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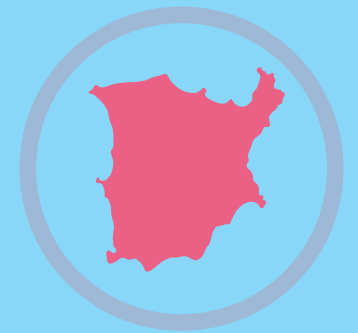
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# AYUTTHAYA

A day of a fun historical trip.







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Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya is located in the central region of Thailand. Ayutthaya is an ancient city rich in history and dotted with ancient heritage sites telling stories of its glorious and unique past. A trip to Ayutthaya is full of intriguing options to be enjoyed including educational activities and sightseeing choices fit for even the young ones in your family. The location is convenient, as it is not too far from Bangkok, and can easily be fit into a day's travel plans due to the convenient roads and transportation going to and from the area.







# Family Route

## "Treasure Hunt in Ayutthaya"

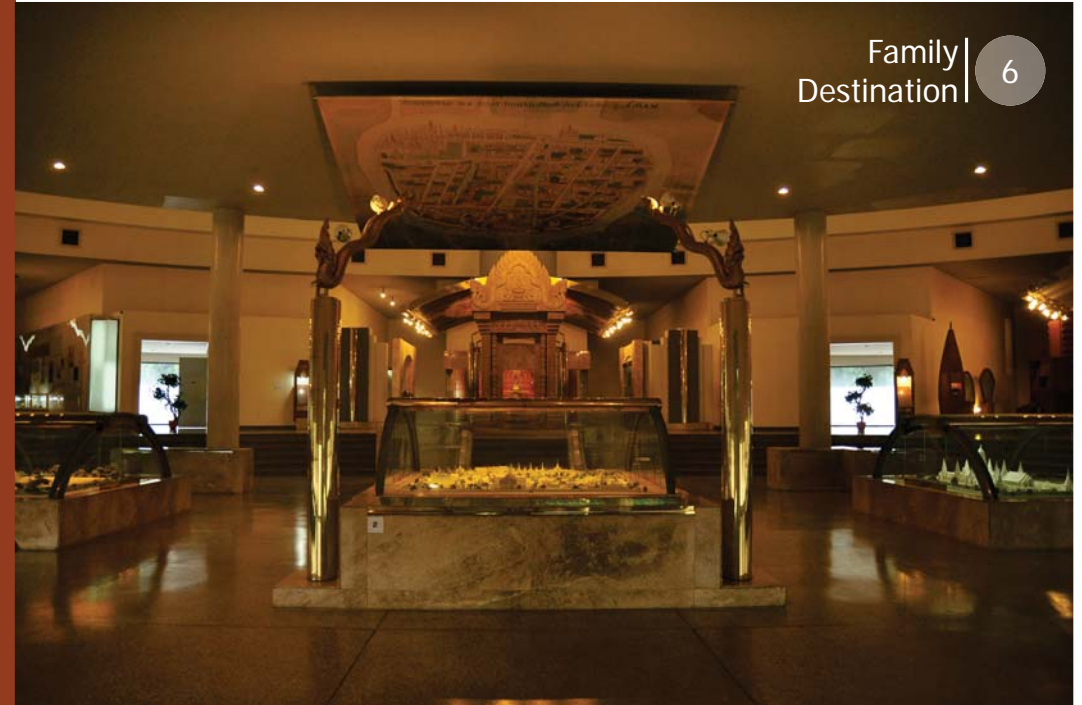
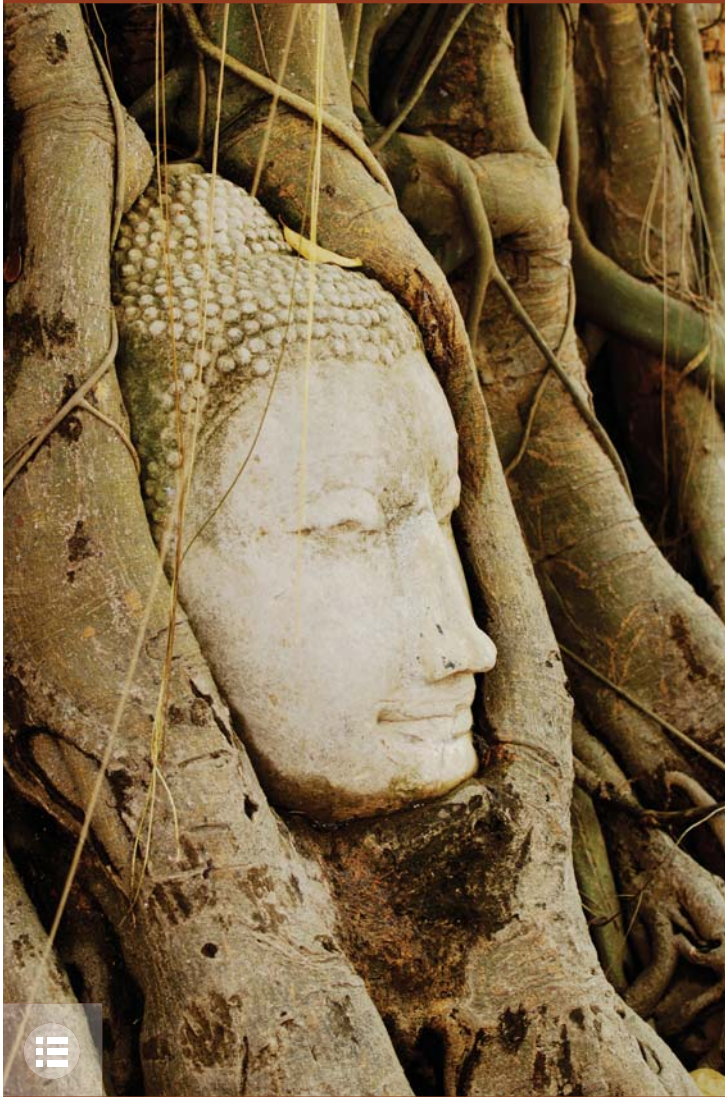
Ayutthaya is a prime location for historical attraction sites; however, a trip to Ayutthaya offers much more than simply admiring ancient relics and objects well-kept in a museum. At Ayutthaya, one gets to explore the relics firsthand. There are many means of travelling around the sites comfortably including a cycling tour or a Tuk Tuk ride to hunt for "treasures" also known as the "treasures of Ayutthaya." Having been the capital city of Siam for 417 years, Ayutthaya has countless golden treasures hidden within her walls just waiting to be discovered by curious travellers.





## Ayutthaya Historical Study Centre

The Ayutthaya Historical Study Centre is a great place to begin learning about the enchanting city of Ayutthaya. From the city map of Ayutthaya and exhibition zones, the Study Centre introduces visitors to what life was like during Ayutthaya's prime, and gets their imagination conjuring up an image of this glorious city before walking through the real historical sites to feel the aura of its presence for themselves.

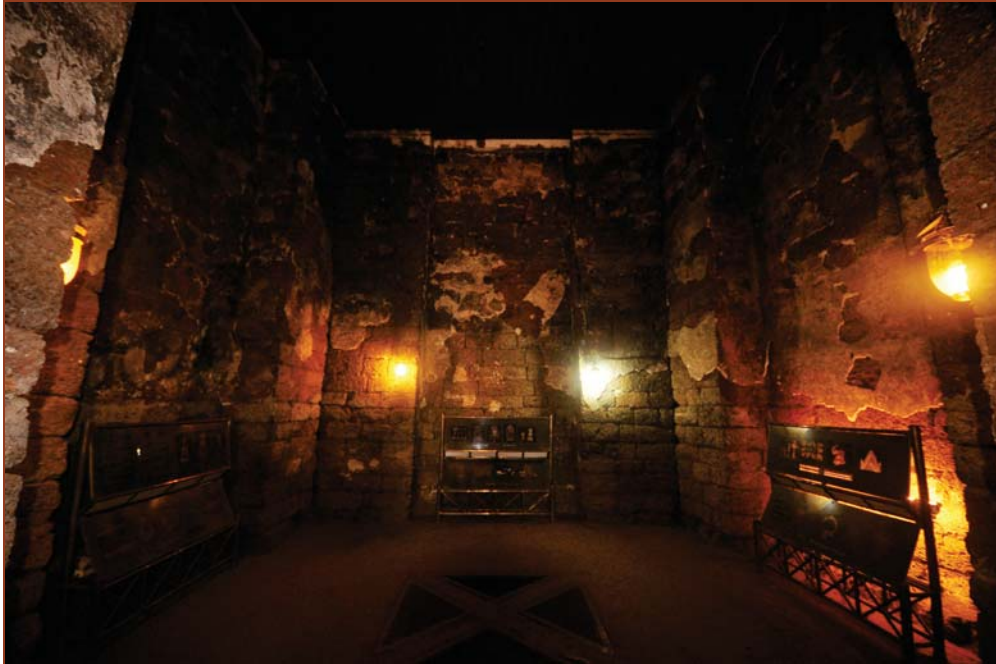


## Buddha Statue Head in Bodhi Tree Roots, Wat Mahathat

Once one steps inside the stone walls of Wat Mahathat, they will be immediately immersed by the grandeur of the temple. The relics of the principal pagoda in the Khmer style, as well as the nearby praying and assembly hall, tell us that this was once a significant location and centre of spirituality for the Ayutthaya people. Wat Mahathat housed the Lord Buddha's relics and was used as a venue for performing royal ceremonies prior to being changed to Wat Phra Si Sanphet which was restructured to accommodate the royal ceremonies.

In front of the small wihan (image hall) lies nature's work of art, a Buddha statue head entwined in the roots of a giant Bodhi tree, this truly one-of-a-kind nature-made sculpture has made the temple a hot spot for travellers to check out.





## Passing through Phra Prang and Treasure Hunting at Wat Ratchaburana

Walk past Wat Mahathat to the entrance of the nearby compound of Wat Ratchaburana to take a look at the Phra Prang (a pagoda-like construction) majestically standing inside. The Phra Prang was built during the early Ayutthaya period. The treasure vault of Phra Prang became famous when it was secretly unearthed in 1956.

Children and adults alike enjoy ducking inside the base of the Phra Prang as if they were on a treasure-hunting mission. The space below is divided into 3 rooms vertically, each of which was excavated by the Fine Arts Department, who uncovered a lot of ancient gold. These treasures were later kept at the Chao Sam Phraya National Museum.

In addition to gold ornaments, Buddha statues made of silver, gold, and copper as well as Buddha amulets were also discovered.

The uncovered treasures from the underground vault of the Phra Prang are linked to the ancient beliefs that the area strongly signifies a profound religious heritage. The belief is, that when Buddhism reaches its 5,000<sup>th</sup> year, the area will collapse. However, if the treasure survives, the existence of Buddhism in the area will be confirmed.

## Follow the Phra Prang Treasure to the Chao Sam Phraya National Museum

Enjoy being dazzled by the glittering ancient gold valuables and artefacts from the past. The Museum showcases treasures; such as, utensils, clothing, swords, crowns, Buddha statues and valuable belongings of royal family members. The details and intricacy of these valuable artefacts reflect the skills of the goldsmiths in ancient times. Other archaeological objects dating back to the period of Dvaravati, Srivijaya, Lop Buri, Chiang Saen, Sukhothai, U-thong, Ayutthaya and Rattanakosin are showcased here as well.





## Visit the Largest Wihan and Singha Pagoda at Wat Thammikarat

A large bronze Buddha head replica is situated in the main assembly hall and takes up the space of nine rooms of Wat Thammikarat, one can only imagine how massive the entire Buddha statue would have been in the past when the main assembly hall housed the giant Buddha statue. What remains is only the Buddha's head, crafted in a U-thong style and made of bronze. From this evidence, we can assume that this temple was built prior to the foundation of Ayutthaya as the capital city. One should also be sure not to miss the Chedi Singha which is the main chedi of the temple. The shape of an upside down bell follows a Ceylonese style which was built in the reign of King Prasatthong in the late Ayutthaya period and was influenced by the Khmer style.

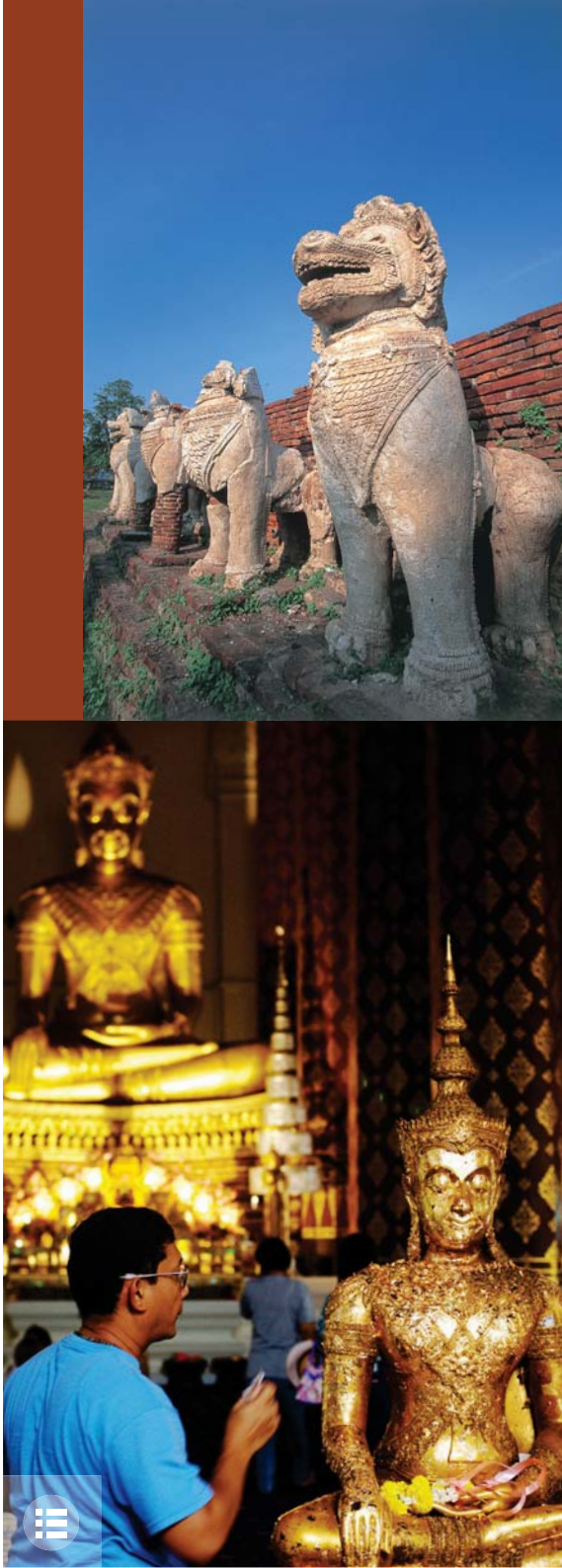
## The Buddha Statue of Wat Na Phra Men

The Buddha statue of Wat Na Phra Men is the only Buddha statue that survived the fire caused by Burmese troops. Situated in the ubosot (ordination hall) of Wat Na Phra Men, the Buddha statue is adorned in exquisite detail and reflects the artisans' commitment to beauty. The statue's name resonates the magic and miracle believed to protect the city and ward off enemies. The statue is clothed in the King's attire and is considered to be one of the most valuable artefacts. King Mangra of Burma used Wat Na Phra Men as his army base located just a short canal away from the palace, another reason why the temple survived the blaze set by the Burmese army during wartime when Ayutthaya lost its sovereignty for the second time.

## Mural Paintings at Wat Suwandararam

Admire the mural paintings depicting the legend of King Naresuan the Great, a great king and warrior of Thailand. The painting illustrating his fight on elephant back shows the stories of wartime in exquisite detail and can make visitors feel as if they were witnessing the war played out before them with their own two eyes. The images of more than 100 angels were painted and positioned at separate levels and angles, creating an illusory effect as if the angels were actually floating in mid-air.

