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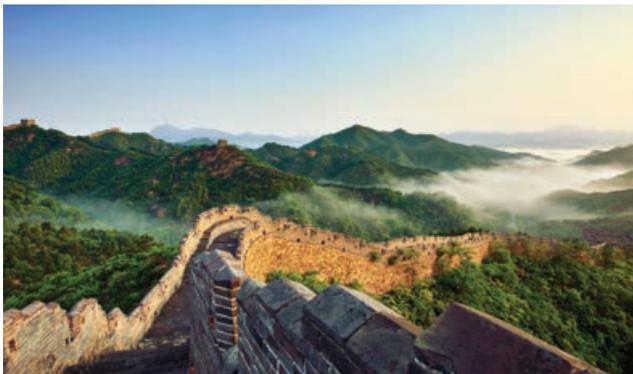


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Everyone is different and a personal touch is key. Talk to our Personal Travel Experts about your wish list and they'll bring your dream holiday to life, whether that's by adding excursions they know you'll love or tailor-making a trip just for you.





Holidays in the Far East

The Far East offers everything from buzzing cities and rich history to stunning beaches and tranquil hideaways.

Beach holidays

Whether you're looking for a hip oceanfront hotel, a relaxed beachside retreat or a world-class island resort, our range of accommodation in the Far East is extensive and diverse. We also recommend combining different hotels in contrasting beach resorts to create your own multi-centre itinerary.

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1 Thailand

Sweeping beaches, superb snorkelling and diving, vibrant nightlife, tranquil escapes, idyllic hillside scenery – Thailand has it all.

INDIA

SRI LANKA

MALDIVES

Our favourite combinations

Here are just a few of our favourite destinations to combine in the Far East and beyond.

Kuala Lumpur, Langkawi & Singapore
Ref KL192

Singapore & Borneo
Ref SK062

Bangkok & the Maldives
Ref TM022

Abu Dhabi & Phuket
Ref IO0876

Dubai & Vietnam
Ref IO0874

Singapore & Koh Samui
Ref SK118

Hong Kong, Phuket & Bangkok
Ref AV049

Kuala Lumpur & Bali
Ref KL083



5 Indonesia

Romantic and utterly charming, this beautiful island nation has a host of ancient temples and sublime beaches.



2 Malaysia

Iconic city breaks and tranquil beachside escapes lined by wildlife-filled jungle characterise a visit to this beautiful scattered nation.



3 Cambodia

Famed for its legendary Angkor Temple complex, Cambodia is a land of ancient monuments, spectacular temples and rich cultural traditions.



4 Vietnam

Captivating Vietnam is home to beautiful beaches, colourful hill tribes and iconic Halong Bay, as well as colonial cities and ancient temples.

BAY OF BENGAL

INDIAN OCEAN

JAVA SEA

SOUTH CHINA SEA

PHILIPPINE SEA

TAIWAN

PHILIPPINES

INDONESIA

BANDA SEA

MALAYSIA

BRUNEI

BORNEO

SARAWAK

JAVA

BALI

Legian
Seminyak
Uluwatu

Nusa Dua

Tembok

Ubud

Lombok

Sanur

Gili Islands

EAST TIMOR



6 Hong Kong

A great addition to any Far East itinerary, Hong Kong is a gateway city offering a mix of old and new, world-class shopping and buzzing nightlife.



7 Singapore

A real melting pot of cultures, home to modern designer malls, towering skyscrapers, colonial architecture and a full calendar of events.

Thailand

A kaleidoscope of glistening temples, incredible beaches, energetic cities and tranquil villages, this 'land of a thousand smiles' is a magical destination to discover.

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General information

Flying time 11¼ to 13 hours depending on airport

Time difference GMT +7 hours

Currency Thai Baht

Language Thai, but English is widely spoken

Visa info Not required for UK passport holders.

Key events

13-15 April: Songkran – Traditional New Year celebrations which, in the streets of the main tourist destinations, involves lots of water being thrown everywhere all in the name of fun!

Mid-June and September/October: Bangkok International Festival of Dance and Music.

05 December: His Majesty the Late King's Birthday – Public holiday to commemorate the birthday of the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

Climate

Thailand's peak season is between November and February when the climate is drier and slightly cooler, while the hottest period is April to May. May to October tends to have higher rainfall but there should still be plenty of sunshine and this is the time to benefit from the greatest value and less crowded beaches. There are seasonal variations between beach resorts – for example, the east coast beach resorts of Koh Samui and Koh Phangan generally have more sun and less rain from May until June. Northern Thailand is generally cooler than Bangkok in the winter and hotter in the summer.

°C Average daily maximum temperature

* Average daily sunshine hours (not hours of daylight)

☼ Average monthly rainfall in mm

		Bangkok	Chiang Mai	Hua Hin	Khao Lak	Koh Samet	Koh Samui	Krabi	Koh Phi Phi	Phuket
Jan	°C	32	28	29	32	32	30	32	31	32
	*	9	9	9	9	8	7	9	9	9
	☼	8	9	14	37	25	177	53	50	40
Feb	°C	33	32	31	33	33	31	33	33	33
	*	9	10	9	9	8	9	9	9	9
	☼	21	6	24	22	25	50	24	25	27
Mar	°C	34	34	32	34	33	33	34	33	33
	*	8	9	9	9	8	8	9	9	9
	☼	31	15	30	44	50	76	49	50	59
Apr	°C	35	35	33	33	34	34	34	33	33
	*	8	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
	☼	68	57	42	126	76	50	124	127	140
May	°C	34	33	33	32	33	34	32	32	32
	*	8	8	7	6	6	6	6	6	6
	☼	182	165	124	370	177	127	292	304	334
Jun	°C	33	31	33	31	33	33	32	31	31
	*	6	6	5	5	5	6	6	6	5
	☼	159	137	91	404	76	101	245	254	275
Jul	°C	33	31	32	31	32	32	31	31	31
	*	6	5	5	6	5	6	6	6	6
	☼	167	165	108	394	101	127	260	279	284
Aug	°C	32	30	32	31	32	32	31	31	31
	*	5	5	5	6	5	6	6	6	6
	☼	207	226	113	411	127	127	246	254	265
Sep	°C	32	30	32	30	32	32	31	30	30
	*	5	6	5	5	5	6	5	5	5
	☼	292	224	139	462	228	127	325	381	398
Oct	°C	32	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
	*	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	☼	199	125	221	342	254	279	325	330	339
Nov	°C	32	29	30	31	31	29	30	30	31
	*	8	8	7	6	7	6	6	6	7
	☼	49	41	176	194	76	457	252	228	187
Dec	°C	31	28	29	32	31	29	31	31	31
	*	8	8	9	8	8	6	7	8	8
	☼	11	12	18	70	25	177	108	101	66

Important holiday information The price we confirm at the time of booking is the price we guarantee. Prices vary depending on the date you wish to travel and the elements included in your package. Please read p182-187 before you book your holiday. For further information and to tailor make your holiday, please call us or go to www.kuoni.co.uk for the best available price.

Plan your Thailand holiday

Thailand is incredibly diverse. There's so much to see and do that it's understandable that you might need a little guidance when planning your holiday. We've put together some information and advice to help you get the most out of your visit to this beautiful country.

How long Ideally you'll need at least two weeks. This will give you plenty of time to travel around and see Thailand's many attractions. If you're looking for a city and beach combination, ten nights should suffice.

What type of holiday Thailand has something for everyone, from lively Phuket and Krabi to quieter Koh Samui, Khao Lak and Koh Samet. You can also twin a city stop-over with a beach stay, or join a tour.

How to get around Getting around in Thailand is easy. Internal flights from Bangkok to some of the beach destinations offer great value for money and most resorts offer private transfers to and from the airport.

Where to stay There are plenty of accommodation options, from the ultra-modern city hotels of Bangkok, to boutique beach properties. There are also adults-only options, beautiful spa hotels and plenty of family-friendly resorts.

From	Time (hrs)	Distance (miles)	Mode of transport	To
Bangkok	1	296	Flight	Koh Samui
Koh Samui	40 minutes	72	Boat	Koh Phangan
Bangkok	1¼	410	Flight	Krabi
Krabi	1	52	Road & boat	Koh Lanta
Phuket	1	55	Road	Khao Lak
Bangkok	1½	521	Flight	Phuket
Phuket	1	20	Road & boat	Koh Yao Yai
Phuket	2½	30	Road & boat	Koh Phi Phi
Phuket	1	22	Road & boat	Koh Yao Noi
Bangkok	2½	120	Road	Hua Hin
Bangkok	2½	104	Road	Cha Am
Bangkok	1¼	84	Road	Pattaya
Bangkok	1¼	430	Flight	Chiang Mai
Bangkok	1½	433	Flight	Chiang Rai
Bangkok	3¼	150	Road & boat	Koh Samet



Travel in Thailand

In Thailand, travelling around is quick and easy. Internal flights offer good value for longer journeys and resort combos. In the city, look for taxis displaying the TAXI-METER sign and ensure that they turn the meter on. Tuk-tuks are not metered; it's best to negotiate the fare beforehand. Bangkok's Skytrain runs 6am-midnight and there are plenty of river boat services too.



First time to Thailand

If it's your first time in Thailand, we suggest a simple twin centre, pairing Bangkok with a beach break. You can experience the city and its world-class hotels, soaring skyscrapers and sublime dining venues, as well as a beautiful retreat on one of Thailand's beaches. This combination is very popular and a great way to start your exploration of Thailand.



Cultural Thailand

For second-timers or adventurers, we suggest adding Chiang Mai to your itinerary. Northern Thailand has a completely different feel, where rolling hills and indigenous hill tribes replace skyscrapers and beaches. Or choose one of our experiences; explore the River Kwai and Kanchanaburi area (p81) or get to know Thailand's majestic giant – the Asian elephant (p80).



How to choose your resort

Bangkok is a shopper's heaven with high-end boutiques, malls and the iconic Damnoen Saduak floating market just outside the city. For beachside nightlife, both Koh Phangan and Phuket have a great party atmosphere, while Koh Samui and the small island hideaways of Koh Samet, the Koh Yao Islands and Koh Phi Phi offer a calmer pace and romantic honeymoon resorts.



Food & drink

When it comes to food, Thailand has it all. Each region has its own specialities and there are plenty of western favourites available – though as a general rule, the further north you go, the more traditional the food. In Bangkok the night market is hugely popular. You can try a variety of street food from one of the many stalls, including Thai favourites like Pad Thai.



Getting around

There are plenty of ways that you can get around this vast country. Taxis and tuk-tuks are ideal for short journeys and bicycles are an affordable way to explore the quieter beach areas. Some of our island resorts require long-tail boat transfers, which offers great views of the coastline. For longer transfers and resort combos, internal flights are good value for money.



For families

Thailand is an ideal destination for families. Many Thai resorts offer great family facilities including interconnecting rooms, kids' clubs and more. One of our favourite resorts when travelling with the little ones is The Sands Khao Lak by Kata Thani Resorts (p50), where the outdoor bubble zone, kids' pool and mini water slide are always a big hit with the kids.

Discovering Koh Samui & Koh Phangan

Palm trees and clear waters hem the white sand beaches of the popular island of Koh Samui, with its tempting local restaurants and chilled-out beach bars making it ideal for a relaxing getaway. Escaping the southern shore where the famed monthly Full Moon Party is held, Koh Phangan's northern shore offers an idyllic escape with picturesque bays, secluded beaches and thick jungle that winds its way inland.



Koh Phangan



Koh Phangan

An insight into Koh Samui & Koh Phangan

Koh Samui

Rapidly surpassing Phuket as Thailand's leading beach destination, Koh Samui has become increasingly popular in recent years. But the island has so far retained much of the laid-back charm and natural beauty that made it such a hit in the first place.

You'll find a variety of beaches here, each with their own restaurants and resorts, that cater for most tastes and budgets. The relatively compact nature of the island and the concentration of resorts on the east coast also mean that rarely are you more than 20 minutes from anywhere else of interest. Choose a resort on the northern shores – in Bo Phut for instance – and you're still just a 20-minute ride south to pretty Chaweng or Lamai.

Chaweng

Chaweng is Koh Samui's busiest resort centre and it is here where you will find the island's liveliest nightlife, as well as its best value dining, shopping and entertainment. Found midway up the east coast of Koh Samui, Chaweng stretches over three miles of a white sandy beach – the longest on Koh Samui – lined with hotels, guest houses, beach bungalows and restaurants opening directly onto the sands.

Towards the centre, the beach becomes more crowded with sunbeds, bars, and friendly watersports and beach vendors. However, the atmosphere is always welcoming. By night the pace really picks up and many of the beachfront bars become the place to be seen.

Head to the quieter northern tip of Chaweng and you'll find a metre-deep lagoon – the perfect place to bring the kids for some exploration time away from your hotel. The southern end is the more scenic part of the resort, where numerous hidden sandy coves are waiting to be discovered. Behind the beach itself, the town sprawls along the parallel beach road, offering an array of restaurants, bars, shops and boutiques.

Lamai

Lying approximately 10 minutes to the south of Chaweng, Lamai is Koh Samui's second largest beach and is slightly smaller and quieter than its neighbour. By comparison, Lamai can seem somewhat sleepy, especially in quieter seasons. This makes it a tranquil place to sit out at one of the many picturesque beachfront restaurants that offer romantic moonlit dining right on the sea shore. The resort centre itself clusters at the southern end of the beach, presenting a fine spot for a pleasant evening stroll.

As the water can be shallow on the northern part of Lamai Beach, this makes it ideal for small children to splash around in it without getting out of their depth. Much of the resort's shopping and livelier nightlife can be found on the main street that runs behind the beach, catering to its western visitors.

For a complete change of scenery, visit Lamai village at the northern end of the beach. Hidden from the crowds, it's filled with thatched teak houses which centre around Wat Lamai Cultural Hall, home to a small museum dedicated to the traditional handicrafts of Koh Samui and their origins.

Bo Phut

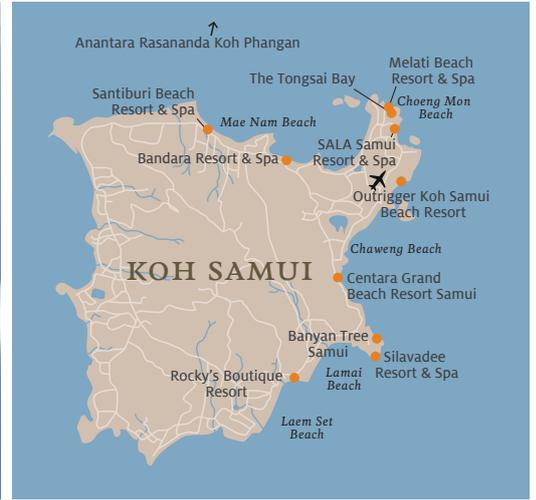
Another popular beach resort is in the village of Bo Phut on Koh Samui's north shore. The traditional centre of the resort is known as the 'fisherman's village' and is home to an array of restaurants, bars and boutiques. Compared to Lamai or Chaweng, Bo Phut is quieter, with the mile-long beach a firm favourite for families due to the shallow waters and abundance of shade. Every Friday night, the fisherman's village is transformed into a pedestrianised street known locally as 'walking street'. Lined with market stalls, this is great way to experience the local culture.



Ang Thong National Marine Park



Big Buddha Temple, Koh Samui



Koh Samui

Attractions

As a popular holiday island, Koh Samui also offers an array of sights and attractions to tempt you away from the beautiful beaches and sparkling pools. It's easy to visit the idyllic, undisturbed islands of Ang Thong National Marine Park which inspired the setting of *The Beach*, while Koh Samui's most iconic attraction, the 'Big Buddha Temple' can be found to the northeast of the peninsula. There are also tumbling waterfalls to discover and colourful waters to explore with diving trips to other islands.

Koh Phangan

A 30-minute boat ride to the north of Koh Samui, Koh Phangan can easily be visited on a day trip. It's also a great spot to enjoy a short stay. Commonly known as a backpacker's paradise, Koh Phangan offers secluded tropical white sand beaches and peaceful luxury resorts, as well as glorious sunsets and clear, deep waters ideal for divers.

Koh Phangan's famed Full Moon Party is a favourite with backpackers, with many streaming to the island's southern hotels for this legendary beach party. There's also a Half Moon Party for those that miss the turning of the moon, hosted in the forested interior.

To the north of the island, away from the buzz of the Full Moon Party, Anantara Rasananda Koh Phangan Villa Resort & Spa (p30-31) is a barefoot, beachfront luxury resort with an unhurried pace. There's a small village behind it with a handful of restaurants and bars, and if you head deeper into the island's interior you'll find yourself among rugged forests filled with wildlife.

Honeymoons

Koh Samui and Koh Phangan are renowned as some of Thailand's most popular honeymoon destinations thanks to their combination of pretty beaches and 'castaway' vibe. If you're looking for a romantic holiday or honeymoon, we can't recommend the Thai hideaway of Rocky's Boutique Resort (p22-23) enough. The team here will make you feel like family from the moment you arrive and you'll wake each morning to peaceful views of long-tail boats floating in the bay.

The Tong Sai Bay (p18-19) is also a superb spot for a romantic getaway with its serene natural setting on Koh Samui. Here you'll find beautiful cottages and villas, an adults-only infinity pool with stunning sea views, and enchanting beachside dining beneath the stars.

Our favourite combinations

Bangkok, Chiang Mai @ Koh Samui

(ref FE0014)

Combine Thailand's capital with the enchanting city of Chiang Mai, before relaxing on the pristine shores of Koh Samui.

Koh Samui @ Koh Phangan

(ref FE378)

Experience two different kinds of beach escape. Koh Samui offers an elegant break, while Koh Phangan is incredibly popular and infectious laid-back.

Singapore @ Koh Samui

(ref SK118)

Discover the eclectic city of Singapore, followed by a relaxing beach break on Koh Samui.

Bangkok @ Koh Samui

(ref FE9377)

Spend time in Bangkok experiencing the culture through its food, drink and entertainment before soaking up the sun on Koh Samui.

Banyan Tree Samui ****

A stunning resort in a secluded location with captivating views of Lamai Bay.

On a gentle slope that overlooks the glistening waters of Lamai Bay, this resort is the ultimate haven for those seeking peace and relaxation. Traditional Thai architecture includes delicately-carved wooden furnishings and soothing oriental shades, creating a luxurious ambience. Life here is all about being pampered. The private beach affords a rare treat in Thailand, while the indulgent and award-winning Banyan Tree Spa offers a holistic approach to wellbeing.

You'll discover a choice of three restaurants in various locations around the resort. Booking a table at Saffron – the signature restaurant – is a must for those wanting to experience the traditional flavours of Thailand with a modern twist. International cuisines are served at The Edge, where views over Lamai Bay make a picturesque setting. At Sands, you can enjoy delicious, freshly prepared seafood out on the beach.

Each of the villas have been thoughtfully designed to make your stay as decadently comfortable as possible. As well as your own private swimming pool, you can enjoy the dedicated services of a friendly Villa Host. Deluxe Pool Villas are set amid the perfectly manicured gardens, while Ocean View Pool Villas allow you to wake up to a gentle salty breeze and stunning views of the ocean. Horizon Hillcrest Pool Villas are found high on the hilltop, offering views out over the sea and verdant surrounding forests. A Family Pool Villa is ideal for families and groups, with two bedrooms and breathtaking views across the forest or the ocean.

Setting On a secluded cove on Koh Samui's south-east coast, just 10 minutes from Lamai and 25 minutes from Chaweng

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Koh Samui airport

Rooms 88 villas

Dining 3 restaurants, 2 bars

Facilities Pool, kids' pool, rainforest hydrotherapy spa*, fitness centre, library, games room, yoga classes*, watersports*, private speedboat*, Wi-Fi throughout, shuttles to Lamai and Chaweng*

Spa The world-renowned Banyan Tree Spa features 10 spacious indoor spa pavilions which offer an extensive range of Asian-inspired body and beauty treatments

Activities • Book a 'Dinner of the Legend: Samui Episode' private beach dining experience* • Try a rainforest-hydrotherapy experience at the Banyan Tree Spa*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 22 Dec-10 Jan. An optional Green Imperative Fund charge of US\$2 per villa per night will

be chargeable locally. Compulsory New Year's Eve dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at The Edge.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £65 • Breakfast at The Edge • Lunch at The Edge or dinner at Saffron

Full Board from £112 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at The Edge.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2555 per person

31 Oct-08 Dec 2017; 31 Oct-08 Dec 2018

High season from £3110

23 Mar-08 Apr; 09-25 Apr;

20 Jul-14 Aug 2018

Extra night from £306

Single supplement from £306

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Pool Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9994. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Deluxe Pool Villa

At a glance

.....
All-pool-villa resort

.....
Secluded surrounds with private beach

.....
Award-winning rainforest hydrotherapy spa

Horizon Hillcrest Pool Villa



Deluxe Pool Villa



The Edge



SALA Samui Resort & Spa *****



SALA Pool Villa

At a glance

 Stylish beach house design

 Private pool villas

 Indulgent SALA spa



One Bedroom Pool Villa Suite



SALA Pool Villa



Famous for its chic design, fabulous private pool villas and seamless combination of indoor/outdoor living.

Located on the pristine sands of Choeng Mon Beach, you'll find all the ingredients you need for a relaxed, romantic break at SALA Samui. Surrounded by tropical gardens, outdoor living is fully embraced here – with many of the rooms offering an outdoor bathroom.

After breakfast at the beachfront restaurant with its fantastic juice station, you can head out on an island highlights tour, splash out on a spa treatment or just lay back and soak up the sunshine. Pick a spot beside either of the beachfront swimming pools and simply float over to the poolside beach bar when you fancy a refreshing drink. As the sun sets, feast on international and Thai favourites at the Beachfront Restaurant or sample Mediterranean delights at the relaxed Pangaea Restaurant.

The resort's Deluxe Balcony Rooms are located on the second floor and offer garden views. To enjoy an outdoor patio and private pool, upgrade to one of the Garden Pool Villas. SALA Pool Villas are slightly larger individual villas and feature a semi open-air bathroom and a walled garden area with private pool. One Bedroom Pool Villa Suites have a separate living room complete with a full-size daybed. For the ultimate indulgence, treat yourself to a One Bedroom Duplex Pool Villa Suite – incredibly spacious split-level suites with their own private pool.

Setting On the white sands of Choeng Mon Beach on Koh Samui's north-eastern tip

Getting there Approx. 5 minutes by private car from Koh Samui airport

Rooms 69 rooms and villas

Dining 2 restaurants, beach bar, wine cellar

Facilities 2 beachfront pools, children's pool, beach bar, gym, Wi-Fi, kayak rental, daily yoga, movies on the beach, live entertainment, cooking classes*

Spa Relax, unwind and escape from the outside world with a massage, body scrub, facial, manicure or the latest beauty therapy at the SALA Spa. Set in tropical landscapes, you can choose to enjoy your treatments in a private treatment room or an open-air massage sala that 'floats' on a lotus pond

Activities • Arrange a private dinner on the beach* • Enjoy a Jet Lag Foot Massage at the spa* • Sip happy-hour cocktails on the beach*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 21 Dec-03 Jan. Compulsory Christmas and New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplements apply.

What's included

Breakfast at the SALA Beachfront Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £44 • Breakfast and set dinner at the SALA Beachfront Restaurant

Full Board from £72 • Breakfast, set lunch and set dinner at the SALA Beachfront Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Long Stay, Honeymoon/ Anniversary, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1356 per person

01 Sep-26 Oct; 31 Oct-08 Dec 2017

High season from £1645

08 Jan-22 Mar; 23 Mar-08 Apr;

15 Jul-14 Aug 2018

Extra night from £105

Single supplement from £104

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Balcony Room including breakfast, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref TT069. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



The Tong sai Bay *****

An elegant resort offering exceptional service and luxurious spa treatments in a tranquil natural setting.

Framing a beautiful cove on the north-eastern side of the island, it's hard to imagine a more romantic and serene private hideaway than The Tong sai Bay. This family-owned hotel was sensitively built without cutting down a single large tree, and that passion for nature and the surrounding environment remains strong today – in harmony with the resort's commitment to exceptional service.

If you want to relax by the water, take your pick from the expansive freeform pool or the adults-only infinity half-moon pool – both serving up amazing sea views. From the comfort of your lounge, just raise your flag and the waiter will appear to take your drinks order. Or take up a sunbed on the beach and cool off in the calm waters of the bay. In the evening, dine under the stars at the beachside Po-Lad Beach Bistro & Bar or feast on delicious Thai cuisine at Chef Chom's – one of the island's finest restaurants.

Each of the beautiful cottages and villas make the most of the space, with plenty of room to enjoy both indoors and outdoors, and some offering an open-air bath. To be close to the beach and pool, opt for one of the Beachfront Suites. Cottage Suites can be found higher up the hill, offering partial sea views and pretty scenes out across the gardens, while the Seafront Cottage Suites provide spectacular sea views. Presenting the ultimate indulgence, the resort's range of villas are much more spacious, with a larger balcony or outdoor living area, plus the option of your own private pool.

Setting Surrounding an idyllic private cove in a pretty nature reserve on the island's north-eastern coast, just 15 minutes from Chaweng

Getting there Approx. 10 minutes by private car from Koh Samui airport

Rooms 83 suites and villas

Dining 2 restaurants, 2 bars

Facilities 2 pools including a children's pool, windsurfing, sailing, canoeing, fitness room, tennis court, games room, spa*, weekly yoga classes*, Thai cooking class*, gift shop*, babysitting services*, Wi-Fi throughout

Spa Enjoy personalised treatments in the privacy of the Prana Spa, hidden among the greenery. The 'Samui Dream' is a wonderful Thai remedy combining coconut oil and local herbs to soothe and repair, or soak away your stress with a floral-scented outdoor bath

Activities • Enjoy an evening movie with popcorn on the beach • Book a couples' spa package* • Arrange a private candlelit dinner on the beach.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 27 Dec-05 Jan. Due to steep steps, this hotel is not

recommended for those with walking difficulties. Children over 16 are welcome in the half-moon pool area and Tong sai Pool Villas.

What's included

Breakfast at Chef Chom's.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £36 • Breakfast at Chef Chom's • Set dinner menu at Chef Chom's or Po-Lad.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1360 per person

01 Sep-08 Dec 2017

High season from £1535

30 Apr-10 Jul; 15 Jul-14 Aug 2018

Extra night from £109

Single supplement from £109

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Beachfront Suite including breakfast, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref KU0725. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



At a glance

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Romantic hideaway

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Spectacular infinity pool

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Beautiful hillside villas
and cottages



Beachfront Suite



SPA

RENEWAL OF
VOWS

WEDDING



Centara Grand Beach Resort Samui *****

This colonial-style hotel offers a fantastic beachfront location in the heart of Chaweng.

Sit on a long swathe of pristine fine white sand, this lively resort is just a few minutes from the vibrant centre of Chaweng. Taking inspiration from the colonial style that can be found in other areas of the continent, and evoking a sense of a grand American plantation house, this hotel is surrounded by beautifully-manicured gardens.

You'll find plenty here to keep you entertained with a range of watersports on offer. If you prefer a more sedate holiday experience, simply relax by the pool and make new friends at the popular Dip & Sip swim-up bar. When it comes to dining, your options span the globe from a Brazilian grill at the speciality restaurant, to western and Asian dishes at the casual Palm Grove. If you're seeking a more refined experience, head for the sophisticated COAST Beach Bar & Bistro. As the evening draws in, enjoy a nightcap in the lounge bar, complemented by the soothing sounds of the live band – the perfect way to end the day.

Deluxe Oceanfacing Rooms offer charming sea views from the comfort of your balcony. If you'd like the added luxury of your own private plunge pool, opt for a Deluxe Pool Suite. If you're after a little more space, the suites are the perfect option. Or if you'd like a real VIP experience, upgrade to one of the club suites for access to the exclusive Club Lounge and additional Club privileges.

Setting On Chaweng Beach, close to shops and restaurants

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Koh Samui airport

Rooms 203 rooms and suites

Dining 3 restaurants, 2 cafés, 2 bars

Facilities Swimming pool, aerobics pool, swim-up bar, children's pool, outdoor Jacuzzi, SPA Cenvaree*, fitness centre, 2 tennis courts, watersports*, dive school*, kids' club*, gift shop*, car rental*, Thai cooking classes*

Families Children are fully catered for with their own pool, playground and playroom, plus the Camp Safari kids' club and the teen-friendly E-Zone

Activities • Try out a Thai cooking class* • Go wild on a day safari* • Indulge at the SPA Cenvaree*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 28 Dec-05 Jan. No departures 30-31 Dec. Compulsory New Year's Eve supplement may apply.

What's included

Breakfast at Palm Grove Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £40 • Breakfast at Palm Grove Restaurant • Lunch or dinner at Palm Grove Restaurant

Full Board from £52 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Palm Grove Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver and Honeymoon/Anniversary offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1236 per person

01 Sep-08 Dec 2017

High season from £1515

06 Jan-23 Feb; 11 Jul-14 Aug 2018

Extra night from £87

Single supplement from £86

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Oceanfacing Room including breakfast, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref TT074. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



One Bedroom Suite

At a glance

Colonial-style design

In the heart of Chaweng

Great for families



Santiburi Beach Resort & Spa ****



At a glance

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On Maenam Beach

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Member of the Leading Hotels
of the World

.....
Complimentary watersports centre

This luxury beachfront escape combines a stunning tropical setting and plenty of fun activities.

Santiburi is a literal paradise. Here, you can soak up the views of towering palm trees laden with coconuts and the idyllic Maenam Beach, while those who wish to can jump into the array of activities on offer. Take a look at the morning schedule and opt for a Thai cooking lesson, set sail together on a Hobie Cat, or simply relax by the enormous freeform swimming pool. There's also a watersports centre with complimentary non-motorised activities so you can kayak, windsurf or sail to your heart's content, while the Santiburi Samui Country Club – which hosts PGA Asian Tour tournaments – is just a shuttle ride away, with priority tee times for Santiburi guests.

As you wander around the resort you'll constantly discover something to delight in, from the shimmering ponds to the enormous freeform pool – this is a place that combines relaxation with playfulness to create a laid-back haven. You can spend days enjoying the never-ending supply of excitement on offer, or indulge in a massage at the spa and enjoy the daily complimentary afternoon tea. Staff go above and beyond to ensure you have everything you need to unwind, serving up free ice cream and offering sunscreen to those by the pool or on the beach.

Suites are in the main building and have a separate mezzanine living area, with the benefit of being closer to the restaurants and the main pool. For luxurious seclusion, opt for a villa which looks out to the tropical gardens or the sea. Designed in traditional Thai style, you can choose from being seconds from the water in a Deluxe Beachfront Villa or enjoy the privacy of your own pool in a Deluxe Pool Villa.



Setting On Maenam Beach north-west of Chaweng, 10 minutes from local restaurants and shops

Getting there Approx. 25 minutes by private car from Koh Samui airport

Rooms 77 suites and villas

Dining 2 restaurants, lounge, breakfast room, bar

Facilities Pool, shaded kids' pool, kids' club, non-motorised watersports centre, private beach, fitness centre, Santiburi Spa*, tennis court, muay Thai boxing classes*, jogging trail, kids' mountain bikes, Wi-Fi throughout, Santiburi Samui Country Club golf course* (accessible via shuttle transfer)

Activities • Try windsurfing at the watersports centre • Enjoy a signature Thai Silk Aroma massage on the beach* • Tee off at Santiburi Samui Country Club with priority tee times*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 7 nights 26 Dec-02 Jan. Age restrictions apply to watersports.

What's included

Breakfast at Vimarnmek.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £49 • Breakfast at Vimarnmek • Dinner at Sala Thai or The Beach House

Full Board from £74 • Breakfast at Vimarnmek • Lunch and dinner at Sala Thai or The Beach House.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/ Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Upgrade offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1396 per person

01 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1995

08 Jan-22 Mar; 11 Jul-14 Aug 2018

Extra night from £119

Single supplement from £120

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a One Bedroom Duplex Suite including breakfast, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref TH161. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge

Grand Deluxe Garden Villa with Pool

Rocky's Boutique Resort ****

Perfect for a romantic escape, this atmospheric hideaway offers a quiet setting and delicious cuisine.

Set over three small powder-soft beaches that overlook the tranquil Gulf of Thailand, it's clear that this beautiful hotel has been designed with privacy and indulgence in mind. Complemented by the traditional Thai décor and authentic atmosphere, its boutique size makes it feel like an intimate haven that's far away from the every day.

There are two spacious swimming pools and a massage sala on the beach – a tempting way to spend an hour or two for utter relaxation. Adventure awaits underwater where you can dive to explore the colourful corals nearby or borrow a kayak and take an exhilarating trip out to sea. If you're more of a culinary fan, join a cooking class to learn the unique techniques of Thai cooking.

The resort's signature fine-dining restaurant sits directly on the beachfront amid the rocks overlooking the sea where long-tail boats bob in the distance. Here at The Dining Room, you can savour delicious classic French cuisine with a modern twist as you soak in the view, or head to The Bistro for a more casual experience where you can watch as your contemporary Thai and Mediterranean cuisine is prepared by accomplished chefs.

With just 50 rooms and villas, Rocky's has an almost tropical-island feel. The elegant Deluxe Gardenview Rooms are perfect for couples, while the larger Deluxe Garden Poolview Rooms provide direct access to the garden pool from your terrace. If you're looking for a more private experience, the Oceanview Junior Suites are tucked away at the top of the hill, offering glistening ocean views, and Beachfront Junior Suites are located just steps from the warm, lapping waters.

Setting Peacefully secluded on Samui's south-east coast

Getting there Approx. 15 minutes by private car from Koh Samui airport

Rooms 47 bungalows and 3 private villas

Dining Restaurant, bistro and beach bar

Facilities 2 pools (one beachfront), massage sala*, bicycle rental*, cooking classes*, excursions*, kayaks, complimentary shuttle to Lamai and Chaweng, Wi-Fi, kids' club and pool

Kuoni Extras Rocky's Boutique Resort can only be booked through Kuoni in the UK

Activities • Snorkel among the stunning coral reefs • Embark on a fishing or diving trip away from the island*

• Take advantage of the complimentary shuttle to explore nearby Lamai.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 6 nights 01 May-14 Jul and 01 Sep-07 Jan; 4 nights 26 Dec-01 Jan. Compulsory Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplements apply.

What's included

Breakfast at The Dining Room.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1191 per person

01 Sep-08 Dec 2017

High season from £1324

23 Mar-08 Apr; 14 Jul-14 Aug;

31 Aug-08 Dec 2018

Extra night from £73

Single supplement from £72

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Gardenview Room including breakfast, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9120. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



At a glance

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Secluded boutique resort

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Award-winning cuisine

.....
Traditional Thai décor



The Bistro



Beachfront Junior Suite





Deluxe Gardenview Room

Weddings in Thailand

Rocky's is one of our most popular hotels for weddings in Thailand – ceremonies take place in a beautiful romantic and secluded spot on the beach.

Melati Beach Resort & Spa *****

There's plenty to do at this stylish, fashionable resort, making it perfect for everyone.

Cascading down the hillside to a private beach, this charming secluded resort is just a short taxi ride from Chaweng, but far enough to feel a million miles away. With many of the rooms featuring their own private pool, the main pool never gets overly busy, so it's easy to find a stunning spot to spend lazy days with a book or simply watch the world pass by with a cocktail in hand and make the most of its peaceful location.

If you want something different to fill your days, try a snorkelling trip or stretch out with a yoga session before refuelling at one of the elegant restaurants or bars. At the kids' club, there's a full itinerary of activities for children aged 3-8 years old, including coconut painting and pizza making (at extra cost). For dining, The View has a great beachfront setting with wonderfully fresh, locally caught seafood, while Kan Sak Thong serves up the finest Thai and fusion cuisine.

Rooms here are strikingly stylish with contemporary Thai décor. If you're travelling with children, we highly recommend the Family Pool Villas where two bedrooms and a private pool offers a spacious and practical stay. Grand Deluxe Rooms are set in two-storey buildings with an outdoor bath on the balcony and are the only ones in the resort without a private pool. Pool Villas are set around the beautiful adults-only pool, and Pool Villa Suites offer a larger pool.

Setting On the beach at Thongsong Bay, on the north coast of Koh Samui

Getting there Approx. 10 minutes by private car from Koh Samui airport

Rooms 77 rooms, villas and suites

Dining 2 restaurants, 2 pool bars, lobby bar, beach bar

Facilities Pool, adults-only pool, spa*, fitness centre, diving*, bicycle hire*, golf*, kayaks*, kids' club, library, gift shop*, shuttle to Chaweng*

Activities • Arrange a private, torch-lit dinner on the beach* • Learn how to create traditional dishes during a Thai cooking class* • Try out a Thai boxing lesson*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 28 Dec-03 Jan. Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at The View Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £35 • Breakfast and dinner at The View Restaurant

Full Board from £56 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at The View Restaurant

All Inclusive from £79 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at The View or Kan Sak Thong Thai Restaurant. Guests are also welcome to join the themed buffets (excluding seafood buffets) • House-branded alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and ice cream from 10am-10pm at the pool and beach bars • Replenished minibar in room including non-alcoholic drinks and snacks • Use of the fitness centre

Premium All Inclusive from £100 • As per the All Inclusive package, with the addition of select wines.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1306 per person

01 Sep-08 Dec 2017

High season from £1545

06 Jan-22 Mar; 15 Jul-14 Aug 2018

Extra night from £101

Single supplement from £100

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Grand Deluxe Room including breakfast, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9127. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge

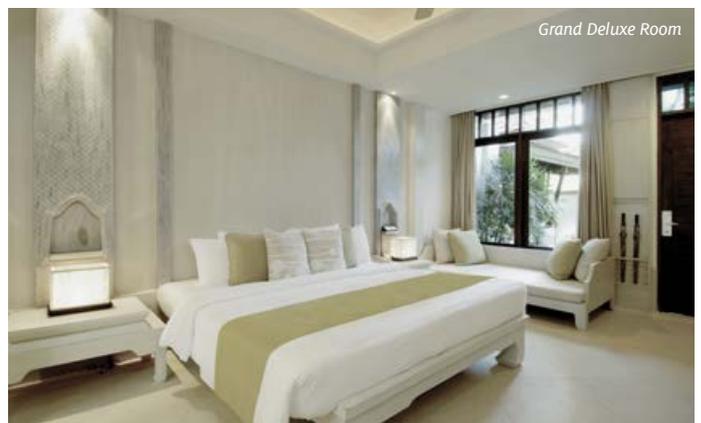


At a glance

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Luxury choice, great for both couples and families

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Tranquil beachfront location

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Plenty of activities



Grand Deluxe Room



Pool Villa Suite



ALL INCLUSIVE
OPTION



FOR
FAMILIES



Kan Sak Thong Restaurant



Beach Pavilion

Outrigger Koh Samui Beach Resort ****

A collection of private pool suites and villas offering a peaceful island escape.

The Outrigger Koh Samui Beach Resort is a small yet simple retreat with a relaxed, laid-back atmosphere. Sat on a secluded beach, finding the perfect place for a refreshing dip is easily done. You can then sit back and enjoy the complimentary Beach Pampering Service with VIP treats such as fresh towels, cool drinks and cucumber slices for the eyes – they'll even clean your sunglasses for you. If you really feel like being pampered, stretch out some tension at one of the beginner yoga classes that are held in pretty locations around the grounds.

Here, you'll find some fantastic dining options overseen by the resort's accomplished chefs. Blue Fire serves up mouth-watering meats grilled to perfection, while Edgewater presents delicious Thai food that's made exactly how it should be, using authentic local flavours and served right on the waterfront. Special events here include a fish market, Thai discovery night and beach barbecues, meaning that there's always something interesting on the menu.

Whether you choose a pool suite or villa, you'll have the luxury of your own private plunge pool to cool off in when the temperature rises. Garden Pool Suites feel comfortably spacious, with an open-plan design and high ceilings. Upgrade to the Ocean View Pool Suites for beautiful ocean vistas or One Bedroom Pool Villas for plenty of additional space and beautiful décor.

Setting Tucked away on Hanuman Bay, 10 minutes from Chaweng

Getting there Approx. 10 minutes by private car from Koh Samui airport

Rooms 52 suites and villas

Dining 2 restaurants, bar, swim-up bar

Facilities Infinity-edged pool, swim-up bar*, spa*, fitness centre, yoga classes*, kayaks, paddle boards, daily shuttle to Chaweng

Activities • Explore the resort's artificial coral reef on a snorkelling trip* • Book a reviving sunrise yoga session in the tropical gardens*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 24 Dec-10 Jan; 3 nights at all other times of the year. Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at Edgewater.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £33 • Breakfast and dinner at Edgewater

Full Board from £50 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Edgewater.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Long Stay, Honeymoon/ Anniversary, Spa and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1316 per person

01-25 Sep; 10-26 Oct;

31 Oct-08 Dec 2017

High season from £1555

23 Mar-08 Apr; 09-25 Apr;

14 Jul-14 Aug 2018

Extra night from £103

Single supplement from £103

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Garden Pool Suite including breakfast, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref TH101. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Garden Pool Suite

At a glance

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Set on a secluded bay

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All suites and villas
have a pool

.....
Superb dining options



The Wet Bar at the pool



One Bedroom Pool Villa



Blue Fire Grill

Silavadee Pool Spa Resort ****



Deluxe Balcony Room

At a glance

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- Beautiful rooftop bar
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- Clifftop infinity pool
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- Great choice of rooms and villas

A hillside hideaway with a variety of rooms and villas offering picture-perfect views.

Blending seamlessly with its natural environment, Silavadee Pool Spa Resort affords magnificent views out across the Gulf of Thailand. One of our favourite spots here is the clifftop infinity pool where the stunning vistas are best appreciated from the comfort of your lounge with a cocktail in hand, or out at the edge of the pool, gazing across the still waters to the horizon.

After you've worked up an appetite with a snorkelling trip or yoga session, lunch is best enjoyed indulging in the international, Thai or seafood options served at Moon restaurant. Spend the afternoon unwinding before kicking off a romantic evening with sunset cocktails and dinner at The Height restaurant where you can select a private table from those cocooned amid the natural rock formations. Star, the beautiful rooftop bar, is perfect for a movie under the stars, with popcorn included.

The spacious rooms here are elegantly furnished in teak wood and finished with handmade local fabrics. Deluxe Balcony Rooms have great views, while the sunken balcony Jacuzzi in the Jacuzzi Deluxe and Oceanview Jacuzzi Deluxe rooms offers a great additional touch. If you like the idea of your own private pool and large outdoor dining area, opt for the Oceanview or Panoramic Oceanview Pool Villas. For the ultimate indulgence, treat yourself to the spacious surrounds of an Oceanfront Pool Villa Suite, complete with a spectacular private infinity pool.

Setting On a rocky hillside on the south-east coast of Koh Samui, just 10 minutes from Lamai and 15 minutes from Chaweng

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Koh Samui airport

Rooms 80 spacious rooms and villas

Dining 2 restaurants, lounge bar, pool bar

Facilities 2 pools, spa*, beach sports, kayaks, snorkelling, paddle boarding,

fitness centre, yoga*, Thai boxing lessons (3 free per week), t'ai chi*, games room, Wi-Fi, library, gallery shop*

Activities • Try a Thai boxing lesson on the beach* • Watch the stunning sunset over dinner at The Height* • Arrange a private barbecue for a special occasion*.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £52 • À la carte or buffet breakfast at Moon • À la carte dinner at Moon or The Height

Full Board Plus from £90 • À la carte or buffet breakfast at Moon • À la carte lunch and à la carte dinner at Moon or The Height, served with soft drinks, local beers, spirits and wine (excludes minibar, room service, beach and pool bar).

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1265 per person

01 Sep-26 Oct; 01 Nov-08 Dec 2017

High season from £1424

23 Mar-08 Apr; 15 Jul-14 Aug;

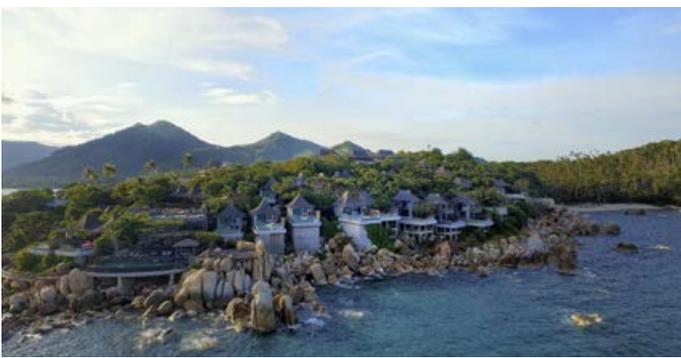
31 Aug-08 Dec 2018

Extra night from £88

Single supplement from £88

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Jacuzzi Deluxe Room including breakfast, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9980. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



The Height restaurant



Panoramic Oceanview Pool Villa

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 28 Dec-02

Jan. Children over 12 are welcome in

Pool Villas. This hotel is not suitable for

guests with walking difficulties.

Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner,

supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at Moon restaurant.

Bandara Resort & Spa ****

This laid-back resort is perfect for an understated luxury beach break.

One of our favourite resorts, we think you'll love the welcoming, relaxing vibe here at the Bandara Resort & Spa – it really is a fantastic hideaway location. Serene Bo Phut Beach offers a gentler pace than many of the other beaches on the island, which makes it top of the list if you're planning to really unwind in a peaceful spot. The hotel's grounds are a point of pride and, for daytime relaxing, it's hard to beat the shade of a cabana beside the main pool – one of the largest freshwater pools on the island with a real wow-factor design. For a change of scenery, find a quiet spot by the beachfront pool and enjoy picture-postcard views over the Gulf of Thailand.

Mealtimes at Bandara are equally chilled out. For elegant beachside dining, opt for the beautiful sea views and international cuisine of the Chom Dao Restaurant, or relax in the simple wooden décor and tropical garden setting at the Leelavadee Restaurant. The breakfasts here are delicious, and you'll find lighter menu options alongside a full à la carte selection.

Choose from the Deluxe Rooms, located in the grounds around the main pool, or for more privacy, a spacious Villa. For the ultimate indulgence, we recommend that you opt for one of the luxurious Pool Villa Suites. Offering plenty of additional space, a greater sense of privacy and their own private pool, these provide the perfect spot to relax and soak up the sun.

Setting Situated on Bo Phut Beach on the island's northern shore, just a short walk from the local shops, bars and restaurants in Fisherman's Village

Getting there Approx. 15 minutes by private car from Koh Samui airport

Rooms 168 rooms and villas

Dining 2 restaurants, 3 bars

Facilities 4 pools, spa*

Activities • Take a Thai cooking class, including a trip to the local market for fresh ingredients* • Barter at the Friday night market in nearby Fisherman's Village • Book a rejuvenating massage at the Thai spa*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights when booking Full Board Plus.

What's included

Breakfast at Leelavadee Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £30 • À la carte or buffet breakfast at Leelavadee Restaurant • Set dinner at Chom Dao Restaurant

Full Board Plus from £52 • À la carte or buffet breakfast at Leelavadee Restaurant • Your choice of à la carte meals for lunch and dinner • All soft drinks, tea, coffee and local beers consumed with your lunch and dinner only (excludes minibar, room service or pool bars).

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Spa offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1171 per person

01 Sep-08 Dec 2017

High season from £1345

30 Apr-10 Jul; 15 Jul-14 Aug;

31 Aug-08 Dec 2018

Extra night from £74

Single supplement from £74

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Room including breakfast, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9889. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge

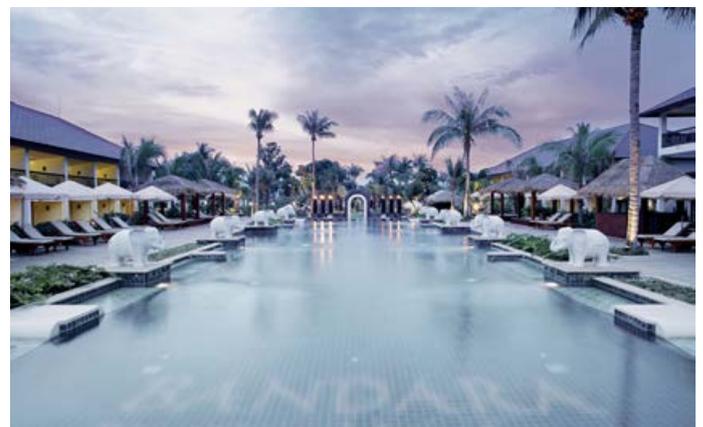


At a glance

Great location on a fantastic stretch of beach

One of the largest pools on Koh Samui

Laid-back atmosphere



Pool Villa Suite





Chom Dao Restaurant



Deluxe Room



Anantara Rasananda Koh Phangan Villas ****

A chilled-out tropical paradise exuding a trendy but relaxed 'no shoes' vibe.

Blending authentic and modern design, this hotel epitomises relaxed Thai chic. Revelling in its enchanting setting on the shores of beautiful Thong Nai Pan Noi Beach, it evokes a peaceful atmosphere, surrounded by a jungle-clad mountain landscape and fronted by sparkling white sands. Set on the quiet north-east coast, you won't find the nightlife and daylife as riotous here as in the more infamous parts of the island, and with just a sprinkling of quiet beachfront outlets and a small characterful village behind the resort – it really is all about the tranquillity.

At its heart sits the stylish beachfront infinity pool, edged by palms and coconut trees. Just steps away you'll find the chilled barefoot beachfront pool bar EDGE20 and the sand-floor restaurant The Bistro @ The Beach – great spots to sit and soak up the atmosphere, both day and night. In-Villa Dining and Dining by Design are popular concepts here, enabling you to tailor your dining experience to suit you. For something different, enjoy delicious sushi and teppanyaki at Yukinoya, the first teppanyaki restaurant on Koh Phangan. If you're looking to unwind, indulge in the peaceful jungle setting of the spa and yoga studio which offers sublime sea views as you're pampered.

The resort is large enough to offer a choice of suites and villas – but it is still small enough with plenty of peaceful spots to make you feel like you're the only ones on the island. Each of the suites and villas are located in a characterful setting and come complete with a private pool. All you need to do is pick the size of the room and your preferred view.

Setting On the quiet north-east coast of Koh Phangan in the centre of a stunning sweeping bay, close to a local village's restaurants, bars and shops
Getting there Approx. 20 minutes by private car and 40 minutes shared speedboat from Koh Samui airport
Rooms 64 suites and villas
Dining 2 restaurants, bar
Facilities Infinity-edged pool, spa*, wine cellar*, kayaks, boutique*, fitness centre
Spa The luxurious spa sits in a peaceful jungle setting and incorporates ancient herbal remedies with modern treatments.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 28-31 Dec.
 No departures 31 Dec. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplements apply. This hotel can be popular over Full Moon Party dates. It is advised that you book early throughout the year.

What's included

Breakfast at The Bistro @ The Beach.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £38 • Breakfast at The Bistro @ The Beach • Lunch or dinner at The Bistro @ The Beach

Full Board from £63 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at The Bistro @ The Beach.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/ Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1526 per person

01 Sep-26 Oct; 01 Nov-08 Dec 2017

High season from £1884

08 Jan-22 Mar; 23 Mar-08 Apr;

15 Jul-14 Aug 2018

Extra night from £106

Single supplement from £105

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Pool Suite including breakfast, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref KU0559. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Ocean Garden Pool Suite

At a glance

Private pool suites and villas

Tranquil surrounds

Stunning beach



Garden Pool Suite



SPA



WEDDING



RENEWAL OF VOWS



Beachfront pool, bar and restaurant



Pool Suite



Lagoon Pool Suite

Krabi, Koh Lanta & Koh Phi Phi

The province of Krabi is just a one-hour flight to the south of Bangkok, set on the shores of the glorious Andaman Sea. Relatively low-key compared to the likes of Phuket, Krabi's main resort town is bustling Ao Nang, but the region also plays host to the beautiful isthmus of Railay and peaceful offshore islands such as Koh Lanta. Famous for its jungle-clad limestone cliffs, Krabi is simply breathtaking; while Koh Lanta and Koh Phi Phi have some of the world's most idyllic and tranquil beaches.



Maya Bay, Koh Phi Phi Lee



Railay Beach, Krabi

An insight into Krabi, Koh Lanta & Koh Phi Phi

Krabi

Broken highlands and flat plains make up the charming resort of Krabi – a province that covers over 130 islands. Here, verdant forests are home to mangroves and cassia trees, while the rich soil offers the perfect conditions for growing rubber trees, palms, oranges, coconuts and coffee.

For sun worshippers, Krabi is popular for its many relaxing beaches. Palm-lined Ao Nang is Krabi's main beach town, offering a variety of accommodation, restaurants and souvenir shops. With daily excursions by long-tail boat to explore secluded offshore islands departing from here daily, this is also a great base from which to discover the beauty of the wider region.

Just 20 minutes by road, plus a 20-minute long-tail boat ride from Ao Nang, lies beautiful Railay. Although part of the mainland, this wonderful isthmus is only accessible by boat and has a real island feel. Its pristine panoramas have graced many a guide book and poster print, with its cliffs the backdrop to some of Thailand's best white sand beaches. On its shores, colourful long-tail boats bob in front of limestone karsts rising up out of the clear emerald waters. With Railay's east dominated by mangroves, the west is the main attraction.

Ao Phra Nang Beach is a breathtaking spot to visit in the early morning, but can get incredibly busy later in the day. Rock climbing is hugely popular in Railay, with visitors flocking here to ascend to the limestone cliffs from across the globe.

Away from Ao Nang are a number of other pretty beaches, including the quieter Klong Muang and Tub Kaek, as well as Phai Plong Cove where you'll find the Centara Grand Beach Resort (p36-37). Accessible only by boat, yet still close enough to visit Ao Nang in the afternoon and evening, the Centara Grand offers a great location.

There's more to Krabi than just good beaches. If you're after adventure, as well as rock climbing, you can try out plenty of watersports including sea kayaking, while nature lovers can explore spectacular natural environments and spot rare animal and birdlife, such as the Gurney's pitta. Khao Phanom Bencha National Park is home to a stunning rainforest filled with cascading waterfalls, including the famous 11-tiered Khao Phanom Bencha. For trekking enthusiasts, a number of wildlife trails lead you straight into the heart of the forest, where you can spot monkeys. Walk deep into the impressive Tham Pheug Cave to stand among glistening stalactites and stalagmites.

Koh Lanta

A long-time favourite with backpackers, Koh Lanta is an enchanting place that has something for all ages and budgets. The twin islands of Koh Lanta Yai (big) and Koh Lanta Noi (small) feature a number of superb resorts and hotels, with the former the more popular thanks to its glorious white sand beaches. Relaxation is almost compulsory here, taking you far away from the everyday and offering much-needed time out. There are no motorised watersports or even long-tail boats allowed on the beaches and only the resort's excursion

boats are permitted, making it refreshingly peaceful. Take a trip to Ban Saladan in the north – an old fishing village with a good night market and a selection of restaurants and bars; ideal for both honeymooners and families. The southern area of the island is a national park that's home to an abundance of easily spotted wildlife including monkeys, lizards, geckos and various species of bird. The island can be very quiet from May to October, and some local restaurants and bars do close during this time.

