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Unlocking insider tips FOR YOUR DREAM THAI TRIP

In this special edition of our monthly travel magazine, we're diving deep into the wonders of Thailand - from its vibrant cities to its hidden island gems. Whether you're dreaming of the bustling streets of Bangkok, the sun-soaked beaches of Phuket, or the cultural charm of Chiang Mai, we've got you covered.

We'll take you through Thailand's must-visit spots, including well-known favourites like Koh Samui and the Phi Phi Islands, as well as lesser-known paradises such as Krabi, Khao Lak, Koh Lipe, Similan Island, Koh Yao Yai, and the breathtaking Khao Sok National Park.

Inside, you'll find expert recommendations on where to stay, what to see, and the best excursions to try, plus a few insider tips to make your trip unforgettable. Whether you're planning your first Thailand adventure or returning for more, this bumper edition is a must-keep guide for future travels.

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- Koh Sumai
- Koh Tao



BEST TIMES TO VISIT THAILAND

COOL & DRY: November to March
HOT & DRY: April to June
RAINY SEASON: July to October

JAN

Averaging: **25C / 77F**

Perfect weather for both city exploration and beach vacations.

FEB

Averaging: **25C / 71F**

Warm and dry weather conditions perfect for outdoor activities

MAR

Averaging: **28C / 82F**

Heat builds up with occasional rain. Ideal for water activities in the southern islands

APR

Averaging: **30C / 86F**

Enjoy the hot weather and partake in the Thai New Year festivities! (a 3-day water fight!)

MAY

Averaging: **31C / 89F**

The end of the high season brings lowered prices, making it great value for visitors.

JUN

Averaging: **29C / 84F**

The beginning of the low season with increased rainfall and lower prices.

JUL

Averaging: **29C / 84F**

Avoid heavy rainfall at hotels with indoor pools or East Coast (Koh Sumai/Koh Tao)

AUG

Averaging: **27C / 81F**

Quieter beaches, less crowds in Koh Sumai. Ideal for exploring scenic spots.

SEP

Averaging: **26C / 79F**

The wettest month of the year. Look to do indoor activities to escape the rain.

OCT

Averaging: **25C / 77F**

Still hot and wet with less rainfall at the end of the month.

NOV

Averaging: **25C / 77F**

Thailand's peak travel season. Enjoy festivals like Yi Peng and Loy Krathong

DEC

Averaging: **23C / 73F**

The coolest month of the year. Plan early to celebrate a hassle-free Christmas & New Year.

Where to find WHALE SHARK IN THAILAND





SIGHTING CHANCE BY MONTH

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
HIGH	HIGH	MED	MED	MED	MED

JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
MED	LOW	LOW	LOW	MED	HIGH

HOW TO SEE THEM:



DAY TRIP

SCUBA DIVING DAY TRIP FROM: CHUMPHON, KOH CHANG, KOH TAO OR KOH LIPE



LIVEABOARD

LIVEABOARD TRIP DEPARTURE TO: SIMILAN ISLAND, SURIN, HIN MUANG HIN DAENG & LOSIN

FUN FACT #1

EACH WHALE SHARK HAS A UNIQUE PATTERN OF SPOTS, MUCH LIKE HUMAN FINGERPRINTS

FUN FACT #2

WHALE SHARKS CAN DIVE TO DEPTHS OF OVER 1,000 METRES

FUN FACT #3

THEY CAN LIVE FOR UP 70 YEARS



Things to do in:

BANGKOK

RECOMMENDED TIME: 3-4 DAYS

GRAND PALACE
WAT PHO
CHINATOWN
CHATUCHAK MARKET
% ARABICA COFFEE



Beautiful Bangkok
VIBRANT, CULTURAL & BOLD

Bustling, vibrant, and rich in culture, Bangkok is a city that seamlessly blends tradition with modernity.

From golden temples and floating markets to towering skyscrapers and lively street food stalls, Thailand's capital offers an unforgettable experience for every traveler.

WORLD FAMOUS

Whether you're exploring the Grand Palace, cruising along the Chao Phraya River, or indulging in world-famous Thai cuisine, Bangkok is a destination full of energy, charm, and endless adventure.

ORNATE TEMPLES

By day, visit ornate temples and bustling markets; by night, experience rooftop bars, night bazaars, and the city's legendary nightlife.

There's always something exciting waiting around every corner.




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MANDARIN ORIENTAL

Bangkok: WHERE TO STAY

OUR PICK:

Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok.

Perched on the banks of the Chao Phraya River, Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok is a long-standing landmark of traditional Thai-style luxury and a favourite among discerning travellers, celebrities, foreign dignitaries and even members of the Thai royal family.

BEST FOR FAMILIES:

Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort

We recently had the pleasure of staying at the Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort. The place is fantastic for families. One thing that stood out immediately is the lush tropical garden and riverside setting. The atmosphere is so relaxing, perfect for an urban retreat.



things to do IN BANGKOK

HALF-DAY RAILWAY MARKET & FLOATING MARKET TOUR IN THAILAND

From £27.54pp

This tour will take you on a unique journey to the Maeklong Railway Market (umbrella pulldown market) by local train, offering you a firsthand look of vendors as they swiftly pull back their stalls as the train passes through.

You will then continue to the vibrant Damnoensaduak Floating Market, often regarded as Thailand's most famous, where you can explore bustling canals filled with wooden boats selling fresh produce, local delicacies, and handmade crafts.

LIVING GREEN ELEPHANT SANCTUARY (BANGKOK & PATTAYA)

From £47.90pp

Begin your journey by changing into a traditional Mo Hom shirt, immersing yourself in Thai culture. Knowledgeable guides share stories about Thai elephants and the sanctuary's mission.

Feed the elephants, walk alongside them through scenic trails, and join them for a refreshing bath. Then, unwind in a peaceful seating area before enjoying the sanctuary's signature Ancient Pad Thai.

At Living Green Elephant Sanctuary, animal welfare comes first. Their elephants are treated with care, respect, and freedom - no force, just kindness.





THAILAND

BANGKOK | HUA HIN | KHAO LAK | PHUKET
FROM £1499PP

15 NIGHTS - 3 SEPTEMBER 2025 - DEPARTING FROM MANCHESTER

OTHER AIRPORTS AND DEPARTURE DATES AVAILABLE

Whats included:

- Return flights from Manchester
- Internal flights from Bangkok to Phuket
- 1 x piece checked luggage per person
- Transfers throughout
- 3 Nights - Bangkok - Ambassador Hotel Bangkok
- 5 Nights - HuaHin - Amari Hua Hin Hotel
- 3 Nights - KhaoLak - Moracea by Khao Lak Resort
- 4 Nights - Phuket - The Marina Phuket Hotel
- Bed and breakfast board basis

