.

Head south along Sisowath Quay for more restaurants and nightlife, while a walk up north from the hotel will put you right in the French colonial quarter of the city.

Located at the heart of the action, yet offering a successful combination of hospitality and design, River 108 is made for the cool business traveller looking for a bit of edge.

River 108 Hotel, 2 Street 108, Tel: 023 218 785, www.river108.com. Rooms US\$78 to US\$98. 