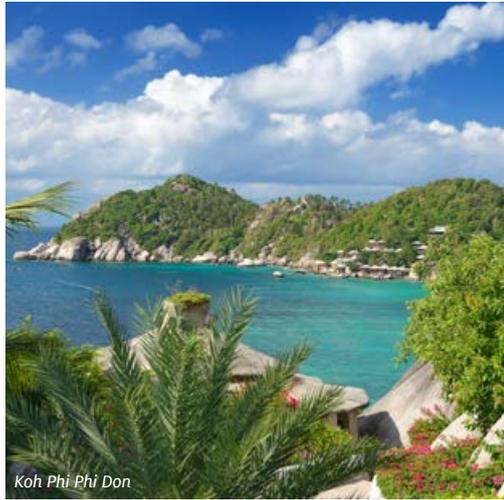
Koh Phi Phi

The stunning Phi Phi archipelago boasts marine-rich clear waters, rugged jungle-clad islands, dazzling white sand beaches and stunning Maya Bay – an uninhabited island so captivating that it was chosen to portray the secret paradise in the film, *The Beach*.

Lying offshore from southern Thailand, the most well-known of the Phi Phi islands are the travellers' favourites of Koh Phi Phi Don and its uninhabited sister, Koh Phi Phi Leh. Laid-back Koh Phi Phi Don is filled with dramatic cliffs and lush jungle leading down to soft white sands. It's deservedly popular, but the island has somewhat become a victim of its own attractiveness and it has become increasingly busy over years. Ton Sai – a narrow sandy isthmus that joins the two hillier parts of the island – is the main hub of activity. If you're arriving on a ferry from Phuket or Krabi, this is where you'll be dropped off, and there's a range of vibrant restaurants, bars, dive outlets and market stalls to discover. There's also some great beach parties to be



Laem Ta-node National Park, Koh Lanta



Koh Phi Phi Don



Krabi

found in this enchanting part of the country. Quieter areas can be easily found around the island, with Long Beach to the east and Laem Tong to the north two of the picture-perfect favourites.

Koh Phi Phi Leh is so breathtaking it borders on otherworldly. Due to its protected national park status, visitors are only permitted here during daylight hours, and highlights include the hidden pale green lagoon of Pileh, home to hundreds of colourful fish and turtles; Viking Cave where swifts make their nests; and Maya Bay – enclosed on three sides by vertical cliffs and just as remarkable in real life as it appears in the film.

Spa

Imagine receiving treatments from highly experienced spa therapists in the most sensational settings. Thailand is renowned for its massages and there are some great options to be enjoyed here. Layana Resort & Spa (p40-41) in Koh Lanta not only offers a pampering spa for pure indulgence, but is also exclusively for adults, meaning you can unwind in peace.

Boutique hotels

There really is something for everyone in Thailand and you can enjoy a real ‘castaway’ experience at one of Krabi’s boutique hotels. The best of these is Amari Vogue Krabi (p38) which has just 57 rooms and can be found on the shores of the secluded Tub Kaek Beach, just 50 minutes from Krabi Town and 20 minutes from popular Ao Nang.

Luxury

Standards are famously high in Thailand, with exceptional hospitality and an excellent choice of high-end hotels. But there are some resorts that seriously impress – such as Rayavadee (p34-35). A short speedboat ride from Krabi will transport you to this world-class retreat that sits in tropical gardens fronting Railay’s three idyllic beaches, where the award-winning design blends perfectly with its natural surrounds.

Adults only

Koh Lanta is the perfect destination for an adults-only holiday, with its laid-back atmosphere, natural beauty and tranquil hotels that have been designed exclusively for couples and those that want a peaceful holiday with friends. Both of our Koh Lanta hotels – Layana Resort & Spa (p40-41) and Twin Lotus Resort & Spa (p42) – offer a blissful adults-only escape.

Weddings @ Honeymoons

With picture-perfect backdrops, friendly Thai hospitality and beautiful resorts, Krabi is the perfect setting for a wedding, honeymoon or both. At Rayavadee (p34-35), the grotto, an ancient cave, is a stunning backdrop for a magical experience to remember. While those with larger wedding parties can enjoy the ultimate Thai beach wedding at Phi Phi Island Village (p43). For an unforgettable honeymoon, Layana Resort & Spa (p40-41) sits on one of unspoilt Koh Lanta Yai’s finest beaches and is perfect for couples seeking an intimate desert island-style retreat with plenty to entertain.

Our favourite combinations

Bangkok @ Krabi

(ref TB037)

Discover Thailand’s capital before relaxing on Krabi’s dazzling shores.

Bangkok, Phuket @ Krabi

(ref TB071)

After exploring bustling Bangkok, relax in vibrant Phuket before throwing in a taste of adventure by climbing Krabi’s famous limestone cliffs.

Bangkok, Krabi @ Koh Lanta

(ref FE0009)

Dine, shop and explore Bangkok, enjoy adventure sports in Krabi, and then relax on Koh Lanta’s glorious beaches.

Rayavadee *****

Surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty, this is the perfect resort for a romantic getaway.

This unique resort on the Phranang Peninsula to the south of Railay has been created to blend seamlessly with its stunning natural environment and offers peace, privacy and traditional Thai hospitality. Fringing three pristine National Marine Park beaches and surrounded by 26 acres of coconut groves and tropical gardens, remote Rayavadee has panoramic views of emerald-green waters and dramatic cliffs. Even the beachfront swimming pool is like no other. Set against a backdrop of tropical foliage, it is a remarkable hidden gem.

The resort offers a choice of four restaurants, ranging from innovative five-star cuisine at Raya Dining to classic Thai dishes served beside the sea at Krua Phranang. The Raitalay Terrace is open for lunch and dinner and serves a wide range of international dishes to the beautiful backdrop of Railay Beach. The Grotto is a firm favourite – found beneath an ancient limestone cliff, it offers light snacks and hosts the occasional barbecue.

Reminiscent of a Thai village, the two-storey pavilions and luxurious private villas are scattered throughout the grounds. Deluxe Pavilions have a circular design with an upstairs bedroom, while Terrace Pavilions have a breezy outdoor area. There are a small number of Spa Pavilions with an outdoor Jacuzzi, as well as Hydro Pool Pavilions which feature a freshwater hydro pool in the private garden. Family Pavilions and Two Bedroom Villas are highly recommended for groups and families, both offering an abundance of space, two bedrooms in each and a private pool.

Setting To the south of Railay, bordered

by three National Marine Park beaches

Getting there Approx. 40 minutes by private car plus a shared boat from Krabi airport

Rooms 98 pavilions and 4 private villas

Dining 4 restaurants

Facilities Large pool with whirlpool, tennis courts, squash courts, fitness centre

Activities • Try out sea canoeing, snorkelling and windsurfing at the watersports centre • Take part in Thai cooking classes*, batik printing, flower-garland making or traditional fruit carving.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 7 nights 27 Dec-02 Jan.

No departures 02 Jan. Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Buffet breakfast at Raya Dining or à la carte breakfast at Raitalay Terrace (breakfast at Raitalay at a supplement for Deluxe Pavilion guests).

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £57 • Buffet breakfast at Raya Dining or à la carte breakfast at Raitalay Terrace (breakfast at Raitalay at a supplement for Deluxe Pavilion guests) • Dinner at any of the resort's restaurants

Full Board from £114 • Buffet breakfast at Raya Dining or à la carte breakfast at Raitalay Terrace (breakfast at Raitalay at a supplement for Deluxe Pavilion guests) • Lunch and dinner at any of the resort's restaurants.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Long Stay and Honeymoon/Anniversary offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1825 per person

03 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £2361

10 Jan-29 Mar; 06-25 Apr 2018

Extra night from £159

Single supplement from £159

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Pavilion including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref FE9067. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Deluxe Pavilion

At a glance

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- On the edge of Krabi Marine National Park
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- Pavilion-style accommodation
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- Large beachfront pool



Terrace Pavilion



Railay Beach



Two Bedroom Family Villa



The Grotto



The Raitalay Terrace



Pool Pavilion

Centara Grand Beach Resort *****

A modern resort set in a secluded cove edged by emerald-cloaked cliffs.

Hidden away in a cove surrounded by tropical forest, a stay at the Centara Grand Beach Resort will leave you feeling like you have entered a different world. Arriving by boat is an adventure in itself and there is plenty to do during a stay here. For those wishing to switch off completely, take a book and occupy a sunbed on the white sands of Pai Plong Bay before cooling off in the sea or the swimming pool. Children have their own pool and kids' club to keep them entertained while you sink into the Jacuzzi or unwind with a treatment at the superb SPA Cenvaree. For those seeking more extreme holiday thrills, there are watersports, a PADI dive centre, fantastic snorkelling opportunities and a well-equipped fitness centre.

There's a great variety of dining options here; On The Rocks is right on the beach and offers a casual ambience while Hagi Restaurant is small and intimate, serving up spectacular Japanese cuisine. For international and Asian dishes, choose the Lotus Court Restaurant. If you're looking for an authentic Thai meal featuring tasty seafood and a beachfront setting, the Rim Saai is a must.

Deluxe rooms all have a balcony and you can upgrade your garden view for one of the sea. For a truly decadent stay, opt for a Spa Deluxe Oceanfacing Room, which not only have their own Jacuzzi but SPA Cenvaree amenities too. If you enjoy the luxury of your own private pool, we recommend the One Bedroom Oceanfacing Pool Villas. There are also a selection of Club rooms that offer additional benefits.

Setting In Pai Plong cove with its 500 metres of white sand

Getting there Approx. 40 minutes by private car and shared boat transfer from Krabi airport. Ao Nang is accessible by a scheduled speedboat service to Nopparatthara Pier followed by a short tuk-tuk ride

Rooms 192 rooms

Dining 4 restaurants, cocktail bar & lounge

Facilities Swimming pool, Jacuzzi, kids' pool, SPA Cenvaree*, watersports, dive centre, fitness centre, kids' club

Spa The SPA Cenvaree offers aromatherapy, therapeutic massages and beauty treatments

Activities • Try out sailing, snorkelling, windsurfing or kayaking • Explore beneath the waves with a dive* • Hire a boat and explore the beautiful coastline*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 28 Dec-05 Jan. Compulsory Christmas Day and New Year's Eve gala evening, supplements may apply. Children over 6 are welcome in One Bedroom Oceanfacing Pool Villa Club Suites and Spa Deluxe Gardenview Club Rooms. Steps and

steep slopes throughout the resort may be unsuitable for those with walking difficulties.

What's included

Breakfast at Lotus Court.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £42 • Breakfast at Lotus Court • Lunch or dinner at Lotus Court

Full Board from £53 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Lotus Court.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Food & Beverage offers available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1456 per person

03 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1807

06 Jan-23 Feb; 28 Feb-29 Mar 2018

Extra night from £98

Single supplement from £89

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Gardenview Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref TP083. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



At a glance

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Stunning beachfront location

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SPA Cenvaree

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Surrounded by tropical forest



Lobby



SPA Cenvaree



On The Rocks restaurant



SPA



Amari Vogue Krabi ****

Blending seamlessly with nature, this pretty resort occupies an area of outstanding beauty.

The secluded location of the Amari Vogue makes this hotel the ultimate getaway. Be prepared for a warm welcome, with breathtaking views and a beautifully designed resort that's framed by pretty gardens and edged by the azure waters of the Andaman Sea. Relaxing days can be spent cooling off in one of the free-form pools, or sipping a cocktail at the poolside bar. The Breeze Spa has an extensive range of treatments and therapies to suit every need, offering everything from a traditional Thai massage to a relaxing facial.

It's definitely worth taking the short 20-minute drive to lively Ao Nang, with its small local shops, bustling bars and restaurants. We also recommend getting out to explore the stunning coastline and tangled mangroves in a rented kayak. If you're an underwater enthusiast, there's a dive centre nearby for both new and experienced divers to discover some of Krabi's offshore reefs and sites.

The resort offers some exceptionally elegant dining experiences. Lotus serves a tempting array of Thai cuisine both indoor and al fresco, whereas authentic beachfront Italian dining is available at Bellini's. The Sunset Lounge is the perfect venue to enjoy a pre- or post-dinner cocktail and also serves light meals and snacks throughout the day. Of course, you may prefer to enjoy your own culinary creations by attending a Thai cooking class and learning the secret of Siamese cooking.

The well-appointed bedrooms overlook either the tropical gardens or the sea. They are decorated with original mural paintings and traditional Thai fabrics and feature a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Jacuzzi Rooms have the added luxury of your own Jacuzzi.

Setting On Tub Kaek Beach, around 30 minutes' drive from Krabi town

Getting there Approx. 40 minutes by private car from Krabi airport

Rooms 57 rooms

Dining 2 restaurants, bar

Facilities Pool, Jacuzzi*, children's pool, fitness room, spa*, shuttle to town*

Activities • Create your own Pad Thai at a cooking class* • Join a PADI diving course at a local dive centre*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 29-31 Dec. Due to the number of steps, this resort may not be suitable for those with walking difficulties. Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at Lotus.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £30 • Breakfast and dinner at Lotus

Full Board from £55 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Lotus.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Spa offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1335 per person

03 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1719

07 Jan-26 Mar 2018

Extra night from £64

Single supplement from £64

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9886. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Deluxe Room

At a glance

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Perfect romantic getaway

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Traditional Thai style

.....
On beautiful Tub Kaek Beach



Lotus restaurant



Centara Anda Dhevi Resort & Spa ***



Deluxe Pool Access Room

At a glance

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- Close to two beaches
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- Great location
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- Great choice for families and groups



Lobby



Palm Court restaurant



Great central location in cultural Ao Nang close to some beautiful beaches.

Residing in the heart of Krabi's lush peaks and idyllic shores, Centara Anda Dhevi offers a contemporary vibe for those wishing to experience the local Thai culture in nearby Ao Nang. The swimming pool features a slide – great for kids of all ages – while the Jacuzzi invites you to lie back and soak up the sun. If you're in need of a cooling drink, simply drift to the swim-up bar for a refreshing cocktail. Children are well catered for here too with their own pool, the Camp Safari kids' club, and the E-Zone for teens. The delightful SPA Cenvaree is run by experienced staff offering a wide range of treatments and indulgent therapies.

When it comes to dining, Palm Court serves up a range of both international dishes and authentic Thai cuisine, including delicious seafood. The casual Coco's Pool Bar is open during the day for light snacks, but if you're looking for a touch more sophistication, take afternoon tea in the Lobby Bar. This also makes a great spot for a final nightcap after an evening out.

Deluxe Rooms each have a balcony and are decorated with a contemporary Thai influence that's softened by a touch of colour. If the first thing you like to do in the morning is hop in the pool, consider upgrading to a Deluxe Pool Access Room.

Setting A short walk from the white sands of Nopparattara and Ao Nang beaches, surrounded by local bars and restaurants

Getting there Approx. 45 minutes by private car from Krabi Airport

Rooms 135 rooms

Dining Restaurant, pool bar, lobby bar

Facilities Swimming pool, fitness centre, SPA Cenvaree*, children's pool, kids' club

Activities • Relax in the Jacuzzi • Venture out of the hotel to explore Krabi's well-preserved natural environment and numerous offshore islands.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 28 Dec-05 Jan. No departures 30-31 Dec. Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at Palm Court restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £20 • Breakfast and dinner at Palm Court restaurant

Full Board from £30 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner and Palm Court restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver and Honeymoon/Anniversary offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1210 per person

03 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1444

06 Jan-23 Feb; 28 Feb-29 Mar 2018

Extra night from £39

Single supplement from £33

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE1016. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge

Layana Resort & Spa *****

This intimate and stylish adults-only spa resort is a haven of romance, relaxation and pampering.

Elegant, tranquil and positioned on one of Koh Lanta Yai's finest unspoilt beaches, this resort is perfect for those seeking a desert island-style retreat. Spend your days lazing on the pristine mile-long beach before heading to the Linger Longer Spa. If you like to keep active on holiday, the new Wellness Zone features a large saltwater lap pool, yoga platform and juice bar. You can even enjoy a Woga (water yoga) session here once a week.

Dining here is a real treat, with Tides Restaurant offering breathtaking views over the beach. Here you can savour freshly prepared Thai dishes or superb international cuisines from across the globe accompanied by delicious wines that have been selected to complement each dish. For barefoot dining in the sand, head to Sands Bar. After dinner, Sundowners Bar is the perfect spot to sit and enjoy a refreshing cocktail as the sun fades.

Rooms and suites are decorated with a crisp, modern Thai style and are dotted around the resort. Garden and Grand Garden Pavilions are two-storey with a balcony overlooking the gardens, while Terrace Suites get you closer to nature with an outdoor living area. The larger Beach Suites have an additional open-air bathroom and are situated on the beach, while Ocean Deluxe Suites are found on higher levels behind the Beach Suites and offer plenty of additional space.

Setting On Koh Lanta Yai, hemming the long shores of Phrae Ae Beach

Getting there Approx. 45 minutes by private car plus 20 minutes by shared boat from Krabi airport (May-Oct approx. 2 hours by road and two public car ferries)

Rooms 57 rooms and suites

Dining 2 restaurants, 2 bars

Facilities 2 pools, spa*, Wellness Zone with fitness centre and yoga platform*, Jacuzzi, library, watersports*, scuba diving*, Wi-Fi

Spa At the Linger Longer Spa, eastern and western health and beauty treatments combine to promote complete wellbeing. A session in the spa's relaxing Salt Room, where salt and mineral-infused oxygen provides a therapeutic environment, is an absolute must for those looking for something a little different

Activities • Book a signature treatment in the Linger Longer Spa* • Sign up for a cooking lesson or fruit-carving session* • Try a Woga (water yoga) session*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 10-16 Apr; 7 nights 21 Dec-10 Jan. This resort

welcomes guests over 18. Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at Tides Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £37 • À la carte

breakfast and dinner at Tides Restaurant

Full Board from £59 • À la carte breakfast, lunch and dinner at Tides Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Long Stay and Honeymoon/Anniversary offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1389 per person

03 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £2106

10 Jan-26 Mar; 02 Nov-06 Dec 2018

Extra night from £125

Single supplement from £125

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Garden Pavilion including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref FE9091. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Ocean Deluxe Suite

At a glance

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- Chic adults-only resort
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- Beachfront swimming pool
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- Linger Longer Spa with Wellness Zone



Sundowners Bar



SPA



ADULTS ONLY



Twin Lotus Resort & Spa ****

An idyllic resort set on a beautiful beachfront amid pretty gardens – perfect for a romantic break.

Set amid 12 acres of landscaped gardens and fringed by a mile-long white sand beach, Twin Lotus Resort & Spa is ideal for those seeking peace and tranquillity. It may take a little longer to get to this attractive resort, but it's certainly worth the journey. While much of the resort focuses on rejuvenation, it also has plenty to keep you occupied.

Make your way to the beachfront and snorkel in the warm Andaman waters where exotic coral reefs and an abundance of marine life awaits. If you want to explore further beneath the waves, head out on a dive. A sea kayaking expedition provides the opportunity to explore some of the 70 surrounding islands and discover hidden beaches. Away from the water, make use of the complimentary bicycle hire and explore the jungle beyond, spotting wildlife amid the foliage.

A selection of Thai and international cuisine is served at Bua Fah Restaurant – the resort's chic main restaurant. Offering an open-air setting directly in front of the pool, you'll enjoy views out to the beach beyond as you dine. If you're lounging by the pool throughout the day and fancy something to eat, head to the Barracuda Restaurant & Beach Bar for some delicious light snacks and cooling refreshments.

The resort's rooms and villas are decorated with neutral tones to complement the natural surrounds. The size and location of each room is the differentiating factor here. All you have to do is choose where you want to be – in the heart of the resort, amid the pretty gardens or on the beachfront. For the ultimate in peace and relaxation, we recommend an upgrade from a Superior or Deluxe Room to a Deluxe Seaview Villa or Deluxe Beachfront Villa.

Setting On a mile-long stretch of a white sand beach in Klong Dao on Koh Lanta Yai

Getting there Approx. 1 hour by private car plus two 20-minute car ferries (7am-8pm) and a further 30-minute drive from Krabi airport

Rooms 81 rooms and villas

Dining 2 restaurants, bar

Facilities Pool with spa tub, spa*, steamroom, beach, sauna, Wi-Fi

Activities • Book a diving excursion*
• Explore the surrounding islands.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 26 Dec-05 Jan.

This resort welcomes guests over 18.

Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at Bua Fah Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £35 • Buffet breakfast and set dinner at Bua Fah Restaurant

Full Board from £53 • Buffet breakfast, set lunch and set dinner at Bua Fah Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Long Stay, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1306 per person

03 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1595

05 Jan-26 Mar 2018

Extra night from £43

Single supplement from £44

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Superior Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref TH114. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Deluxe Room

At a glance

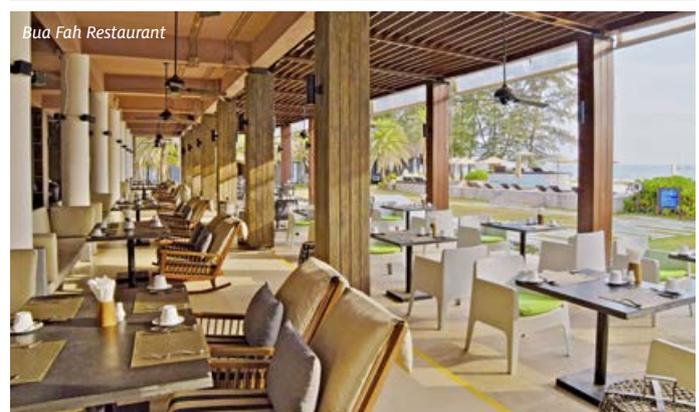
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Calm natural surrounds

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Breathtaking sunsets

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Adults-only resort



Deluxe Seaview Villa



Bua Fah Restaurant



ADULTS
ONLY

Phi Phi Island Village Beach Resort ****



Deluxe Bungalow

At a glance

 Surrounded by coconut palm plantations

 Wooden stilted bungalows
 with thatched roofs

 On beautiful Koh Phi Phi Don



Lobby



Api Restaurant



Contemporary Thai design is thoughtfully woven with natural elements to complement the peaceful setting.

Fringed by 70 acres of coconut palms that give way to the pristine white sands of Loh Ba Gao Bay, the Phi Phi Island Village Beach Resort is an idyllic small island retreat close to some of the world's most highly-rated island beaches. Seamlessly blending traditional Thai and modern design, it epitomises life on the pretty isle of Koh Phi Phi Don.

Aside from the tranquil waters of the Andaman Sea, there are also two swimming pools for you to cool off in – one complete with a pool bar, so you don't even have to leave the water for a delicious cocktail. For dining, you'll find a tasty buffet breakfast each morning at the main restaurant, Api. The open-air setting makes this the ideal spot to enjoy the sun, while its fresh seafood and authentic local cuisine make it a hit for both lunch and dinner. For exquisite Thai food in a beautiful hillside setting, dine at the Ruan Thai Restaurant. If you're after a more casual al fresco experience, head to The Beach Grill & Bar to enjoy fresh grilled seafood and prime cuts of meat, accompanied by cocktails and live entertainment.

When it comes to selecting your room, there's a whole range to choose from. Starting at the cosy Superior Bungalows and working up to the indulgent Hillside Pool Villas that come with their own private pool, you're sure to find something to suit you. Deluxe Seaview Bungalows offer convenient access to the beach, while Deluxe Garden Bungalows can be found in the tropical grounds. If you're travelling as a small group or family, the Family Bungalows are ideal.

Setting Found on a pretty beachfront in Loh Ba Gao Bay amid coconut palms
Getting there Approx. 2½ hours by private car and boat from Phuket airport
Rooms 189 bungalows, 12 private villas
Dining 3 restaurants, 4 bars
Facilities 2 pools, Wana Spa*, gift shop*, recreation centre*, dive centre*, fitness room, tennis courts, Wi-Fi
Activities • Unwind with an indulgent treatment at Wana Spa* • Embark on a trek into the beautiful surrounds • Visit the 5-star PADI Diving Centre to explore the watery world beyond the beach* • Head out on a kayak to see more of the stunning coast*.

Half Board from £31 • Breakfast at Api • Dinner at Api, Ruan Thai or The Beach House Grill & Bar
Full Board from £58 • Breakfast at Api • Lunch and dinner at Api, Ruan Thai or The Beach House Grill & Bar.

Kuoni Plus
 Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver and Honeymoon/Anniversary offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1671 per person
 02-25 Sep; 30 Sep-26 Oct 2017
High season from £1878
 07 Jan-23 Feb; 16 Jul-05 Aug 2018
Extra night from £84
Single supplement from £83

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Superior Bungalow including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref FE1195. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge

Need to know
 Minimum stay: 4 nights 28 Dec-02 Jan.
 Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included
 Breakfast at Api Restaurant.

Phuket, Khao Lak & Koh Yao Islands

Sit just off the mainland in the emerald waters of the Andaman, the large island of Phuket is one of Thailand's premier holiday destinations. Famous for its bright lights and busy bars, lively Patong is home to the island's busiest beach, but there are plenty of quieter beaches dotted with world-class resorts that are ideal for families and romantic adventures. Pretty Khao Lak and the unspoilt Koh Yao Islands offer a more tranquil experience of traditional island life and secluded natural landscapes.



Wat Lak Kaen, Khao Lak



James Bond Island, Phuket

An insight into Phuket, Khao Lak & Koh Yao Islands

Phuket

Nicknamed the 'pearl of the Andaman', Phuket has long been a favourite beach holiday destination among those looking to experience all that Thailand has to offer. 30 miles long and 13 miles wide, Phuket is the country's largest island, connected to the mainland by a road bridge. Much of Phuket is very well developed, with a vast majority of the luxury hotels and resorts found on the island's pretty west coast to make the most of the warm weather and stunning beaches.

Patong

Phuket's liveliest beach destination, this once sleepy fishing village now plays host to some of the island's best nightlife. Although famed for the entertainment that nightfall brings, the day sees the streets filled with beach-goers wandering the many shops and market stalls. The city's popularity means that there are plenty of dining options here, serving up everything from delicious high-end Thai dishes to western fast food. Over time, Patong's fascinating multicultural society continues to evolve and is now home to a trendy art scene.

Karon

South of Patong, Karon (pronounced "Garon") is Phuket's second largest beach resort and has a slightly quieter feel to its more popular northern neighbour. Found between Patong to the north and Kata to the south on the western coast, it has a long, white sand public beach and a spectacular coral reef which starts at the southern point, stretching towards Kata.

Kata

A pretty palm-lined beach and superb restaurants await in Kata. Slightly further south of Karon Beach, Kata has a friendly vibe, with an almost village-style feel. From May to October, some of the island's best surf can be found here – attracting travellers from across the globe. Popular with families, you'll find the Kata Thani (p57) in the centre of the beachfront, with the boutique and beautiful Mom Tri's Villa Royale (p58-59) just past the northern end of the beach and the luxurious The Shore at Kata Thani (p54) to the south. For a high-tech, modern getaway, the villas at Kata Rocks (p56) are ideal for couples and groups, with each featuring its own infinity pool.

Mai Khao, Naithon @ Pansea

On the island's west coast, these three small idyllic beaches are further north than Kata and Karon, with Pansea close to the midpoint of the island, passing Nai Thon and Phuket airport to Mai Khao near the northern tip. One of Phuket's more tranquil spots, Mai Khao is undeveloped and has the island's longest, straightest sweep of white sands. SALA Phuket (p55) makes the most of this virtually deserted location, offering a stylish retreat away from the livelier southern beaches.

Found on a peaceful headland, Naithon overlooks a relaxing beach, while Pansea is a secluded beach retreat found within easy walking distance of the neighbouring Surin area. If you're looking for a quiet hideaway away from it all, Cape Panwa Hotel (p60) sits to the very south of the island on a remote beach.

Bang Tao @ Laguna Phuket

Bang Tao Bay is a four-mile stretch of beach that plays host to some of Phuket's most distinguished and luxurious resorts, notably around the Laguna Phuket complex. Here, you'll find a collection of indulgent resorts including the fabulous all-villa Banyan Tree Phuket resort (p52-53). Divided into the main hotel, the Banyan Tree Phuket (p52), the spectacular DoublePool Villas by Banyan Tree (p53) and the relaxing Banyan Tree Spa Sanctuary (p53), there's plenty to choose from here.

Arranged around a series of inland lagoons, the hotels of the Laguna resort complex are well suited to those that like to indulge on holiday with plenty of golf and exquisite dining options available. It's also a great spot if you're considering getting married in Thailand.

These resorts are also perfect for families, with complimentary shuttle transfers between the resorts, a golf course, shops, and plenty of child-friendly activities, especially during school holidays.

Khao Lak

Khao Lak is a low-key beach resort found on the mainland, just one hour's drive north of Phuket. Here, miles of glorious sands sit against a lush jungle backdrop, and the local waters are renowned for their wonderful marine life. It has a resort feel, with a number of large hotels scattered close to the beachfront and restaurants lining the main road, while retaining an unassuming atmosphere and laid-back



vibe. Nang Thong is the largest and most popular beach area (but still by no means busy), while Bang Niang is slightly quieter. Secluded Khao Lak Beach is the most southerly on the island and is a fantastic peaceful refuge for nature lovers.

For those wanting to discover the region's colourful underwater world, Khao Lak is a gateway to the Surin and Similan Islands, renowned as some of the best diving locations in the world.

Two hours east of Khao Lak, Khao Sok National Park is an enchanting place to explore. Giant limestone mountains, ancient evergreen rainforests and shimmering lakes provide a tranquil habitat for indigenous elephants, hornbills and various species of monkey as well as an abundance of plant life including the dramatic Rafflesia flower. Khao Sok is well worth a visit and is easily accessed from either Khao Lak, Phuket or Krabi.

Koh Yao Islands

A rustic and unspoilt retreat in the sheltered, emerald-green waters of Phang Nga Bay, the beguiling islands of Koh Yao Yai and Koh Yao Noi sit midway between Phuket and Krabi. Here you can experience traditional Thai island life, with a sense of preserved authenticity. Enjoy a beautiful eco-friendly stay at Santhiya Koh Yao Yai Resort & Spa (p64-65), or escape to the new and luxurious Cape Kudu Hotel (p62-63), a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

Families

Parts of Phuket are ideal for families. Kata Thani (p57) is a particular favourite here, with its four children's pools, mini water slide, putting greens, fun evening entertainment and children's club.

If you're looking to enjoy the quieter surrounds of Khao Lak, The Sands Khao Lak by Kata Thani Resorts (p50) is a great choice. With a warm, friendly atmosphere as well as excellent facilities including a games room, playground and children's pool, there's plenty to keep the little ones entertained while you sip cocktails by the pool.

Spa

Thailand's spas are world-famous, and the hotels of Phuket, Khao Lak and the Koh Yao Islands will not disappoint. We have a favourite in each; in Phuket, it's all about the Banyan Tree Phuket (p52-53), or more specifically, the Banyan Tree Spa Sanctuary (p53). Here, each Spa Sanctuary Pool Villa is infused with spa elements, the bedrooms seem to float on a pond of lily pads and you're greeted with a complimentary wellness consultation to get you off on the right foot.

The Sarojin in Khao Lak (p46-47) is another superb option, with a beautiful spa that blends ancient physical and spiritual healing. If you want to escape to the peaceful shores of Koh Yao Yai, Santhiya Koh Yao Yai Resort & Spa (p64-65) has a spectacular spa where you'll feel your worries eased away.

Our favourite combinations

Bangkok, Chiang Mai @ Phuket (ref FE9878)

This is a fantastic combination for those wanting to experience Thailand's vibrant capital, its intriguing northern culture and pretty southern beaches.

Bangkok @ Phuket (ref FE382)

A popular option and a favourite among first-timers, this is a superb city and beach combo.

Bangkok, Phuket @ Krabi (ref TB071)

After taking in the vibrancy of Bangkok, spend some time in Phuket with its mix of lively nightlife and relaxing beaches before enjoying watersports in Krabi.

The Sarojin *****

This romantic boutique hideaway sits in tropical gardens that lead to a secluded beach.

The attention to detail is evident from the moment you're welcomed in the tranquil lobby at The Sarojin. Set amid a lily pond and immaculate gardens, serenity is exuded throughout this retreat. It's particularly beautiful at night when hundreds of lights twinkle the way to your room.

Dining here is an unforgettable experience. Ingredients are fresh, chefs are passionate and tables are set in extraordinary locations. Breakfast is à la carte, served until 6pm with sparkling wine at the Ficus Restaurant beneath the canopy of an ancient Ficus tree. Breezy and chic, The Edge Restaurant borders the beach. It has stunning sea views and an organic menu featuring signature Thai delicacies from the Andaman Sea, local markets and the hotel garden. If you're looking for a more intimate experience, private dining options include candlelit dining on the beach and, spectacularly, beside a nearby waterfall. There's also a striking infinity pool, an award-winning spa and lush tropical gardens that open out to a seven-mile-long sandy beach.

Each room is named after a long-standing staff member. Set in the lush gardens, they are peaceful and contemporary, with beautiful bathrooms that have a clever indoor/outdoor feel without actually exposing you to the outside. Ground-floor Garden Residences have a terrace and outdoor Thai sala, while Pool Residences have a private pool. Located above the residences, Spa Suites are incredibly spacious with a lounge area and terrace with a relaxation pool. Their standout feature is the cumulative 1 x 60-minute Thai or Royal Oriental massage included in these suites per room per night, or alternatively guests can collect nightly spa credits towards selected spa treatments.

Setting In a secluded setting with a couple of local restaurants within walking distance along the beach; 15 minutes' drive north of Khao Lak's centre and a 10-minute drive from Bang Niang

Getting there Approx. 1¼ hours by private car from Phuket airport

Rooms 56 rooms

Dining 2 award-winning restaurants, wine bar, beach bar, exclusive private dining options

Facilities Pool, spa*, fitness suite, Wi-Fi throughout, PressReader Hotspot, use of Apple Macs, selected watersports, croquet, pétanque, hotel shuttle*, complimentary mountain bike rental, personal guides*, snorkelling*, scuba diving*, private boat charters*

Spa Looking out to a coconut grove and the Andaman Sea, the spa blends ancient physical and spiritual healing

Activities • Dive in the incredible Similan and Surin Marine National Parks (open November to mid-May)* • Take a long-tail boat ride on Cheow Lan Lake* • Visit Phang Nga Bay aboard the exclusive Lady Sarojin boat*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 26 Dec-01 Jan. Guests over 10 are welcome at this hotel.

What's included

Breakfast served until 6pm with sparkling wine at Ficus Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/ Anniversary and Spa offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1620 per person

02 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £2244

06 Jan-23 Feb; 31 Oct-02 Dec 2018

Extra night from £87

Single supplement from £87

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Garden Residence including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9079. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Lobby

At a glance

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Set on a secluded seven-mile beach

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One massage per room per night included in Spa Suites all year round

.....
Luxury private dining experiences





Khao Lak Paradise Resort ****

A peaceful beachfront retreat offering an intimate atmosphere in a stunning natural setting.

This tranquil resort sits at the edge of Khao Lak-Lam Ru National Park. Named for its two peaks, the expansive park includes several Marine National Park areas and is filled with outstanding natural beauty that's just waiting to be explored. Hemmed by the warm sands of Khao Lak and the Andaman Sea, this intimate laid-back resort is a great choice for those looking for a traditional style with modern touches, an expansive beachfront and plenty of space to unwind.

After exploring the depths of the jungle, cool off in the expansive pool. Lazy days can be spent sipping cocktails here or out on the warm white sand, dipping in and out of the sea. If you're really looking to unwind, head to The Paradise Spa. Offering a range of treatments that include full body massages, aromatherapy and plenty of beauty packages, you'll be spoilt for choice.

Bury your bare feet in the sand as you pull up a chair at the Leelavadee restaurant and enjoy the soft light of the setting sun as you indulge in Thai and international cuisine. The boutique nature of this resort offers an intimate sense of seclusion and privacy. Whether you choose a quaint Deluxe Room or upgrade to a more spacious villa, you'll feel at peace among beautiful traditional Thai décor and palm grass roofs that blend in with the surrounding natural environment.

Setting Set amid lush forest on soft white sands, just a short drive or pleasant beachfront walk from the town centre of Khao Lak

Getting there Approx. 1 hour by private car from Phuket airport

Rooms 38 rooms and villas

Dining Restaurant, bar

Facilities Pool, The Paradise Spa*, Wi-Fi throughout

Kuoni Extras Khao Lak Paradise Resort can only be booked through Kuoni in the UK

Activities • Follow winding paths through the jungle and spot wildlife such as birds, butterflies and lizards
• Snorkel, kayak and dive during a day trip to the stunning Similan Islands*.

Need to know

Children under 7 are welcome at this resort between April and October. Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at Leelavadee.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £29 • Breakfast at Leelavadee • Lunch or dinner at Leelavadee

Full Board from £52 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Leelavadee.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Spa and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1397 per person

02 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1758

10 Jan-25 Mar; 31 Oct-02 Dec 2018

Extra night from £39

Single supplement from £38

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE3015. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



At a glance

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Charming boutique beachfront resort

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Surrounded by the Khao Lak-Lam Ru National Park

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Spacious rooms and villas



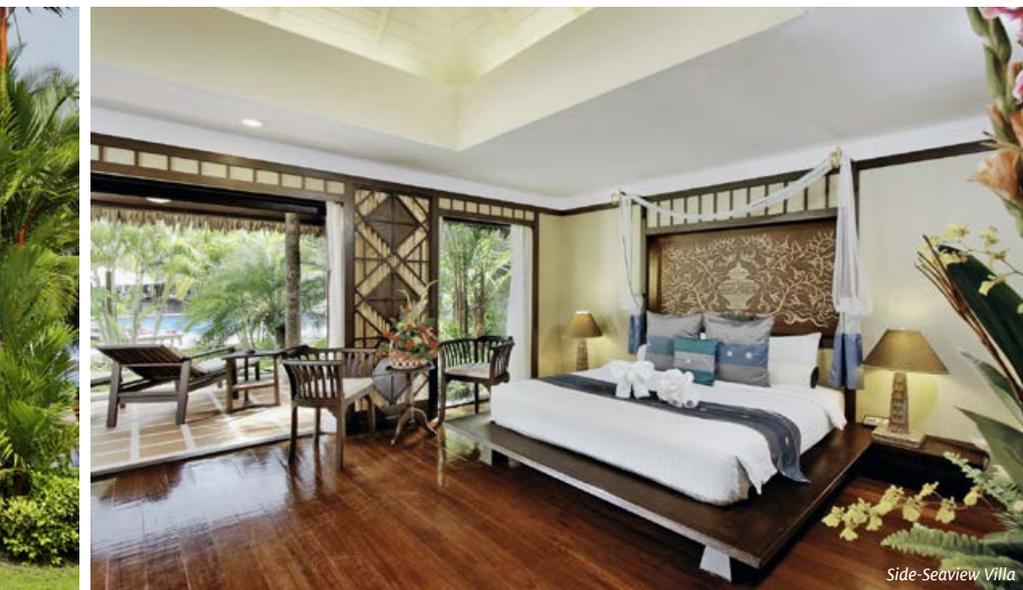
Rainforest Villa



Lobby



Leelavadee restaurant and bar



The Sands Khao Lak by Kata Thani Resorts ****

A charming tropical resort featuring contemporary architecture and design.

Fringed by warm golden sands and enveloped by coconut groves, The Sands Khao Lak is a welcoming and spacious beach resort with a warm, friendly atmosphere. With the shops of Khao Lak right on its doorstep, this is the ideal location for couples and families to enjoy beach life and be immersed in local culture. For a change from the golden sands of Nang Thong Beach, take a dip in any of the five pools or relax in the Jacuzzi. There are plenty of leisure activities, with a tennis court on site, as well as a health walk programme and classes including Thai boxing.

Two outstanding restaurants form the centrepiece of the resort. The Floating Market overlooks a natural lagoon, and for freshly caught seafood, take a seat in the Talay Restaurant and absorb the aromas and flavours in a pretty beachfront setting. For something to quench your thirst, there are three bars to choose from including the swim-up pool bar, Coconut Bar.

Modern rooms are decorated in calm neutral shades with splashes of lime and feature either a balcony or terrace so you can make the most of the outdoor space. Sands Rooms overlook the pool or gardens, while Family Rooms overlook the swimming pool and have a children's area with a partition for added privacy. If you really want to splash out, opt for one of the stylish Pool Access Junior Suites, which have their own private plunge pool.

Setting On quiet Nang Thong Beach, close to the central resort area

Getting there Approx. 1 hour by private car from Phuket airport

Rooms 316 rooms

Dining 2 restaurants, 3 bars

Facilities 5 pools (3 with private access from rooms), children's pool, Jacuzzi, fitness suite, tennis courts, games room, playground, spa*, Wi-Fi

Activities • Improve your culinary skills by trying out a Thai cookery or fruit-carving class*.

Need to know

Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at The Floating Market.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £15 • Breakfast at The Floating Market • Set menu lunch at Talay Restaurant; or dinner at The Floating Market or Talay Restaurant

Full Board from £31 • Breakfast at The Floating Market • Set menu lunch at Talay Restaurant • Dinner at The Floating Market or Talay Restaurant

All Inclusive from £61 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner in any of the hotel's restaurants • Drinks from 11am to 11pm.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1448 per person

02 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1694

07 Jan-25 Mar 2018

Extra night from £49

Single supplement from £50

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Sands Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE0035. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Sands Room

At a glance

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Central location in the heart
of Khao Lak

.....
Suitable for couples and families

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Excellent cuisine



Peace Pool



The Floating Market



ALL INCLUSIVE
OPTION



FOR
FAMILIES



RENEWAL OF
VOWS



WEDDING

Bangsak Village ***

Peaceful and serene, this friendly resort offers the perfect spot to unwind.

Simple yet beautiful, a stay in Bangsak Village is all about unadulterated tranquillity. Set on the edge of a long white-sand beach so quiet it may as well be private, you're assured a peaceful and relaxing experience. Although not classed as adults only, the resort only welcomes guests over 12 years old, making it the ideal spot for couples and older families looking to unwind.

Stretching towards the soft sands of the beach, the pool is the perfect place to soak up the sun. It also offers a great alternative to the lapping waters of the Andaman Sea for those looking to cool off. If you're keen to explore, head out on a hike and discover a pristine landscape of fragrant palms and lush green vegetation. On your return, head to The Kala Spa where you can enjoy a restorative massage outdoors as you bask in the pretty sea views.

Diverse and rustic-chic in style, the Rim Lae Bangsak Restaurant serves up a variety of traditional southern Thai cuisine, delicious fresh seafood and a range of international dishes. The expansive wooden terrace leads right up to the beach to make the most of your beautiful surroundings. You'll also find a coffee shop here for those in need of a caffeine fix throughout the day. Embodying the relaxed feel of the rest of the resort, the rooms here are filled with natural light. Coco Chalets sit beneath a canopy of coconut trees, while the Casuarina Cottages are set within rich tropical groves. Spacious and luxurious, the two-storey Alocasia Superior Bungalows are perfect if you're looking for a scenic view of the surrounding hills.

Setting Just over 13 miles from Khao Lak Beach on Thailand's west coast in an isolated location

Getting there Approx. 1 hour by private car from Phuket airport

Rooms 50 rooms

Dining Restaurant, coffee shop

Facilities Pool with Jacuzzi, spa*, Wi-Fi, library

Activities • Explore the beautiful scenery by mountain bike* • Indulge in a Thai massage at The Kala Spa*

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £20 • Breakfast and dinner at Rim Lae Bangsak Restaurant

Full Board from £35 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Rim Lae Bangsak Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 7 nights 24 Dec-14 Jan. Compulsory Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplements apply. This hotel is closed for renovation until November 2017.

Guide price from £1430 per person

02 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1634

14 Jan-25 Mar; 02-25 Apr;

31 Oct-02 Dec 2018

Extra night from £49

Single supplement from £48

What's included

Breakfast at Rim Lae Bangsak Restaurant.

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Alocasia Superior Bungalow including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE1180. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



At a glance

On a long stretch of a white-sand beach

Relaxed resort where children over 12 are welcome

Tranquil setting north of Khao Lak



Casuarina Cottage



Coco Chalet



Lobby

Banyan Tree Phuket Resort



Main pool

Located in the 1000-acre tropical parkland of the large integrated Laguna Phuket resort, the exceptional Banyan Tree Phuket Resort offers unrivalled services and some of the best pool villas in Thailand. There are five sumptuous dining options with diverse menus, as well as intimate dining locations across the resort. Be sure to book a table at the resort's signature restaurant Saffron for authentic Thai cuisine.

Arranged in the style of a tranquil Thai village, Banyan Tree Phuket's stunning villas are set around a sparkling lagoon and feature a private sundeck with jet pool or private swimming pool. DoublePool Villas are fringed by a wading pool among coconut groves and wildlife-rich lagoons, while Spa Sanctuary Pool Villas encourage you to indulge your senses with a steamroom and outdoor sunken bath in each villa.

Setting Surrounded by six other hotels in the large Laguna Phuket resort area on the shores of Bang Toa Bay
Getting there Approx. 20 minutes' by private car from Phuket airport
Resort dining 5 restaurants, 2 bars
Shared facilities 2 swimming pools, spa, fitness pavilion, golf course*, golf school* and driving range*, yoga sessions, tennis courts, bicycle hire, resort shuttle, beach, cooking classes*,

library, children's activities

Activities • Be pampered at the Banyan Tree Spa* • Embark on a Kayak Adventure Tour* • Head out on a trekking adventure • Experience a delicious dinner on a long-tail boat* • Enjoy a round of golf on site*.

Need to know

Minimum stays apply. Children aged 13 and over are welcome at Spa Sanctuary.



Signature Two Bedroom Pool Villa



Signature Pool Villa

At a glance

Traditional Thai architecture

Opulent all-pool-villa resort

Award-winning Banyan Tree Spa



Banyan Tree Phuket ****

Experience the finest in indulgence and relaxation.

Scattered around a picturesque lagoon at the centre of the resort, the traditional Thai-style pool villas of Banyan Tree Phuket are effortlessly peaceful hideouts. Stay in a Banyan Pool Villa for serene landscaped garden views or sleep on the edge of the lagoon in a Banyan Lagoon Pool Villa. Each villa features an open-air bath and a private sundeck with jet pool or private swimming pool, while a Signature Two Bedroom Pool Villa also has the privacy of a walled garden – the ideal spot for a family barbecue dinner by the pool.

Rooms 136 villas
Dining 5 restaurants, 2 bars

What's included
 Breakfast at Watercourt.

Meal upgrades
Half Board from £37 • Breakfast at Watercourt • Lunch at Banyan Café, Pool Bar or Tamarind; or dinner at Tamarind, Saffron, Watercourt or Tre
Full Board from £73 • Breakfast at Watercourt • Lunch at Banyan Café, Pool Bar or Tamarind • Dinner at Tamarind, Saffron, Watercourt or Tre.

Kuoni Plus
 Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Long Stay, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1975 per person
 02 Sep-26 Oct 2017
High season from £2706
 14 Jan-25 Mar; 31 Oct-02 Dec 2018
Extra night from £183
Single supplement from £183

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Banyan Pool Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref KU0737. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.



* Local charge

Banyan Tree Spa Sanctuary ****

A restorative sanctuary that indulges your senses.

Rest, relaxation and rejuvenation is what this holistic retreat is all about. Floor-to-ceiling windows offer lagoon views and there's a private steamroom and outdoor sunken bath in every Spa Sanctuary Pool Villa. Salute the sun with a range of yoga classes, make use of the state-of-the-art Fitness Pavilion and after working up an appetite, indulge in a champagne breakfast or choose from the abundance of healthy cuisine on offer.

Rooms 14 pool villas
Dining 5 restaurants, lounge, 2 bars

What's included
 Breakfast at Watercourt.

Meal upgrades
Half Board from £38 • Breakfast at Watercourt • Lunch at Banyan Café, Pool Bar or Tamarind; or dinner at Tamarind, Saffron, Watercourt or Tre
Full Board from £77 • Breakfast at Watercourt • Lunch at Banyan Café, Pool Bar or Tamarind • Dinner at Tamarind, Saffron, Watercourt or Tre.

Kuoni Plus
 Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Long Stay, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Spa offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2899 per person
 02 Sep-26 Oct 2017
High season from £3506
 14 Jan-25 Mar; 31 Oct-02 Dec 2018
Extra night from £359
Single supplement from £360

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Spa Sanctuary Pool Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref KU0740. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Thai sala



Spa Sanctuary Pool Villa

At a glance

 Outdoor sunken bath in every villa

 Stunning lagoon views

 Range of spa packages available



Spa Sanctuary Pool Villa



DoublePool Villa



At a glance

 Fronted by wildlife-rich lagoons

 Full-length glass-windowed bedrooms

 Surrounded by a wading pool



DoublePool Villa

DoublePool Villas by Banyan Tree ****

Live like royalty in a miniature Thai palace.

Adorned with intricate traditional-style roofs and surrounded by coconut groves, DoublePool Villas are the ultimate indulgence in Thai accommodation. Stay in complete seclusion in your own tropical garden with a wading pool that wraps around your bedroom. And the interior is no less impressive, with full-length glass windows in the bedroom to create the feeling of floating on water.

Rooms 24 double pool villas
Dining 5 restaurants, 2 bars

What's included
 Breakfast at Watercourt.

Meal upgrades
Half Board from £38 • Breakfast at Watercourt • Lunch at Banyan Café, Pool Bar or Tamarind; or dinner at Tamarind, Saffron, Watercourt or Tre
Full Board from £77 • Breakfast at Watercourt • Lunch at Banyan Café, Pool Bar or Tamarind • Dinner at Tamarind, Saffron, Watercourt or Tre.

Kuoni Plus
 Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Long Stay, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £3049 per person
 02 Sep-26 Oct 2017
High season from £3836
 14 Jan-25 Mar; 31 Oct-02 Dec 2018
Extra night from £389
Single supplement from £389

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a DoublePool Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref KU0741. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



The Shore at Kata Thani *****

Offering the ultimate in relaxation, this beautiful boutique resort is a secluded haven.

As its name suggests, The Shore at Kata Thani has a spectacular beachfront location at the far end of Kata Noi Beach. This small and intimate complex has a luxurious feel heightened by a meticulous attention to detail and elegant décor that's subtle yet sophisticated. The focal point is undoubtedly the striking infinity pool which seems to trickle into the ocean. The perfect complement to any relaxing break, the Serenity Spa offers some serious pampering, with a full menu of aromatherapy and Thai massages as well as facials, herbal steam and bath rituals.

Dining options are equally indulgent and include The Harbor, a contemporary restaurant with high, airy ceilings and spectacular views of Kata Noi Beach; The Lighthouse, perfect for meeting friends for a delicious cocktail at any time of day; and The Cove with its premier wine cellar.

Just 48 villas are dotted around the resort, designed in natural hues with touches of oriental detail. Each has a living and dining area, private pool and sundeck. Pool Villas have hillside or garden views while Seaview Pool Villas provide panoramic ocean views as well as a sunken lounge and rain shower. Two Bedroom Pool Villas are split level and offer their own private balcony.

Setting At the far end of Kata Noi Beach, approx. 20 minutes south of Patong Beach and close to a number of restaurants at Kata Beach

Getting there Approx. 50 minutes by private car from Phuket airport

Rooms 48 pool villas

Dining Restaurant, bar, wine cellar

Facilities Spa*, infinity pool, fitness centre, library, Wi-Fi throughout

Activities • Make use of nearby Kata Thani's restaurants and pools.

Need to know

Guests over 12 are welcome at this hotel. The hotel is on a steep slope and is not recommended for people with walking difficulties. Guests have complimentary use of Kata Thani's pools, gardens, health clinic, tennis courts, games room and putting greens.

What's included

American breakfast at The Harbor.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £22 • American breakfast at The Harbor • Set/à la carte/ buffet lunch or dinner at The Harbor or the restaurants at Kata Thani: Chom Talay, Chanadda, La Scala, Cinnamon, Fisherman's Wharf or Seacret Restaurant

Full Board from £45 • American breakfast at The Harbor • Set/à la carte/ buffet lunch and dinner at The Harbor or the restaurants at Kata Thani: Chom Talay, Chanadda, La Scala, Cinnamon, Fisherman's Wharf or Seacret Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2212 per person

02 Sep-03 Dec 2017

High season from £2475

07 Jan-25 Mar; 16 Jul-05 Aug 2018

Extra night from £220

Single supplement from £219

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Pool Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9944. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Seaview Pool Villa

At a glance

.....
Barefoot luxury resort

.....
Exquisite pool villas

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Sophisticated and romantic



Seaview Pool Villa



Harbor Restaurant



SALA Phuket Resort and Spa ****



SALA Pool Villa

At a glance

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- Remote setting on a spectacular golden beach
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- Part of the Sirinat National Park
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- Rooms have open-air bathrooms



Mai Khao Beach



SALA SPA



SALA Restaurant

A stylish and contemporary retreat on a quiet stretch of a glorious golden beach.

SALA Phuket Resort and Spa is the epitome of sophistication, tucked away in a remote area of Phuket. Set on the golden Mai Khao Beach, the longest beach in Phuket at almost seven miles long, the resort's location is arguably its winning feature. It's part of the Sirinat National Park, which encompasses quiet beaches and a small mangrove forest rich with wildlife. And the best part of Mai Khao Beach is its yearly visitors – sea turtles who nest on the beach during November to February.

At the award-winning SALA Restaurant, your taste buds are in for a treat. Tuck into dishes like Pulled Pork Eggs Benedict, where the breakfast classic is twisted with smoked pork shredded onto a toasted croissant, or choose from a range of cuisines including Mexican, Italian and Thai for lunch and dinner. The Thai themed night is definitely one not to miss. Dine on delicious local dishes laid out buffet-style as traditional dancing and live music take over your senses. For more intimate dining options, opt for a private gazebo or dinner on the rooftop, where a reflection pool flows around each dining booth for a tranquil experience.

The hotel itself is sleek in design with crisp white furnishings and spacious outdoor living areas with each room or villa. Deluxe Balcony Rooms feature a large balcony complete with a day bed and all bathrooms are set outdoors, offering a romantic experience whether you're soaking in the elegant oval stone bath or showering under the stars. Garden Pool Villas are on the ground floor and have a pool and garden, or for your own private gateway leading to a standalone villa with a garden and pool, we recommend upgrading to a SALA Pool Villa.

Setting On the golden Mai Khao Beach in a quiet region of Phuket, close to other resorts and restaurants and shops in Turtle Village

Getting there Approx. 20 minutes by private car from Phuket airport

Rooms 79 modern rooms and villas

Dining Restaurant, rooftop dining, private dining options

Facilities 3 pools, SALA SPA*, shuttle bus to Turtle Village complex for restaurants and shopping

Spa With steamrooms, five treatment rooms and three beachfront massage salas, SALA SPA is the perfect place to unwind and rejuvenate with a massage, facial or beauty treatment

Activities • Try fusion-style food at the award-winning SALA Restaurant* • Take a cruise on board a traditional long-tail boat* • Explore the surrounding islands on a marine tour*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 24 Dec-07 Jan. Mai Khao Beach has a steep drop and can be unsuitable for swimming when the current is particularly strong.