Deposit £115 per person

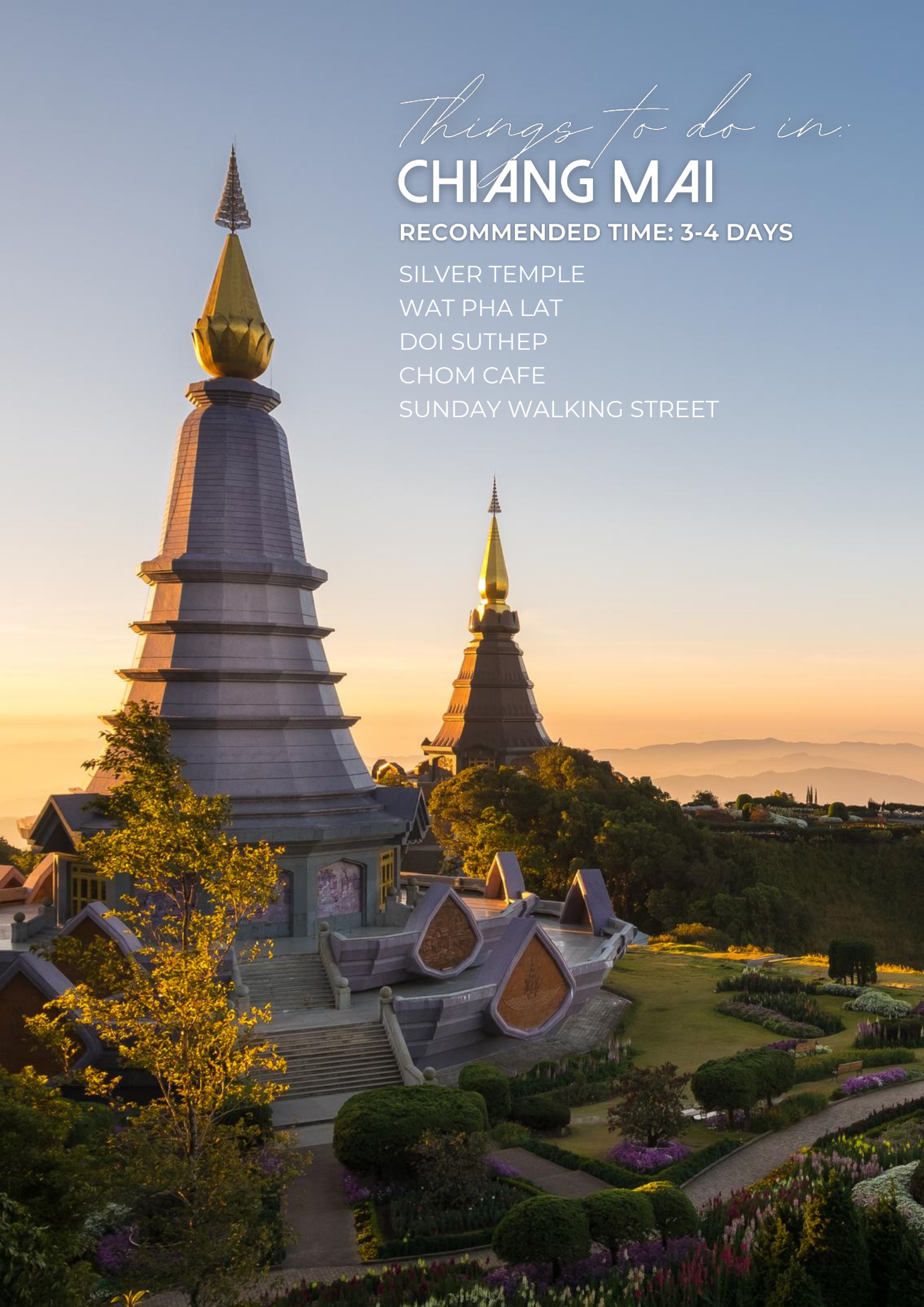
WHATS TO LOVE

DIRECT FLIGHTS & CHECKED LUGGAGE

MULTI-STOP ITINERARY

BEACHFRONT OR CENTRALLY LOCATED HOTELS

LIMITED AVAILABILITY - CONTACT YOUR AGENT TODAY FOR 2025



Things to do in:

CHIANG MAI

RECOMMENDED TIME: 3-4 DAYS

SILVER TEMPLE
WAT PHA LAT
DOI SUTHEP
CHOM CAFE
SUNDAY WALKING STREET



Chiang Mai: A LAID-BACK GEM



Chiang Mai is the laid-back, smaller sister to Bangkok's chaotic energy, just a 1-hour 20-minute flight away - often costing as little as £30 per person when booked in advance.

Home to around 200,000 people, the city revolves around its historic old town, bordered by a moat and the crumbling remains of a 13th-century wall from its days as the Lanna Kingdom's capital.

STUNNING TEMPLES

Known for its incredible food scene and stunning temples, Chiang Mai is also a perfect base for exploring waterfalls, trekking routes, and ethical elephant sanctuaries.

Beyond the old city walls, the eastern Tha Phae Gate area along the Ping River is a bustling commercial hub filled with markets. Meanwhile, the trendy Nimmanhaemin Road (Nimman) on the west side is a hotspot for digital nomads and Chinese tourists, boasting stylish cafes, boutique shopping, and co-working spaces.



things to do IN CHIANG MAI

CHIANG MAI: DOI INTHANON NATIONAL PARK, WATERFALL & ROYAL PROJECT

From £36.79pp

Visit the stunning Twin Pagodas (King and Queen), the highest point in Thailand (Roof of Thailand), and enjoy a nature trail walk. Marvel at the Wachiratharn Waterfall, also known as the Diamond Waterfall. Explore the White Karen Hilltribe Village (not Long Neck) and the Hmong market, featuring products from Royal projects.

The tour includes insurance, lunch, a guide, and round-trip transportation in an air-conditioned minivan. Entrance fees (400THB per person) are not included and will be paid to the government officer.

NO.1 FULL-DAY CHIANG MAI CAVING & JUNGLE KAYAKING: CHIANG DAO

From £59.89pp

Explore the Chiang Dao Caves with a local guide, discovering vast caverns and well-lit chambers adorned with Buddhist relics.

After a delicious lunch, enjoy a scenic kayak tour through the lush Northern Thai jungle. Led by professional guides, you'll learn about the local flora and fauna while enjoying a safe and enjoyable experience on the river. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of nature, recharging your body and mind.

Conclude the day with a scenic drive back to your hotel, reflecting on the unforgettable sights and experiences.





Temples of CHIANG MAI

Chiang Mai is home to a temple at nearly every corner, reflecting the city's deep spiritual and cultural heritage.

When visiting these sacred sites, it's important to dress respectfully - ensure that your shoulders and knees are covered, and always remove your hat and shoes before entering. Additionally, be mindful of your body language, as pointing your feet at anyone or at the Buddha statues is considered highly disrespectful.

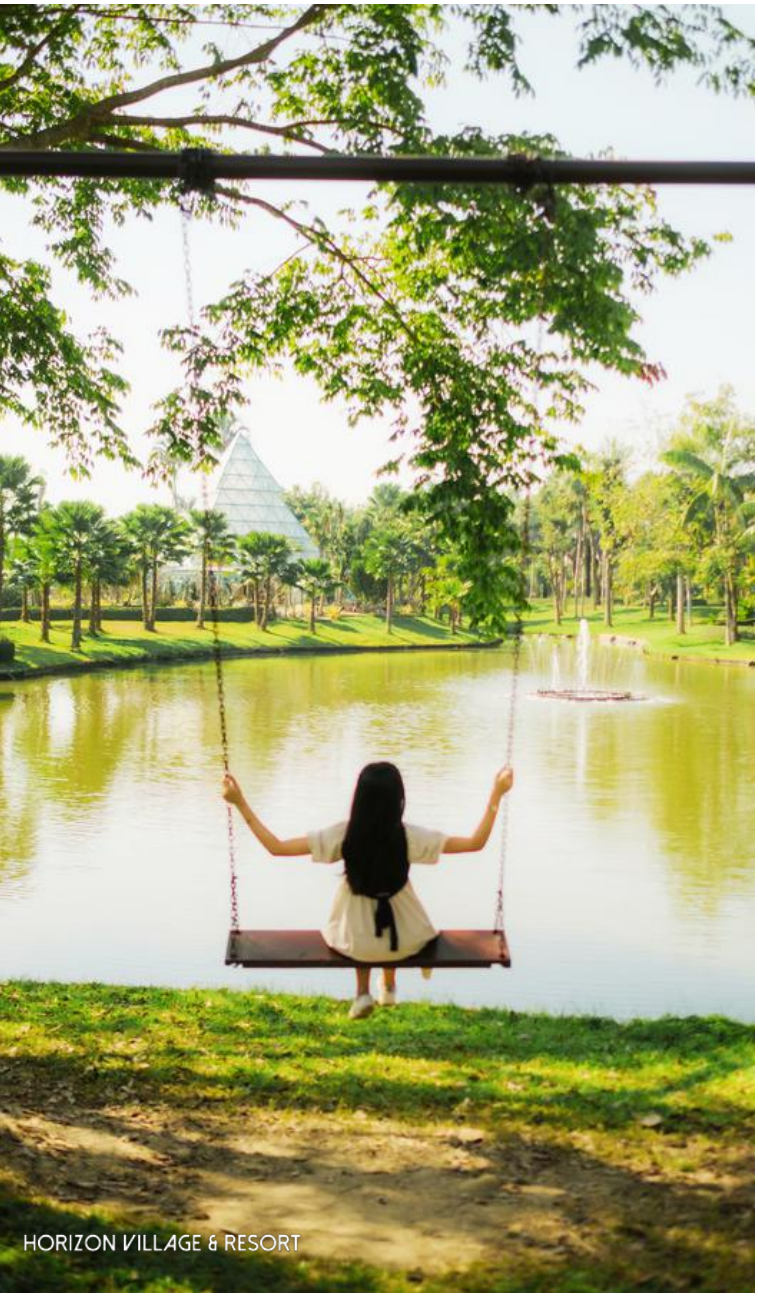
The more famous temples typically charge an entry fee of 20-30 baht, but smaller or less-visited temples are often free to enter.

