

# DISCOVA

Thailand









# **Sawasdee ka and welcome to the beautiful ‘Land of Smiles’!**

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My name is Nuk and I’m the Operations and Reservations Manager in Thailand. I love welcoming travellers and introducing them to the many charms of my homeland. From the famous tropical islands and white-sanded beaches in the South to the alluring rice fields and lush mountains in the North, there’s our buzzing and fast-paced capital, Bangkok, and the relatively untouched north eastern region, Isaan. I believe it’s this unique blend of traditional and modern that makes Thailand so special, along with the friendly locals, mouth-watering food and magnificent temples.























































# D Thailand





## D Climate & Weather Averages in Thailand

	Destination	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
 <b>Cold</b> Temperatures can rise up to 32 °C during the day but at night can plummet to 15 °C or lower.	Bangkok												
 <b>Warm</b> Temperatures usually between 22 °C and 32 °C	Chiang Mai												
 <b>Hot</b> Temperatures rise above 32 °C	Phuket												
 <b>Rain</b> Regular rainfall with high humidity and temperatures usually between 25 °C and 33 °C	Koh Samui												

\* The actual climate in Thailand's Regions can vary a bit.

Thailand's climate can be divided into three seasons. The most popular time to visit the Southeast Asian country is from November to February when the weather is cool and dry. Whilst there's usually just a small drop in temperature in the South, the North can get quite chilly during these months – especially at night. In March, the temperatures start to rise, with April being the hottest month, until the southwest monsoon brings regular downpours and high humidity from May to October. In Thailand's south, the Andaman coast sees heavy rains and storms, with some islands being completely closed during this time. The Lower Gulf coast, on the other hand, experiences most rainfall from September to December, brought by the northeast monsoon.



# Things to Know

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## Thailand



### Population

69 million



### Capital City

Bangkok



### Time Zone

UTC +7 ICT Indochina Time



### Language

Thai (official), Lanna, Pak Thai and numerous other local dialects



### Currency

The country's official currency is the Thai baht (฿). ATMs are found throughout Thailand, accepting most debit and credit cards, whilst banks and money exchange counters exchange most major foreign currencies.



### Visa

Whilst visa requirements differ depending on passport, most Western nationals can enter Thailand on a 30-day visa exemption (by both land and air). Those planning on staying longer in the country need to apply for a single-entry 60-day tourist visa at a Thai embassy or consulate before entering the country; this can be extended by 30 days at a Thai immigration office. Note that all passports must be valid for at least six months and travellers have to provide proof of an onward ticket when entering the country. As travel policies change regularly, it's best to check the official government website for the latest regulations before visiting.

<http://www.mfa.go.th/main/>



# Festivals

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Live some local traditions



## Songkran

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Songkran marks the beginning of the traditional Thai New Year and is the country's most important festival. From April 13 to 15 (the duration can vary in some regions), families come together, pay respect to elders and visit temples to pray and make merit. Water plays an important role during Songkran; traditionally, Thai people clean their house before the celebrations, pour scented water on Buddha images and monks' hands, and splash each other with water as a form of cleansing of bad spirits. Whilst these traditions continue to exist, Songkran has grown into a full-on water fight with people celebrating by soaking each other using water guns and buckets of water.



## Loi Krathong

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Also known as 'the festival of light', the Buddhist celebration usually takes place in November and is one of the most beautiful festivities in Thailand. People participate by releasing small decorative boats, called 'krathongs', into the rivers or lakes as a means of thanking the water goddess and letting go of misfortune. These small krathongs are usually made of banana leaves, decorated with flowers and adorned with a lighted candle.

# Fleet ownership

In Thailand, Discova owns and operates a fleet of 25 vehicles and two speedboats.



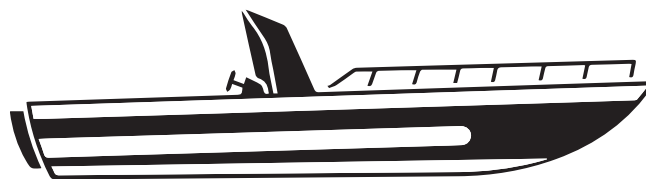
17 Toyota Commuter D4D 9 seats in Bangkok



7 Toyota Commuter D4D 9 seats in Phuket

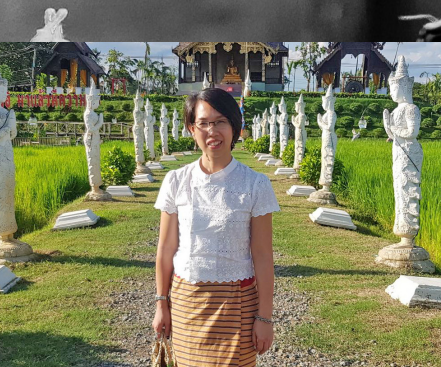


1 Toyota Commuter D4D 9 seats in Chiang Mai



2 Speedboats 35 seats in Phuket





“In Thai, we use short words at the end of many sentences to make them more polite. Male speakers use ‘krup’ and female speakers add ‘kha’. For example, a woman greeting somebody would say ‘Sawasdee kha’, whilst a man expressing his thanks would say ‘Kob khun krup’.”



# Responsible Travel Initiatives

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We continue to expand our reusable bottle initiative throughout all our group tours, at the same time, we are currently trialling glass bottle alternatives for FIT clients in Bangkok – an initiative we plan to implement in our other Thailand destinations in the coming year.



## Fight Against Single-Use Plastic

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- 118,255 Plastic-Wrapped Napkins replaced with Biodegradable Wet Towels



- 4,277 Plastic Bottles Saved in 2019



## Social Enterprises...

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...are an easy and sustainable way to give back to local communities. In Thailand, we work with social enterprises that empower and create opportunities for disadvantaged members of the community.



## Local Community

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From service-learning projects for educational travel groups to homestays and cultural activities run by local hosts, our community-based tourism projects are designed to support the sustainable development of the communities whilst allowing travellers to experience the local life in Thailand.



## Protecting Children

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ChildSafe Movement trains individuals and organisations providing them with the tools to protect children and youth. We are working on implementing ChildSafe throughout Discova to do our part in protecting children worldwide.



# What to Eat

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Taste some local food



## Som Tam Thai

A refreshing salad made from shredded green papaya mixed with a vibrant concoction of fresh chillies, garlic, dried shrimp, palm sugar, peanuts, lime, tomatoes and long beans. This signature dish encompasses salty, sweet, spicy, sour and bitter flavours all in one!



## Khanom Chin

This local favourite is fermented rice noodles, with a delicate texture and slightly sour taste, topped with a choice of curries and fresh vegetables. Typically found on the street rather than restaurants, this is a must-try dish if you get the chance!