What's included

Breakfast at SALA Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £45 • Breakfast and dinner at SALA Restaurant

Full Board from £73 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at SALA Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/ Anniversary, Food & Beverage, Upgrade and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1522 per person

02 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1930

07 Jan-25 Mar 2018

Extra night from £82

Single supplement from £82

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Balcony Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9265. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



SPA

Kata Rocks ****

Set on the oceanfront rocks, this all-pool-villa resort is popular for its amazing sunset views.

A cool hideaway with stylish Ibiza-style décor, Kata Rocks gets rave reviews from couples and groups of friends looking for a central stay. Flanked by Kata Noi and Kata Yai beaches, the gleaming white villas of Kata Rocks are set on a private estate with views of the sea and yachts as they sail past.

The dining here is impressive too. Book in for a wine tasting at The Wine Cellar, where you can select and pour wines from the ultra-modern Enomatic machines. The restaurant, headed by a Michelin-star chef, is the kind of restaurant booked for special occasions – no doubt because of the stunning sunset views. Hailed as the best place to see the sun go down in Phuket, this beautiful sight is best enjoyed with a sweet lychee cocktail by the infinity pool which seemingly blends in with the sea.

The villas, which range in size with one to four bedrooms, are minimalist and all have private pools and incredible ocean views. Clad with Italian furniture, the living space leads out to a terrace where you'll find a lounge area and your own pool looking out to the sea. Dim the lights, put on your favourite song or request the assistance of a 'Rock Star' member of staff at the touch of the iPad in your room. It's just one of the high-tech features that characterises Kata Rocks and its modern appeal which is continued throughout the resort. You can even connect your phone to the fitness centre's equipment to keep track of your workout progress and stay on top of training on holiday.

Setting On Phuket's oceanfront among the rocks, steps away from the beach, shops, restaurants and bars of Kata

Getting there Approx. 45 minutes by private car from Phuket airport

Rooms 34 pool villas with one to four bedrooms

Dining Restaurant, lounge, bar, wine cellar, private villa dining

Facilities Infinity pool, spa*, fitness centre, yoga sessions*, wellness programmes*, Infinite Luxury Boutique*, kids' club, golf buggy transfers around the resort

Activities • Get stuck into a Thai cooking class in your private villa kitchen* • Rejuvenate with an innovative water massage at the spa* • Spend a few hours at the quiet Kata Noi beach beside the resort.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 20 Dec-04 Jan. The dress code at this hotel is smart casual after 6pm.

What's included

Breakfast at Kata Rocks' restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2534 per person

02 Sep-25 Nov 2017

High season from £3450

04 Jan-25 Mar; 02-25 Apr 2018

Extra night from £286

Single supplement from £286

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a One Bedroom Sky Pool Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref TH155. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



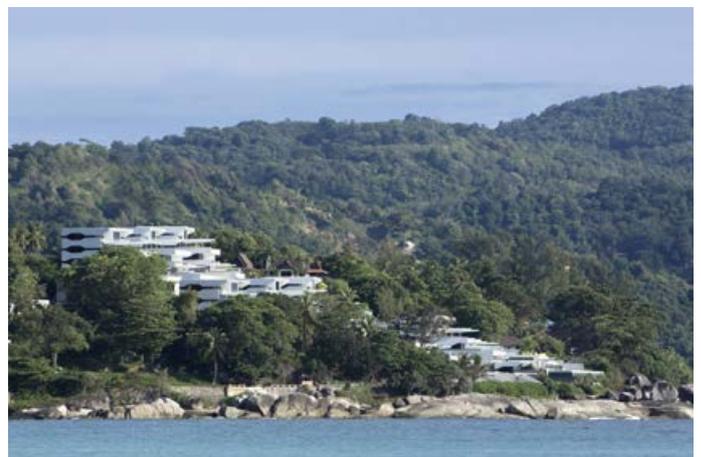
One Bedroom Sky Pool Villa

At a glance

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All-villa resort with private pools and ocean views

.....
Sunset views over the infinity pool

.....
Ideal for couples and groups



Kata Rocks' restaurant



Kata Thani ****

A deluxe hotel on the white sands of Kata Noi Beach with a range of fantastic dining options.

Hemming a long, broad ribbon of soft sands and crystal-clear waters, Kata Thani sits in spacious grounds. The elegant beachfront pool overlooks Kata Noi Beach, which stretches for over 850 metres. Nearby Kata is within easy walking distance and here you'll find plenty of shops, bars and restaurants. If you need a break from lounging by the pool or on the beach all day, there's plenty to keep you entertained, with a fitness centre, sauna, Jacuzzis, tennis courts and a variety of boutiques all found here. Meanwhile, families are well catered for in the Bhuri Wing with four kids' pools, a mini water slide and a new Chang Noi Kids' Club.

For a more relaxed approach to your holiday, pampering is never far away with the services at the spa including garden massages as well as pedicures and manicures. There's plenty of choice when it comes to dining at Kata Thani, with six restaurants to choose from. Chom Talay offers both western and Thai delights, while Fisherman's Wharf serves the freshest seafood and La Scala caters for those with a taste for Italian cuisine. There are also three smaller restaurants that serve up delicious local delicacies.

Rooms and suites here are split between the Bhuri and Thani wings. Rooms in the Bhuri Wing are separated from the beach by a very small road, while Thani Wing Junior Suites are found on the beachfront side behind the pool. Thani Wing Oceanfront Junior Suites are closest to the beach – perfect for sun lovers. If you're looking for something a little larger, the Thani Wing Grand Suites feature a lotus pond-lined entrance, stunning ocean views from the balcony and an oversized bath.

Setting On Kata Noi Beach, approx. 20 minutes south of Patong Beach, close to a number of restaurants on Kata Beach

Getting there Approx. 40 minutes by private car from Phuket airport

Rooms 518 rooms and suites

Dining 6 restaurants, 3 pool bars, 2 cocktail lounges

Facilities 7 swimming pools, 4 children's pools, mini water slide, fitness centre, tennis courts, spa*, sauna*, Jacuzzis, personal training*, yoga*, table tennis, billiards, putting greens, evening entertainment, kids' club (some activities are payable locally*), Wi-Fi in public areas

Activities • Embrace Thai culture with a Thai cooking course or Thai boxing* • Take a guided walk to the viewpoint for incredible views over the coast*.

Need to know

Compulsory Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplements apply.

What's included

Breakfast at Chom Talay or Seacret.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £22 • Breakfast at Chom Talay or Seacret • Lunch at Fisherman's Wharf or Seacret; or dinner at Chom Talay, Cinnamon, Fisherman's Wharf, La Scala or Chanadda

Full Board from £45 • Breakfast at Chom Talay or Seacret • Lunch at Fisherman's Wharf or Seacret • Dinner at Chom Talay, Cinnamon, Fisherman's Wharf, La Scala or Chanadda.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1487 per person
02 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1748

10 Jan-25 Mar; 16 Jul-05 Aug 2018

Extra night from £75

Single supplement from £75

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Room - Bhuri Wing including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9050. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Deluxe Room - Bhuri Wing



At a glance

.....
Impressive beachfront pool

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Great for families

.....
On Kata Noi Beach



Kata Noi Beach



Fisherman's Wharf



FOR FAMILIES



WEDDING



RENEWAL OF VOWS

Mom Tri's Villa Royale ****

Beautiful sea views and world-class service await at this unique hotel.

Set on the beautiful white sands of Kata Noi Beach and carved into the hillside with panoramic sea views, this exclusive boutique hotel has to be seen to be believed. Designed by architect and artist Mom Tri, a descendant of King Rama IV, this exceptional hotel was formerly a summer house developed to provide guests with a royal experience. Offering a true sense of paradise, the saltwater swimming pool sits amid the rocks overlooking the sea. There are also two freshwater swimming pools set in the tropical gardens, or if you want to dip your toes in the sea, just follow the private path and small steps that lead down to the white-sand beach.

Overlooking the ocean, you can enjoy the most spectacular sunsets and some of the finest cuisine on the island at Mom Tri's Kitchen. Complement your delicious food with fine wines from the award-winning cellar and a choice of over 750 varieties. The Sea Shell Bar and Veranda Lounge is the perfect venue for a pre-dinner drink.

When it comes to accommodation, it's unsurprising that all of the suites offer the highest levels of privacy and comfort. Enjoy sea views from the balcony or terrace of your Beach Wing Suite. If you fancy a little more space, upgrade to a Royale Wing Suite, featuring a large balcony and day beds. These are light, bright and contemporary, offering a completely different feel to the rest of the hotel and its more traditional Thai style.

Setting On a gentle hillside overlooking Kata Noi Beach, approx. 20 minutes south of Patong Beach, also with easy access to Kata Beach

Getting there Approx. 1 hour by private car from Phuket airport

Rooms 42 suites

Dining Restaurant, bar, veranda lounge

Facilities 3 pools (1 saltwater), Spa Royale* offering traditional therapies, fitness room, library, boutique*, Wi-Fi

Kuoni Extras Mom Tri's Villa Royale can only be booked through Kuoni in the UK

Activities • Ease any aching muscles with a 'jet lag release' massage at the spa* • Browse the shops of Kata • Stroll to Kata Noi Beach and try your hand at body boarding*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 7 nights 20 Dec-05 Jan. Due to its hillside location, this hotel may not be suitable for those with walking difficulties.

What's included

Breakfast at Mom Tri's Kitchen.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £61 • Breakfast and dinner at Mom Tri's Kitchen

Full Board from £103 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Mom Tri's Kitchen.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/ Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1378 per person

02 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1810

15 Jan-25 Mar; 31 Oct-02 Dec 2018

Extra night from £48

Single supplement from £48

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Beach Wing Suite including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9294. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Beach Wing Suite

At a glance

.....
Set in breathtaking surrounds

.....
Panoramic ocean views

.....
Distinctive Royal Wing suites



Beach Wing Suite



Mom Tri's Kitchen



Sea Shell Bar





Cape Panwa Hotel ****

This hotel's superb location makes it one of the most popular in Phuket.

Surrounded by tropical vegetation on a steep hillside above a long stretch of sand in Phuket, it comes as no surprise that Cape Panwa Hotel is a long-standing favourite with Kuoni guests. It's great for those who want more from their holiday than just relaxing on the sand and listening to the gentle sound of the sea, with plenty of activities on offer to fill up your days. Here, you'll find two pools and a range of watersports, or you can retreat to the Cape Spa and allow yourself to be pampered in the peaceful surrounds. If you're more of an explorer, cruise to nearby Coral Island and experience new landscapes in this idyllic part of Phuket.

Dining options here are plentiful. There's Café Andaman, the main open-air restaurant; Panwa House, which serves up authentic Thai delicacies; and Top of the Reef for those seeking a more elegant dining experience. Uncle Nan's has a delicious Italian menu to choose from, while Laem Panwa Restaurant features tasty fresh seafood every day. For the ultimate dining experience, opt for a candlelit beach dinner under the stars. You'll also find a number of bars here, including the new bamboo bar where you can enjoy a cocktail or two.

Rooms have a full or partial sea view and Superior Rooms are simple yet comfortable. For a little more space, opt for a Junior Suite or a larger Family Suite complete with two bedrooms and an outdoor whirlpool on the balcony. The indulgent Private Pool Villas are close to the beach and have their own pool, while the charming Cape Suites feature an outdoor whirlpool.

Setting On the calm south-east coastline of Phuket on a steep incline

Getting there Approx. 50 minutes by private car from Phuket airport

Rooms 205 rooms

Dining 5 restaurants, 4 bars

Facilities 2 pools plus a kids' pool, fitness centre, spa*, sauna*, Jacuzzi*, watersports (1 free hour per stay), snorkelling*, sailing*, windsurfing*, Wi-Fi, complimentary shuttle to shops

Activities • Partake in a game of volleyball or have a go at sea canoeing

• Sign up for a Thai cooking class*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 27 Dec-05 Jan.

The hillside setting makes this resort unsuitable for those with walking difficulties. A complimentary shuttle operates between the hotel and nearby shops. Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at Café Andaman.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1329 per person

02 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1480

07 Jan-23 Feb; 16 Jul-05 Aug 2018

Extra night from £45

Single supplement from £45

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Superior Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9038. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Cape Suite

At a glance

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Beautiful beachfront location

.....
Indulgent spa

.....
Fantastic all-round resort



Amari Phuket *****

Traditional Thai décor and unrivalled sea views epitomise this chic hotel.

Sprawled across a jungle-covered hillside, the Amari Phuket slowly meanders downhill to a beachside swimming pool, with almost every corner offering stunning panoramic views out across Patong Bay. Renowned for its service, you'll be greeted by smiles everywhere you go. A lift will take you down to the small, secluded coral beach if you prefer to take it easy. Here, you can snorkel or swim at high tide, while low tide brings the perfect opportunity to explore the reef and rock pools of the shore.

If you want to experience life beyond the hotel walls, hop aboard the shuttle bus and travel to Kata Beach. For something a little livelier, the vibrant nightlife of Patong is close enough to enjoy a taste, but far enough away to ensure that the tranquil ambience of the hotel remains blissfully intact.

When you've worked up an appetite exploring the beautiful local beaches and intriguing culture, head to one of the hotel's delightful restaurants. Enjoy the cool sea breeze as you pull up a chair at the casual yet elegant Rim Talay Restaurant, which serves up a range of both buffet and à la carte international cuisine to the backdrop of Patong Beach. La Gritta presents an entirely different, more sophisticated feel, featuring delicious fresh Italian cuisine on its menu. The Jetty is the perfect spot for a romantic candlelit dinner. Sat out over the water, you can enjoy a selection of tapas during this unique dining experience beneath a canopy of stars.

The rooms here range from the comfortable Superior Ocean Facing Rooms complete with a balcony, to the elegant Two Bedroom Ocean Facing Suites. Found in the Ocean Wing, the hotel's suites provide you with access to The Clubhouse, where you'll enjoy understated seaside elegance and use of the super infinity pool, sun deck and FIT Centre.

Setting Above a small beach, just a 10-minute walk from the centre of Patong
Getting there Approx. 40 minutes by private car from Phuket airport
Rooms 345 rooms and suites
Dining 3 restaurants, bar, lobby lounge
Facilities 2 swimming pools, infinity pool at the Clubhouse, Jacuzzi, fitness suite, Clubhouse*, spa*, kids' club*, Wi-Fi
Activities • Snorkel directly from the beach* • Treat yourself with an indulgent 4-hour spa package including a body scrub, body wrap, facial and massage* • Discover some of Phuket's best dive sites*.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £39 • Breakfast and dinner in Rim Talay Restaurant
Full Board from £71 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner in Rim Talay Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1479 per person

02-25 Sep; 01-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1655

07 Jan-25 Mar; 16 Jul-05 Aug 2018

Extra night from £72

Single supplement from £62

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Superior Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref TT010. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Deluxe Oceanview Room

At a glance

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- Glorious sunset views
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- Classic Thai service
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- Close to lively Patong



Rim Talay Restaurant



Breeze Spa



Rim Talay Pool Bar

Cape Kudu Hotel *****

A boutique beach retreat on the serene island of Koh Yao Noi.

Opened in April 2017, Cape Kudu Hotel has the kind of effortlessly cool interior design that you find in glossy magazines. It embodies seaside glamour – think white plantation shutters, distressed wood, wicker chairs and a satisfyingly fresh colour palette of teals and white. And it's not just about looks; the food here is amazing too. Rise for a leisurely breakfast at The Hornbill Restaurant for fruit salads scattered with exotic dragon fruit and crispy roti with Nutella, freshly made at its own colourful station. For lunch and dinner, enjoy tantalising Thai and western flavours along with great vegetarian and gluten-free options.

Thanks to its tranquil setting on Koh Yao Noi, the hotel is a perfect hideout for guests looking for pure escapism, and it also ticks the box for adventurous guests with a host of experiences on offer. Raise your heart rate with a session of Thai boxing, or discover serenity with yoga on the beach. Take in some local culture on a bicycle tour, and a traditional long-tail boat cruise is a must to discover the idyllic surrounding islands scattered across Phang Nga Bay.

Deluxe Rooms follow the hotel's seaside charm with light colours and a relaxed ambience. Savour a few moments of peace as you look out from your private balcony, and if you want more space to stretch out in, we recommend the stunning Pool Villas which come with their own plunge pool.

Setting On the quiet island of Koh Yao Noi in Phang Nga Bay

Getting there Approx. 20-minutes by private car plus a 30-minute speedboat ride and a further 15-minute drive from Phuket airport, or approx. 20-40 minutes via speedboat or long-tail boat from Krabi

Rooms 55 beach-chic rooms and villas

Dining Restaurant (café to open July 2017), bar

Facilities Salt-water infinity pool, Cape Spa*, yoga*, Thai boxing*, fitness centre*, yoga terrace, reading room, pool table, boutique*, watersports*, Wi-Fi throughout

Activities • Catch a film under the stars at the Moonlight Cinema* • Explore the island of Koh Hong with a traditional long-tail boat tour* • Learn the 'Art of Eight Limbs' in a Thai boxing session*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 28 Dec-03 Jan. Children aged 13 and over are welcome at Cape Kudu Hotel.

What's included

Breakfast at The Hornbill Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £27 • Breakfast and dinner at The Hornbill Restaurant

Full Board from £48 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at The Hornbill Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights and Earlybird Saver offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1470 per person

02 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1845

07 Jan-25 Mar; 31 Oct-02 Dec 2018

Extra night from £55

Single supplement from £54

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref TH149. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



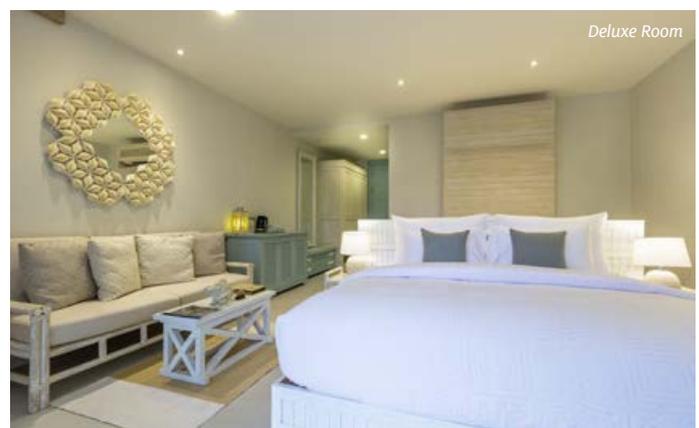
Pool Villa

At a glance

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A member of Small Luxury Hotels
of the World

.....
Beach house décor

.....
Great for couples



Deluxe Room



The Hornbill Restaurant





Santhiya Koh Yao Yai Resort & Spa *****

Enjoy eco-friendly luxury blended with traditional Thai style in an immaculate beachfront setting.

Overlooking the ocean and backed by dense foliage, the Santhiya Koh Yao Yai Resort & Spa evokes a real sense of exclusivity, with the only traffic coming from the boats of the nearby pier. Take trips to small isolated islands, swim, snorkel and laze on sun-drenched beaches as you find yourself relaxing and unwinding in this little slice of paradise. Yet this beautiful hotel has more to offer than its idyllic island location. There's plenty to do and experience here, such as learning how to cook delicious Thai cuisine, or how to box. If you're seeking a gentler pace, spend your day lounging by the freeform pool before relaxing in the spa with an indulgent treatment.

When it comes to dining, Chantara Restaurant serves simple yet delicious Thai and international cuisine to a backdrop of the Andaman Sea. Perched high above Phang Nga Bay, Saaitara Restaurant is an excellent place to enjoy a meal no matter what time of day, with the adjacent infinity pool offering breathtaking panoramic views. For fresh flavours straight from the grill, head to The Titan Grill and visit Jetinn Teppan at Pier, the resort's private pier, to enjoy an intimate romantic dinner. If you're in search of the perfect after-dinner cocktail spot, head to By the Sea Restaurant and Bar, which offers great sunset views.

The rooms and villas here are simply stunning. Supreme Deluxe Seaview Rooms are ideal for couples or smaller families, while those looking for a little more space should opt for an Oceanview Pool Villa Suite. These large suites sit high on the hillside and come complete with a private pool, while the extravagant Royal Grand Pool Villa Suites have two bedrooms, a private pool and uninterrupted ocean views.

Setting On beautiful Koh Yao Yai in Phang Nga Bay, in a quiet bay close to a couple of local restaurants

Getting there Approx. 25 minutes by private car plus a 20-minute boat ride from Phuket airport

Rooms 148 rooms and villas

Dining 6 restaurants, 1 bar

Facilities Pool, spa*, fitness centre, library, kids' club, boutique*, bicycle rental*, cooking classes*, watersports, Wi-Fi, boat service*, island tours*

Spa Known as Koh Yao Yai's fountain of youth, Ayurveda Spa offers a collection of signature treatments with traditional natural techniques

Activities • Try a Thai cooking class*
• Snorkel in emerald waters in search of colourful marine life*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 4 nights Dec 28-01 Jan. Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies. The hillside setting makes this resort unsuitable for those with walking difficulties. A traditional wooden vehicle is on hand to transport you around the resort.

What's included

Breakfast at Chantara Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £24 • Breakfast and a small set dinner menu at Chantara Restaurant

Full Board from £45 • Breakfast and a small set lunch and dinner menu at Chantara Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Long Stay, Honeymoon/ Anniversary and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1377 per person

02 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1745

10 Jan-25 Mar; 02-25 Apr; 31 Oct-02 Dec 2018

Extra night from £46

Single supplement from £45

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Supreme Deluxe Seaview Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref TH127. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Supreme Deluxe Seaview Room

At a glance

.....
Eco-luxury

.....
Romantic hideaway

.....
Stunning secluded setting



Royal Grand Pool Villa Suite



Chantara Restaurant



SPA



Oceanview Pool Villa Suite



Discovering Koh Samet & Hua Hin

Thailand's northern beaches offer a mix of intriguing culture and superb seaside hideaways. If you're looking for the ultimate romantic escape, Koh Samet is an idyllic island break away from it all. On the beautiful Gulf of Siam just a few hours by road from Bangkok, Hua Hin is home to the Royal Palace and is fringed by long, pretty beaches. It also has excellent golf courses, a fine choice of hotels and an excellent night market with plenty of handicrafts.



Hua Hin railway station

An insight into Koh Samet & Hua Hin

Koh Samet

Tranquil, secluded and luxurious is the best way to describe Koh Samet. A small island off the south-east coast of Rayong to the south of Pattaya, it's the perfect island escape. Just three hours by road from Bangkok airport, plus a 45-minute speedboat ride, it's great for those that want to combine city and beach without having to head back to the airport and fly.

The epitome of relaxation, Koh Samet is all about slowing down the pace and taking it easy. Part of the Khao Laem Ya-Mu Ko Samet National Park, it has clear warm waters, soft white-sand beaches that benefit from a quiet location, a tropical jungle interior and inspiring sunsets and sunrises.

Sit in the Gulf of Thailand, Koh Samet has benefitted from its late discovery. Saved from rapid development, the island has preserved much of its beauty and authenticity and attracts both locals and visitors with its silky white shores. Surrounded by colourful coral reefs abundant with marine life, the conditions here are great for snorkelling and diving, while the cosy, intimate coves add a sense of privacy.

Each of the beaches offers a different feel, with Haad Sai Kaew the most popular, scattered with large resorts and speedboats. Meanwhile, Ao Phrao has a sense of

sophisticated elegance, while Ao Wong Duean is more family friendly and Ao Sang Thian radiates a barefoot, laid-back atmosphere.

If you're looking for a romantic break on this pretty isle, we recommend the luxurious boutique hotel, Paradee (p68). If you simply want to get away from it all and find yourself in a tropical cove, you'll love Le Vimarn Cottages & Spa (p69).

Hua Hin

Hua Hin is known to have some of Thailand's more traditional and peaceful beaches and from the moment you arrive, you'll notice a real love of the sea from the locals – particularly in the resort's local cuisine, as a host of seafood restaurants line the golden beachfronts.

Once a modest fishing town, it has risen to become one of Thailand's most cosmopolitan seaside towns. Today, tourists not only flock to Hua Hin for its beaches, but to see the Klai Klangwon – the summer residence of Thailand's Royal Family. This charming holiday resort is a great family destination with plenty to see and do.

It's surrounded by long, sandy beaches and tall swaying palm trees, and the city's popular beachfront is where visitors spend their days. You'll spot a lot of expats in Hua Hin, residing in swanky condominiums and holiday homes.

Creating a dramatic backdrop, there are a string of luxury beachfront hotels to choose from, varying in size and style. If you're after a cool getaway, look no further than the stylish all-pool resort, Cape Nidhra Hotel (p71).

Hua Hin's main beach stretches over three miles from the rocky headland at the centre of town and finishes in Khao Takiab, famous for its colourful Buddhist temple which faces the sea.

If you like to keep active on holiday, the beach is the place to be. Here, you can enjoy a range of activities including watersports, kiteboarding and horse riding. A number of contemporary restaurants can be found here, offering a superb array of international cuisines as well as a string of vendors serving local favourites including delicious, freshly caught seafood.

If you really want to be immersed in Thailand's culture and savour traditional Thai dishes, head down to The Pier to sample a taste of the local delicacy – steamed crab. Alternatively, explore the colourful Hua Hin Night Market where you can try a number of spices and flavours from a multitude of food stalls.

Wine enthusiasts should take the time to visit Hua Hin's Hills vineyard, Moon Valley Wines – located 25 miles west in a scenic, vine-covered mountain



Phraya Nakorn cave near Hua Hin



Koh Samet

valley. Producing award-winning wines, this is a rare opportunity to experience something a little different for Thailand and shouldn't be missed.

A few miles north of Hua Hin, Black Mountain Waterpark offers an excellent, fun-filled day out for families of all ages. Featuring nine different waterslides, a range of pools and a lazy river, this is an excellent escape from lazy days at the beach or by the hotel pool. For a taste of Hua Hin's royal history, visit the Maruekatayawan Palace, designed by King Rama VI in 1923. Offering an intricate example of traditional raised Thai architecture and crafted purely from teak wood, the palace takes pride in its status as the longest golden teak palace in the world, overlooking the peaceful ocean.

If you're a bit of a history lover and want a better understanding of what Hua Hin was like in the 1920s, stay at the Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Hua Hin (p70). Once Hua Hin's famous Railway Hotel, it serviced the Hua Hin Railway Station. This belonged to a royal pavilion in Sanamchan Palace and can still be found at the top end of Damnoern Kasem Road.

The station offered the first direct link to the seaside from Bangkok – a new and exciting way to spend the weekends away from the heat of the city. This beautiful wooden station is one of the oldest in Thailand and remains a much-loved part of the area's history.

If you want to learn more about the country's various religions and beliefs, head to the top of Khao Takiab, known as 'chopstick hill', found to the south of Hua Hin's main beach. Aside from the spectacularly colourful temple, there's a range of miniature chedis and shrines which present a fantastic photo opportunity. Nearby, Wat Khao Lad is where you'll find a twenty-metre-tall Buddha statue which was built to protect this charming temple.

Spa

When planning a holiday to Thailand, you simply can't go without trying a traditional Thai massage. The Hua Hin Marriott Resort & Spa (p72) offers a range of soothing massage therapies, from Thai fusion massages to hot stone, as well as scrubs, body wraps and manicures.

Our favourite combinations

Bangkok @ Koh Samet

Take in the vibrant atmosphere of Bangkok before escaping to the serene tranquillity of Koh Samet for a restorative beach break.

Bangkok @ Hua Hin

See the sights of Thailand's capital before travelling to the country's original beach destination – the captivating Hua Hin.

Paradee *****

Designed with couples in mind, this pretty resort offers the ultimate romantic break.

Set on the unspoilt island of Koh Samet on the soft white sands of Ao Kiew Beach and surrounded by tropical jungle, Paradee is the perfect place for those looking for a peaceful break in the sun. Romantic and luxurious, a stay at this beautiful resort is effortlessly complemented by its charming and attentive staff. Every detail here has been considered, from the personal greeting at the dock, to the ability to select the scent of the soap in your room. Stretching across the island, the resort has two beaches, allowing you to enjoy both blissful sunrises and enchanting sunsets. To the east lies Ao Kiew, a private sandy beach perfect for swimming, while to the west, you'll find a rocky beach with quiet shores that welcome marine life, making it a snorkeller's dream. There's also a shuttle that travels around the island, or you can grab a taxi and make the leisurely 30-minute journey into town to explore.

The infinity pool overlooks Ao Kiew – the ideal spot for lazing with a drink from the Pool Bar. As the day draws to a close, head to the Sunset Bar. Built into the rocks above the west-facing beach, here you'll find an elevated wooden terrace where you can sit as you enjoy delicious signature cocktails and the panoramic views. Serving Asian fusion, The Restaurant is reminiscent of a traditional Thai sala, looking out across the eastern beach and the pool. If you prefer to dine in private, there are a number of options available, including a magical dinner on the beach beneath a candlelit sala and a canopy of stars, and the option of breakfast in bed.

Paradee is an all-villa resort, each offering a thatched-roof design and traditional Thai elements. Cascading down the hillside to the beach, they also draw on Balinese and Moroccan influences to complement their jungle setting. You'll find a huge four-poster bed in each, as well as private outdoor terrace complete with sun loungers. For a little extra indulgence, opt for a pool villa and enjoy the benefits of your own private pool with Jacuzzi. Beach Villas allow you to awake each morning to sea views, while the Suite Villa offers plenty of additional space.

Setting Overlooking beautiful Ao Kiew Beach, surrounded by jungle, a 20 minutes' taxi ride from the closest town
Getting there Approx. 3 hours by road plus a 45-minute shared boat transfer from Bangkok airport
Rooms 40 villas
Dining Restaurant, 2 bars
Facilities Pool, fitness centre, library, Paradee Spa*, Wi-Fi
Activities • Dive into the clear waters to spot tropical fish while snorkelling* • Head out on a sunset cruise* • Hop aboard the shuttle and head into town to explore*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights. This hotel is closed 05-20 Jun.

What's included

Breakfast at The Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £64 • Breakfast at The Restaurant • Lunch or dinner at The Restaurant

Full Board from £119 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at The Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/ Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Upgrade offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1324 per person

01 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1625

11 Jan-25 Apr; 31 Oct-06 Dec 2018

Extra night from £79

Single supplement from £78

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Garden Villa including breakfast, economy flights on EVA Air from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref FE1225. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Sunset Bar

At a glance

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All-villa resort

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Ideal for couples

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Tranquil and secluded



Suite Villa



Garden Pool Villa

Le Vimarn Cottages & Spa ***



Duplex Villa Suite

At a glance

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- Beside pretty Ao Prao Beach
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- Relaxed atmosphere
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- Captivating hillside setting

Dotted around a tropical cove lined by a beautiful sandy beach with a peaceful atmosphere.

Located on a hilly cove overlooking a quiet beach, this laid-back resort is all about relaxation. Soaking up the views at sunset from the pretty curved bay is undoubtedly a highlight. All roads here lead to the beach, with the cottages centred around the refreshing infinity pool. On the beachfront, you'll find O restaurant which serves a delicious range of cuisine. Here, they're especially proud of their Italian fare, with the wood-fired pizza oven a rare treat on any small Thai island. Buzz has a more intimate beach feel, presenting superb local dishes and offering a small alfresco area where you can enjoy cocktails.

A refreshing drink or two is not just an evening activity here, with beach service available throughout the day. The town, with its local bars and restaurants, is also just a short taxi ride away. If you need to unwind, enjoy a relaxing massage by the sea or head to the Dhivarin Spa for a rejuvenating treatment for your body and soul. For those who like a little more activity, there's a range of watersports, as well as plenty of walks to take in the island's beautiful scenery.

Hillside cottages and villas have been designed to suit their tropical surroundings in traditional Thai style, recreating a friendly village feel. Elements of the beachfront setting have also been included, added to complement the beautiful sunset that you can enjoy each night from your private balcony. Whether you choose an elevated setting with a Deluxe Cottage Hillside or a Premier Villa Hillside, or opt for the spacious Duplex Villa Suite, the cottages and villas here all provide the prime setting for a romantic break, with each featuring their own private outdoor spa bath.

Setting To the north west of Koh Samet on Ao Prao Beach, 10 minutes' from the closest town

Getting there Approx. 3 hours by private car plus a 45-minute shared boat transfer from Bangkok airport

Rooms 31 deluxe cottages and villas

Dining 2 restaurants, 2 bars

Facilities Pool, Dhivarin Spa*, Wi-Fi

Activities • Take in a picturesque sunrise from the beach • Cool off in the refreshing infinity pool • Make the most of the beach service with a relaxing massage* • Indulge with a treatment at the spa*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights.

What's included

Breakfast at O restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £34 • Breakfast at O restaurant • Lunch or dinner at O restaurant

Full Board from £58 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at O restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/ Anniversary, Spa and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1138 per person

01 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1357

13 Jul-17 Aug; 31 Oct-06 Dec 2018

Extra night from £51

Single supplement from £51

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Cottage Hillside including breakfast, economy flights on EVA Air from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref FE1228. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



O restaurant

Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Hua Hin *****

Set in wonderfully landscaped gardens, this restored 1920s gem oozes old-world charm.

With an elegant colonial-style feel and a reputation for remarkable service, the Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Hua Hin is one of the area's most highly rated hotels. Having originally opened in the early 1920s when the new railway line to Malaysia transformed this sleepy fishing village into Thailand's first beach resort, the buildings and grounds seamlessly blend the historic with the contemporary.

In an enviable position between the beautiful Hua Hin Beach and the town's dynamic streets, the location is hard to beat, offering easy access to at least six golf courses. You'll never be short of things to do here, with the low-rise hotel featuring putting greens, T'ai chi classes, the indulgent SPA Cenvaree, tennis courts and cooking classes. There are also four swimming pools, each with its own children's pool.

The restaurants here make the most of the hotel's setting, and al fresco dinners by the beach or in the stunning gardens are the norm. Coast Beach Club & Bistro is the place to be if you enjoy freshly caught seafood, tasty pizzas and grilled meat in a laid-back beach setting, and the all-day dining restaurant Railway Restaurant is inspired by Hua Hin's original railway station. To savour Asian cuisine, head to Suan Bua for home-style Thai or Hagi for superb Japanese. Meanwhile The Museum transports you back in time and offers a highly acclaimed afternoon tea. With the resort's spectacular location, you'll also be just a short walk away from Hua Hin's excellent restaurants and markets.

The colonial style that has inspired the public spaces is continued into the rooms, suites and villas. Deluxe and Premium Deluxe Rooms offer views of the gardens or swimming pools while guests in the Premium Deluxe Club rooms and suites enjoy access to the exclusive Club Lounge. Located in a quieter section of the resort are the villas, which feature either a Jacuzzi or a plunge pool.

Setting At the heart of Hua Hin, a short walk from local shops and restaurants
Getting there Approx. 3 hours by private car from Bangkok airport
Rooms 177 rooms, 30 suites and 42 villas
Dining 6 restaurants and bars
Facilities 3 pools plus an exclusive pool for villa guests, Jacuzzis, spa*, fitness centre, tennis courts, putting greens, kids' club, a range of classes, beauty salon*, boutiques*, bicycle rental*, library, giant chess, volleyball, badminton, football, pétanque
Activities • Find your centre with a t'ai chi class* • Head out to explore local sites such as the Hua Hin Hills Winery*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 28 Dec-05 Jan. No check-out Dec 30-31. Compulsory New Year's Eve gala supplement may apply.

What's included

Breakfast at the Railway Restaurant or in the Club Lounge for Club guests.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £41 • Breakfast at Railway Restaurant • Set lunch at Suan Bua or the Railway Restaurant; or a buffet dinner at Railway Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver and Honeymoon/Anniversary offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1282 per person

01 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1564

08 Jan-23 Feb; 13 Jul-17 Aug 2018

Extra night from £100

Single supplement from £94

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Room including breakfast, economy flights on EVA Air from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref TC000. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Deluxe Club Room

At a glance

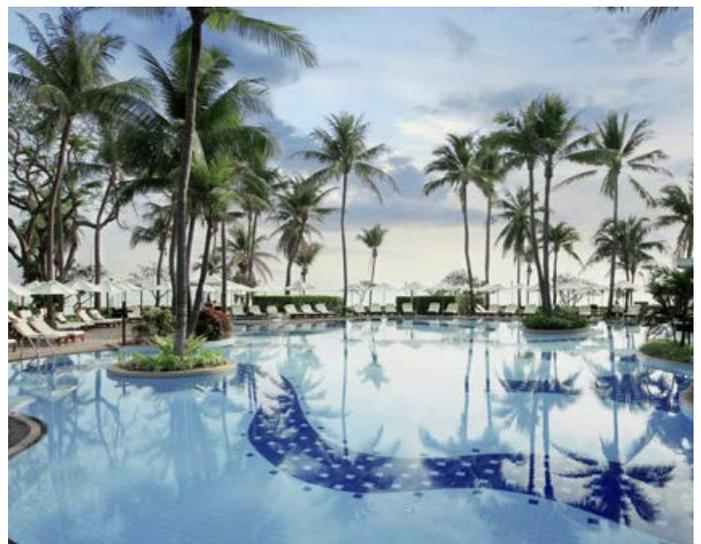
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Central Hua Hin location

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Historic beachfront resort

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Thai design meets colonial-style charm



Premium Deluxe Pool Villa



Cape Nidhra Hotel ****

One of Hua Hin's most intimate and beautifully appointed hotels, this is a hidden gem.

Fresh, chic and modern, it hasn't taken long for this beautiful beachfront hotel to establish itself as a favourite among travellers looking for a property with style as well as substance. It's enviably located in the centre of town yet offers direct access to a quiet stretch of Hua Hin's main white-sand beach. Stunning seafront views can be enjoyed from the contemporary outdoor areas with their comfortable sun loungers and cabanas, as well as from the saltwater swimming pool.

If you're in search of relaxation, sit back and unwind in the hotel's steamroom or sauna, or visit the Cape Spa which offers personalised treatments in a soothing environment. For those who want to learn more about Thailand's fascinating culture, activities on offer include Thai boxing, cooking, massage, yoga and fruit-carving classes, as well the opportunity to give alms to the monks who walk the length of the beach each morning.

When it comes to dining, while the choices here may be limited, they are spectacular. The Rocks Restaurant is the hotel's award-winning restaurant and serves a variety of Thai, Asian fusion and international dishes. If you venture up to the restaurant's rooftop, you'll find one of the town's top hangout spots, the On The Rocks Bar. Here, you can enjoy cocktails during the daily happy hour or a post-dinner tittle as you gaze out across the Gulf of Thailand. For a more intimate experience, enjoy a romantic star-lit dinner on the beach. The hotel's excellent location means that it also sits within easy reach of the town's restaurants and bars, as well as the renowned night market.

The suites here are among the most spacious and indulgent in Hua Hin, with each featuring a terrace complete with its own private plunge pool. Upgrade from one of the superb Sky Pool Suites to a Garden Pool Suite to enjoy access to your own small personal garden, or to one of the stunning Moonlight Pool Suites that are laid out over two storeys.

Setting At the northern end of Hua Hin Beach, just 15 minutes from the heart of Hua Hin

Getting there Approx. 3 hours by private car from Bangkok airport

Rooms 59 pool suites

Dining Restaurant, bar

Facilities Saltwater pool with kids' section, spa*, fitness room, sauna, steamrooms, Wi-Fi, reading room, boutique*, golf cart service

Activities • Visit the nearby Hua Hin night market • Offer monks morning alms on the beach* • Try out a fruit-carving class* • Sip a cocktail at the spectacular On The Rocks Bar*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 29 Dec-02 Jan.

What's included

Breakfast at Rocks Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £27 • Breakfast and dinner at Rocks Restaurant

Full Board from £47 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Rocks Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Long Stay, Honeymoon/ Anniversary and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1217 per person

01 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1394

13 Jul-17 Aug; 31 Oct-06 Dec 2018

Extra night from £87

Single supplement from £86

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Sky Pool Suite including breakfast, economy flights on EVA Air from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9020. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Moonlight Pool Suite

At a glance

 All pool suites

 Superb beachfront location
 in central Hua Hin

 Stylish modern property



Deluxe Sky Pool Suite



On The Rocks Bar

Hua Hin Marriott Resort & Spa *****

A spectacular all-round luxury resort in the pretty seaside town of Hua Hin.

Opened in 2016, this contemporary Thai resort is found on Hua Hin's most popular beachfront. It's just a short ten-minute stroll from the centre and its legendary night market, although there's more to this chic hotel than its fantastic location.

The five pools ensure that there's something here for every member of the family, with a private adults' pool, a kids' pool and even a pool for teenagers on offer. There's also a loop pool that meanders around the resort and a whirlpool to spend your days in, as well as two slides that will keep the kids entertained for hours. If you're more of a beach fan, the stretch of soft white sand here is among the best in Hua Hin. Dining here is simple but delicious. Amber Kitchen offers a casual yet elegant atmosphere and you can opt to sit in air-conditioned comfort or al fresco, making the most of the sun as you enjoy international all-day dining. If you fancy a quiet lunch or a romantic dinner, Big Fish is the place to be. Here, you can enjoy the 'catch-of-the-day' concept and savour some fresh local seafood with a laid-back beach vibe. Siam Bakery is a great place to pick up a sweet treat, while the Pool Bar serves drinks and snacks throughout the day. If you're after something a little more informal, try out the Lobby Lounge & Bar and unwind with a signature cocktail.

At the end of a day spent basking in the sun, dipping in the many pools and exploring the vibrant culture of Hua Hin, retreat to a Superior Room, which mixes modern style with elegant Thai tradition. For sea views, upgrade to a Deluxe Seaview Room. Deluxe Pool Access Rooms allow you to hop straight into the pool – an instant hit for those travelling with families.

Setting On Hua Hin Beach, just a short 10-minute walk from Hua Hin's famous night market

Getting there Approx. 3¼ hours by private car from Bangkok airport

Rooms 322 rooms and suites

Dining 2 restaurants, 1 deli, 2 bars

Facilities 5 swimming pools, whirlpool, Quan Spa*, fitness centre, kid's club*

Spa The Quan Spa offers a range of soothing massage therapies including traditional Thai, herbal, hot stone and signature sand pouch massages, as well as facials, body scrubs and wraps

Activities • Sample award-winning wines during a tour of the beautiful Hua Hin Hills Vineyard* • Discover diverse wildlife including leopards, bears, elephants and over 420 species of birds at Kaeng Krachan National Park, Thailand's largest national park* • Tee off at the nearby Black Mountain Golf Club*.

What's included

Buffet Breakfast at Amber Kitchen.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £35 • Buffet Breakfast at Amber Kitchen • Dine-around lunch or dinner

Full Board from £59 • Buffet Breakfast at Amber Kitchen • Dine-around lunch and dinner.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1243 per person

01-25 Sep; 01-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1494

08 Jan-23 Feb; 13 Jul-17 Aug 2018

Extra night from £98

Single supplement from £97

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Superior Room including breakfast, economy flights on EVA Air from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9025. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge

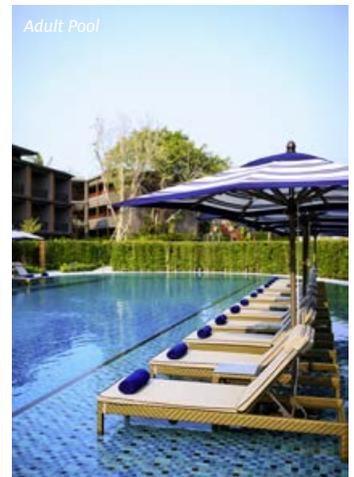


At a glance

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5 swimming pools

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Superb location close to the night market

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On Hua Hin's most popular beach



Devasom Hua Hin ****

A serene ambience complements a peaceful location to the north of Hua Hin.

Reminiscent of an era when Thailand was known as Siam, the Devasom Hua Hin will transport you back to a time of grandeur and luxury. Set to the north of the city, away from the hustle and bustle but close enough to be convenient, this is the perfect escape for those looking for a relaxed and intimate break.

This hotel is all about simple elegance and traditional Thai service. Walking through the lobby and out into the courtyard, steps descend to the pristine, quiet saltwater swimming pool. Sunbeds sit on decking at the centre of the pool as well as on the beachfront, offering the perfect spot to soak in the sun and cool off with a refreshing dip.

While the Devasom has just one restaurant, the Deva Bistro Restaurant & Bar, there are plenty of culinary experiences to enjoy here. You can take part in a cooking class, or enjoy a romantic private dinner by the sea. For the ultimate indulgence, savour the flavours of Thailand during an exquisite five-course meal. For a truly authentic experience, hop aboard the complimentary shuttle to explore the historic Hua Hin Market. After a day on your feet, unwind with a Thai massage treatment in the privacy of your room.

The rooms and villas are spacious with sea views and a large balcony or deck. Their simple yet beautiful style evokes a sense of the region's past, with designs that echo the 19th-Century beach houses of when Hua Hin was considered the premier beach holiday destination in Siam – even the Thai Royal Family headed here for their getaways. Seaside Deluxe Rooms have twin beds and Seaside Suites feature a double bed and living room. The lavishly spacious Beach Villas are just steps from the resort's private beach, while the Beachfront Villas are even more spacious and set right on the inviting sands.

Setting To the north of Hua Hin on the pretty beachfront, 15 minutes from the town centre

Getting there Approx. 3¼ hours by private car from Bangkok airport

Rooms 24 rooms and villas

Dining Restaurant, bar

Facilities Saltwater pool with Jacuzzi, library, boutique*, shuttle transfer to Hua Hin market, Wi-Fi

Activities • Relax with a refreshing drink by the pool • Enjoy a relaxing massage treatment from the comfort of your room* • Celebrate a special evening with a romantic private dinner by the beach* • Catch the shuttle into Hua Hin to explore the market.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 2 nights. Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at Deva Bistro.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £35 • Breakfast and dinner at Deva Bistro.

Full Board from £62 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Deva Bistro.

Kuoni Plus

Honeymoon/Anniversary offer available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1142 per person

01 Sep-10 Nov 2017

High season from £1304

13 Jul-17 Aug; 15 Nov-06 Dec 2018

Extra night from £72

Single supplement from £72

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Seaside Deluxe Room including breakfast, economy flights on EVA Air from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE1190. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



At a glance

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Quiet beach location

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All rooms have a sea view

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Inspired by 19th-Century beach houses



Library



Beach Villa



Discovering Bangkok

Exciting and invigorating, Bangkok buzzes with activity both day and night. The constant bustle gives the city its enthralling energy, and most travellers experience Bangkok's distinct personality with a city stopover before heading to Thailand's cultural north or exotic southern beaches. From delicious street food to superb restaurants, and quaint floating markets to high-end shopping malls, you'll discover that Bangkok is one of the most fascinatingly diverse cities in the world.



Wat Arun Temple



Bangkok tuk-tuk taxi

An insight into Bangkok

Sightseeing

Bangkok's most iconic landmark is the spectacular Grand Palace. The official residence of the King of Thailand for nearly 150 years from 1782-1925, it remains in continuous use for important national ceremonies and events. The palace is fabulously preserved and is home to a collection of spectacular gardens, the Royal Thai Decoration, Coin Pavilion, and the city's most famous temple, Wat Phra Kaew, also known as The Temple of the Emerald Buddha.

In fact, the city of Bangkok is dotted with over 400 glittering Buddhist temples and many of these can be found in the Rattanakosin area on the western side of the city. Wat Pho, known as the Temple of the Reclining Buddha, neighbours the Grand Palace and is one of Bangkok's largest temples – another popular attraction with tourists. Constructed in 1832, this famous gilded Buddha is 46 metres in length and 15 metres high with exquisite mother-of-pearl eyes that represent Buddha's entry into Nirvana.

You can't visit Bangkok without seeing Wat Arun, or the Temple of Dawn, situated on the Thon Buri side of the Chao Phraya River opposite the Grand Palace. Dating back to the Ayutthaya period, the Emerald Buddha was once enshrined within this temple, before the Grand Palace was built and it was moved. The central pagoda is made of encrusted porcelain which sparkles in the sun. Despite its name, the temple is best visited in the late afternoon, in time to enjoy the red and golden hues of sunset.

The best way to experience Bangkok's many ancient temples and palaces is by cruising along the timeless canal system, renowned as the 'Venice of the East'. You can also explore aboard a ship or small boat on the Chao Phraya River, known as the River of Kings.

Food & drink

Around nearly every corner you will find somewhere to eat – be it at a bustling market, the food court of a vast shopping centre, a stall on the side of the street, or even atop one of the city's most luxurious hotels in the warm open air. Along with traditional mouth-watering Thai cuisine and Asian specialities, you can find international dishes almost anywhere in the city.

If you're in the mood for something refreshing, you'll find plenty of fruit vendors dotted around, offering up sweet fresh fruit at unbelievably low prices. The floating markets are also a great spot if you're looking for a bargain on fresh produce, with the bright colours adding yet more vibrancy to this exhilarating and authentic experience.

Shopping

Shopping is almost obligatory in Bangkok. Even if you have no intention of spending your time here at the shops, it's hard to avoid the many malls and outdoor markets as you wander the city streets. The iconic MBK Centre offers approximately 2,000 shops spread over eight floors, selling pretty much anything that you need – and sometimes things that you never knew you needed. Whole days can disappear within its vast arcades.

Stay at the Rembrandt Hotel (p77) and you'll find the famous Sukhumvit Road practically on your doorstep. Just metres from the Terminal 21 shopping mall, you can shop until you drop before returning to the hotel for a meal at one of Bangkok's finest Indian restaurants, Rang Mahal.

Tourist favourites include Thai silks and cottons, jewellery, silverware, ceramics and semi-precious stones such as opal and jade. There are local craft work shops that you can visit to see these Thai handicrafts being made and these are incredibly popular among visitors. If you fancy practising your bargaining skills with the friendly locals, head to the Chatuchak Weekend Market.

Floating markets

For an experience of days gone by, rise early and head to the river banks to experience the city's famed floating markets. Situated on a series of chaotic canals, or khlongs as they're known locally, expect everything from local handicrafts to herbal remedies sold to you from small boats.

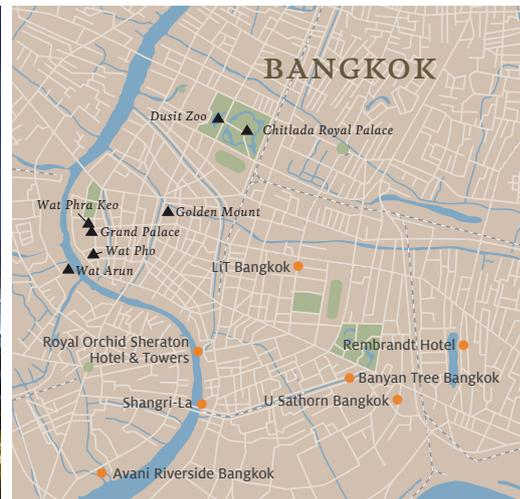
If you're peckish, there are some superb floating kitchens ready to whip you up a tasty treat. Some of the more famous markets are found further out of the city and you'll need to hire a driver or join a day tour to see them. Whether you head to Khlong Lat Mayom and Taling Chan, Amphawa or the most popular floating market – Damnoen Saduak, you'll find yourself completely enthralled by the incredible sights and smells that await.



Wat Pho Temple



Downtown business district



Damnoen Saduak floating market

Getting around

Even getting around in Bangkok is an adventure, whether it's in a brightly-lit taxi cab, the city's signature tuk-tuks, by river taxi or aboard the air-conditioned and efficient BTS Skytrain. Bangkok's main station is Hua Lamphong – a beautiful 100-year-old building shaped like an arc. The space-age Skytrain was built to relieve congestion on the city's key thoroughfares, and the light-green Sukhumvit Line runs along high-rise Sukhumvit Road, through Siam and then on to the north of the city. The system's dark-green Silom Line makes its way along Silom Road and on to the world-famous MBK shopping centre.

Luxury

Home to one of Asia's glitziest, luxury hotel scenes, Bangkok will not disappoint discerning travellers keen to experience the city at its higher end, with sophisticated towers of refinement climbing skywards. Grand, opulent and satisfying in every way, yet always subtly infused with signature Thai style and service, you're sure to be pleasantly surprised by Bangkok's luxury offerings.

The gorgeous Banyan Tree Bangkok (p76) is a firm favourite here. It's one of the finest hotels in the city, and its excellent rooftop restaurant Vertigo and Moon Bar are popular with locals and visitors alike.

Nightlife

Taking in the nightlife of the famous streets of Bangkok is a must. Along the Khao San Road and Patpong you'll find plenty of fun, lively bars and nightclubs. Playing both the best and lovably worst western classics, the terrace-style balconies of the bars provide great people-watching spots where you can enjoy a drink as you watch the hubbub of the lively streets below.

Bangkok @ Beyond

Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport is the nation's hub and is home to the national carrier, Thai Airways, as well as a number of domestic airlines that fly out to the country's popular major cities and resorts.

The combination of Bangkok and beach is a classic for a reason. Offering the perfect mix of city life with the tropical tranquillity of a beach resort, this is the ideal recipe for an unforgettable Thailand holiday. If you're seeking a more authentic experience, you could also consider a few days discovering the delights of Northern Thailand with its many temples and unique hill tribes. For those who want to see more of the country's idyllic islands and coastlines, we recommend combining two or more of Thailand's many beautiful beach resorts.

We have suggested a handful of our favourite combinations across Thailand, but no matter what part of this enchanting land you want to explore, the options are endless.

Our favourite combinations

Bangkok @ Phuket

(ref FE382)

One of our favourite combinations, this is perfect for first timers who want to see both the vibrant capital and some pretty beaches.

Bangkok, Chiang Mai

@ Koh Samui

(ref FE0014)

Offering a more comprehensive insight into Thailand, this is a great way to experience every aspect of this fantastic country.

Bangkok @ Krabi

(ref TB037)

The perfect option for those who like plenty of activity while away, wander the vibrant streets of the capital before a spot of beach adventure in Krabi.

Bangkok @ Koh Samui

(ref FE9377)

Combining the bright lights of Bangkok with the white sand beaches of popular Koh Samui, this is another great combo of city and beach.

Bangkok hotels

As one of Asia's great gateway cities, no holiday to Thailand is complete without a few days soaking up the atmosphere in Bangkok, and this ever-changing metropolis has a personality to suit every taste.



Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers *****

Award-winning contemporary riverfront hotel

Set on the banks of Thailand's famed River of Kings, Chao Phraya, The Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers offers sophisticated elegance in a city-centre location. Close enough to the action but quiet enough to act as a base away from the hustle and bustle, it's the perfect place from which to enjoy the sights and sounds of Bangkok. Returning from a day of exploration, cool off in one of the hotel's two pools, or if you're keen to relax after hours on your feet, head to the spa. Aside from the incredibly friendly service that greets you each day, the food here is a true highlight. From the casual and varied menu of Feast, to the romantic setting of Giorgio's Italian and Thara Thong's spectacular authentic Thai experience, if you're looking for a sophisticated meal, there's no need to step beyond the hotel doors.

Stay from £49 per person per night excl. meals



Banyan Tree Bangkok *****

An elegant award-winning hotel in central Bangkok

Stylish, luxurious, memorable and exclusive – no end of superlatives can do this sophisticated hotel justice. In an magnificent setting right in the heart of Bangkok on South Sathorn Road, Banyan Tree Bangkok is a true oasis of serenity. Soaring over the heart of this energetic city, the Banyan Tree is renowned for its array of fine restaurants. Dining by candlelight at Vertigo – an al fresco rooftop restaurant with spectacular views – is one of the most memorable dining experiences you are ever likely to have, while the Apsara dinner cruise is equally unique. Relax at the swimming pool, work out at the fitness centre or indulge at the Banyan Tree Spa. Designed for both business and leisure travellers, each room and suite features chic décor with state-of-the-art facilities.

