

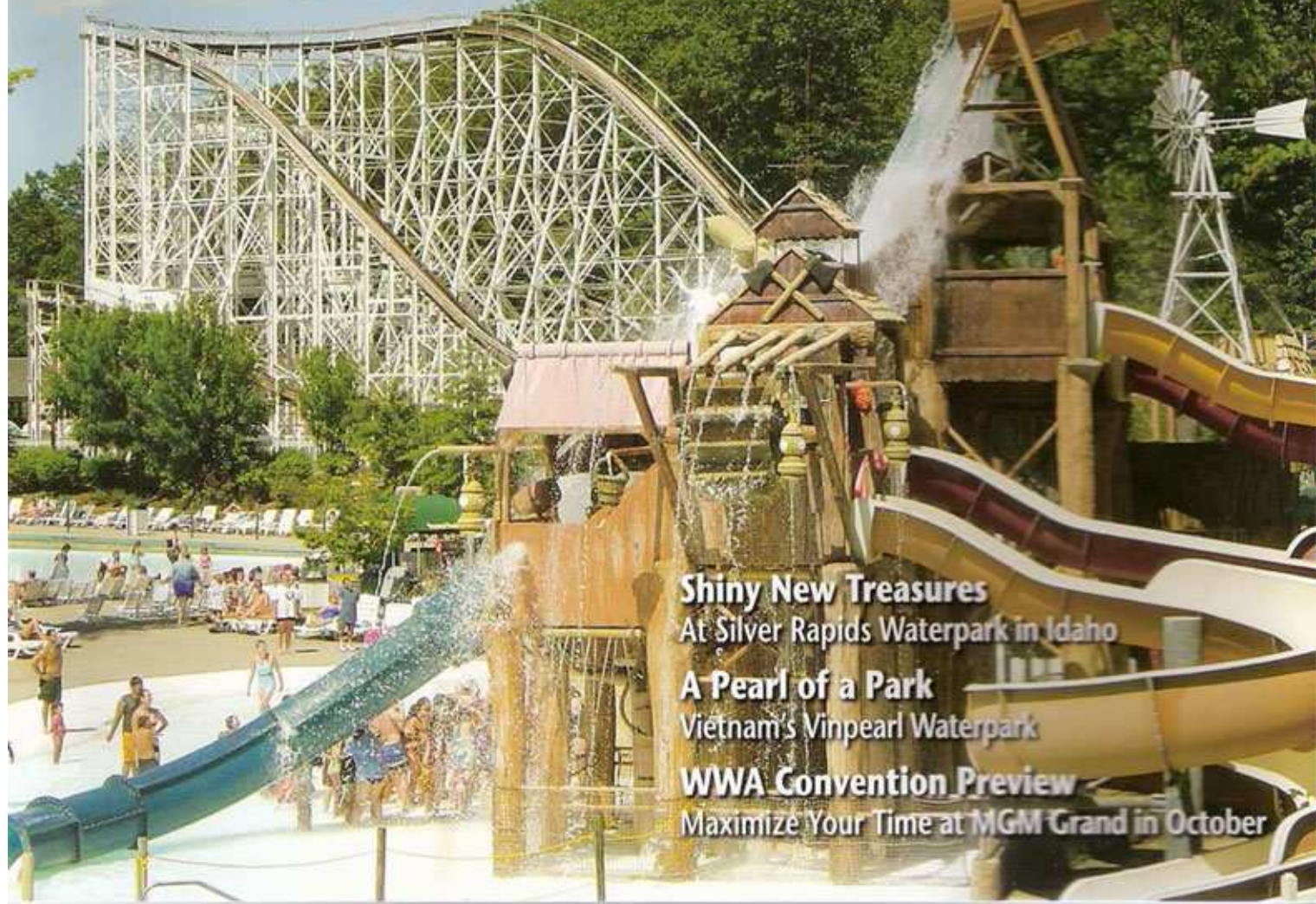
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# A Pearl of a Park



VINPEARL

By Quoc Chien DINH

On a stretch of white sandy beach on an island called Hon Tre is a cutting-edge waterpark officially launched in June 2007.

Set in Nha Trang, Vietnam, the Vinpearl Waterpark was the creation of well-respected industry experts, including Polin Waterparks & Pool Systems and Murphy Waves.

They, along with local contractors with expertise in local terrains and conditions, created this waterpark landmark. High-end equipment was purchased from Zebec Inc USA, Astrail Spain and KSB Germany, while chemicals were imported from Singapore and Bangkok.