## Mango Sticky Rice

One of Thailand's most popular desserts, and for good reason! Fresh mango served with glutinous rice sweetened with sugar and coconut milk, topped off with a sprinkling of crispy mung beans. An indulgent dish perfect for anyone with a sweet tooth.



“One of my all-time favourites is Pad Krapow. It’s a classic Thai dish made of Holy Basil stir-fried with a choice of meat. If you want chicken, ask for ‘gai’, pork is ‘moo’ or if you’d rather have it with mushrooms, add the word ‘hed’. Pad Krapow is usually topped with a fried egg and served with a portion of rice. Beware it can be quite spicy! If you prefer less heat, ask for ‘phet noi’.



# Join us on an imaginary 14-day tour through Thailand and learn how to make it your own.

From the city that never sleeps – Bangkok – travel north to Chiang Mai and find its mountains sprinkled with lush jungle, ethnic hilltribes, and a peaceful charm. Fly south for some sand, sun and coconuts on the Andaman Coast before finishing in the Southern Gulf where paradise awaits in the Samui Archipelago.

Add a luxurious escape to your journey and embrace the gifts of nature to dive into the depths of extravagance.

## Rayavadee

★★★★★

📍 Krabi, Thailand

Rayavadee's setting on the edge of Krabi's National Marine Park at the heart of the stunning Phranang Peninsula perfectly blends lush foliage, limestone cliffs, white sand beaches and the emerald waters of the Andaman Sea. The resort's award-winning architecture and tropical landscapes were inspired by the atmosphere of a southern Thai village.



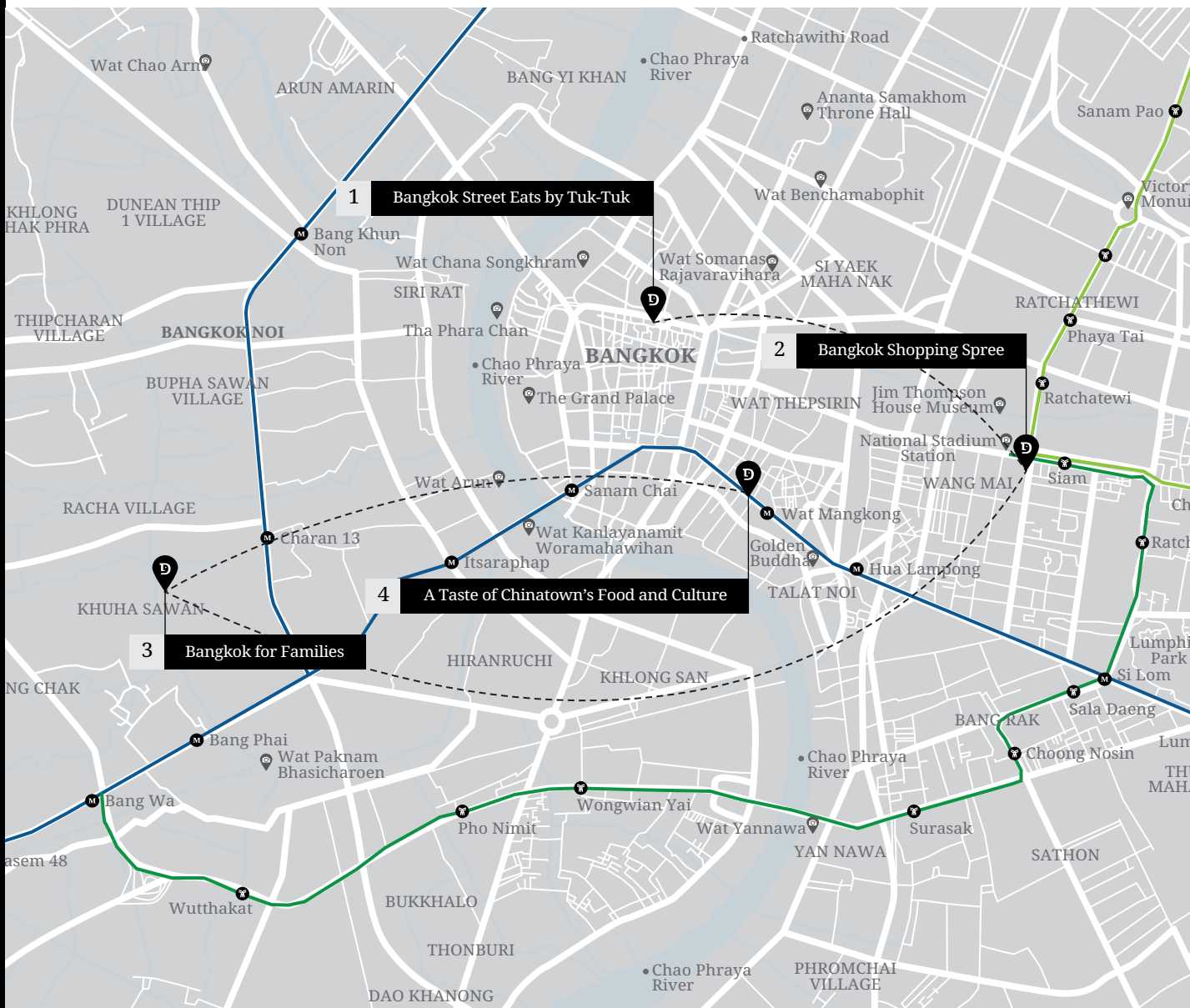




# Bangkok

Whilst Bangkok may seem overwhelming and intense at first, once you find your feet in the Thai capital's busy streets it quickly turns into an exhilarating destination. It's locally known as "Krung Thep", meaning the City of Angels, but perhaps a more fitting moniker would be the City of Contrast. Rustic roadside vendors compete with chic rooftop bars, bustling night markets stand side-by-side with modern, air-conditioned shopping malls and ancient temples strike a balance with the frenzied traffic and lively nightlife.

Beginning your 14-day tailor-made journey in Bangkok will prove an eye-opening experience but there is something here for everyone. Foodies will appreciate our Bangkok Street Eats by Tuk-Tuk tour or a Taste of Chinatown, while veteran shoppers will feel right at home on our Bangkok Shopping Spree experience.





## 1. Bangkok Street Eats by Tuk-Tuk

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Discover Bangkok's vibrant lifestyle on an evening tuk-tuk ride and food tour. Enjoy the thrilling journey through the city's lively night streets, stopping along the way to visit bustling night markets, sample fresh fruit and local delicacies, and explore some of Bangkok's most famous landmarks beautifully illuminated after dark.



## 2. Bangkok Shopping Spree

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Find out why Bangkok is one of the world's best shopping destinations with this full-day tour. Explore the vast selection of affordable clothing and other products at two popular wholesale outlets before ending the day in style at the city's glamorous and recently opened riverside shopping complex.