Stay from £92 per person per night incl. breakfast



Shangri-La Hotel Bangkok *****

Beautifully refurbished riverside hotel

Epitomising the Land of Smiles and the ultimate in Thai hospitality, the elegant Shangri-La Hotel offers a stunning riverside setting in the heart of bustling Bangkok. Grand, opulent and oozing charisma, this is one of the finest riverside hotels in the city. The pool is the perfect place to relax after a long day, gazing out across the Thai-style balcony to superb views of the river from comfortable sun loungers. As with all iconic Shangri-La properties, this stylish hotel is home to the award-winning CHI, The Spa, where relaxing therapies and indulgent treatments await. As the sun sets and the world fades into darkness, the twinkling lights of the city fleck the river in a glittering display. A Horizon Cruise is the best way to enjoy this pretty scene, with the experience including a delicious international buffet dinner.

Stay from £90 per person per night excl. meals



LiT Bangkok ****

Modern with wonderfully traditional touches

Intriguing and unique, the architecture of this city hotel with its bright, contemporary décor is a work of art both inside and out. Combining international expectations with classic Thai characteristics, the LiT Bangkok makes you feel instantly at home in this lively city. There's a bar and two restaurants bursting with character and charm. Savour a range of culinary delights from light snacks and bites served with delicious cocktails in the Fiesta Steppe Bar, or head to BCDE for a taste of local and international fine dining. Also known as the Bistro of Creative Drinking & Eating, BCDE prides itself on the ability to transform traditional dishes by adding a creative flare to match the hotel's prominent character. You'll also find a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, male and female steamrooms and a fitness centre here.

Stay from £52 per person per night incl. breakfast



AVANI Riverside Bangkok *****

Fresh, elegant and understated with panoramic views of the river

Spellbinding views and an impressive cosy yet modern feel epitomise this new hotel overlooking the Chao Phraya River. Sleek and contemporary, it has been purpose-built to combine the best of the urban with the finest in comfort. High up on the 26th floor, the rooftop infinity pool offers a breathtaking view with a difference out across the Bangkok skyline that comes dramatically to life by night. Close to the river but set back from the front, the views out across the water are a definite highlight no matter what time of day and you can relax on the pool deck with a drink in hand, basking in the warm sun. Every room in this sleek hotel features a great view. Understated and chic, each offers a simple yet incredibly comfortable stay.

Stay from £41 per person per night excl. meals



Superior Room



U Sathorn *****

A resort-style oasis with exquisite dining in a quiet residential area

Hidden in an affluent residential area, U Sathorn Bangkok is a stylish retreat away from the bustle of the city, while still only 15 minutes' walk from Lumpini subway station. It's the perfect setting if you prefer the escapism and mod cons of a resort on a more intimate scale. There's a younger, playful vibe here and the relaxed 'anytime, anywhere' breakfast lets you set the pace at this modern hideout. And the pièce de résistance at U Sathorn has to be J'AIME, a fine French restaurant that is a definite plus for foodies – it was created by a two-Michelin-starred chef. The hotel's symmetrical façade is complemented by soft and chic interiors, with a nod to Parisian style. Rooms are cool and light with statement houndstooth-print sofas, and many have balconies which overlook the pool or lush courtyard.

Stay from £46 per person per night incl. breakfast

Rembrandt Hotel *****

Great location, service and value

Located on a side street just off Sukhumvit Road, the Rembrandt Hotel is a short walk or complimentary tuk-tuk shuttle ride to Asoke Skytrain station and Sukhumvit Underground (MRT) stations which link to all the main shopping and tourist areas. It's a great base for those wanting to combine shopping and sightseeing with excellent facilities and contemporary surrounds. The modern guest rooms at the hotel are elegantly furnished, with charming city views.

A choice of five award-winning restaurants offer a selection of Indian, Mexican, Thai and Italian cuisines, complemented by live music. The cool Lobby Bar serves a fine array of coffee, cocktails and snacks all day with a live jazz band in the evenings, and the pool bar offers the perfect spot to relax and unwind as you bask in the glorious sunshine. After a morning of sightseeing and shopping, why not head to the sublime rooftop pool for a welcome refreshment from the balmy Bangkok heat, before perhaps treating yourself to time at the Sanctuary Wellness and Spa.

Stay from £29 per person per night excl. meals

Discovering Chiang Mai & Chiang Rai

Contrasting with the tropical shores of the country's south, the northern region of Thailand is abundant with hills, mountains and forests. As the capital of the north and Thailand's second city, Chiang Mai is most travellers' gateway to this exotic land. Further still to the north, Chiang Rai is quieter and brings you to South-East Asia's infamous Golden Triangle. Known for its cultural influence, you'll find temples, colourful hill tribes and elephant camps in this verdant landscape.



King and Queen Pagodas, Doi Inthanon National Park



Chiang Rai Province



Royal Pavillion

An insight into Chiang Mai & Chiang Rai

Chiang Mai

Chiang Mai's airport is the main gateway into Northern Thailand. The country's third busiest airport provides daily flights to destinations such as Bangkok and beach resort locations including Phuket and Koh Samui, allowing you to enjoy the perfect mix of culture, nature and beach.

Chiang Rai

Further to the north, the Chiang Rai region takes you into the a remote and mystical corner of Thailand. It is one part of the Golden Triangle of South-East Asia, where Thailand meets Burma (Myanmar) and western Laos, all connected by the Mekong River. Set on a tributary of the Mekong, the Mae Kok River, here you can trek through scenes of unspoilt natural forestry, mountain ranges and cascading waterfalls. Chiang Rai's laid-back feel offers a place like no other to connect with the sheer beauty of the rural north.

Getting around

Although travelling around Northern Thailand is best done by private car, the more traditional modes of transport are cost effective, quick and exhilarating. As with everywhere in Thailand, you should ensure that you negotiate rates before you travel to avoid any surprise charges. Taxis are a rarity in the north, so hop aboard a rickshaw-style Samlor, a converted pickup truck known as a Seelor or Songtaew, or the infamous tuk-tuk (aptly named after the high-pitched noise it emits from its exhaust pipe) for cheap, short journeys.

Sightseeing @ shopping

There are plenty of fascinating traditional temples to visit in Chiang Mai, some of which are influenced by neighbouring Burmese and Laotian design and are decorated with regal shades of red and gold. In Chiang Rai, discover Wat Rong Khun (The White Temple), a unique and striking temple of dream-like design, entirely in white.

Within Chiang Mai, the experience visitors really enjoy is shopping at the famous street markets. The most popular market is the renowned Night Bazaar which occupies much of the pavement and several side streets in the city centre a few blocks from the old city's Tha Phae gate. Endless stalls sell trinkets and tourist souvenirs as well as Thai street food classics such as noodle soup, Pad Thai and banana roti (pancakes). The Sunday Night Market takes place just inside the Tha Phae Gate and is definitely worth a visit. This market typically offers a much more authentic array of regional crafts as well as clothing, traditional foods and some excellent work by local artists. Those staying in Chiang Rai needn't miss out on these delights either as a night bazaar can be found here too, albeit smaller in size.

The hill tribes of Northern Thailand consist of various formerly nomadic tribal groups originating from Tibet and China. Playing an extremely important role in the local economy, tribes people such as the Karen, Lahu and Akha raise funds for the reduction of opium cultivation by showcasing their exceptional embroidery

skills, while Meo tribes provide visitors with fascinating tours around their villages for a true insight into hill tribe culture. Within Chiang Mai itself you can visit the Hilltribe Museum & Education Centre. Run by a non-profit organisation, the centre aims to educate visitors about the various local hill tribe cultures. The museum also demonstrates the affect that the opium trade had upon these previously isolated people.

On entering the museum, a short video provides an overview of the various hill tribes and you are then free to explore the exhibits. Offering information on the history, customs and costumes of the local tribes, the museum also educates visitors on responsible tourism, highlighting the exploitation that has previously occurred in an attempt to prevent it happening again.

Eating out

The cuisine of Northern Thailand is known as Lanna food, so called because it originates from the kingdom of Lanna which ruled Northern Thailand and parts of its neighbouring countries between the 13th and 18th Centuries. We highly recommend trying some of the region's typical dishes as Northern Thai dishes are notoriously hard to find outside the region. Chiang Mai is certainly one of the best places to sample either a khao soi curry, a coconut-based dish served with egg noodles. This dish is perfectly combined with Thai chilli sauces of Nam Prik Ong and Nam Prik Noom. Traditional specialities are best enjoyed as part of a Khantoke dinner where you dine at low tables, tasting a variety of dishes from sharing platters.

Chiang Mai & Chiang Rai hotels

The hotels of Northern Thailand offer a completely different feel to the charming mayhem of Bangkok. Here, it's all about exploring the spectacular scenery and immersing yourself in the history and culture.



Shangri-La Hotel, Chiang Mai *****

A luxurious and serene retreat

Traditional Thai design fuses with modern luxury at this superb Shangri-La resort, conveniently located in the heart of Chiang Mai, less than a mile outside the historic walls and equal distance to the Ping River. Soak up some sun on a lounge or semi-private cabana around the large freeform pool as you enjoy a refreshing drink from Dhala Pool Bar. Dining is a casual affair, with Kad Kafé serving Asian and European specialities, and China Kitchen offering a wide selection of Szechuan and Cantonese dishes. Set amid an oasis of peaceful gardens and lotus ponds, CHI, The Spa, is a haven of tranquillity, with its yoga pavilions and indulgent treatments. The rooms here continue the theme of relaxation, with elegant northern Thai décor integrated with contemporary touches, designed to place an emphasis on comfort.

Stay from £81 per person per night incl. breakfast



Kantary Hills, Chiang Mai ****

A serene, modern all-suite retreat on the outskirts of Chiang Mai

Located in a peaceful corner of the fashionable Nimmanhaemin Road, just a short drive from the centre of Chiang Mai, this stylish all-suite option offers superb value for money. It's surrounded by fashionable shops, restaurants, clubs and bars, so there's plenty to keep you entertained. The youthful vibe is complemented by contemporary furnishings throughout the hotel. Ranging from the comfortable Studios to One Bedroom Suites, the spacious apartment-style suites all feature a kitchenette and sitting area. If you're looking for somewhere to relax, there's a swimming pool and the fitness centre is home to a sauna and steamroom. For dining, the Nimman Bar and Grill offers an unusual steakhouse-style menu as well as traditional Thai cuisine, while the off-site Café Kantary is the ideal place for a delicious dessert or coffee.

Stay from £39 per person per night incl. breakfast



U Chiang Mai ****

Luxurious and modern within Chiang Mai's ancient city walls

The U Chiang Mai's philosophy revolves around getting you involved in local life and experiencing the enchanting culture of Chiang Mai. Set in the heart of the city within the famous ancient walls, this charming hotel offers a fantastic location to explore the nearby sights including Wat Chedi Luang. On arrival you'll feel as though you've been transported back in time as you step into the restored Resident's Lounge which was once the residence of Chiang Mai's governor. Eat restaurant offers innovative cuisine, with a European-influenced breakfast bistro and local fare cooked using traditional methods. After indulging in a delightful meal, head up to the rooftop bar to watch the buzz of city life below. The hotel offers a range of excursions so you can get to know the heart of Northern Thailand, its people, its culture and its food. The rooms continue the traditional theme with a modern twist, each offering a comfortable retreat – the U Choose programme means you can select your preferred pillow types, soaps, teas, mini-bar stock and DVDs prior to arrival.

Stay from £61 per person per night incl. breakfast



The Legend Chiang Rai Resort & Spa ****

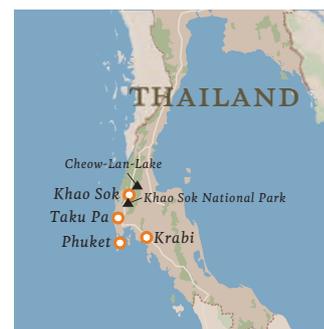
An authentic hideaway with breathtaking river views in Chiang Rai's countryside.

The Legend Chiang Rai is nestled in flora on the Mae Kok riverbank, away from the hum of civilisation in Chiang Rai town just a mile away. Upon entering the resort, the first thing visitors notice is how rustic it feels. Decorated with the local Lanna styling and teak wood found throughout Northern Thailand, the simple beauty complements the breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and lush vegetation. This is the ideal spot for a breath of fresh air and respite in between exploring Thailand's lively cities. Slip into the resort's infinity pool, which has stunning views of the Mae Kok River, and choose from the hotel's two restaurants. There's Italian cuisine to tuck into at Wine Casa or choose Sala Rimnam, where you can listen to the distant ribbits of frogs as you dine on the riverside terrace, or take a seat by the open kitchen and watch as the chefs prepare your meal. The rooms are simple, in keeping with the traditional aesthetic, with white bedding and views of the gardens or the river. For your own uninterrupted river view, opt for a Pool Villa.

Stay from £48 per person per night incl. breakfast

Elephant Hills Jungle Lake Safari

This three-day experience immerses you in the natural beauty of Khao Sok National Park, with the opportunity to interact with Thailand's gentle giants at an elephant sanctuary. Stay surrounded by prehistoric landscapes in luxury tents in the wilderness.



Luxury Floating Tent, Elephant Hills Rainforest Camp



Elephant Hills Rainforest Camp, Cheow-Lan Lake

Your itinerary - Khao Sok National Park 2 nights

Complementing a relaxing beach break in Phuket, Khao Lak or Krabi, this two-night/three-day experience is the perfect way to discover the diversity of Thailand's inland landscapes and meet its gentle giants.

Day 1: Khao Sok Transfer to Khao Sok in the Phang Nga province, passing tiny rural villages. On arrival at Elephant Hills Camp, you'll find a delicious lunch waiting for you. You'll then hop aboard a canoe and be paddled along the pretty Sok River by a local river guide. Drift along the water, passing limestone peaks and dense tropical vegetation. In this vastly unchanged rainforest, you can spot a number of reptiles and birds including hornbills.

Further down the river, disembark your canoe and head to the elephant sanctuary. Here, you'll learn all about Thai elephants and the sanctuary's conservation efforts as you watch them bathe and spend some time with these beautiful creatures. Later, head to your camp for some down time in your luxurious safari tent. Set in the panoramic jungle-covered hills, you'll find a jungle bar serving cocktails and entertainment including traditional Thai dancers and a cooking demonstration. Enjoy dinner in this unique rainforest setting before returning to your camp. Stay: Elephant Hills Camp. L, D.

Day 2: Khao Sok Wake to the sounds of nature and enjoy breakfast at the camp. You'll then travel to Cheow-Lan Lake to explore the waters by long-tail boat. This man-made lake is surrounded by cliffs that rise up from the shore into the far distance. With more than 100 islands in the lake, you'll see some spectacular scenery here. It's also home to wild elephants, tropical bird species, monkeys, amphibians and even leopards and tigers, making it one of the most unique and important rainforest habitats in South-East Asia.

After cruising on the water, you'll head to the Elephant Hills Rainforest Camp. Floating on this peaceful lake in the heart of the national park, enjoy a delicious Thai buffet lunch before settling in to your luxury tent and taking in the stunning views from the comfort of your deck chair. Later, you'll head out with an experienced and knowledgeable guide to explore the mystery of the surrounding jungle on foot. Wonder at the ecology of one of the world's oldest natural environments as you try to spot hornbills, gibbons, macaques and much more, and learn to identify some of the plant life.

As your day draws to a close, you'll have the opportunity to watch the sun set behind the limestone peaks surrounding Cheow-Lan Lake from the comfort of your deck. The water here is cool and refreshing, offering the perfect spot to enjoy a pre-dinner dip. With the setting of the sun, the night sky comes alive with thousands of stars. Stay: Elephant Hills Rainforest Camp. B, L, D.

Day 3: Khao Sok Wake to the sounds of the jungle and make the most of your final morning in this idyllic place. Hop aboard a canoe for a pre-breakfast exploration of this prehistoric landscape. For those who enjoy a more invigorating start to the day, dive into the still, calm waters.

After breakfast, your guide will take you out on a guided canoe safari into the small meandering inlets of Cheow-Lan Lake. Once again, you'll spot a range of intriguing local wildlife as you are immersed in the tranquillity here. Enjoy a final lunch at your floating camp and take in your beautiful surrounds for one last time before heading to the pier to travel on to Phuket, Khao Lak or Krabi and continue your experience of this beautiful country. B, L.

What's included

- 3-Star tented camp accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Transfers by air-conditioned vehicle
- English-speaking guide.

Need to know

- This tour is not recommended for children under the age of 7 years or those with walking difficulties
- It is recommended that you be a good swimmer for a stay at Elephant Hills Rainforest Camp
- Early morning daily departures from Phuket, Khao Lak or Krabi (pre-night is recommended)
- The tour does not arrive back in Phuket, Khao Lak or Krabi until after 5pm (post-night is recommended)
- The order of the itinerary is subject to change.

Guide price from £470 per person

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 2 nights (May-Oct departures) incl. meal plan as detailed.

River Kwai & Kanchanaburi

Explore the shores of the River Kwai on a journey through this beautiful and historic part of Thailand. Visit the Bridge on the River Kwai, see the poignant Hell Fire Pass Memorial and take a ride on the iconic Death Railway during this experience.



Kanchanaburi Province



Bridge on the River Kwai



The Float House River Kwai

Your itinerary - Hellfire Pass 1 night, River Kwai 1 night

Offering a cultural and historical insight into the area surrounding the infamous River Kwai and Kanchanaburi, this two-night/three-day experience is easily combined with a stay in Bangkok.

Day 1: Kanchanaburi to Hellfire Pass Depart Bangkok for Kanchanaburi – close to the site of the iconic Bridge on the River Kwai that was made famous by David Lean’s 1957 film adaptation of Pierre Boulle’s fictitious World War II novel of the same name. Marking the beginning of the infamous Death Railway, the bridge is arguably one of the most iconic and poignant landmarks in Thailand. Built by POW and slave labourers during World War II, the railway provided a direct route between Bangkok in Thailand and Rangoon (Yangon) in Burma (Myanmar) to enable the mobilisation of Japanese troops across Asia by aiding the movement of supplies.

On arrival in Kanchanaburi, you’ll head to the small yet evocative Thailand-Burma Railway Centre – a museum that commemorates those who built the famous bridge, before visiting the war cemetery. Later, you’ll have time to walk over the famous bridge itself. Still a working railway bridge, you can hop off to the side of the tracks on one of the platforms and watch as the train rolls by.

After enjoying some time to explore, you’ll transfer to the Hin Tok River Camp – your accommodation for the night. Enjoy lunch before travelling on to Hell Fire Pass and the Trails of Death – two of the most well-known sections of the notorious Burma-Thailand Railway. This memorial museum is dedicated to those Australians and other allied prisoners of war and Asian labourers who suffered at Hellfire Pass in World War II.

Take some time to trek along the Hellfire Pass Walking Trail before travelling to the Hin Tok River Camp, where you can enjoy some free time to refresh and relax or join one of the camp’s optional activities. Later, you may like to visit a local village or farm by mountain bike before dinner. Stay: Hin Tok River Camp. L, D.

Day 2: Hellfire Pass to River Kwai Enjoy an early morning walk or cycle across a hanging bridge to the local temple where you will see local villagers giving morning alms to the monks. Return to camp for breakfast before enjoying a cruise aboard a long-tail boat through stunning scenery. Hop aboard a jungle raft to visit the nearby ethnic Mon Tribal Village. Native to Thailand and Burma, the Mon people were one of the earliest to settle in South-East Asia, introducing Theravada Buddhism in Indochina. Here, you can experience this traditional tribe’s intriguing way of life. You can even join in their dancing and try local delicacies.

Travel to The Float House River Kwai, your home for the evening. Floating on the river itself and not too far from Kanchanaburi, this unique place presents a tour highlight that is accessible only by longboat. Head to the open-air restaurant for dinner and enjoy a drink at the bar. Later, you’ll get the opportunity to see a traditional Mon dance. Stay: The Floathouse River Kwai. B, L, D.

Day 3: River Kwai After breakfast, enjoy time at leisure and perhaps head out on a canoe or mountain bike to explore the local area. After lunch on the pier, take a journey through the lush forest on the Death Railway Train before transferring back to Bangkok to enjoy an additional night or two of exploring. B, L.

What’s included

- 3-Star accommodation including a luxury camp and a floating hotel
- Meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Transport including high-speed train
- English-speaking guide.

Need to know

- This tour is not recommended for children under the age of 2 years
- Early morning daily departures from Bangkok (pre-night in Bangkok is recommended)
- The tour does not arrive back in Bangkok until after 6pm (post-night in Bangkok is recommended)
- The order of the itinerary is subject to change.

Guide price from £520 per person

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 2 nights incl. meal plan as detailed.

Thailand Explorer

Truly experience Thailand on this comprehensive tour through its exotic heartland. Witness the dramatic changes in landscape, cuisine and culture as you travel south to north, meeting local people and discovering renowned landmarks. To enhance your time in this enchanting country, memorable experiences include a Thai cooking class and a visit to the responsible Elephant Nature Park.



Escorted small group tour

Nature	●○○○○○
Culture	●●●●●●
Active	●●●○○○

Is this for you?

On this tour we'll show you famous landmarks and offer you a rounded cultural experience as you meet monks, traders and tribespeople and get your hands dirty on a farm.

What's included

- Quality accommodation
- Insightful local tour leaders
- Hand-picked itineraries
- Flexible arrival times
- Small groups and a relaxed approach
- Porterage and guide tips
- Meals where most convenient (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), or the freedom to explore local restaurants independently
- All specified flights.

Need to know

- All departures are guaranteed
- For guests over 16 (unless travelling on a private journey)
- Average group size of 10 guests
- A maximum of 16 guests.

Accommodation

The Sala Ayutthaya is one of Ayutthaya's newest hotels. A boutique oasis with just 26 individually designed rooms and an on-site art gallery featuring the works of local artists, it's a chic base in the heart of this historic region. In Chiang Mai, the RatiLanna Riverside Spa Resort is a luxurious retreat with traditional Thai teak wood, private balconies and a swim-up bar.



Wat Po, Bangkok

Your itinerary – 11 nights

Route

- Bangkok: 2 nights
- Ayutthaya: 1 night
- Sukhothai: 2 nights
- Chiang Rai: 1 night
- Chiang Mai: 3 nights

Day 1: UK to Bangkok Depart the UK on your overnight flight to Bangkok.

Day 2: Bangkok On arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy some time at leisure ahead of an exciting first evening. You'll be picked up to enjoy a cocktail at Banyan Tree Bangkok before heading to River City Pier 2 for a beautiful riverboat dinner cruise down the Chao Phraya River. Provided by Banyan Tree, the Apsara Cruise will give you the chance to see Bangkok's famous sights from the water while indulging in authentic Thai cuisine. Stay: The Landmark Bangkok (or similar). D.

Day 3: Bangkok A morning visit to the Samyan Market will introduce you to the ingredients used in Thai cooking and some of the most popular tropical fruits. Then step back in time at the century-old Nang Loeng Food Market before having lunch at a small but well-known local restaurant near Bangkok City Hall and

continuing on to one of the city's most famous sights – the Grand Palace. Here you will see the famed Emerald Buddha – one of the most revered images of Buddha in the whole of Thailand. You'll also see the temple of Wat Po, the largest temple complex in Bangkok and home to the Reclining Buddha. This evening head to Chinatown which is rich in tradition, history and aromas. Wander past shops and bazaars, sample the street food and visit religious and cultural landmarks. Dinner tonight will be dim sum at a Chinese restaurant. Stay: The Landmark Bangkok (or similar). B, L, D.

Day 4: Bangkok to Ayutthaya Begin your journey north to the city of Ayutthaya, the capital of Thailand from the 14th to the 18th Century. On arrival you'll head straight to the Ayutthaya Historical Park to see the UNESCO-listed temples and ruins of the old city. Governed by 35 kings of Siam, the city was destroyed by the Burmese army in 1767 but today is still an impressive sight to behold. After lunch at a local restaurant – complete with the popular Thai cotton candy for dessert – head south to the 17th-Century Bang Pa-In Summer Palace. Approx. journey time: 3 hours, 85 miles. Stay: Sala Ayutthaya (or similar). B, L.

Day 5: Ayutthaya to Sukhothai The journey north continues to the city of Uthai Thani where you will visit Wat Sangkat Rattana Khiri and the striking temple of Wat Tha Sung. Later you will take a trip along the Sakae Krang River on a traditional rice barge, witnessing life on the water that has hardly changed throughout the centuries. Have lunch as you make your way along the river, observing the houses built on bamboo rafts with their floating gardens and fish farms. Your next stop is Phitsanulok to visit the riverside temple of Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat, home to one of Thailand's most sacred images of Buddha, and the Cha Tawee folk museum (closed on Monday), before continuing on to Sukhothai. Approx. journey time: 6 hours, 250 miles. Stay: Sukhothai Heritage Resort (or similar). B, L.

Day 6: Sukhothai Today's visit to the Sukhothai Historical Park is one of the tour's highlights. Explore the ruins of the first capital of the Kingdom of Siam. Built in the 13th Century, the beautiful buildings here – which include stupas, temples, a monastery and the royal palace – marked the beginning of the Thai style of architecture that you will have witnessed throughout the country. This



Sukhothai Historical Park



Akha tribeswomen



Bangkok



Ayutthaya

Guide price from £2245

Guide price dates

07 Apr 2018

High season

10 Nov 2018 from £2335.

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 11 nights including meal plan as detailed, economy flights on Eva Airways from London Heathrow and group transfers, ref FE1053.

UK departure months

All departure dates are guaranteed to operate

2017 Tours depart in: Nov; Dec

2018 Tours depart in: Jan; Feb; Mar; Apr; May; Jun; Oct; Nov; Dec

2019 Tours depart in: Jan; Feb; Mar.

Tours depart regularly, 2017 itineraries may differ from those displayed – see kuoni.co.uk for the most up-to-date departures and itineraries.

Options

Single travellers Single room supplement from £488

Private tour Upgrade to a private tour with a local tour leader on the same itinerary, departing on the date of your choice from £774 per person, ref FE9063.

What to expect

- Air-conditioned transport
- Full days of sightseeing and cultural experiences as well as some long journeys
- Visits to rural villages, temples and cultural sites
- Encounters with monks, villagers and tribespeople.

afternoon, enjoy lunch overlooking the rice fields and don the distinctive dress worn by Thai farmers as you get to grips with the traditional farming methods in a rice planting workshop. There's even the opportunity to plough the paddies with water buffalo. Stay: Sukhothai Heritage Resort (or similar). B, L.

Day 7: Sukhothai to Chiang Rai Rise early this morning to 'make merit' with the Buddhist monks by making offerings of food before returning to the hotel for breakfast. Much of the day will be spent on the journey north to the city of Chiang Rai, located just 37 miles south of the border with Burma (Myanmar). En route, stop at a pineapple plantation near Lampang before passing through Phayao. On arrival in Chiang Rai visit the Golden Triangle – the point on the Mekong River where Thailand, Burma (Myanmar) and Laos meet. While here, visit the Opium House and learn about the region's poppy cultivation. Approx. journey time: 7 hours, 300 miles. Stay: The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa (or similar). B, L, D.

Day 8: Chiang Rai to Chiang Mai A cultural morning begins with a visit to the two hill tribe villages of Akha

and Yao where a Songthaew (two-row seated local truck) journey will take you to Mae Chan to meet some of the tribespeople of Northern Thailand. Continue on to Chiang Mai and head to the San Kamphaeng district to visit a handicraft centre and watch the spinning and weaving of Thai silk. After lunch at a local restaurant, walk around Chiang Mai's Old City. Begin at the reconstructed Tapae Gate and see Wat Chedi Luang and Wat Phan Tao with its peacock-adorned doorway. This evening, experience a Khantoke dinner – an authentic Thai affair with traditional dances and songs of ancient Thai hill tribes. Approx. journey time: 5 hours, 180 miles. Stay: RatiLanna Riverside Spa Resort, Chiang Mai (or similar). B, L, D.

Day 9: Chiang Mai Another highlight is a full day spent at the Elephant Nature Park, around an hour outside of Chiang Mai. Here they provide a sanctuary for rescued elephants and other wildlife and you'll be able to help with bathing and feeding the elephants. This responsible park provides the perfect opportunity to spend time observing these incredible creatures. There's no strict schedule so you can spend the day relaxing in the company of the elephants. Stay:

RatiLanna Riverside Spa Resort, Chiang Mai (or similar). B, L.

Day 10: Chiang Mai Spend this morning at an insightful – and delicious – cooking class. Your first stop will be the Nong Hoi market to purchase fresh ingredients. The class takes place in an open Lanna-style kitchen where you'll learn how to make four authentic dishes including a Thai curry – which you'll get to eat for lunch. You can also wander around the herb and vegetable gardens. After all of the morning's cooking and tasting, return to the hotel and spend the afternoon at leisure. Stay: RatiLanna Riverside Spa Resort, Chiang Mai (or similar). B, L.

Day 11: Chiang Mai Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arriving the following day. B.

Stay longer

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Beaches of Thailand - Hua Hin 3 nights from £415 per person, ref FE9103

Extend your comprehensive tour with a beach stay at the summer residence of Thailand's Royal Family.

Why Kuoni

We've chosen some memorable hands-on experiences to give a real insight into Thailand, particularly its all-important cuisine. You'll learn about the rural industry during an organic lunch and rice planting workshop, where there's even the opportunity to plough the paddies with water buffalo. A Thai cooking class will take you through the steps from purchasing fresh market ingredients to creating flavoursome, fragrant dishes.

Stay & cruise in Thailand

Sail the beautiful coastline of Thailand with Star Clippers and you will visit beautiful Andaman Sea islands, some of which are accessible only by boat. During your cruise, which follows a three-night stay at your chosen beach resort in Phuket, there'll be opportunities for sunbathing, snorkelling, exploring the islands on foot or taking photo safaris in the ship's Zodiacs.



Star Clipper



James Bond Island

Guide price from
£2899 per person

Guide price dates

10 Jan 2018

High season

From £3672 per person, 12 Dec 2018

Guide price in £ based on 2 people sharing for 13 nights including a Large Outside Cabin (category 4) on Star Clipper, meal plan as detailed, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers, ref FE9698.

UK departures

2017 Cruises depart in Nov, Dec

2018 Cruises depart in Jan, Feb, Mar, Oct
Nov, Dec

Options

Cabin Upgrade to a Large Outside Cabin (category 2) from £210 per person.

Need to know

- Itineraries are subject to change
- Shore excursions can be booked on board the Star Clipper and are payable locally
- B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner.
- The land-based section of this stay & cruise holiday is fully flexible, allowing you to choose where you stay and for how long.

Thailand Explorer – 13 nights

Route

Bangkok, Phuket, Ko Surin, Similan Islands, Hin Daeng & Koh Rok Nok, Langkawi, Koh Kradan, Phang Nga Bay & Koh Hong, Phuket

Days 1-3: UK to Bangkok, Thailand Depart the UK on your overnight flight to Bangkok. On arrival transfer to the Rembrant Hotel for a two night stay. B.

Day 4: Bangkok to Phuket, Thailand Fly to Phuket and transfer to the port where you will board the Star Clipper. Early this evening the ship will set sail. B, L, D.

Day 5: Ko Surin, Thailand Your first stop will be Koh Surin, which is situated in the Koh Surin National Marine Park and is made up of two islands – Koh Surin Nuea and Koh Surin Tai. Here you will have your first opportunity to snorkel in, or enjoy a selection of watersports on the famous crystal-clear Andaman Sea. B, L, D.

Day 6: Similan Islands, Thailand The ship will sail south along the coast to the equally stunning Similan Islands, a popular destination for divers from around the world. These islands can only be reached by the land and you will be able to experience their secluded beaches and surrounding underwater world. B, L, D.

Day 7: Hin Daeng & Koh Rok Nok, Thailand For those who enjoy diving this is one of the highlights of the trip. Hin Daeng, also known as Red Rock, breaks the surface of the water, under which there is a vibrant world. Alongside other marine life which lives in the

red coral you may spot a whale shark or manta ray gliding by. The next stop today is the uninhabited island of Koh Rok Nok, the perfect spot to relax on the beach or snorkel over the coral. B, L, D.

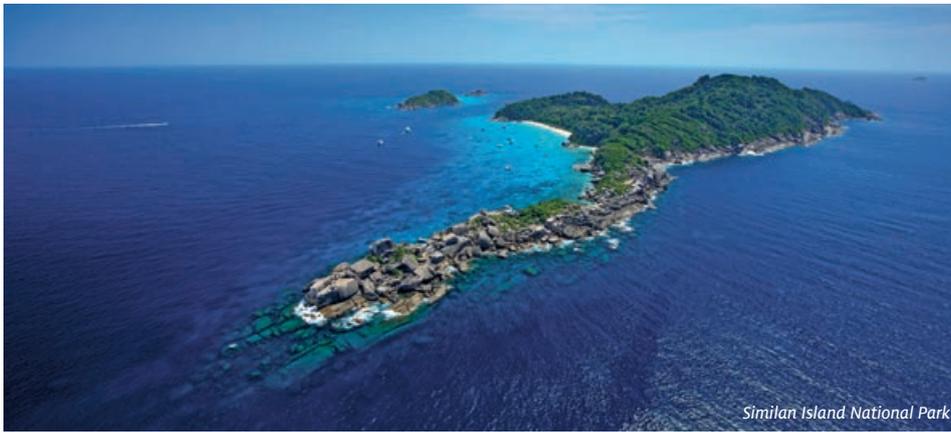
Day 8: Langkawi, Malaysia Today you will visit the Malay island of Langkawi, where you can swim, dive, explore the island's lush interior or enjoy duty free shopping in Kuah Town. B, L, D.

Day 9: Koh Kradan, Thailand Return to Thailand visiting Koh Kradan, a narrow island just off the coast and a picture of paradise. At high tide you can enjoy swimming in the turquoise waters while at low tide you can take a walk on one of the sand bars. B, L, D.

Day 10: Phang Nga Bay & Koh Hong, Thailand Today's first stop is the famed Phang Nga Bay. Here limestone karsts and islands, including the famous James Bond Island, are scattered throughout the bay. You will then continue on to Koh Hong with its breathtaking beach Pelay which is framed by limestone rocks rising up from the sea bed. B, L, D.

Days 11-13: Phuket, Thailand Disembark this morning and transfer to the Kata Thani for a 3-night stay. B.

Day 14: Phuket, Thailand Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.B.



Thailand Adventure – 13 nights

Route

Bangkok, Phuket, Koh Butang or Koh Adang, Penang, Koh Adang, Koh Rok Nok, Phang Nga Bay & Koh Hong, Similan Island or Koh Miang, Phuket

Days 1-3: UK to Bangkok, Thailand Depart the UK on your overnight flight to Bangkok. On arrival transfer to the Rembrant Hotel for a two night stay. B.

Day 4: Bangkok to Phuket, Thailand Fly to Phuket and transfer to the port where you will board the Star Clipper. Early this evening the ship will set sail. B, L, D.

Day 5: Koh Butang or Koh Adang, Thailand There is a choice of destinations today depending on the conditions and the choice of the captain. Close to the Malaysian island of Langkawi, Koh Butang and Koh Adang are part of the Butang Archipelago and are surrounded by crystal clear seas teeming with vibrant sea life. B, L, D.

Day 6: Penang, Malaysia Otherwise known as the 'Pearl of the Orient' the Malay island of Penang is today's port of call. A popular holiday destination the island offers a mix of beach and culture, the latter of which is in abundance in the UNESCO-listed capital Georgetown. B, L, D.

Day 7: Koh Adang, Thailand Begin your return north with a stop at the beautiful Koh Adang in the Tarutao National Park. The island is largely untouched and is covered by ancient jungle. Here you will have the

opportunity to snorkel in the clear waters just off shore, hike into the forested interior or if that is too much relax on one of the white sand beaches. B, L, D.

Day 8: Koh Rok Nok, Thailand Making up Koh Rock are the two islands of Koh Rok Nok and Koh Rok Nai, with the former being today's port of call. The twin islands are part of the Mu Koh Lanta National Park, the snorkelling and diving opportunities around the island are some of the best on the east coast of Thailand. B, L, D.

Day 9: Phang Nga Bay & Koh Hong, Thailand The next stop is the breathtaking Phang Nga Bay. In this picture-perfect landscape vegetation-clad vertical cliffs of 40 islands and seemingly gravity-defying karsts rise up out of the shallow Andaman Sea while mangrove forests line the coast. Later you will stop off at Koh Hong which has a large internal lagoon which is reached by passing through a small break in the limestone cliffs. B, L, D.

Day 10: Similan Island or Koh Miang, Thailand There is another choice of destinations for the captain today either Similan Island or Koh Miang, both of which are located in the Mu Koh Similan National Park, a heaven for divers. B, L, D.

Days 11-13: Phuket, Thailand Disembark this morning and transfer to the Kata Thani for a 3-night stay. B.

Day 14: Phuket, Thailand Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK. B.

Guide price from
£2879 per person

Guide price dates

07 Mar 2018

High season

From £2969 per person, 04 Apr 2018

Guide price in £ based on 2 people sharing for 13 nights including a Large Outside Cabin (category 4) on Star Clipper, meal plan as detailed, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers, ref FE9699.

UK departures

2017 Cruises depart in Nov, Dec

2018 Cruises depart in Jan, Mar, Apr, Nov, Dec

Options

Cabin Upgrade to a Large Outside Cabin

(category 2) from £260 per person.

Need to know

- Itineraries are subject to change
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Malaysia

Malaysia offers an extraordinary palette of colourful cultures and beauty. Bask on beautiful beaches, explore ancient jungles, discover colonial or ultra-modern cities and soak up the ambience of this diverse nation.

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General information

Flying time Kuala Lumpur: 13 hours; Kota Kinabalu: 14½ hours; Langkawi: 14 hours; Penang: 14 hours

Time difference GMT +8 hours

Currency Malaysian Ringgit

Language Malay

Visa info A visa is not required for UK passport holders.

Key events

31 August: National Day – A celebration with fireworks throughout the country to commemorate the granting of Malaysian independence.

19 October 2017 & 07 November 2018: Deepavali – Also known as the Festival of Lights, when the country's Hindu population lights earthen diyas to symbolise the victory of good over evil.

Climate

Malaysia experiences a tropical climate year round, but weather conditions can be very different between east and west. The capital Kuala Lumpur has warm temperatures throughout the year, with its driest months from June to August. The west coast beach resorts of Penang and Langkawi are best experienced from December-April. The east coast resorts can be rather wet in November and December, but will often experience lots of sunshine alongside some showers for the rest of the year. Borneo will be hot and sunny year-round and tends to have higher rainfall between November and January.

°C Average daily maximum temperature

☀ Average daily sunshine hours (not hours of daylight)

☁ Average monthly rainfall in mm

		Borneo	Kuala Lumpur	Langkawi	Pangkor Laut	Penang
Jan	°C	30	31	33	30	31
	☀	6	6	8	7	8
	☁	152	147	50	152	97
Feb	°C	30	32	34	30	32
	☀	7	7	8	8	8
	☁	76	137	47	158	103
Mar	°C	31	33	34	30	32
	☀	8	7	8	7	7
	☁	101	218	91	173	159
Apr	°C	31	33	33	30	32
	☀	8	7	8	7	7
	☁	152	264	169	217	230
May	°C	32	32	32	31	31
	☀	7	7	7	7	7
	☁	254	209	256	172	259
Jun	°C	31	32	32	30	31
	☀	7	7	6	7	7
	☁	279	130	218	113	194
Jul	°C	31	32	31	30	31
	☀	7	7	6	7	7
	☁	254	141	233	130	224
Aug	°C	31	32	31	30	31
	☀	6	6	6	6	6
	☁	279	154	249	145	234
Sep	°C	31	32	31	30	30
	☀	6	6	6	6	5
	☁	304	190	339	196	325
Oct	°C	31	32	31	30	30
	☀	6	6	6	6	6
	☁	355	268	344	287	412
Nov	°C	30	31	32	30	31
	☀	6	5	6	6	6
	☁	304	278	215	280	282
Dec	°C	30	31	32	29	31
	☀	6	5	7	6	7
	☁	254	232	94	212	149

Important holiday information The price we confirm at the time of booking is the price we guarantee. Prices vary depending on the date you wish to travel and the elements included in your package. Please read p182-187 before you book your holiday. For further information and to tailor make your holiday, please call us or go to www.kuoni.co.uk for the best available price.

Discovering Malaysia's beaches

Malaysia has so much to offer – from the diverse scenery and famous wildlife of Borneo to the colonial island of Penang and beautiful off-the-beaten-track beach hideaways. Scale verdant mountains, retreat to a private island paradise, enjoy traditional street food at a bustling night market or relax at the beach of your selected resort – the choice is yours.



Langkawi Skybridge



Gaya Island, Borneo

An insight into Malaysia's beaches

Borneo

Sharing the island of Borneo with Indonesia and the tiny sovereign state of Brunei, Malaysian Borneo offers exciting sightseeing, stunning scenery, beautiful beaches and a fascinating culture that reflects the diversity of the region. Split into the two states of Sarawak and Sabah, Malaysian Borneo welcomes adventurers, aspiring zoologists, botanists and beach lovers to its breathtaking landscapes.

Each of our fabulous Borneo resorts are located in the northern state of Sabah, within easy reach of the capital Kota Kinabalu. Affectionately known as KK, the city acts as a gateway to the region's magnificent scenery and is a food lover's paradise, featuring a seemingly endless choice of restaurants and hawker stalls selling the finest regional produce. Lying just off the shore are the paradisiacal islands of Tunku Abdul Rahman National Park. The pretty Palau Gaya, where the luxury beach front property of Gaya Island Resort (p93) is situated, can be reached from the city in just 20 minutes via speedboat transfer.

Borneo is the perfect destination if you seek a slice of adventure, mixed with a relaxing break at a beautiful beach resort. You can spend as much time as you like here, however if you choose to combine our exciting 11-night Borneo Explorer (p106) tour with some rest and rejuvenation at a beach-side resort, two weeks is the perfect length of time to spend here.

Shaded by the revered Mount Kinabalu, one of South East Asia's highest mountains, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kinabalu Park boasts incredible biodiversity. Plant life enthusiasts and naturalists can attempt to spot some of the thousands of varieties of flora found here, whilst bird and wildlife watchers can see over half of all Malaysia's bird, mammal and amphibian species.

While there are countless incredible settings in which to view Borneo's world-famous wildlife throughout Sabah, nowhere comes close to the extraordinary rainforest that lines the banks of the lower Kinabatangan River. This 'mini Amazon' is thought to be one of only two places on earth where as many as ten species of primate can be found, including the endemic orangutans and characterful proboscis monkeys.

The highly intelligent orangutan is Borneo's most eminent species. If you have dreamt of viewing one of these enchanting creatures, we recommend staying at either Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort & Spa (p92) or Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort & Spa (p90). From here, you can visit the endearing inhabitants of the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre on a full day excursion. Although it takes a road transfer and a short internal flight to get here, this is a spectacular place to see the 'people of the forest' on their way to being rehabilitated back into the wild and is definitely worth a trip for wildlife lovers.

Beach Hideaways

Off the beaten track, our unique featured beach hideaways each offer enviably tranquil settings. The private island of Pangkor Laut Resort (p94) is a tropical paradise. Just three miles off the west coast of Malaysia, this luxurious resort sits solitary amidst a verdant rainforest. Rocky outcrops and beautiful bays are found around the island's coast, whilst the interior is blessed with dense vegetation that is home to an array of fascinating flora and fauna.

Discover Malay traditions and immerse yourself in the spirit of well-being at Tanjong Jara Resort (p95). Designed in the style of a 17th-century Malay palace, the resort is home to beautiful beaches and is set on the shores of the sparkling blue-green South China Sea. Located on the Malay Peninsula's unspoilt east coast, the resort features an award-winning spa village where guests can enjoy refreshing therapies which are performed by the resident Malay healers using locally sourced natural products.

Langkawi

The strikingly beautiful island of Langkawi lies off the west coast of mainland Malaysia and is blessed with sleepy fishing villages, pure white sands and lush vegetation. On a visit here, you will find yourself amidst clear, calm waters, with the opportunity to relax and unwind in total tranquillity.



Langkawi



Kek Lok Si, Penang



Batu Ferringhi, Penang



Langkawi

The popular Pantai Cenang is the main beach on the island with its soft sands, inviting waters, island views and a quiet, laid-back atmosphere. Behind the beach strip local restaurants and bars line the street, as well as other tourist shops. Whilst all of our resorts are located on quieter, more isolated beaches, this is definitely worth a visit.

Among the island's top attractions is the Langkawi Cable Car and Sky Bridge. Departing from the Oriental Village, the cable car ascends over rainforest and the Seven Wells Waterfall to a height of 708 metres above sea level. At the peak of Mount Mat Cincang, you'll enjoy spellbinding 360° views of Pulau Langkawi's forested landscapes, the Andaman Sea and an array of uninhabited islands and islets.

The exquisitely secluded Datai Bay plays host to The Andaman (p96), one of the island's most luxurious resorts. Here, the rainforest descends from hillsides to meet talcum-white beaches and turquoise waters.

Langkawi isn't short on exquisite natural wonders and nature lovers won't be disappointed when it comes to places to explore, sights to see and wildlife to witness; both on land and below the surface of the inviting Andaman waters. Lush mangrove forests, intriguing limestone rock formations, white-sand beaches and crystal-clear lagoons await at the remarkable Sungai

Kilim Nature Park. The Pulau Payar Marine Park, located some 20 miles from Pulau Langkawi, is well known for its coral reefs and is a popular setting for swimming, snorkelling and diving.

Penang

Located off the west coast of Malaysia, the island of Penang is famous for its excellent local cuisine, bustling night markets and its UNESCO World Heritage-listed capital of Georgetown. As well as an array of British architectural varieties, Georgetown plays host to mosques and Chinese and Indian-style temples. The resplendent temple of Kek Lok Si, also known as the 'Temple of Supreme Bliss', is the largest Buddhist temple in South East Asia.

Our featured resorts in Penang (p100-101) are located alongside the island's most popular stretch of beach in the former fishing village of Batu Ferringhi. Each evening, the Jalan Batu Ferringhi road comes alive with people dining and drinking at the many restaurants, and browsing the nightly market.

NB: A tourist tax is payable at your hotel or resort.

Our favourite combinations

Kuala Lumpur @ Borneo

ref KL079

Perfect for nature lovers, this combination allows you to experience the glitz of the nation's capital city before heading to Borneo to spot wildlife.

Kuala Lumpur @ Penang

ref KL069

Night markets, superb cuisine and a UNESCO World-Heritage listed centre await in Penang – perfectly combined with a visit to Kuala Lumpur.

Kuala Lumpur @ Langkawi

ref KL072

Picturesque and idyllic, Langkawi is a great option for those that want to enjoy a relaxing beach break after the excitement of the capital.

Kuala Lumpur @ Pangkor Laut

ref KL077

It's own private island hideaway, Pangkor Laut presents a luxurious, intimate beach destination following a visit to Kuala Lumpur.

Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort & Spa *****

Set in tropical grounds along a vast white sand bay with a beautiful nature reserve in the grounds.

With a spectacular spa and fantastic facilities, Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort & Spa is a unique retreat for nature lovers and a luxurious haven for relaxation. If you can tear yourself away from the beach or the pool, you should make the most of the beautiful natural environment by participating in canopy walks, bird-watching, guided jungle trails and nocturnal wildlife viewing.

From authentic Malaysian 'street food' at the Tepi Laut Makan Street restaurant and traditional Indian cuisine at Naan – Flavours of India, to Italian dishes at the Oceano Italian Restaurant, you will be spoilt for choice when it comes to dining. Wherever you do decide to eat, be sure to begin your evening with a sunset cocktail at the laid-back Sampan Bar which overlooks the beach.

The rooms feature a balcony or terrace and are located either in the Garden Wing with forest or garden views, or the newer Ocean Wing with sea views. The Superior Rainforest Rooms face the tropical forest to the back of the resort, while the Deluxe Gardenview and Sea View Rooms are located in the Garden Wing and face the front of the resort. If you choose a Premier Ocean Wing Room, you'll enjoy a little extra luxury with a bathtub on your balcony and access to an exclusive pool.

Setting On the beach of Pantai Dalit

Getting there Approx. 40 minutes by private car from Kota Kinabalu international airport

Rooms 499 rooms

Dining 6 restaurants, 2 bars

Facilities 2 Swimming pools (1 exclusively for Ocean Wing guests), children's pool, nature reserve, spa*, fitness centre, watersports, kids' club

Activities • Witness the local wildlife on bird watching and jungle walks*

• Discover the region's culture on an excursion* • Head into the rainforest on a Canopy walkway experience.

What's included

Breakfast at the Coffee Terrace (Garden Wing guests) or Oceano Italian Restaurant (Ocean Wing guests).

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £22 • Breakfast and dinner at the Coffee Terrace (Garden Wing guests) or Oceano Italian Restaurant (Ocean Wing guests)

Full Board from £39 • Breakfast at the Coffee Terrace (Garden Wing guests) or Oceano Italian Restaurant (Ocean Wing guests) • Lunch at Oceano Italian

Restaurant or Tepi Laut with a credit of 80 ringgits • Dinner at the Coffee Terrace, Tepi Laut (Garden Wing guests) or Oceano Italian Restaurant (Ocean Wing guests).

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Room Upgrade, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Food & Beverage, Child and Spa offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1282 per person

03 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1325

06 Apr-05 Jul; 14 Jul-12 Aug;

31 Aug-11 Dec 2018

Extra night from £81

Single supplement from £81

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Superior Rainforest Room including breakfast, economy flights on Malaysia Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9270. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Coffee Terrace

At a glance

.....
Nature reserve

.....
Family-friendly resort

.....
Perfect post-tour beach break



Premier Ocean Wing Room



Sampan Bar





Deluxe Gardenview Room

Why not combine with ...

Kuala Lumpur (p102)

Spend some time exploring Malaysia's cosmopolitan capital city, home to the Petronas Towers, colourful night markets and a wide selection of restaurants.

Naan - Flavours of India Restaurant

Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort & Spa *****

This stylish resort has excellent facilities including one of Borneo's finest spas and fun water play areas.

Located on the shores of the stunning South China Sea, just minutes from the city of Kota Kinabalu, Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort & Spa is one of the region's most popular luxury hotels. Borneo is a fantastic destination for a family holiday and this accommodating resort has long been a favourite of those travelling with youngsters. There is a fabulous Cool Zone Kids' Club, where a wide range of activities are available, including themed parties. The water play area, which features 3 fun water slides, giant water bucket splash, a water balloon war station plus a huge pool, is a kids' paradise that will keep them entertained all day. Whilst the children are busy playing, CHI, The Spa is a haven for adults which also offers yoga, t'ai chi and Pilates sessions.

The range of dining options is also varied to suit all tastes – from the laid-back bar and grill of Coco-Joe's, to the fine-dining ambience of Italian Peppino, which has been repeatedly voted one of Malaysia's best restaurants. Your included meals will be served at the main buffet restaurant Café TATU, where international dishes are served each morning and a mixture of international and local cuisine is on offer at night.

The modern and spacious rooms here are located in either the Kinabalu or Tanjung wing and feature stunning views of either Mount Kinabalu or the South China Sea. Kinabalu Mountainview and Seaview Rooms echo a traditional Bornean style, whilst the Tanjung Seaview Rooms are more modern. For additional benefits including free breakfast, selected drinks and evening hors d'oeuvres in the exclusive Club Lounge, opt for a Kinabalu Club Mountainview or Seaview Room.

Setting Seafont, just outside Kota Kinabalu

Getting there Approx. 10 minutes by private car from Kota Kinabalu international airport

Rooms 492 rooms and suites

Dining 4 restaurants, 2 bars, ice cream bar

Facilities Infinity pool, CHI, The Spa*, fitness centre, Cool Zone Kids' club, water play area, watersports*, tennis courts

Spa CHI, The Spa is a unique stand-alone spa village that sits on an 'island' reached via a private causeway. A highlight is the spectacular private yoga pavilion extending out over the water

Families Children will delight in the special treatment and extras that this family-friendly hotel provides. There's a water play area with slides and a giant tipping bucket and water balloon fights
Activities • Try out t'ai chi, yoga, Pilates and aqua exercise* • Enjoy Malaysian cooking demonstration* • Kids' arts and crafts activities at the Cool Zone • Learn how to weave coconut leaves or enjoy traditional games*.

What's included

Breakfast at Café TATU.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £30 • Breakfast and dinner at Café TATU.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Room Upgrade and Honeymoon/Anniversary offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1252 per person

03 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1334

08 Apr-05 Jul; 14 Jul-12 Aug;

31 Aug-11 Dec 2018

Extra night from £80

Single supplement from £81

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Kinabalu Mountainview Room including breakfast, economy flights on Malaysia Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9274. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge

Kinabalu Wing Seaview Room



At a glance

.....
A family-friendly resort

.....
Spectacular Sunset Bar

.....
Waterside retreat, CHI, The Spa



Infinity pool



Sunset bar



Gaya Island Resort ****

Combining comfort, style and wilderness, this island resort is integrated into the natural environment.

In the Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park, just off the coast of Kota Kinabalu, lies the island of Pulau Gaya. Covered in dense tropical forest, this picturesque isle has been protected as a reserve since the early 1920s. Here, you will find one of Borneo's most luxurious hotels, Gaya Island Resort. The Spa Village provides an idyllic location amongst the mangroves and offers a wide range of spa programmes. There are a variety of creative activities on offer which encompass the island's fascinating culture, natural beauty and captivating wildlife and marine life.

The interactive buffet venue Feast Village offers breakfast, lunch and dinner and serves diverse cuisines from all over the Asia-Pacific region, while the fine dining, adults-only Fisherman's Cove restaurant has a dinner menu full of freshly caught seafood dishes. For a taste of Japan, head to Omakase, where your choice of teppanyaki is prepared by the talented chef. Shabu-shabu or nabe dishes are also available on request. You can enjoy a refreshing cocktail or light lunch at the casual Pool Bar and Lounge, or perhaps have lunch at the private Tavajun Bay which is reached by a five minute boat ride.

The resort is made up of modern villas that have been built using the finest locally-sourced materials. The Canopy Villas sit on a gentle hillside just a short walk from the beach, whilst the Bayu Villas are set higher up in the forest and feature views of the rainforest canopy or tropical mangroves. A stay in the Kinabalu Villas means a bit of extra climbing, however they have stunning views of the glittering South China Sea. The extremely spacious two-level Suria Suite is perfect for families or groups.

Setting On the beautiful island of Pulau Gaya, one of the five islands of the Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park

Getting there Approx. 1 hour from Kota Kinabalu international airport by private car and shared speed boat shuttle

Rooms 120 villas and 1 suite

Dining 3 restaurants, bar and casual lunch at Tavajun Bay

Facilities Swimming pool, Spa Village*, kids' half-day activity programme, dive and watersports centre*, fitness centre, 2 beaches, library, marine/wildlife centres

Spa The secluded Spa Village is set in the mangrove forest and offers complete serenity. Treatments are inspired by the cultural healing practices of Sabah's indigenous people.