Information: Visit [www.ayutthaya-boat.com](http://www.ayutthaya-boat.com), Tel. 66 3524 4558 for cycling tours around the archaeological sites accompanied by a tour guide.





# Family Activities



## Elephant Ride in the Old City

Hop on an elephant's back and enjoy a sightseeing ride around the old city while admiring the stunningly beautiful archaeological sites of the ancient city of Ayutthaya. Elephant ride services are available at Wang Chang Ayutthaya Lae Paniat, located at the Ayutthaya Historical Park.

## Tuk-tuk Ride

Take a ride on a tuk-tuk (three-wheeler) and enjoy the wind in your hair while taking in the atmosphere of the old city. Historical sites dot the city as well as the outskirts of the area. Being the signature mode of transport in Ayutthaya, the tuk-tuks here are unique in their design with front-ends resembling a frog's face.

## Tram Ride

If you come with a big family, we recommend using a tram to go sightseeing around Ayutthaya. The vehicle takes after the ancient model once used in Bangkok. The option is ideal for a big family who are not up for a bicycle ride. The tram is also eco-friendly as it doesn't require petrol.

The service is available on Saturday and Sunday from 09.00 a.m. - 04.00 p.m.  
Contact the Ayutthaya Historical Study Centre Tel. 0 3524 5123-4.





## Cruising on the Chao Phraya River

Ayutthaya is an island encompassing three rivers; namely, the Pa Sak, Lop Buri and Chao Phraya Rivers, and is connected to many other canals as well. Water transportation is therefore a viable option for getting to know the city better. One can enjoy a boat ride around the island capital where more than 18 temples can be seen dotting the shorelines. A traditional riverside way of life can be seen and a nighttime tour is recommended as the aura of the area is especially enjoyable when the night lights come on like candles from nature.

For more information, contact the Ayutthaya Boat & Travel.  
Tel. 66 8 1853 9133 Or visit [www.ayutthaya-boat.com](http://www.ayutthaya-boat.com)



## Woven Silver Barb Mobile

Traditional beliefs suggest that if one hangs a fish-shaped silver barb ornament at a baby's crib, the baby will be obedient and receptive to teaching. Still to these days, the silver barb mobile made from palm leaves is a signature product and souvenir symbolising Ayutthaya. A visit to Bai Lan Pradit Shop and Pla Thong Shop located on U-thong Road is highly recommended; the place has been heralded for its craftsmanship for over 20 years and the area offers exquisitely neat and top quality products.





# Family Shopping



## Ayothaya Floating Market

An eco-style trip to Ayothaya Floating Market is ideal for everyone in the family, as there is a wide variety of activities to be enjoyed by all; such as, shopping for signature products from each district of Ayutthaya, elephant rides, or joining a tour boat around the premises at Bt20 per head. The area features a canal running through its centre and the land is divided into 16 zones, each of which are named after districts in Ayutthaya. Wooden shophouses and stalls as well as boats offer food and products for visitors. The gorgeous scenery as a whole truly reflects the simple way of life Ayutthaya residents enjoy and the extent of their bond with the rivers of the area. Shows and performances are also available here.

Open daily from 10.00 a.m. to 09.00 p.m.

Performance schedule on Saturday-Sunday: 12:00 a.m./ 2:00 p.m./ 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

## Kong Khong Market

Enjoy shopping for local products, foods, snacks, toxin-free vegetables and fruits sold by shop vendors dressed in Thai traditional costumes. The name of the market "Kong Khong" (meaning 'bend over') comes from the olden days when shop vendors laid their products out for sale on the ground requiring visitors to bend forward in order to browse the products.

Located on Bang Pa-in – Wat Pha-Nan Choeng Road

Open on Thursday-Sunday from 10.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.



## Bang Sai Royal Folk Arts & Crafts Centre

Is the hub of handicrafts distributed directly from manufacturers. Visitors can see the handicraft manufacturing process and other interesting areas in the compound; such as, the Arts and Crafts Village, Bird Garden, Fish sanctuary, etc. A small train is also available for taking visitors on a tour around the area.

Open daily. For more information, Contact Tel. 0 3536 6152-4.





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# Sample Programme

## 1 Day in Ayutthaya

### Morning

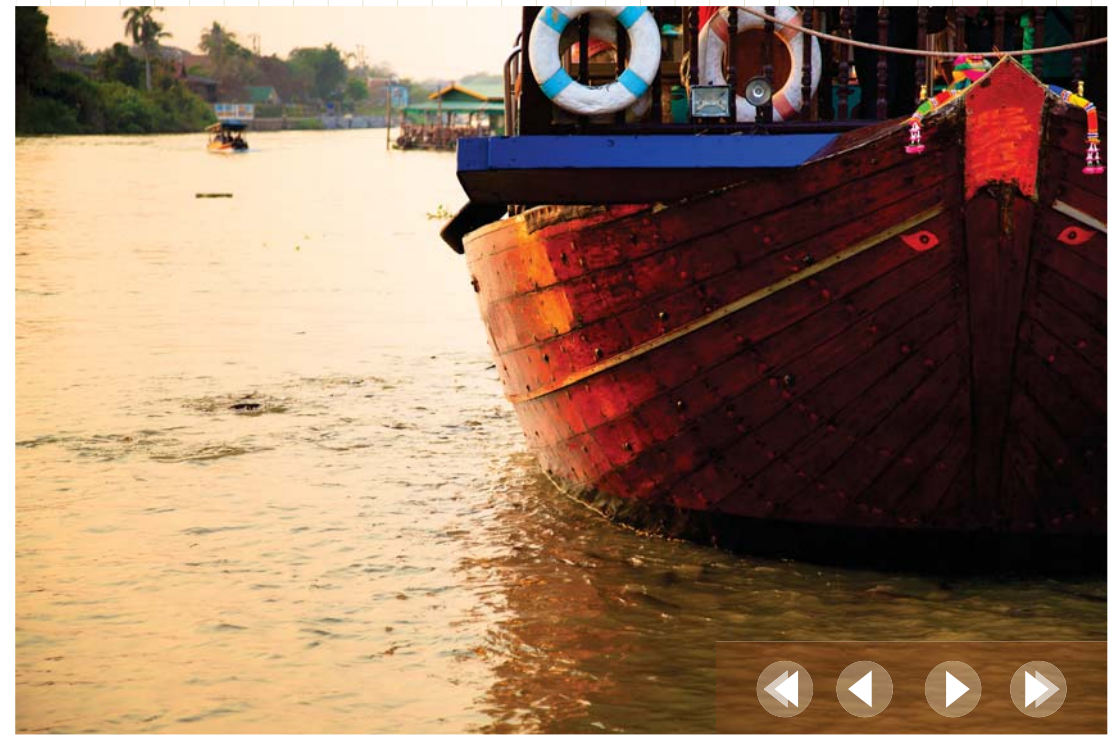
- Leave Bangkok and travel to Ayutthaya (1.5-hour drive)
- Visit Ayutthaya's heritage sites by cycling or three-wheeler or tram along the "Treasure Hunt in Ayutthaya Trail". (See Family Route)

### Afternoon

- Leave for afternoon activities and souvenir shopping at the local floating markets. (See Family Shopping)

### Evening

River cruising and enjoy the scenery. Dinner onboard with a night view of Ayutthaya's ancient city atmosphere.





# Eastern Coastline Route To Ko Chang

## Rayong, Chanthaburi, Trat

The eastern sea coast is only a few hours away from Bangkok and is abundant with areas of rich nature for travellers to stop by and take in be it the ocean, mountains, or fruit orchards. Travelling in the East has a little something to offer for everyone in your family.





The final destination along this route is Ko Chang, a massive island frequented by tourists all year-round. Countless accommodation options are available for families and are fully equipped with plenty of conveniences to ensure your holiday is comfortable. One can rest assured that a trip to Ko Chang will provide a memorable experience for everyone in the family.

# Family Routes

Coastline routes: Rayong, Chanthaburi

The monsoons travelling from the Gulf of Thailand bring along with them plenty of moisture for the eastern soil and many local people living in these areas cultivate fruit orchards for a living. Thus, the eastern areas of Thailand are plentiful with tropical fruits. Tourists can enjoy the experience of working in an orchard, picking fruits by hand and tasting the seemingly endless supply of tasty tropical goodness. One can also experience the ways of the fishermen's life, enjoy fresh seafood at seaside restaurants and bring back processed seafood as souvenirs for loved ones at home. The area is also a gemstones hub and is considered to be one of the world's major gems exporting areas. The route from Rayong to Trat offers a wide range of attractions and seaside accommodation as well as fun activities for kids and adults alike.





## Suan Supatra Land

Visitors are greeted with a 'welcome drink' of fresh juice before being taken on a tram to survey some 800 rai of fruit orchards growing more than 20 different types of fruits as well as rubber plants. The long rows of trees provide ample green shade making the on-the-road experience very pleasant and relaxing. Fresh fruits and seasonal fruits are available for visitors to try all year-round. Thai papaya salad and organic salads made fresh from the orchard ingredients are also served up to satisfy your taste buds. Visitors can also enjoy visiting the beekeeping farm and taste real wild honey while watching the busy bees at work.



Fruits orchards operated by local villagers are also open to visitors. Advanced inquiry on the quantity of fruit produce available is recommended

Suan Supatra Land  
is open every day from  
8.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.  
For more information,  
call Tel. 66 3889 2048-9

Grandma & Grandpa Fruit Orchard  
Tel. 66 3866 4369, 66 8 9099 1297

Khun Paibool's Orchard  
Tel. 66 8 1567 6368, 66 8 6149 1772

### TIP:

May-July is the best time of the year to visit fruit orchards, as it is the blossoming period when one can truly enjoy the beauty of these areas.







## Rayong Aquarium

Enjoy a wide range of aquatic life at the Rayong Aquarium – an experience suitable for people of all ages and genders. Small children can learn about sea living forms while a positive conservation spirit is instilled into their young minds. The adults won't be left out, as they are sure to enjoy the pleasant sightings of the sea animals as well. Fossils of extinct sea animals are also showcased.

#Open on Wednesdays - Fridays from 10.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.  
and Saturdays - Sundays from 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.  
1 km from Ban Phe Market.  
Tel. 66 3865 3471

## Ban Phe Market

A popular fishing port with incredibly reasonable prices in Rayong where many visitors stop to buy seafood on their way back to the city. If one is lucky enough to swing by at the same time as the fishermen are unloading their catches of the day, one can see the sorting of shrimps, fish and shellfish right on the spot. Seashell souvenirs and fried durian are among some of the top items visitors choose to buy at the Ban Phe Market.

#20 km from Rayong City.







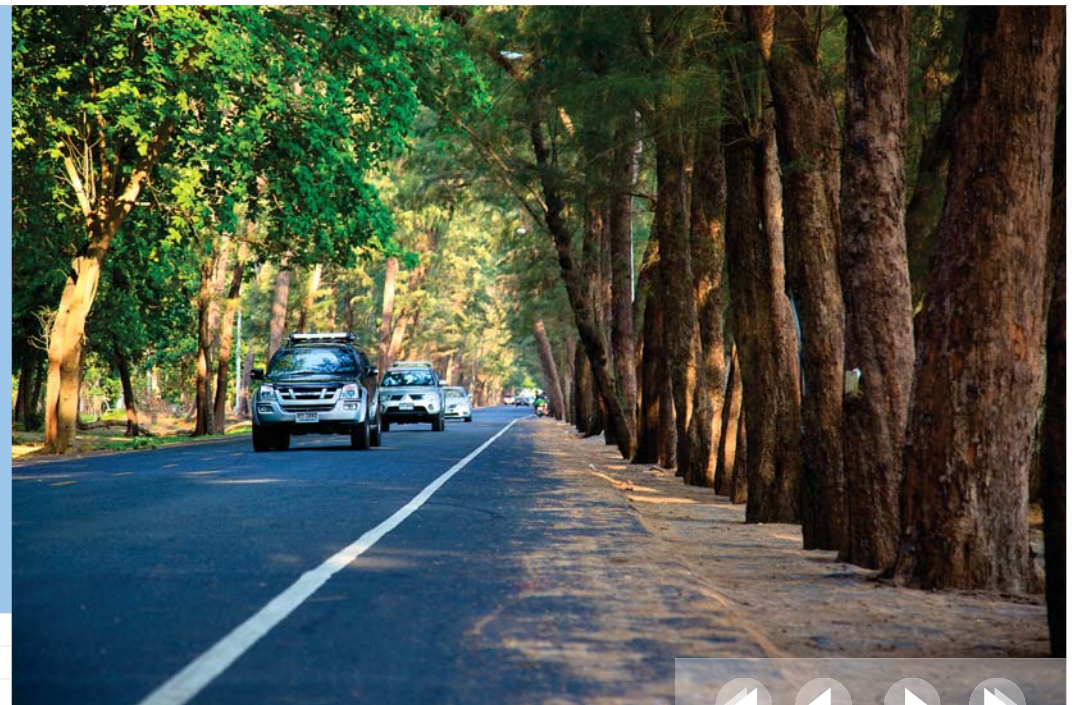
## Scenic View on Khao Laem Ya

This seaside national park is a popular viewpoint situated on the coast of the Rayong sea. Visitors can follow nature trails on Khao Laem Ya and hike to a point where the mountain juts into the sea. Bring your camera as the mountain is blanketed with golden light shining on the green grass at sunset. If time allows, one may want to do a little camping and truly take in the sea view overlooking Ko Samet. Every member of the family will surely find time to relax and renew their spirit on this nature-based holiday.

#Khao Laem Ya – Muko Samet National Park  
Tel. 66 3865 3034

## Driving by the Sea Oak Trees

Two kilometres from Ban Phe lies a road stretching along the sea oak forest and providing travellers with cooling shade for some 5 kilometres. Drivers feel as if they have been captured in the embrace of these huge green trees.







## Old City

Tha Luang quarter is an old riverside community situated along the Chanthabun River. Old buildings dotting both sides of the street allude to the glorious past of “Mueang Chan” (Chan City), which was once a trade hub for foreigners. The intriguing architecture in this area is influenced by both Chinese and Western art. The riverside community maintains a traditional way of life and mixes Thai, Chinese and Vietnamese culture together into an interesting blend. Visitors and families shouldn't pass up many of the traditional street foods here, as there are countless delightful delicacies just waiting to be tried.

On Riverside road, Chanthaburi City.

## The National Maritime Museum

Marine transportation was at one time a crucial component leading to Thailand's economic growth and along with the merchants' vessels came the influences of foreign cultures. The National Maritime Museum is the perfect place for a family to learn about the evolution of Thai sea trade based on underwater archaeology research. The exhibit room is located on the second floor of the building where one is sure to be dazzled by the life-sized Chinese junk ship (sailing vessel) that includes a full interior visitors can enter into. This impressive model will allow kids and adults alike to truly enjoy the experience of travelling back in time to the sea merchants heyday. Other types of vessels including warships and royal vessels used during battles and royal ceremonies are also on exhibit as well as underwater antiques and artefacts recovered from the depths of the sea.

The Museum is located in the Noen Wong Army Camp and is open from Wednesday to Sunday 9.00 a.m. -4.00 p.m. (the Museum is handicapped accessible) 6 km from Chanthaburi City.





## Salacca Orchard in the Ancient Army Camp

Brick walls and forts seem to contain and keep the stories and history of this army camp, built during the period of King Rama III in order to fend off the Vietnamese army, safe within their walls. With its strategic location on the high plains, the camp was a perfect location for keeping a close eye on the mouth of the Chanthaburi River from a safe distance. However, in modern times, the name Noen Wong Army Camp is better known for its scrumptious “Noenwong salacca.” It has been said that this fruit orchard has been around for over one hundred years and visitors can enjoy both the relics of the past as well as the fresh fruit orchard atmosphere as they travel through the camp.

**Namtok Phlio** This waterfall enjoys cool fresh water all year-round, allowing for an abundance of fish to be found swimming in the clear waters. The site is located 200 metres from the nature park and visitors can enjoy trekking along the nature trails while exploring the green ecosystem with family members.