## 3. Bangkok for Families

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Keep an eye out for prehistoric monitor lizards on a scenic longtail boat trip through Bangkok's canals before arriving at an art community. Refresh with an iced coffee, explore the craft shops and a local temple, while the children can enjoy painting and feeding the fish. End the day with a short trip on the city's MRT line to arrive at a museum full of interactive displays about Thai history and culture.

### Discover the Difference

A fun day out designed for all ages where the focus is away from the main tourist sites.



## 4. A Taste of Chinatown's Food and Culture

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Discover one of Bangkok's oldest and most vibrant neighbourhoods on this cultural foodie tour. With its sprawling local life, rich history and world-renowned street food, there's no place like Chinatown to experience the hustle and bustle of the city. Discover the ancient traditions of Buddhism and the rich influence of Chinese culture in Thailand, whilst soaking up all the exotic and exciting flavours in one evening.

### Discover the Difference

Besides experiencing the local flavours of Bangkok's Chinatown, our tour ends with a refreshing drink at a cool live music bar popular with young Thais.



# Our Recommended Hotels

## Bangkok



### Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort

★★★★★

📍 257 1-3 Charoen Nakhon Rd, Samre, Thon Buri, Bangkok 10600, Thailand

A tropical oasis of riverside luxury. Choose from 376 rooms and suites. Relax at the waterfront pool. Invigorate with fitness, spa and wellness experiences. Discover 10 restaurants and bars, hydroponic farm goodness and Thai cooking adventures. Explore behind the scenes with local gurus. Embark on timeless river cruises.



### Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Bangkok Menam Riverside

★★★★☆

📍 2074 Charoen Krung Rd, Wat Phraya Krai, Bang Kho Laem, Bangkok 10120., Thailand


Located along the Chao Phraya River, Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Bangkok Menam Riverside offers luxury rooms and suites with river views and free WiFi. It also provides a free round-trip shuttle boat service from/to Saphan Taksin BTS Skytrain Station and free Tuk Tuk shuttle service to the 5-minute walk away Asiatique the Riverfront shopping mall.





## X2 Vibe Bangkok Sukhumvit Hotel

★★★★☆

 10, 20 Sukhumvit 52 Alley, Phra Khanong, Khlong Toei, Bangkok 10260, Thailand.

X2 Vibe Bangkok Sukhumvit is a trendy lifestyle hotel, situated only a few minutes-walk from Onnut BTS Station, ideally located adjacent to the main Bangkok business district, shopping malls, supermarket, BiTec, restaurants and bars. It also offers easy access to the highway and to Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport.



## Well Hotel Bangkok Sukhumvit 20

★★★★

 10 Sukhumvit 20 Alley, Khlong Toei Nuea, Khlong Toei, Bangkok 10110, Thailand.

Well Hotel Bangkok Sukhumvit 20 is a lifestyle wellness hotel, located in the heart of Bangkok. It consists of 235 rooms, which are featured with all essential amenities. Facilities include Well Spa, Fitness Centre, Rooftop Swimming Pool. Eat Well Café serves Thai, healthy dishes, western favourites, and beverages.



## Rembrandt Hotel & Suites

★★★★

 19 Sukhumvit Soi 18, Khlong Toei, Bangkok 10110, Thailand.

Very well located in the prime area – Asoke Sukhumvit Bangkok – with convenient access to BTS/MRT Train Stations, shopping complexes and city parks. Rembrandt offers a welcoming ambience, tasteful contemporary decor with a host of thoughtful amenities to help make your Bangkok trip a convenient and carefree home-away experience.



## Avani+ Riverside Bangkok Hotel

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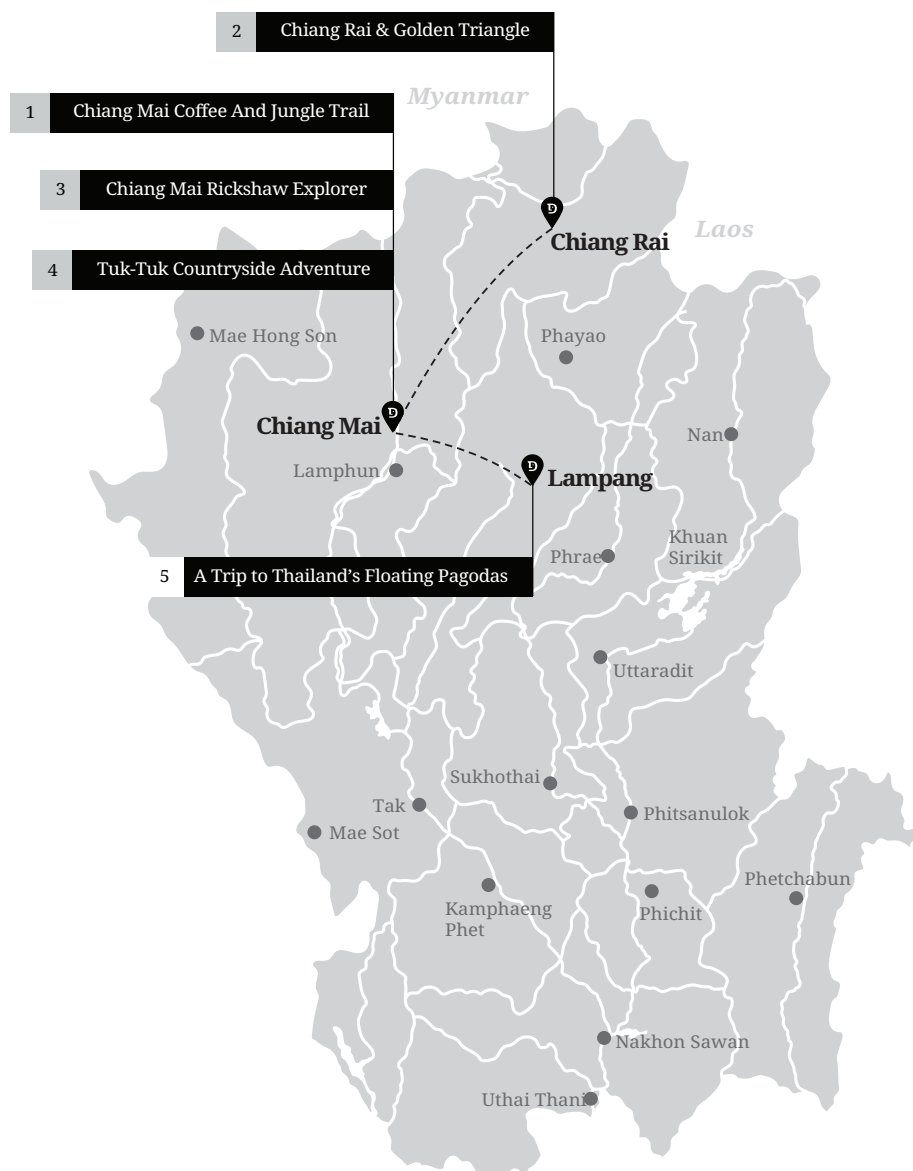
 257 Charoen Nakhon Rd, Samre, Thon Buri, Bangkok 10600, Thailand.