Need to know

Minimum stays apply. The resort is not recommended for those with walking difficulties. Guests over 12 are welcome in the Fisherman's Cove Restaurant. A conservation fee of approx. £4 per guest per night is payable locally at the resort.

What's included

Breakfast at Feast Village.

Meal upgrades

Full Board from £74 • Breakfast at Feast Village • Lunch at Feast Village, Pool Bar & Lounge or Tavajun Bay • Dinner at Feast Village, Omakase or Fisherman's Cove.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver and Honeymoon/ Anniversary offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1197 per person

03 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1420

06 Apr-05 Jul; 13 Jul-12 Aug;
13 Aug-11 Dec 2018

Extra night from £61

Single supplement from £62

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Bayu Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Malaysia Airlines from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref FE2180. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Kinabalu Villa

At a glance
.....
On Pulau Gaya in Borneo
.....
Secluded Spa Village
.....
Marine excursions to the house reef



Fisherman's Cove



SPA

Pangkor Laut Resort *****

A exotic hideaway set on an idyllic and intimate rainforest-clad island off Malaysia's west coast.

Seamlessly blending luxury accommodation with untouched nature, this private island resort sits in the Straits of Malacca and provides a feeling of getting away from it all. The extensive Spa Village offers a unique combination of treatments and therapies from around Asia. If you can tear yourself away from the spa there are plenty of activities to enjoy, from sunset cruises, fishing and island hopping excursions, to yoga, t'ai chi and jungle trekking. Across the island from the heart of the resort you'll find the pretty cove, Emerald Bay.

Take a culinary tour of Malaysia, Asia and beyond at the resort's seven restaurants and two bars. If your idea of the perfect evening is one of sophisticated dining with a range of seafood, western grill dishes and Italian cuisine on offer, head to the adults-only fine dining restaurant, Fisherman's Cove. Alternatively, sample authentic Nyonya and Hockchew Chinese-style home cooking at Uncle Lim's Kitchen. Due to the secluded location of the resort we highly recommend you upgrade to the full board package.

The villas and suites are scattered throughout the resort or on stilts over the sea – a unique accommodation choice in Malaysia. Garden, Hill and Beach Villas are located on the island, the latter featuring sea views, whilst the Sea Villas and Sea Suites are located out over the water. The resort also features over-water Spa Villas which are conveniently located close to the Spa Village, and if you opt for one of these, you can enjoy access to the Spa Village pool.

Setting A private island off the west coast of Malaysia.

Getting there Approx. 3½ hours from Kuala Lumpur airport by private car and 15-minute shared speedboat ride from Marina Island Pangkor

Rooms 140 suites and villas

Dining 7 restaurants, 2 bars

Facilities 2 swimming pools (1 exclusive to Spa Villa and Spa Village guests), Spa Village*, tennis and squash courts, fitness centre, water sports centre*, library, boutiques*

Spa A unique four-acre retreat that honours the healing cultures of the region, Spa Village Pangkor Laut creates wellness programmes that combine physical and spiritual health and wellbeing. Every spa treatment begins with a Bath House Ritual.

Need to know

Minimum stays apply. The resort is not recommended for those with walking difficulties. Minimum age 16 for Spa Villas and the Fisherman's Cove Restaurant. Guests over 16 are welcome in Sea Villas, Spa Villas and Sea Suites.

What's included

Breakfast at Feast Village.

Meal upgrades

Full Board from £76 • Breakfast at Feast Village • Lunch at Chapman's Bar or Royal Bay Beach Club • Dinner at Feast Village, Uncle Lim's Kitchen or Fisherman's Cove (adults-only).

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Spa offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1834 per person

03 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1891

06 Apr-05 Jul; 13 Jul-12 Aug;
13 Aug-11 Dec 2018

Extra night from £97

Single supplement from £97

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Garden Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Malaysia Airlines from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref KU0782. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Infinity pool

At a glance

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Superb natural surrounds
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Upgrade to over-the-water
Sea Villas and Suites
.....
Private-island resort



Sea Villa bedroom



Sea Villas



Spa Village



Emerald Bay



SPA

Tanjong Jara Resort ****

A unique and traditional Malaysian resort in a striking location on Malaysia's unspoilt east coast.

If you're looking to get off the beaten track and away from the crowds for a peaceful beach retreat that perfectly combines with a Borneo or Pangkor Laut holiday, Tanjong Jara Resort is a great choice. Shaded sunbeds and cabanas surround the pools, providing the perfect place to unwind. The landscaped gardens house the renowned Spa Village Tanjong Jara where ancient locally-inspired treatments and therapies are available. The pristine reefs of Terengganu Marine Park can be reached in approximately 45 minutes from the resort and offer some truly spectacular seasonal snorkelling and diving opportunities.

There are three restaurants here, including Di Atas Sungei, which presents lovely river views. This exciting restaurant doesn't have a fixed menu. Instead, Menu Masters, who are experts in regional cuisine, are on hand to help you create incredible dishes using fresh local ingredients the sea provides. The beachside restaurant Nelayan (the Malay word for fisherman) is a beautiful venue serving up local seafood specialities, as well as superb Asian and western dishes.

The Asian-style décor is evident throughout the resort and is reflected in the beautiful rooms. The first-floor Bumbung Rooms and the ground- and first-floor Serambi Rooms both offer views of the tropical gardens; the latter also features a terrace. Both categories can be upgraded to sea view rooms, from which you can enjoy idyllic ocean views. The Anjung Rooms are perfect should you require a little extra space, and these luxurious semi-detached cottages all face the beach.

Setting On the east coast of the Malay Peninsula, overlooking the South China Sea

Getting there Approx. 1¼ hours by private car from Kuala Terengganu airport

Rooms 100 rooms

Dining 3 restaurants

Facilities 2 swimming pools including an adults-only pool, Malay Spa Village, fitness centre, tennis courts, library, boutique*

Activities • Head out on a scuba diving or snorkelling excursion to nearby Tenggol Island (March to September)* • Enjoy a Marang River eco cruise* • Set out on a guided bicycle tour* • Explore your surrounds on a jungle trek to beautiful Chemerung Waterfall* • Between May and September, you can head out to spot green turtles nesting and hatching at the resort's hatchery.

Need to know

This resort is closed 01-30 Nov.

What's included

Breakfast at Di Atas Sungei.

Meal upgrades

Full Board from £74 • Breakfast at Di Atas Sungei • Lunch at Nelayan • Dinner at Di Atas Sungei or Nelayan.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/ Anniversary and Spa offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1269 per person

01 Jan-22 Mar 2018

High season from £1334

06 Apr-25 Jun; 13 Jul-12 Aug;

31 Aug-26 Oct 2018

Extra night from £64

Single supplement from £65

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Bumbung Room including breakfast, economy flights on Malaysia Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9261. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Bumbung Seaview Room

At a glance

 Classic Malay architecture

 Snorkelling and diving on Tenggol Island

 Award-winning spa



View from Di Atas Sungei



The Andaman, a Luxury Collection Resort, Langkawi ****

An exceptional hotel seamlessly blending contemporary design with breathtaking sea views.

Found in an ancient rainforest between Langkawi's Mat Chincang Mountains and one of the island's most scenic bays, this hotel is a perfect choice if you seek a tranquil, peaceful holiday surrounded by nature. The grounds are teeming with exotic bird species and wildlife and you can discover more about the region's flora and fauna on a variety of optional activities. A highlight here is the V Integrated Wellness Spa, situated high up on the hillside, which has far-reaching views over the bay and Andaman Sea and provides award-winning, personalised treatments.

You can dine on Oriental favourites such as sushi and tempura at The Japanese Restaurant, seafood specialities at Jala Restaurant, traditional Malaysian cuisine at Tepian Laut and international cuisine at The Restaurant. Alternatively, enjoy a casual beachside lunch or sunset cocktail at the Beach Bar. The Andaman offers a fantastic all-inclusive upgrade which is one of the best on the island and includes meals, snacks and select drinks at the majority of the hotel's restaurants and bars.

Whether you want views of the rainforest, the Andaman Sea, a private rainforest garden, or direct access to either a semi-private or private swimming pool on your terrace, there's an option for you. Rooms and suites include the Deluxe Rainforest and Treetop Rooms which feature a Juliet balcony and spectacular views, the highly-recommended Luxury Seaview Rooms and the Luxury Pool Access Rooms. The most indulgent accommodation on offer here are the Executive Suites, Executive Seaview Suites and the Executive Pool Suites.

Setting On Datal Bay, on the northern coastline of Langkawi

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Langkawi airport

Rooms 178 rooms and suites

Dining 4 restaurants, 2 bars

Facilities Swimming pool, spa*, fitness centre, non-motorised watersports equipment*, Young Explorers' Club, hair salon*

Spa The luxurious spa has an extensive list of treatments offered in open air villas which have breathtaking views. There is also healthy cuisine available in the food and beverage venues.

Need to know

Minimum stays apply. Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at The Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £54 • Breakfast at The Restaurant and dinner at The Restaurant, Tepian Laut or Jala

Full Board from £95 • Breakfast at The

Restaurant • Lunch at The Restaurant or Tepian Laut • Dinner at The Restaurant, Tepian Laut or Jala

All Inclusive from £140 • Breakfast at The Restaurant • Lunch at The Restaurant or Tepian Laut • Dinner at The Restaurant, Tepian Laut, Jala Restaurant or The Japanese Restaurant • Selected drinks, snacks and minibar items • Room service.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver and Honeymoon/Anniversary offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1308 per person
03 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1373
21 Apr-25 Jun; 13 Jul-12 Aug;
31 Aug-11 Dec 2018

Extra night from £97
Single supplement from £97

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Rainforest Room including breakfast, economy flights on Malaysia Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref KLO31. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



The Japanese Restaurant



At a glance

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Award-winning V Integrated
Wellness Spa

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On beautiful Datal Bay

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Upgrade to all inclusive



Luxury Pool Access Room

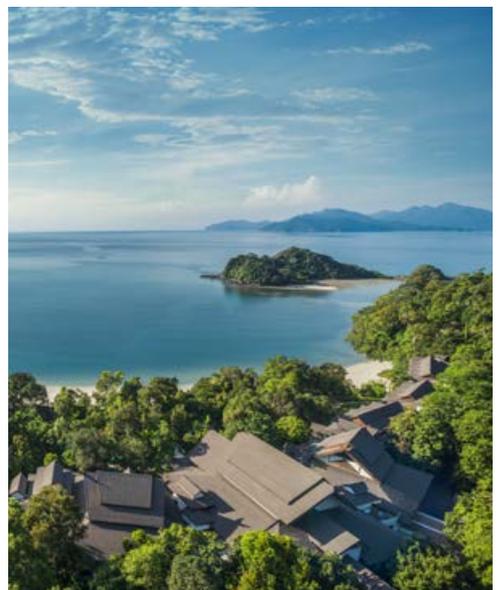


Tepian Laut Restaurant





Executive Pool Suite



Meritus Pelangi Beach Resort & Spa *****

Offering an idyllic setting, this resort stretches over a half moon bay.

This is one of those fantastic resorts that combines a wide range of activities and facilities for guests of all ages with a charming natural setting and an enviable easy-going ambience. Children will love the kids' club and the entertaining water play area, while you head to the spa or just relax – either by one of the two pools or on the white-sand beach.

Buffets are served daily at the main dining venue, the Spice Market Restaurant, which is located just off the main lobby. You can enjoy Malay, Chinese and Indian specialities here alongside western favourites and you can dine either inside or al fresco on the terrace. Set right on the sands of Cenang beach, overlooking the Andaman Sea, the beachside Cba restaurant has an à la carte menu at lunch and dinner. Chilled out evenings can be spent sipping on cocktails on the comfortable terrace, or enjoying a post-dinner coffee at the Pelangi Lounge. Cascade Pool – the resort's swim-up bar – also serves sandwiches, smoothies and cocktails.

Inspired by classic Malay architecture, the resort features a rustic-chic character yet does not skimp on modern amenities. Look out over the tropical gardens from the Garden Terrace Rooms, or enjoy views of the resort's tranquil lake from the Lakefront Rooms. For close proximity to a pool, choose a Pool Terrace Room, while if you would rather look out over the sea, opt for a Beachfront Room. If you need a little extra space, there are Family Suites available on request with either garden or Andaman Sea views.

Setting At the northern end of Langkawi's main beach Pantai Cenang

Getting there Approx. 10 minutes by private car from Langkawi airport

Rooms 355 rooms

Dining 2 restaurants, 2 bars

Facilities 2 swimming pools, kids' pool, spa*, Jacuzzi, fitness centre, tennis and squash courts, kids' club

Activities • Motorised and non-motorised watersports* • Jungle trekking and island safaris*

• Rejuvenating treatments at the spa*.

Need to know

Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

Meal upgrades

Breakfast from £13 • Breakfast at Spice Market Restaurant

Half Board from £39 • Breakfast and dinner at Spice Market Restaurant

Full Board from £60 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Spice Market Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Food & Beverage, Room Upgrade, Honeymoon/ Anniversary and Spa offers available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1277 per person

03 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1437

05 Jan-10 Feb; 13 Jul-12 Aug 2018

Extra night from £93

Single supplement from £93

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Garden Terrace Room economy flights on Malaysia Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9239. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



At a glance

On a quiet stretch of Langkawi's main beach

Traditional Malay-style architecture

Kids' club and play pool



Horizon Pool

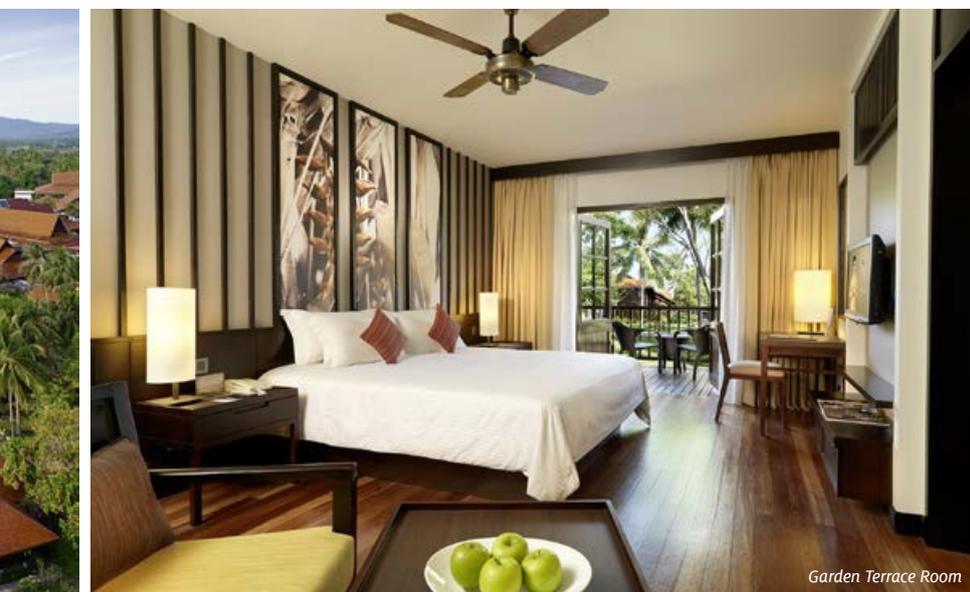


Pool Terrace Room





Cascades Pool



Garden Terrace Room



Spice Market Restaurant



Lobby

Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa *****

Beautiful grounds are scattered with century-old trees and tropical flowers at this classic resort.

Reflecting Shangri-La's world-renowned style, grace and exemplary service, the Rasa Sayang has long been a favourite in Penang. Set on Batu Ferringhi beach, the resort has an air of luxury, peace and tranquillity; yet you'll be moments from the lively market and just 20 minutes from historic George Town. There are two pools here – one of which is exclusively for the use of Rasa Wing guests over 16 years old – as well as the beautifully secluded CHI, The Spa, and a 9-hole pitch and putt golf course.

The resort's restaurants provide everything from fine dining to refreshing poolside snacks. For Garden Wing guests, a buffet breakfast is served at the Spice Market Café. If you opt for a Rasa Wing Room, you can choose to dine either here or enjoy an à la carte breakfast at the Feringgi Grill. Here the dishes reflect Malaysia's diverse culture with a range of cuisines. The Feringgi Bar is open throughout the evening and is the perfect spot for pre or post-dinner drinks. For an al fresco lunch or dinner, head to the poolside Pinang Restaurant and Bar which serves light meals and drinks and has views out over the sea and a daily happy hour. At the Fun, Interactive, Play Lounge (FIP), you'll enjoy a laid-back ambience.

In the Garden Wing, you can select either a Deluxe Gardenview Room, a Deluxe Seaview Room or a Superior Family Seaview Room. If you opt for a Rasa Wing Room, such as a Rasa Wing Rasa Premier Room, you can enjoy exclusive access to a lounge where afternoon tea and evening cocktails are served, alongside a whole host of other privileges.

Setting On the island's main beach Batu Ferringhi

Getting there Approx. 45 minutes by private car from Penang airport

Rooms 304 rooms

Dining 4 restaurants, 1 deli, 2 bars

Facilities Swimming pool, Rasa Wing swimming pool, children's pool, fitness centre, 9-hole golf course, tennis courts

Activities • Discover more about the environment on a visit to the ECO Centre
• Enjoy yoga, t'ai chi and Pilates classes*
• Explore the capital George Town on a Heritage walk.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 23 Dec-03 Jan. Rasa Wing Rasa Premier Rooms are not available 23 Dec-02 Jan. Compulsory New Year's Eve Gala Dinner supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at the Spice Market Café for Garden Wing guests • Breakfast at the Spice Market Café or Feringgi Grill for Rasa Wing guests.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £52 • Breakfast at the Spice Market Café for Garden Wing

guests • Breakfast at the Spice Market Café or Feringgi Grill for Rasa Wing guests • Dinner at a choice of the hotel's restaurants

Full Board from £72 • Breakfast at the Spice Market Café for Garden Wing guests • Breakfast at the Spice Market Café or Feringgi Grill for Rasa Wing guests • Lunch and dinner at a choice of the hotel's restaurants.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/ Anniversary and Sale offers available. Please call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1326 per person

03 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1461

15 Jun-05 Jul; 13 Jul-10 Aug 2018

Extra night from £102

Single supplement from £102

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Gardenview Garden Wing Room including breakfast, economy flights on Malaysia Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref KU0125. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Rasa Wing Deluxe Room

At a glance

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Set in 30 acre grounds

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Upgrade to the Rasa Wing

.....
Set on Batu Ferringhi Beach



Rasa Wing Pool



Spice Market Restaurant



Pinang Restaurant



Golden Sands Resort by Shangri-La ****



Executive Seaview Room

At a glance

-
- Kids Adventure Zone
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- Three swimming pools
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- Lively beachfront location

A beautiful resort with a family-friendly vibe, situated on popular Batu Ferringhi Beach.

The focus here is firmly on family fun with an indoor Adventure Zone featuring drop slides and play equipment, a Cool Zone Kids' Club where guests between 5 and 12 years old can enjoy games and activities, and three pools, one of which features waterslides and brand-new splash zone – a mini waterpark with interactive water jets, a tipping water bucket, water sprays and more. If you're looking for an active holiday, there are also tennis courts as well as regular beach and water volleyball matches.

Casual and relaxed, the dining venues here include the main buffet restaurant, the Garden Café, and the al fresco family restaurant, Sigi's Bar & Grill which is located directly on the beach. Sigi's menu features delicious wood-fired pizzas, barbecued meat and fresh seafood. Continuing the modern theme that pervades throughout the hotel, the Cool Lounge offers internet stations, magazines, five televisions, board games and refreshments, making it a great place to hang out.

Back in the tropical grounds of the resort, an outdoor Jacuzzi is the perfect place to relax. Those wishing to completely unwind can visit CHI, The Spa at the nearby Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa. For those that like to keep busy while on holiday, there are also cooking classes, craft classes and a par-3 golf course here, and you can visit Penang's capital George Town on the complimentary shuttle.

The rooms have a fresh and vibrant décor and are located in the resort's main building. The Superior Hillview Rooms overlook the jungle-covered hills of the island's interior, whilst the Deluxe Seafacing Rooms feature a balcony and overlook the resort's garden and pool areas. Located on the top floors are the Executive Seaview Rooms, which present stunning views out towards the sea.

Setting On Batu Ferringhi Beach

Getting there Approx. 45 minutes by private car from Penang airport

Rooms 387 rooms

Dining 2 restaurants, 2 bars

Facilities 2 pools, kids' pool with slide and splash zone, Adventure Family Zone*, kids' club, fitness centre

Families This is the perfect choice if you are visiting Penang with children. Young guests can enjoy the kids' club (5-12 year olds). There is a fantastic indoor Adventure Zone with giant slides and play equipment as well as a kids' pool with a waterslide that will provide hours of fun. For your peace of mind, the resort also has an in-house clinic.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 23 Dec-03 Jan.

What's included

Breakfast at the Garden Café.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £29 • Breakfast at the Garden Café • Dinner at a choice of the hotel's restaurants

Full Board from £45 • Breakfast at the Garden Café • Lunch and dinner at a choice of the hotel's restaurants.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver and Sale offers available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1121 per person

03 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1236

15 Jun-05 Jul; 13 Jul-10 Aug 2018

Extra night from £61

Single supplement from £61

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Superior Hillview Room including breakfast, economy flights on Malaysia Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE1108. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Lobby Lounge



FOR FAMILIES

Discovering Kuala Lumpur

Explore Kuala Lumpur – the fascinating capital city of Malaysia – where modern skyscrapers sit side by side with colonial architecture. Visit the unique and iconic Petronas Twin Towers, experience the colourful night markets, and revel in gastronomical delights from hawker to high end.



An insight into Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur

The city of Kuala Lumpur can be combined easily with a whole host of destinations. If one of the islands or beach resorts of Malaysia is your final destination, or you are just passing through, be sure to spend a few days exploring all that this modern metropolis has to offer.

Where to go

The colonial, economic, entertainment and commercial heart of Kuala Lumpur lies in the City Centre (not to be confused with the KLCC mentioned below). At the district's core is Merdeka Square, the place where the last British flag was lowered when Malaysia gained independence in 1957, and a place still surrounded by colonial-era buildings such as the Sultan Abdul Samad Building and the Royal Selangor Club.

The 'Golden Triangle' portion of the city, which encompasses the ultra-modern Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) complex, is home to many of the city's luxury hotels, the iconic Petronas Twin Towers and the KLCC Park, an oasis at the heart of the city.

For unbeatable shopping and round-the-clock entertainment, Bukit Bintang is the place to be, with sprawling mega malls such as Pavilion Kuala Lumpur, chic cafés and popular nightclubs. Try international dishes in the vast food courts, or from the hawker stalls. You can even take the weight off your feet and relax with a spa treatment or foot massage.

Across the river from the main commercial centre are the narrow streets and traditional shops, markets and restaurants of vibrant Chinatown. Kuala Lumpur's oldest Hindu temple, the vibrant Sri Mahamariamman, is located in the heart of the neighbourhood and it's well worth a photo stop.

Among the modern skyscrapers there are still echoes of the city's past. A number of Moorish-style buildings built in the late 19th Century, such as the famous railway station and the Jamek Mosque, can be seen throughout the city. In Kampung Baru you can really see the difference between the old and the new with charming colonial-era houses framed by a backdrop of the glittering towers of the KLCC.

What to do

The iconic Petronas Twin Towers – two of the highest buildings in the world – rise up for 88 storeys into the Malaysian skies. The tallest twin structures on earth stand at 452 metres and are located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. For a bird's eye view of the streets, buildings and parks below, head to the Sky Bridge that links the towers at the 41st and 42nd floors.

Other attractions in the vicinity of this legendary landmark are the Petrosains Science Centre – an interactive, scientific discovery centre – and the beautifully landscaped KLCC Park that stretches out to the south east of the towers. Visit the park after the sun has set to see the beautifully-lit fountains during the 'Lake Symphony Musical Fountain Performance'.

To view Kuala Lumpur's skyline, including the renowned Petronas Twin Towers, visit the top of the Menara KL Tower. This striking tower offers the ultimate city vista – the viewing deck sits at over 100 metres higher than the Petronas' Sky Bridge. The tower is also home to a revolving restaurant.



Petronas Towers



Statue of Hanuman, Batu Caves



Sri Mahamariamman Temple

Head out of the city and visit the fascinating Batu Caves, a series of caves formed over 400 million years ago. In the early 20th Century, an Indian tradesman dedicated a temple to a Hindu deity within the three main caves and a number of smaller caves. Ascend the numerous steps up into the cavernous grottos.

The Kuala Lumpur Lake Gardens, also known as the Perdana Botanical Garden, are the oldest gardens in the city. Spread out over approximately 230 acres, the beautiful park includes two lakes, a deer park, a butterfly park, an orchid garden, a planetarium and the picturesque mosque of Masjid Negara.

Taste of Malaysia

Malaysia's world renowned culinary excellence stems from the incredible diversity of nationalities which have influenced this multi-cultural nation. At this cultural crossroads Malay, Indian, Chinese and European and indigenous cuisines meet. Enjoy authentic satays, curries, laksa, rotis, biryanis and so much more.

There is an array of dining opportunities throughout Kuala Lumpur including hawker stalls along Jalan Alor, high-end restaurants and large food courts offering up a variety of dishes from around the world. The main entertainment region of Bukit Bintang hosts a huge number of restaurants from inexpensive and casual eateries to the award-winning restaurants found along Changkat Bukit Bintang. Petaling street, which is located at the centre of Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown is perfect for those with a love of food and an adventurous spirit.

Beyond Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's capital city acts as a gateway to many destinations in the Far East and beyond making it a great start off point on a twin-centre holiday, or even an adventure further afield. Flights with Malaysia Airlines offer stopovers in Kuala Lumpur en route to Australia allowing you to spend a few days acclimatising to the time difference before heading Down Under.

Our favourite combinations

Kuala Lumpur, Langkawi @ Singapore

ref KL192

A beach break on the Malaysian island of Langkawi is perfectly combined with a stay in two of the Far East's greatest cities – Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

Kuala Lumpur @ Bali

ref KL083

Kuala Lumpur is a gateway to some of the Far East's most exotic locations, including the beautiful Indonesian island of Bali. Enjoy sublime beaches, historic temples and a mountainous interior terraced with spectacular rice fields.

Kuala Lumpur, Borneo @ Langkawi

ref KL082

If you can't decide between the island charms and idyllic beaches of Langkawi and the wildlife wonders of Borneo, then why not experience both – as well as the capital Kuala Lumpur – on this incredible multi-centre.

Kuala Lumpur hotels

Combining perfectly with other Far East destinations, this vibrant city is home to a variety of modern hotels that are perfectly placed for a city exploration.



Lobby



Shangri-La Hotel *****

A Kuala Lumpur favourite with fantastic dining venues.

A tranquil retreat in the heart of a vibrant metropolis, the Shangri-La Hotel provides easy access to sightseeing and shopping and presents the ultimate in city-centre luxury. Renowned for impeccable service, this excellent hotel is arguably among the finest properties in Kuala Lumpur. Situated right at the heart of the city, you'll find yourself within walking distance of KLCC's best shopping and entertainment venues.

The many facilities at the hotel include a Health Club which features a Jacuzzi, hydro-pool, outdoor pool, children's pool, steam room, sauna room and treatment rooms. Relax by the Poolside Terrace where you can enjoy some light snacks and refreshments or visit the on-site spa – there is plenty to keep you entertained. The hotel also provides a great range of dining options, with five restaurants and three bars and lounges. Lafite serves classical French, while award-winning chef Tan Kim Weng produces authentic Cantonese cuisine at its finest at Shang Palace. For a lighter bite, head to the Lemon Garden to experience modern Malaysian, Indian, Chinese and Italian cuisines. Lemon Garden 2 Go deli café serves up fresh takeaway sandwiches and salads, and Arthur's Bar & Grill offers light bites to complement its delicious signature cocktails.

The elegant rooms are in keeping with the contemporary, yet traditional design of the hotel. Deluxe Rooms offer views of the hotel's lush gardens, while the Executive and Premier Rooms offer either city or garden views. For exclusive privileges, opt for a Horizon Club Executive room.

Stay from £68 per person per night incl. breakfast

Mandarin Oriental *****

Renowned for its exceptional service and indulgent opulence.

With a combination of stylish interiors, exemplary service and an unbeatable location right at the heart of Kuala Lumpur, this award-winning hotel really is the perfect choice for a luxurious stop-over or to complement a longer beach break. The unique infinity-edged swimming pool has breathtaking views of the 50-acre landscaped Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) park. Here, shopping, leisure and sight-seeing opportunities sit right on the doorstep, with the Petronas Towers and the Suria KLCC mall and park just a short walk away.

A selection of restaurants and bars cater to every palate and serve innovative cuisine ranging from delicious Cantonese to grilled specialities and tasty local delicacies. Breakfast is a real highlight with a wide choice of international dishes available at Mosaic, the hotel's main restaurant. At the laid-back Lounge on the Park, you can enjoy afternoon tea – a long-held tradition in this former colonial city.

Whether you wish to have a city skyline, Petronas Towers, or park view, there is a choice for you here. Each of the tastefully-decorated rooms feature a large picture window which makes the most of the views, as well as all the modern amenities you would expect. Deluxe Cityview Rooms face west and have city skyline views, while the Twin Towers View and Club Twin Towers View rooms look out over the twin towers of the Petronas Centre. If you choose a Club Room, you can enjoy access to the exclusive Mandarin Oriental Club Lounge.

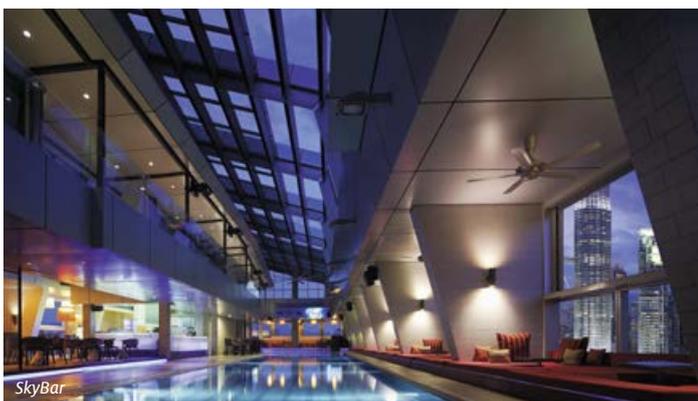
Stay from £78 per person per night incl. breakfast



View from Traders Hotel



Rooftop dinner



SkyBar



Meliá Guest Room

Traders Hotel ****

Characterised by its Petronas Towers views and unique SkyBar.

Managed by the renowned Shangri-La group, Traders Hotel has a central location as well as chic and contemporary furnishings. If you're looking for a hotel with a view, this is a great choice as it has one of the best views of the Petronas Twin Towers in the city. Just minutes away from KLCC shopping and other local attractions, this is the perfect base from which to explore Kuala Lumpur.

If you want a break from the bustle of the streets, here you can take a dip in the rooftop pool, work out at the 24-hour gym, relax at the SPA, or take advantage of the sauna and steam bath. One of the biggest draws of this hotel is its extremely popular open-air rooftop SkyBar, where you can unwind after a day of discovery with a cocktail and a superb view. If you're feeling peckish, the hotel offers a range of dining opportunities. Gobo Chit Chat is a relaxed all-day international buffet restaurant that features a Japanese sushi bar, appetizer bar, open noodle kitchen and bakery. Alternatively, head to Gobo Upstairs Lounge & Grill for a more stylish affair with fantastic views of the illuminated city at night.

The rooms at Traders Hotel Kuala Lumpur are as modern as the facilities. Deluxe Rooms offer views of the city skyline, while the Deluxe Twin Towers View Rooms feature magnificent views of the Petronas Twin Towers. Either of these can be upgraded to Traders Club Rooms which offer the same amenities with the additional luxuries of free Wi-Fi and a daytime beverage service and free cocktail hours at the Traders Club Lounge.

Stay from £54 per person per night incl. breakfast

Meliá Kuala Lumpur ****

Explore the wonders of Kuala Lumpur from this chic hotel.

Set in the heart of the city's modern Bukit Bintang region, the Meliá Kuala Lumpur has spectacular views over Berjaya Times Square and towards the iconic Petronas Towers. Just steps away from the monorail that can have you at the base of the iconic towers in just three minutes, this hotel is really all about the location.

The Kitchen@Meliá – the hotel's main eatery – presents a range of international cuisine, with both à la carte and delicious buffet meals served up throughout the day. As night falls, the Lobby Bar is a great place to savour a glass of fine wine as you unwind to the music of the resident pianist. The restaurants and food courts of Bukit Bintang's malls are just a short distance away providing you with the opportunity to enjoy cuisines from around the world.

There's so much to see in this vibrant city that a cosy room to return to at the end of the day is a must. Meliá and Premium guestrooms are bright, chic and comfortable. If you're after a room with a view, opt for one of The Level rooms. Found on the hotel's top floors, they present spectacular panoramic scenes out across the city, with the additional benefit of access to The Level Lounge where you can enjoy inclusions such as express check in and out, all-day refreshments and a cocktail each evening with canapés.

Stay from £36 per person per night incl. breakfast

Borneo Explorer

The island of Borneo evokes wonderful images of rainforests, exotic wildlife and of course its most famous inhabitant – the orangutan. This comprehensive small group tour covers Malaysian Borneo from west to east and includes a visit to one of the orangutan rehabilitation centres, the Mulu Caves, Kinabalu National Park and the Sukau Rainforest.



Escorted small group tour

Nature	●●●●●●
Culture	●●●●●●
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Is this for you?

This tour takes in both of Malaysian Borneo's two states – Sabah and Sarawak – and is ideal for those looking for an active and immersive exploration of this intriguing island and its iconic wildlife.

What's included

- Quality accommodation
- Hand-picked itineraries
- Flexible arrival times
- Small groups and a relaxed approach
- Porterage and guide tips
- Meals where most convenient (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), or the freedom to explore local restaurants independently
- All specified flights.

Need to know

- All departures are guaranteed
- For guests over 16 (unless travelling on a private journey)
- Average group size of 8 guests
- A maximum of 16 guests.

Accommodation

From jungle lodges to a luxury beach resort, each stay has been handpicked to provide a real variety, showcasing what the island has to offer. The Mulu Marriott is a beautiful retreat on the edge of the rainforest, while, as its name suggests, the Kinabatangan River Lodge sits right on the bank of Sabah's longest river. Another highlight is the Kinabalu Pine Resort – wood cabins sat in the foothills of Mount Kinabalu.



Your itinerary – 11 nights

Route

- Kuching: 2 nights
- Mulu: 2 nights
- Sandakan: 1 night
- Sukau: 2 nights
- Kundasang: 1 night
- Kota Kinabalu: 1 night

Day 1: UK to Kuching Depart the UK on your overnight flight to Kuching.

Day 2: Kuching On arrival in Kuching transfer to your hotel where you will spend the next two nights. Stay: Pullman Kuching (or similar).

Day 3: Kuching Depending on the time of year you travel, today is the first of two visits to orangutan sanctuaries included on this tour. At the Semenggoh Nature Reserve, which is reached by a 30-minute drive followed by 20-minute walk from the centre of Kuching, you may have the opportunity to view semi-wild orangutans that roam freely in the forest (orangutan sightings are not guaranteed as they can come and go to the feeding platforms as they choose). Alternatively, if you are travelling between June and September, you will join a dolphin-watching cruise during which you may be lucky enough to spot

a number of resident wildlife species such as the Irrawaddy or snubfin dolphin. The evening will begin with a delightful sunset cruise on the Sarawak River. You'll get a unique view over Kuching's skyline and the historic buildings that line the river banks as the sun starts to set and then dips below the horizon. After disembarking, continue on to the popular waterfront restaurant James Brooke Café with your fellow guests and tour leader for a welcome dinner. Stay: Pullman Kuching (or similar). B, D.

Day 4: Kuching to Mulu There'll be a short flight to Mulu this morning and on arrival you will transfer to your hotel for a two-night stay. Located close to the border between Malaysia and Brunei is the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Gunung Mulu National Park, famous for its system of limestone caves and karsts, and verdant equatorial rainforest. This afternoon you will begin your exploration on this unique landscape with visits to the striking Lang's and Deer caves which are reached by a two-mile walk along a raised plank walkway which passes across swamps, past limestone outcrops and through pristine rainforest. Late this afternoon, if it is not raining, you may be lucky enough to witness the incredible

spectacle of thousands of bats flying out of the entrance of Deer Cave. Approx. journey time: 1½ hours. Stay: Mulu Marriott Resort & Spa (or similar). B, D.

Day 5: Mulu Today, continue your discovery of this beautiful natural landscape. Travel by longboat to what is probably the most impressive of Mulu's caves – Wind Cave. As you wander into the dark of the cave you will realise how the cave got its name, as a constant and welcome breeze cools you. The highlight here is the King's Room where giant limestone stalactites and stalagmites reach down from the ceiling and up from the floor. The morning's cave adventure continues at Clearwater Cave before a picnic lunch and a chance to take a dip in a swimming hole. Stay: Mulu Marriott Resort & Spa (or similar). B, L, D.

Day 6: Mulu to Sandakan Following a morning at leisure – or perhaps returning to the park and visiting the discovery centre (payable locally) – fly to Sandakan, the gateway to some of the island's most prominent eco-tourism destinations in the state of Sabah, via Kota Kinabalu. Approx. journey time: 5 hours. Stay: Four Points Sandakan (or similar). B, D.



Kinabatangan River



Proboscis monkey



Mulu National Park



Mount Kinabalu

Guide price from £2795

Guide price dates

11 Nov 2017

High season

04 Aug 2018 from £3150

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 11 nights including meal plan as detailed, economy flights on Malaysia Airlines from London Heathrow and group transfers, ref FF0008.

UK departure months

All departure dates are guaranteed to operate

2017 Tours depart in: Oct; Nov; Dec

2018 Tours depart in: Feb; Mar;

Apr; May; Jun; Aug; Sep; Oct; Nov

2019 Tours depart in: Feb; Mar.

Tours depart regularly, 2017 itineraries may differ from those displayed – see kuoni.co.uk for the most up-to-date departures and itineraries.

Options

Single travellers Single room supplement from £525

Private tour Upgrade to a private tour with a local tour leader on the same itinerary, departing on the date of your choice from £378 per person, ref FF0009.

What to expect

- Scheduled joint boat transfer from Sandakan to Sukau
- At certain attractions you may be required to pay a small additional camera fee
- Very rustic rainforest accommodation in Kundasang
- Air-conditioning at the hotel in Sukau (Days 7 and 8) is available at a supplement
- This tour is only suitable for those with a good level of physical fitness.

Day 7: Sandakan to Sukau Today the focus is on the island's incredible nature and wildlife. Enjoy the opportunity to see semi-wild orangutans at the world-famous Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, before taking a walk through the lowland forest that typifies the region. Later this morning, the group will travel by boat along the Kinabatangan River toward the village of Sukau, stopping for lunch along the way at the Abai Jungle Restaurant, which is located at the Lower Kinabatangan River Sanctuary. As the boat makes its way up river, you may be able to spot a host of native wildlife species, including proboscis monkeys. On arrival at your lodge there'll be some time at leisure to relax, unwind and wander along the boardwalk, taking in views of the river. Approx. journey time: 3½ hours. Stay: Kinabatangan River Lodge (or similar). B, L, D.

Day 8: Sukau Rise early for another day on the river and visit the nearby Ox-Bow lakes where you will have a further chance to spot wildlife species. Return to the lodge for breakfast and enjoy the rest of the morning and early afternoon at leisure. Later this afternoon take one last trip along the river. Stay: Kinabatangan River Lodge, (or similar). B, L, D.

Day 9: Sukau to Kundasang Set out early for the journey by road to the town of Kundasang, stopping at the thought-provoking Kundasang War Memorial and Gardens. These thoughtfully laid out gardens honour the 2345 Allied prisoners of war who died in World War II during the infamous Sandakan Death Marches. The memorial is made up of four beautiful gardens – the Australian Garden, the English Garden, the Borneo Garden and the Contemplation Garden and Pool. Lunch will be at a local restaurant before you arrive in Kundasang just after midday. The rest of the afternoon is free for some independent exploration. Approx. journey time: 5½ hours. Stay: Kinabalu Pine Resort (or similar). B, L, D.

Day 10: Kundasang to Kota Kinabalu The beautiful Kinabalu Park, which is centred on the distinctive Mount Kinabalu, is Malaysia's oldest UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today you'll visit the Poring Garden before heading up into the treetops on the Poring canopy walkway. Cross from platform to platform 100 feet above the forest floor, gazing in awe at the majestic giant trees and hearing the unique sounds of the forest. Lunch will be served at a

nearby restaurant before you set off for Kota Kinabalu. Approx. journey time: 2½ hours. Stay: Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort & Spa (or similar). B, L.

Day 11: Kota Kinabalu Your tour comes to a close this morning as you transfer to airport. Alternatively, you can opt to extend your holiday at your current resort, its sister resort of Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort & Spa, or head to Kuala Lumpur for a spot of shopping and sightseeing. B.

Stay longer

A trip into the Danum Valley is one of our most popular extensions to a Borneo tour, but there are many options which you can see online at kuoni.co.uk.

Danum Valley 2 nights from £1267 per person ref FF0022

This active adventure into the almost untouched Danum Valley Conservation Area is a unique experience.

Why Kuoni

The Borneo Explorer provides plenty of opportunities to witness the island's famous wildlife with two visits to sanctuaries where you can see semi-wild orangutans, or one visit and a dolphin-watching cruise (Jun-Sep departures). And best of all, you will enjoy the sights on a small group basis – a rarity in Malaysia.

Indochina & Burma

Travel an enchanting path through the captivating nations of Vietnam, Cambodia and Burma where the fascinating relics of the past lie close to the surface, perfect for a cultural discovery.

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General information

Flying time Vietnam: 11 hours; Cambodia: 12¼ hours; Burma: 13 hours

Time difference Vietnam and Cambodia: GMT +7 hours; Burma: GMT +6½ hours

Currency Vietnamese Dong; Cambodian Riel; Burmese Kyat

Language Vietnamese; Khmer; Burma: Burmese but English is widely spoken

Visa info Vietnam: From 01 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 a visa will not be required for British citizens on a single entry itinerary of up to 15 days; Cambodia: Available on arrival (pre-approved) Burma: Required before travel

Key events

Vietnam 16 Feb 2018: Tet Nguyên Đán – Traditional New Year's Day

Cambodia 07 Jan: Victory Day – Celebrating the defeat of the Khmer Rouge

Burma 10-27 October 2018: Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda Festival – Traditional dances and boat races are held on Inle Lake and golden images of Buddha are paraded on an ornate barge.

Climate

Southern Vietnam is generally dry from November to April. May to October is warm with heavy showers and occasional overcast days. Northern areas are cooler and drier from September to May. June to August can be hot and humid with showers. Cambodia is hot and dry from December until April or May. Showers can be expected from May to September. October and November are the wettest months. February to mid April is the hot dry season. The wet season generally lasts from June to October. Burma is best visited October to April, avoiding the monsoon rains.

°C Average daily maximum temperature

☼ Average daily sunshine hours (not hours of daylight)

☂ Average monthly rainfall in mm

Important holiday information The price we confirm at the time of booking is the price we guarantee. Prices vary depending on the date you wish to travel and the elements included in your package. Please read p182-187 before you book your holiday. For further information and to tailor make your holiday, please call us or go to www.kuoni.co.uk for the best available price.

		Con Dao	Hanoi	Ho Chi Minh City	Hoi An	Mui Ne	Nha Trang	Rangoon	Siem Reap
Jan	°C	29	20	31	25	27	26	32	31
	☼	6	3	5	7	5	6	9	9
	☂	74	22	15	92	44	40	5	1
Feb	°C	30	20	32	26	28	27	35	34
	☼	7	2	6	7	6	7	10	9
	☂	46	28	8	32	17	16	2	9
Mar	°C	32	23	33	28	30	28	36	36
	☼	6	2	6	7	6	7	10	8
	☂	43	42	23	30	28	29	6	28
Apr	°C	33	27	34	30	31	30	37	36
	☼	7	4	6	7	6	7	9	8
	☂	72	97	63	34	59	43	17	64
May	°C	32	32	33	32	32	32	33	34
	☼	6	6	5	7	5	6	7	7
	☂	201	181	183	56	150	81	307	146
Jun	°C	32	33	32	33	31	32	30	33
	☼	5	6	4	5	5	5	4	6
	☂	240	242	261	99	181	54	567	166
Jul	°C	31	33	31	33	30	32	30	32
	☼	5	6	4	6	5	5	4	6
	☂	245	258	257	90	183	57	577	186
Aug	°C	31	32	31	33	30	32	30	32
	☼	5	6	5	5	5	5	4	5
	☂	205	297	249	104	189	60	624	224
Sep	°C	31	31	31	31	30	31	30	31
	☼	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	5
	☂	285	225	270	297	217	149	381	250
Oct	°C	30	29	31	29	30	30	32	31
	☼	5	5	4	6	4	5	6	7
	☂	295	125	255	526	255	288	206	215
Nov	°C	30	25	31	27	29	29	32	31
	☼	5	5	4	6	4	5	8	8
	☂	216	57	156	363	209	281	62	61
Dec	°C	29	22	31	26	28	28	32	30
	☼	5	4	4	7	5	6	9	9
	☂	118	19	65	206	127	165	7	7

Plan your Indochina holiday

There is so much to see and do in Indochina, so it's understandable that you may need a little guidance when planning your holiday. We've put together some information and advice to help you plan your trip and get the most out of your visit.

How long As a general rule we recommend between 10 and 14 days. If you want to add a beach break, or perhaps extend your holiday with a trip to Thailand, then you may wish to add a few more days.

What type of holiday Offering convenience and great value for money, touring is an ideal way to see Indochina. However, for a little more flexibility, we can tailor make an itinerary to your specifications.

From	Time (hrs)	Mode of transport	To
Bangkok, Thailand	1¼	Flight	Hanoi
Bangkok, Thailand	1½	Flight	Ho Chi Minh City
Bangkok, Thailand	1	Flight	Siem Reap
Hanoi	1¼	Flight	Siem Reap
Hanoi	1¼	Flight	Danang
Hanoi	1¼	Flight	Nha Trang
Hanoi	3½-4	Road	Halong Bay
Danang	1	Road	Hoi An
Danang	1	Flight	Nha Trang
Ho Chi Minh City	¾	Flight	Con Dao
Ho Chi Minh City	1¼	Flight	Danang
Ho Chi Minh City	2	Flight	Hanoi
Ho Chi Minh City	1¼	Flight	Nha Trang
Ho Chi Minh City	3½	Road	Mui Ne

NB • Timings approximate and depend on departure time and connections.

How to get around There is an extensive flight network between all of the main gateways and key cities so creating a multi-centre itinerary is easy. Bear in mind that travelling by road can be lengthy.

Where to stay Indochina is blessed with a range of accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets, with everything from functional city hotels to luxury island escapes.



Respecting history

Whilst the harrowing experiences of the Cambodian people under the Khmer Rouge are traumatic to learn of, it's an important facet of their history and ultimately a rewarding experience when contrasted with the optimism and warmth the country exhibits. It's worth visiting various museums and memorials to take the time to really understand this captivating destination.



Laos

While this brochure focuses mainly on Vietnam and touches on Cambodia's cultural treasures, we also offer a tailor-made range of Laos hotels so you can create your perfect Indochina holiday. Our Ultimate Indochina small group tour (see kuoni.co.uk) visits the charming town of Luang Prabang in Laos and takes in the main attractions of Vietnam and Cambodia.



First-timers

Indochina and its bigger cities can be a culture shock for first-time visitors. If you have travelled to Thailand, you'll feel at home in Cambodia, whilst those who have visited China will feel most at home in Vietnam. If visiting Cambodia you'll want to add in either Vietnam or Thailand to really get a feel for this part of the world. We recommend our Ultimate Indochina tour (see kuoni.co.uk).



Beaches

Indochina is often overlooked when it comes to beach destinations, as Thailand is often the most popular choice. However, Vietnam is blessed with hundreds of miles of beautiful coastlines and there's also Sihanoukville in Cambodia. You could enjoy a beach break, or a city and beach combination in Indochina, or add on a stop at one or two of Thailand's beach resorts.



Food

The cuisine in Indochina is very varied. Thai food aficionados will relate immediately with Khmer (Cambodian) cuisine. Vietnamese food is less flavoured by coconut and is renowned for its freshness and regional flavours. You can enjoy local specialities with plenty of exotic spices and each region will have its own signature dish and some unusual delicacies such as spiders.



UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Indochina has more than its fair share of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. In Cambodia you'll find the renowned Angkor Temple complex which includes Angkor Wat. Vietnam has the most sites, including Hoi An Ancient Town, the Imperial Citadel of Huế, stunning Halong Bay and the My Son Sanctuary – the former Champa Kingdom.



For families

Whilst our tours have a minimum age of 16 years, we can tailor make a family-friendly journey. Throughout Indochina people are welcoming of children of all ages and we can ensure that you still see and do as much as you like. We recommend staying in Hoi An and Siem Reap as they are particularly safe places for families to enjoy the experiences that cultural destinations bring.



Value

Indochina is incredibly good value locally. You can eat well in local restaurants for a fraction of western prices, and local beers and soft-drinks are very cheap. However, imported foods and alcohol such as steak and wine will generally be expensive. Shopping, especially for clothes, is also great value for money, particularly if you get items made to measure from a tailor.



Cultural sensitivities

Generally people are pretty accepting of any minor faux pas from foreign visitors, but it's best to make an effort to learn some of the basics. One simple rule is to respond with the greeting you receive, so if they shake your hand, shake it back, if they bow, you bow. Another is to cover up in temples and other religious sites and try to not point your feet towards religious icons.



Discovering Cambodia

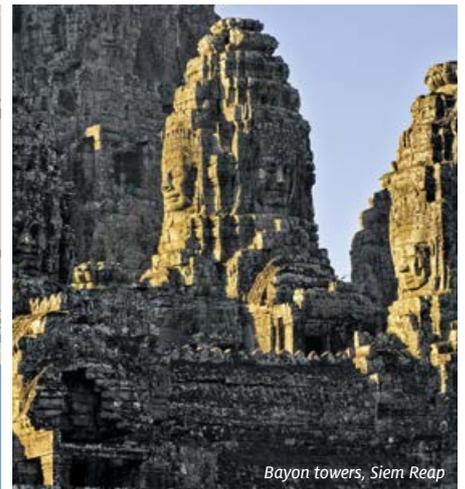
Cambodia offers an abundance of opportunities for cultural exploration. Siem Reap is the gateway to the magnificent Temples of Angkor while Phnom Penh is home to historic temples and palaces. Learn about the mighty Khmer empire, visit bustling floating villages on Tonle Sap Lake, and discover traditional crafts such as pottery and weaving.



Tonle Sap Lake, Siem Reap



Angkor Wat at sunset



Bayon towers, Siem Reap

An insight into Cambodia

Cambodia

After years off limits to all but the most intrepid travellers, today Cambodia welcomes visitors with open arms. This enchanting land is home to ancient temples, dense forests, glorious beaches and a captivating culture and history. Its blend of delightful people, delicious cuisine and historical treasures makes Cambodia truly unforgettable. The tuk-tuk is the ideal way to get around Cambodia and to view some of the country's most iconic sights close up.

Siem Reap

Lying in the northwest of Cambodia, close to the Tonle Sap Lake, Siem Reap is predominantly known as the gateway to the Temples of Angkor. Once a collection of villages built around pagodas and surrounded by rice paddies, the city has benefited from its proximity to the ancient sites. Modern Siem Reap has a delightful mixture of colonial and Cambodian styles and offers a fantastic dining and arts scene as well as vibrant nightlife akin to a Thai beach resort. The city's compelling Angkor National Museum highlights the fascinating history of the nearby Temples of Angkor.

Temples of Angkor

Over a hundred remarkable temples, which are spread out over a space of 250 square miles, greet you at Angkor, one of the most awe-inspiring archaeological sites in South East Asia. These magnificent temples, remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire, were constructed between the 9th and 13th centuries. Many

were built in a pyramid shape, including the majestic temple of Angkor Wat, symbolising the mythical Mount Meru, which is sacred in Hindu and Buddhist cultures. Discover the huge walled city of Angkor Thom, with the richly decorated Bayon temple at its heart, where gigantic faces smile down at you from every tower. Marvel at the exquisitely decorated temple of Preah Khan and the ruined temple-monastery of Ta Prohm, which is slowly being reclaimed by the jungle.

Visit the temples either late afternoon or early morning to avoid the midday heat – sunrise or sunset are favourites. You can travel to Angkor independently, but it's well worth booking an informative guide.

Phnom Penh

A small capital in comparison to its Asian neighbours, Phnom Penh retains a charm of colonial influence, architecture and cultural pride. Visit temples and royal palaces, and enjoy the riverside ambience as you dine al fresco on the banks of the Mekong. The two main attractions are the resplendent Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda, which sits in the palace's extensive grounds.

Explore Cambodia's more sombre past at the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek. Here you will discover the dark stories associated with the Khmer Rouge. This is a sobering experience but an essential one to help fully understand and appreciate this enchanting country.

Waterways

Millions of people rely on Cambodia's rich rivers and lakes for food, transport and their livelihoods. The mighty Mekong snakes its way across Asia from Tibet to Cambodia and rises with monsoon waters every June, reversing Tonle Sap River's flow and forcing the water into Tonle Sap Lake. In November when the high waters recede and the flow reverses, this unique natural phenomenon is marked with a series of colourful parades, fireworks and boat races during the Bon Om Touk festival. On our Cambodian & Laos Explorer tour (see kuoni.co.uk) you'll have the chance to observe local life on the water during a scenic cruise along the Tonle Sap Great Lake from Battambang to Siem Reap.

Multi-centres

Combine city exploration with relaxation on the white-sand beaches of Sihanoukville or discover the unique charms and contrasts of Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos on a tailor-made itinerary or tour. Our 20-night Ultimate Indochina tour (see kuoni.co.uk) offers a great way to explore this captivating corner of the Far East. Discover Vietnam's cultural and historic highlights before exploring Phnom Penh, the laid-back city of Battambang and its surrounding villages, and the incredible Temples of Angkor in Siem Reap. You will then end your journey in the charming town of Luang Prabang in Laos.

Park Hyatt Siem Reap *****

World-class luxury, sublime service and a super-chic design with Khmer influences.

When you're cocooned in the serene poolside gardens and elegant spaces of the Park Hyatt, it's hard to believe that you're right in the heart of the city. This luxurious hotel is just minutes from the magnificent Temples of Angkor, and its interconnected pools, beautiful courtyard and holistic spa provide a refreshing antidote to the heat and crowds of the temples. Re-energise with a few laps in the saltwater lap pool or relax by the lagoon-style garden pool which has peaceful nooks and attentive staff offering cold water and skewers of exotic fruit. The minimalist decor is a fusion of super-modern and traditional styles, with black and white photos of the temples adorning the walls and an impressive collection of contemporary and traditional Cambodian art.