# Open daily from 6.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. For more information, contact Namtok Phlio National Park  
Tel. 66 3943 4528



## Tha Son Beach Shore

Before entering the city of Trat, try your hand at the many fun nature-based activities available for families at the Mangrove Forest Resource Development Station, Ban Tha Son, Amphoe Khlung, Chanthaburi. This learning centre for ecotourism along the mangrove forests of the Welu River delta is full of fun and educational activities to be enjoyed. Take in the gorgeous fauna while strolling along the 2.1 kilometre long wooden bridge or cycling towards the sunset at dusk. The pleasant location is a great place for visitors looking to spot fireflies at nightfall without having to hop on a boat or sail during the night hours. Another activity not to be missed is a boat trip to catch sightings of the red-backed sea eagles abundant in the area. The boat trip departs only once per day at 4.00 p.m.

#Open for visitors from November to May  
For more information, inquiry prior to the visit is required at  
Tel. 66 8 9245 3509, 66 8 1751 2339 and 66 8 4562 7335



# Family Routes

## On Ko Chang

Clusters of more than 52 small islands surround Ko Chang, Thailand's second largest island. Besides its massive size, another feature setting Ko Chang apart from other island travel destinations is its impressive mountainous landscape dense with wilderness and waterfalls that add a pleasant natural feel to your holiday experience. The fishermen villages lining the shores of Ko Chang are uber-touristy, but somehow manage to maintain an authentic way of life. These friendly villages and their inhabitants can provide learning opportunities for children and welcome you to spend some quality family time together while enjoying memorable moments that will last a lifetime. Ko Chang is an ideal choice for a long family holiday.





## Fishermen's Village at Salak Phet Bay



The Fishermen's Village at Salak Phet Bay is the perfect place to begin your journey; from here, one can observe the traditional fishermen's way of life and gain an appreciation for this skillful occupation. The houses jut directly into the water as coconut orchards surround them from the back. One will feel right at home as fishermen uncles and aunties greet visitors with never-ending warm smiles. Some homes have been transformed into home-stay accommodation and are delighted to receive guests or tourists looking to spend a portion of their holiday living like a real fisherman.

# Located 24 kilometres from the Ko Chang ferry pier and 30 kilometres from Sai Khao Beach.

## Namtok Than Mayom

Walk approximately 500 metres into the fruit orchard and you will come across the first tier of the Namtok Than Mayom. The first tier is not too high and is safe to explore. The cool freshwater pool located at the front of the waterfall is the perfect spot for family camping and splish-splashing about.

# Located 13 kilometres from the Ko Chang ferry pier and 18 kilometres from Sai Khao Beach.





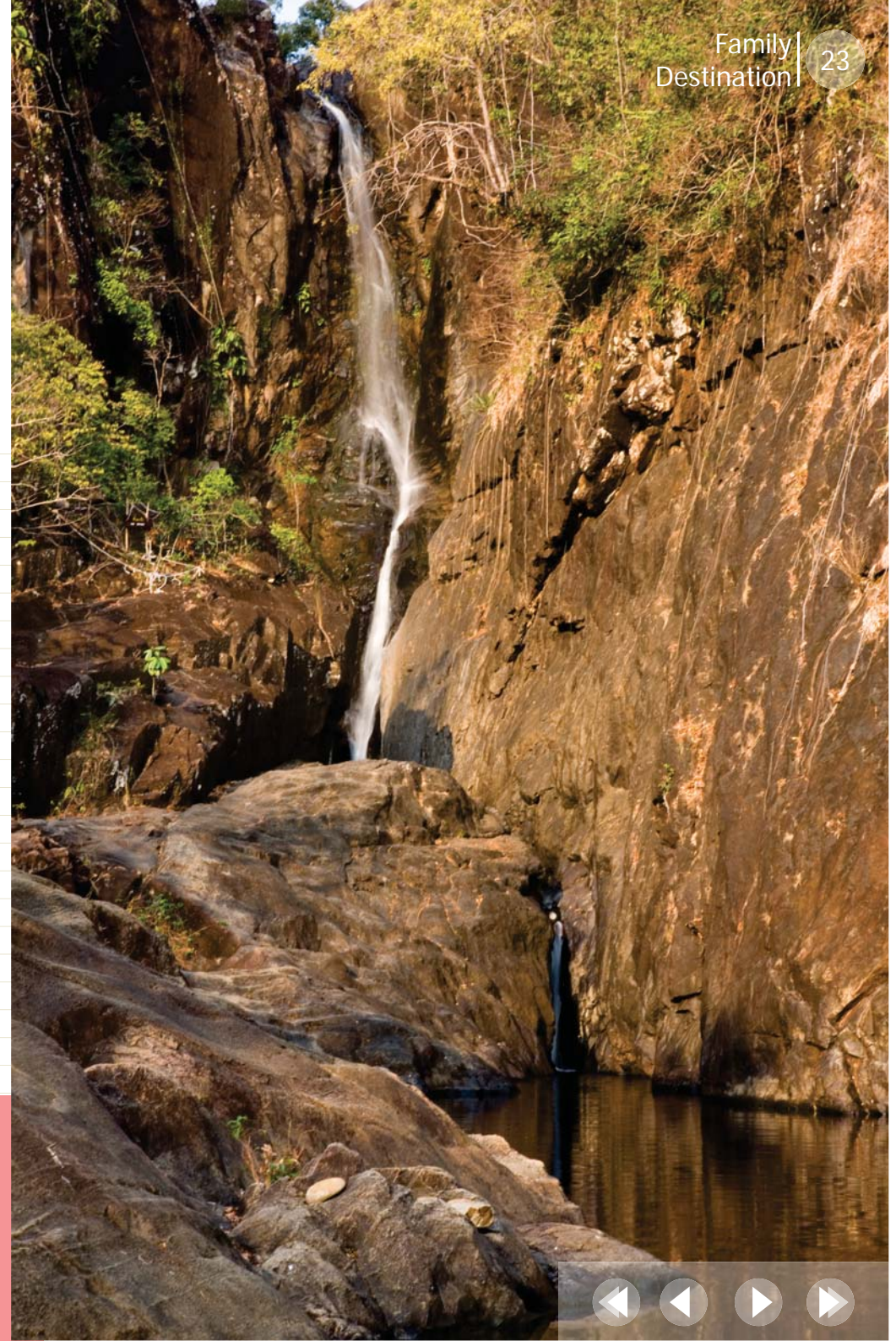
## Durian Orchard

Heading back from the Fishermen's Village and Namtok Than Mayom, one can't help but notice and enjoy the pleasant shade blanketing the roadside. The area is filled with fruit trees, including durian trees, that blanket the entire island. Visitors can feel free to walk in and ask for the permission of the owner to explore the durian orchard. Don't forget to taste this fruit's unforgettable flavour and purchase some of the local fruits to bring home as souvenirs for loved ones. Purchasing produce from the growers directly on site is the best way to support their businesses.

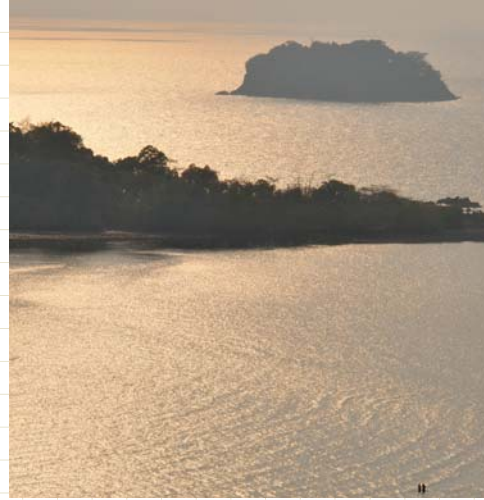
## Namtok Khlong Phlu

Not far away from Khlong Phrao, the main road of Ko Chang diverts into a turn leading to Namtok Khlong Phlu. Travel down around this corner and one will come across bungalow-style accommodation ready to welcome visitors seeking an intimate experience with nature. Walk a little further past the welcoming clear pool and stream and one will discover an enchanting emerald-green waterfall that is a popular stop for visitors for good reason. During the rainy season, the waterfall enjoys high tides and is at the peak of its beauty. Officials from the Forestry Department are on watch to ensure tourists' safety.

#Located 3.5 kilometers from Khlong Phrao.







### Ko Chang Viewpoint

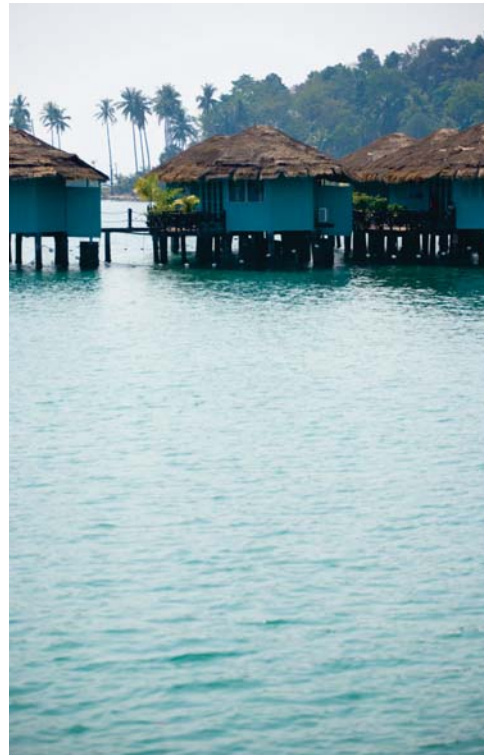
Before heading off to the south of Ko Chang, don't forget to stop by the viewpoint at Kai Bae Beach where one can enjoy the view of the seemingly endless sea stretching out before them dotted by nearby islands, or wait for nature's grand finale and take in an impressive view at sunset.

#Located 1 kilometre from Kai Bae Beach.

### Bang Bao Village

Another colourful attraction of Ko Chang located at the furthest southern end of the island, Bang Bao Village is a large fishermen community one should definitely check out if time allows. The area is home to a convenient pier connecting the nearby islands that is bustling with people and shops from dusk till dawn. Fishing services are available as well as ample seafood stalls, handmade shops and restaurants well prepared to cater to everyone in the family.

#Located 9 kilometres from Kai Bae Beach





# Family Destinations

The East of Thailand is fully enriched with natural marine resources offering a dream destination for a family getaway. The seas that wash upon the eastern shores are equally enchanting and pleasing as those in the South, making a trip to the East a choice you won't soon regret.





## Muko Mun

An archipelago near the coastline is an example of some of Mother Nature's best work; a gem of the Rayong sea, this cluster of islands consists of three premium destinations: Ko Man Nok, Ko Man Nai and Ko Man Klang.

Once you set foot on Ko Man Klang and Ko Man Nok you will feel as if you have landed on your own private beachfront, as there is only one choice of accommodation shared between the two gorgeous islands.

The islands are therefore incomparably peaceful and serene. The white sands are known to be the most beautiful in all of Rayong. If you and your family are looking for ultimate serenity, you have come to the right spot. The waters are crystal clear allowing the grains of sand to sparkle up from below and the seas are shallow providing a perfect and safe place for children to enjoy a refreshing splash. Adults will enjoy the fantastic snorkelling around the island as well as a leisurely hour-long stroll around the premise of Ko Man Nok's grounds.

Ko Man Nai is home to a sea turtle conservation station where children can enjoy learning about the turtle conservation efforts in Thailand and explore the sea turtles breeding ponds. The ocean is clear blue and there are plenty of shallow corals to be enjoyed.

#Travel by boat from Ao Makham Pom Pier (45 kilometres from Rayong City), boat rental costs approximately 700-1,500 Baht. To travel to Ko Man Nok, a ferry from Mun Nork Island Resort is available. Call Tel. 66 (0) 2860 3025-7, [www.munnorkislandresort.com](http://www.munnorkislandresort.com)





## Ko Ngam

Ko Ngam is situated a short 200 metres from the south of Ko Chang and can be reached in 20 minutes from the Trat shore by speed boat. The island has been hailed as Ko Phi Phi of the Gulf of Thailand due to its curvy bay connected to a large sand dune. The sea waters are brilliantly blue and clear, encircling scattered islets formed by a mountain range allow for the pleasant area to remain undisturbed by the winds, providing a perfect play area for children and pleasant atmosphere for canoeing or fishing. There is only one resort on Ko Ngam which offers a panoramic landscape view where you can clearly spot several islands and islets; such as, Ko Chang, Ko Lao Ya and Ko Kut.

# The most convenient travel choice is to buy a resort package from the resort on Ko Ngam covering accommodation, meals, activities and a ferry service. Contact A-Na-Lay Resort, Ko Ngam, [www.analaykohngam.com](http://www.analaykohngam.com)







## Ko Mak

Ko Mak is an island truly enriched with pure nature. The unpolluted air and complete peace and quiet are ready to welcome and embrace tourists with a comprehensive service package. With systematic and professional services in place from both business operators and the locals, everything seems to fall in place and run in perfect harmony on the shores of this gorgeous destination. High-quality accommodation is offered at reasonable prices and there are plenty of rooms to go around for everyone. The nature around the island radiates, as if it has somehow escaped the wave of tourists found in other tropical holiday destinations. One can swim right into the clear blue waters and watch as the fish dart back and forth. Trees are plentiful providing shade from the tropical rays making the atmosphere suitable for a leisurely cycle around the island to check out the islanders way of life, many of which sustain their livelihoods by tending to coconut orchards and fishing.

# A boat service is available from Krom Luang Chumphon Pier (17 kilometres from Trat City near Laem Ngop Pier). Boat services depart twice a day from Bang Bao Pier on Ko Chang and the journey takes approximately 1.5 hours.

Contact:

Bang Bao Boat Tel. 66 8 2209 6074





## Ko Kut

Ko Kut is the last island on the eastern sea and is the fourth largest island of Muko Chang archipelago. There are several attractions worth checking out on these shores; such as, Namtok Khlong Chao where the waters run plentifully all year-round. The lower floor and pool of the falls creates a large pond perfect for swimming in and splashing about and the beach at Ko Kut is considered to be one of the most beautiful places in all of Thailand. The beaches found on the west side of the island; such as, Ao Yai Ki, Khlong Chao Beach, Ao Phrao Beach, Ao Ngam Kho, and Ao Bao are the definition of fine white sand and clear blue waters. Enjoy a calm and quiet atmosphere blanketed by the shade of the seaside coconut trees. Services on the island are impressive to say the least and fully customised to cater to all the various needs of your family members.



# A boat service is available from Krom Luang Chumphon Pier (17 kilometres from Trat City near Laem Ngop Pier). Boat services depart twice a day from Bang Bao Pier on Ko Chang and the journey takes approximately 2-2.5 hours to arrive.

Contact:

Bang Bao Boat Tel. 08 2209 6074

# For a hassle-free option, employ a ferry service provided by resorts on Ko Kut.



# Family Activities

## Birdwatching and Fishing at Ban Puek Herb and Ecotourism Conservation Centre, Chanthaburi

There are many enjoyable activities available for everyone in the family at Ban Puek Herb and Ecotourism Conservation Centre starting with a 3-5 hour walk exploring the nature trails that wind through the fruit orchards and herb gardens. Birdwatching and fishing under the shade of the tropical trees are equally pleasant choices for those looking to truly relax. If the hiking tires you out, check in for a rejuvenating traditional Thai foot massage and herb remedy at the Thai Traditional Clinic at Khao Khitchakut Hospital. Accommodation is plentiful in the area.

Contact the office prior to visiting at Tel. 66 3941 1033

## Rope Bridges and Tarzan Swings with Tree Top Adventure, Ko Chang

Imagine you are Tarzan for a day and enjoy the exciting activity awaiting you; such as, tree top swings and climbing ropes stretching from one point to another. Safety is not an issue for concern as the facility is of a world-class standard and all staff are extensively trained and highly professional.