Work, rest and play at Avani+ Riverside Bangkok Hotel. With each bedroom commanding a river view and the Grand Riverside Ballroom accommodating 1,200 business delegates, it's ideal to get your heads together at your next company meeting. And SEEN Restaurant & Bar Bangkok, it's a perfect place to bring your after party.

# Chiang Mai & the North

Once the capital of the Lanna Kingdom, Chiang Mai exudes a laid-back and peaceful charm. Remnants of the former city wall enclose its historic Old Town, dotted with numerous ancient temples, but travel beyond these boundaries and you'll soon be surrounded by scenic mountains and beautiful jungle, hiding colourful hill tribes, elephant sanctuaries and stunning waterfalls, as well as the infamous Golden Triangle – the point where Thailand, Laos and Myanmar meet – to the very north.

Continue your tailor-made journey through Thailand in Chiang Mai and discover the city's highlights and hidden charms with our Chiang Mai Rickshaw Explorer tour. Get away from the bustle of the city and explore the hilly countryside on a tuk-tuk countryside adventure or learn more about Northern Thailand's rural culture on our Chiang Mai Coffee and Jungle Trail.







## 1. Chiang Mai Coffee And Jungle Trail

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Get a deeper insight into Northern Thailand's culture and travel beyond Chiang Mai into the hilly countryside. Meet local Karen people and enjoy a hands-on lesson in coffee making. Trek along nature trails, stop by a waterfall and fall in love with the magical countryside.



## 2. Chiang Rai & Golden Triangle

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Embark on a scenic trip to the northern border of Thailand to see the famous Golden Triangle where Thailand, Burma, and Laos come together. Explore the countryside along the Mekong River, visit indigenous mountain hill tribes and be awed by ancient ruins and temples in a once forgotten city.



## 3. Chiang Mai Rickshaw Explorer

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Whiz through the charming streets of downtown Chiang Mai on one of the city's most iconic vehicles: the rickshaw. Visit the city's must-see cultural landmarks, lesser-visited sights and out-of-the-ordinary hidden gems on a city highlights tour with a local twist.



## 4. Tuk-Tuk Countryside Adventure

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Explore stunning mountains and fascinating hill tribe villages, enjoy wonderful elephants and mountain temples – not forgetting bamboo rafting along the river. And all this by South East Asia's most iconic vehicle – the humble, much loved tuk-tuk. The only choice is whether to opt for the self-drive or chauffeur driven adventures!

### Discova the Difference

Exclusive offer! Book 4 adults and the 4th joins for free, or book 2 adults and 1 child (under 17) is free (valid until 31 October 2021).



## 5. A Trip to Thailand's Floating Pagodas

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Explore the hidden gems of Northern Thailand on this full-day adventure, combining culture, nature and local life. Be amazed by the mystical sight of Thailand's floating pagodas, resting atop cloud-shrouded mountain peaks, and take a bath in the soothing Natural Hot Springs before finding regional specialities at a local market.

### Discova the Difference

Most day trips to Lampang focus on the temples in the town centre. On this tour, we include a trek up to the rarely visited floating pagodas, one of the unique highlights of Northern Thailand!



# Our Recommended Hotels

## Chiang Mai



### Anantara Chiang Mai Resort

★★★★★

📍 123, 123/1 Charoen Prathet Rd, Tambon Chang Khlan, Mueang Chiang Mai District, Chiang Mai 50100, Thailand.

The hotel perfectly combines contemporary Thai elements with the site's colonial-era heritage, this luxurious sanctuary is the ideal place to experience the majesty of Thailand's charming Northern city which is rich in hidden treasures and natural wonders or just simply discover a world of indulgence with your stay in an oasis of calm and let the world go by.



### Tamarind Village

★★★★★

📍 50 Rachadamnoen Rd Soi 1, Tambon Si Phum, Mueang Chiang Mai District, Chiang Mai 50200, Thailand.

Tamarind Village is a unique and charming boutique property that nestles in the heart of historic Chiang Mai. Surrounded by ancient temples and quaint shopping streets, it takes its name from the magnificent 200 year old tamarind tree that shelters the hotel in a shady embrace.





## X2 Vibe Chiang Mai Decem Hotel

★★★★

 Chang Phueak , Mueang Chiang Mai District, 50300, Thailand.

We bring you cool and funky at the very center of town. Whether you wish to experience Thailand's legendary northern slow life or venture through hip and exciting activities, we have it all. Discover the blend of big city décor and luxurious nature – this innovative architectural concept features a vertical garden and saltwater pool area.



## Away Chiang Mai Thapae Resort A Vegetarian Retreat

★★★★

 9 Soi 1, Chang Khlan Sub-district, Mueang Chiang Mai District, Chiang Mai 50100, Thailand.

Step into a world of luxury, colonial charm and Lanna cultural beauty. Tucked away on a quiet lane, Away Chiang Mai Thapae Resort immerses you in a decadent world of holiday bliss as you escape to our serene locale. You are invited to leave the modern world behind as you experience the soothing pleasure of our impeccable service and culturally rich atmosphere of our enchanting resort.



## Raya Heritage

★★★★★

 157 Moo 6, Tambol Donkaew, Mae Rim District, Chiang Mai 50180, Thailand.

Inspired by the spirit of Lanna life in former times, Raya Heritage offers a clean, contemporary take on traditional Thai design. Beautifully curated, one-of-a-kind furniture pieces, artefacts and accessories, sourced from and often created by hand by local craftspeople, are featured throughout.



## Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai

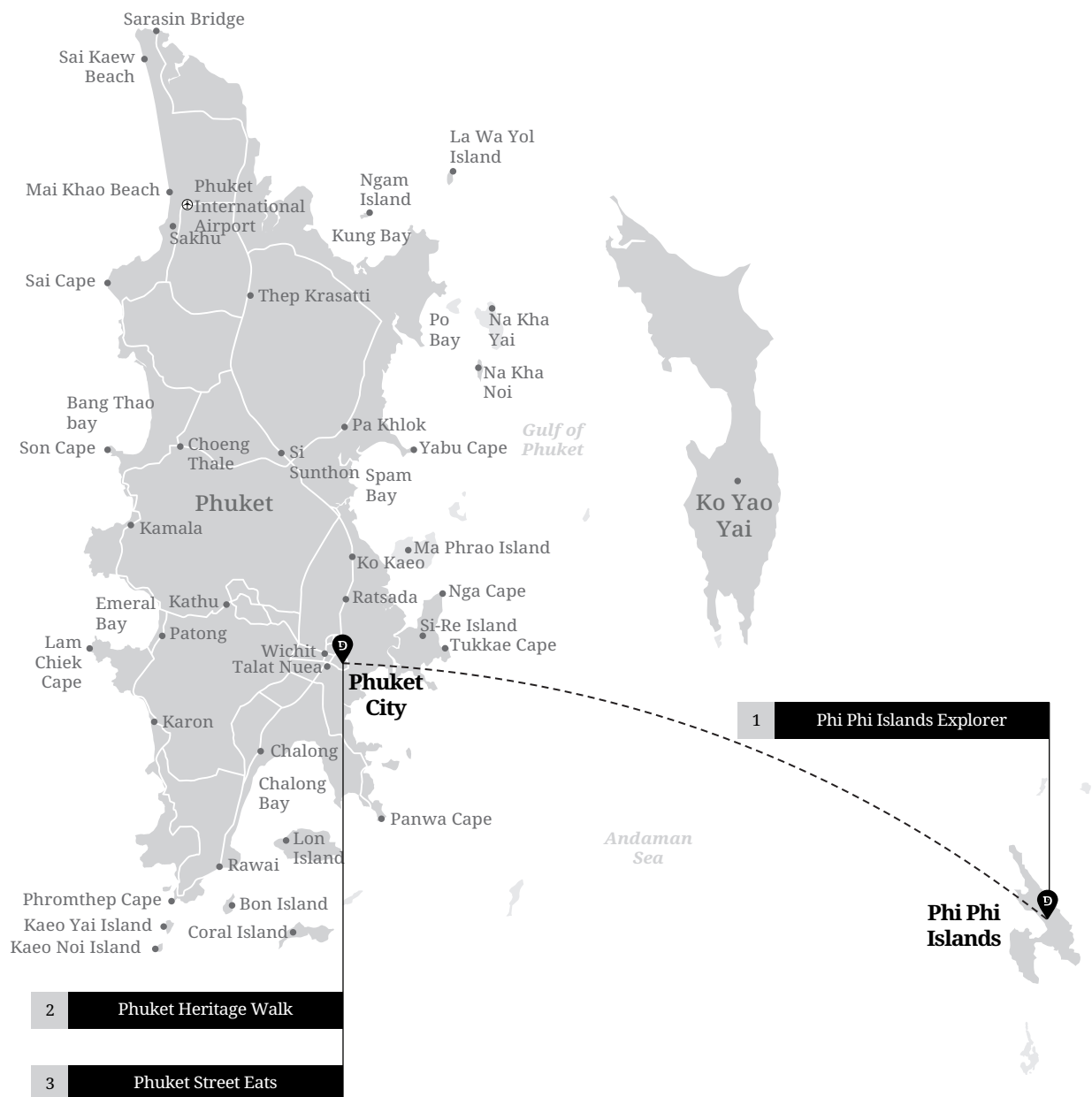
★★★★

 132 Loi Kroh Rd, Tambon Chang Khlan, Mueang Chiang Mai District, Chiang Mai 50100, Thailand.

Location right in the heart of charming city and just steps from the famous Chiang Mai Night Bazaar, a landmark for any visitor. This impressive high rise hotel offers comfortable accommodation and a host of facilities and services for the Chiang Mai bound visitor, 24 Floors with 512 comfortable appointed rooms.

# Phuket & the Andaman Coast

It's time to discover Thailand's world-famous beaches with a trip to Phuket. Spend a day at sea and explore some of the Andaman's most beautiful islands on our Phi Phi Island Explorer tour or take a break from sunbathing and learn more about the Phuket's history and culture on our Phuket Heritage Walk. Foodies will love our Phuket Streets Eats tour, a perfect introduction to the island's fiery flavour.







## 1. Phi Phi Islands Explorer

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Discover secluded hideaways both above and below water on this day trip to the Phi Phi Islands. Begin with explorations around Bamboo Island followed by snorkelling at the nearby coral reef. Enjoy a gourmet lunch on Phi Phi Don then take a scenic boat ride to Phi Phi Leh. Relax on Rang Yai Island before returning to Phuket.

### Discova the Difference

Koh Phi Phi has been on the travel radar for a while but what makes this Discova-operated day trip standout is that we use our own speedboat ensuring the highest standards in health, safety and quality. Travellers also get treated to a wonderful lunch with a spectacular view overlooking the sea.



## 2. Phuket Heritage Walk

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Explore the multicultural city that is Phuket Town on this half-day walking tour. From a bustling local market and magnificent colonial architecture to a uniquely-built temple and an attractive museum, discover the various cultural influences that have shaped this picturesque city.



## 3. Phuket Street Eats

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Delve into the island's delectable delicacies on this evening culinary tour of Phuket town. Sample a selection of local snacks, including succulent meat skewers, coconut cake and crispy insects, while taking the time to explore some of the area's cultural highlights along the way. This street eats tour offers both beautiful views and even more beautiful food.



# Our Recommended Hotels

## Phuket & the Andaman Coast



### The Pavilions Phuket

★★★★★

📍 31/1 Choeng Thale, Thalang District, Phuket 83110, Thailand.

Perched dramatically atop one of Phuket's highest points, each of our 95 private villas and suites is a haven of tranquility. Let us treat your tastebuds with three award-winning restaurants and bars serving exceptional gourmet cuisine. Unwind with state-of-the-art amenities, including a spa and wellness centre, a lap pool and a fully-equipped fitness centre.



### Kata Palm Resort & Spa

★★★★★

📍 60 Kata Rd, Karon, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket 83100, Thailand.

Kata Palm Resort and Spa located in central of Kata Beach with a short walking distance to white sandy beach, 15 minutes drives to sister hotel Rawai Palm Beach Resort and 40 minutes to Maikhao Palm Beach Resort.





## X2 Vibe Phuket Patong

★ ★ ★

📍 5/55 Haad Patong Road, Pa Tong, Kathu District, Phuket 83150, Thailand.

Just a short walk from the soft white sands of Patong Beach and within easy reach of the vibrant dining and entertainment district, X2 Vibe Phuket Patong puts guests right in the heart of Thailand's most exciting island. It's the ideal base for an unforgettable holiday on Phuket's world-famous west coast.



## Phi Phi Island Village Beach Resort

★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

📍 9 Moo 8, Aonang, Muang, Krabi 81000, Thailand.

Phi Phi Island Village Beach Resort is located on 70 acres of exquisite tropical gardens on the Andaman Sea. The resort enjoys a pristine soft, sandy 800-metre long beachfront and combines the peace and seclusion much sought after in Thailand with the refinement of a 4.5 star resort.



## Koh Yao Yai Village

★ ★ ★ ★

📍 78 Ko Yao District, Phang-nga 82160, Thailand.

