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Phuket - Koh Samui

THAILAND POCKET GUIDE



Idyllic stretches of white sand beaches touched by turquoise waters characterise the beauty of the Thai islands

Located off Thailand's west coast in the Andaman Sea, Phuket is the largest island in Thailand, characterised by tropical rainforests, steep limestone cliffs, picturesque beaches, and coconut, pineapple, cashew nut and rubber plantations.

Lying off the the east coast of the Gulf of Thailand, Koh Samui offers everything you could want in a beach holiday. Like Phuket, Koh Samui attracts many visitors, yet is home to plenty of idyllic hideaways for those desiring a quiet retreat.

Places To Eat

Koh Samui and Phuket offer a variety of local delicacies using fresh ingredients straight from the sea. Enjoy a seafood barbeque on the beach or regional Thai specialties.



Must-Try Local Foods



TOM KHA GAI

A distinctive coconut milk soup served with chicken and straw mushrooms



KHAO NIEW MA MUANG

Glutinous rice drizzled with coconut cream sauce paired with a ripe, sweet mango



GAENG KEAW WAN GAI

Green curry made with chicken, fresh green chilies, coconut milk and palm sugar



SOM TUM

Papaya salad made with tomato, long beans, chili, lime and fish sauce



PLAH KAH PUNG NEUNG MANOW

Whole steamed snapper served with garlic and green chili sauce

THAI DINING



Pricing Reference: \$ - Inexpensive \$\$ - Moderate \$\$\$ - Expensive

Phuket

Baan Rim Pa

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One of Thailand's most famous names, Baan Rim Pa specialises in elegant Royal Thai cuisine. Its cliff-top location offers magnificent views of Patong. There's nightly live jazz and blues to add to the atmosphere of sophistication. Open daily 12pm to 11pm

223 Kalim Beach - Tel. +66 76-340-789

Ka Jok See

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A quirky, stylish and lively restaurant located in a historic Sino-Portuguese shophouse in Phuket town. Ka Jok See serves up classic Thai dishes as the owner entertains his guests long into the night with live jazz singers and a large collection of CDs. This is a great place to eat well and make new friends. Open daily 6:30pm to 12am

26 Takua Pa Rd. - Tel. +66 76-217-903

Kan Eng @ Pier

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Offering freshly cooked Chinese and Thai seafood dishes at the beachfront terrace with great views of Chalong Bay, Kan Eng @ Pier's experienced staff offers some of the friendliest, most relaxed service in Phuket. Open daily 10:30am to 11pm

44/1 Viset Rd. - Tel. +66 81-691-0154

Mom Tri's Kitchen

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Set in a wonderfully romantic spot overlooking Kata Noi Beach, Mom Tri's Kitchen serves award-winning Asian fusion cuisine and has one of the best wine cellars on the island. Perfect for a special night out. Open daily 11am to 11pm

12 Kata Noi Rd. - Tel. +66 76-333-568

Silk Restaurant & Bar

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Gourmet Thai restaurant at Surin Beach - serving succulent Thai dishes in an atmosphere of unpretentious luxury. International wine selection, massive bar, and an open kitchen where you can watch the skilled chefs at work. Open daily 7am to 10pm

15 Moo 6 - Tel. +66 76-338-777

Koh Samui

Eat Sense Beach

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Sourcing its organic ingredients from local fishermen and farmers, Eat Sense Beach serves up healthy and modern Thai cuisine right on Chaweng Beach. The restaurant has both indoor and outdoor seating and friendly, knowledgeable staff. Open daily 11am to 10pm

Bo Put - Tel. +66 77-414-242

Five Island

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One of Samui's most idyllic dining spots, Five Island sits in a secluded location on the island's west coast with traditional Thai décor and gorgeous views of five neighbouring islands. The menu features delicate Thai specialties cooked using locally sourced ingredients. Open daily 11:30am to 12am

123/9 Moo 2 - Tel. +66 81-920-6162



INTERNATIONAL DINING



Phuket

Joe's Downstairs

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Hip, contemporary bistro overlooking Kalim Bay, serving original international cuisine such as potato crusted snow fish with sautéed Australian baby spinach and caviar. The cushion-filled lounge and atmospheric sea deck are also popular sundowner spots.