[www.treetopadventurepark.com](http://www.treetopadventurepark.com)

## Diving Tour, and Coral Snorkelling around Ko Chang

One of the best ways to explore the rich nature and beauty of the Gulf of Thailand when visiting Ko Chang is to explore the underwater world where multitudes of corals await you around the islands near Ko Chang. A snorkelling journey can begin from anywhere; such as, Ko Chang, Ko Mak, or Ko Kut. The best corals and massive shoals of fish can be found at Ko Kra and Ko Rang, located between Ko Chang and Ko Kut.







## Sailing to See Fireflies at Khlong Phrao

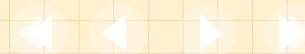
As the boat glides through the canal, the light seems to dim and every sound quiets. Our eyes begin to adjust to the dark and we start to see the glittering golden lights of the Lamphu Tree sparkling like shining stars in the distance. This captivating light is being created in front of your eyes by the fireflies floating in mid air just within your hand's reach; possibly one of the most memorable, and romantic scenes to witness with your loved ones and family.

#For more information, contact the restaurant or resorts at Khlong Phrao Beach. The service starts at 7.00 p.m.

## Sailing on "Mat" Boat along the Mangrove Forests

Enjoy a pleasant trip without disturbing any of the nature by sailing with "Mat" boat – a wooden Thai traditional boat offering dining and a scenic view. Known as the "Gondola of Ko Chang," the boat is very calm when in motion and an ideal vehicle for mangrove forest sighting. Grab some great snapshots of Salak Khok Bay, an area dense with an impressive and vast mangrove forest that looks exceptionally enchanting during the twilight hours.

Contact Tour Group of Ban Salak Khok  
Tel. 66 8 4106 7541, 66 8 7748 9497





# Family Shopping



## Lotus Crystal Factory, Rayong

Lotus Crystal Factory, Rayong, is the only place of its kind offering man-made glassware and crystal jewellery. Meticulous care is given to every detail and guaranteed in every piece of work. Visitors can stop in to witness the manufacturing process first hand.

The showcase room and shop are open from Monday to Saturday between 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and Sunday from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. The crystal factory is open for visitors on Mondays-Saturdays from 8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Located on Nikhom Phatthana Soi. 4 Road  
Tel. 66 3889 7745

## Gem Street, Chanthaburi

Gem Street or "The Gem Market" covers the areas of Si Chan Road and Krachang Alley. It is the centre of Thailand's famous jewellery and gem shops; be it uncut, unpolished rocks or ready-to-wear jewellery; everything glittery can be found here. The place is especially busy on Fridays and weekends as both local jewellery merchants and those travelling from other cities come to trade their precious stones here.

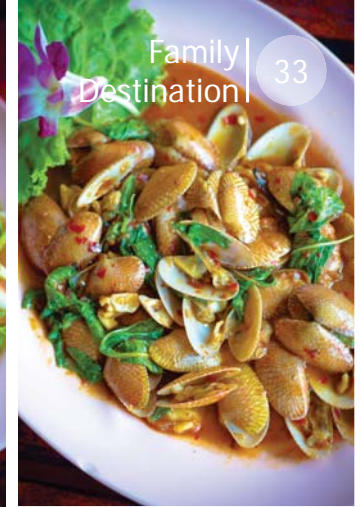


## Souvenirs and Local Products of Ko Chang

Ko Chang's signature products are Ko Chang shrimp paste, processed durian and seashell products which can be found at almost every shop on the island.



# Family Dining



## Iyara Seafood

Fresh seafood and a stunning canal view of Khlong Phrao are served up nightly at Iyara and a sunset dinner is highly recommended. A boat service to see the fireflies is available free of charge for the restaurant's guests. Open daily from 10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m. [www.iyarabrgroup.com](http://www.iyarabrgroup.com)

## Cinnamon Restaurant

This beautiful restaurant on the shore of Khlong Phrao offers a cozy atmosphere and exquisite dining experience. A full Thai menu and European dishes prepared by a 5-star chef are available for diners to choose from. Recommended menu items include Silver and Golden Barb Fish in Tamarind Spicy Soup which consists of photo-worthy ingredients; such as, papaya slices woven into shapes of fish. The "dinner on the boat option" is available to guests wishing to take their appetite to the seas and dine on a 1-hour cruising boat. The restaurant is located at Ana Resort and Spa, Khlong Phrao Beach. Open daily from 7.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m. Tel. 66 3955 1539

## Karati Kitchen

This restaurant offers authentic Thai cuisine prepared with finely-selected ingredients and the freshest seafood. Guests can enjoy the true flavour that "fresh from the sea" dishes are renowned for. A BBQ menu is also available and a captivating fire juggling show is provided for guest's enjoyment nightly. The nearby Western restaurant called "Krai Las" is also worth a try if you're looking for a home-cooked meal dining experience. The restaurant is located on Khlong Phrao Road, in front of the Ramayana Resort. Open daily from 11.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m. Tel. 66 3955 1033-4



# Family Places



## Ramayana Resort & Spa

Experience the pleasant and chilled out ambiance that comes with the scenic view of the long canal at Ramayana. As the name suggests, each room is named for one of the characters in Ramayana; such as, Hanuman, Ravana, and Rama. The Rama Family Suite offers villa-style accommodation for families and is tastefully decorated with Thai accents including two master bedrooms and open bathrooms.

The resort offers a wide range of activities for everyone; such as, pleasant restaurant dining, a playground for young ones to unwind and a swimming pool complete with proper children's pool. Thai traditional massage services are available at poolside. Tennis courts, Sita Spa and Fitness and a salon are also at your disposal. The resort provides an hourly free shuttle vehicle for those wishing to journey to Khlong Phrao Beach, a private premise of the resort.

[www.ramayana.co.th](http://www.ramayana.co.th)



## KC Grande Resort & Spa

"White Sand Beach and Clear Blue Sea" – if what's in the name is what you're looking for during your vacation, KC Grande Resort & Spa is just the place, as the resort is strategically located on the whitest sandy beach of Ko Chang. In addition to the clear blue sea, guests can enjoy a refreshing swim in the gigantic swimming pool equipped for both adults and children and offering a stunningly beautiful view of the sea. Rooms are available in several types and with various view choices; such as, the villa with garden or sea views, each of which comes packaged with a private Jacuzzi on the porch.

[www.kckohchang.com](http://www.kckohchang.com)



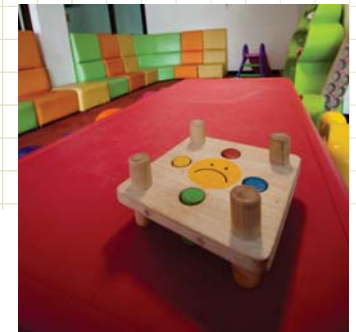




## Kacha Resort & Spa Ko Chang

Due to its impressive services and countless conveniences, this hotel located on Sai Khao Beach is an ideal choice for a family trip to Ko Chang. All types of accommodation are available; such as, beachfront villas or hillside rooms adjacent to the backside of the road. All rooms are fresh, new, clean and ready to welcome you. The Family Suite is specially designed for a family vacation providing direct access to the pool. One can choose from the oversized swimming pool offering sea views, the quiet hillside pool or the children pools allowing for the perfect place to take a dip no matter what you're looking for. Rest assured that your children will have plenty to keep them occupied with the plentiful choices of activities available. Guests can also feel free to swim and splash in the sea at the beach. A Children's Club, library and Internet services are available for your young ones as well as karaoke, pool tables or relaxing at the fitness facility and spa. Activities around the island are offered through several types of tour packages provided by quality tour agents located directly at the hotel.

[www.kacharesortandspa.com](http://www.kacharesortandspa.com)



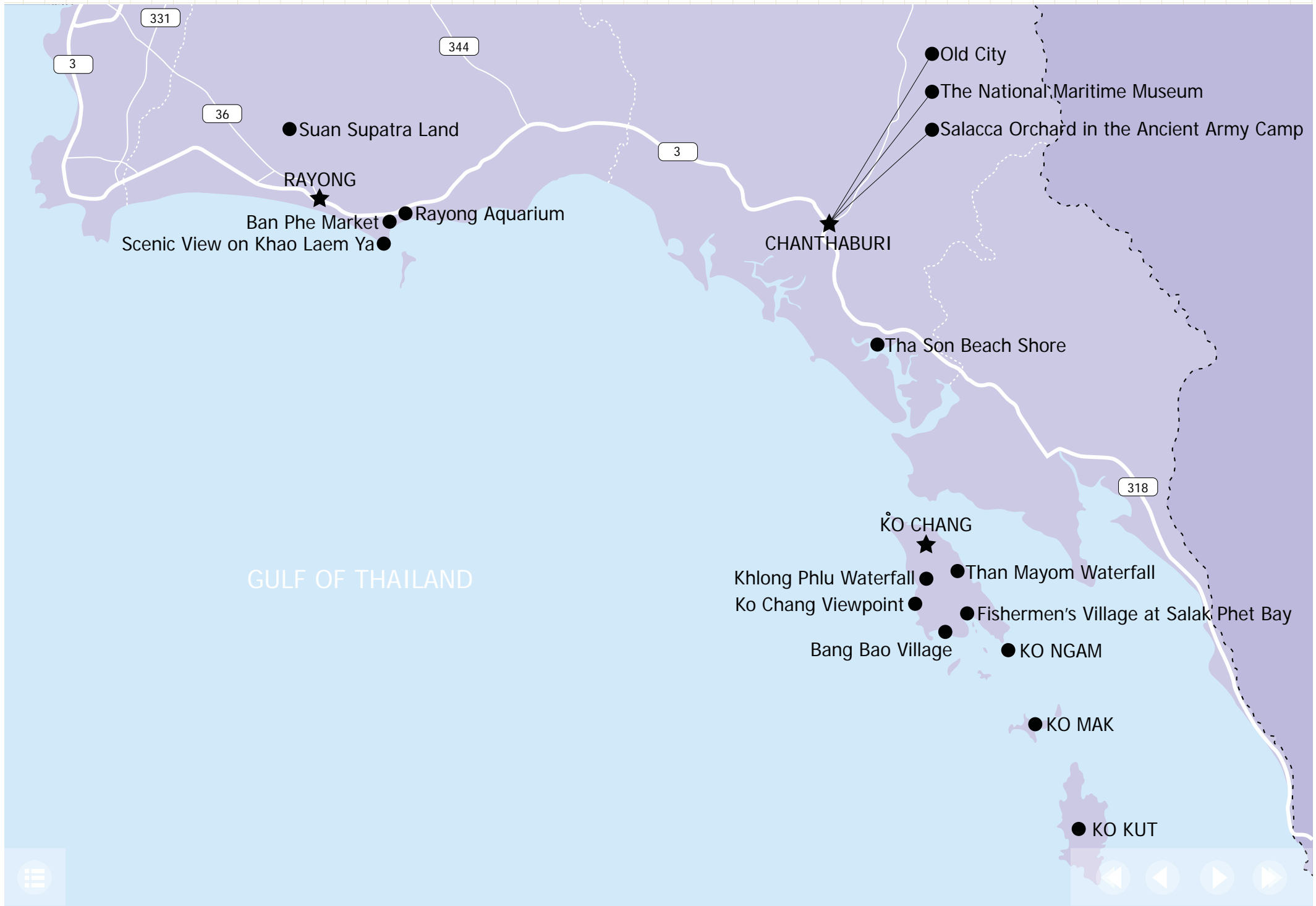
## Siam Royal View

One can truly find their sanctuary and pamper themselves with the plentiful quality services here. With the resort's location on the peak jutting into the sea of Ao Khlong Son, guests can choose to stay at any of the breathtaking Beach Villas, Bungalows or condominiums. Covering over 300 rai of land, the resort is fully equipped with amenities and conveniences: shops, seaside restaurants, fitness centre, vast and spacious swimming pool, golf course, piers and a water sports centre can be found within the compound of the Siam Royal View. Everyone in the family can enjoy water sports; such as, waterboarding, speedboating, waterskiing, boogie boarding, sailing, windsurfing or diving. Although, the breathtaking sea views and embracing mountain landscape alone will make this trip an unforgettable one.

For holiday rental, please contact : [rentals@siam-royal-view.com](mailto:rentals@siam-royal-view.com)  
 Located on Khlong Son Bay  
 Tel. 66 3955 5144, 66 8 9474 4335









# SAMPLE PROGRAMME

## DAY 1

### Morning - Noon

- Leave Bangkok at 7.00 a.m. and travel on the route Rayong-Chanthaburi-Trat-Ko Chang (320 kilometres and about a 5 hour-ride)
  - Visit en route local attractions between Rayong and Chanthaburi i.e. fruit orchards, aquarium, museum and enjoy a seafood meal at the fishermen's village (See Family Route)
- If guests choose to visit the Tha Son Mangrove Forest Resource Development Station in Khlong, Chanthaburi during November - May, they may need to take the full day or spend overnight if they wish to take a boat ride to see red-backed sea eagles in the evening.

### Afternoon

- Arrive at the pier in late afternoon. Take a 30-40 minute ferry to Ko Chang and check-in at the hotel and relax.
- Dinner at Khlong Phrao Beach. Many restaurants offer a boat ride to see fireflies at nighttime.

## DAY 2

### Full day

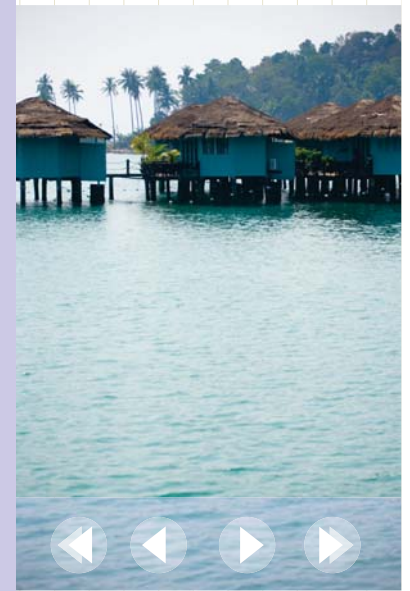
- Visit and explore Ko Chang (See Family Route) and enjoy adventurous activities at Tree Top Adventure or scuba diving to see corals around Ko Chang (Full day). Wrap up the trip with a boat ride to see the largest mangrove forest of the island at Ao Salak Khok (see Family Activity)

## DAY 3

- Leave Ko Chang and stay overnight on other islands (See Family Destinations) i.e. Ko Ngam (1-2 days) Koh Mak (2-3 days) Koh Kut (2-3 days) or Muko Man in Rayong (1 full day to 2 days)

## LAST DAY

Return to Bangkok and stop by at en route attractions and buy souvenirs along the Chanthaburi route as recommended in Family Route (Places that are not covered during the arrival.)