Koh Yao Yai Island is a yet-to-be-discovered tropical haven utterly untouched, offering guests a rare opportunity to step back in time and join in traditional Thai island life. Far removed from the hustle and bustle of holiday destinations such as Krabi and Phuket, Koh Yao is a charming area of outstanding natural beauty consisting of a cluster of small islands nearby Phuket in scenic Phang Nga Bay.



## DEWA Phuket

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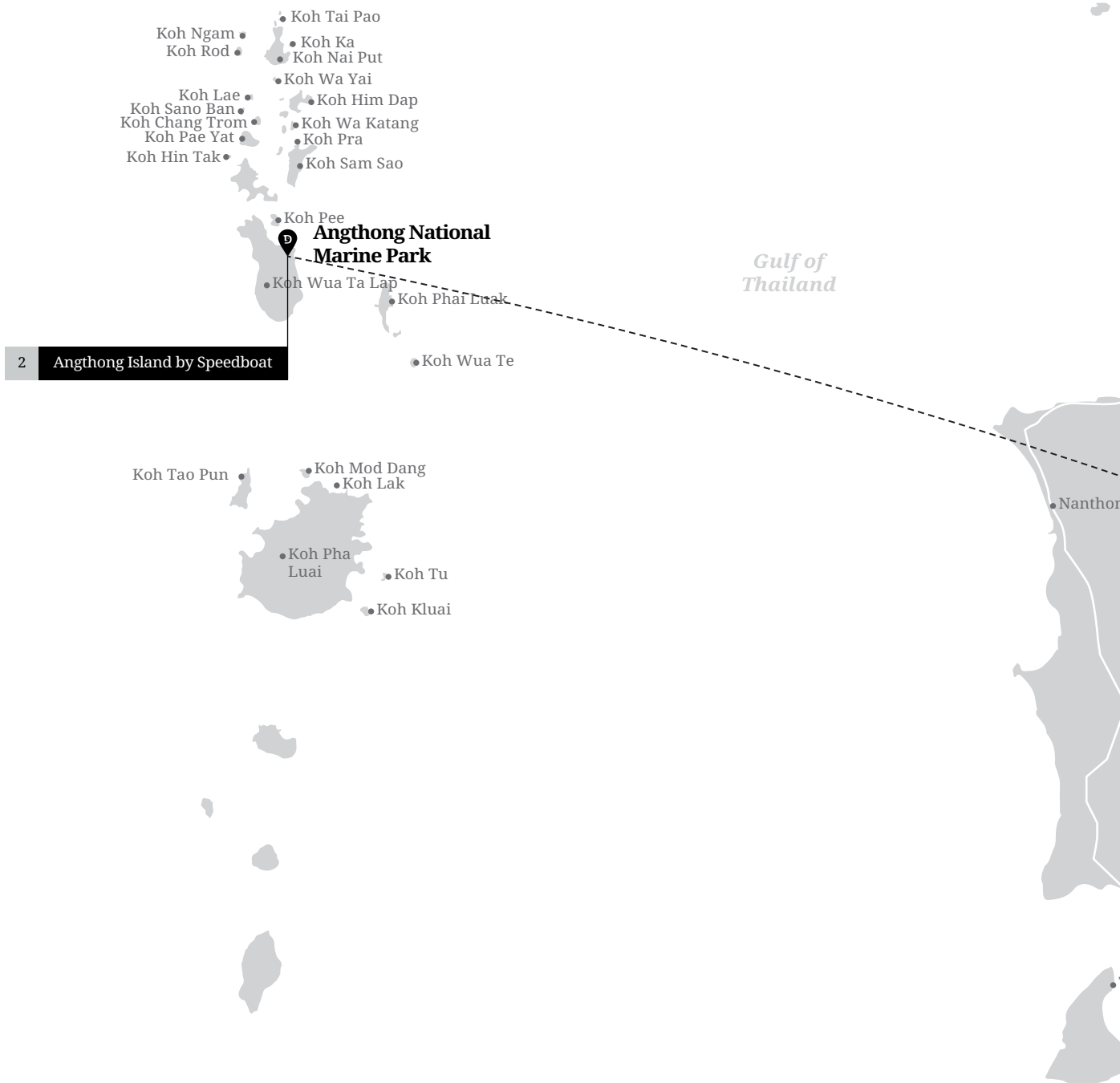
📍 65 Moo 1, Tambon Sakoo, Amphur Thalang, Phuket 83110, Thailand.

DEWA PHUKET (Beach Resort, Villas and Suites) is located a few steps from the stunning Nai Yang beach, and next to the protected Sirinath National Park, on the northwest coast of Phuket island. It's a stylish boutique resort comprising resort private pool villas (70 – 130 sqm), one & two bedroom suites (67 and 110 sqm) and 56 new deluxe rooms to make the ideal holiday resort for everyone.

# Samui & the Southern Gulf of Thailand

Thailand's Gulf coast is largely overshadowed by the island trio of Samui, Pha Ngan and Tao. Whilst Koh Samui, the biggest and best-known among them, has transformed from a backpacker haven into an upscale beach resort, it's the laid-back vibe and infamous full moon parties that lure most travellers to Koh Pha Ngan. Koh Tao, the archipelago's smallest island, on the other hand, has established itself as Thailand's foremost diving destination.

Ending your 14-day tailor-made journey on Koh Samui is like the cherry on top of the cake – the perfect place to bask in the sun and sip refreshing cocktails and coconuts at one of the many hip beach bars. Peel back the layers of this tropical paradise and learn more about the island's vibrant local life with our Discover Samui tour or venture out into the ocean and discover the wonders of Ang Thong National Marine Park on a speedboat tour.

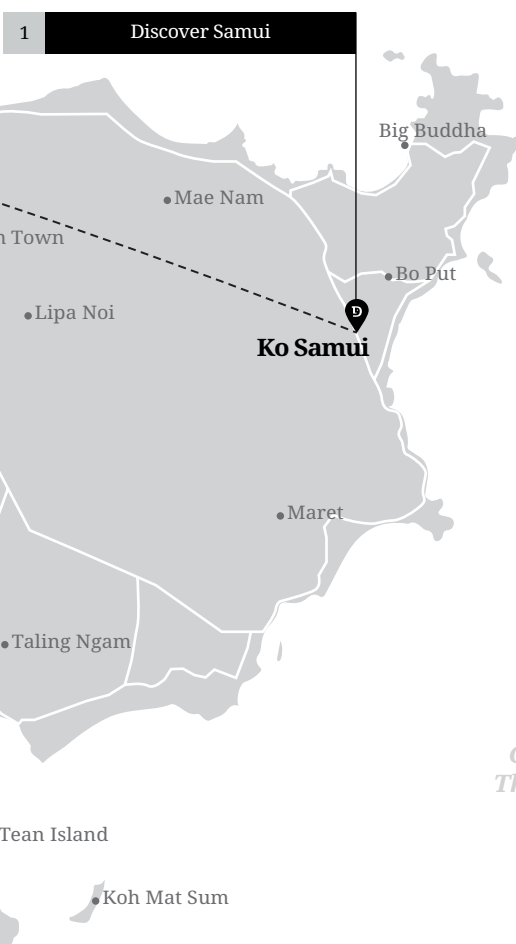






## 1. Discover Samui

Discover the local way of life on the tropical island with this half-day tour of Koh Samui. Explore the multicultural community of Hua Thanon and take a browse through a colourful wet market. Visit a local coconut plantation, hike to a secluded waterfall and finish the island tour at a spectacular Buddhist temple.



