Each villa boasts a panoramic ocean view. During my stay the days started with a spectacular sunrise and, throughout the day, the sea glistened under clear blue skies. It was very relaxing. At night, the sky was full of stars.

The resort is located in the coastal province of Binh Dinh. It is surrounded by mountains on three sides overlooking the tranquil Quy Nhon Bay.

Launched last November, the resort is kept spick and span. Every day when I returned to my room, I found it spotless.

All staff spoke good English and were keen to meet the guests’ needs. Service at the Sea. Fire. Salt restaurant was fast, efficient and cheerful.

Each villa comes with an infinity-style pool, a timber sundeck and a spacious bathroom. Common facilities include a gym. The restaurant offers both Western and Vietnamese food. Don’t miss the grilled fresh seafood served on a salt brick. You can sample a variety of locally-infused salts that complement different dishes. For breakfast, try the slightly sweet Vietnamese yoghurt, freshly-baked bread and coconut smoothies.

The beachside resort is naturally walled by trees and mountains, with around-the-clock security. The chief security guard is a master of Viet Vo Dao.

Treated wastewater is used for gardening. No-plastic is the resort’s policy. One exception is the use of plastic water bottles due to the lack of a local supply of glass bottles. The resort supports local charities who provide education for children with special needs. Donations from guests are matched by the resort dollar for dollar.

The Anantara Spa is set amid lush greenery with a view of the bay. The massage menu includes relaxation, traditional Vietnamese and Thai massages. The spa also offers personalised regimes of holistic treatment to boost physical and spiritual well-being on request.

A beachfront villa starts at US$800++ (about 26,400++ baht) per night, while the ocean view villa starts at US$500++ (about 16,500++ baht).