223/3 Prabaramree Rd. - Tel. +66 63-078-5887



Sala Bua

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A classy restaurant located on Patong Beach, where award-winning Filipino chef, Ronnie Macuja, cooks up simple yet creative dishes prepared with fresh ingredients and locally-caught fish. Great service and live music as well. Open daily 6:30pm to 11pm

41 Taweewongse Rd. - Tel. +66 76-340-138

Oriental Spoon

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Currently one of Phuket's most popular restaurants, Oriental Spoon is situated at Surin Beach. The food is contemporary Thai/Western, the wine and cocktail lists are extensive, the décor is avant-garde, and the martini bar is Phuket's longest. Open daily 7am to 10:30am; 12pm to 4pm; 6pm to 10pm

106/46 Moo 3 - Tel. +66 76-316-500

Koh Samui

Barracuda Restaurant

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The German owner and his Thai kitchen team focus on a fusion of high quality Mediterranean and Thai cuisine. The culinary delights are displayed on chalkboards and changed frequently - to guarantee the finest quality produce that Koh Samui's local markets have to offer. Open Mon-Sat 6pm to 11pm

62/9 Moo 1 - Tel. +66 77-430-003

The Cliff Bar & Grill

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The Cliff sits high on the coast between Lamai and Chaweng with spectacular views over the Gulf of Thailand. The diverse Mediterranean menu, extensive international wine list and friendly bar stay open late. Open daily 12pm to 1am

124/2 Moo 4 - Tel. +66 77-448-508

Dining on the Rock

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Six Senses' quirky and secluded restaurant, located on a multi-storey series of platforms and terraces that offer 270-degree sea views. Dining on the Rock has healthy, innovative Asian fusion cuisine and is an unforgettable fine dining experience. Open daily 5pm to 10pm

9/10 Moo 5 - Tel. +66 77-245-678



BAR & LOUNGE



Phuket

Heaven Restaurant & Bar

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A delightful bar and restaurant with views of the breath-taking Andaman Sea that can be seen from the rooftop deck and main dining area. A variety of seafood delicacies are made in the traditional, local way at reasonable prices. Open daily 4pm to 12am

6 Moo 2 - Tel. +66 93-140-0113

SALA Phuket Restaurant & Beach Bar

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SALA Phuket's restaurant is located next to the pool, giving guests the option to dine poolside, inside the restaurant, or even on the roof. Tapas and cocktails are available to order at the beach bar where guests get together to chill out before dinner. Open daily 7am to 10pm

333 MOO 3 Mai Khao Beach - Tel. +66 76-338-888

The Surface Restaurant & Bar

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A rooftop venue located at La Flora Resort, right on Patong Beach. The open-air restaurants boast a privileged location overlooking the bay from the third floor, offering great yet affordable dining under the stars. Open daily 5:30pm to 12am

150 Thawewong Rd. - Tel. +66 76-344-241

Koh Samui

9 Gems

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Hidden away on one of the island's many hilltops, 9 Gems combines fine dining with breath-taking views of Pru Chaweng and Chaweng town centre below. The menu offers fusion cuisine, tapas, desserts, cocktails, and bubbly. Open Tue-Thu 4pm to 12am; Fri-Sun 4pm to 2am

141/190 Moo 6, Bophut - Tel. +66 77-332-832

Green Mango & Sweet Soul

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As one of the most popular nightclubs in Samui, there is a gigantic open-air space that contains several bars, pool tables, and huge dance floors. To warm up, first stop at Sweet Soul, the sister club of Green Mango, located directly in front. Open daily 9pm to 6am