A beautiful banyan tree set in a pool provides the focal point of the tranquil courtyard which is overlooked by the main restaurant, The Dining Room which serves traditional French and authentic local dishes. The gently swinging tables – relaxing daybeds with a table attached – provide a unique setting for a leisurely meal. In the evening Khmer-inspired set menus are often accompanied by performances of traditional Apsara dance and Bokator – a Khmer martial art. The Living Room serves afternoon tea and the coffee shop offers sandwiches, sweet treats and home-made ice-cream.

The stylish rooms feature dark wood, hardwood flooring and contemporary art. Upgrade to a Park View King Room or a spacious Park Deluxe King Room for views of the city or courtyard.

Setting On Sivutha Boulevard in the city centre, a short stroll from the Old Market area. Just 2 minutes by tuk-tuk from the Angkor National Museum and 15 minutes from the Temples of Angkor

Getting there Approx. 20 minutes by private car from Siem Reap airport

Rooms 104 rooms and suites

Dining 3 restaurants, bar

Facilities 2 pools, 24-hour fitness centre, spa*, cultural performances, Wi-Fi.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 12-25 Feb and 21 Dec-07 Jan.

What's included

Breakfast at The Dining Room.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £38 • Breakfast and dinner at The Dining Room

Full Board from £82 • Breakfast and dinner at The Dining Room • Lunch at The Living Room or The Glasshouse Deli. Conservatory Patisserie.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Earlybird Saver offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from

£105 per person per night

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing a Park Room. Ref IC934. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

*Local charge



The Living Room

At a glance

.....
Elegant design hotel

.....
Peaceful oasis in the city centre

.....
Special culinary experiences



Superior Room

At a glance

.....
Elegant and modern

.....
Close to Angkor Wat

.....
Pretty pool and courtyard

Tara Angkor, Siem Reap

This modern hotel is an ideal base for exploration of the spectacular Temples of Angkor.

If you're planning on exploring the magnificent UNESCO Temples of Angkor then this hotel is a fine choice. Located just outside of the bustling city of Siem Reap, it has modern facilities and an attractive courtyard lined with shady palms and frangipani trees. The breakfast buffet at Tong Tara Restaurant offers plenty of choice, including freshly made omelettes, and helps prepare you for a full day of sightseeing. The restaurant also offers Asian specialities and western favourites for lunch and dinner while the new Frangipani Restaurant focuses on European cuisine. Sip aperitifs at the Lobby Lounge and head to the sophisticated Lily Lounge for after-dinner cocktails. Book one of the hotel's cooking classes and learn how to recreate your favourite Cambodian recipes at home. After a busy day of temple touring cool off in the pretty outdoor swimming pool or treat yourself to a soothing foot massage at the spa.

The rooms are simple yet stylish and feature wooden floors, muted tones with splashes of colour and include free Wi-Fi. Superior Rooms overlook the street or courtyard and Family Suites comprise two double rooms – ideal for groups of four.

Setting Just outside of the city centre, 15 minutes from Angkor and a short tuk-tuk ride from Siem Reap's night market, shops and restaurants

Getting there Approx. 15 minutes by private car from Siem Reap airport

Rooms 206 rooms and suites

Dining 2 restaurants, snack bar, 2 bars
Facilities Pool with Jacuzzi, spa*, fitness centre, sauna, bicycle rental, Wi-Fi

Activities • Ride a tuk-tuk to the temples* • Browse souvenirs at the local night market • Book one of the hotel's free bicycles • Shop for ingredients at a nearby market, try your hand at fruit carving and learn to cook a local dish*.

Need to know

Compulsory Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinners, supplements apply.

What's included

Breakfast at Tong Tara Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £18 • Breakfast and dinner at Tong Tara Restaurant

Full Board from £33 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Tong Tara Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Room Upgrade, Food & Beverage and Spa offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from

£31 per person per night

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing a Superior Room. Ref IC955. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

*Local charge

Discovering Vietnam's Beaches

Not long ago, Vietnam's beaches remained a remote second best to neighbouring Thailand in terms of popularity with holiday makers, but recent years have seen this region grow in popularity and receive the attention it deserves. Vietnam's beaches are typically in the southern half of the country, from Danang right in the centre, south through Hoi An, Nha Trang and Mui Ne to the idyllic offshore island of Con Son.



Hoi An



Mui Ne

An insight into Vietnam's beaches

China Beach

Made famous in the American television series *China Beach*, the name was given to the beach by American and Australian soldiers in the Vietnam War. The Marble Mountains provide a beautiful backdrop to the lovely beachfront which stretches along the coast of Danang.

My Khe

Providing fine white sands and calm emerald waters year round as the Son Tra peninsula acts as a barrier for any strong winds, My Khe stretches for over half a mile in length. There is an attractive backdrop of lush verdant forestry and you can follow a path to the crystal-clear waters of the Kinh River. A good location for snorkellers and divers, My Khe offers coral reefs, and flora and fauna above and below the surface of the sea. The incredible Fusion Maia Danang – Asia's first spa-inclusive resort (p118) – is located here.

Hoi An Beach

Enchanting Hoi An is best known for the picturesque sights of its Old Town, but it also boasts lovely beaches. Cua Dai beach is the most popular and one of the closest beaches to Hoi An, just a ten-minute drive from the centre. Translating as 'big sea mouth', Cua Dai is palm lined and plays host to a selection of hotels on the beachfront and along the river bank. It can get busy at weekends but usually remains quieter during the week.

As the town is small it is easy to combine relaxation on the beach or by the pool with sightseeing. The charming Old Town is easy to explore by foot or bicycle and there is plenty to see and do. Admire the striking architecture which blends Asian and colonial styles, visit a tailor to buy a bespoke silk garment, barter for fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and fish alongside locals at the colourful Central Market and dine in one of the riverside restaurants. A host of excursions available include a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed My Son, the former Champa Kingdom's capital, and a cooking class at the renowned Red Bridge Cooking School where you will have the opportunity to meet local market traders, purchase ingredients and learn how to create classic Vietnamese dishes before tucking into your tasty meal.

Ninh Van Bay

This tranquil bay lies away from the hustle and bustle of Nha Trang and is only accessible by boat so it has a castaway vibe and is wonderfully peaceful and private. It is home to one of Vietnam's most charming hideaways, Six Senses Ninh Van Bay (p117), an eco-chic resort located on a secluded jungle-clad peninsula. This luxurious resort is the perfect hideaway for nature-lovers in search of relaxation, superb cuisine and a choice of activities. Thatched villas are nestled on the hillside, perched on the rocks or right by the beach and each one offers a private plunge pool, refreshing outdoor shower and dedicated Guest Experience Maker (GEM) who is on call 24 hours a day.

Nha Trang

One of Vietnam's most popular beach destinations, lively Nha Trang is ideal for a beach break on your journey through Vietnam, or as an end-of-tour extension from Ho Chi Minh City. Parts of Nha Trang have a more traditional Vietnamese atmosphere, while other areas are far more westernised, with high-rise buildings and international restaurants and shops.

The beach here is impressively long, stretching for miles along a curved bay, backed by beautiful mountains in the distance. Early in the morning, many locals practise t'ai chi on the beach – rise early to watch, or even join in. Watersports are readily available from the beach, with activities including wakeboarding and banana boat rides. Nha Trang is also Vietnam's diving capital, with great marine life sighted just minutes away by boat – ideal for beginners or 'taster' dives, as well as more experienced divers.

Mui Ne

Previously a surfers' paradise, Mui Ne is fast becoming one of Vietnam's most popular beach retreats. Home to a beautiful bay and swathe of white sand, its climate is drier than that of its neighbours due to the remarkable red and white dunes found on its outskirts. The almost constant oceanic winds sculpt them into wonderful shapes and you can explore by dune buggy or 4x4. Mui Ne is still a favourite among those seeking excitement



China Beach, Danang



Six Senses Con Dao



Sand dunes near Mui Ne



Six Senses Ninh Van Bay

and offshore you'll find some of the best waves in Vietnam which is the reason for Mui Ne's long-standing popularity with surfers and kitesurfers alike. That said, there is plenty for all types of traveller, with the great stretch of beach, plus the many hotels, restaurants and shops that have surrounded the little fishing village at its heart. If you can, you should make your way over to the fish market when the fishermen bring in their catch. Here you can choose your favourite fish and have it cooked fresh for you.

Con Dao

The mountainous Con Dao archipelago is a series of 15 islands off Vietnam's southern coast. Still relatively rugged and unspoilt, this is a stunningly beautiful region. Con Dao National Park makes up approximately 80% of the area and exists to protect sea turtle nesting grounds and other marine life includes dugongs, rays and reef fish. The largest of the islands is Con Son which has an interesting political history and is home to unspoilt beaches, bays and rainforest – ideal for hiking and snorkelling. It is also the location of choice for the luxurious and contemporary – yet eco-friendly – Six Senses Con Dao (p116).

Honeymoons

Vietnam has all the ingredients for a tropical honeymoon, with sunshine-filled days spent on palm-fringed beaches, delicious cuisine, and activities on

offer should you desire them. The stylish Evason Ana Mandara Nha Trang (p124) is right on the beach and is ideal for newlyweds who want to soak up the sun on a peaceful beach but also like the option of a livelier evening scene. The exclusive Six Senses Ninh Van Bay (p117) is a natural paradise only accessible by boat – perfect for relaxing in wedded bliss.

Luxury

Vietnam's beach accommodation includes a selection of luxury resorts, where fine dining, sublime service and beautifully appointed rooms come as standard. The Four Seasons Resort The Nam Hai, Hoi An (p119) is truly exquisite and has spacious villas in immaculate gardens. Six Senses Con Dao (p116) offers a glorious world-class escape, almost in a world of its own away from mainland Vietnam.

Wellbeing holidays

Vietnam's white-sand beaches and emerald mountains provide a picture-perfect setting for a holiday dedicated to relaxation. Fusion Maia Danang (p118) is Asia's first spa-inclusive resort and a minimum of two daily spa treatments is included for each guest. This private all-pool villa resort also encourages a healthy lifestyle with its Natural Living Programme that combines daily activities with healthy eating.

Our favourite combinations

Hanoi @ Nha Trang

(ref IC105)

Explore the vibrant capital before unwinding on Nha Trang's golden sands.

Hanoi, Hoi An @ Ho Chi Minh City

(ref IC110)

Spend time in the capital's historic French Quarter before exploring the charming riverside town of Hoi An and historic sights of Ho Chi Minh City.

Ho Chi Minh City @ Mui Ne

(ref IC100)

Combine the historic sights of Vietnam's largest city with Mui Ne's white-sand beaches and impressive dunes.

Ho Chi Minh City @ Con Dao

(ref IC101)

Learn about Vietnam's ancient past in Ho Chi Minh City before escaping to an unspoilt island in the beautiful Con Dao Archipelago.

Six Senses Con Dao ****

A beautiful island resort with an eco-friendly ethos, exquisite dining and an abundance of activities.

Nestled in a protected marine reserve and breathtaking national park, this stunning resort offers the chance to escape everyday life and get back to nature, without sacrificing contemporary luxury and comfort. Designed to resemble a Vietnamese fishing village, the resort's authentic style is complemented by plush open areas offering spectacular views. This natural hideaway is perfect for couples or families in search of peaceful relaxation but with plenty of options to be active.

The award-winning Six Senses Spa offers a range of locally inspired treatments and yogic wellness programmes designed to rejuvenate and balance the mind, body, and soul. A range of activities is available, and from May to September you will be spoilt for choice with experiences including a guided tour of the local flora and fauna, turtles nesting on neighbouring beaches, open-air films and cooking classes. By the Beach Restaurant offers fresh Asian fusion and western dishes and you can experience an authentic taste of local cuisine at Vietnamese by the Market, which uses family recipes to recreate local comfort foods. Head to Deli'cious for a complimentary ice-cream and relax in a swing chair at the open-air cocktail bar.

Arranged in two rows looking towards the ocean, the airy villas are understated and chic with warm teak and crisp white furnishings. Each villa has an open-style bathroom with outdoor shower, a private infinity pool, two bicycles for local exploration and a dedicated Guest Experience Maker (GEM) who is on call 24 hours a day. Upgrade to an Oceanfront Deluxe Villa to enjoy direct access to the beach.

Setting A private beach on Con Son Island in the Con Dao archipelago

Getting there Approx. 10 minutes' transfer from Con Dao airport

Rooms 50 elegant pool villas

Dining 2 restaurants, delicatessen, bar, 3 private dining options (Chili Table, chef's table and wine cellar)

Facilities Pool, Six Senses Spa*, fitness centre, non-motorised watersports, kids' club, activity centre, library, gallery, Wi-Fi
Spa Set amid tropical gardens with the Lo Voi Mountains providing a backdrop, the magnificent spa has 4 indoor treatment rooms, a Thai therapy room, 3 outdoor treatment salas, a yoga and meditation pavilion, and a juice bar. There are daily group meditation, yoga or singing bowl classes; and wellness programmes including yogic sleep and yogic detox

Activities • Hike in the rainforest • Go scuba diving in search of the rare dugong* • Take a boat trip to Bay Canh Island to see hatchling sea turtles (Jul and Aug)*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 21 Dec-11 Jan; 3 nights 27 Jan-05 Feb and 13-16 Apr. No departures 29 Dec-01 Jan. Compulsory

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinners, supplements apply.

What's included

Breakfast at By the Beach Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £77 • Breakfast and dinner at By the Beach Restaurant

Full Board from £102 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at By the Beach Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2227 per person

01-25 Sep 2017; 21 Apr-09 Jul; 07 Aug-25 Sep 2018

High season from £2587

20 Mar-16 Apr; 31 Oct-10 Dec 2018

Extra night from £293

Single supplement from £292

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in an Oceanview Duplex Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref IC074. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Oceanfront Duplex Villa

At a glance

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Stunning natural beauty in a protected marine reserve

.....
Secluded island setting

.....
All luxurious butler service pool villas



Six Senses Spa



By the Beach Restaurant

Six Senses Ninh Van Bay ****



Dining by the Bay

At a glance

Only accessible by boat

All-private Pool Villa resort

Up until 31 Oct 2018 all guests can enjoy one free experience per day



Water Pool Villa



Beachfront Pool Villa



Hilltop Pool Villa

Nestled in tranquil Ninh Van Bay, this exquisite resort blends sustainability with an island hideaway feel.

This luxury resort is an eco-friendly masterpiece of modern design that blends harmoniously with its natural setting. Worlds apart from Vietnam's buzzing beach resorts, you feel as though you have stumbled upon the country's best kept secret and will be tempted to keep it to yourself. Follow winding paths, roped walkways and steps through the forest accompanied by the sound of birdsong. Signs point the way to hiking trails and stepping stones lead to the renowned Six Senses Spa. Each villa is equipped with bicycles so you can explore the beautiful grounds and organic gardens at leisure. For every night of your stay you can enjoy one free experience per day. Choose from a selection of 16 experiences that cover wellness, culinary and cultural themes. You could learn to create delicious dishes during a Vietnamese cooking class, enjoy a romantic picnic on the beach, soothe aching muscles with a massage or learn to sail.

The spectacular setting means that all meals are accompanied by stunning views. Enjoy 360° views from the top floor of the Dining by the Pool restaurant; Vietnamese and international cuisine at Dining by the Bay; and fine dining with fusion set menus at Dining by the Rocks. The natural wine cave offers an intimate setting for special meals or you could treat yourself to a private barbecue on the beach with your own chef.

Crafted from wood, bamboo and stone, the beautiful thatched villas blend with the rocks that stud the coastline and their wooden shutters open up to wonderful views. Each has a dedicated Guest Experience Maker (GEM), private plunge pool, outdoor shower and Wi-Fi. Hilltop Pool Villas offer incredible views, Beachfront Pool Villas and two-bedroom Family Villas have direct beach access, and Water Pool Villas with Rockery offer direct access to the sea – a morning swim is the perfect way to start your day.

Setting Private peninsula in Ninh Van Bay

Getting there Approx. 1 hour and 20 minutes' transfer including road (1 hour) and speed boat (20 minutes) from Cam Ranh airport (Nha Trang)

Rooms 59 luxurious villas

Dining 3 restaurants, 2 bars, wine cave

Facilities Pool, fitness centre, Six Senses Spa*, non-motorised watersports, tennis, kids' club (4 years plus), outdoor jungle gym exercise circuit, Wi-Fi

Spa The award-winning Six Senses Spa is set beside a gentle waterfall.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £72 • Breakfast at Dining by the Bay • 3-course set meal or buffet for lunch or dinner at Dining by the Pool or Dining by the Bay.

Full Board from £123 • Breakfast at Dining by the Bay • 3-course set meal or buffet for lunch and dinner at Dining by the Pool or Dining by the Bay.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Food & Beverage and Honeymoon/Anniversary offers are available. There is also a Twin Centre offer with Evason Ana Mandara. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2519 per person
01 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £3037
10 Jul-06 Aug; 31 Oct-10 Dec 2018

Extra night from £341

Single supplement from £341

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Hilltop Pool Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref KU0640. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 27 Jan-05 Feb, 25 Mar-21 Apr. Due to the setting and number of steps, the Hilltop, Rock and Water Pool Villas are only suitable for those with full mobility. Two Bedroom Hilltop Pool Villas are recommended for children aged 6 plus. Due to the secluded setting of the resort we recommend that you opt for half board.

What's included

Breakfast at Dining by the Bay.



* Local charge

Fusion Maia Danang *****

An exceptional and award-winning beachfront spa resort that is dedicated to wellness and relaxation.

Minimalistic design meets luxurious Vietnamese charm at this resort which offers simple indulgence and a glorious setting in tropical gardens on beautiful My Khe beach. Whether you're looking to unwind with daily spa treatments or you'd prefer a daily dose of yoga, this charming hotel will cater for your every need. With a minimum of two daily spa treatments included, you'll be pampered for the full duration of your holiday. You can also choose from a range of free activities including fitness classes, wellness consultations and walks.

With the resort's 'breakfast anywhere, anytime' concept you are free to live by your own agenda – whether you want to eat in your villa early in the morning, by the pool at midday or on the beach at 3pm. The contemporary Five Dining Room with show kitchen features fresh, flavoursome local and western dishes. Enjoy Asian-inspired tapas or high tea at the all-day Tonic Lounge or head to the informal Fresh Pool Bar for Mediterranean and Vietnamese cuisine. You can also take the resort's free shuttle to the stylish Fusion Café in Hoi An – the perfect place to enjoy refreshments after exploration of the Ancient Town.

Each of the exquisite villas is very spacious and has a private pool and courtyard. One Bedroom Pool Villas are ideal for couples and Two Bedroom Spa Villas are close to the beautiful spa and feature a kitchenette for added convenience. Three Bedroom Grand Beach Villas boast a 70m² pool and are ideal for families.

Setting On My Khe Beach between Danang and Hoi An. Approx 30 minutes from UNESCO-listed Hoi An

Getting there Approx. 15 minutes by private car from Danang airport

Rooms 87 sumptuous pool villas

Dining 2 restaurants, lounge bar, plus 'breakfast anywhere, anytime'

Facilities Pool, spa, Jacuzzis, saunas, steam rooms, yoga studio, fitness classes, kids' activities, small cinema, Wii entertainment area, free shuttle to the Fusion Café in Hoi An, Wi-Fi

Spa All guests can enjoy 2 free spa treatments daily at the holistic spa which has 22 treatment rooms, 2 beauty salons, steam rooms, saunas, private Jacuzzis and a yoga studio. The Natural Living programme combines daily activities with healthy eating.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 16-19 Feb; 4 nights for New Year's Eve stays. Compulsory Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinners, supplements apply.

What's included

Breakfast served anywhere at any time
• 2 spa treatments daily • 2 yoga classes

a day • Natural Living Programme

• Daily wellness consultation (minimum 7-night stay) • Meditation • 'Mini Maia' programme for children including spa therapies and activities (2-4pm daily).

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £51 • Breakfast served anywhere at any time • Dinner at Five Dining Room

Full Board from £95 • Breakfast served anywhere at any time • Lunch and dinner at Five Dining Room.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver and Honeymoon/Anniversary offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1929 per person

01 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £2068

10 Jul-06 Aug; 31 Oct-10 Dec 2018

Extra night from £231

Single supplement from £231

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a One Bedroom Pool Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE1306. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Two Bedroom Spa Villa

At a glance

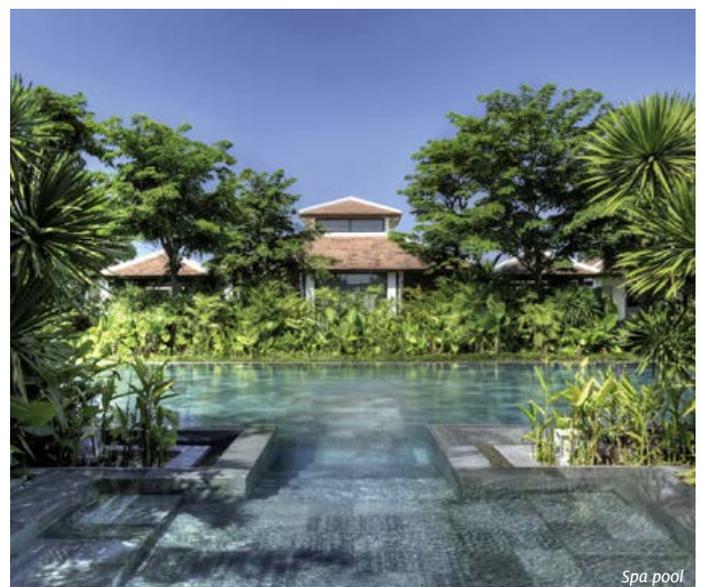
Asia's first spa-inclusive resort, includes 2 spa treatments daily

Private all-pool villa resort

Pristine beach



One Bedroom Pool Villa



Spa pool



SPA

Four Seasons Resort The Nam Hai, Hoi An ****



One Bedroom Villa

At a glance

Stylish, minimalist and contemporary all-villa resort

Beautiful, quiet beach

Perfect for honeymooners

Set on pristine white sands, this exceptional resort oozes elegance and offers world-class service.

The striking architecture and interior design at this stylish resort is inspired by ancient feng shui and the royal tombs of Hué. The three-tiered swimming pool leads down to a gorgeous beach and offers a heated family pool, adults-only lap pool and adults-only infinity pool. A range of facilities including an excellent fitness centre, tennis, yoga, volleyball and a superb kids' club are all included. The attentive staff are on hand to cater for your every need and it is easy to see why this award-winning resort has become a destination in its own right.

Enjoy a bountiful buffet breakfast and mouth-watering Asian and European cuisine on the shady deck of the Cafe Nam Hai which overlooks the pool or take a seat in the elegant dining room to watch chefs prepare contemporary fusion cuisine in the open kitchen. The open-air beachfront restaurant offers a range of tasty dishes throughout the day – whether you fancy pizza, burgers, salads or local specialities such as rice noodle soup. Tuck into tasty Asian tapas at the new beach bar and enjoy fruit and herb-infused cocktails from the comfort of a hanging chair or daybed. Sip signature cocktails on the terrace of the elegant bar while admiring the pool and sea views.

The modern, uniquely designed and spacious One Bedroom Villas are tucked away in tropical gardens facing the ocean and centred around a canopied bed with a sunken bath and a daybed. Each villa features high ceilings, a private garden with outdoor rain shower and bicycles to get around the resort. Upgrade to a Beachfront Villa for easy access to the white sands or a Pool Villa with butler for added indulgence.

Setting On Ha My Beach, just a short drive from Hoi An

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Danang airport

Rooms 100 stunning villas and pool villas

Dining 2 restaurants, bar, beach bar

Facilities 3 pools (2 adults-only pools and 1 family pool), spa*, fitness centre, tennis, basketball, badminton, table tennis, pool table, futsal table, yoga and meditation pavilion, jogging tracks, kids' club (4-6 and 7-12 year-olds), boutique, Wi-Fi

Spa The exquisite spa balances the body, mind and spirit while following the healing traditions of the East and using organic products. Eight tranquil spa villas appear to float on a koi-filled lagoon and feature an open-air relaxation deck with a daybed and deep soak bath tub

Activities • Explore the 86-acre grounds • Realign your body and mind with a meditation class • Take the resort's free shuttle to charming Hoi An • Book a Wet Rice Growing Tour or Fishermen & Palm Paradise Tour*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 26-31 Mar; 4 nights 23 Dec-06 Jan.

What's included

Breakfast at Cafe Nam Hai.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £90 • Breakfast at Cafe Nam Hai • Dinner at Cafe Nam Hai or Lá Sen Restaurant

Full Board from £160 • Breakfast at Cafe Nam Hai • Lunch and dinner at Cafe Nam Hai or Lá Sen Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Food & Beverage, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Spa offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2192 per person

01 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £2556

20 Mar-25 Apr; 10 Jul-26 Aug 2018

Extra night from £287

Single supplement from £287

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a One Bedroom Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9725. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



The Bar



One Bedroom Pool Villa

Sunrise Premium Resort Hoi An ****

A stylish and modern resort offering extensive facilities and views towards the Cham Islands.

This welcoming resort embraces the heritage of charming Hoi An while providing a chic and relaxing oceanfront retreat. It's the genuinely warm and friendly staff that make this resort a special place. Stroll down to the small private beach at the side of the hotel for a refreshing ocean dip or an indulgent nap on a sunlounger under the shade of a parasol. The large infinity pool dotted with palm tree islands provides an attractive focal point and there is also an oceanfront lap pool. If you long to immerse yourself in the local culture then you can join the resort's cooking class which includes a visit to a local market or you can explore the coconut palm canals in one of Hoi An's distinctive round basket boats (coracles).

Enjoy the excellent breakfast buffet with western and Vietnamese options at Spice Garden which conveniently offers food at any time of the day or night and is Hoi An's only 24-hour dining establishment. Choose an international wine from the wine list to accompany fine eastern and western cuisine. There is also a speciality seafood restaurant with delightful ocean views and a popular seafood barbecue. Sip cocktails with your toes in the sand at the beach bar and treat yourself to fresh pastries, milkshakes and ice-cream while lounging on daybeds at the modern lobby bar. Alternatively, take a cab or the shuttle into town for an abundance of dining options.

The contemporary rooms and suites are set in four-storey white-washed blocks overlooking the pool and gardens while the luxurious villas are set close to the sea. It's worth upgrading to an Ocean Deluxe Room for the views over the glittering ocean. Splash out on a Sunrise Suite for extra space and incredible ocean views.

Setting Right at the far end of Cua Dai Beach, a 10-minute drive from Hoi An

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Danang airport

Rooms 222 spacious rooms, suites and villas with garden or sea views

Dining 3 restaurants, 2 bars

Facilities 2 pools, spa*, fitness centre, watersports*, tennis, kids' club (3-12 year olds), bicycles, cooking class*, mini cinema, library, shops, Wi-Fi

Families The kids' club offers fun games and activities, from exploration of Cua Dai Beach to local crafts and music.

Need to know

Compulsory Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinners, supplements apply. At various times of the year the beach may be reduced due to erosion.

What's included

Breakfast at Spice Garden.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £19 • Buffet breakfast and dinner at Spice Garden

Full Board from £38 • Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner at Spice Garden

All Inclusive from £78 • All meals at Spice Garden • Daily afternoon tea at The Lounge • Drinks including local mineral water, tea, coffee, soft drinks, local beer and house wine and spirits • 1 x 60-minute spa treatment per person per day.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Food & Beverage, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Spa offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1086 per person

01-25 Sep; 31 Oct-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1167

10 Jul-06 Aug; 31 Oct-10 Dec 2018

Extra night from £63

Single supplement from £62

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Room including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE1344. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Ocean Deluxe Room

At a glance

.....
Contemporary beach resort

.....
Family-friendly

.....
24-hour restaurant



The Lounge Bar



Palm Garden Beach Resort & Spa, Hoi An ***



Superior Gardenview Room

At a glance

Stunning landscaped gardens on an excellent beachfront

Simple, good-value option

Just outside of Hoi An Ancient Town

A classic resort with a tranquil setting in 12 acres and a range of activities.

This charming resort is scattered throughout stunning tropical gardens and feels very spacious, yet it is more intimate and peaceful than you would expect for a resort of its size. It is an ideal option if you are looking for low-key beachfront relaxation just outside of bustling Hoi An – whether you want to unwind at the end of a tour or spend lazy days soaking up the sun.

Follow winding paths to discover tranquil lily ponds and 400 species of palm trees and plants. Relax on the beautiful stretch of golden beach and sip coconut water straight from the shell or unwind by the magnificent lagoon-style pool that is edged with palm trees and features pretty fountains – just wave a flag to get cocktails and snacks delivered to your sunlounger by one of the friendly staff.

Feast on an expansive breakfast buffet and enjoy traditional Vietnamese cuisine and international dishes at the two restaurants. The beach restaurant also hosts theme dinners and beach parties where you can enjoy a delicious seafood buffet. Don't miss happy hour at the Contino Bar, which also offers live music, and listen to the sound of the waves while sipping cocktails at Breeze Bar.

The simple but elegant rooms are set in the gardens in three-storey blocks topped with terracotta tiles and have garden or sea views. Superior and Deluxe Rooms are similar but the latter are more spacious. For extra space and a superior location we recommend upgrading to a Deluxe Seaview Room which is just steps from the beach. Spacious Suites and Bungalows are available on request.

Setting On Cua Dai Beach, just 10 minutes from the ancient World Heritage town of Hoi An

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Danang airport

Rooms 216 spacious and comfortable rooms

Dining 2 restaurants, 3 bars

Facilities Pool, spa*, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, fitness centre, tennis, watersports*, beach volleyball, bicycle hire*, games room, kids' club, playground, Wi-Fi

Activities • Try watersports including windsurfing and kayaking* • Take the free shuttle into Hoi An Ancient Town • Learn how to make classic Vietnamese dishes at the hotel's cooking class* • Book a tour to the UNESCO-listed My Son Sanctuary*.

What's included

Breakfast at the Terrace Café.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £24 • Buffet breakfast and dinner at the Terrace Café

Full Board from £56 • Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Terrace Café.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1094 per person

01 Sep-26 Oct; 31 Oct-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1157

10 Jul-06 Aug; 31 Oct-10 Dec 2018

Extra night from £63

Single supplement from £63

Need to know

Compulsory Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinners, supplements apply. At various times of the year the beach may be reduced due to erosion.

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Superior Gardenview Room including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref IC014. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Colibri Beach Restaurant



Anantara Hoi An Resort ****

This welcoming riverside retreat offers an abundance of charm and easy access to Hoi An Ancient Town.

With its pastel-coloured façade, wrap-around veranda and elegant arches, this French-colonial style hotel reflects the rich heritage of UNESCO-listed Hoi An. If you are looking for somewhere within walking distance of the Ancient Town then this lovely hotel is ideal as it is just a ten-minute stroll from the bustling centre. The frangipani-scented tropical gardens dotted with lily ponds add to the serenity of the waterside setting and the small swimming pool is perfect for a refreshing dip.

Admire views over the river during breakfast at Lanterns which also serves a fusion of eastern and western cuisine for dinner. Watch local fishermen glide their boats up to the restaurant to deliver their catch-of-the-day. Enjoy coffee and cake on the terrace of the Riverside Café, sip cocktails at the pool bar or watch the world go by from the vibrant streetside terrace of O'Malleys Irish Pub Hoi An where you can enjoy cold beers and comfort food.

The simple and contemporary rooms have been recently refurbished and are set in two and three-storey buildings with a few steps leading down to a lounge area and terrace. Deluxe Balcony Rooms overlook the charming courtyard garden or pool. If you are looking for extra space then opt for one of the Junior Gardenview Suites which overlook the courtyard garden or one of the Premium Riverview Suites which offer a peaceful setting overlooking the Thu Bon River.

Setting On the banks of the Thu Bon River, near Hoi An town

Getting there Approx. 45 minutes by private car from Danang airport

Rooms 93 traditional rooms and suites with garden or river views

Dining 2 restaurants, café, 2 bars

Facilities Pool, spa*, bicycle hire, yoga, various classes, gift shop, Wi-Fi

Activities • Begin your day with a poolside yoga class • Join a traditional painting class* • Book a sunset river cruise* • Arrange 'Dining by Design', an intimate fine-dining experience overlooking the river, with a private chef and butler on hand*.

Need to know

Compulsory Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinners, supplements apply.

What's included

Breakfast at Lanterns.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £37 • Buffet breakfast and dinner at Lanterns

Full Board from £68 • Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner at Lanterns.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Long-Stay offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1154 per person

01 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1327

10 Jul-06 Aug; 31 Oct-10 Dec 2018

Extra night from £76

Single supplement from £76

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Balcony Room including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref IC943. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



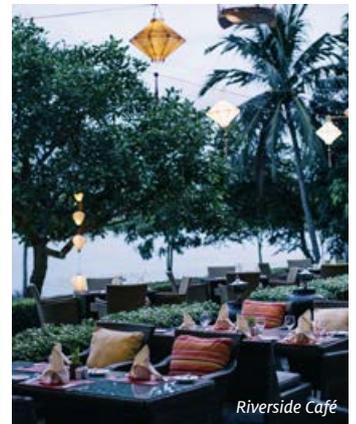
Deluxe Balcony Room

At a glance

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Picturesque riverside setting

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Excellent central location

.....
Charming and full of character



Riverside Café



Courtyard garden

Almanity Hoi An Resort & Spa ****

Set in the heart of Hoi An, this unique hotel is dedicated to wellbeing and relaxation.

This spa-inclusive resort provides a tranquil oasis in the centre of UNESCO-listed Hoi An. Every guest can enjoy a free daily spa journey for the body, mind and soul which includes the steamroom and sauna (25 minutes), a massage (50 minutes) and energising t'ai chi (15 minutes). The sense of serenity extends to the resort's open spaces – relax in a daybed by the terraced palm-fringed pools which are nestled within a cloistered courtyard. There is also a real focus on cultural heritage and authentic experiences, from the traditional architecture to local tours and cooking classes.

Experience a culinary journey around the world at the buffet-style restaurant which offers Italian, Vietnamese, Japanese, western grilled options and salads. Sip blooming tea from blue teapots, try exotic cocktails and tuck into tapas at the Blue Bottle Bar/Café which uses fresh herbs and organic fruit and vegetables. The elegant rooms are minimalist in style, creating an uncluttered space with modern amenities including free Wi-Fi. Upgrade to a My Mind – Pool View Room for a balcony with views over the pool.

Setting In the centre of Hoi An

Getting there Approx. 40 minutes by private car from Danang airport

Rooms 145 rooms with town or pool views

Dining Restaurant, café, bar, juice bar

Facilities Pool, spa*, fitness centre, yoga, bicycles, shuttle to An Bang beach, Wi-Fi

Spa My Chi Spa offers all guests a free

daily 90-minute holistic spa journey.

daily 90-minute wellness journey

Full Board from £47 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Four Plates Restaurant

• A daily 90-minute wellness journey.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Bonus Nights and Spa offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 4 nights for stays over New Year's Eve; 3 nights 08 Jan-11 Feb.

What's included

Breakfast at Four Plates Restaurant and a daily 90-minute wellness journey.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £26 • Breakfast and dinner at Four Plates Restaurant • A

Guide price from £1214 per person

01 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1327

10 Jul-06 Aug; 31 Oct-10 Dec 2018

Extra night from £88

Single supplement from £89

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a My Mind – Town View Room including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref VN0009. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



SPA



My Mind Room

At a glance

Wellbeing lifestyle hotel

Includes daily spa journey

Within walking distance of the historic town centre



Chic Suite

At a glance

Peaceful and remote setting

Includes 2 spa treatments daily

All rooms offer full or partial ocean views

Fusion Resort Nha Trang ****

This chic resort is dedicated to relaxation and offers a quiet setting away from bustling Nha Trang.

This tranquil beachfront resort is just minutes from the airport yet it feels miles away from anywhere and is the perfect place to unwind. Friendly 'Fusionistas' can help you get the most from your experience, whether you're looking for activity recommendations or help planning your programme of spa treatments. Lounge by the infinity pool, stretch out during a yoga class and enjoy a minimum of two daily spa treatments. The resort's relaxed 'breakfast anywhere, anytime' concept gives you the freedom to enjoy breakfast at your leisure – whether you want to eat in your room or on the beach, early morning or late afternoon. Fresh Restaurant offers western dishes and local meals such as pho.

The spacious suites and pool villas have been designed around gently sloping hills to maximise privacy. They each offer ocean views and stylish signature touches such as a suspended bath that appears to float. Chic Suites have a terrace and small garden.

Setting On the Cam Ranh peninsula.

Approx. 40 minutes from Nha Trang

Getting there Approx. 10 minutes by private car from Cam Ranh airport

Rooms 72 luxurious suites and pool villas

Dining Restaurant, bar

Facilities Pool, children's pool, spa*, fitness centre, yoga and t'ai chi, kids' club (3-11 year-olds), shuttle to Nha Trang, Wi-Fi
Spa Guests can enjoy a minimum of 2 treatments per day at the Maia Spa.

anywhere at any time • Dinner at Fresh Restaurant

Full Board from £74 • Breakfast anywhere at any time • Lunch and dinner at Fresh Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 4 nights 27-31 Jan and for stays including 31 Dec.

What's included

Breakfast anywhere at any time • 2 spa treatments daily • yoga • t'ai chi • Natural Living Programme • Meditation.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £44 • Breakfast

Guide price from £1682 per person

01 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1779

10 Jul-06 Aug; 31 Oct-10 Dec 2018

Extra night from £182

Single supplement from £182

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Chic Suite including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref VN0037. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.



SPA

* Local charge

Evason Ana Mandara Nha Trang ****

This unique resort boasts an award-winning spa and a beautiful bay.

Vietnam's first beach resort has set the bar high and continues to attract guests in search of beachfront relaxation, warm service and exceptional facilities. As you step into the open-air lobby with its koi-filled ponds you'll find it hard to believe that the bustling city centre of Nha Trang is just steps away. Designed in the style of a Vietnamese village, this attractive resort features a blend of traditional Asian décor and understated elegance but it's the personal touches that make this place really special such as the handwritten notes and the resort map that is presented as a 'message in a bottle'. The resort also has a strong commitment to sustainability and its eco-friendly practices include supporting the access of clean water in rural areas.

The sumptuous breakfast buffet is a veritable feast – choose from fresh fruit, pastries, noodles, omelettes and exotic fruit juices. East meets west at the two restaurants which both offer al fresco dining and menus of international, local and fusion cuisines with vegetarian, gluten-free and low calorie options. The Pavilion Restaurant offers modern cuisine whilst the Ana Beach House Restaurant & Bar is a stylish venue with five different dining and lounge areas and creative menus which showcase local seafood and Vietnamese dishes. Enjoy a lychee martini in the airy Lobby Bar or cocoon yourself in a pod-like day bed by one of the pools and sip Champagne at the 'Into Fizz' Bar.

The elegant rooms are scattered in tropical gardens and feature canopied beds, warm wood furniture, beautiful spacious bathrooms and free drinking water in recycled bottles. Gardenview Rooms are set in the tropical gardens, close to the main road. Opt for a Deluxe Beachfront Room for ocean views and direct access to the sand or splash out on the Beachfront Ana Mandara Junior Suite to enjoy extra space and a private walled garden with outdoor shower.

Setting Directly on a private beach amid tropical gardens. Within walking distance of Nha Trang town centre

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Cam Ranh airport

Rooms 74 exceptional rooms set within 17 villas

Dining 2 restaurants, 2 bars

Facilities 2 pools, Six Senses Spa*, fitness centre, kayaking, Hobie Cat sailing, bicycles, beach volleyball, yoga, t'ai chi, dive centre*, tennis, boutique, kids' club, cookery classes*, evening entertainment, Wi-Fi

Activities • Snorkel around Mun Island*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 27 Jan-05 Feb.
Compulsory New Year's Eve gala dinner, supplement applies.

What's included

Breakfast at the Pavilion Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £42 • Breakfast and buffet/three-course dinner at the Pavilion Restaurant

Full Board from £74 • Breakfast and buffet/three-course lunch and dinner at the Pavilion Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. A Twin Centre offer with Six Senses Ninh Van Bay is also available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1451 per person

01 Sep-30 Oct 2017

High season from £1613

10 Jul-06 Aug; 31 Oct-10 Dec 2018

Extra night from £129

Single supplement from £128

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Gardenview Room including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref IC946. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Gardenview Room

At a glance

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Nha Trang's only absolute beachfront resort

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Eco-friendly

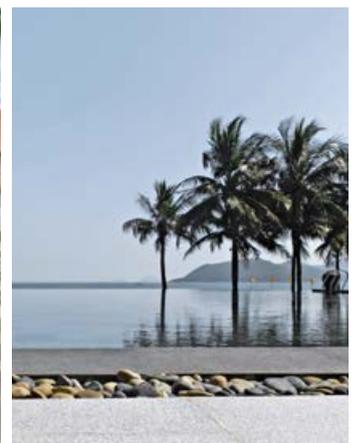
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Six Senses Spa



Deluxe Beachfront Rooms



Ana Beach House Restaurant & Bar



Mia Resort Nha Trang ****



Gardenview Condo

At a glance

-
- Contemporary boutique resort
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- Secluded setting and private beach
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- Ocean views from every room



Sandals Restaurant



Set in a private bay, this modern beach retreat offers tropical tranquillity and exquisite villas.

Dedicated to relaxation and serenity, this chic hideaway is perfect for a romantic escape or a chilled out beach break. With its sparkling pools, manicured gardens and grass-covered rooftops, the resort merges with its surrounds, providing a peaceful setting. Stroll through beautiful landscaped gardens that fill the air with the scent of frangipani and relax in one of the inviting hammocks strewn between palms. Lounge by one of the oceanview infinity pools, kayak around the bay or sink into a state of blissful relaxation at Xanh Spa, which combines traditional and modern techniques and a range of nature-inspired spa products – the coconut body scrub smells good enough to eat!

The ocean breeze at Sandals is wonderfully cooling and this beachfront restaurant uses Pacific Rim ingredients to create traditional and western dishes. Enjoy an expansive breakfast buffet on the terrace – start your day with chicken noodle soup or delicious crepes made to order. The fresh seafood from the bay is sensational – watch local fishermen return to shore with the catch-of-the-day. If you are feeling inspired then you can learn to make authentic Vietnamese dishes at the hotel’s cooking class (on request) or head to La Baia restaurant for authentic Italian cuisine and incredible seafood. Sip cocktails made from a fine selection of sugarcane rums at Mojito’s – a chic restaurant and bar boasting a beautiful cliff-top setting and 180° ocean views.

Set in gardens, on the beach or on a cliff top, the granite and wood rooms are all beautifully furnished and have stunning bathrooms with luxury toiletries, large terraces and sea views. Gardenview Condos are set in two-storey blocks close to the main facilities. Enjoy uninterrupted sea views and the sound of the waves in an Oceanview Condo. The Family Condos offer two en suite bedrooms and two televisions – ideal for those in search of extra space. Step straight onto the inviting sand from a Beachfront Villa or admire the spectacular views from a Cliff Villa – both of which offer a refreshing outdoor shower and splash pool.

Setting A private bay set below a coastal road, 20 minutes from Nha Trang

Getting there Approx. 15 minutes by private car from Cam Ranh airport

Rooms 70 condos, villas and suites

Dining 3 restaurants

Facilities Pool, spa*, snorkelling, kayaking*, paddle boarding*, dive centre*, yoga and meditation (weekends only), cooking classes*, kids’ club, shuttle to Nha Trang (3 times a day), Wi-Fi

Activities • Enjoy a free beginner’s yoga session on the beach • Take the free shuttle to Nha Trang to explore the local shops and restaurants (3 times daily) • Learn some basic words and phrases during a free Vietnamese class for beginners (Mon & Thu) • Enjoy a free ‘try scuba dive’ (Tue & Fri).

Need to know

Compulsory Christmas Eve and Day; and New Year’s Eve and Day gala dinners, supplements apply.

What’s included

Breakfast at any restaurant or in-room.

Kuoni Plus

Exclusive Honeymoon/Anniversary offer available. Earlybird Saver and Long Stay offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1287 per person

01 Sep-11 Dec 2017

High season from £1443

01 Jan-23 Feb; 10 Jul-06 Aug 2018

Extra night from £103

Single supplement from £102

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Gardenview Condo including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref IC112. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge

Anantara Mui Ne Resort & Spa ****

This welcoming resort offers a peaceful escape, fine facilities and a prime location on Mui Ne's strip.

Relaxation, fine dining and pampering are the order of the day at this attractive resort. Enjoy the excellent service for which Anantara is renowned as the warm staff go out of their way to ensure you have a memorable stay. Lotus ponds and lofty palms create a tranquil setting and splashes of the resort's signature purple adorn dark wood and cream furnishings. Breathe in the revitalising scent of lemongrass as you indulge in a replenishing treatment at the spa, tuck yourself away in the reading lounge, or bask in the sun by the freshwater lagoon set amid tropical gardens. Enjoy happy hour twice a day at the pool bar with a refreshing mango juice or passion fruit margarita.

Sample Vietnamese or western fusion cuisine created with fresh produce and subtle seasoning at the fine dining L'Anmien Restaurant which overlooks the lagoon. Dine under the stars at Thung which offers stunning sea views and a romantic setting for fine seafood and premium steaks. There is also a poolside bar serving light meals. In the evening head to the elegant Wine Room to combine fine wines with mouth-watering bites or sip cocktails at Cham Lounge.

The elegantly designed rooms are all very spacious and are nestled in the lush gardens. Deluxe Rooms are set in the main building with garden views. Deluxe Ocean Rooms are larger with sea views. One Bedroom Pool Villas offer the added luxury of a private pool and dining pavilion – perfect for honeymooners in search of a tranquil escape. Mui Ne Two Bedroom Suites are suitable for families with older children.

Setting On the white-sand beach of Mui Ne, with a variety of shops, bars and restaurants within walking distance
Getting there Approx. 3½ hours by private car from Ho Chi Minh City airport
Rooms 90 contemporary rooms, suites and villas with garden, pool or sea views
Dining 2 restaurants, 2 bars
Facilities Pool, spa*, fitness centre, yoga classes, cooking classes, library, boutique, kids' club, Wi-Fi
Activities • Book a day trip to the incredible Mui Ne Sand Dunes*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 23 Dec-06 Jan and 28 Jan-03 Feb. No departures 31 Dec-01 Jan. Compulsory Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinners, supplements apply.

What's included

Breakfast at L'Anmien.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £40 • Breakfast and dinner at L'Anmien

Full Board from £70 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at L'Anmien.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver and Honeymoon/Anniversary offers are available.

Guide price from £1212 per person

01 Sep-26 Oct 2017

High season from £1491

12 Jul-08 Aug; 31 Oct-05 Dec 2018

Extra night from £84

Single supplement from £84

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Room including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9719. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Deluxe Room

At a glance

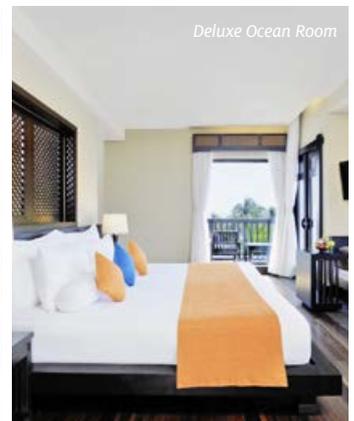
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Luxury resort

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Great beach location on Mui Ne strip

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Private pool villas – perfect for honeymooners



L'Anmien Restaurant



Deluxe Ocean Room



Mia Resort Mui Ne ****

This serene beachfront resort offers a charming and intimate hideaway for families and couples.

If you're looking for a small resort with easy access to a sweep of white sand, exceptional service and an abundance of charm then this peaceful gem ticks all the boxes. The mosaic swimming pool overlooking the beach provides an attractive focal point and paths weave through gorgeous tropical gardens scattered with ornate fountains. The rustically chic décor of thatched roofs, bamboo or elegant tiled flooring and warm wood adds to the relaxing ambience.

Learn how to make Vietnamese dishes under the guidance of a local chef at the resort's cooking class or, for a more immersive experience, enjoy a guided tour of Phan Thiet market where you can select your ingredients (both at extra cost). You can pick up some useful phrases during a Vietnamese language lesson and learn about the local culture during one of the resort's Vietnamese coffee sessions. Go kite surfing to experience the thrill of riding the waves or take it easy and lounge under shady palms on the inviting beach. Treat yourself to an open-air massage at the beautiful spa with the soothing sound of running water to lull you into a blissful state of relaxation.

Begin your day with a sumptuous breakfast at the renowned Sandals Restaurant & Bar and listen to the gentle lapping of the waves from its tranquil beachfront setting. The creative chefs have devised tempting menus for lunch and dinner that combine traditional and modern recipes. Treat your taste buds to some of the bay's celebrated seafood and enjoy fresh cocktails as the sun sets.

The charming rooms combine contemporary amenities with traditional design. Sapa Garden View Rooms are set in two-storey blocks in the tropical gardens. Superior Garden View Bungalows feature an outdoor bathroom so that you can experience bathing under the stars in complete privacy. The popular Deluxe Beachfront Bungalows offer direct access to the white sands and spectacular sea views.

Setting Within beautiful gardens in the centre of Mui Ne, close to shops and restaurants

Getting there Approx. 3½ hours by private car from Ho Chi Minh City airport

Rooms 31 spacious rooms and bungalows

Dining Restaurant and bar

Facilities Pool, spa*, yoga classes (December to April), kite surfing*, cooking classes*, free bicycle hire, gift shop, Wi-Fi

Activities • Learn to kite surf at the resort's Sailing Club Kite School*

• Play golf at the nearby Sea Links Golf Course* • Book a cyclo tour of Phan Thiet* • Visit the white-sand dunes and Mui Ne fishing village during a day trip*.

Need to know

Compulsory Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinners, supplements apply.

What's included

Breakfast at Sandals Restaurant & Bar.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Long Stay offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1092 per person

01 Sep-30 Oct 2017

High season from £1254

01 Jan-23 Feb; 12 Jul-08 Aug 2018

Extra night from £60

Single supplement from £60

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Sapa Garden View Room including breakfast, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE366. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge apply.



Sapa Garden View Room

At a glance

 Charming boutique resort

 Just 31 rooms and bungalows

 Outstanding beachfront restaurant



Sailing Club Kite School



Sandals Restaurant

Discovering Ho Chi Minh City & Hanoi

If you're planning on exploring Vietnam and Indochina then you will most likely visit Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. These high-octane cities are destinations in their own right but Ho Chi Minh City is the southern gateway to some of Vietnam's most popular beach resorts as well as the famous floating markets and picturesque rice fields of the Mekong Delta, while Hanoi is famously Vietnam's northern gateway to stunning Halong Bay and the tranquil hill station of Sapa.



Temple Of Literature, Hanoi



Old Quarter, Hanoi

An insight into Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi

Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Chaotic and dynamic, Ho Chi Minh City – still often referred to as Saigon – is the commercial heart of the nation. This heaving metropolis is fast-paced and frenetic and an eye-opening experience of commerce and culture. Restored grand colonial buildings rub shoulders with striking skyscrapers and a mix of local street markets and delectable restaurants, combining with ancient pagodas, designer shopping malls and historic temples. The city provides the perfect end to a North to South exploration of Vietnam.

History

A tour is a great way to take in Ho Chi Minh City's abundance of historic sights whilst absorbing the city's pulsating energy and observing local life. Learn about the country's turbulent past at the poignant War Remnants Museum and discover the intricate carvings of the beautiful 19th-Century Thien Hau Pagoda which is dedicated to Thien Hau – goddess of the sea and patroness of sailors. You can also visit the History Museum to view a collection of artefacts detailing Vietnam's past and admire the architecture of the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral which was built with bricks imported from France.

Markets

Cho Lon – Ho Chi Minh City's Chinatown, is one of the oldest parts of the city and it's home to the famous Binh Tay Market. It's mainly a wholesale market but it's worth a wander down the bustling aisles to soak up

the lively atmosphere. The central Ben Thanh Market is one of the city's most famous markets and can trace its roots back to 1914. It's a great place to sample local food, people-watch and barter for goods ranging from colourful silks, clothes and jewellery to handbags and souvenirs.

Cu Chi Tunnels

History buffs won't want to miss the chance to visit this incredible complex of tunnels and passageways that was built deep underground in the jungle to hide up to 10,000 people from US soldiers during the Vietnam War. Book a day trip and head north west out of the city to explore this subterranean city of sleeping quarters, kitchens and command centres while learning about its remarkable history. Search for the elusive hidden trap door and crawl along dark passageways which have been enlarged for westerners but aren't recommended if you suffer from claustrophobia.

Mekong Delta

Ho Chi Minh City acts as a gateway to the verdant Mekong Delta region and an overnight cruise is the perfect way to discover its natural beauty and life on the water. Journey to the Cai Be district – which is famed for its small floating market and lush fruit orchards – and board a cruiser for your journey along the Mekong River. Soak up the tranquillity as you pass small villages and churches before stopping to meet locals and visit an orchard or rice field for a glimpse into everyday local life. Day trips are also available.

Beaches

If you're travelling to the popular beach resorts of Mui Ne or Nha Trang then you will travel to Ho Chi Minh City before connecting with a road transfer or internal flight. It's worth breaking up your journey with a night or two in the city to explore and take in the historic sights before your beach break. Alternatively, you could combine your beach holiday with an overnight cruise on the Mekong Delta.

Hanoi

Vietnam's understated capital is a resurgent city blending ancient cultures with modern society. Its elegance and charm is reflected in the city's French colonial buildings, bustling Old Quarter and tree-lined boulevards. Pay respects to the remains of Uncle Ho, the first president of Vietnam, in the sacred Marble Mausoleum – security is tight and you must dress appropriately, but it's worth a visit. Close by, his former residence, the One Pillar Pagoda beautifully resembles a lotus rising out of the water. Enjoy a traditional t'ai chi lesson on the shores of Hoan Kiem Lake, indulge in contemporary designer restaurants or dance the night away in an array of clubs in this eclectic city. Catch a performance at the Water Puppet Theatre, marvelling as the puppets frolic in the water, depicting stories originating from traditional folk tales.



Mekong Delta



Ho Chi Minh City



Mekong River

Old Quarter

Once a thriving centre for craftsmen, the city's evocative Old Quarter is now a bustling area spilling over with shops and restaurants but still retaining its sense of history. Sample Vietnamese coffee or tea at a local café in this historic quarter and watch the world go by. A cyclo tour is a wonderful way to explore the Old Quarter and its surrounding area including picturesque Hoan Kiem Lake, the iconic Ngoc Son Temple and the landmark Hanoi Opera House.

Street Food

Vietnam is renowned for its flavoursome cuisine and fantastic markets and street vendors are set up on corners throughout the city. Pull up a comically small plastic chair alongside the locals and tuck into local specialities such as bún chả – grilled pork and noodles served with crispy spring rolls, xoi xeo – sticky rice topped with fried onion, or pho – noodle soup. Book a street food tour for the chance to sample mouth-watering Vietnamese cuisine while learning about traditions and mingling with locals. These popular tours are accompanied by a culinary expert and visit markets that are used by locals and that you're unlikely to find in any guidebooks. You can learn about some of the ingredients used in delicious local dishes, meet vendors and observe the buying and selling rituals of a Vietnamese market.