## 2. Angthong Island by Speedboat

Dive into nature's abundance with a full day at Ang Thong National Marine Park, a paradisiacal haven of mountains and beaches, waterfalls and lakes. Hike, snorkel, swim, kayak and relax in the many wonders of the archipelago, discovering breathtaking viewpoints, tiny fishing communities, and the unbelievable underwater world swimming beneath them.



# Our Recommended Hotels

## Samui & the Southern Gulf

16+ **adult only**  
for guaranteed relaxation



### The COAST Adults Only (16+) Resort and Spa – Koh Samui ★★★★★

📍 44/134, Koh Samui, Surat Thani 84330, Thailand.

This modern beachfront resort assures a restful retreat with its exclusively for adults guarantee. The minimalist design, calming infinity pool with views across to Koh Phangan and secluded location on Maenam Beach, come together to provide a relaxing atmosphere of clean peaceful simple luxury.



### Santiburi Koh Samui ★★★★★

📍 12/12 Moo 1, Maenam Beach, Koh Samui, Surat Thani 84330, Thailand.

Santiburi Koh Samui is a luxury resort on the quiet north shore of Koh Samui. Set in 23 acres of tropical foliage, the resort overlooks 300 meters of pristine sandy beach. Our exquisitely designed suites and villas feature sleek, modern design blended with warm contemporary Thai décor.





## X2 Koh Samui – A Spa Retreat

★★★★★

 442 Moo 1 Baan Hua Thanon, Ko Samui District, Surat Thani 84310, Thailand.

X2 Koh Samui – A Spa Retreat is Thailand's first resort to offer guests a selection of "All spa inclusive" packages. Ideal for couples, honeymooners, families, or friends looking to blend an exciting vacation with wellness and relaxation, the resort's private beachfront setting provides the perfect backdrop for its unique design.



## The COAST Adults Only (16+) Resort and Spa – Koh Phangan

★★★★

 117/21 Rin Nai Beach, Ban Tai, Koh Phangan, Surat Thani 84280, Thailand.

This sunset beach resort assures a relaxing retreat with its exclusively for adults guarantee within a vibrant island atmosphere. Complimented by its minimalist design, tropical gardens, beachfront infinity pool with views across to Koh Samui and secluded location outside of Haadrin Village, all to provide a unique island experience.



## Maehaad Bay Resort

★★★★☆

 106/4 Moo 7 Koh Phangna Surssthani ,Thailand.

Maehaad Bay Resort located on Haad- Maehaad has greatly improved road connections and the beach is fairly long, It has sunset views over Koh Maa and the waters and corals reef that surround and the beach has sand bar that you can walk across to reach Koh Maa. The Resort offers a relaxing atmosphere with four-star service, facilities and amenities.



## First Bungalow Beach Resort Koh Samui

★★★

 4/6 Chaweng, Moo 3, Bophut, Koh Samui, 84320, Thailand.

Reflected in the name itself, the first bungalow type accommodation in Koh Samui and represents the true sense of homely Thai hospitality. It can be seen today with the unique blend of the same old simple, traditional and personalized hospitality of the owner, and all the modern amenities one can dream of in an exotic far-flung island hideout like Chaweng Beach.

## Other Regions



### Isaan

The origin of many favourite Thai dishes, such as spicy papaya salad, Thailand's northeast (Isaan) is where the country's is its most authentic. The largely rural region is often overlooked by foreign visitors but that's not to say that this part of Thailand isn't worth visiting. Characterised by rice fields and sleepy towns, adventurous travellers will be rewarded with ancient temples, expansive national parks and the striking sight of the Red Lotus Lake.



### Kanchanaburi & the West

Travel two and a half hours west from the Thai capital and you'll arrive in Kanchanaburi, a laid-back town nestled along the River Kwai. Several memorials and landmarks, such as the Allied War Cemetery, the famous Bridge over the River Kwai and the Death Railway, give insight into the atrocities that happened here during WWII. Other than that, it's the scenic national parks, stunning waterfalls and plenty of idyllic riverside accommodations that draw visitors to Kanchanaburi.





## Siam's Ancient Capitals

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Long before Bangkok, the ancient city of Sukhothai was established as the first capital of Siam, until it was succeeded by Ayutthaya, the kingdom's seat of power for over 400 years. Today, these two cities are important UNESCO World Heritage Sites where an abundance of temples, historical ruins, Buddha statues and stupas remind of a once glorious past. Trace back history in Siam's ancient capitals and discover how they influenced Thai culture, language and architecture.



## Pattaya & the East Coast

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Pattaya's reputation as a raucous party town is well-deserved but travel east along the Gulf coast and you'll find the music starts to fade. Next stop is Koh Samet, a favourite island getaway for Bangkokians, whilst three hours further east lies the Koh Chang Marine National Park. Comprised of over 50 smaller islands, the main attractions of the archipelago are laid-back Koh Chang, the quiet island of Koh Mak and the hidden gem of Koh Kood.



# Unique MICE Venues

We offer a range of MICE services in Thailand



## Gaysorn Urban Resort

### Bangkok

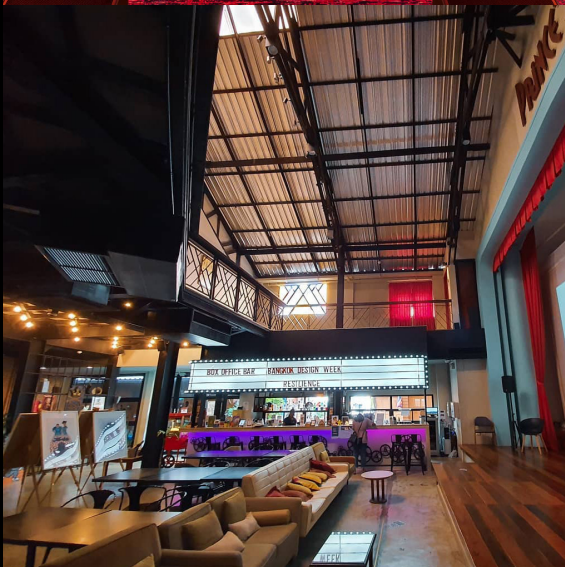
Overlooking Bangkok's skyline, this luxury 'co-working space' offers private offices, lounge areas and meeting spaces as well as an all-glass conference room and an outdoor 'Greenery Sky Garden'.