Chaweng Beach Rd. - Tel. +66 62-212-2004



1. Wat Aranya Wiwet
2. The Yacht Haven
3. Phuket Camp Ground
4. Wat Mongkhon Wararam
5. Wat Muang Mai
6. Wat Phra Thong
7. Thalang National Museum
8. Wat Anuphat Kitsadaram
9. Bang Pae Elephant Trekking
10. Wat Anamai Kasem
11. Wat Tha Rua Chan's Antique
12. Kalim Elephant Trekking
13. Wat Chalong
14. Kanchanapisek Lighthouse
15. Wat Thep Nimit
16. Boat Lagoon
17. Seashell Museum
18. Sea Gypsy Village
19. Wat Thep Krasattri





1. Sietavib
2. Samui Seashell Museum
3. Sisu Wanna Ram
4. Na Pra Larn
5. Phu Khao Thong
6. Siam Natural History Museum
7. Bo Phut
8. Chaweng
9. Chaeng
10. Jee Kong
11. Khong Kharam
12. Hin Lad
13. Samut Tararam
14. Ko Samui
15. Saket
16. Lamai & Cultural Hall
17. Kiri Wongkaram
18. Coral Buddha
19. Wat Kunaram
20. Pradern
21. Samet
22. Buddha Footprint
23. Phang Ka
24. Hin Lad
25. Santi Karam
26. Leam Sor Pagadao



Things To Do

Phuket and Koh Samui are island escapes that provide more than just beautiful beaches. For an in-depth experience, visit spiritual temples and lively Thai markets. There is as much to discover on the shores as there is within the tropical reefs below the waves.

Top Things To Do



Snorkel in Ang Thong Marine National Park



Visit Phuket's Big Buddha temple



Admire the 18 hand statue at Koh Samui's Wat Plai Laem temple



Island hop along the clear waters of southern Thailand



Enjoy a romantic sunset dinner on the beach



ENTERTAINMENT

Phuket

Phuket FantaSea Show

Trapeze artists and pyrotechnics combine in a Las Vegas-style show. Combining Thai traditional myths with humour and fantasy, FantaSea's extravaganza is highly entertaining - worthy of its spot in the Top 10 Must-See and Do in Phuket list. Open daily 5:30pm to 11:30pm

99 Moo 3 - Tel. +66 76-385-000

Simon Cabaret Show - Patong Beach

This show features a spectacular musical performance by the world-famous ladyboy cast. The experience offers fabulous costumes, glitz and fun for all. Open daily 6pm to 10pm

8 Sirirach Rd. - Tel. +66 87-888-6888

Patong Boxing Stadium Sainamyen

Rapidly gaining popularity all over the world, Muay Thai is an electrifying spectacle to watch. Visit Saphan Hin Stadium in Phuket Town or Patong Beach to see these well-trained martial arts experts go head-to-head. Open daily 8am to 10am; 4pm to 6pm

2/59 Sai Nam Yen Rd. - Tel. +66 81-737-7193

Koh Samui

Ladyboy Cabaret Show - Chaweng Beach

This is a popular cabaret show and bar where the talented performers bring out their inner Lady Marmalade with singing, dancing and extravagant costumes. The earlier show is a more 'soft and sweet' performance suitable for families, while things heat up during the later shows.

166/92 Moo 2 - Tel. +66 98-720-1895





SHOPPING

Gifts, Accessories
and Decor

Phuket

AMORN Pearl Factory

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AMORN Pearl Factory is the luxury brand that is known for making intricate pearl crowns. Using the highest quality of pearls and elegant jewellery design, the Phuket Pearl showroom displays the classic brand and sells quality pearl jewellery along with a variety of pearl souvenirs. Open daily 9am to 6:30pm

58/2 Moo 1 Thepkasattri Rd. - Tel. +66 76-377-730

Central Festival Phuket

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Central Festival Phuket is the island's second largest shopping mall. Located at the intersection of Bypass and Wichitsongkram roads, this four-storey high mall has everything a shopper could want. From boutiques and grand department stores to restaurants and a movie theatre, Central Festival Phuket is the shopping hub in Phuket. Open daily 10:30am to 10:30pm

74-75 Wichitsongkran Rd. - Tel. +66 76-291-111

Jim Thompson Thai Silk Shop

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The main Jim Thompson Thai Silk Shop is located on the ground floor of Central Festival Phuket. Here, you can find all the products that made this brand famous: linen shirts, kimonos, silk duvet covers, silk scarves, shopping bags, leather wallets, silk ties, and much more. Open daily 9:30am to 10pm