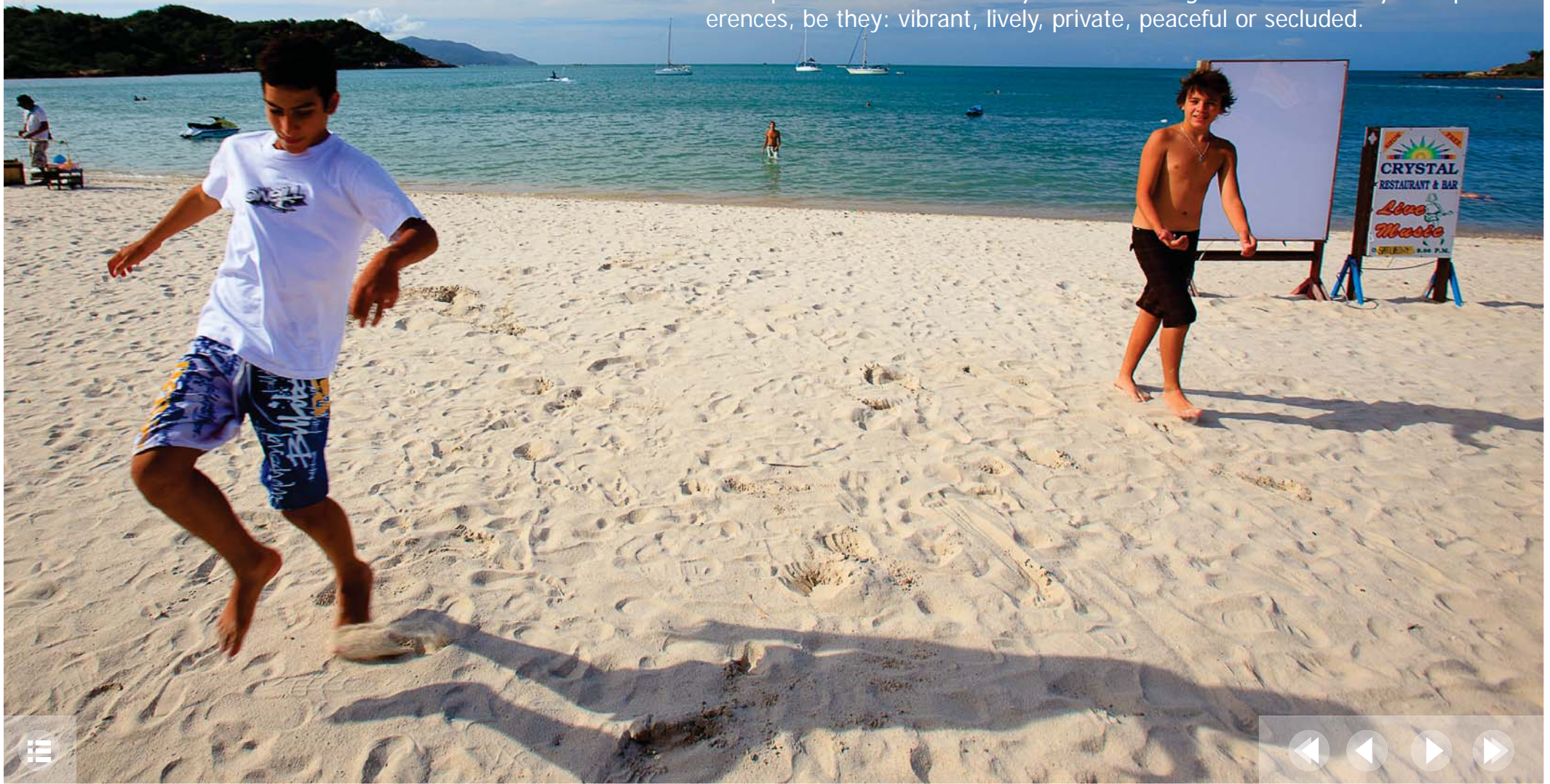
# KO SAMUI

Thailand's Third largest island, Samui, served as a safe sea shelter from storms for seafarer some centuries ago. The island was predominantly settled by Thai and Hainan Chinese peoples who made their living through fishing and coconut farming.





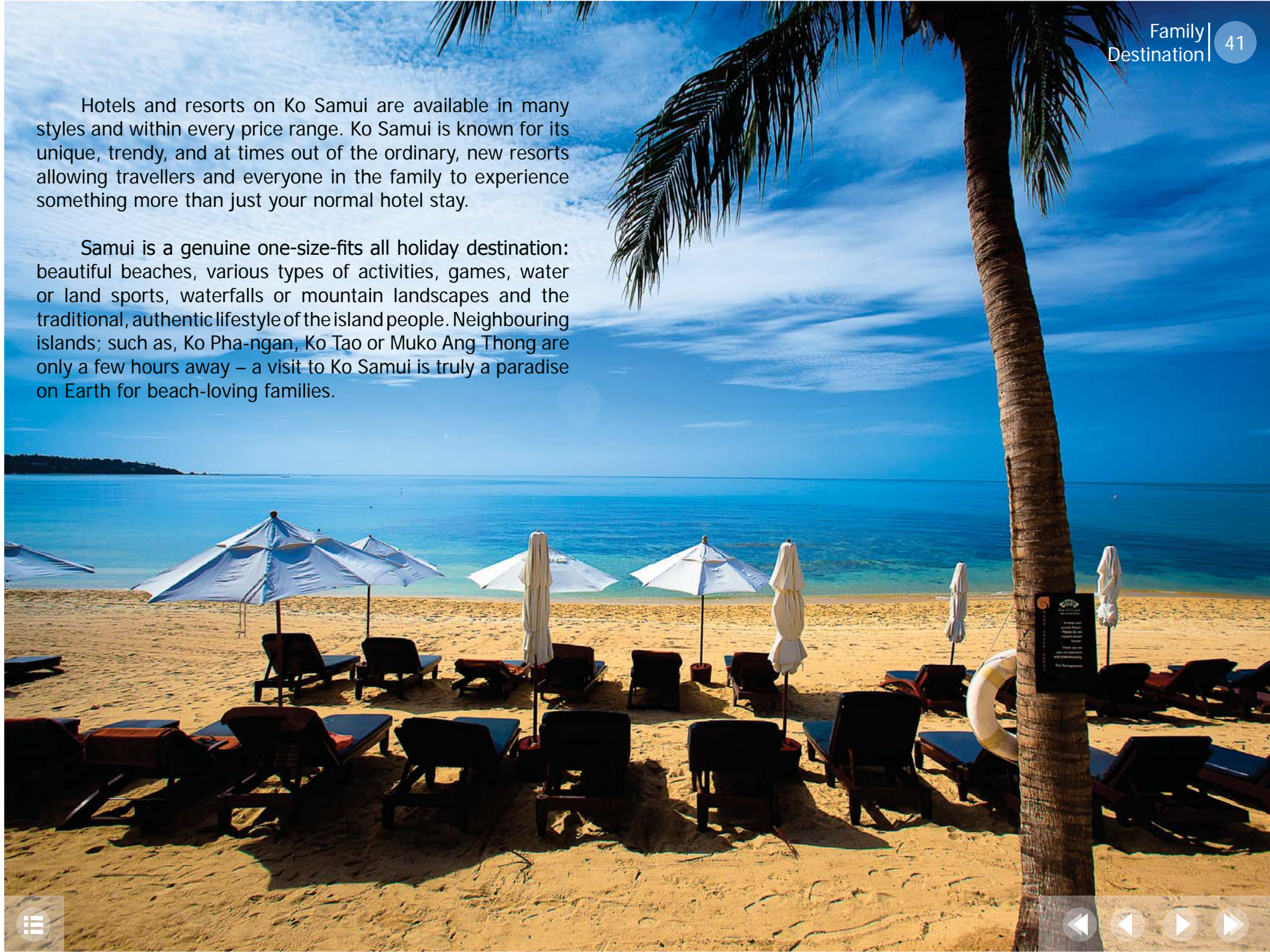
Today, Ko Samui has become one of Thailand's top tourist destinations for both individual travellers and families. Easily accessed by air in just a few hours time, the plane touches down on the runway of a beautiful airport nestled in the middle of a gorgeous coconut orchard. Enjoy a meandering drive around the island leading you to explore the stunningly beautiful landscape of Samui. White sandy beaches are just waiting to be touched on more than a dozen breathtaking islands. The islets of Ko Samui provide many varying atmospheres so one can easily find something suitable for everyone's preferences, be they: vibrant, lively, private, peaceful or secluded.





Hotels and resorts on Ko Samui are available in many styles and within every price range. Ko Samui is known for its unique, trendy, and at times out of the ordinary, new resorts allowing travellers and everyone in the family to experience something more than just your normal hotel stay.

Samui is a genuine one-size-fits all holiday destination: beautiful beaches, various types of activities, games, water or land sports, waterfalls or mountain landscapes and the traditional, authentic lifestyle of the island people. Neighbouring islands; such as, Ko Pha-ngan, Ko Tao or Muko Ang Thong are only a few hours away – a visit to Ko Samui is truly a paradise on Earth for beach-loving families.





## Wat Phra Yai – the Famous Landmark on Ko Samui

A giant Buddha statue is housed on the summit of a hill located at the north end of Samui. The predominant landmark, built by the people of Ko Samui years ago, is captivating and can be clearly spotted from an aerial view. A visit to the giant Buddha statue is somewhat of a spiritual trip leading you closer to the Buddhist spirit of the Samui people. The Buddha statue is situated on an islet not far from Ko Samui and can be accessed easily by road. Countless flights of stairs lead you up to the Buddha statue situated on the top of the hill where tourists can take in the spectacular bay of Samui at sunset.



Bo Phut Monkey Training School

Samui is an island of coconuts if there ever was one. Islanders live on coconut plantations and produce top quality coconut products for generations. Despite evolving into somewhat of a touristy island, Ko Samui and its people still maintain the traditional occupation. Monkeys chip in and help out in the cultivation process. These friendly active monkeys can often be seen climbing up and down the coconut trees skillfully picking the coconuts living up to their reputation as skilled orchard workers.

The coconut picking skill is not, however, innate to monkeys. Every monkey is required to attend a training school in order to shed their wild ways and become skilled and domesticated creatures who can work well with humans. Bo Phut Monkey Training School offers training for baby monkeys and visitors are allowed to watch the training techniques while enjoying the cuteness of these lively and intelligent animals firsthand.



## Fisherman Village

The end of Bo Phut Beach located on the east end of the island used to be the largest fishermen's community on Samui. The fishermen and fish sellers' homes still remain today even though the area has been tastefully transformed into a colourful night bazaar offering good restaurants and handicraft souvenir shops – there is a seamless blend between the past fishermen's way of life and the new civilisation.

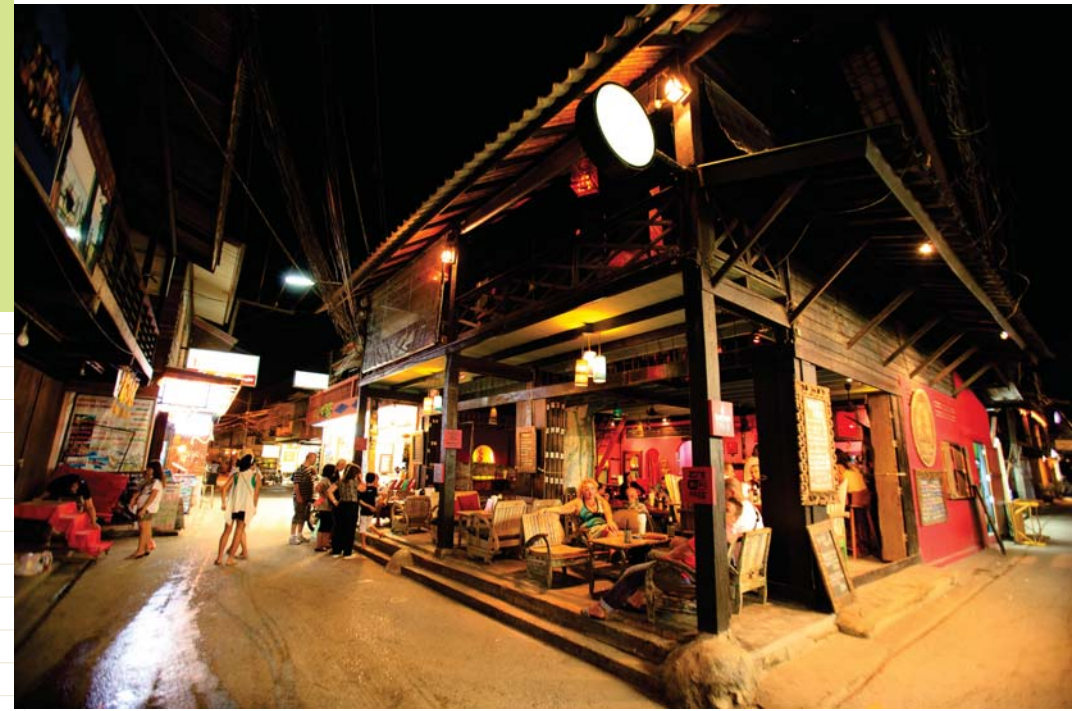
## Chaweng Beach

The most famous beach in Samui, Chaweng Beach, features a crystal clear sea and superb white sandy beach. The area definitely draws people in to come and experience it; making Chaweng Beach the centre of Samui's tourism. One is sure to enjoy the nightlife when the small streets on Chaweng Beach are lit up with colourful buzz and energy. Being the lively, bustling area that it is, Chaweng Beach is an ideal choice for families who love water sports. Try a beachside resort for a convenient stay.

## Samui Viewpoint

Driving around the island is a great and pleasurable experience for family trips. Along the more than 30 kilometres of island road are a multitude of activities one can try their hand at. Sit back and relax as the vehicle climbs to the top of a high hill opening up to the majestic mountain landscape with a stunning view that can be taken in right from the car's window.

The viewpoint situated between Chaweng and Lamai Beaches is known to be one of the island's most beautiful, as it offers a curvy bay view of Chaweng on the left and Lamai Beach in the distance, coupled with the lower view of the sea and the rocks where one can climb down for a walk or some fishing at sunset.







## Lamai Beach

Lamai Beach is another popular spot on Samui due to its clear blue sea and soft, velvety white sand that feels incredibly tender beneath the feet; hence the name “Lamai” (smooth and soft in Thai).

For a sun-loving family, Lamai Beach is the best option thanks to its sufficiently lively environment that is somewhat more laid back than Chaweng. Enjoy the beach at sunset when many families take in the fresh sea breezes and enjoy activities together. Try one of the great beachside resorts for your convenience and enjoy a paradise-on-earth experience.

## Hin Ta Hin Yai (Grandma & Grandpa Rocks)

A naturally made rock sculpture located at the southern end of Lamai Beach provides a special tourist destination for visitors. The rock boulders have been shaped by the wind and the sea waves creating a strangely formed and surprisingly phallic symbol. This area offers one of the most scenic views of Ko Samui and the spacious rock boulder platform provides a safe place for a family to enjoy a leisurely walk at sunset. Local delicacies can also be found here as well; such as, the famous kalamae dessert made from coconuts with a gummy texture.





## Kuan U Shrine

Ko Samui has been home to many different communities over the centuries. The first community that settled on Samui was the Hainan Chinese; arriving by boat, these seafaring people found the island to be a safe and pleasant shelter from the sea and the storm. The Hainan community is still alive and vibrant on Samui to this day.

The road cutting past the community located at the corner is naturally narrow, as the roads are lined by old wooden buildings preserved by the islanders. Tourists can enjoy spotting the beautiful and classic architecture of the wooden houses adorned with perforated wooden pieces.

The heart of the Hainan-Chinese community is located at the Kuan U Shrine (Chinese god of fortune). The shrine has been heralded within the community for centuries. The later generations of Hainan people renovated the shrine into an even grander and more artistically beautiful design. One interesting element of the shrine are a series of photos hanging on the wall depicting Ko Samui ancestors, reminiscent of a hall of fame illustrating the proud and prestigious history of the famed island.



## Samui Butterfly Garden

The dream-like scenery of colourful butterflies flying in the garden is something to be experienced, and can be enjoyed at the Samui Butterfly Garden located in a rather secluded southern part of the island and encompassing more than 20 rai of land. The garden is full of flowers and plants providing a pleasant atmosphere for a walk with great viewpoint destinations, as well as rock and butterfly gardens where one can enjoy viewing the butterflies at close proximity. Children can play hide and seek with these winged beauties or watch caterpillars on the leaves. The Butterfly Museum is located inside and serves as a learning centre for children and interested adults.



## Samui Aquarium & Tiger Zoo

Enjoy the largest aquarium on Samui where aquatic animals are displayed while getting to know the ins and outs of the amazing creatures living under the sea-- all while remaining dry and above ground. The gigantic aquarium offers displays depicting the underwater ecosystem and a diverse selection of water plants and living forms. Young ones are sure to get excited by the sight of the hunter sharks. Another highlight not to be missed are the animal shows; such as, seals, tigers and macaw parrot shows.

[www.samuiaquariumandtigerzoo.com](http://www.samuiaquariumandtigerzoo.com)

The aquarium is located near Samui Orchard Resort,  
Ban Han Beach on the southeast end of Samui.