Sapa

For a taste of traditional culture combined with some spellbinding scenery, venture outside of the city to Vietnam's beautiful northern region and the mountains of Sapa. The best way to experience Sapa's stunning scenery and distinct cultures is to take an overnight rail journey on the King Express Train to Lao Cai. Visit the local hill tribes that reside in the highlands, see how they live and work and browse their bustling markets for hand-crafted souvenirs before spending the night at a local hotel. The following day can be spent hiking around the rim of the valley and exploring local villages before returning by train in the evening.

Halong Bay

Beautiful Halong Bay (p132) can be visited from Hanoi as a day trip but as the transfer is 3½-4 hours we highly recommend taking in the beauty of this tranquil natural wonder at a more leisurely pace during an overnight or two-night cruise. This UNESCO World Heritage area is home to hundreds of limestone karsts and islets that are scattered across its waters and a cruise takes you past picturesque fishing villages and pretty islets. Choose from a hand-picked selection of four and five star vessels and enjoy onboard activities such as a Vietnamese cooking demonstration, t'ai chi session on the sundeck, kayaking and a cave visit.

Our favourite combinations

Ho Chi Minh City @ Nha Trang

(ref IC102)

Pair cultural discovery in dynamic Ho Chi Minh City with relaxation on golden sands in the popular beach resort of Nha Trang.

Siem Reap @ Hanoi

(ref IC109)

Combine the stunning temples of Angkor in Cambodia with the vibrant Old Quarter and ancient pagodas of Vietnam's capital.

Hanoi, Hoi An @ Ho Chi Minh City

(ref IC110)

Discover the historic highlights of two of Vietnam's most vibrant cities along with the colourful markets, beaches and colonial architecture of charming Hoi An.

Ho Chi Minh City & Hanoi hotels

Dynamic Ho Chi Minh City is an energetic mix of eclectic street markets, historic landmarks and striking modern edifices. In Hanoi, the chaotic yet vibrant capital, you will find French colonial architecture, Chinese influences and a perfect blend of modernity and ancient civilisation.



Club Deluxe Room



Park Deluxe Room

Park Hyatt Saigon *****

A luxury hotel and peaceful sanctuary in the city centre.

This elegant hotel is simply stunning and offers exceptional standards in service, design and cuisine, fusing modern values with a very definite Vietnamese character. Conveniently located in the heart of the city on Lam Son Square, the hotel has a superb position overlooking the Opera House, close to all of the main attractions. The attentive yet discreet staff offer a warm welcome and incredible service while beautiful Vietnamese art pieces complement the sophisticated colonial style. World-class facilities include an outdoor pool set in tropical gardens, an award-winning Xuan Spa, two restaurants, a stylish cocktail bar and an elegant lounge serving sumptuous afternoon tea.

There are two very different dining options. The Opera is a casual trattoria-style restaurant, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner until late, with al fresco tables overlooking Lam Son Square, a large show kitchen, and a boutique wine selection from all over the world. Square One is an atmospheric venue for simple and authentic local and western cuisine. At Park Lounge you can enjoy elegant afternoon tea with Vietnamese-inspired savouries and traditional French pastries, and live piano music every evening. The contemporary 2 Lam Son bar provides a stylish setting for signature cocktails and vintage wines. The beautifully designed rooms and suites offer a blend of colonial-style décor with eclectic furnishings, natural tones and modern amenities including free Wi-Fi, Bose Bluetooth speakers and in-room iPads. Park Rooms offer city or pool and garden views. Park Deluxe Rooms are set on the third floor with direct pool access. Park Suites are more spacious and luxurious with a separate living room area.

Stay from £184 per person per night incl. breakfast

InterContinental Saigon *****

One of Ho Chi Minh City's highest rated hotels.

Centrally located in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City, this modern hotel – honoured as 'Asia's Leading City Hotel' in 2016 at the prestigious World Travel Awards – offers the convenience of contemporary living, with the chance to explore the city's historical beauty at your doorstep. The service is exceptional and excellent facilities include an outdoor pool, spa, 24-hour fitness centre, three restaurants and an innovative cocktail bar and lounge. The luxurious rooms and suites are ergonomically designed with modern décor and offer charming views. Club floor guests have access to the stylish Club InterContinental Lounge on the 19th floor which offers panoramic views and extras including evening cocktails and free Wi-Fi.

Stay from £88 per person per night excl. meals



Liberty Central Saigon CityPoint Hotel *****

Contemporary hotel with an excellent location, rooftop pool and its own cinema.

Ideally located in the centre of the city, this new hotel provides a stylish base for local exploration and is within walking distance of many of the city's attractions, including Ben Thanh Market, the Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum. The modern rooms and suites have free Wi-Fi and floor-to-ceiling windows which maximise the city views. Central Restaurant offers a superb choice of international and local dishes while the Bistro @ City Point is an ideal spot for sipping cocktails and watching the world go by. Catch the latest releases at the hotel's cinema or head to 19th-floor rooftop pool to enjoy fantastic views over the city. There is also a pool bar, spa, small gym and Executive Lounge.

Stay from £59 per person per night incl. breakfast



Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi *****

Dine at this historic hotel's famous French restaurant.

A landmark in Hanoi since 1901 this legendary hotel is renowned for its fine service and has hosted many revered guests over the years. Set in the beautiful French Quarter, the hotel provides a sophisticated base for city exploration and the Hanoi Opera House is just a stone's throw away. Its blend of classic elegance and modern luxury is complemented with excellent service and superb cuisine. The outstanding French restaurant is famous for its extravagant brunches and if you have a sweet tooth then you won't want to miss the chocolate buffet at Le Club, a 1920s-style bar that also offers classic cocktails and live jazz. Excellent leisure facilities include a luxurious two-level spa and an outdoor pool while a tour of the hotel's bunker offers a unique insight into the hotel's history.

Stay from £139 per person per night incl. breakfast

Melia Hanoi *****

A relaxing city retreat close to the Old Quarter.

Located in central Hanoi's diplomatic district, this modern hotel is central yet surprisingly quiet and is ideal for on-foot exploration of the city. Stroll down to the Old Quarter and walk along the banks of picturesque Hoan Kiem Lake or discover local attractions such as Hanoi Opera House and the Vietnamese Women's Museum. The hotel offers plenty of choice with 22 floors of fine amenities mixed with traditional Vietnamese hospitality. Cool off in the outdoor pool, relax at the spa and enjoy international and Asian cuisine at the two restaurants. Head to the Cava Lounge for live music or the Camelia Lounge for a night of dancing. Guests staying in one of The Level rooms or suites can enjoy access to The Level Lounge which serves breakfast, afternoon tea and evening cocktails.

Stay from £73 per person per night excl. meals



Mövenpick Hotel Hanoi *****

Conveniently located in the French Quarter.

This hotel prides itself on its service and offers an elegant setting on a tree-lined avenue in the heart of Vietnam's capital city. A charming vintage French automobile greets guests on arrival and the hotel's distinct architecture reflects the city's French colonial era while the interiors are a reflection of Hanoi's contemporary culture and its selection of restaurants, bars and shops. Hoan Kiem Lake is just a short stroll away and the charming Old Quarter offers a fascinating glimpse of the city's heritage. The Mangosteen restaurant offers creative à la carte menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a blend of international classics and Asian flavours. Lounge 83 is a relaxing venue for cocktails and fine wines.

Stay from £57 per person per night incl. breakfast

Hotel de l'Opéra Hanoi, MGallery Collection *****

This French Quarter boutique hotel recreates the glamour of the Belle Époque era.

This stylish hotel offers a touch of theatrical glamour in the centre of the city, just a five-minute stroll from Hanoi Opera House and Hoan Kiem Lake. The decor is inspired by turn-of-the-century French opera houses and theatres, with chandeliers, gilt mirrors and shimmering mosaics setting the scene. It's just a 15-minute walk from the Old Quarter and ideally located within easy reach of restaurants, bars, upscale shops, museums and the renowned Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre. Two restaurants serve Vietnamese specialties and Mediterranean-inspired cuisine while the La Fée Verte Bar offers delicious cocktails and live music three nights a week. Leisure facilities include a 24-hour fitness centre and an indoor pool with open-air terrace facing the Opera House.

Stay from £89 per person per night incl. breakfast

Discovering Halong Bay

Enchanting Halong Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage area of natural beauty known locally as 'dragon descending to the sea'. It lies in the Gulf of Tonkin in Vietnam's north east and is home to around 2000 limestone karsts, islets and grottos that stud tranquil emerald waters. A cruise in a traditional junk is the best way to experience the bay's stunning beauty.



Halong Bay



An insight into Halong Bay

How long

Day cruises are available but if you have the extra time then we highly recommend at least an overnight cruise as the transfer from Hanoi to Halong Bay takes 3½-4 hours each way and you will typically spend around four hours on the boat which can make it a very long day. For the ultimate Halong Bay experience, take the two-night luxury Au Co Cruise.

What to do

Relax on the deck and admire the breathtaking scenery, enjoy tasty local cuisine on board, socialise with fellow travellers and watch the sun set from the deck before retiring to the comfort of your cabin for a peaceful night's sleep. All cruises offer you the chance to go swimming, watch a cooking demonstration and visit a cave. Other activities on offer vary but can include spa treatments, early morning t'ai chi and visits to local floating fishing villages and islands.

When to go

There are two main seasons in Halong Bay: from April to September it is hot with occasional rain and from October to March it is cool and can be windy.

Planning your cruise

A Halong Bay cruise is the highlight of any trip to Vietnam and we feature an overnight cruise in all of our Vietnam tours (see p134-135 for our Highlights of

Vietnam tour). It fits perfectly into any Vietnam or Indochina itinerary and we recommend spending a night in Hanoi before your cruise, due to the long transfer. Create your own multi-centre and combine exploration of the lively cities with relaxation and mesmerising scenery on board a junk in Halong Bay. On a one-night cruise you will have plenty of time to relax and appreciate the beauty and tranquillity of the bay as well as enjoy several activities.

If you're looking for a more immersive experience and have the luxury of time then it is worth splashing out on a two-night cruise on board the luxury Au Co – soak up the dramatic scenery, feast on gourmet cuisine, join a traditional Vietnamese tea ceremony and visit a fishing village by traditional bamboo boat.

The legend of Halong Bay

Legend has it that a family of dragons were sent to aid the people of Vietnam during an invasion of their lands. Descending into Halong Bay they threw down jewels and jades into the water which turned into clusters of conical peaks and isolated towers, creating a fortress that their assailants were unable to conquer. Today, these foliage-clad limestone islands are scattered in tranquil waters and the scars that mark their surface reflect millions of years of erosion.

What's included

All Halong Bay cruises include return transfers from Hanoi hotels, full board and excursions. Drinks and some additional activities will be payable on board (eg. spa treatments). Transfers back to the airport are available on request. A choice of cabin types is typically available on most boats. All prices are based on two people sharing.

Our favourite combinations

Hanoi @ Halong Bay

Combine exploration of the nation's elegant capital with relaxation on board a junk in Halong Bay.

The Highlights of Vietnam tour

Embark on a journey of discovery on our comprehensive tour (see p134-135) that visits the major cities, travels to the mountain town of Sapa by train and includes an overnight cruise in Halong Bay.

The Ultimate Indochina tour

Discover the highlights of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos on this captivating 20-night tour which includes an overnight cruise in Halong Bay (see kuoni.co.uk for details).

Halong Bay Cruises

We have hand-picked a selection of four- and five-star vessels that offer one and/or two-night cruises. Experience superb levels of service and comfort, and a range of activities while you relax, explore, and soak up the tranquillity and beauty of Halong Bay.



Au Co Cruise *****

The only luxury ship offering a two-night cruise in Halong Bay.

The elegant Au Co features state-of-the-art design and is the only five-star vessel offering a three-day/two-night cruise in Halong Bay. Experience the very best in comfort, style and fine dining while exploring lesser-known areas and enjoying activities such as t'ai chi, a traditional tea ceremony, cooking demo, squid fishing and visits to Thien Canh Son Cave and a floating village. There are 32 spacious en suite cabins with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors and panoramic balconies. Excellent facilities include a dining room offering silver service and exquisite cuisine accompanied by fine wines, a bar, spa, open-air Jacuzzi, boutique library and free Wi-Fi.

Stay from £474 per person.

Violet Cruise *****

An exquisite small vessel with luxurious cabins and butler service.

This elegant ship is built in the style of a traditional junk but offers plenty of luxurious modern touches and explores lesser-visited areas such as Tien Ong Cave, a fascinating archaeological site. There are just six lavishly spacious cabins, each with a personal butler, marble bathroom with shower and Jacuzzi bath, floor-to-ceiling windows and a balcony. Feast on delicious cuisine and fresh seafood in the stylish French colonial-style dining room and sip Champagne while watching the sun set over the bay. There is also a small lounge with a library, a gym, sauna, spa and sundeck with bar. A two-night cruise is also available.

Stay from £426 per person.

Bhaya Cruise *****

A classic wooden junk offering a cosy and relaxed overnight cruise.

This traditional-style vessel offers contemporary luxury and high standards on this one-night cruise. The newly refurbished Bhaya Classic fleet varies in size and features 15-20 en-suite cabins with panoramic windows. The style of the vessel reflects Vietnam's heritage and there is a relaxed, informal feel on board. Fine facilities include a lounge deck with dining room serving a set-meal seafood dinner, a bar, massage area and library. For a more exclusive experience The Bhaya Legend is available for charters and can accommodate from two people up to large groups (prices on request). A two-night cruise is also available.

Stay from £172 per person.

Highlights of Vietnam

This fantastic introductory tour covers the main attractions of Vietnam – a historical and once turbulent land. Discover captivating cities, intriguing cultures and stunning natural beauty while enjoying views from the seat of a traditional cyclo (three-wheeled bicycle), an overnight cruise in beautiful Halong Bay, a Mekong Delta river cruise, and more usual methods of transport.

Escorted tour

Nature	●○○○○○
Culture	●●●○○○
Active	●●●○○○

Is this for you?

Perfect for first-time visitors keen to discover iconic sights and natural wonders such as Halong Bay and the Mekong Delta but at a leisurely pace with some free time and a full day at leisure in charming Hoi An.

What's included

- Quality accommodation
- Insightful local tour leaders
- Hand-picked itineraries
- Flexible arrival times
- Small groups and a relaxed approach
- Porterage and guide tips
- Meals where most convenient (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), or the freedom to explore local restaurants independently
- All specified flights.

Need to know

- All departures are guaranteed
- For guests over 16 (unless travelling on a private journey)
- Average group size of 10 guests
- A maximum of 18 guests.

Accommodation

We've selected comfortable hotels that are centrally located for sightseeing or offer a peaceful escape from the cities. Pilgrimage Village is a tranquil countryside retreat just outside of Hué. The charming rooms each feature a private balcony and facilities include a pool, spa and free yoga and t'ai chi classes. The Windsor Plaza in Ho Chi Minh City has a rooftop restaurant and bar offering 360-degree views of the city, and a rooftop pool.



Hoi An



Cathedral of Our Lady in Ho Chi Minh City



Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Hanoi



Your itinerary – 11 nights

Route

- Hanoi: 2 nights
- Halong Bay: 1 night
- Hué: 2 nights
- Hoi An: 2 nights
- Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon): 2 nights

Day 1: UK to Hanoi Depart from the UK on your overnight flight to Hanoi.

Day 2: Hanoi Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. If you can't wait to explore then you can join an optional cyclo tour around Hoan Kiem Lake, through the maze of streets that make up Hanoi's quaint Old Quarter. If you'd rather catch up on your sleep before sightseeing there's the option to book a day room. This evening, enjoy a traditional water puppet show before dinner at a local restaurant. Cha cha is a 200-year old northern speciality made with white fish, green vegetables, rice, noodles and saffron-infused oils. Stay: Mövenpick Hotel Hanoi (or similar). D.

Day 3: Hanoi This morning, visit the One Pillar Pagoda, the monumental marble mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh and the Temple of Literature. This afternoon, explore the Old Quarter in a fun and interactive way. A local guide will brief you about the area before equipping you with

a map, some basic Vietnamese phrases and local currency. Set off in a small group on a scavenger hunt-style quest to find certain objects, source souvenirs and bargain with local vendors before meeting up with the rest of the group for refreshments. Stay: Mövenpick Hotel Hanoi (or similar). B, L.

Day 4: Hanoi to Halong Bay Today is one of the tour's highlights – a cruise in beautiful Halong Bay. Drive to Halong City (approx. 3½-4 hours) to board a junk and enjoy lunch onboard whilst gliding past limestone peaks and islands. This afternoon, explore Sung Sot Cave, also known as Surprise Cave, and go swimming or hiking on Titov Island. Return to the ship to join a cooking demo and fruit-carving demo as you cruise to Ho Dong Tien. Enjoy happy hour and a cooking demo before dinner. This evening there is an opportunity to try squid fishing on the deck. Stay: Bhaya Cruise. B, L, D.

Day 5: Halong Bay to Hué Early risers can join a t'ai chi exercise on the deck (6.30am) as the sun rises over the bay. After breakfast, continue cruising the bay and visit Dark and Light Cave by traditional bamboo boat or kayak (subject to availability). Reboard the ship and enjoy brunch as you make your way back to

the harbour to disembark and transfer to Hanoi airport (approx. 3½-4 hours) for your evening flight to the Imperial City of Hué. Stay: Pilgrimage Village, or similar. B, L.

Day 6: Hué A day of cultural exploration begins with a short cycling tour to a nearby village. Visit handicraft workshops before being welcomed by a family in one of the city's ancient garden houses – traditional timber houses set in landscaped gardens. Learn about their lifestyle and traditions and join them in preparing an authentic home-cooked meal, using fresh ingredients from the garden. Enjoy a relaxing herbal footbath before taking a cruise along the Perfume River to the Thien Mu Pagoda and the magnificent UNESCO-listed Imperial City, a walled fortress and palace that was the capital of the Nguyen Dynasty from 1802 to 1945. Seek out some bargains at the historic Dong Ba Market. Stay: Pilgrimage Village (or similar). B, L, D.

Day 7: Hué to Hoi An Journey south to the charming town of Hoi An. The drive is incredibly picturesque, taking you past beautiful Lang Co beach and over the winding Hai Van Pass, otherwise known as the 'Pass of the Ocean Clouds'. Weather permitting, the views of the coast, mountains and local villages are



Halong Bay



Huc Bridge, Hoan Kiem Lake in Hanoi



Hoi An



Hue

Guide price from £2295

Guide price dates

12 Jun 2018

High season

05 Dec 2017 from £2535.

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 11 nights including meal plan as detailed, economy flights on Vietnam Airlines from London Heathrow and group transfers, ref FE9505.

UK departure months

All departure dates are guaranteed to operate

2017 Tours depart in: Oct; Nov; Dec

2018 Tours depart in: Jan; Feb; Mar; Apr; Jun; Aug; Oct; Nov; Dec

2019 Tours depart in: Jan; Feb; Mar. Tours depart regularly, 2017

itineraries may differ from those displayed – see www.kuoni.co.uk for the most up-to-date departures and itineraries.

Options

Single travellers Single room supplement from £658

Private tour Upgrade to a private tour with a local tour leader on the same itinerary, departing on the date of your choice from £385 per person, ref FE9499

Optional excursions Day 2: Hanoi Cyclo Tour from £18 per person; Day 8: Cooking Class from £59 per person
Day-use room Pre-book a day-room on arrival or before your return flight from £77 per person.

What to expect

- Some days involve extensive travel and late arrivals at your hotel
- Exploration on foot and by cyclo, bike, cruise boat and sampan boat
- Insect repellent and waterproofs are essential for the Mekong Delta cruise if you are travelling during the wet season (May-Oct).

Why Kuoni

On this tour you'll get to see all of the highlights as well as experience a flavour of the Mekong Delta during a day trip before returning to your comfy and contemporary hotel in Ho Chi Minh City. Soak up the local culture with culinary experiences, an interactive city tour, short cycling tours in small villages and by spending time with local families. There's also a full day at leisure in Hoi An with an optional cooking class.

spectacular. Hoi An has a unique heritage and striking blend of French-colonial and Asian architecture. Begin your tour of this UNESCO-listed Ancient Town which was once a thriving port. Visit the 17th-Century Chua Ong Pagoda, the ornate Fujian Assembly Hall and the Jinshang Temple which is dedicated to the goddess of the sea. Pass the Old House of Tan Ky – the former home of an 18th-Century merchant, and cross the 400 year-old Japanese Covered Bridge. End your afternoon with a relaxing boat trip along Thu Bon river. Approx. journey time: 2 hours. Stay: Victoria Hoi An (or similar). B, L.

Day 8: Hoi An Today you can spend the whole day at leisure or take part in an optional culinary experience. The morning cookery class at the renowned Red Bridge Cooking School includes a visit to the market to choose your ingredients, and lunch. If you've chosen to have some time to yourself then you could relax on a white sand beach or explore local art galleries. Stay: Victoria Hoi An (or similar). B.

Day 9: Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City Transfer to Danang (approx. 1 hour) for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City (approx. 1¼ hours). Learn about Vietnam's history during a visit to the thought-provoking War Remnants

Museum. See touches of colonial architecture in the buildings and watch the streets throng with a million mopeds as you continue to the Reunification Palace and the Central Post Office. Stop for photos outside the Notre Dame Cathedral. Look for some hidden gems at a local market selling antiques and wartime memorabilia before enjoying an evening at leisure. Stay: Windsor Plaza Hotel (or similar). B, L.

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City Journey southwest to the charming town of Cai Be in the heart of the Mekong Delta for another incredible highlight – a cruise on the Mekong River. Along the way, stop to visit a local Cao Dai temple which is home to a blend of religions including Buddhism and Christianity. Board your boat for the chance to witness life on and around the water. Pass floating markets and continue through a maze of narrow canals to visit a local family and watch as they use centuries-old methods to produce rice paper. Continue with a cycling tour around the village, stopping to visit families that use coconut leaves to thatch roofs, weave hyacinth products, and make net rice paper. Enjoy a short ride on a traditional sampan boat and soak up the scenery before having a late lunch at a local home and learning how to make traditional

savoury Vietnamese pancakes during a cooking demo. Ride a boat back to Cai Be and return to Ho Chi Minh City. Stay: Windsor Plaza Hotel (or similar). B, L, D.

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City Today you'll have the chance to explore the remarkable underground network of tunnels at Cu Chi which served as a hideout and home for scores of Vietnamese insurgents during the war (approx. 1½ hours). Watch a short film to learn what life was like for the soldiers who lived there during the war. Return to the city this afternoon. You have the option of booking a day room for the afternoon so that you can relax before transferring to the airport for your overnight return flight to the UK, or you may choose to extend your holiday. B.

Stay longer

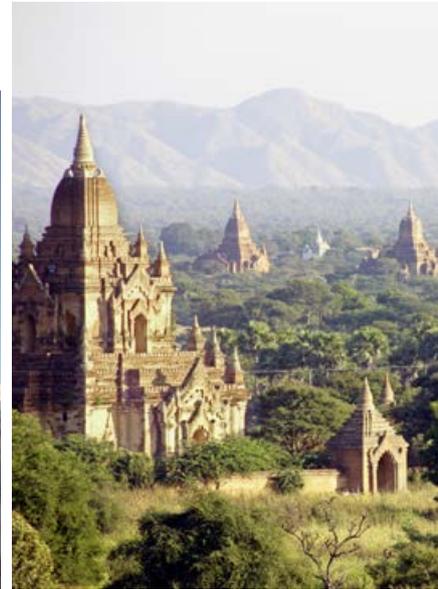
Nha Trang is our most popular extension to a Vietnam tour, but there are many options. You'll find a range of suggestions online (kuoni.co.uk).

Beaches Of Vietnam - Nha Trang 3 nights from £597 per person ref FE9507

Relax on the beach which is backed by beautiful mountains and enjoy a host of dining and shopping options in the city.

Burma Encounter

A unique country that has long been shrouded in mystery, Burma is emerging as one of the Far East's must-see destinations. This small group tour provides the perfect introduction to Burma and focuses on showcasing the nation's fascinating historic, natural and cultural treasures. Discover all of this as you journey by road and air, cruise along rivers and lakes, and ride traditional horse and carts.



Escorted small group tour

Nature	●●○○○○
Culture	●●●●○○
Active	●●●●○○

Is this for you?

If you have a sense of adventure and are prepared for an intrepid experience, then this tour is perfect for you. Explore a land that for so many years lay behind locked doors.

What's included

- Quality accommodation
- Insightful local tour leaders
- Hand-picked itineraries
- Flexible arrival times
- Small groups
- Porterage and guide tips
- Meals where most convenient (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), or the freedom to explore local restaurants independently
- All specified flights.

Need to know

- All departures are guaranteed
- For guests over 16 (unless travelling on a private journey)
- Average group size of 10 guests
- A maximum of 18 guests.

Accommodation

We have selected quality hotels that range in style from simple to elegant and are ideally located for local exploration. The Sule Shangri-La offers a taste of luxury and fine facilities in the heart of Rangoon – a great way to begin and end your tour. The traditional ViewPoint Eco Lodge boasts a stunning setting overlooking rice paddies and a canal that leads to beautiful Inle Lake, with bungalows built on stilts over a private lake.



Novice monks

Your itinerary – 13 nights

Route

- Rangoon (Yangon): 1 night
- Maymyo: 2 nights
- Mandalay: 2 nights
- Bagan: 3 nights
- Inle Lake: 2 nights
- Rangoon: 1 night

Day 1: UK to Rangoon Depart from the UK on your overnight flight to Burma.

Day 2: Rangoon On arrival, transfer to your hotel and head out for a stroll through the landmark Bogyoke Aung San Market (closed Mondays and public holidays), an indoor shopping precinct selling traditional Burmese handicrafts, jewellery and antiques. Take a drive to the Sule Pagoda, a stunning octagonal-shaped 2000-year-old landmark and take a walk near the Maha Bando Park and view its striking Independence Monument. Stay: Sule Shangri-La (or similar).

Day 3: Rangoon to Maymyo Depart Rangoon for your morning flight to Mandalay (approx. 1½ hours). Drive to the historic city of Inwa (formerly called Ava) in the Shan Highlands. Once serving as the capital of British Burma, this city showcases some of the country's most well-preserved

colonial architecture. Take a short boat ride over the river, then soak up the atmosphere as you explore in a traditional horse-drawn carriage. Next, journey to your hotel in the historic hill station of Maymyo (Pyin Oo Lwin). Enjoy a welcome dinner at Feel Restaurant, hosted by your local tour leader. Approx. journey time: 5 hours, 426 miles. Stay: Aureum Palace Resort (or similar). B, D.

Day 4: Maymyo Today you will spend the day discovering the sights of Maymyo from a horse-drawn carriage as you ride past the colonial buildings and visit the National Kandawgyi Park, the town's graceful botanical garden. Stay: Aureum Palace Resort (or similar). B.

Day 5: Maymyo to Mandalay Rise early for the drive back to Mandalay. On arrival, take a tour of Burma's last royal city, visiting spiritual sites including the teak-built Shwe In Bin Monastery and the Kuthodaw Pagoda, housing 729 marble slabs inscribed with the Buddha's teachings. Journey to Sagaing Hills, where you'll get a superb view at sunset as you gaze at the hills speckled with shining temples and pagodas. Approx. journey time: 4 hours, 76 miles. Stay: Mandalay Hill Resort (or similar). B.

Day 6: Mandalay This morning, join a traditional ceremony of giving alms to local monks. Visit a music school (closed weekends) then drive to Amarapura and see the teakwood Bargaya Monastery. Keep photographers now have the chance to capture U Bein Bridge, the longest teak bridge which stretches across the Taungthaman River. Enjoy the ambient sunset with a boat ride on the lake. Stay: Mandalay Hill Resort (or similar). B.

Day 7: Mandalay to Bagan Today's journey is a real highlight of the tour. Cruise along the Irrawaddy River – dubbed the 'Road to Mandalay' by the British – to the ancient city of Bagan. During your 8-10 hours on board (times vary depending on river levels), lunch will be served as you pass regions largely untouched by modern civilisation. In Bagan, a truly spectacular vista awaits with centuries' old pagodas rising from the plains to create a majestic skyline. Approx. journey time: 8-10¼ hours, 135 miles. Stay: Myanmar Treasure Resort (or similar). B, L.

Day 8: Bagan Enjoy a horse and cart ride to the city's most important temples including the 11th-Century Shwezigon Pagoda which was built by King



Inle Lake



U Bein Bridge



Bagan



Shwedagon Pagoda

Anawrahta to enshrine sacred relics of the Buddha. According to local legend, if you visit all four replicas in one day then good luck and prosperity will ensue. Later, visit a number of temples including Gubyaukgyi, famed for its murals of Jakkas (tales of Buddha) and Ananda Temple with its four standing Buddha statues. Watch the sunset from a temple top as it falls over the Irrawaddy River. An optional hot-air balloon ride at sunrise offers enchanting views of vast plains dotted with golden temples (available October to March). Stay: Myanmar Treasure Resort (or similar). B.

Day 9: Bagan Learn a little more about local culture with a cycling excursion, passing temples and monasteries on your way to Myinkaba Village where you'll visit a farmer's house and traditional barber's shop. In the village, lacquerware and bamboo fence makers line the streets and the locals go about their business, giving you a glimpse of their day-to-day lives. The rest of your day is at leisure. Stay: Myanmar Treasure Resort (or similar). B.

Day 10: Bagan to Inle Lake Board a 45-minute morning flight to Heho. You'll then travel to the town of Ayetharyar

for a wine tasting and lunch at one of the region's vineyards – a relatively new industry in Burma. Next, drive to Nyaung Shwe, visiting the Shwe Yan Pyay Monastery en route. Visit a silk-weaving workshop and silversmith's in the village of Inn Paw Khon via a boat excursion (approx. 3 hours) before continuing to Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda, home to five small Buddha images which sit hidden beneath infinite layers of gold leaf applied by devotees. Approx. journey time: 4¼ hours, 33 miles. Stay: ViewPoint Eco Lodge (or similar). B, L.

Day 11: Inle Lake After breakfast, take a boat ride to the lakeside village of Maing Tauk where you'll take a walk (approx. 1 hour) to a meditation centre. A local monk will teach you the ways of meditation; afterwards, enjoy time to reflect on your own. Have a local lunch then walk to the Nga Phe Kyaung Monastery with a visit en route to an orphanage (if possible). Another boat journey takes you to one of the lake's most impressive sites, Shwe Indein Pagoda. Ascend an ancient stairway to find this hauntingly beautiful complex containing hundreds of pagodas, crumbling and foliage-covered, beside their fully restored neighbours. Stay: ViewPoint Eco Lodge (or similar). B, L.

Day 12: Inle Lake to Rangoon Begin your return to Rangoon via boat to Nyaung Shwe and transfer to Heho airport for your flight to Rangoon (approx. 1¼ hours). Spend your last full day exploring Rangoon's important landmarks, including Burma's largest Catholic church, the High Court and Rander House before enjoying high tea at the heritage hotel The Strand. Complete your tour by spending time at the glorious golden pagoda – the Shwedagon Pagoda – which is said to house strands of Buddha's hair. Approx. journey time: 2 hours, 31 miles. Stay: Sule Shangri-La (or similar). B.

Day 13: Rangoon Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arriving the following day. B.

Stay longer

Bangkok is our most popular extension to a tour of Burma, but there are many options.

Bangkok City sightseeing package 3 nights from £472 per person, ref BU003 Discover the highlights of this vibrant city on foot and by river cruise.

Guide price from £2775

Guide price dates

22 Jan 2018

High season

29 Oct 2018 from £2780.

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 13 nights including meal plan as detailed, economy flights on Thai Airways from London Heathrow and group transfers, ref BU001.

UK departure months

All departure dates are guaranteed to operate

2017 Tours depart in: Nov; Dec

2018 Tours depart in: Jan; Feb; Oct; Nov; Dec

2019 Tours depart in: Jan; Feb.

Tours depart regularly, 2017 itineraries may differ from those displayed – see kuoni.co.uk for the most up-to-date departures and itineraries.

Options

Single travellers Single room supplement from £910

Private tour Upgrade to a private tour with a local tour leader on the same itinerary, departing on the date of your choice from £654 per person, ref BU002

Optional excursions Day 8: Balloons Over Bagan from £262 per person

Day-use room Pre-book a day-room to relax and freshen up on arrival or before your return flight from £106 per person.

What to expect

- Some early starts, long days, a lot of walking and some cycling
- Time to get to know your tour group and local tour leader
- Unsuitable for anyone with walking difficulties.

Why Kuoni

This tour includes all of the highlights plus immersive local experiences; in Bagan you'll explore the gleaming pagodas and also venture off the beaten track by bike to experience a taste of local village life. Highlights include high tea in Rangoon at the famous colonial heritage hotel, The Strand, and visits to the golden Shwedagon Pagoda and the picturesque U Bein Bridge.

Indonesia

Conjuring up images of the mystical east, Indonesia is a wonderful mix of dramatic mountain, hill and beach landscapes, and its rich history and tradition add an extra something special to its warm welcome.

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General information

Flying time 15½ hours to Bali's Denpasar airport with one change

Time difference GMT +8 hours

Currency Indonesian Rupiah

Language Indonesian, but English is widely spoken

Visa info Visas are not required for UK passport holders flying into Bali for stays of less than 30 days. Visas are still required for flights into Lombok, available on arrival.

Key events

17 March 2018: Nyepi Day, Bali – A day of silence reserved for self-reflection, when people stay at home. No outdoor activities are allowed, including check-in and check-out of hotels, and the airport and ports also close.

2-8 April 2018: BaliSpirit Festival – Yoga, dance and music are the key parts of this holistic wellness and world music destination event.

April & November: Galungan, Bali – Two ten-day ceremonies of dancing and music celebrating the return of the Balinese Gods to the island.

Climate

The best time to visit Indonesia is generally between May and September, when temperatures are hot and there's very little rain. Although the weather may be slightly wetter, great savings can be had at most other times of year. Bali enjoys high temperatures year-round. Its rainy seasons are from January to March and November to December, when it's often cloudy and temperatures stay at around 30°C. There's lush vegetation and less tourist traffic, making these ideal times for travelling around.

°C Average daily maximum temperature

☀ Average daily sunshine hours (not hours of daylight)

☔ Average monthly rainfall in mm

Important holiday information The price we confirm at the time of booking is the price we guarantee. Prices vary depending on the date you wish to travel and the elements included in your package. Please read p182-187 before you book your holiday. For further information and to tailor make your holiday, please call us or go to www.kuoni.co.uk for the best available price.

		Bali
Jan	°C	30
	☀	8
	☔	328
Feb	°C	30
	☀	8
	☔	261
Mar	°C	31
	☀	8
	☔	225
Apr	°C	31
	☀	10
	☔	117
May	°C	30
	☀	10
	☔	107
Jun	°C	30
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	☔	90
Jul	°C	29
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Aug	°C	29
	☀	10
	☔	53
Sep	°C	30
	☀	10
	☔	116
Oct	°C	31
	☀	10
	☔	173
Nov	°C	31
	☀	9
	☔	187
Dec	°C	31
	☀	8
	☔	258

Discovering Indonesia

The Indonesia archipelago is a wonderful blend of culture and natural beauty. Southern Bali is one of the nation's most popular spots – and for good reason. It's where you'll find the excellent beach resorts that the island is known for. But venture inland, amid the lush rice terraces and dramatic valleys, and you'll discover that beautiful Ubud has an atmosphere all of its own, while offshore, neighbouring Lombok and the tiny Gilis offer a glorious less developed beach escape.



Ubud



An insight into Indonesia

Exploring Indonesia

Our most popular destination in Indonesia is Bali, and a host of international airlines offer stopover flights to Bali's Denpasar airport. Among the most popular carriers are Malaysia Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific and Qatar Airways, which fly via their respective hubs of Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Hong Kong and Doha. As there are no direct flights to Bali from the UK, there's the opportunity to break up your journey with a few nights' stopover in one of these vibrant cities.

For its size, Bali has more than its fair share of attractions, including temples, local villages and rice terraces. To see more of Bali, you can twin a Bali beach stay with a few nights in artsy Ubud, or take a number of day trips around the island from your hotel. We offer a selection of cultural and activity-based experiences in Bali – take a look at our website for details or ask your Personal Travel Expert to help you choose some additional sightseeing.

Pairing Bali with Lombok and/or the Gilis also makes for an excellent island-hopping beach holiday. Local airlines have several flights per day between Bali and Lombok, and travelling by boat between the two islands is also an option. To get to the secluded Gilis you'll need to hop on a boat from Bali or Lombok. To travel further afield in Indonesia, we also offer an escorted small group tour of Java that ends on the beach in Bali, and stay & cruise itineraries on board a beautiful tall ship.

Bali beaches

Bali's beaches can be found in the south of the island. The beaches here range from rustic and secluded black sand volcanic beaches, to hip beach resorts with glistening golden sands and plenty of activity. Our hand-picked Bali beach accommodation includes great-value hotels, cool resorts, boutique retreats and high-end hideaways.

Legian @ Seminyak

One area rolls into another in this popular region, all fronted by the expansive sandy beachfront. Popular Seminyak is an upmarket Bali beach resort where you'll find some gorgeous luxury resorts. The beaches are relatively quiet but the area comes alive in the evening, when there's a real buzz around the fashionable boutiques, high-end bars and beach clubs. South of Seminyak and just north of Kuta, low-key Legian also sits somewhere between the two in terms of ambience and style. Slightly quieter than Kuta yet close enough to enjoy the town's renowned nightlife, Legian is still a popular choice with surfers and attracts an international crowd. It has a selection of beachfront restaurants, bars and shops, yet retains an unassuming vibe.

Sanur

Sanur is one of Bali's original holiday resorts and a firm favourite. Many of the hotels here are Balinese in style and sit across from the long golden beach, where traditional 'jukung' fishing boats dot the shore.

A well-paved path runs along the beachfront and watersports include kitesurfing and paragliding. Protected by a coral reef, Sanur is more family-friendly than the resorts along the west coast such as lively Kuta, thanks to its calmer waters and quieter vibe. Its town has a range of restaurants, bars, markets and shops.

Nusa Dua

In the very south of Bali, the purpose-built resort of Nusa Dua boasts exclusive hotels and one of the island's top beaches. This is a destination that has been tailor made to suit visitors in search of sun, sea and sand. Most of the best eateries in Nusa Dua are within the hotels, where beachfront dining and cocktails at sunset come as standard. The spas here are some of the best in Bali, and watersports are available from the beach.

Uluwatu

Uluwatu lies on Bali's southernmost Bukit Peninsula. It's known for its towering limestone cliffs, stunning coastal views and world-class surfing, as well as the clifftop sea temple of Pura Luhur, which sits at the edge of a plateau high above the crashing waves of the Indian Ocean.

Tabanan

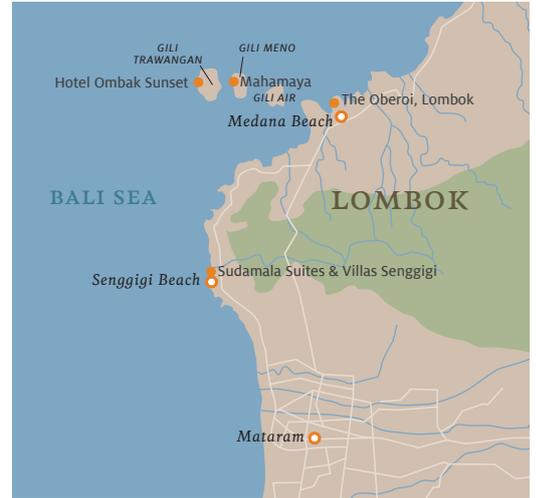
On Bali's west coast, the fertile and picturesque Tabanan Regency has secluded volcanic black sand beaches and a verdant expanse of rice paddies. It's also just a short drive from the popular Tanah Lot temple – a sacred sea temple perched on a rocky outcrop off the west coast.



Tanah Lot



Sanur



Gili Trawangan

Ubud

Far removed from Bali's beaches, artsy Ubud is the cultural heart of the island and has a lovely laid-back café culture. Essentially a series of 14 sprawling villages, in tourist terms 'Ubud' generally refers to the central town area, which can be explored on foot. The town's main roads ('jalans') are Jalan Monkey Forest – the most built-up area, where you'll find accommodation, galleries and cafés; and Jalan Hanoman – slightly quieter and easier to navigate on foot. Dining options are vast and varied, from market stalls to upmarket restaurants, and there are some excellent Balinese cooking classes on offer. Spas, yoga and meditation are big news here – it's worth taking a class if you like to dedicate time to wellness on your holidays – and there are also galleries, temples and markets to explore. Ubud's bustling main market is bursting with local produce and handicrafts. Monkey Forest is one of Ubud's most popular attractions, for sightings of mischievous banana-thieving macaques, who provide all the entertainment desired of them. It's also a visual delight, with intricately-carved statues, sacred temples, and 115 species of tree. Ubud's surrounding areas are characterised by rice terraces – beautiful, impressive tiers of green cut like steps into the verdant hillsides. Venture north for dramatic views of rice paddies and valleys. Tegallalang's rice terraces are easily reached by a short taxi ride out of the centre and, though often frequented by many tourists and littered with souvenir stalls, are definitely worth visiting.

Lombok

Lombok is Bali's quieter and less developed neighbour. Here it's all about relatively untouched beaches and outdoor activities. There's just one main beach resort on its mainland – laid-back Senggigi. Set on a sweeping bay between two headlands, the main beach is lined with resorts, restaurants and bars – yet you won't have to go too far to find an all-but-empty beach. Trekkers are enticed by the towering active volcano of Mount Rinjani where, from the summit on a clear morning, a blue-green crater lake can be seen in all its glory, and the island's lush, mountainous interior is ideal for walking and cycling.

The Gilis

Gili Trawangan, Gili Air and Gili Meno make up the fabled 'Gilis'. Popular for years on the backpacker circuit, these rustic, bohemian islands lie offshore from mainland Lombok. They are car-free (the method of transport is by bicycle or horse-drawn carts called cidomos) and perhaps offer a taste of what some of Thailand's islands may have been like in years gone by. And they're not only for backpackers – some of the accommodation is excellent. Gili Trawangan – known as 'Gili T' – is the most popular island but it's still very chilled out. Diving is a big thing here, and the main street is lined with dive schools in between seafood restaurants, market stalls and bars. Gili Meno is the smallest and least developed of the Gilis. It's perfect for spending your days castaway, lounging on the coral sands, snorkelling among Hawksbill and green sea turtles, and enjoying ice-cold beers as the sun goes down.

Our favourite combinations

Lombok @ Singapore

(ref BL102)

Take in the beautiful island of Lombok before stopping off in Singapore on the return journey.

Bali beach @ Ubud

(ref BL055)

The perfect combination of beach and countryside with a few days on Bali's southern shores followed by some cultural time in Ubud.

Bali @ Lombok

(ref BL094)

Combine two of Indonesia's islands and experience the best of both.

Dubai @ Bali

(ref IO7053)

Discover the glitz and glamour of Dubai's city and beaches before retreating to Bali's golden shores.

The Legian Bali ****

This stunning luxury retreat is a little pocket of peace in popular Seminyak.

A warm welcome and personalised service from long-standing staff await at this exceptional hotel, which is the perfect place to relax and unwind in breathtaking surroundings. The three-tiered oceanfront pool makes the most of the stunning setting, and two poolside bars serve a wide choice of drinks plus light snacks. The light and airy beachfront restaurant offers excellent Asian and continental dishes, as well as an award-winning wine list. And there are glorious sunsets.

Little extras for all guests include daily afternoon tea, soft drinks and beer from your minibar (refilled once daily) and free use of bicycles, the wellness centre's sauna and steamroom, and the health club and yoga studio with daily yoga classes. There's also the option to get out and about, whether it's exploring the local area independently or venturing further afield to Bali's most iconic attractions with a private car and driver.

At the main hotel, suites are large and contemporary with ocean views. Thoughtfully finished, each has a terrace or balcony, canopied bed and all the high-tech amenities you'd expect from the hotel's incredibly high standards.

The Club at The Legian

Across from The Legian Bali you'll find the private The Club at The Legian – an exclusive sister complex in hideaway gardens housing a separate lap pool and just 14 sleek one- and two-bedroom villas, each with their own private pool. Extra benefits here include a personal butler, private car service within the Seminyak area 8am-11pm, minibar including alcoholic drinks (refilled once daily), and evening cocktails and canapés.

Setting Beachfront on the sands of Seminyak, within easy reach of restaurants, bars and boutiques

Getting there Approx. 40 minutes by private car from Bali airport

Rooms 67 suites and 1 Beach House at The Legian Bali and 14 villas at The Club at The Legian

Dining Restaurant, The Club Lounge, 2 bars, lobby bar

Facilities Pool, spa*, fitness centre, yoga classes, Wi-Fi

Activities • Arrange a day trip to Ubud*
• Book a private tour to the Tanah Lot coastline* • Explore Seminyak by bicycle.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights 28 Dec-03 Jan.

What's included

Breakfast at The Restaurant or in-room (or The Club Lounge for One Bedroom Villa guests) • Daily afternoon tea

- Soft drinks from your minibar
- Use of bicycles • Use of the wellness centre's sauna and steamroom, and the health club and yoga studio with daily yoga classes.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Spa offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2289 per person

07 Oct-07 Dec 2017

High season from £2590

30 Jun-19 Jul; 20 Aug-02 Oct 2018

Extra night from £245

Single supplement from £245

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Studio Suite including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref KU0788. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Studio Suite

At a glance

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Balinese chic all-suite accommodation

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Leading Hotel of the World

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Separate 'The Club at The Legian' complex



Club One Bedroom Villa pool



The Oberoi, Bali ****

This beachfront sanctuary hosts superb facilities, breathtaking views and renowned Oberoi service.

Boasting some of the best beachfront views in Bali, The Oberoi sits in an enviable location amongst acres of lush gardens and frangipani. With a soothing tranquil atmosphere, you'll feel a world away from the bars and boutiques of nearby Seminyak.

Dining is casual by day and sophisticated by night. The Frangipani Café sits under palms by the beach and is an excellent spot for breakfast and light lunches created from fresh local produce. Set around a pretty lotus pond, the award-winning Kura Kura serves up excellent Indonesian, Asian and continental dishes under its high thatched roof. Twice a week, the amphitheatre hosts Balinese dance shows. There's a lovely swimming pool with ocean views, set amongst water lilies and frangipani, and sun loungers at the oceanfront are shaded by decorative fringed parasols.

To choose your room, first decide between the traditional thatched-roof lanais and the private villas, and then between garden and ocean views. All rooms are furnished with teak and Balinese artefacts and have glass-walled bathrooms with marble sunken baths. Luxury Lanais are set in clusters of four around the resort. The Luxury Villas are much larger, each named after a flower, with a secluded courtyard garden with a rock pond and raised dining pavilion. For that extra indulgence, opt for one with a private pool.

Setting In a quiet spot by Seminyak's soft sand beach, a short walk from restaurants and bars

Getting there Approx. 30-45 minutes by private car from Bali airport, depending on traffic

Rooms 60 traditional lanais and 14 private villas

Dining 2 restaurants, bar

Facilities Pool, spa*, amphitheatre, fitness centre, tennis court, boogie boarding, morning yoga classes (every Thursday), shuttle service to Seminyak area 6 times per day, boutique*, Wi-Fi

Spa Private therapy rooms are housed in traditional open-air pavilions, with views across the beautiful tropical gardens and lily pond. Therapies include Balinese, Thai and western, and signature experiences include mandi lulur – an exfoliation, cleanse and massage that's typically indulged in by Javanese women in the week preceding their wedding day. There's also aqua Pilates and beachfront yoga in the gardens

Activities • Visit cultural Ubud* • Arrange a guided hike through rice fields and rainforest* • Join the Thursday morning yoga session • Book a romantic private dining experience on the beach*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 27 Dec-03 Jan and 07-20 Aug.

What's included

Breakfast at the Frangipani Café or in-room.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £80 • Breakfast at the Frangipani Café or in-room • Dinner at Kura Kura

Full Board from £132 • Breakfast at the Frangipani Café or in-room • Lunch at the Frangipani Café • Dinner at Kura Kura.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2317 per person

03 Sep-07 Dec 2017

High season from £2554

30 Jun-26 Aug 2018

Extra night from £242

Single supplement from £204

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Luxury Lanai Gardenview including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref KU0851. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Luxury Lanai

At a glance

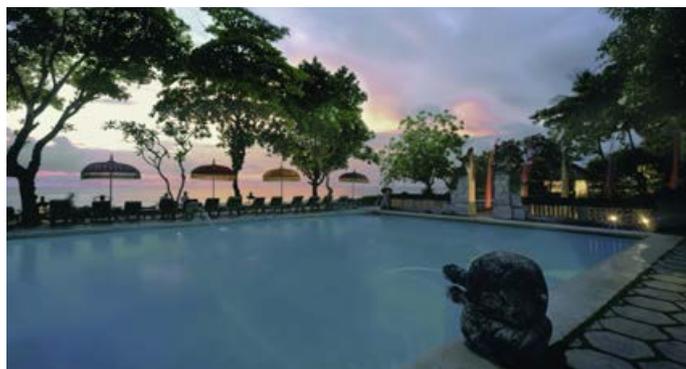
 Elegant and serene

 Immaculate tropical gardens dotted with Balinese temples

 Large oceanview pool



Luxury Pool Villa



Spa



WEDDING



SPA

The Samaya Bali *****

This sumptuous resort with impeccable service is one of Seminyak's best and is perfect for couples.

In Sanskrit, 'Samaya' refers to the inner sanctum of wellbeing and this award-winning luxury resort offers just that on a tranquil stretch of Seminyak beach, blessed with stunning sunsets. The staff offer a warm welcome, and you'll be incredibly well looked after here.

Breeze is the resort's chic main restaurant, offering a diverse international menu in a wonderful beachfront setting. There's plenty of outdoor seating on the spacious deck, so you can enjoy an al fresco breakfast, or a romantic dinner beautifully lit by the hanging lanterns. There's also an excellent wine list. Across the road in the Royal Courtyard area you'll find the atmospheric Brasserie, which serves up traditional Indonesian dishes for dinner. Of course, for complete privacy there's also the option of in-villa dining. Be sure to enjoy the complimentary traditional daily afternoon tea.

Spacious and contemporary villas each have a lap pool, 24-hour butler service and four-poster bed draped in white linen. The Pool Villas are housed in the main beachside area of the resort.

Across the road (just two minutes by golf buggy), there's a separate, even more peaceful exclusive area with larger villas, ideal for honeymooners. Here you'll find the popular Royal Courtyard Villas with their own private tropical garden, poolside gazebo with day bed, and one, two or three bedrooms.

Setting Beachfront on the sands of Seminyak, within walking distance of several shops and restaurants

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Bali airport

Rooms 52 pool villas

Dining 2 restaurants, bar

Facilities Pool, spa*, fitness centre, yoga, Wi-Fi throughout, daily shuttle to the Seminyak area

Activities • Join one of the resort's cultural activities, such as a Balinese sarong demonstration or temple tour • Join in a morning yoga class, held three times a week • Book a treatment at the spa*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 5 nights.

What's included

Breakfast at Breeze or a location of your choice • **Afternoon tea**.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2477 per person

03 Sep-07 Dec 2017

High season from £2709

20 Jul-09 Aug; 31 Oct-06 Dec 2018

Extra night from £274

Single supplement from £274

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Pool Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref BL111. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Main pool

At a glance

Stunning peaceful resort with beachside and courtyard locations

Huge private pool villas

Luxurious, stylish and contemporary



Breeze



One Bedroom Royal Courtyard Villa



Pool Villa



One Bedroom Royal Courtyard Villa



One Bedroom Royal Pavilion

Alila Seminyak ****

This sleek beachfront hotel sits at the hip heart of stylish Seminyak.

With its minimalist modern design of dark wood, floor-to-ceiling windows and 'living' walls, this large luxury hotel is perfect for couples and honeymooners who want to be at the centre of Bali's beach scene. Its popular neighbour is the Potato Head Beach Club, where the quirky cinematic design and younger vibe make it the place for going out in Seminyak.

The hotel is eco-friendly; sensitively designed from local materials, with energy-efficient systems and innovative green spaces, and there's a traditional temple in the grounds. Five infinity pools include one on the rooftop, one adults-only, a family pool and even an ultra-cool party pool for private hire. For wellbeing, Spa Alila offers bespoke treatments using fresh local ingredients and there are complimentary morning yoga classes. The hotel's new on-site restaurant, SeaSalt, offers a selection of fresh seafood with a Japanese twist. There's also a coffee shop and a popular beach bar with chilled-out music and DJs, and fuss-free room service comes served in a recyclable backpack with bamboo cutlery; all part of the eco ethos.

Studios and suites are light and airy with clean lines. We've chosen to feature the Deluxe Studios for Kuoni guests, which have access to a shared pool and pool bar. These are closer to the resort's main facilities. For accommodation closer to the beach, we recommend one of the resort's spacious suites.

Setting On the beach in fashionable Petitenget to the north of central Seminyak, next door to the lively Potato Head Beach Club and within easy walking distance of cool bars, restaurants and boutiques

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Bali airport
Rooms 240 rooms and suites housed in 4 buildings

Dining Restaurant, beach bar, coffee bar

Facilities 5 pools, spa*, gym, yoga classes, kids' club, Wi-Fi, bicycle use, scheduled shuttle to Seminyak Square

Activities • Begin the day with a yoga class on the beach bar deck • Head off on a day trip in one of the resort's vintage VW campervans – complete with chauffeur, Wi-Fi and minibar* • Up the romance with a Champagne picnic or candlelit dinner*.

What's included

Breakfast at the restaurant • Afternoon refreshments 4-5pm.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £53 • Breakfast and dinner at the restaurant

Full Board from £89 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa and Upgrade offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1779 per person

15 Sep-07 Dec 2017

High season from £2009

20 Jul-10 Sep 2018

Extra night from £136

Single supplement from £136

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Studio including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE1174. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



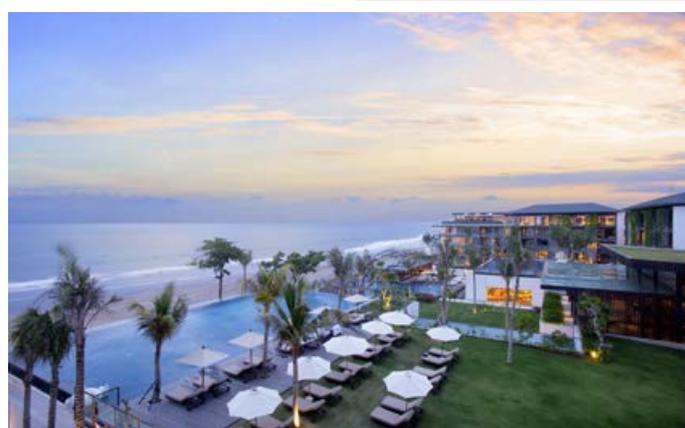
Deluxe Studio

At a glance

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Cool modern beach hotel

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5 infinity pools including rooftop and adults-only

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Next to the Potato Head Beach Club



Deluxe Suite

The Elysian ****

Tucked away in the heart of Seminyak, this boutique villa hotel offers guests their own Balinese bolthole.