Ground Floor Central Festival Phuket - Tel. +66 76-249-6156

Koh Samui

Central Festival Samui

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Central Festival Samui is the largest lifestyle shopping complex on the island. There are three stories to explore and around 90,000sqm of retail space lined with shops, restaurants and boutiques to indulge in. It is also conveniently located between Chaweng's Beach Road and the nearby lake. Open daily 11am to 11pm

209/3 Moo 2 - Tel. +66 77-962-777

Chaweng Beach Road Shopping

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The shops that line Chaweng Beach Road have everything from beachwear to sportswear and leisurewear. Night stands have novelty goods to look through and street food to feed the hungry shoppers' appetites. Open daily 10am to 10pm

Chaweng Beach Rd.

Fisherman's Village Walking Street

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Fisherman's Village Walking Street is the one-stop-shop to buy souvenirs, street food, and local crafts. Meet the friendly merchants at the stalls and become part of the Bophut lifestyle as you browse through the marketplace. Open Fri 10am to 12am

Bophut Beach Rd.



Phuket

5-Star Massage

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Providing a range of traditional spa and beauty treatments in a comfortable modern setting, 5-Star Massage offers some unique options not widely available around Phuket, like the collagen golden facial featuring an innovative, gold-coloured face mask. They also have many traditional treatments available in both standard and private/VIP treatment rooms. Open daily 10am to 11pm

225 Rat U Thit Rd. - Tel. +66 90-486-2339

De Flora Spa

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A luxurious escape right in the middle of bustling Patong, De Flora offers a full range of pampering. Their spa treatments range from the traditional Thai massages and reflexology foot massages to specialist sports massages, four-hand oil massages, and hot stone treatments. Open daily 10am to 12am

216 Rat U Thit Rd. - Tel. +66 76-344-555

De Surin Health Spa

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De Surin Health Spa is a small but chic spa with a selection of three-hour signature packages. Their luxury treatment features a special bamboo massage, using a warmed hollow bamboo cane like a rolling pin, to give a deeper massage experience. Open daily 10am to 10pm

5/50 Moo 3 - Tel. +66 95-932-288

Let's Relax Spa

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Another well-established and award-winning franchise of spas around Thailand, Let's Relax Spa has two outlets in Phuket. They offer a wide selection of experiences, specialising in Thai techniques from a simple back and shoulder massages to body scrubs and wraps, as well as the signature Aromatic Hot Stone Massage. Open daily 10am to 11pm



209/22-24 Raj U Thit Rd. - Tel. +66 77-430-232

Oasis Turquoise Cove Spa

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Oasis Turquoise Cove Spa is the fourth and finest Oasis Spa to open in Phuket. Featuring a choice of individual treatment rooms around a central pool, it has Moroccan aesthetics with traditional Thai touches like a steam room, deep-soak baths and outdoor rain showers. Open daily 10am to 10pm

71/10 Moo 5 - Tel. +66 76-337-777

Oriental Massage & Spa

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Now with eight outlets around Phuket, Oriental Massage & Spa has a clean, modern Thai look and a wide selection of treatments. While their choice of massages is fairly basic, with a couple of standouts like the coconut oil massage or milky cream massage, their facials are extensive. Open daily 11am to 11pm

18/12 Kata Rd. - Tel. +66 76-330-918

Oriental Spa

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The high quality of both the setting and the masseuses is what makes these relaxation oases unique among other Phuket spas. Oriental Spa's signature treatment is a 150-minute package including a body scrub, Thai massage, aromatherapy massage and foot massage. Open daily 11am to 11pm



Santosa Detox and Wellness Centre \$\$\$

The Santosa Detox and Wellness Centre offers accommodations to help maximise your relaxation in Phuket. They also have a vegan restaurant, fitness and yoga classes and, of course, a full-service spa. They combine traditional techniques, like Thai massages and Ayurveda therapy, with modern methods. Open daily 7:30am to 10pm