Tel. 66 7742 4017-8

9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. (Showtimes 1.00 p.m.)



## Namtok Na Mueang

In addition to the pristine beaches, Ko Samui is also home to a mountain landscape with countless streams and waterfalls to be explored. Namtok Na Mueang is amongst the most popular places due to its beauty and easy accessibility. A small road leading to the waterfall entrance takes us past a pleasant coconut orchard. The waterfall can be reached on foot and the site is neither too steep nor high allowing for family members of all ages to enjoy the area. The water pool below is spacious and safe allowing for some enjoyable splash time as well. The area offers other additional activities including an elephant ride into the woods to visit the nearby waterfalls. (See Family Activities)

## Paradise Park Farm

If your family is more of the adventurous type, try out this theme park and zoo. This attraction is sure to get your adrenaline pumping. Ride along a road surrounded by coconut orchards and deep jungles while slowly climbing to the hill summit where one can't help but reach out for the sky that seems just within reach. Paradise Park Farm features a live zoo where children can enjoy viewing the animals roaming around freely in search of their food. Candy-coloured pigeons are a highlight and great photo opportunity. Inside the farm one will find restaurants, flower gardens and nature trails for trekking as well as a swimming pool on top of a hill opening up to a truly stunning and magnificent mountain view.

[www.paradiseparkfarm.net](http://www.paradiseparkfarm.net)

Tel. 66 8 6063 3318, 66 8 1255 1222





# Family Destinations

## Neighbouring Islands

### Muko Ang Thong

Muko Ang Thong is a cluster of a dozen islands that can easily be reached in just over an hour or so from Ko Samui. The area is a popular day trip choice due to its stunning and picturesque landscape. The cluster of islands can be seen from the horizon at every angle.







Muko Ang Thong is a limestone rock formation that creates a peculiar, exotic-looking shape one is sure to remember. When seen from the viewpoint of Ko Wua Ta Lap, the view of Muko Ang Thong National Park can be described as nothing less than jaw-dropping. The white sandy beach serves as a great starting point for a short excursion into the woods. For an adventurous family, one can test their stamina by taking on the somewhat challenging trek up the hill. For those more interested in some down time, lying on the beach and enjoying the sea views are equally fulfilling activities. A large lagoon is also hidden somewhere deep in the valley on Ko Mae Ko and one can have an adventure on an excursion to uncover its beauty. Family members can also try kayaking for an intimate excursion amongst the pristine nature. Kayaking is typically included in any of the tour programmes.

## Tour Operator

### Lomprayah

Tel. 66 2629 2569-70, 66 2629 2641,  
66 8 6308 7462  
[www.lomprayah.com](http://www.lomprayah.com)

### Seatran Discovery

Tel. 66 2240 2582,  
[www.seatrandiscovery.com](http://www.seatrandiscovery.com)

### Hi Sea Tour

Tel. 66 7742 1285, 66 7742 1290,  
[www.highseatour.com](http://www.highseatour.com)



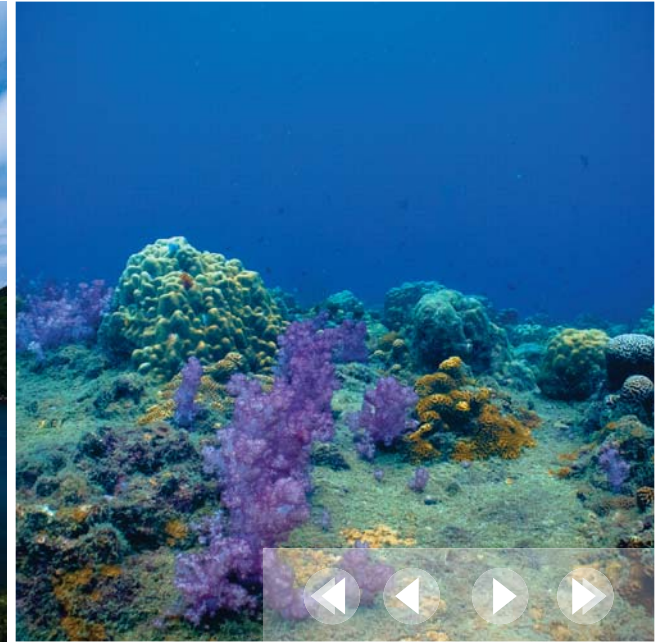


## Sighting on Ko Tao



Ko Tao is a small island located to the north of Ko Samui. The water on Ko Tao is crystal clear and one can see straight through to the bottom of the sea where shallow and deep-watered corals are waiting to catch your eye. Ko Tao is known to be a great location for scuba diving due to its scuba diving school, as well as the fact that the island is home to the most beautiful shallow corals in the entire Gulf of Thailand. Tourists can choose to swim in the sea, enjoy the view, or try a dive on Ko Nang Yuan, a nearby island of Ko Tao that is equally impressive. Ko Nang Yuan features three small islands with magnificent sand dunes connecting the three together as one. The dive spot at Ko Nang Yuan has been locally dubbed as the “Japanese Garden” providing travellers with one of the most gorgeous dive sites the world has to offer due to the countless colourful corals reminiscent of an underwater Japanese garden.

In a nutshell, Ko Tao is the centre of everything lively and colourful. One can enjoy a short day trip from Ko Samui to enjoy a variety of activities on the island or take-in an overnight stay on the premise providing a heavenly holiday experience for all family members.









# How to Get There

## Ko Tao

is located in Surat Thani province near Chumphon province. The island is further situated to the north of Ko Pha-ngan and Ko Samui. Ko Tao can be reached by ferry from Ko Samui (1.5 hours), Ko Pha-ngan (1 hour) and Chumphon (1.5 hours). Most ferry companies offer an additional coach package from Bangkok to the pier.

## Lomprayah High Speed Catamaran

Tel. 66 2629 2569-70, 66 2629 2641, 66 8 6308 7462  
[www.lomprayah.com](http://www.lomprayah.com)

## Seatran Discovery

Tel. 66 2240 2582, [www.seatrandiscovery.com](http://www.seatrandiscovery.com)

## Songserm Travel

Tel. 66 2280 8073-4, [www.songserm-expressboat.com](http://www.songserm-expressboat.com)





## "Football Golf" at Frisbee Golf

A unique and fun sport for family members, football golf is a new sport in town that requires players to kick a ball into a hole on a green field located in the coconut orchard's compound. If you're looking for a little exercise during your holiday stay, this is a fun and unique opportunity to burn some calories and tone your beach figure.

Tel. 66 7724 8084

Location: Choeng Mon Beach  
[www.samuifootballgolf.com](http://www.samuifootballgolf.com)

## Coco Splash Waterpark

Coco Splash is a modern waterpark offering not only a break from the ocean but also providing guests with the opportunity to enjoy all sorts of water-based amusement activities; such as, sliders and odd-shaped swimming pools tucked amongst the coconut fields. Each activity and utility space is designed for the fun and safety of all family members.

The waterpark is located in the area of Lamai Beach.

[www.samuiwaterpark.com](http://www.samuiwaterpark.com)

Tel. 66 8 1082 6035

10.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. (closed on Mondays)

Day pass ticket : 200 Baht.

# Family Activities

## Elephant Rides in the Jungle at Namtok Na Mueang

High mountains dotting the island provide a jungle - like landscape enriched with flora and fauna and completed by the unique scene of coconut orchards as a backdrop. The best way to explore this lush and green area is to get on board an elephant's back and take it all in under the mahout's close guidance.







# Family Shopping

## Kalamae

The famous sweet of Samui is made from quality coconut meat, simmered until it turns to a sticky and gooey consistency that is tasty but not too sweet. Kalamae can be bought at Hin Ta Hin Yai and Mae Thanya's Kalamae shops near Ban Na Thon.

## Coconut products

Coconut oil simmered from coconut milk has medicinal uses and is beneficial for many skin conditions.

## Coconut shell products

With its versatile use, coconut shells are crafted into creative and unique souvenirs allowing travellers to bring home a little of Samui with them.



## Batik cloth

A renowned handicraft of Samui, the Batik cloth found here features a unique and tropical design well-suited to the beach ambiance.



# Family Dining

## H Bistro

Please your taste buds with Mediterranean-French cuisine freshly made with authentic Mediterranean spices and ingredients imported from Canada, Japan and France. Down the divine food with premium wine while enjoying the magnificent sea view of Bo Phut Beach. Local delicacies are adapted to suit everyone. Each dish is guaranteed with the title of Tatler Magazine's Best Restaurant in Thailand.

#Located in Hansar Samui Resort & Spa, Bo Phut Beach.

Open daily Breakfast: 6.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

Lunch: 11.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Dinner: 6.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.

## Samui Seafood Grill & Restaurant

Muang Samui restaurant provides a pleasant dining experience amid the green and shades of the trees by the stream. With a sailing boat replica adding an exotic touch to the environment, guests can sit back to enjoy international and Thai authentic menu served in a stylish presentation. Successor and owner of the restaurant ML Puang makes sure each dish is delectable to tongue and eyes. Western-style dessert to keep up with Samui's touristy beat is recommended as a finishing touch.

#Located inside Muang Samui Hotel Spa & Resort, Chaweng Beach. Open daily from 12.00 a.m. to 11.30 p.m., [www.muangsamui.com](http://www.muangsamui.com).

## Nuch's Green Ta'lay Restaurant

The restaurant is located in the southern part of Ko Samui. Along with its quiet and laid-back atmosphere, guests can enjoy authentic Thai food. Each menu is prepared with 100% MSG-free that is safe for everyone especially children or customers with allergy conditions.

#Open every day except Monday from 3.00 to 10.00 p.m.

<http://nuchsgreentalayrestaurant.com>





## Sabiang Lay

Once in Samui, eat like the Samui people do. Do not miss out the local eatery that serves authentic Samui cuisine at "Sabiang Lay Restaurant". Each dish offers a unique taste of Samui and comes in affordable prices.

#Located on Lamai Beach, near Hin Ta Hin Yai (Grandma & Grandpa Rock). Open daily 10.00 a.m. to midnight.  
Tel. 66 7723 3082, 66 7723 3083, 66 8 1538 7045



## Ovilio Italian Cuisine

Munch on Italian gourmet meat at this famed Italian beachside restaurant. Winner of the 2007 Vogue Entertaining + Travel Produce Awards, the chef prepares exquisite dishes that impress the local, tourists and foodies across the country.

#Located on Chaweng Beach in the area of Baan Haad Ngam Boutique Resort & Spa.

Tel. 66 7723 1500-3, 66 7723 1518-9  
[www.baanhaadngam.com](http://www.baanhaadngam.com)



## Spirit House Restaurant

Taste authentic Thai cuisine in the environment of the good old days where diners will be served Thai delicacy in the riverside Thai traditional house. Decorated with ancient bricks and a chedi replica providing an ancient town experience, the restaurant nestles in a variety of plants. A Thai classical dance performance is arranged to accompany guests during the dinner. Thai cooking class is also available.

#Open daily 12.00 a.m. - 10.30 p.m.  
Tel. 66 7741 4101  
[www.spirithousesamui.com](http://www.spirithousesamui.com)



# Family Places

## Kirikayan Luxury Pool Villas & Spa

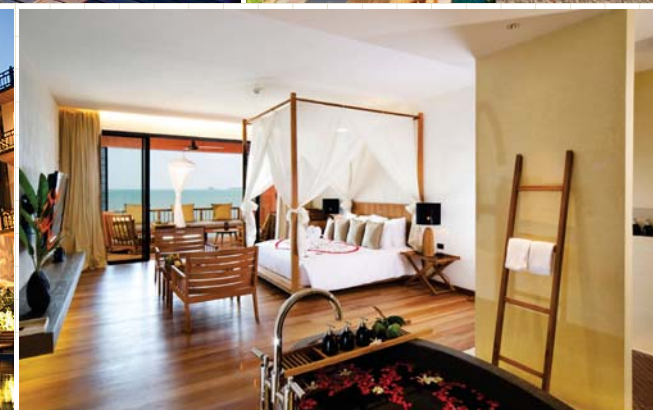
With the green surrounding of the mountain, the place earns its name "Kiri Kayan" which means "dancing mountains". Although the resort is not located by the beach, the green scenery provides an equally relaxing atmosphere. With stylish and private pool villa, the room is spacious enough to accommodate the entire family. Private pool and kitchen encourage members to have some bonding activities. The resort is fully equipped with convenience; such as, spa, beauty salon and a reading room. A transfer service to the resort's Beach club located by Maenam Beach is offered every hour.

[www.kirikayan.com](http://www.kirikayan.com)

## Santiburi Beach Resorts, Golf & Spa

The resort is strategically located on the beautiful Maenam Beach and offers all amenities and recreational activities to everyone. One may get carried away with the green scenery from the palm orchard and forget about the beach completely. With spacious area, the resort offers all kinds of activities for guests – water sports; such as, kayaking, windsurfing, scuba diving (class is available free of charge) or tennis, football or golfing even Thai boxing for the guys and the outdoorsy type. Thai cooking class is available for the ladies. Rest assured the stay at Santiburi will make your holiday a memorable one.

[www.santiburi-hotel.de](http://www.santiburi-hotel.de)



## Hansar Samui Resort & Spa

All guest rooms at Hansar Samui overlook the sea and are equipped with a day bed for guests to lounge in. With the golden sandy beach of Bo Phut Beach which is known for its stunning sunset scene, the resort is a paradise for family as it provides an infinity swimming pool and big guest room with full amenities. The resort is not far from tourist attractions like Fisherman's Village and shopping venues. Guests can never get tired of this!

[www.hansarsamui.com](http://www.hansarsamui.com)



## Beach Republic The Residences

Villa-style accommodation by Lamai Beach offers choices of convenience for your perfect family trip. Each room is stylishly designed to provide comfort and utilising areas; such as, kitchen, dining area, mini bar and an optional butler service. Each room features a private salt-based swimming pool. Spa, fitness and tour packages are at guests' disposal.

[www.beachrepublic.com](http://www.beachrepublic.com)



## Shasa Hotel Casavela

Located not far from the business quarter and just right next to the beach, this 5-star hotel tops the accommodation list among tourists. The green space is intricately incorporated into the resort with three gigantic swimming pools in different shapes. Children's pool and club as well as fitness, sauna and spa are available. Guest rooms come in a variety of styles to cater to each family's unique needs. Every room has a small kitchen and carefully designed to give the ultimate comfort and cosy feel.

[www.shasahotels.com](http://www.shasahotels.com)

## Rocky's Boutique Resort

A peaceful, private stay with activities for everyone in the family are what Rocky's Boutique Resort has to offer. With a bungalow-style room and quiet beach, the resort is an ideal choice for this family trip. Kid's club, spacious swimming pool, martial arts class, Thai boxing class as well as yoga class are available. The highlight is the spa with its unique Thai traditional spa treatment. Free transfer to Lamai Beach is available for guests and within a 5-minute walking distance.