## What's inside

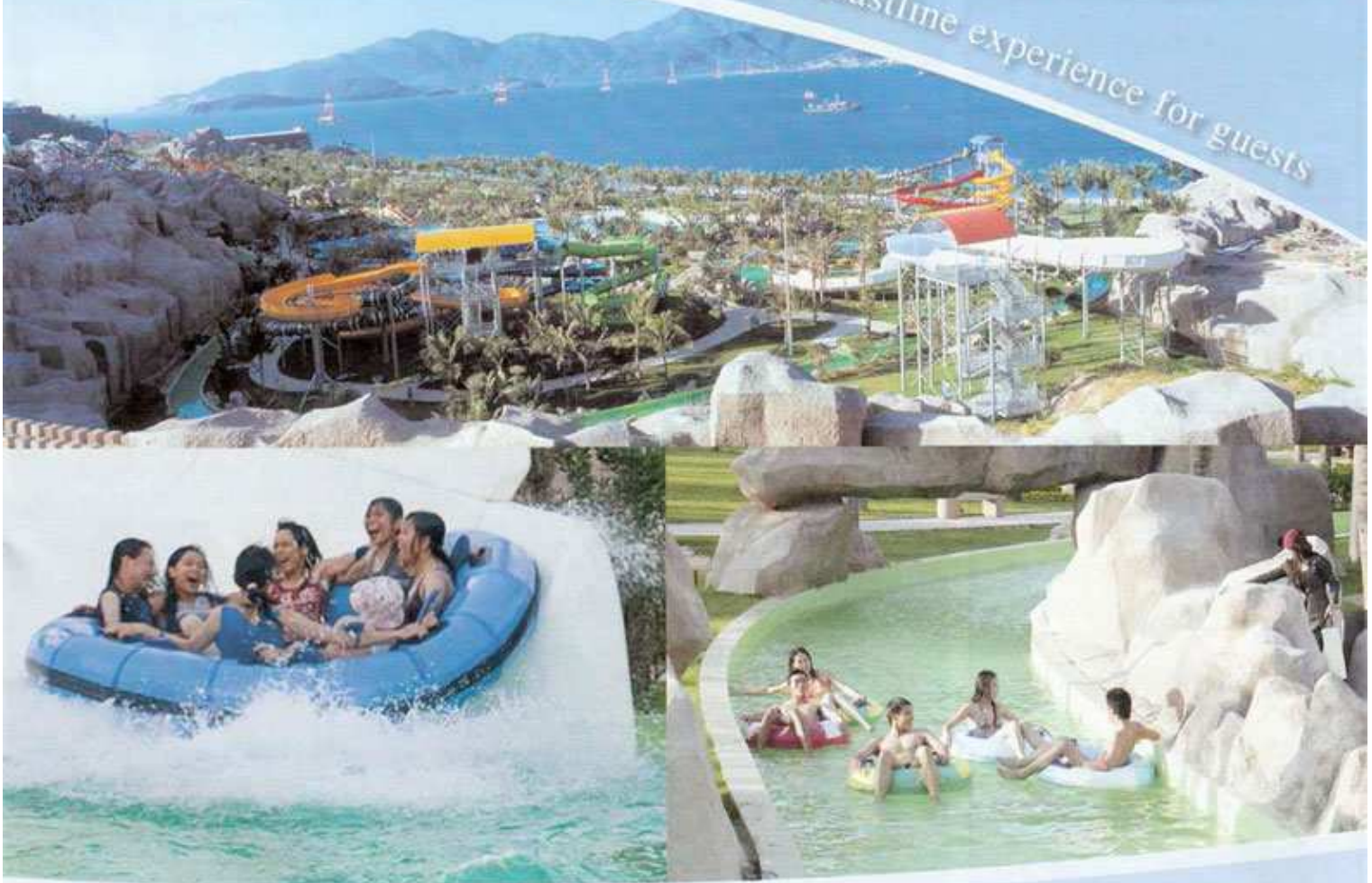
One of the most special features of Vinpearl Waterpark is its natural coastline of 450 meters (a quarter of a mile). Here, visitors enjoy swimming in the open sea, walking barefoot in the clean, white sand and breathing in the fresh, cool air.

The waterpark sits on a total area of 60,000 square meters (14.7 miles), surrounded by a 30,000-square-meter-wide (7.4 acres) range of artificial mountains and a 960-meter-long (half a mile) winding leisure river.

The constructors and designers divided the Vinpearl



Vietnam's Vinpearl Waterpark offers a unique coastline experience for guests



Vinpearl Waterpark is surrounded by artificial mountains.

Waterpark into three main entertaining sections: for families, for children and for daredevils. The concept was to build a waterpark where everyone could find an appealing activity.

The Vinpearl Waterpark has 20 waterslides for adults, and for the children, a large play area containing different types of slides, animations, showers, etc.

There's a waterslide for everyone, no matter what thrill level visitors are seeking. On the high-thrill end are extreme waterslides, speed waterslides and waterslides sloping to a height of 21.30 meters (70 feet).

There's also family waterslides available so groups can share in the fun.

A wave pool offers good rolling waves, and a 56-meter (184 foot) long horror cave satisfies young people's passion for exploration and adventure.

All the waterslides and kids' animation attractions are designed, manufactured and installed by Polin Waterparks & Pool Systems. They understood our needs from the very beginning, so we ended up with one of the best waterparks in the world.



Adding to the fun of the waterpark is the latest attraction in the region—the Vinpearl Underwater World.

The waterpark features areas for children, families and thrill-seekers.

