

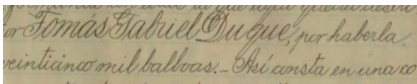
THE HISTORY OF A PANAMANIAN JEWEL

On the first street of the Old Town of Panamá, at the start of Central Avenue, the history of the Villa Palma Boutique Hotel dates back to the 17th century.



Original Map

The 3156 estate, of which there are records from the 18th century, was occupied until 1927, when Tomás Gabriel Duque, Vice-President of Panama, owner of the Panamanian Lottery and "Estrella de Panamá" newspaper, director of Banco General and Cerveceria National, constructed the current building for residential and commercial purposes.



"The house belongs to the aforementioned Mr. Tomás Gabriel Duque for having built it at his expense at a cost of twenty-five thousand Balboas."

1936, Public Registry of Panama, "Property" Vol. 326 Page 62.

The year after the construction of the building, Duque would be president of Panamá for 18 days.



VILLA PALMA

BOUTIQUE HOTEL

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In 1994, Tomás Gabriel Altamirano Duque, the grandson of the original owner, nominated by Manuel Noriega as the administrator of the Panama Canal and later Vice President of the country, took control of the building and reconstructed it.



Photo of the building where the Hotel Villa Palma is located, in 1994, prior to its reconstruction.

In the year 2000 the renowned Italian designer Francesco Molón acquired the building, wishing to convert it into a luxury furniture showroom. Unfortunately the limited size of the streets of Casco Viejo were not suitable for the frequent transportation of grand furniture.

The solution was to create a masterpiece of hotel luxury in the middle of the most classic area of Panama City, The Villa Palma Boutique Hotel.



Current photo of the facade of the Villa Palma Boutique Hotel

Over the course of several years, every inch of the building was carefully redesigned, restored and fitted with unique furniture handcrafted in Italy to fill the 14 individual rooms and suites with the charm of European heritage.

Each room tells a different story, from french neoclassicism to architectural eclecticism that mixes styles such as gothic, romanesque and oriental in the same space. The rooms and public spaces of this hotel, unique in Latin America, are a very special invitation to stop to enjoy the details.



Current photo of the interior of "The Turquoise Suite" of the Villa Palma Boutique Hotel

Today we want to welcome you to this new stage of a historic building, a key piece in the history of Casco Viejo. With the support of Casqueños, Panamanians, visitors and citizens of the world, it has a great future ahead.