SERENE ATMOSPHERE

Visiting early in the morning or later in the day can also provide you with a more peaceful experience, often with no entry fee. These temples offer a glimpse into Thailand's rich cultural and religious history, providing visitors with a serene atmosphere to reflect and connect with local traditions.







Chiang Mai: WHERE TO STAY

OUR PICK:

Four Seasons, Pool Villa

Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai redefines luxury by combining exceptional service with experiences inspired by Northern Thailand's tranquil beauty.

Nestled among emerald rice fields, this sanctuary offers the perfect setting to unwind and recharge, with personalised wellness journeys, rejuvenating yoga sessions, fine dining, and immersive exploration of lush surroundings.

BEST FOR FAMILIES:

Horizon Village & Resort, Chiang Mai

This resort is amazing! There is so much to do here you won't even need to leave the resort. From multiple playgrounds, to a petting zoo, gardens, a hedge maze labyrinth, two swimming pools and so much more, the kids will be in heaven.



CHIANG MAI

CHARMING BOUTIQUE HOTEL NESTLED IN THE HEART OF THIS HISTORIC CITY

FROM £1100PP

7 NIGHTS - 4 JUNE 2025 - DEPARTING FROM LONDON GATWICK

OTHER AIRPORTS AND DEPARTURE DATES AVAILABLE

Whats included:

- Departs 4 June 2025
- Return flights from London Gatwick to Chiang Mai
- 7 Nights at 4* Tamarind Village
- Double room, Bed & Breakfast

Based on 2 adults sharing

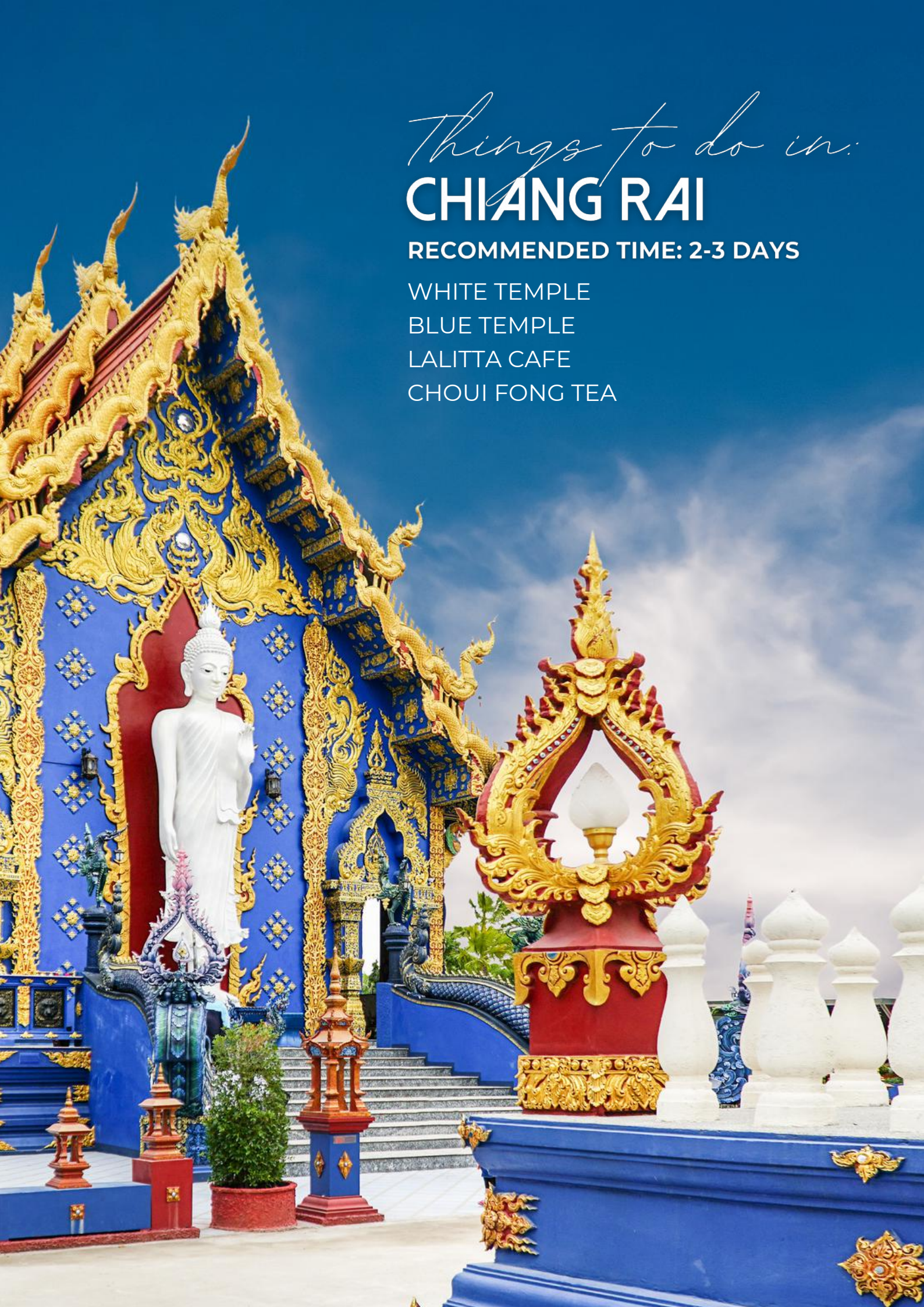
WHATS TO LOVE

DIRECT FLIGHTS

LUXURIOUS FACILITIES

EXCEPTIONAL CHARMING LOCATION

CONTACT YOUR AGENT TODAY TO BOOK



Things to do in:

CHIANG RAI

RECOMMENDED TIME: 2-3 DAYS

WHITE TEMPLE
BLUE TEMPLE
LALITTA CAFE
CHOUI FONG TEA



things to do IN CHIANG RAI

CHIANG RAI: DISCOVER 7 MUST-SEE SPOTS & TICKETS, LUNCH INCLUDED

From £44.36pp

This tour offers an unforgettable Chiang Rai experience, visiting the province's top attractions in one day.

Begin with Wat Rong Khun, the famous White Temple, followed by the Blue Temple and the Black House Museum, created by a legendary Thai artist. After lunch, visit the Long Neck Village, enjoy tea tasting, and explore the Golden Triangle's history at the Opium House. End the day with a scenic walk along the Mekong River before returning to your hotel in Chiang Rai.

BALLOONING IN CHIANG RAI

From £311.39pp

Each flight with Balloon Chiang Rai offers a unique experience soaring over the scenic Chiang Rai countryside, with skilled pilots ensuring safety while considering wind conditions for a smooth journey.

Soar over the scenic Chiang Rai countryside and enjoy unforgettable views. Morning flights depart from Singha Park Shop at 6:00 AM, and evening flights from Singha Park Zone Zipline at 4:15 PM.

After a 30-minute drive to the launch site, enjoy a thrilling 45-minute balloon ride over the stunning Chiang Rai landscape before being driven back to your starting point, concluding this memorable adventure.





Things to do in:

KRABI

RECOMMENDED TIME: 4-5 DAYS

TONSAI BEACH
PHRA NANG BEACH
EMERALD POOL
TIGER CAVE TEMPLE
ISLAND HOPPING - HONG ISLAND | 4 ISLAND TRIP

Discover Krabi
A TROPICAL HAVEN

Krabi is a tropical haven renowned for its breathtaking beaches, limestone cliffs, and vibrant coral reefs. Its crystal-clear waters make it a top destination for diving and snorkelling, offering some of the most stunning underwater vistas in the world. But Krabi is more than just a beach destination - it's an adventurer's paradise.

Visitors can explore hot springs, lush wildlife sanctuaries, and sea caves, or even rock climbing - with the towering limestone formations attracting climbers from around the globe. National parks in the region include the island paradises of Koh Phi Phi and Koh Lanta, perfect for those looking to escape into nature. While, Krabi's skies come alive with vivid colours and dramatic lightning displays, best enjoyed from a beachside bar or restaurant.