## An underwater world

Adding to the fun of the waterpark is the latest attraction in the region—the Vinpearl Underwater World. This sophisticated aquarium is the creation of international diver Kelly Tarlton and marine civil engineer Ian Mellsop.

The two came together to put their dream into a reality. They wanted to let people see and understand the deep-sea world.

This dream first came true in Auckland, New Zealand, in January 1985, when the format of aquariums was revolutionized.

In its first year of operation, this new concept of walking side-by-side with the underwater creatures became New Zealand's number one tourist attraction. It was given the Silver Otter Award from the United Kingdom's tourist board, and since then, many successful aquariums with this concept have been sprouting up around the world.

In 2008, it was Vietnam's turn to share in the dream with creators Tarlton and Mellsop.

The aquarium in Vietnam is possibly the leader in aquarium technology; very few other aquariums in the world have such a complex system. The underwater tunnel is made from acrylic, which makes viewing from the tunnel far superior to any other aquarium viewing system in the world.

The tunnel has been carefully designed to maximize the visitors' exposure to all facets of underwater life and activity in the main tank, enabling them to see this mysterious world through the eyes of a diver.

The tunnel is 90 meters long, and visitors can even take photos as they move through. The tunnel is 2 meters under sea level, but it's designed to withstand 20 times this water load—or approximately 40 meters of water above the tunnel.

## While you're there

Part of Vinpearl Land includes the waterpark and aquarium, but there's also the Vinpearl Amusement Park, which provides a variety of indoor and outdoor games, a food village (with restaurants for all tastes), a shopping street (offering a wide range of shops and services, from carefully crafted antiques to fashion apparel) and the Event Hall and Amphitheater.

## SUPPLIERS

Development/Design: Polin Waterparks & Pool Systems

Consultants: Polin Waterparks & Pool Systems

Waterslides: Polin Waterparks & Pool Systems

Wave generator: Murphy's Waves Ltd.

Raft/Tubes/Mats: Zebec Inc, USA

Children's equipment: Polin Waterparks & Pool Systems

Filtration equipment: Astral, Spain

Pumps: KSB, Germany

Chemical controllers: Pasteur's Institute in Nhatrang Vietnam

Uniforms: Local designer commissioned to design uniforms for the team members

## DETAILS

### Vinpearl Waterpark

Nha Trang, Vietnam  
<http://www.vinpearlland.com/?lang=en-GB>

Owners: Vinpearl Tourism & Trade JSC

Admission prices: US\$6/Adult, US\$5/Child

Dates open: Year-round

Size/Acres: 6 ha (14.8 acres)

Capacity: 1,500 persons can enjoy the water rides and pools at the same time; Total capacity is 4,500, including the above.

Number of employees: 65  
Year-round: 6

Clientele (local vs. tourist): Both

Inside the food village, visitors can choose delicious Chinese food at the Dragon Restaurant or sample the best of authentic Vietnamese seafood at the Ocean Restaurant.

The Event Hall is a self-contained environment designed to accommodate up to 1,500 guests in a state-of-the-art decorated room, where a balance of work and play is achieved in order to ensure successful meetings. The impressive Amphitheatre seats 5,000, and the moving stage draws a variety of shows. Recently, it was the site for the Miss Vietnam 2007 and Miss Earth 2007.

Vinpearl Land launched a cable-car system 3,320 meters (over 2 miles) long, the longest cable car across the sea in the world. The nine supporting pillars resemble the Eiffel Tower, and they're lighted by laser systems at night. The cable-car system has the capacity to transport 1,000-1,500 people per hour, making it a fun way to reach the Vinpearl Waterpark.

## Getting there

Vinpearl Waterpark is located on Vinpearl Land, 35 kilometers from the Cam Ranh Nha Trang Airport. Regular flights are available from Ho Chi Minh City (45 minutes) and Hanoi (90 minutes) to Cam Ranh Nha Trang Airport.

For more information on the Vinpearl Waterpark, Vinpearl Amusement Park, Vinpearl Land, or Nha Trang, Vietnam, call tel: (+84) 58 598 123, Fax: (+84) 58 590 916 or email: [info@vinpearlland.com](mailto:info@vinpearlland.com). **WWA**

Quoc Chien DINH returned to Vietnam leading the Vinpearl Amusement Park as the General Manager. Having spent the last 17 years in Poland and New Zealand managing different kinds of businesses, Quoc was the perfect candidate to oversee the Vinpearl Amusement Park (of which Vinpearl Waterpark is a part.) Quoc graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the Hanoi University of Technology in 1979 before pursuing his Postgraduate Diploma in Economics in Poland in 1991. He completed his Masters of Business Studies from prestigious Massey University in New Zealand in 1996.

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Liquid Planet Water Park celebrates its grand opening.

✦ **Liquid Planet Water Park**, Candia, N.H., a \$4.5 million waterpark with a 5,000-square-foot water spray park with interactive water features (by Empex), a 30-foot-tall slide tower with two 300-foot-long slides (by West Wind Leisure Group), a 1500-square-foot, state-of-

the-art interactive gift shop called "The Explorer's Station" and an 1,100-square-foot concession area ✦