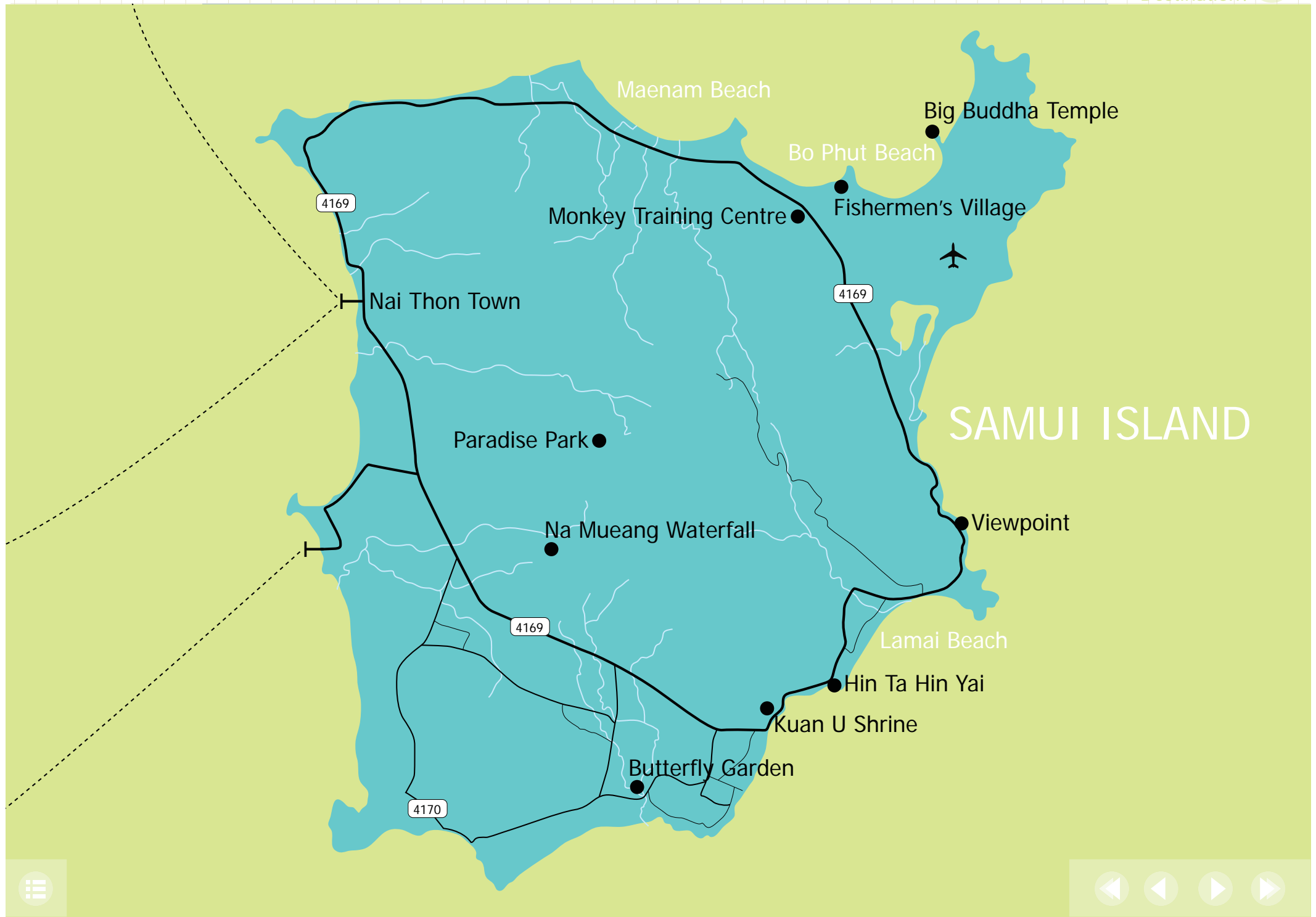
[www.rockyresort.com](http://www.rockyresort.com)













# SAMPLE PROGRAMME

## DAY 1

### Morning

Travel to Samui with the Bangkok-Samui flight.

Travel around the island and visit tourist attractions; such as, Monkey Training Centre, Na Mueang Waterfall, Butterfly Garden, etc. (See Family Route)

### Afternoon

Experience fun activities i.e. elephant ride to Na Mueang Waterfall, Football, or enjoy a day at Coco Splash Waterpark. (See Family Activities)

### Evening

Dinner at a beachside restaurant. (See Family Dining)

Check in at a hotel or resort on Ko Samui. (See Family Place)

## DAY 2

### Full Day

- Sightseeing at neighbouring islands i.e. touring and kayaking at the Muko Ang Thong (1 full day) or snorkelling at Ko Tao (1-2 days; tourists can stay overnight on Ko Tao)









# KHAO LAK and Beyond

Phang-nga Beach and its impressive stretching shoreline overlooking the Indian Ocean has recently enjoyed increasing popularity. It all began when a solitude-seeking group of travellers discovered this utopia of an island not far from Phuket. With its unique geographical feature creating a connecting point between the lush green forests of the Tenasserim Range and the Andaman coast, as well as the clusters of famous islands appearing scattered across the landscape, the area has an aura on its own that is sure to provoke wonder and pleasure.

The beach area, collectively referred to as “Khao Lak,” is a new destination for beach lovers. It is home to a small resort town with a decent touristy atmosphere. All types of resorts, accommodation and beaches are aplenty and ready to cater to the travel styles of each individual member of your family.





# Family Routes

## (Half - Full Day)

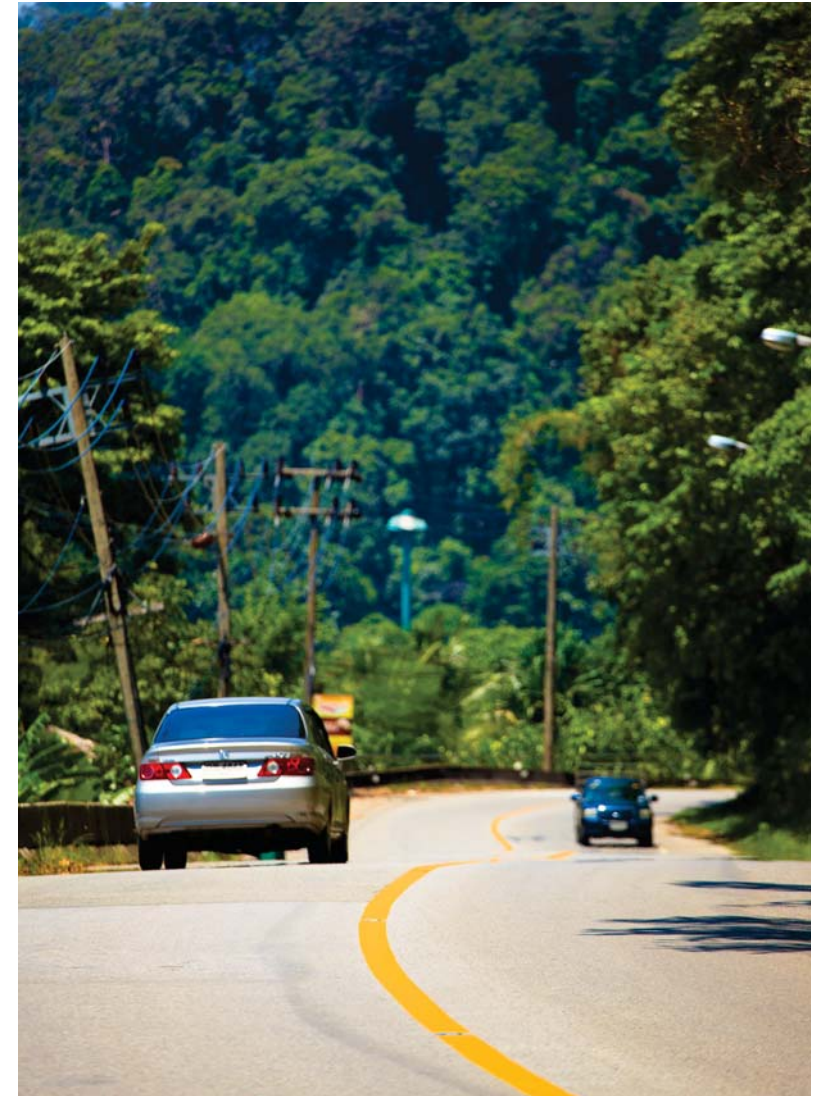
Khao Lak is located less than one hour from Phuket. Before crossing the mountains to enter the Khao Lak area, travellers will pass by Thap Lamu Pier – a bustling transit stop on the way to the Similan Islands. If you are under time constraints, a short excursion around Khao Lak can easily be arranged. Thap Lamu Pier is also home to the Thap Lamu Navy Base, a destination where tourists can visit the [Sea Turtle Conservation Centre](#) located inside a unique turtle-shaped building. The sea turtle exhibition is designed to educate visitors and the little ones in your family about the sea turtle species in a fun and easygoing manner while everyone enjoys viewing and visiting the baby sea turtles in the nursery.







The route next to Thap Lamu Pier leads to the [Khao Lak-Lam Ru National Park](#). Nature trails facing the vast ocean are just awaiting exploration and visitors can keep their eyes peeled along the way to spot tiny and amazing sea creatures; such as, mudskippers.







"Pakarang Cape" is another peaceful corner of Khao Lak one should try not to miss. Visitors are often stunned by this somewhat magical site where countless corals washed up and accumulated on the shore have formed a massive, white-coloured stone platform...a cool place to chill out in the late afternoon.

Do not miss out on a visit to [Takua Pa old town](#), a city that was once a prosperous trade and mine hub some centuries ago. The town still maintains Sino-Portuguese architecture and "[Khanom Tao So](#)" a favourite local snack, is a symbol of Takua Pa that visitors cannot afford to skip.

If time allows, one can travel on a bit further towards the north and within less than an hour will have reached the beautiful [Namtok Tham Nang](#). The site offers a pleasant, easily accessed short route for enjoying a 500 metre walk full of photogenic nature and pleasant views.





# Family Destinations

Beyond Khao Lak





## Muko Similan-Ta Chai Tour (1-3 Days)

Situated about 70 kilometres from the coastline, the Muko Similan features pristine beaches and lush green forests. Tourists usually opt for a day-trip or 1N2D trip arranged from Thap Lamu Pier located near Khao Lak Beach.

Muko Similan National Park contains nine islands commonly referred to by their ordinal numbers, of which Island No.4 (Ko Si) and Island No.8 (Ko Paet) are the most popular. On Ko Paet, 'Ao Kueak Ma' is claimed to be the most beautiful of all the beaches in the area, with a stone in a sailing boat shape standing tall at the end of the bay and creating the perfect backdrop for some holiday snapshots. Campsites and accommodation are available from the National Park Office.

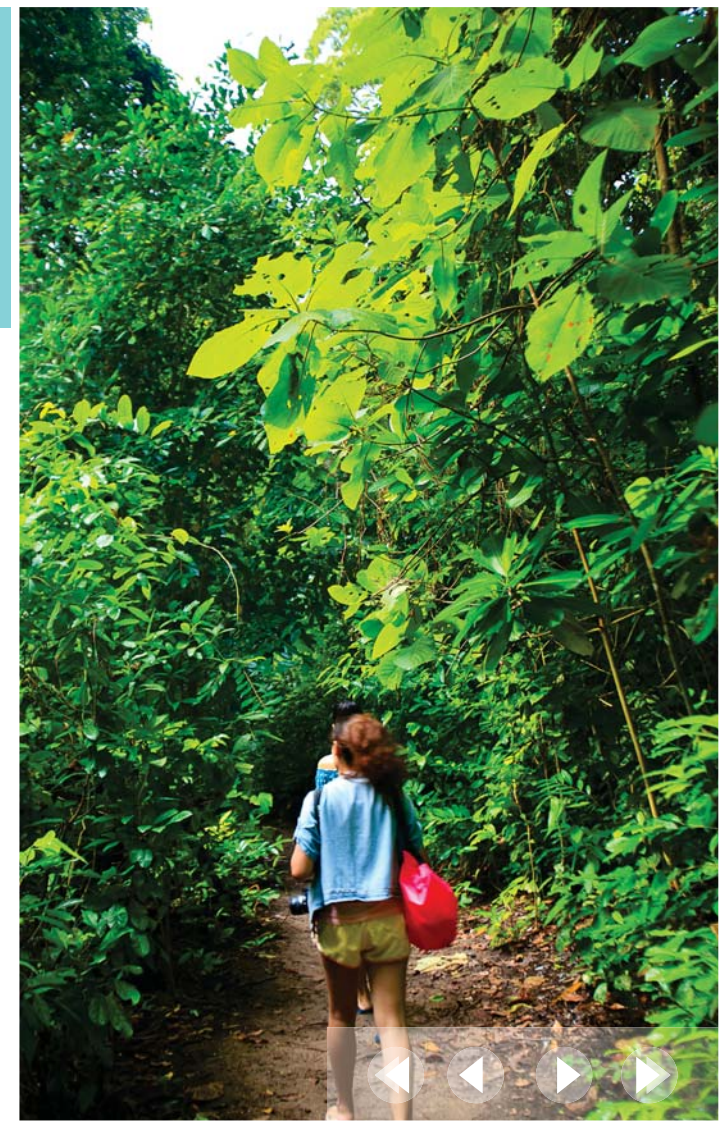






Tourists can explore the beauty of the nature trails on Ko Si. and enjoy the deep jungle ecosystem that is truly exotic. Lan Kha Luang viewpoint offers access to a stunning bird's-eye view of the island. Tourists often prefer to stay overnight on Ko Si due to its fully equipped accommodation options and campsites. The island offers endless possibilities for nature exploration. Rare and exotic bird species; such as, the Nicobar dove and "Hen Crab," with its bright red body, bluish crab claws and a surprising sound reminiscent of a hen, are fun to seek out and enjoy during the night hours when these exotic beach creatures generally come out to find their prey. An overnight stay further provides a good opportunity for exploring the nightlife of this small slice of heaven.

One activity not to be missed is of course a diving session. Guided by scuba-certified experts, visitors can try a day-trip or live-aboard diving trip. The services are abundant and available at dive shops all over Khao Lak. Snorkelling is a common activity on the island as well and included in every tour programme. Pack your swimsuit and prepare to be stunned by the underwater world.





For a breath of fresh air, tourists can enjoy a visit to the neighbouring island known as "Ko Ta Chai." The island is located in the national park but has remained rather isolated from the crowd, as it became fairly well known only a few years ago. The landscape is quite similar to Muko Similan, however, what stands apart is the long coral reef extending along the shoreline that remains primarily pure and intact to this day. Unfortunate for visitors but ideal for the ecosystem, the island is not open for overnight stay due to conservation purposes; however, even a brief experience of this location is worthwhile. The Similan Archipelago is located 70 kilometres from the coast and can be reached by speedboat. Speedboat services are available at the Thap Lamu Pier, and are often included in a day-trip or overnight packages. The price starts from 2,500 Baht (including boat, meal and snorkelling). A trip to Ko Ta Chai is an additional daytrip offering a separate boat ride and supplementary beach programme. Boats leave from Thap Lamu and Ban Nam Khem Piers, Amphoe Takua Pa.



Med Sye Travel & Tour  
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Tub Lamu Andaman Tour  
Kura Buri Green View Travel  
Love Andaman  
Amigo Travel Service (Jack Similan)  
Rak Talay Company  
Diamond Coral Tour

Tel. 66 7644 3276  
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Tel. 66 7644 3411  
Tel. 66 7647 2070-3  
Tel. 66 7648 6095-6  
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Tel. 66 7648 7226-7  
Tel. 668 9724 2028,  
66 7649 1055





## Muko Surin (1-3 Days)

Another family destination for beach lovers can be accessed via Khura Buri Pier, a main pier leading to Muko Surin. Although it is further from Khao Lak than Thap Lamu Pier, which leads to Muko Similan, the pleasant nature one can enjoy along the way will put you in a pleasant state of mind immediately.





Muko Surin is about the same distance from the main land as Muko Similan and the nature in the area is dutifully cared for by the Marine National Park. The nature underwater, on the beach or inland remains intact and pure. One distinctive feature of Muko Surin is a shallow coral line offering countless snorkelling points from north to south and many more locations for snorkelling enthusiasts to enjoy than the neighbouring Muko Similan.

The tourist information centre is located in Ao Chong Khat on the north end of Surin Islands. The national park offers accommodation as well as a beachside camping area. A pleasant and short nature route connects the area to a nearby bay known as Ao Mai Ngam where visitors can enjoy a quieter and more peaceful atmosphere and a truly unique campsite.





The main activity on the island is diving, for good reason. There are more than ten dive sites available that can be accessed very conveniently. The national park offers diving trips twice a day: morning and afternoon sessions. The dive sites rotate frequently allowing tourists to explore the underwater world as much as possible.