SECLUDED BEACHES

For many travellers, Ao Nang serves as the heart of Krabi's tourism scene. This lively town is packed with guesthouses, hotels, restaurants, and shops, and serves as the gateway to nearby islands and the stunning, secluded beaches of Phra Nang Cape, including the famous Railey Beach. The neighbouring area of Noppharat Thara, with its quiet, shaded beach, offers a more tranquil setting and is part of the national park that encompasses the Phi Phi Islands.



Beyond natural beauty, Krabi offers a vibrant shopping scene. The Maharaj Walking Street market, open from Friday to Sunday, and the Chao Fah Pier Night Market, open nightly, are perfect for discovering local street food, crafts, and souvenirs. Whether you seek adventure, relaxation, or cultural experiences, Krabi delivers an unforgettable escape.



Krabi's beauty & TOURIST BUZZ



Thailand's Krabi region is one of the most scenic destinations, with towering limestone cliffs and pristine sandy beaches. However, this beauty comes at a cost - mass tourism.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN KRABI

If you visit Krabi's tourist hotspots during peak season, you might find the crowds overwhelming. Ao Nang in January is chaotic, a stark contrast to the tranquility of Koh Lanta or Koh Phangan.

Railay Peninsula, with its stunning rock formations, is one of Thailand's most breathtaking natural sights. But over the past decade, mass tourism has changed it significantly. Visiting outside peak months may offer a better experience.

That said, beyond Ao Nang and Railay, hidden gems remain untouched by crowds - offering an authentic and peaceful escape. Stay tuned as we share some of Krabi's best-kept secrets.



Rewarding

CLIMB IN KRABI

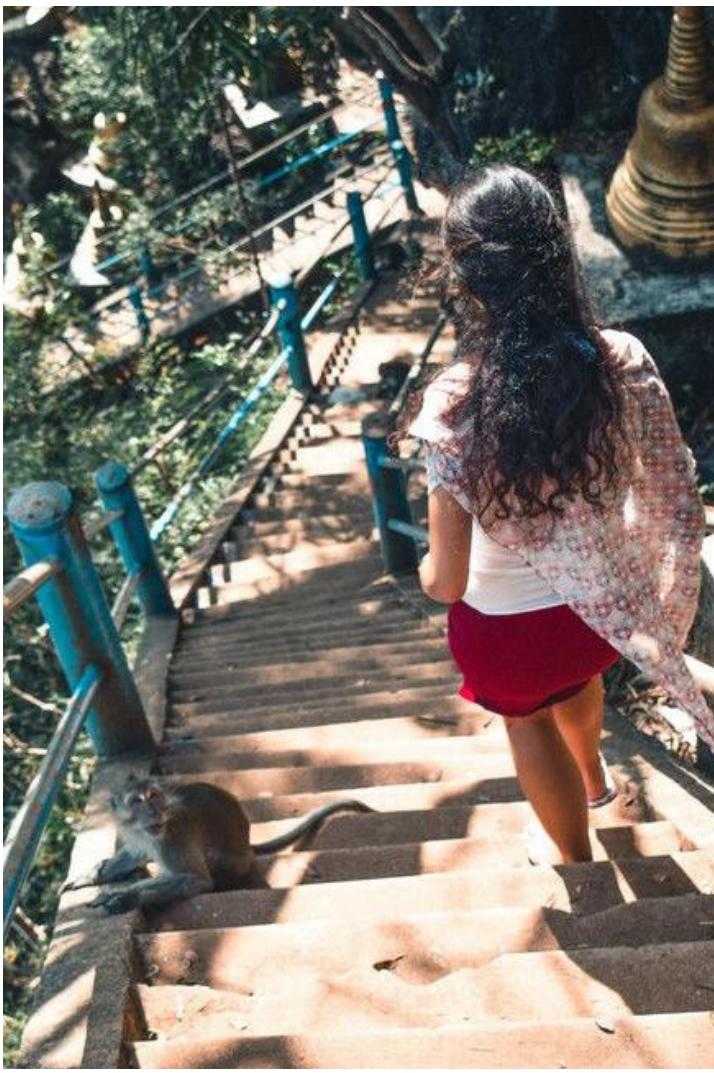
Despite its name, the Tiger Cave Temple has no tigers - just an incredible panoramic view over Krabi's lush, mountainous landscape.

CONQUERING THE TIGER CAVE TEMPLE

To reach the summit, you'll need to climb 1,237 steps, a challenging yet rewarding trek. The steep ascent, combined with Thailand's tropical heat, makes this climb no easy feat.

However, if you're reasonably fit, it's manageable - taking around 45 minutes with short breaks. Be sure to bring plenty of water, though refreshments are available at the base.

As the Tiger Cave Temple is a Buddhist site, visitors should dress modestly, covering shoulders and knees. Entry is free, making this one of Krabi's must-visit attractions for adventure seekers and culture lovers alike.





Krabi's HIDDEN GEMS

Krabi is famous for its stunning landscapes, but if you're visiting during high season, be prepared for the crowds. Ao Nang in January is a world away from the peaceful islands of Koh Lanta or Koh Phangan, with packed beaches and bustling streets.

PARADISE

The Railay Peninsula, with its iconic limestone cliffs, is undoubtedly one of the most spectacular natural sights in Thailand. However, mass tourism has transformed the once-tranquil paradise, and during peak season, it can feel overwhelmingly busy. While visiting outside of January might help, the reality is that Railay Bay has changed drastically in the last decade - and not necessarily for the better.

SECRET SPOTS

But don't worry! Away from Ao Nang and Railay, there are still unspoiled corners of Krabi waiting to be discovered. If you're looking for hidden gems and quieter escapes, keep reading as we reveal some of the best secret spots to explore, including Krabi Viewpoint, Experience Krabi, and a breathtaking Krabi Sunset Boat trip.



KRABI VIEWPOINT



Best time to VISIT KRABI



Timing your visit to Krabi is key to ensuring the best experience. Thailand has both a dry and rainy season, but the weather doesn't always stick to the rules.

WHICH SEASON

In Krabi, the rainy season typically falls between April–May and October–November, bringing anything from brief showers to heavy downpours. By December, the weather begins to stabilise, with more sunshine and calmer seas marking the start of the dry season.

While Christmas and New Year offer ideal weather, they also attract huge crowds, especially in popular spots like Railay Peninsula. Visiting in early January can feel overwhelming, with packed beaches and chaotic tourist hotspots. For fewer crowds and great weather, February and March are the ideal months to visit.

MUST-SEE SPOTS

Here are a few must-see spots to check out while there: Krabi Felsen, Krabi Mangrove, and a stunning Krabi Sunset experience.



Exploring KRABI'S 4 ISLANDS

THE BEST WAY TO SEE THEM

When it came to touring Krabi's famous 4 Islands, we didn't hesitate to hire a private long-tail boat - and it was the best decision we made. The group tours are notoriously crowded, so if you want a more relaxed and personalised experience, renting a private boat is well worth the cost.

Here's how we explored the islands in the perfect order:

1. CHICKEN ISLAND
Named for its chicken-shaped rock formation, this island is a fun photo stop. A quick five-minute boat ride away, we snorkelled in clear waters, though the marine life wasn't the highlight of the trip.

2. TUB ISLAND
This was easily one of our favourites. Most tourists leave in the late afternoon, so we had a peaceful experience. In the morning, you can walk along a sandbank connecting to a smaller island, but by afternoon, the tide had covered it - not a dealbreaker for us!

3. KOH PODA
A postcard-perfect island with soft white sand and turquoise water. We arrived around 4:30 PM, but by then, the most beautiful beach was already in the shade. Still, it was a stunning spot to visit.

4. PHRA NANG BEACH
We saved the best for last, timing our visit for sunset. Phra Nang Beach, located on the Railay Peninsula, is only accessible by boat. By 5 PM, the crowds had cleared, leaving us with an unforgettable sunset over the Andaman Sea.

If you're planning a trip to Krabi, this private island tour is a must - it's the best way to experience these breathtaking locations without the crowds!