## True Icon Hall

### Bangkok

Fitted with advanced technology, this large-scale MICE Entertainment space, on the 7th floor of the ICONSIAM mall, is an outstanding venue for conventions, exhibitions and special events.



## Prince Theatre Heritage Stay

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This refurbished vintage cinema is the perfect backdrop for a memorable get-together, accompanied by scrumptious snacks and refreshing cocktails.



# Unique Educational Opportunities

We ensure our innovative range of themed programs and educational tours for adults and students make a positive impact and provide opportunities for inspiration, exploration and learning.

In partnership with the local community, district authority and village chiefs, Discova's educational travel experts have set up a community-based tourism project in Om Goi District in Northern Thailand. Home

to the people belonging to the Karen ethnic minority, the remote mountainous region is difficult to access and one of the most impoverished in the country. By setting up this initiative, we offer educational groups access to a range of service-learning experiences and immersive activities that promote cultural exchange whilst ensuring the sustainable development of the community. All groups are accompanied by Discova's facilitators, providing translation services and cultural guidance.

## Community Health Promotion

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In partnership with agencies, universities and local health authorities, Discova provides clinical placements for faculty-led medical and nursing students and professionals in Om Goi. Mobile clinics are conducted to control, protect and promote health through check-ups, vaccinations and health education. Medical groups work in the clinics to treat ailments under supervision of the local health care practitioners.

## Service Learning

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Educational travel groups can take part in a range of building projects which have been carefully selected through a community needs analysis. In Om Goi, groups have supported the community by helping in the construction of several vital water tanks as well as a kindergarten playground. Discova's educational experts provide well-informed project management, ensuring groups contribute effectively to the development of the communities and donations benefit the projects directly.

## Cultural Immersion

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From gaining a different perspective to being adaptive to different environments – there's no better way to learn about a different culture than by immersing into the community life. In Om Goi, educational groups can experience local lifestyles through homestays and a variety of cultural activities, that range from cooking classes and rice farming to hands-on craft workshops and countryside hikes. The residents have been trained and financially supported to become service providers creating additional revenue streams for the host communities.



## Adventure Seeker

Get an adrenaline rush between ancient ruins and beach bumming.



Experience Thailand from the treetops. **Zipline through the rainforest** for a birds-eye view, whizzing past tropical species that call the jungle canopy home. Thailand's zipline tours are truly world-class, prioritising safety while providing the experience of a lifetime.



Don't just watch a **Muay Thai** fight – try actually training in the national sport for a full-contact experience with Thai culture. The “art of eight limbs” is a source of profound countrywide pride, and the training regimen – whether a single day or a pro season readying for a fight – is intense and exhilarating.



**Go scuba diving and snorkelling** to discover Thailand's undersea treasures. Certified divers come from all over the world to see the marine life at Koh Tao, while the beaches of Koh Samui invite even inexperienced travellers to snorkel the clear water of the Gulf of Thailand and discover corals and colourful fish.



# Culture Enthusiast

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Thai culture is a patchwork quilt of influences from its neighbours and hundreds of minority hill tribes, each with their own secrets.



**Isaan** is a secret world with a completely unique culture, language, music, and food – though many popular Thai dishes do have Isaan to thank for their roots. This pretty northeastern region is populated by friendly, Lao- and Khmer-speaking farmers and very few tourists.



There are hundreds of different ethnic minority tribes, or “hill tribes”, living in Northern Thailand. Most are refugees or migrants from Myanmar, China, or Laos, each with their own cultures and traditions. **Visit a community-based tourism project in a hill tribe village** to support their communities and experience an entirely different side of Thailand.



**Chiang Rai** was once the capital of the Lanna Kingdom and remains the heart of Lanna culture, with some Burmese, Chinese, and hill tribe influence thrown in the mix. Come here to see exquisite handicrafts, sweeping mountainscapes, and extraordinary temples built by artists and visionaries.

## Nature and Wildlife Lover

There are more than 100 national parks in Thailand showcasing the country's impressive biodiversity.



Thailand is full of ecologically diverse national parks, each more beautiful than the last. Several allow camping, making **multi-day trekking** possible. Hike to the top of Thailand's tallest mountain, trek through the world's oldest evergreen rainforest in Khao Sok, or chase waterfalls in the sprawling Khao Yai UNESCO World Heritage Site.



**Visit an elephant sanctuary** to spend quality time with Thailand's national animal. Sanctuary elephants are rescued from lives of labour and cruelty and given a new chance to graze and play as they would in nature. Bathe, feed, observe, and befriend these majestic creatures at an ethical, ride-free sanctuary.



For a taste of Thailand's marine masterpieces, visit **Phang Nga Bay**, a national park famous for otherworldly, towering limestone karsts jutting straight out of shimmering green water. Phang Nga is best experienced by boat, as the area features 42 different paradisiacal islands teeming with jungle foliage.



# Curious Learner

Dive into the histories and forces that have shaped this fascinating nation, from long-lost dynasties to lasting culinary legacies.



Ancient Siamese monarchies have been preserved in Thailand in the form of epic ruins, like a history book in stone. Explore the looted temples and monasteries of the 13th century **Ayutthaya Kingdom**, one of the largest and most prosperous monarchies in Asia until its fall in 1767.



World history was shaped in **the Golden Triangle**, the notorious meeting point between Laos, Thailand, and Myanmar at the confluence of the Mekong and Ruak Rivers. Visitors can look over viewpoints to see riverside farmlands flourishing in three countries where opium was once grown, sold, and warred over on a global scale.



Take a little bit of Thailand home by participating in a **Thai cooking class**, learning how to create some of the country's most iconic (and delicious) dishes from a local. Many classes take place in a traditional home kitchen and offer a multi-course lesson – the best kind of “takeaway”!

## Socialiser

Some people come to Thailand just to party, and there's countless opportunities to knock back happy hour buckets or a mixologist's cocktail.



Bangkok has more to offer than buckets of booze for budget backpackers. For a classier night out, head to **Thonglor**, where swanky cocktail bars and chic restaurants cater to stylish Thais and sophisticated hipsters. There are fancy places to wine-and-dine, and nightclubs to dance the night away with a dress code.



**Chiang Mai** and her sleepy sister Pai cater to artsy hippies and both breathe live music, from swinging jazz to mellow reggae. In Chiang Mai, choose between atmospheric riverside restaurants, hip Nimmanhaemin rooftops, and busier old city bars. Down-to-earth Pai lures passers-by in with guitar riffs just off the walking street.



Party animals head to the south, where **Phuket** and **Koh Samui** keep the fun going all night. Phuket's Patong district is legendary for its red light night life and raucous all-hours bars packed onto Soi Bangla. Koh Samui mixes up sunset cocktails at classy beach bars and cabaret clubs.



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