## How to Get There



**Muko Surin** is located just some 60 kilometres off the coastline in Amphoe Khura Buri, Phang-nga. The nearest pier is Khura Buri and several tour companies operate speedboat services. Tour packages come in various options including day trips or overnight stays. Speedboat rides take approximately 1.5 hours and the expressboat about 2.5 hours. Tour packages can be purchased directly through travel agencies in Khao Lak and Phuket. Tour companies offer transfer services to Khura Buri Pier as well.

**Kura Buri Green View Travel**

Tel. 66 7647 2070 – 3

**Sabina Tour**

[www.sabinatour.com](http://www.sabinatour.com)

Tel. 66 8 1737 5801, 66 8 1737 2625, 66 7647 2216

**Barracuda Diving**

[www.barracudadive.com](http://www.barracudadive.com)

Tel. 66 2183 6120-2, 66 7649 1900, 66 8 1855 8066, 66 8 1622 8066

**Med Sye Travel & Tour**

Tel. 66 7644 3276



## Lake above Chiao Lan Dam (Khao Sok National Park (2-3 Days))

Khao Sok is literally where the mountain meets the sea. A gorgeous strip of green forest runs parallel to the coastline and beckons your company, graced by the backdrop of the majestic Tenasserim Range that spans across many provinces, there aren't many views more intriguing. The monsoon weather brings humidity and moisture from the ocean to the forest. This route is ideal for nature-loving families as they can travel by the green to Khao Sok National Park.







If your family members are seeking a slightly more adventurous path, try Khao Sok National Park, a breathtaking area offering nature trails of all distances. Trekkers can enjoy a variety of plants and trees along the way; such as, the famous “Bua Phut” while the meandering streams and waterfalls add a cool feel to the journey. Visitors can choose to stay at the accommodation provided by the National Park or those offered by resorts and private companies near the park. If you are looking for something truly worth writing home about, some even offer treehouse-styled accommodation.

Tourists can enjoy visiting the lake located above Rajjaprabha Dam, a portion of Khao Sok National Park. The forest area was transformed into a lake following the construction of the dam, eventually providing what many claim to be the most stunning lake landscape view in all of Thailand. From a house raft or a boat cruise, visitors can enjoy the impressive lake view all day long.

Activities include canoeing and kayaking in the lake or streams and elephant rides into the woods are also available.





## How to Get There

### Travel by car from Khao Lak:

Use route Khao Lak-Takua Pa (Highway No. 4) Turn right and enter the Takua Pa - Khao Sok - Surat Thani route (Highway No. 401). The distance is approximately 70 kilometres to Khao Sok National Park and 120 kilometres to Rajjaprabha Dam.

### Travel by mini bus:

Phuket - Khao Lak - Khao Sok Line/ 4 times daily.  
Tel. 66 7621 1977

## Accommodation & Tour Operators

Accommodation is generally combined with tour programmes.

### **500 Rai Raft House**

[www.500rai.com](http://www.500rai.com), Tel 66 8 1747 7474, 66 8 5147 7414

### **Khaosok Treehouse**

[www.khaosok-treehouse.com](http://www.khaosok-treehouse.com), Tel. 66 8 9970 3353

### **Elephant Hills & Rain Forest Camp**

Tel. 66 7638 1703, [www.elephant-hills.com](http://www.elephant-hills.com)

### **Khao Sok Riverside Cottage**

offers accommodation and forest trekking or river rafting

Tel. 66 7739 5159, 66 8 1676 1831

[www.khaosok.net](http://www.khaosok.net)

### **The Cliff and River Jungle Resort**

Tel. 66 7791 3050, [www.thecliffandriverr.com](http://www.thecliffandriverr.com)

### **Khaosok Discovery**

Tel. 66 7652 1857, [www.khaosokdiscovery.com](http://www.khaosokdiscovery.com)

### **Tree Tops Jungle Safaris**

Tel. 66 8 6479 3852, [www.treetops.co.th](http://www.treetops.co.th)

### **Limestone Lake Tour**

Tel. 66 8 7268 8017, [www.limestonelaketours.com](http://www.limestonelaketours.com)





# Family Activities

## Bamboo Raft Cruising along the Lum Ru Canal

Cruising on a bamboo raft is one of the most popular activities to try your hand at in Khao Lak National Park. Experience a new dimension of travel as you leisurely float through the National Park drifting on a bamboo raft over the clear, freshwater where one can clearly see the fish frolicking below in the depths of the river. The scenery is pleasantly green and covered with various wood and fruit trees. Tourists can further enjoy a cool dip in the lake year round.

For more information, contact  
Khaolak Bamboo Rafting, Tel. 08 1779 5783 or  
Ko Mol's Corner Tour, Tel. 66 8 9727 3021, 66 7659 5325



## Little Amazon

The canal is dotted with Pong pong trees (*Cerbera odollam* Gaertn.) and countless century-old banyan trees can be found lining the sides of the canal. The dangling branches of the banyan create a mythical atmosphere reminiscent of South America's Amazon. Hence, the area is locally referred to as the "Little Amazon."

Canoe and small engine boats are available for service at the pier. Contact the Little Amazon Canoe, Tel. 66 8 6682 7922, 66 8 0889 7709.





## A Bath in a Hot Spring at Ban Bo Dan (1-3 Hours)

Managed by a private company, this hot spring also offers resort accommodation with a personal hot spring bathtub available for your enjoyment; the personal all-natural hot tub service is available for walk-in guests as well. The swimming pool contains hot spring water as well as seven different kinds of minerals and each is stylishly decorated for your ultimate relaxation. Although the distance is quite far from Khao Lak, the experience is well worth a try. For walk-in guests, the service fee is 400 Baht.

The Hotspring Beach Resort & Spa  
Tel. 66 7658 0000-28  
[www.thehotspringbeach.com](http://www.thehotspringbeach.com)

## Elephant Ride and Raft Cruising in the Jungle at Namtok Ton Pariwat (Half - Full day)

Enjoy a short jungle tour complete with rafting activity on an easy 5-kilometre waterway. The trip lasts approximately 45 minutes and is followed by a short walk leading to a beautiful waterfall. The water is not deep and safe for family members of all ages. Visitors can choose to ride an elephant and enjoy the forest as well.

Phuket Sealand Co., Ltd. Tel. 0 7622 2900-1, 08 6940 4463, 08 1893 9658  
Island Safari Co., Ltd. Tel. 0 7625 5021-2  
Anda Adventure Tel. 66 7637 9905-8  
Best Rafting Tel. 66 7652 2528





# Family Dining

## Café Lilawadee

Luxuriously decked-out with an emphasis placed on comfort, Café Lilawadee is a beautiful place to dine. The Thai fusion menu is customised to please the taste buds of everyone and dishes designed especially with young ones in mind are not strongly-seasoned. Phuket Lobster Termidor features a large serving of fresh lobster in cream sauce and perfectly complements the meaty prawn.

# Located at the lobby of Le Meridien Khao Lak Beach & Spa Resort.  
Open daily 6.30-10.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. and 6.00-10.00 p.m.,  
Tel. 66 7642 7500-1

## Muan Lai Restaurant of Khao Lak

For many, it is word of mouth that brings customers to Muan Lai Restaurant. Overlooking the ocean, Muan Lai is considered to be one of the best dining places to choose if you are looking to complement your meal with a beautiful view of Khao Lak. The menu is delectable and satisfying for both Thais and foreigners alike, thanks to its authentic Thai-Isan flavour. Try the grilled chicken with herbs that countless diners just can't seem to get enough of and wash it down with fresh coconut juice to complete your meal.

# Located near the Khao Lak National Park Office.  
Open daily 11.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.  
Tel. 66 7648 5225







### Samor Reu Restaurant (Anchor Restaurant)

If you are looking for authentic Phang-nga cuisine, Samor Reu Restaurant is the place to be as it serves strongly seasoned, authentic, mom-knows-best food. A family business, the restaurant has been run by locals for generations. All dishes are guaranteed to be suitable and to the liking of kids and adults alike. Recommended menu items are Phak Liang with egg (stir-fried local vegetables with egg) or southern-style yellow curry. Prices are extremely affordable.

# Located on Phetchakasem Road, Ban Khao Lak.  
Open daily 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.  
Tel. 66 8 9288 9889, 66 8 9875 9018

### Hill Tribe Restaurant

If you have a craving to try some off-region food, head to the Hill Tribe Restaurant for some northern delicacies. Authentic northern-style food is served in the “Khan Tok” style (dining set and guests are seated on a mat). The restaurant is decorated with northern art, mimicking the hill tribe atmosphere.

# Located near the Marketplace, Khao Lak, Tel. 66 8 6283 0933





# Family Places



## JW Marriott Khao Lak Resort & Spa

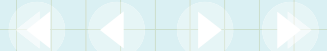
This five-star hotel is set on one of the best locations in all of Khao Lak; simply put, JW Marriott is fully equipped with everything for everyone in the family. Children can enjoy a swim in the giant pool, while the adults can enjoy a long and meandering walk through the Thai traditional-styled hotel buildings. The pool can be seen from the porch of every guest room. Guest rooms are decorated in earth-tone colours, further enhancing the relaxing feel that radiates throughout the premises. The spa and fully equipped gym will further complete your list of wants and desires. Additional activities available around the hotel include biking and kayaking.

[www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hkttl-jw-marriott-khao-lak-resort-and-spa](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hkttl-jw-marriott-khao-lak-resort-and-spa)

## Le Meridien Khao Lak Beach & Spa Resort

Located not far from the community and shopping centre, this hotel is situated in a generously spacious area adjacent to the beach. Surrounded by green plants and trees, Le Meridien is truly a sanctuary for those seeking a peaceful and private environment. The calm beach is never crowded with tourists, making guests feel as if it were a private beach. The Pool villa includes a private swimming pool where you can leave your children to enjoy their own time while looking on from a distance. The public private pool is of a massive size and the children's swimming pool is coated in candy colours. Children can also enjoy the artificial sandy beach just beckoning them to create epic sand castles and enjoy hours of fun. Walkways along the pool are decorated with chedi replicas providing a contemporary Thai ambience.

[www.lemeridienkhaolak.com](http://www.lemeridienkhaolak.com)







### Takolaburi Cultural, Spa and Sport Resort

Due to its rather secluded location, this resort offers an ultimately peaceful stay for you and your family members. The guest rooms are spacious and fully equipped with all the amenities. Additional facilities are ready to meet the needs of everyone and include water sports, a children's club, golf course, tennis courts and biking route. The resort further features a spa and massage service as well as a well-stocked library for book lovers.

[www.khaolaktakolaburi.com](http://www.khaolaktakolaburi.com)

### Ramada Resort Khao Lak

The centre of this resort is blanketed by a large grass field adjacent to the swimming pool providing an airy feel that will instantly relax your body and mind. When looking out over the premises from the resort's restaurant or lobby, guests can take in the full view of the gorgeous white sandy Bang Niang Beach. The spacious guest rooms are specifically designed to prevent the feeling of crowded living conditions for even a large family group. The Deluxe Jacuzzi room features a Jacuzzi tub set prominently in the centre of the room. The Pool villa includes a private swimming pool and the beachfront villa provides visitors with direct access to the beach. All in all, the facilities are well designed to cater to all the needs of your family i.e. kids' club, spa, fitness and Thai cooking classroom.

[www.ramadakhaolak.com](http://www.ramadakhaolak.com)







### Khao Lak Seaview Resort & Spa

Situated along Nang Thong Beach, this resort stands out due to its gigantic swimming pool where children can splash and swim to their hearts' content while enjoying the big-sized sliders. Tennis and squash courts are available for adults who want to sweat out and keep in shape on holiday and the guest rooms are exclusively private and stylishly decorated. A tour around Khao Lak is also available for interested guests.

[www.khaolak-seaviewresort.com](http://www.khaolak-seaviewresort.com)

### The Sands Khao Lak by Katathani Resorts

The latest addition to the Khao Lak scenery, the Sands Khao Lak opened its doors to the delight of its guests just this year. Each guest room was clearly decorated with great attention given to every detail, providing absolute comfort for those who step within its walls. The family room is painted in colourful shades that are sure to please the children and toys are placed around adding a playful ambiance. Separate areas for adults and children are well compartmentalised truly utilising the space. The hotel features two large swimming pools and a green space next to the beach. Family members can enjoy activities like Thai boxing class, Thai cooking classes or a fruit-carving lesson. A full sightseeing package is also available at the hotel.

[www.thesandskhaolak.com](http://www.thesandskhaolak.com)





# Family Shopping



## "Tao So" at Takua Pa Market

The best-loved snack of Takua Pa, a destination not far from Khao Lak, Tao So (flour cake with nut filling) is a Chinese-influenced snack that flawlessly blends sweet and salty flavours with a crunchy texture. Ask around as this snack can be found at shops around Takua Pa.

Tuangrat Tel. 66 7642 5372 - 3

Jae Yi's Tao Sor Tel. 66 7642 1418

Mae Aree Tel. 66 7642 1813, 668 3172 4540

## Artificial Flowers made of Para Rubber Plant (Manufactured in Phang-nga city)

Artificial flowers made of Para rubber plant leaves are a local souvenir ubiquitous to the southern region. With their delicate leaves soaked in colourful paints, the flowers are often made into a bouquet of orchids providing the perfect accent piece for a unique home décor.

Si Phang-nga Group of Para Rubber Leaf flowers  
Tel. 66 8 1370 4018, 66 8 6593 0973



## How to Get There

The most convenient transportation is to travel by plane to Phuket International Airport prior to travelling the additional 75 kilometres by taxi to Khao Lak Beach. An airport transfer service is also available at hotels. Private vehicles can use the route Bangkok - (Highway No. 4) - Hua Hin - Surat Thani (Highway No. 401) - Tagua Pa - (Highway No.4)- Khao Lak. The distance is about 800 kilometres. A Van service on the route Bangkok - Khao Lak is offered by the Transport Company Limited, Tel. 1490, [www.transport.co.th](http://www.transport.co.th)







# SAMPLE PROGRAMME



## DAY 1

### Morning

Arrive at Phuket International Airport. Proceed to Khao Lak, stop by attractions along the way as recommended in Family Routes.

### Afternoon

Check-in at hotel/resort in Khao Lak, relax and enjoy the pool or the beach.

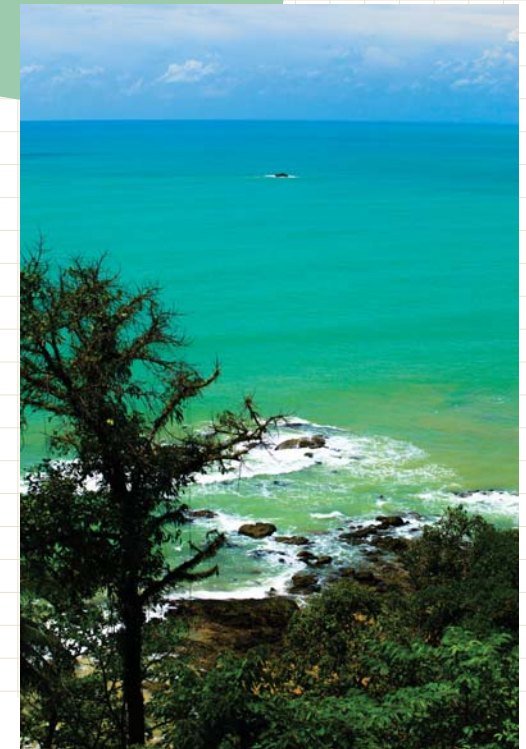
### Evening

Sunset dinner at a seaside restaurant.

## DAY 2

### All day

Set off and travel along recommended places in Family Routes. Enjoy bamboo rafting or soaking in the hot spring (see Family Activities) or rubber boat sailing at Ton Pariwat Waterfall, which can easily fill up a day if desired



## DAY 3

### All day

Set off and travel along the recommended places in Family Destinations i.e. Muko Similan (full day up to 3 days), Muko Surin (full day up to 3 days) or Khao Sok National Park (2-3 days).







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