KRABI

5* LUXURY HOTEL RAYAVADEE SITUATED ON THE FAMOUS RAILAY BEACH

FROM £2368PP

7 NIGHTS - 11 SEPTEMBER 2025 - DEPARTING LONDON HEATHROW

OTHER AIRPORTS AND DEPARTURE DATES AVAILABLE

Whats included:

- Departs 11 September 2025
- Return flights from London Heathrow to Krabi
- 7 Nights at 5* Rayavadee
- Deluxe pavillion, garden view, Bed and breakfast

Based on 2 adults sharing

WHATS TO LOVE

DIRECT FLIGHTS

BEACHFRONT ACCOMMODATION

NEXT TO KRABI MARINE NATIONAL PARK

CONTACT YOUR AGENT TODAY TO BOOK



things to do in:

PHI PHI

RECOMMENDED TIME: 2-3 DAYS

MAYA BAY
PILEH LAGOON
BAMBOO ISLAND
LONG BEACH
RAGGAE BAR



Visiting PHI PHI ISLANDS

WHICH IS BEST: KRABI VS. PHUKET

If you're looking for a more relaxed experience and easier boat access to the Phi Phi Islands, Krabi is generally the better base than Phuket. However, if you prioritise a larger airport with more flight options, Phuket may be the more convenient choice for your overall travel plan.

GETTING FROM KRABI TO PHUKET

There are no direct flights between Phuket Airport and Krabi Airport, but the good news is you can travel by taxi in around 2.5 hours.

While there's no direct ferry between Phuket and Krabi, you can take a ferry to Phi Phi and then transfer to Kong Ka Pier, Krabi, with the total journey taking around 3 hours including transfers.

If you're exploring both Krabi and Phuket, we would highly recommend adding 2-3 nights in Phi Phi to your itinerary to get the full island experience.





Exploring PHI PHI ISLANDS

The Phi Phi Islands are a tropical paradise, offering breathtaking scenery, crystal-clear waters, and unforgettable experiences.

MONKEY BAY

Maya Bay, made famous by The Beach, is a must-visit, with its powdery white sand and turquoise waters. Nearby, Monkey Bay is home to playful monkeys, making for a unique wildlife encounter. For adventure seekers, snorkelling and diving at sites like Shark Point and Loh Samah Bay reveal vibrant coral reefs, sea turtles, and reef sharks.

Hiking to the Phi Phi Viewpoint rewards visitors with stunning panoramic views, while kayaking through hidden lagoons offers a peaceful escape. Phi Phi Don, the only inhabited island, has a lively nightlife scene with beachfront bars, fire shows, and music that lasts until dawn. Yet, there are also tranquil spots to enjoy a sunset cocktail.

TROPICAL GETAWAY

Whether you're exploring underwater wonders, hiking scenic trails, or simply relaxing on the beach, the Phi Phi Islands promise an unforgettable tropical getaway.





Things to do in:

PHUKET

RECOMMENDED TIME: 5-7 DAYS

NUI BEACH
PHUKET OLD TOWN
BIG BUDDHA
HAAD LAEM SING
NUMBER 6 RESTAURANT
PHANG NGA BAY TRIP



Discover Phuket: SUN, SEA, ADVENTURE

BEACHES

Phuket is famous for its white sandy beaches, hidden coves, and stunning bays. Some of the most popular spots include Patong Beach, Karon Beach, and Kata Beach, each offering its own unique vibe, from lively nightlife to serene escapes.

DIVING & SNORKELING

With its vibrant coral reefs and diverse marine life, Phuket is a top destination for snorkelling and scuba diving. The waters around the island offer incredible visibility and the chance to spot exotic fish, sea turtles, and even reef sharks.

ELEPHANT SANCTUARIES

Not all so-called “sanctuaries” are truly ethical. A genuine elephant sanctuary will never offer riding or bathing experiences. Do your research or consult a trusted travel agent to ensure your visit supports responsible tourism and elephant welfare.

SIMILAN ISLANDS

Phuket is a gateway to the Similan Islands, a world-class diving destination known for its crystal-clear waters, vibrant coral reefs, and the chance to spot whale sharks. A must-visit for diving enthusiasts!



Our pick for Phuket:

DINSO RESORT & VILLAS



The Dinso Resort & Villas Phuket boasts a prime location just a short tuk-tuk ride or walk to Patong Beach and Bangla Walking Street. Surrounded by lush jungle, the resort offers a variety of accommodation options, including one and two-bedroom suites and luxury plunge pool villas.

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Perfect for families, the resort provides numerous activities for young children, such as Thai boxing lessons, henna art, and crafts & painting. The relaxed pool atmosphere is very child-friendly, while the Jungle Bar offers a variety of refreshing cocktails. Guests can enjoy delicious meals at the on-site steak restaurant and Asian cuisine restaurant, both offering great value. Room service is available 24 hours a day for added convenience.

Although the villas are nestled in the hillside, the resort is accessible to all, including those with disabilities, thanks to a tram that transports guests up to the villas. Lifts are available for all suites, ensuring comfort and ease of access throughout the resort.



CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AGENT TO BOOK



THAILAND

THE ULTIMATE THAILAND 26 DAY TRIP FROM £3479PP

BANGKOK | CHIANG MAI | KHAO LAK | KRABI | PHUKET

DEPARTING 3 NOVEMBER 2025

Whats included:

- Flights and checked luggage
- Transfers between resorts where applicable
- 3 Nights - Bangkok - Century Park Hotel with Breakfast (Includes Bangkok Grand Palace, Temples & more)
- 4 Nights - Chiang Mai - Kantary Hills Hotel with Breakfast (Includes Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Spiritual Sunrise tour, Chiang Rai Day trip with Golden Triangle)
- 4 Nights - KhaoLak - The Waters Khao Lak by Katathani with Breakfast (Includes Full day tour to Similian Islands)
- 3 Nights All-Inclusive 4-Day Nature Safari in a Luxury Glamping Tent on Full Board with Activities. Bed and breakfast board basis
- 4 Nights at 4* Krabi Resort in a Deluxe Room with Breakfast (Includes: Discover Krabi - Emerald Pool, Hot Springs & Tiger Cave Temple)
- 3 Nights at 4* Phi Phi Holiday Resort in Studio with Breakfast
- 5 Nights at 4* Orchidacea Resort in a Superior Room with Breakfast (Includes: James Bond Island by Premium Speedboat with Lunch)

Based on 2 Adults sharing.

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR AGENT TODAY



Visiting the SIMILAN ISLANDS



The Similan Islands are among Thailand's most picturesque destinations, renowned for their crystal-clear waters, world-class diving, and stunning natural landscapes. This breathtaking archipelago in the Andaman Sea is home to diverse marine life, making it a paradise for snorkelers and divers alike.

To reach the Similan Islands, travellers typically take a speedboat from Khao Lak or Phuket. The journey takes around 1.5 to 2 hours by speedboat, while slower boats can take up to three hours, depending on the departure point and sea conditions. Be prepared - our journey was extremely choppy, and I strongly recommend taking seasickness medication in advance if you're prone to motion sickness.

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

Despite the sometimes unpredictable sea conditions, the Similan Islands are well worth the trip. Whether you're exploring vibrant coral reefs, relaxing on pristine white-sand beaches, or encountering unique wildlife, this incredible destination promises an unforgettable experience.



Things to do in:

KOH CHANG

RECOMMENDED TIME: 4-5 DAYS

WAI CHAEK BEACH
KOH NGAM TRIP
LONG BEACH
LONELY BEACH
WHITE SAND BEACH



Ultimate Island Escape

PERFECT TWIN FOR KOH LANTA

Koh Lanta is a perfect addition to a Thailand itinerary, offering a laid-back vibe, stunning beaches, and incredible diving spots. Whether you're coming from Phuket or Krabi, reaching this tropical paradise is a breeze.