3 Soi Plak Che2, Patak Rd. - Tel. +66 76-330-600

Siladon Spa Phuket \$\$\$

Siladon Spa Phuket has luxurious facilities, including a swimming pool and private massage rooms with outdoor showers. The range of signature spa treatments features everything from aromatherapy massages and body scrubs to herbal ball compresses and facials. Open daily 10am to 11pm

36 Baan Suan Kamnan, Muean Ngen Rd. - Tel. +66 98-741-774

Sweet Lemongrass Massage \$\$

Sweet Lemongrass Massage's signature packages are astonishingly excellent and affordable. They start with a simple two-hour rejuvenation package, featuring a natural oil massage and facial. A four-hour 'rebirth,' including a body scrub, body wrap, blended aromatherapy massage and facial



Koh Samui

A'Lanna Spa \$\$

Organic products, original treatments, and affordable prices make A'Lanna Spa a haven of tranquillity. All their products are 100% natural to ensure the highest quality care for their customers.

4171 Tambon Bo Put - Tel. +66 87-974-100

Four Seasons Tropical Spa \$\$\$

Beautifully designed with stone carvings, silk hangings, large Jacuzzis, saunas, and baths, the Four Seasons Tropical Spa offers a wide range of treatments. Their signature 'Winter' massage uses hot stones to stimulate the lymphatic system to detoxify the body. Open daily 9am to 9pm

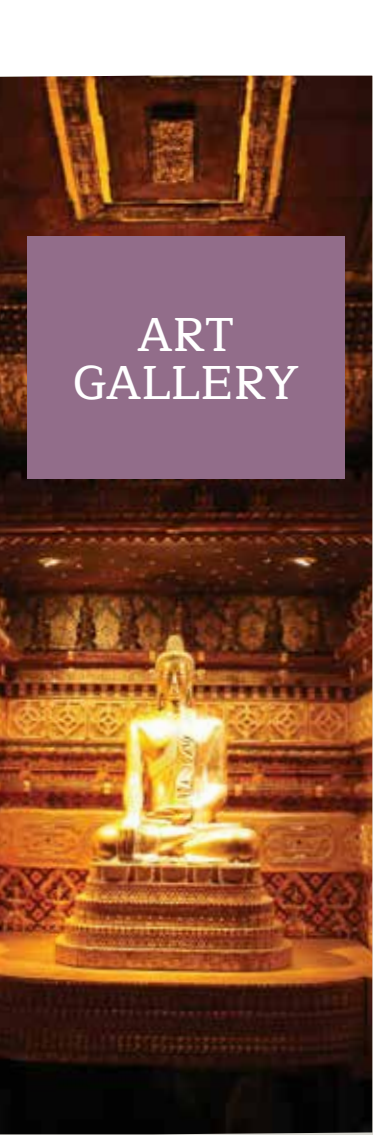
219 Moo 5 - Tel. +66 77-243-000

Samui Ridgeway Luxury Spa \$\$\$

Enhance your senses at the mountaintop Samui Ridgeway Luxury Spa, a bespoke luxury spa and villa estate with a full range of signature treatments and indulgences. Here, you can enjoy specially designed 100% natural treatments and spa products from Simply Samui.

149/1 Moo 3 - Tel. +66 81-089-6316





ART GALLERY

Phuket

Phukar Art Batik \$

Mr Rittipong Ritthum, the owner of Phukar Art Batik, is an artist and teacher who produces unique art and design on batik fabric and shirt screening. He also provides high-quality supplies, especially imported glitter paint from the United States, to other professional artists in the community.

No. 100/253 Moo 1

Tel. +66 81-693-6724

Phuket Modern Art \$\$

Unlike a conventional gallery, Phuket Modern Art is spread through the public areas of the luxurious 'BYD Lofts' apartment building. The gallery is a splash of brilliant colour illuminating several areas of this glamorous building. Opening Mon-Sat 11am to 1pm; 5pm to 8pm

5/28 Haad Patong Rd.

Tel. +66 89-646-8838

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