PHUKET

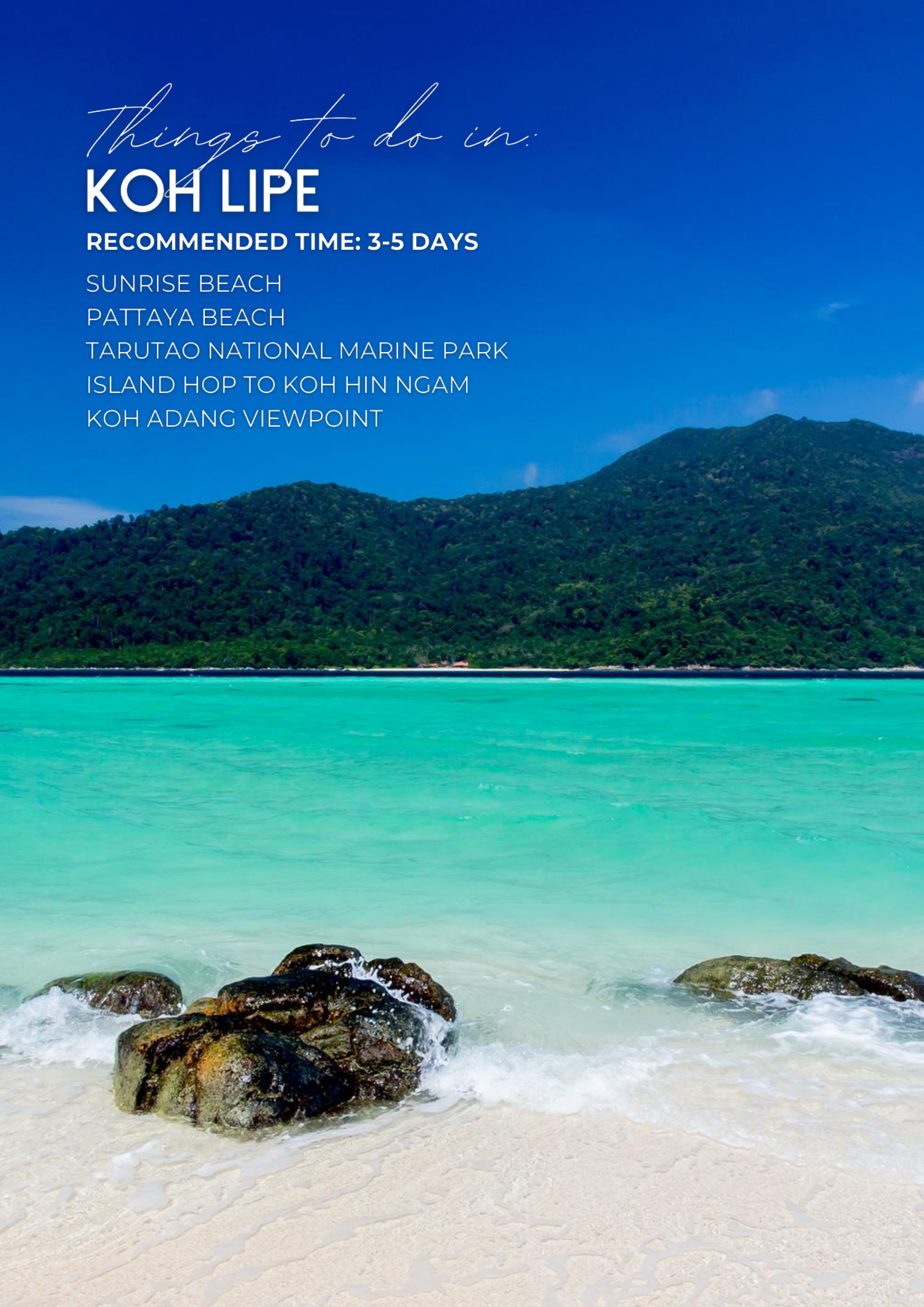
If you're traveling from Phuket, the ferry departs from Rassada Pier and arrives at Saladan Pier on Koh Lanta. The journey typically takes around 2 hours and 16 minutes, though the fastest ferries can complete the trip in about 1 hour and 30 minutes. Travel times can vary depending on the season, weather, and ferry type.

KRABI

For those coming from Krabi, the ferry from Chaofa Pier to Saladan Pier is even quicker, with an average duration of **about an hour**. This makes Koh Lanta an easy and convenient twin destination with Krabi, perfect for those wanting to experience both the mainland's vibrant energy and the island's peaceful shores.

Whether you're exploring the lively streets of Phuket, the stunning limestone cliffs of Krabi, or the relaxed beaches of Koh Lanta, combining these destinations allows for the perfect mix of adventure, culture, and relaxation.





Things to do in:

KOH LIPE

RECOMMENDED TIME: 3-5 DAYS

SUNRISE BEACH
PATTAYA BEACH
TARUTAO NATIONAL MARINE PARK
ISLAND HOP TO KOH HIN NGAM
KOH ADANG VIEWPOINT



Koh Lipe:

THAILAND'S HIDDEN PARADISE

Koh Lipe, often referred to as the Maldives of Thailand, is one of the country's best-kept secrets.

With its crystal-clear waters, vibrant coral reefs, and tranquil atmosphere, it's an idyllic escape that feels like paradise.

NATURAL BEAUTY

The island's name, meaning "Paper Island," is a nod to its pristine natural beauty, and it's home to a rich array of tropical fish, with around 25% of the world's species living in the area.

Koh Lipe is known for its three main beaches, each offering a unique experience. In addition to these popular spots, the island is also dotted with smaller, often private beaches, that provide a peaceful retreat for those seeking solitude.

Whether you're looking to relax in serenity or enjoy livelier establishments, Koh Lipe has something for every type of traveller.

HOW TO GET THERE

Getting to Koh Lipe isn't as straightforward as other islands, as it doesn't have its own airport. However, there are several ways to reach this tropical paradise.

You can take a speedboat from Koh Lanta, which takes about 2.5 to 3 hours, depending on sea conditions. Alternatively, ferries from Langkawi, Malaysia, offer a quick 1.5-hour journey. If you're flying in, you can catch a flight to Hat Yai airport, followed by a ferry ride from Pak Bara Pier, which takes about 1.5 hours.

Koh Lipe is an unforgettable paradie destination, perfect for a 3-5 day getaway.



Our pick for Koh Lipa:

IRENE LUXURY BEACH RESORT

Beautifully located on the coast of Kho Lipe Island, Irene Resort offers both spectacular panoramic ocean views and direct access to an unspoiled crescent beach.

The resort features 16 luxurious pool villas – SAND, SUN, and TREE – each designed to capture the essence of its natural surroundings. Through thoughtful mood, design, and location, each villa offers a unique ambiance, delivering an experience of unparalleled tranquility and sophistication.

Step into a world of pure serenity as you embrace the calming rhythms of the beach lifestyle. The luxury treatment suites, combined with ancient therapeutic techniques, provide a sanctuary for both body and mind, offering a chance to truly unwind. Irene Resort is your perfect hideaway, with every detail crafted to restore your sense of peace and well-being.

Whether you're enjoying a romantic dinner for two or celebrating a special occasion with loved ones, indulge in the flavours of Irene Resort. Savour a harmonious blend of Asian and Mediterranean cuisine, all while the Andaman Sea serves as your stunning backdrop.





Things to do in:

KHAO SOK

RECOMMENDED TIME: 3 DAYS

CHEOW LAN LAKE
KHAO SOK VILLAGE
JUNGLE TREKKING
RIVER RAFTING



Untamed Wilderness:

DISCOVER KHAO SOK

Khao Sok National Park is one of Thailand's most breathtaking natural wonders, offering visitors a chance to experience lush rainforests, towering limestone cliffs, and the serene waters of Cheow Lan Lake.

Whether you're an adventure seeker or a nature lover, this untouched paradise is a must-visit destination.

WHY VISIT KHAO SOK?

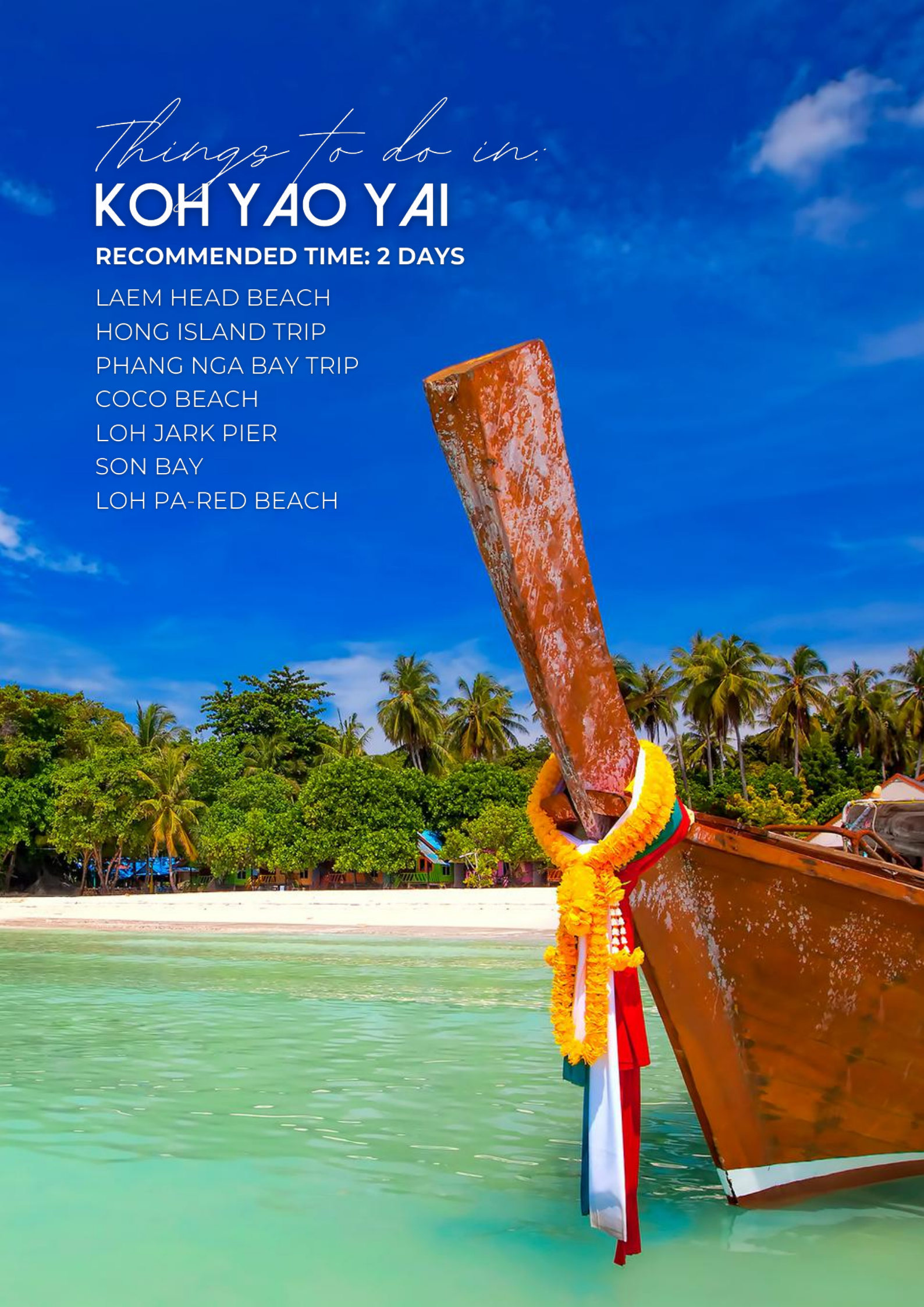
Home to one of the world's oldest rainforests, Khao Sok is a haven for wildlife, including elephants, gibbons, and exotic bird species.

The park's highlight is Cheow Lan Lake, a stunning emerald-green reservoir dotted with floating bungalows, where visitors can kayak, swim, and take boat tours through its dramatic karst formations. Jungle trekking, night safaris and guided canoe trips offer an immersive way to explore the park's incredible biodiversity.

HOW TO GET THERE

The most convenient way to reach Khao Sok is by flying into Surat Thani Airport (URT), followed by a two-hour bus, taxi, or private transfer to Khao Sok village. Travelers coming from Phuket, Krabi, or Khao Lak can also access the park via bus, rental car, or organized tours with included transfers.

For an unforgettable escape into nature, Khao Sok National Park promises adventure, relaxation, and some of Thailand's most awe-inspiring landscapes. Whether you stay in a treehouse lodge or a floating bungalow, this destination offers an experience like no other.



Things to do in:

KOH YAO YAI

RECOMMENDED TIME: 2 DAYS

LAEM HEAD BEACH
HONG ISLAND TRIP
PHANG NGA BAY TRIP
COCO BEACH
LOH JARK PIER
SON BAY
LOH PA-RED BEACH



Things to do IN KOH YAO YAI

Koh Yao Yai, a peaceful island in Thailand's Andaman Sea, offers a serene escape from the busier tourist spots. Known for its natural beauty and laid-back atmosphere, it's perfect for those seeking a quiet, relaxing retreat.

The island boasts several pristine beaches, such as the private Coco Beach, ideal for a peaceful day of sunbathing or water activities.

PICTURESQUE

Laem Haad Beach offers crystal-clear waters perfect for swimming, while Loh Pa-Red Beach presents a tranquil setting for beach lovers. For a more secluded experience, visit Son Bay or stroll along the picturesque Loh Jark Pier.

Exploring Koh Yao Yai by scooter is a must, as it allows you to take in the stunning island views, from lush green landscapes to coastal vistas. The island is relatively undeveloped, providing visitors with a taste of authentic Thai island life, away from the crowds.

NATURAL BEAUTY

Whether you're looking to relax on beautiful beaches, enjoy the peaceful surroundings, or explore the island's natural beauty, Koh Yao Yai is an ideal destination for anyone seeking a quiet and idyllic getaway in Thailand.



HOW TO GET TO KOH YAO YAI

To get to Koh Yao Yai, fly into Phuket International Airport. From there, take a taxi to Bang Rong Pier, located on the east coast of Phuket. Once at the pier, you can choose between a ferry, speedboat, or private longtail boat to reach the island. Public ferries run approximately every hour, offering a scenic boat ride with stunning views along the way.

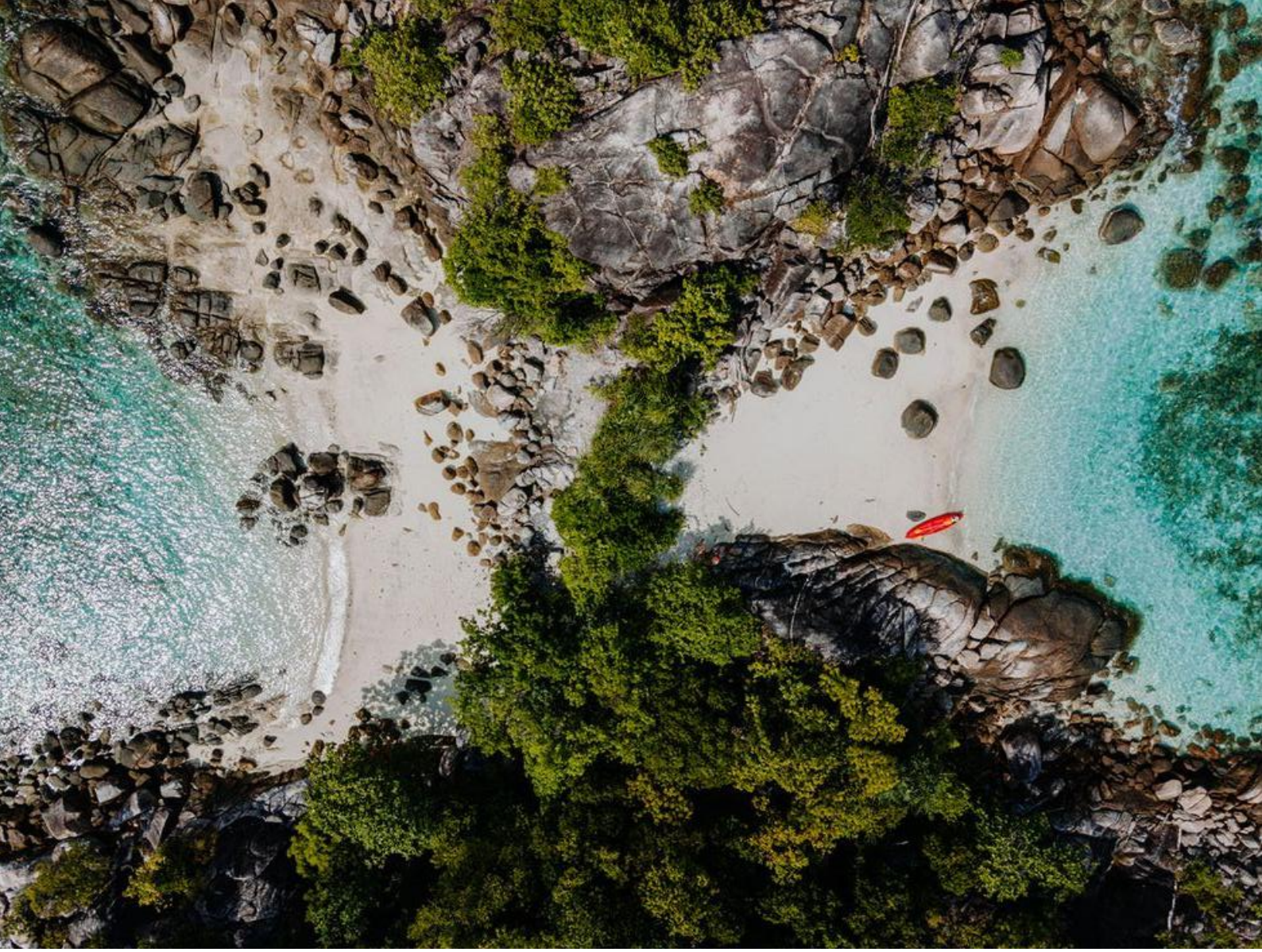


Things to do in:

KHAO LAK

RECOMMENDED TIME: 3 DAYS

SIMILAN ISLANDS TRIP
WHITE SAND BEACH
COCONUT BEACH
TON CHONG FA WATERFALL
VALHALLA TEAHOUSE



Escape to KHAO LAK

For those seeking a more authentic and peaceful Thai experience away from the crowds of Phuket or Bangkok, Khao Lak is an excellent choice.

To reach Khao Lak, the nearest airport is Phuket. The 55km journey from Phuket Airport takes anywhere from 1 to 3 hours by taxi, depending on traffic conditions.

With its stunning beaches, laid-back atmosphere, and untouched natural beauty, this coastal paradise offers the perfect setting to relax and unwind.





Our pick for Khao Lak:

KALIMA RESORT VILLAS

This striking resort is a convenient sweet spot for island time and adventure in Khao Lak.

This edgy resort breaks away from the typical hotel blueprint with cool, geometric shapes and textures.

MODERN TWIST

It has an instantly recognisable design that stands out against any other hotel you might find in the area – like an ultra-modern twist on rustic forest cabins.

The town centres and their night markets might be a short drive away, but the hotel itself is a refreshing sanctuary of comfort.





Khao Lak: AGENT REVIEW

Khao Lak is a little on the quiet side when it comes to nightlife with very few bars, restaurants or clubs (so it will not suit the young & lively), however it is a great location for many day trips and tours that operate to local islands and beauty hot spots.

Renowned for the azure sea, coral sand and rolling hills' – Khao Lak is the perfect place for people to re-connect with their passion for love and life & the perfect place to spend my birthday week.

The Kalima Khao Lak, is a new 5-star luxury hotel. The property is a hidden gem and sits in a secluded area surrounded by mangrove forests, rubber plantations and is boarded by river estuaries.

There are suites for couples and up to 2 children (additional charges for beds) & villas for all different family sizes.

EXQUISITE FOOD

The villas each with a large private pool are perfect for guests looking to relax. The food is exquisite with lots to choose from and a wide array of beautifully decorated cocktails.

In terms of activities, there are basketball courts, archery, kayaks & football nets, a singer every night and occasional fire shows across the week.

Our stay here was totally relaxed & for anyone wanting to either ATV, go bamboo rafting, visit an elephant sanctuary or travel to the Phi Phi islands, the Similan Islands or James Bond island the distance is not too far & these excursions make enjoyable days out.

FRIED CRITTERS

For the adventurous foodie you can also head to Bang Niang markets to sample some creepy fried critters: Thai style, scorpion, frogs & beetles are all on the menu. But if creepy crawlies are not your thing, then there are plenty of street markets & shopping stalls to take a mooch around.

We also definitely recommend the spa facilities at the Kalima hotel, where a Thai massage. (more of a sports massage) should definitely be on your itinerary.

We had a few Thai massages whilst in Thailand, but this was by far the best.

KHAO LAK

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things to do in:

KOH SAMUI

RECOMMENDED TIME: 5-6 DAYS

OVERLAP STONE
BAN TAI BEACH
CRYSTAL BAY
WAT PLAI LUAEM
FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE MARKET
PIG ISLAND

Koh Samui

TROPICAL ESCAPE

Koh Samui, Thailand's second-largest island, is a paradise of palm-fringed beaches, lush coconut groves, and dense mountain rainforests.

Located in the Gulf of Thailand, this island blends natural beauty with luxury, offering everything from high-end resorts and spas to traditional Thai villages and vibrant nightlife.

PANORAMIC SEA VIEWS

One of Koh Samui's most iconic landmarks is the 12-meter golden Big Buddha statue at Wat Phra Yai, perched on a small island connected by a causeway. Visitors can explore this sacred site, take in panoramic sea views, and experience local Buddhist traditions.

Beyond its cultural highlights, Koh Samui is known for its adventure activities, including jungle safaris, snorkelling, and island-hopping to nearby Koh Phangan and Koh Tao.

PIG ISLAND

A must-visit is Koh Madsum (Pig Island), where you can relax on pristine beaches while interacting with the island's friendly pigs.

The island's famous beaches, such as Chaweng and Lamai, offer a mix of relaxation and lively entertainment, while quieter spots like Maenam provide a more peaceful escape.

For nature lovers, Ang Thong National Marine Park is a must, with limestone cliffs, emerald lagoons, and kayaking adventures.

ISLAND ESCAPE

Getting to Koh Samui is easy, with direct flights from Phuket taking just 55 minutes. Whether you're looking for luxury, adventure, or cultural experiences, Koh Samui delivers an unforgettable island escape in the heart of Thailand.







things to do IN KOH SUMAI

PIG ISLAND TOUR BY SPEEDBOAT WITH SNORKELLING

From £44.36pp

Koh Madsum, also known as Pig Island, is a beautiful destination famous for its white sandy beaches and its friendly resident pigs. Visitors can relax in the sunshine, play with the pigs, and capture memorable photos on this unique island.

Nearby, Koh Tan offers stunning coral reefs and untouched white-sand beaches, making it an ideal spot for snorkelling. Here, you can encounter vibrant marine life, including parrotfish and colourful corals. After exploring the underwater world, enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, completing a perfect day in paradise.

MR UNG'S JUNGLE SAFARI TOURS (INCLUDING LUNCH)

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Explore Koh Samui's jungle and mountains in rugged ex-army jeeps on this fantastic tour.

Tour Highlights:

- Grandfather & Grandmother Rocks – Iconic rock formations.
- Waterfall Swim – Refresh at Koh Samui's largest waterfall.
- Mummified Monk – Discover the cultural significance of Khunaram Temple.
- 4WD Mountain Adventure – Enjoy breathtaking panoramic views.
- Thai Lunch – Savor a beachfront meal.
- Buddha's Magic Garden – Wander through mystical hillside statues.
- Big Buddha Temple – Visit the towering 12-meter golden Buddha.





Things to do in:

KOH TAO

RECOMMENDED TIME: 3-4 DAYS

TANOTE BAY
SAIREE BEACH
JOHN SUWAN VIEWPOINT
KOH NANG YUAN TRIP
995 ROASTED DUCK



Discover

KOH TAO

THAILAND'S DIVING PARADISE

Koh Tao is a tropical island in the Gulf of Thailand, located approximately 70km from the mainland and accessible only by ferry.

To reach Koh Tao, travellers must first get to a ferry departure point at Koh Samui, Donsak, Surat Thani, or Chumphon. The ferry ride from Koh Samui takes between 1 hour 45 minutes and 3 hours 45 minutes, depending on the service.

SEA TURTLES

Known for its world-class diving, Koh Tao boasts vibrant coral reefs teeming with marine life, including whale sharks, rays, and sea turtles.

The island's main hub, Mae Haad Beach, is home to lively restaurants, dive shops, and nightlife, while Sai Ri Beach offers a more relaxed atmosphere. For breathtaking views, Koh Nang Yuan - a trio of small islets - provides an unforgettable experience.

With its palm-fringed beaches, crystal-clear waters, and incredible underwater ecosystems, Koh Tao is a must-visit for nature lovers, divers, and anyone seeking paradise.



KOH TAO

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