Encased in tropical gardens and with an air of seclusion, it's hard to believe that The Elysian sits in the heart of fashionable Seminyak, within easy walking distance of the resort's boutiques, bars and restaurants and a five-minute walk from the beach. This is an architecturally impressive hotel; designed to reflect the style of modern Bali while respecting the island's rich history and tradition. The staff here play a big part in the welcoming atmosphere – nothing is too much trouble.

Stroll through the leafy pathways and you'll reach the centre of this boutique 'village of villas' with a reception pavilion, the Elysian Spa and waterfall-edged 25-metre main pool flanked by shaded cabanas. Breakfast is taken at the open-air Rush Bamboo Restaurant & Bar with its open kitchen and poolside tables, and regular themed evenings include seafood dinners, Indonesian Ristaffel ('rice table') and a recommended barbecue night. Don't miss afternoon tea, which is hosted daily by the pool.

The villas are built of stone and wood, each concealed in its own high walled garden. You'll have your own private pool and sun deck surrounded by foliage, and a generous open-plan living/dining and entertainment area. Huge folding doors enable you to let the outside in – if you want to – and mod cons include a pre-loaded iPod Nano and Apple TV with box office movies, plus the use of an iPad or laptop on request.

Setting In Seminyak, 5 minutes' walk to the beach and within walking distance of Seminyak's restaurants and bars

Getting there Approx. 30-45 minutes by private car from Bali airport, depending on traffic

Rooms 27 pool villas
Dining Restaurant, bar

Facilities Small pool, spa*, library, Wi-Fi throughout, bicycle hire, on-demand shuttle service within the Seminyak area
Activities • Join the hotel's weekly Wednesday barbecue* • Arrange a private in-villa yoga lesson* • Take a private tour of Bali, complete with picnic hamper* • Visit Bali's southernmost point, the Bukit Peninsula, at sunset*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 16 Jul-15 Sep; 5 nights 27 Dec-05 Jan. The Elysian is one of our most popular hotels; its small size and popularity mean that you'll need to book early to avoid disappointment.

What's included

Breakfast at the Rush Bamboo Restaurant & Bar or in-villa • Daily afternoon tea.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £48 • Breakfast and set menu dinner at the Rush Bamboo Restaurant & Bar

Full Board from £85 • Breakfast, set menu lunch and set menu dinner at the Rush Bamboo Restaurant & Bar.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2013 per person

30 Sep-29 Nov 2017

High season from £2174

20 Jul-10 Sep 2018

Extra night from £181

Single supplement from £181

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a One Bedroom Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref BL178. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



One Bedroom Villa

At a glance
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Intimate 'village' of just 27 private pool villas
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Modern Asian design
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Charming staff



One Bedroom Villa



Rush Bamboo Restaurant & Bar



Main pool



BOUTIQUE HOTEL



WEDDING

Legian Beach Hotel ****

A friendly large hotel that combines traditional Balinese architecture with contemporary touches.

Set on the beachfront in the town of Legian, the Legian Beach Hotel has a best-of-both-worlds location; head one way to discover the renowned area of busy Kuta, and the other to the quieter sands of stylish Seminyak.

For dining, Bale Banjar is the relaxed main restaurant, offering diverse buffets and barbecues, regularly accompanied by cultural shows or live music. In the dry season, Bale Banjar's dinner menu is served outside on the Ocean Terrace. During the day, the lovely Gino's Pasta & Pizza Corner serves up Mediterranean dishes by the beach. Lais is the Indonesian specialty restaurant, and Yuyake Teppanyaki (the only restaurant not included in the All Inclusive package) is open for Japanese-barbecue dinners. While there's plenty to see and do, the hotel is also ideal for relaxation. If you want to use the sunbeds on Legian Beach, you'll need to pay, but the hotel has plenty of lounging spots within its lush gardens including around the two chilled-out pools and at the cool Ole Beach Bar.

Rooms are split between the main building and single-storey cottages dotted throughout the grounds, and feature crisp white décor and dark wood furnishings with splashes of colour. Great value Deluxe Rooms are in the main building, together with two types of family accommodation – either interconnecting rooms via a sliding partition door or split level with a loft room. In the grounds, Deluxe Bungalows have more space and character with garden or pool views, and finally there's the Deluxe Pool Villas which have a Jacuzzi, private pool and garden.

Setting Beachfront in Legian, on the edge of lively Kuta Beach, within walking distance of shops and restaurants

Getting there Approx. 20 minutes by private car from Bali airport

Rooms 229 rooms, bungalows and pool villas

Dining 5 restaurants, 4 bars, lounge

Facilities 2 pools, spa*, children's pool, fitness room, tennis, kids' club, souvenir shack, surf academy*, Wi-Fi

Activities • Discover the secrets of Balinese cuisine with a cooking class*

• Book a surfing lesson* • Enjoy cultural shows and performances.

What's included

Breakfast at Bale Banjar.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £45 • Breakfast at Bale Banjar • À la carte dinner at Bale Banjar/Ocean Terrace or Lais

Full Board from £69 • Buffet breakfast at Bale Banjar • À la carte lunch at Bale Banjar, around the pools, or at Gino's Pasta & Pizza Corner • À la carte dinner at Bale Banjar/Ocean Terrace or Lais

All Inclusive from £80 • Buffet breakfast at Bale Banjar • À la carte lunch at Bale Banjar, around the pools, or at Gino's Pasta & Pizza Corner • À la carte dinner at Bale Banjar/Ocean Terrace or Lais • Snacks, drinks and cocktail hour (4-5pm) at Lila Chita Lounge • High tea (5-6.30pm) • Minibar (selected items) • Selected drinks including 1 glass of house wine per person at lunch and dinner, plus water, soft drinks, juices, smoothies, tea, coffee, beer and selected local cocktails • Internet access.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1432 per person

15 Sep-07 Dec 2017

High season from £1599

20 Jul-10 Sep 2018

Extra night from £65

Single supplement from £66

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref BL158. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Deluxe Room

At a glance

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Tropical beachfront gardens

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Warm Balinese hospitality

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Sociable yet with tranquil spots



Lais



Deluxe Pool Villa



ALL INCLUSIVE
OPTION

Sudamala Suites & Villas, Sanur, Bali ****



At a glance

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Charming boutique art hotel

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Modern Balinese design

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All-suite property

Behind the main street of Sanur lies a peaceful retreat offering a warm welcome and showcasing local art.

Just moments from the busy centre of Sanur you'll find the tranquil hideaway of Sudamala. Low-rise and laid back, the hotel's modern design is inspired by its local culture and is in keeping with its Balinese surroundings. Owned by an art collector, there are hand-crafted pieces and artworks throughout as well as the Sudakara ArtSpace featuring contemporary works by local artists and international artists in residence in Bali.



The relaxed ARES Steak & Pasta serves up Indonesian and western favourites with a Sudamala twist, and there's a lounge area for cocktails. The pool area is particularly tranquil – it's the perfect spot for relaxing in peace on one of the comfy loungers. You'll need to take a five-minute stroll – or a short cycle – past local cafés and boutiques to reach the hotel's private area of beach, complete with sun loungers and canopies. Before you go, be sure to pick up your beach essentials – including sun cream, cold drinks and reading material – from the hotel's beach station at the front desk.

Elegant suites are traditional with contemporary touches, in colours of earthy browns, reds and creams and featuring pieces of hand-crafted furniture. The suites are on the ground or first floor, set around two spacious inner courtyards – one with a lush lawn and a performance area, the other housing a large swimming pool.



ARES Steak & Pasta



Deluxe Suite

Setting Close to the centre of Sanur amid cafés, boutiques, galleries, bars and restaurants and 5 minutes' walk from a private stretch of beach

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Bali airport

Rooms Just 34 suites

Dining Restaurant, bar

Facilities Pool, spa*, Sudakara ArtSpace, dive shop*, Wi-Fi, yoga, bicycles

Activities • Hop on one of the hotel's bicycles and cycle to the private area of beach • Book a signature massage at the Sudajiva Spa* • Enjoy one of the scheduled yoga classes • Go diving offshore from Sanur or further afield at the excellent dive spot of Nusa Penida*.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £27 • Breakfast and dinner at ARES Steak & Pasta

Full Board from £53 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at ARES Steak & Pasta.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1473 per person

03 Sep-21 Oct; 27 Oct-25 Nov 2017

High season from £1599

30 Jun-26 Aug 2018

Extra night from £69

Single supplement from £68

Need to know

Minimum stay: 4 nights 28 Dec-03 Jan.

What's included

Breakfast at ARES Steak & Pasta.

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Suite including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref BL133. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Deluxe Garden Suite

Puri Santrian ****

This charming hotel is typically Balinese, with warm hospitality and excellent service.

Puri Santrian's pretty tropical gardens and traditional low-rise buildings cleverly cater to families and couples, with family-friendly facilities alongside an exclusive adults-only Club area. It's why many of its guests return year after year. There are four swimming pools – two with children's sections and two at the Club and Premier Club areas exclusively for their guests – and a private 200m stretch of beach where you can try a range of watersports from seabed walking and snorkelling to jet-skiing and parasailing.

The Beach Club is the resort's relaxed all-day dining restaurant with views of the pools and beachfront, and it hosts regular evening entertainment. Next door you'll find the air-conditioned lounge, where you can enjoy the day's newspaper with a coffee in comfort. For eastern-western fusion cuisine, the Mezzanine restaurant serves up dishes including teppanyaki and sushi. There's also a beachfront bar with a daily happy hour to make the most of the exotic cocktails.

Rooms at the main hotel are split between two wings. Superior Promo Rooms are in the garden area, Superior Rooms are closer to the water, and Balinese-style Bungalows have two rooms.

Santrian Club

The Club area here is like a resort-within-a-resort. It's for adults only, set in separate landscaped gardens with a pool and Jacuzzi exclusively for Club guests. We recommend upgrading to one of the spacious Santrian Club Rooms – complete with walk-in dressing area and marble bathroom – for access to the Club area plus benefits including daily buffet breakfast and afternoon tea. Premier Santrian Club Rooms, set in a new three-storey wing, also have access to an exclusive pool and receive Club benefits.

Setting In beautiful Balinese gardens on Sanur Beach

Getting there Approx. 20 minutes by private car from Bali airport

Rooms 199 rooms

Dining 2 restaurants, bar, lounge

Facilities 4 pools, spa*, watersports*, tennis court, canoeing, yoga classes, Wi-Fi

Activities • Book a cooking class and learn how to prepare local dishes*

• Join one of the free weekday yoga classes • Indulge with a treatment at the spa* • Swim out to one of the floating lounge pavilions.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 29 Dec-03 Jan. Minimum age 12 for Bungalows, Santrian Club Rooms and Premier Santrian Club Rooms.

Meal upgrades

Breakfast from £13 • Breakfast at the Beach Club

Half Board from £45 • Breakfast and dinner at the Beach Club

Full Board from £74 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Beach Club or Mezzanine.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1492 per person

30 Sep-07 Dec 2017

High season from £1619

20 Jul-25 Sep 2018

Extra night from £77

Single supplement from £78

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Superior Room, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9942. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Superior Room

At a glance

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Great central Sanur location

.....
Stretch of private beach

.....
Exclusive adults-only
Santrian Club area



Club pool



Main pool



The Laguna Resort & Spa ****



Deluxe Lagoon Room

At a glance

 A Luxury Collection Resort

 Lagoon-style pools and rooms with direct lagoon access

 In exclusive Nusa Dua

A network of lagoon-style pools and fine facilities are set within beautifully manicured gardens.

The highlight of this elegant resort is the seven lagoon pools that meander their way through the exotic gardens. Features of these swimmable waterways include 'sandy pools' with sand underfoot to recreate the feel of the beach, and a main pool by the beach.

Two restaurants – each with an air-conditioned dining room and al fresco area – offer a selection of Asian and international dishes. Arwana specialises in fresh seafood by the beach, with a creative menu and an oyster and sushi bar. Banyubiru is the signature buffet restaurant, with a show kitchen serving up Pan-Asian and international classics. There's also a deli with take-away salad and sushi options, as well as a pastry corner, home-made ice-cream station and wine cellar. It's difficult to pick a favourite from the bars, but come the evening the atmospheric Kukul Bar, with its hanging bamboo lanterns, is a great place to enjoy signature Luxury Collection cocktails by the beach – particularly during the two happy hours. Guests can also dine in the restaurants at The St Regis Bali Resort next door.

The light and airy rooms and suites all have 24-hour butler service. Deluxe Rooms overlook the gardens or lagoon-style pool. For something a little special, Deluxe Lagoon Access Rooms and Suites offer guests direct access to the lagoon straight from the balcony. Deluxe Studio Rooms are more spacious with a living area.

Setting Among a string of high-end hotels on exclusive Nusa Dua's white sands

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Bali airport

Rooms 287 rooms, suites and villas

Dining Buffet restaurant, à la carte restaurant, 3 bars, deli, wine cellar

Facilities 7 pools, children's pool, sauna, spa*, watersports*, tennis courts, fitness centre, Wi-Fi throughout, boutique*

Activities • Head out on a snorkelling trip* • Book a massage in one of the beachside cabanas* • Visit the small offshore islands of Nusa Bagus and Nusa Peninsula • Walk to the shops and restaurants of The Bali Collection mall.

Full Board from £67 • Breakfast at Banyubiru • Lunch at Arwana • Dinner at Banyubiru or Arwana.

Kuoni Plus
 Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/ Anniversary, Spa and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1722 per person
 03 Sep-07 Dec 2017

High season from £1794
 20 Jul-26 Aug; 31 Aug-06 Dec 2018

Extra night from £123

Single supplement from £124

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Gardenview Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE347. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge

What's included

Breakfast at Banyubiru.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £34 • Breakfast at Banyubiru • Dinner at Banyubiru or Arwana



Arwana Restaurant



Deluxe Lagoon Access Rooms

Alila Villas Uluwatu ****

An incredibly secluded clifftop wellness retreat offering world-class luxury and breathtaking coastal views.

100 metres above the Indian Ocean, Alila Villas Uluwatu is a seriously stylish and secluded wellness retreat set on an incredible clifftop plateau. Cutting-edge in design, this luxurious eco-resort was the first in Indonesia to receive the highest level of Green Globe certification for Environmentally Sustainable Design. A stay here isn't just about the picture-perfect ocean views; within the resort you'll find a stunning 50-metre cliff-edge infinity pool, the renowned Spa Alila and a spectacular overhanging cliff-side cabana where you can enjoy the unique experience of aerial yoga.

The food choices are excellent, with three on-site restaurants. The panoramic ocean views at CIRE serve as a spectacular dinner backdrop – here you can enjoy gourmet comfort food ranging from classic Asian specialities to favourite international dishes. In a tranquil poolside setting, The Warung is the sophisticated but casual restaurant serving traditional Indonesian cuisine. Quila is the newest addition to the dining portfolio, and possibly the most exciting. Described as a 'gastronomic journey', you'll need to embrace your sense of adventure when trying the daily-changing dinner menu. An exclusive experience limited to ten guests a night, it's worth booking in advance.

All of the villas here are incredibly luxurious. You'll enjoy the indulgence of a dedicated butler, and in each separate clifftop villa there's a stunning outdoor area furnished with relaxation cabanas, an outdoor shower, and a beautiful private pool. While the One-Bedroom Pool Villas are the perfect setting for a romantic retreat, the Two-Bedroom Pool Villas are a great choice for a luxury family holiday. Three-Bedroom Pool Villas are ideal for larger groups, and while most are situated on the hillside, for the ultimate indulgence these can be upgraded to an exclusive cliff-edge setting if desired.

Setting On a spectacular clifftop location in Bali's southernmost Bukit Peninsula, close to the Uluwatu Temple and Padang Padang Beach

Getting there Approx. 30 minutes by private car from Bali airport

Rooms 65 pool villas

Dining 3 restaurants, bar

Facilities Cliff-edge infinity pool, spa*, 24-hour fitness centre, gallery, chauffeur service*, library, yoga, Wi-Fi throughout

Spa At Spa Alila, an extensive treatment menu focuses on Asian and western therapies. You'll receive a personal consultation to ensure a customised experience. The spa also offers exercise, yoga and meditation classes, as well as signature treatments including the 2-hour Blissful Spa Indulgence and Stand-Up Paddleboard Yoga

Activities • Enjoy Afternoon Tea in the Sunset Cabana • Experience the gravity-defying freedom of a private aerial yoga class* • Visit the Uluwatu Temple*.

Need to know

Guests over 12 are welcome.



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What's included

Breakfast at CIRE Restaurant • Daily morning yoga class.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £54 • Breakfast and dinner at CIRE

Full Board from £98 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at CIRE.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver and Honeymoon/Anniversary offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £3098 per person

03 Sep-07 Dec 2017

High season from £3135

03 Apr-19 Jul; 10-26 Aug;

31 Aug-06 Dec 2018

Extra night from £392

Single supplement from £393

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a One Bedroom Pool Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref AA334. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Aerial yoga

At a glance

.....
Spectacular clifftop setting
and ocean views

.....
Renowned Spa Alila

.....
Pool villas with personal butler service



One Bedroom Pool Villa



Two Bedroom Pool Villa

Soori Bali ****

A boutique wellness retreat hidden within a beautiful setting of black sand beaches and terraced rice fields.

Away from the bustling tourist spot of Seminyak, the Soori Bali is a luxury spa resort hidden within the picturesque Tabanan Regency. Nestled between a volcanic black sand beach and a verdant expanse of rice paddy fields, this unique location provides the ultimate escape for those seeking a blissful and rejuvenating spa and wellness retreat. As well as enjoying the respite of the Soori Spa and the stunning oceanfront infinity pool, you can also embark on an array of 'cultural journeys' – visit the majestic Tanah Lot temple at sunrise, or jump on a Segway and enjoy a ride through the neighbouring rice fields and traditional villages.

There are two restaurants. Cotta is the delicious open-air Indonesian restaurant showcasing local fare and adding new twists on classic favourites, while Ombak is the signature beachfront restaurant featuring western cuisine perfected by a chef who has worked in some of the world's best restaurants. The Bar and Lounge is the place to sample creative cocktails while watching the sun set off Bali's beautiful west coast.

With grey sandstone walls and black volcanic stone furnishings, the villas at Soori Bali have all been sensitively designed to blend in with the surrounding natural environment. A stunning balance of contemporary style and chic Balinese influences, these beautiful villas are all furnished with private pools and have the luxury of a dedicated butler service. In a Mountain Pool Villa, relax on your sun-drenched lawn amid stunning views of the rice paddies and Mount Batukaru, or enjoy direct beach access and Indian Ocean views in the privacy of an Ocean Pool Villa.

Setting In the fertile and picturesque Tabanan Regency on Bali's west coast, hidden between rice fields and a volcanic beach. Tanah Lot temple – one of Bali's most sacred and most visited temples – is just a 25-minute drive from the hotel

Getting there Approx. 1½ hours by private car from Bali airport

Rooms 44 pool villas and residences

Dining 2 restaurants, bar

Facilities Pool, spa*, 24-hour fitness centre, library, gift shop, bicycle hire*, Segway rentals*, Wi-Fi throughout

Spa Re-energise in the resort's tranquil Soori Spa, set at the edge of the black sand beach. With a team of highly skilled wellness experts, enjoy a range of treatments and therapies that include massages, facials, meditation sessions, neurotherapy and acupuncture. As well as 5 treatment rooms and a meditation pool, the resort also provides a fantastic fitness centre and teaches daily poolside yoga sessions to all guests

Activities • Indulge in a signature Soori facial at the Soori Spa* • Join a Segway tour through the paddy fields* • Explore the Tanah Lot temple at sunrise* • Visit a traditional Balinese home in Kelating*.

What's included

Breakfast at Cotta or in-villa dining
• Dedicated villa host • Daily activities such as sunrise and sunset yoga and rice paddy walks.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £54 • Breakfast and dinner at Cotta
Full Board from £98 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Cotta.

Kuoni Plus

Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/ Anniversary, Spa and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2357 per person

03 Sep-07 Dec 2017
High season from £2394
03 Apr-19 Jul; 10-26 Aug;
31 Aug-06 Dec 2018
Extra night from £241
Single supplement from £241

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Mountain Pool Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref AA336. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.



Ocean Pool Villa

At a glance
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Secluded wellness and spa retreat
.....
Beautiful natural setting between a volcanic beachfront and rice fields
.....
One of the 'Leading Hotels of the World'



Mountain Pool Villa



* Local charge

Viceroy Bali *****

This intimate hideaway on the elevated verdant outskirts of Ubud is simply breathtaking.

With just 25 pool villas secluded in lush greenery, at the Viceroy Bali you'll feel like you've been let in on a best-kept secret. It combines elegance and extravagance with an outstanding welcome, thanks in part to something special: the resort is family-owned and operated, with the Australian owners on site each day to ensure that all guests have a memorable and personalised experience.

Overlooking a striking ravine, the Viceroy Bali has featured in magazine shoots and television adverts around the world, and it offers complete tranquillity – sink into traditional Balinese balés by the infinity pool that appears to float mid-air and drink in the views over the valley. Fine dining comes as standard here. High in the treetop canopy, the award-winning CasCades Restaurant serves tempting French cuisine with an Asian twist and is one of the island's best-loved eateries. The Viceroy Bar is the perfect spot to enjoy cocktails and fine wines while watching the sun set over the Petanu River.

The spacious villas all have a beautiful marble bathroom, private pool and terrace with wonderful valley views. The tropical Pool Suites have a semi-indoor heated plunge pool. Terrace and Deluxe Terrace Villas have an outdoor heated pool and small Balinese pavilion perched above the pool and over the valley. These villas can be paired to create a two-bedroom family villa. The two individual Vice Regal Villas and the two-bedroom Viceroy Villa have a spacious outdoor area with garden and larger pool.

Setting Nestled on a cliffside overlooking the lush Valley of the Kings, just a few minutes from the centre of charming Ubud

Getting there Approx. 1 hour by private car from Bali airport

Rooms 25 pool suites and villas

Dining Restaurant, bar, in-villa dining

Facilities Pool, spa*, fitness centre, boutique*, heli pad, Wi-Fi throughout, shuttle service to/from Ubud centre

Kuoni extras The Viceroy Bali can only be booked through Kuoni in the UK

Spa The Lembah Spa has stunning views over the Petanu Valley. Signature treatments include the Viceroy tropical indulgence (body exfoliation with fruit scrub, body mask, Balinese massage and a fruit bath). Activity & spa packages are a great wellbeing option – they include a two-hour spa treatment plus yoga, cycling or trekking. Or if that's simply too energetic, spoil yourself with the spa & high tea package instead

Activities • Book a helicopter tour along the coastline* • Take a leisurely bike ride around Ubud* • Join a guided rice paddy trek*.

What's included

Breakfast at CasCades Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £75 • Breakfast and dinner at CasCades Restaurant

Full Board from £151 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at CasCades Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2192 per person

30 Sep-07 Dec 2017

High season from £2503

20 Jul-25 Sep 2018

Extra night from £212

Single supplement from £211

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Pool Suite including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE0067. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Viceroy Villa

At a glance

Family-owned and managed

Just 25 beautiful private pool suites and villas

Stunning Lembah Spa



The bar at CasCades Restaurant



Lembah Spa





Deluxe Terrace Villa



Pool Suite



Deluxe Terrace Villa

Alila Ubud ****

This stylish hilltop retreat sits in striking scenery, with breathtaking views of rainforest and rice paddies.

Blending contemporary design with the natural beauty of its surroundings, the village-style Alila Ubud really makes the most of its unique setting. Rooms sit on stilts like tree houses and an award-winning swimming pool seems to float above the Ayung River valley. There's a secluded, intimate feel and the service here is excellent.

The Plantation Restaurant offers open-air dining under its traditional along-alang roof and serves up a seasonal menu of authentic Balinese and modern western cuisine. At the centre, the bar offers a generous wine list alongside creative cocktails.

Rooms are scattered throughout the gardens. Superior Rooms occupy the first floor of two-storey buildings with wonderful unobstructed valley views, with Deluxe Rooms sitting below. Valley Villas have 'floating' bathtubs in the garden pond and are perched out over the valley with spectacular views, or within private gardens. For your own private pool, opt for one of the Pool Villas, which have a large private pool and an open-air bathtub set in the middle of a lotus pond.

Setting High on the edge of the Ayung River valley in Bali's central foothills, 15 minutes from central Ubud by free shuttle bus

Getting there Approx. 1½ hours by private car from Bali airport

Rooms 68 rooms and villas

Dining Restaurant, bar, lounge

Facilities Pool, spa*, boutique*, library, art gallery, shuttle to Ubud

Spa Therapists at Spa Alila use ancient Asian healing techniques and age-old beauty recipes featuring the finest natural ingredients to stimulate, rejuvenate, balance and relax your mind and body. Visit during a new or full moon and you can enjoy moonlight remedies in the sculpture garden or on the banks of the Ayung River

Activities • Visit Tampaksiring's natural springs* • Hop on the free shuttle and visit Ubud's galleries and museums • Explore the hotel's sculpture garden • Go trekking through the rice paddies*.

What's included

Breakfast at the Plantation Restaurant.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £58 • Breakfast and dinner at the Plantation Restaurant

Full Board from £98 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Plantation Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Upgrade offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1612 per person

15 Sep-07 Dec 2017

High season from £1791

20 Jul-10 Sep 2018

Extra night from £101

Single supplement from £100

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Superior Room including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9200. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Superior Room

At a glance

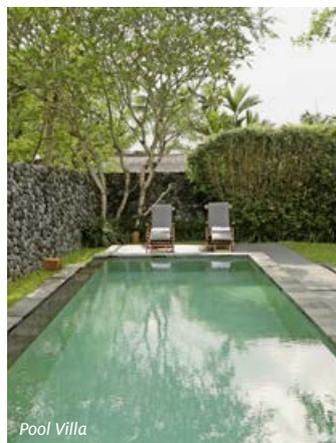
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'Floating' swimming pool

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Spa Alila offering moonlight remedies

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Rooms with incredible views and villas on stilts high above the valley



Valley Villa



Pool Villa



Valley Villa



SPA



WEDDING

The Ubud Village Resort & Spa ****



Rice Field Pool Villa

At a glance

Peaceful and laid back

Spacious villas, all with private pools

The resort has its own rice paddy and encourages local activities

An intimate hideaway overlooking Ubud's glorious terraced rice paddies.

The Ubud Village sits in beautiful lush grounds complete with coconut palms, striking Balinese architecture, ornate sculptures and water features, which sets the tone for a relaxing stay. The resort even has its own rice paddy and encourages guests to experience local activities that range from making traditional Balinese offerings to dance lessons. If you want to get out and about, there's a full adventure programme including trekking, cycling and rafting.

Angkul Angkul is the two-storey open-air restaurant pavilion, sitting amid the landscaped gardens with far-reaching views over the rice paddies. Fresh local ingredients are used to create healthy, flavoursome dishes. For those with a sweet tooth, the Paddy Coffee Shop offers a range of home-made pastries and light snacks. There's also free daily afternoon tea here for all guests. For drinks, there's the stylish Banjar Lobby Lounge.

Huge modern Balinese villas all have their own private pool, open-air pavilion for dining, a gazebo and a daybed. Impressive bathrooms feature a sunken bathtub plus indoor and outdoor showers. Guests have the choice of Garden Pool Villas, which have a tropical garden setting, and Rice Field Pool Villas that overlook the rice paddies.

Setting On the hilly outskirts of Ubud, approx. 15 minutes from the centre

Getting there Approx. 1½ hours by private car from Bali airport

Rooms 30 pool villas

Dining Restaurant*, bar, coffee shop

Facilities Pool, spa*, gym, library, gallery, Wi-Fi throughout, gift shop*, shuttle to/from Ubud centre

Spa The Kama Karana Spa – meaning 'a traditional way for relaxation' – offers healing and relaxation with premium natural products. This two-storey spa has serene indoor and outdoor treatment rooms plus an outdoor pool in tranquil gardens, and treatments include body scrubs and Balinese massages from the excellent therapists

Activities • Take a tour of Petulu village, known for its white heron population

• Trek through the rice fields • Book the signature 'Balinese Romance' candlelit dinner*.

What's included

Breakfast at Angkul Angkul

• Afternoon tea at Paddy Coffee Shop.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1690 per person

03 Sep-07 Dec 2017

High season from £1846

30 Jun-26 Aug 2018

Extra night from £115

Single supplement from £115

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Garden Pool Villa including breakfast, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref BL154. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge

Need to know

Minimum stay: 2 nights.



Rice Field Pool Villa



SPA

Spa Village Resort Tembok, Bali ****

With gentle Balinese hospitality and a beautiful coastal setting, this is a retreat to nourish the soul.

It's all about peace and wellbeing at the Spa Village Resort Tembok and this essence of the resort's philosophy runs throughout – there are no children, no TVs in your room, and you're encouraged to forget all about your mobile phone (in public areas at least). On arrival you'll be given an itinerary – but don't let this lead you to believe that everything is all planned out to schedule. It's simply a suggestion of how to make the most of your time here and is completely flexible for you to tailor make, depending on how much – or little – you want to do. Sample experiences might include cookery classes and yoga, as well as the complimentary daily spa treatment at the exquisite spa area.

The spa experience is less about visiting a vast extravagant spa with lots of facilities, and more about taking time out to look after your wellbeing. It's personalised and authentic. The food is also excellent here. Perched high above the sea with views over the tranquil volcanic beach, the serene Wantilan Restaurant offers a daily à la carte menu featuring wonderful fresh Balinese and international cuisine.

The rooms complement Balinese traditions. Each of the Kamar Rooms feature a marble bathroom and a wide balcony or terrace. The Suites are set on upper levels with a generous living area and stunning garden or sea views. The Villas are sanctuaries of peace, each with their own private entry, outdoor pavilion and plunge pool with unobstructed sea views.

Setting On a volcanic black sand beach in the traditional Balinese village of Tembok, on the island's quiet north-east coast

Getting there Approx. 3 hours by private car from Bali airport

Rooms 31 rooms, suites and villas

Dining Restaurant, pavilion for pre-dinner drinks

Facilities Pool, television room, spa*, boutique*

Spa The focus here is on balanced living. Each treatment is preceded by the Segara Giri pre-treatment ritual – a relaxing foot scrub using the region's famous black sands. All the therapies and treatments are inspired by the local environment and include a massage under the stars and a romantic couple's Penganten Melukat massage, scrub and cleansing treatment

Activities • Go diving at three nearby dive sites* • Set off on a guided hike to see the sun rise at Mount Batur* • Try stargazing at its most relaxed – from a floating platform in the pool, accompanied by a specially-selected soothing soundtrack

• Take a bicycle ride through local villages to the Les Waterfalls*.

Need to know

Spa Village Resort Tembok, Bali is for adults only (over 16s).

What's included

Full Board • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Wantilan Restaurant
• Daily 50-minute spa treatment.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights and Honeymoon/ Anniversary offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1861 per person

03 Sep-26 Oct; 31 Oct-07 Dec 2017

High season from £1951

10-26 Aug; 31 Aug-26 Oct 2018

Extra night from £136

Single supplement from £136

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Kamar Room including full board, economy flights on Qatar Airways from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref FE9979. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Kamar Room

At a glance

Intimate and adults only

Focus on wellbeing, with a daily spa treatment and full board included

Excellent fresh Balinese cuisine



Hotel Ombak Sunset ***

The Hotel Ombak Sunset offers contemporary Balinese-style bungalows and breathtaking views.

Set in a peaceful corner of Gili Trawangan, the hotel's name is inspired by its glorious views over the mountains of neighbouring Bali; particularly impressive at sunset, when it becomes one of the most popular spots on the island. The open-air Horizon Restaurant is the place for a hearty buffet breakfast, and later in the day choose from local and international dishes. During the day at the hotel, you won't even need to leave the water to quench your thirst – simply swim up to the Blue Coral pool bar. Rooms are decorated in earthy tones, with dark woods and locally crafted items making up the modern Balinese design. Deluxe Terrace Rooms have a seating area, and also offer the option of interconnecting rooms. Spacious Island Bungalows have garden views and a terrace, while Sunset Bungalows are detached and closer to the beach.

Setting At the quiet western end of Gili Trawangan, away from – but still within walking distance of – the main resort area

Getting there Approx. 1½ hours by private car from Lombok airport followed by a 30-minute boat ride

Rooms 182 rooms, including new villas that will have private pools

Dining 2 restaurants, 2 bars

Facilities Pool, children's pool, spa*, watersports*, beach volleyball, bicycle hire*, games corner, boutique*, dive centre*

Activities • Embark on a three-island snorkelling trip* • Hire a bicycle to explore the island* • Book the Ombak Sunset cooking class* • Have a go on the out-to-sea Datu swing!

What's included

Breakfast at the Horizon Restaurant
• Afternoon tea.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £44 • Breakfast and dinner at the Horizon Restaurant

Full Board from £65 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Horizon Restaurant

All Inclusive from £82 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Horizon Restaurant
• Selected local drinks including spirits, wine and beer • Cycling, canoeing and snorkelling plus select resort activities.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary and Food & Beverage offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1444 per person

15 Sep-28 Nov 2017

High season from £1643

18 Jul-10 Sep 2018

Extra night from £59

Single supplement from £59

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Deluxe Terrace Room including breakfast, economy flights on Singapore Airlines from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref BL105. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



At a glance

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Beautiful small hideaway
.....
Excellent personalised service
.....
Eco-friendly ethos

Mahamaya ***

Cast away in comfort at this wonderful boutique hotel on idyllic Gili Meno.

Mahamaya means 'ultimate paradise', and it certainly offers an additional level of comfort on the gloriously quiet, rustic island of Gili Meno. The hotel is beautiful and understated – it's small and simple enough in its design that it doesn't jar amongst the more traditional thatched huts of the island, and the English managers lead an excellent team of staff.

The hotel has a distinct character. On the walls you'll find quotes from the likes of Marilyn Monroe and Mohammed Ali. There's also a strong focus on sustainability, with water recycling, desalination technology and a reduced plastic policy. Enjoy the tranquillity of the adults-only pool or stay cool while sipping cocktails at the swim-up bar. At the heart of the hotel is the stylish Asian-fusion restaurant and bar, serving up fresh, uncomplicated – and where possible, organic – dishes, and you can watch as the talented chef prepares your food in his open kitchen. Come the evening, opt for a table on the beach at the water's edge and dine by candlelight, courtesy of the pretty hanging lanterns. There are just 18 fairly simple but modern rooms, most with a private outdoor shower. Poolview Suites are set around the two swimming pools, with views across the pool and deck, while the two lovely Beachfront Villas sit directly on the coral sand beach, facing the sea.

Setting At Turtle Point on the north-west coast of Gili Meno, facing towards Gili Trawangan

Getting there Approx. 2 hours by private car from Lombok airport to Teluk Nara port, followed by a 15-minute speedboat ride; or a direct speedboat from Gili Trawangan
Rooms Just 2 villas and 16 suites

Dining Restaurant, bar

Facilities 2 pools (1 adults only), fitness room, kayaking, snorkelling, bicycles*, Wi-Fi throughout

Activities • Snorkel alongside turtles directly from the beach • Take part in an Indonesian cooking class*
• Go sea kayaking.

What's included

Breakfast at the restaurant.

Guide price from £1586 per person

15 Sep-28 Nov 2017

High season from £1845

27 Jun-10 Sep 2018

Extra night from £85

Single supplement from £86

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Poolview Suite including breakfast, economy flights on Singapore Airlines from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref BL152. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



ALL INCLUSIVE OPTION



Deluxe Terrace Room



At a glance

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Quieter side of the island
.....
Impeccable service
.....
Large pool with swim-up bar



BOUTIQUE HOTEL

The Oberoi, Lombok ****

Take advantage of indulgent seclusion and refined hospitality at this idyllic luxury retreat.

A secluded north-west coast location allows The Oberoi to offer its guests complete seclusion. Lombok isn't exactly overcrowded with holiday-makers, but this part of the island is particularly tranquil.

An open-sided pavilion in a coconut grove garden houses the Lumbung Restaurant, serving up fine Indonesian, Asian and continental cuisine alongside incredible views. The relaxed Sunbird Café is ideal for a beach breakfast or light lunch. The Beach Club offers snorkelling, diving, windsurfing and kayaking, or you can simply opt to relax on the hotel's private beach or in the large infinity pool, which is fringed by palms and looks out to the nearby Gilis. In fact the views in general are stunning here; across to Bali, with distant views of the volcano.

The elegant, thatched-roof rooms are huge, dotted throughout the grounds in village-like clusters. Light and airy, they feature natural furnishings with local artwork, a private walled garden with sunken marble bath, and 24-hour room service. All room types are available with garden or ocean views. Spacious Luxury Pavilions are arranged in rows. Luxury Villas are even larger, each contained behind high stone walls for the ultimate in privacy, with a landscaped garden, rock pond, raised pavilion for dining and private terrace. Luxury Pool Villas also have a private 8x5m swimming pool.

Setting On the spectacular Medana Beach on the island's north-west coast, close to the village of Tanjung

Getting there Approx. 2 hours by private car from Lombok's international airport

Rooms 30 pavilions and 20 villas

Dining Restaurant, café, bar

Facilities Pool, spa*, gym, tennis court, amphitheatre, beach club*, Wi-Fi, watersports*, mountain bike hire*, weekly yoga class, weekly painting class, library

Activities • Go snorkelling in the Gilis*
• Take your pick of watersports at the Beach Club* • Join the weekly yoga class in the peaceful gardens.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 3 nights 22 Dec-03 Jan and 07-20 Aug.

What's included

Breakfast at the Sunbird Café or in-room.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £84 • Breakfast at the Sunbird Café or in-room • Dinner at the Lumbung Restaurant.

Full Board from £140 • Breakfast and lunch at the Sunbird Café or in-room • Dinner at the Lumbung Restaurant.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £2144 per person

03 Sep-28 Nov 2017

High season from £2243

27 Jun-15 Jul; 20 Jul-07 Aug;

20 Aug-30 Oct 2018

Extra night from £208

Single supplement from £170

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Luxury Pavilion Gardenview including breakfast, economy flights on Singapore Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref KU0655. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge



Luxury Villa Oceanview

At a glance

.....
24 acres of gardens with
stunning views

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Huge luxury rooms

.....
Renowned Oberoi service



Luxury Pool Villa Gardenview

Sudamala Suites & Villas Senggigi ***



Narmada Sunsetview Suite

At a glance

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- Small and chic
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- Dramatic sunsets over Bali's volcanoes
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- Beautifully laid-back



Narmada Oceanview Suite



One Bedroom Pool Villa

Stylish accommodation and excellent hospitality come as standard at this tranquil beachfront escape.

Sister hotel to the Sudamala in Sanur, Bali, the Senggigi property features the same beautiful furnishings and tasteful décor. It sits in fragrant tropical gardens by the beachfront, in a perfect spot to watch the dramatic sunsets over Bali's volcanoes.

Olah Olah is the resort's restaurant, specialising in classic dishes with a creative twist. You can dine in the open-air, high-ceiling restaurant by the pool, on the deck overlooking the ocean, or in the privacy of your suite or villa. The spa sits under a mango tree and offers signature massages as well as traditional healing treatments.

Inspired by a great summer palace, the suites here are beautiful, many with traditional thatched roofs in the bedrooms, and all with contemporary décor, hand-crafted pieces of furniture and splashes of bright colour. The bathrooms are particularly spacious, too. Choose between views of the gardens or ocean, and you can also specifically opt for sunset facing suites. For that extra indulgence, One Bedroom Villas have a gorgeous private pool in a large courtyard garden and a traditional open-air pavilion.

Setting Beachfront on Lombok's west coast, a very short taxi ride from the main area of Senggigi

Getting there Approx. 1 hour 15 minutes by private car from Lombok's international airport

Rooms 35 suites and villas

Dining Restaurant, bar

Facilities Pool, spa*, dive shop*, library, Wi-Fi

- Activities** • Charter a boat to visit the Gilis* • Arrange a trekking experience* • Head out on a diving trip and discover Lombok's reefs, turtles and shipwrecks* • Book the signature sea shell massage at the Mango Tree Spa*.

Need to know

Minimum stay: 4 nights 20 Dec-05 Jan.

Kuoni Plus

Bonus Nights, Earlybird Saver, Honeymoon/Anniversary, Spa, Food & Beverage and Child offers are available. Call or see online for applicable dates.

Guide price from £1453 per person

03 Sep-21 Oct; 01-21 Nov 2017

High season from £1612

30 Jun-26 Aug 2018

Extra night from £74

Single supplement from £73

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 5 nights in a Lingsar Gardenview Suite including breakfast, economy flights on Singapore Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers. Ref BL143. Call or see online for latest offers and prices.

* Local charge

What's included

Breakfast at Olah Olah.

Meal upgrades

Half Board from £33 • Breakfast and dinner at Olah Olah.

Full Board from £66 • Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Olah Olah.

Highlights of Indonesia

Discover the natural beauty and ancient architecture of Java on this introductory small group tour, staying at boutique accommodation along the way. Visit colossal temple sites including Prambanan and Borobudur, trek to a milky-blue crater lake in one of East Java's last rainforests, and witness one of Indonesia's most famous sights – sunrise over Mount Bromo.



Escorted small group tour

Nature	●○○○○○
Culture	●●●○○○
Active	●●●○○○

Is this for you?

A great choice for first-timers to Java, taking in its natural and cultural highlights.

What's included

- Quality accommodation
- Insightful local tour leaders
- Hand-picked itineraries
- Flexible arrival times
- Small groups and a relaxed approach
- Porterage and guide tips
- Meals where most convenient (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), or the freedom to explore local restaurants independently
- All specified flights.

Need to know

- All departures are guaranteed
- For guests over 16 (unless travelling on a private journey)
- Average group size of 12 guests
- A maximum of 16 guests.

Accommodation

There's a boutique feel to the accommodation throughout. We've chosen some hotels because they're in the most scenic locations, like the Ijen Resort & Villas – an intimate retreat set in four-acre gardens at the edge of the rainforest of Ijen National Park, where views look out over the rice terraces to a row of volcanoes. Then there's the Phoenix Hotel in Yogyakarta – a deluxe heritage hotel and colonial landmark that dates back to 1918.



Mount Bromo at sunrise

Your itinerary – 10 nights

Route

- Bandung: 2 nights
- Wonosobo: 1 night
- Yogyakarta: 2 nights
- Bromo: 1 night
- Ijen Plateau: 1 night
- Bali beach: 1 night

Day 1: UK to Bandung Depart the UK on your overnight flight to Jakarta.

Day 2: Bandung On arrival, meet your English-speaking guide and travel to the cool mountain region of Bogor. Here, you'll stop to visit the Bogor Botanical Gardens. Dating back to 1817, this beautiful 200-acre space is home to over 13,000 types of plant and is a major research centre for agriculture and horticulture. Continue on a scenic drive through tea plantations and the mountainous Puncak Pass. Afterwards, set off for Bandung where you'll visit a local music school to listen to a short angklung (a traditional bamboo instrument) performance by the children. Stay: The Papandayan (or similar). L.

Day 3: Bandung After breakfast, set off on a full-day excursion to the Tangkuban Perahu volcano. There are incredible views from the edge of this active volcano. A two-hour walk around the

area will give you the chance to see inside the crater and take in panoramas of its surrounding landscape. On the journey back to Bandung, stop at the hot springs in Ciater to soak in the warm sulphurous pools, which are fed by mineral springs heated by the nearby volcanoes. Stay: The Papandayan (or similar). B, L.

Day 4: Bandung to Wonosobo A scenic train journey awaits today. Transfer to the train station in Bandung to board the Argo Wilis train, travelling executive class to Kutoarjo with a picnic lunch en route. On arrival in Kutoarjo, continue by car to Wonosobo on the slopes of the Dieng Plateau for the night. Stay: Gallery Kresna Wonosobo (or similar). B, L.

Day 5: Wonosobo to Yogyakarta Leave Wonosobo and drive through the Dieng Plateau's lush paddy fields. This mountainous region lies at an altitude of approx. 2100 metres and is known for its mystical atmosphere, with ancient temples built by the Sanjaya Dynasty set amid the steep rocks, mineral lakes and active volcanoes. On the descent, you'll stop at Borobudur Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the largest Buddhist temple complex in the world. During its

construction from 775-856AD, it required an estimated 30,000 stone carvers and 15,000 porters to complete this colossal monument. The site's footprint takes the form of a mandala – a spiritual and ritual symbol in Hinduism and Buddhism that represents the universe. The temple consists of a pyramidal base, three circular platforms with 72 stupas each containing a statue of Buddha, and a giant stupa at the very top. En route to your hotel you'll also stop briefly at the Candi Mendut and Candi Pawon temples. Stay: The Phoenix Hotel Yogyakarta – MGallery by Sofitel (or similar). B, L.

Day 6: Yogyakarta Today you'll discover Central Java's most important city on a city tour. Yogyakarta has a population of one million and is known for its art production and forward-thinking universities alongside its cultivation of Javanese traditions. Visit the 18th-Century Sultan's Palace, also known as the Kraton, where you can stroll around ornate courtyards and admire the elegant Javanese style of architecture. The tour also takes in the ruins of the water palace of Taman Sara, the Old City, batik workshops and a silver factory. One of today's highlights is a visit to the Prambanan Temple, a 9th-Century Hindu



Prambanan Temple



Bali



Ijen Plateau



Borobudur Temple

Guide price from £2299

Guide price dates

07 Apr 2018

High season

10 Aug 2018 from £2395

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 10 nights including meal plan as detailed, economy flights on Singapore Airlines from London Heathrow and group transfers, ref JV001.

UK departure months

All departure dates are guaranteed to operate

2018 Tours depart in: Apr; May; Jul; Aug; Sep; Oct.

Tours depart regularly – see kuoni.co.uk for the most up-to-date departures.

Options

Single travellers Single room supplement from £485

Private tour Upgrade to a private tour with a local tour leader on the same itinerary, departing on the date of your choice from £285 per person, ref JV002.

What to expect

- We recommend packing some warm clothes for the sunrise viewing at Mount Bromo as temperatures can drop as low as 2 degrees.

complex that contains over 200 temples and is one of the largest of its kind in South-East Asia. Discover the three major temples and shrines, which are dedicated to the Trimurti trinity of Hindu deities – Shiva, Brahma and Vishnu. This evening is at your leisure, perhaps to explore Jalan Malioboro – Yogyakarta’s major shopping street with street food vendors and a lively atmosphere – or catch a traditional performance of the Ramayana Ballet. Stay: The Phoenix Hotel Yogyakarta – MGallery by Sofitel (or similar). B, L.

Day 7: Yogyakarta to Mount Bromo Enjoy an early breakfast before transferring to the train station to take the Argo Wilis train to Surabaya. The train arrives in Surabaya, the capital of East Java, in the early afternoon. Travel on by car to the Mount Bromo region for a restful night ahead of an early adventure tomorrow. Stay: Jiwa Jawa Bromo (or similar). B, L.

Day 8: Mount Bromo to Ijen Plateau Today there’s a very early morning start (4am) for Penanjakan, leaving the hotel by jeep and arriving at the Tengger crater in time for an enchanting sunrise. This is one of the most famous natural spectacles in Indonesia and it’s deservedly popular. While it can

get busy with fellow travellers and be a little touristy, the sunrise over the stunning panorama will be one of the most memorable images of your trip. As the sky gets brighter, the magnificent peaks become even clearer. Afterwards, you’ll drive down into the huge caldera of the Bromo crater. Return to your hotel for breakfast then travel on to the Ijen Plateau, stopping briefly at coffee, cocoa and clove plantations on the way. Stay: Ijen Resort & Villas (or similar). B, L, D.

Day 9: Ijen Plateau to Bali beach Take an early morning 4x4 journey through coffee, cocoa and clove plantations around the pretty village of Licin. This area is one of the last rainforests of East Java, and a one-and-a-half-hour uphill trek will lead you to the Ijen crater where stunning views await of the tropical rainforest. After reaching an altitude of 1880 metres, you will be rewarded with the glorious sight of the milky-blue crater lake, surrounded by yellow sulphurous rocks. Keep a look out for the sulphur carriers who make daily trips up and down the path, carrying up to 80kg of this yellow stone. Your time in Java comes to an end today, as you transfer to Ketapang harbour to make the short ferry crossing to Gilimanuk in west Bali. On arrival in Bali, a scenic

drive will take you to your beach hotel on the island’s south-east coast. Sanur is one of Bali’s original holiday resorts and a firm favourite. Many of the hotels here are Balinese in style and sit across from the long golden beach, where traditional ‘jukung’ fishing boats dot the shore. A well-paved path runs along the beachfront and watersports offer range from kitesurfing to paragliding. Protected by a coral reef, the resort is visited less by the surfing crowd and is more of a family-friendly destination thanks to the calmer waters and quieter vibe. Stay: Puri Santrian (or similar). B, L.

Day 10: Bali beach Check out after breakfast and transfer to Bali’s airport for your overnight return flight to the UK.

Stay longer

Bali beach 2 nights from £123 per person, ref JV003

Extend your stay in Bali to enjoy further post-tour relaxation on the beach.

Why Kuoni

This boutique tour offers an introduction to the highlights and culture of Java. It visits some of the island’s most famous sights, including two of South-East Asia’s finest temples, and includes the iconic experience of witnessing the sun rise over Mount Bromo. We’ve chosen to end this itinerary in Bali, so it’s easy to extend your time in Indonesia with a few extra days on the beach.

Stay & cruise in Indonesia

Sail around the beautiful islands of Indonesia on an authentic tall ship adventure with Star Clippers, who combine the character of traditional sailing with the intimate and elegant feel of a private yacht. Depart eastbound or westbound from Bali on board the four-masted Star Clipper and enjoy sailing into small ports, anchoring close to unspoilt shores, and the chance to discover uninhabited islands, extinct volcanoes and legendary dragons.



Mount Bromo, Probolinggo – Indonesia Under Sail



Komodo dragon – Islands of Indonesia

Guide price from
£3275 per person

Guide price dates

26 Sep 2018

High season

From £3409 per person, 23 May 2018

Guide price in £ based on 2 people sharing for 13 nights including a Large Outside Cabin (category 4) on Star Clipper, meal plan as detailed, economy flights on Singapore Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers, ref BL037.

UK departures

2018 Cruises depart in May, Jul, Aug, Sep

Options

Cabin Upgrade to a Large Outside Cabin (category 2) from £204 per person

Need to know

- Itineraries are subject to change
- Shore excursions can be booked on board and are payable locally
- B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner
- The land-based section of this stay & cruise holiday is fully flexible, allowing you to choose where you stay and for how long.

Indonesia Under Sail – 13 nights

Route

Singapore, Bena (Bali), Gili Genteng (Java), Probolinggo (Java), Lovina Beach (Bali), Carik (Lombok), Senggigi (Lombok), Gili Sudak (Lombok), Bena (Bali), Sanur (Bali)

Days 1-3: UK to Singapore Depart on your overnight flight to Singapore to discover this glorious city where east meets west. Transfer to the Hotel Jen for a two-night stay.

Day 4: Singapore to Bali Fly on to Bali. On arrival, transfer to Bena where you will board Star Clipper for your seven-night westbound Indonesia cruise. D.

Day 5: At sea B, L, D.

Day 6: Gili Genteng Today you will arrive in your first port of call, Gili Genteng – a small, tranquil, and less developed island of four fishing villages, for an insight into the everyday life of a local community. B, L, D.

Day 7: Probolinggo, Java From a small island to a large fishing port, today's stop is the port city of Probolinggo on the coast of Java – the fifth largest island in Indonesia. The city is a gateway to the glorious Bromo-Tengger-Semeru National Park. B, L, D.

Day 8: Lovina Beach, Bali Return to Bali to visit the popular yet laid-back beach resort of Lovina, where traditional colourful perahu boats line the shore. B, L, D.

Day 9: Carik & Senggigi, Lombok The island of Lombok is the focus today with two stops along its beautiful coast. The first is the secluded destination of Carik on the north coast of the island before continuing south to Senggigi, the island's main beach resort. The sunsets here are stunning; against a backdrop of Bali's Mount Agung. B, L, D.

Day 10: Gili Sudak, Lombok The small resort island of Gili Sudak offers the opportunity for excellent snorkelling in clear waters. B, L, D.

Day 11: Bena, Bali to Sanur, Bali This morning you will disembark and transfer to the Puri Santrian hotel on the beachfront in Sanur for a two-night stay. B.

Day 13: Bali Transfer to the airport for your return overnight flight to the UK.



Islands of Indonesia – 13 nights

Route

Singapore, Bena (Bali), Gili Kondo (Lombok), Komodo National Park (Komodo), Pink Beach (Komodo), Satonda, Gili Meno & Gili Trawangan (Lombok), Gili Naggu (Lombok), Bena (Bali), Sanur (Bali)

Days 1-3: UK to Singapore Depart on your overnight flight to Singapore to discover this glorious city where east meets west. Transfer to the Hotel Jen for a two-night stay.

Day 4: Singapore to Bali Fly on to Bali. On arrival, transfer to Bena where you will board Star Clipper for your seven-night eastbound Indonesia cruise. D.

Day 5: Gili Kondo, Lombok This morning you will arrive in your first port of call, the uninhabited island of Gili Kondo which sits to the east of Lombok Island. Your time here can be spent relaxing on the white-sand beach or swimming or snorkelling in the clear waters that surround the tiny island. B, L, D.

Day 6: At sea B, L, D.

Day 7: Komodo National Park & Pink Beach, Komodo Today is a real highlight of the cruise – the opportunity to see the incredible Komodo dragon. Located in the Lesser Sunda group, this volcanic island is one of the New7Wonders of Nature due to its population of endemic lizards – the largest lizard species on Earth – and the rich marine biodiversity in the surrounding waters.

Later in the day, the ship will anchor off Pink Beach – named for its pink-hued sands caused by tiny single-celled marine insects called foraminifera. B, L, D.

Day 8: Satonda Your next stop is the flooded volcano of Satonda Island with a breathtaking saltwater crater lake at its centre and surrounded by coral reefs. B, L, D.

Day 9: Gili Meno & Gili Trawangan, Lombok Gili Trawangan and Gili Meno are two of the three fabled ‘Gilis’; rustic, bohemian and car-free islands that lie offshore from mainland Lombok. Gili Trawangan – affectionately known as ‘Gili T’ – is the liveliest and most popular of the three islands but still very chilled out, while Gili Meno is the smallest, prettiest and least developed; perfect for lounging on coral sands and snorkelling offshore amongst hawksbill and green sea turtles. B, L, D.

Day 10: Gili Naggu, Lombok Another day, another idyllic island – today it’s Gili Banggu off the south-west coast of Lombok. Here there’s little more to do than lie on the beach, swim and explore the underwater world. B, L, D.

Day 11: Bena, Bali to Sanur, Bali This morning you will disembark and transfer to the Puri Santrian hotel on the beachfront in Sanur for a two-night stay. B.

Day 13: Bali Transfer to the airport for your return overnight flight to the UK.

Guide price from
£3271 per person

Guide price dates

08 Aug 2018

High season

From £3370 per person, 30 May 2018

Guide price in £ based on 2 people sharing for 13 nights including a Large Outside Cabin (category 4) on Star Clipper, meal plan as detailed, economy flights on Singapore Airlines from London Heathrow and private transfers, ref BL036.

UK departures

2018 Cruises depart in May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

Options

Cabin Upgrade to a Large Outside Cabin (category 2) from £204 per person

Need to know

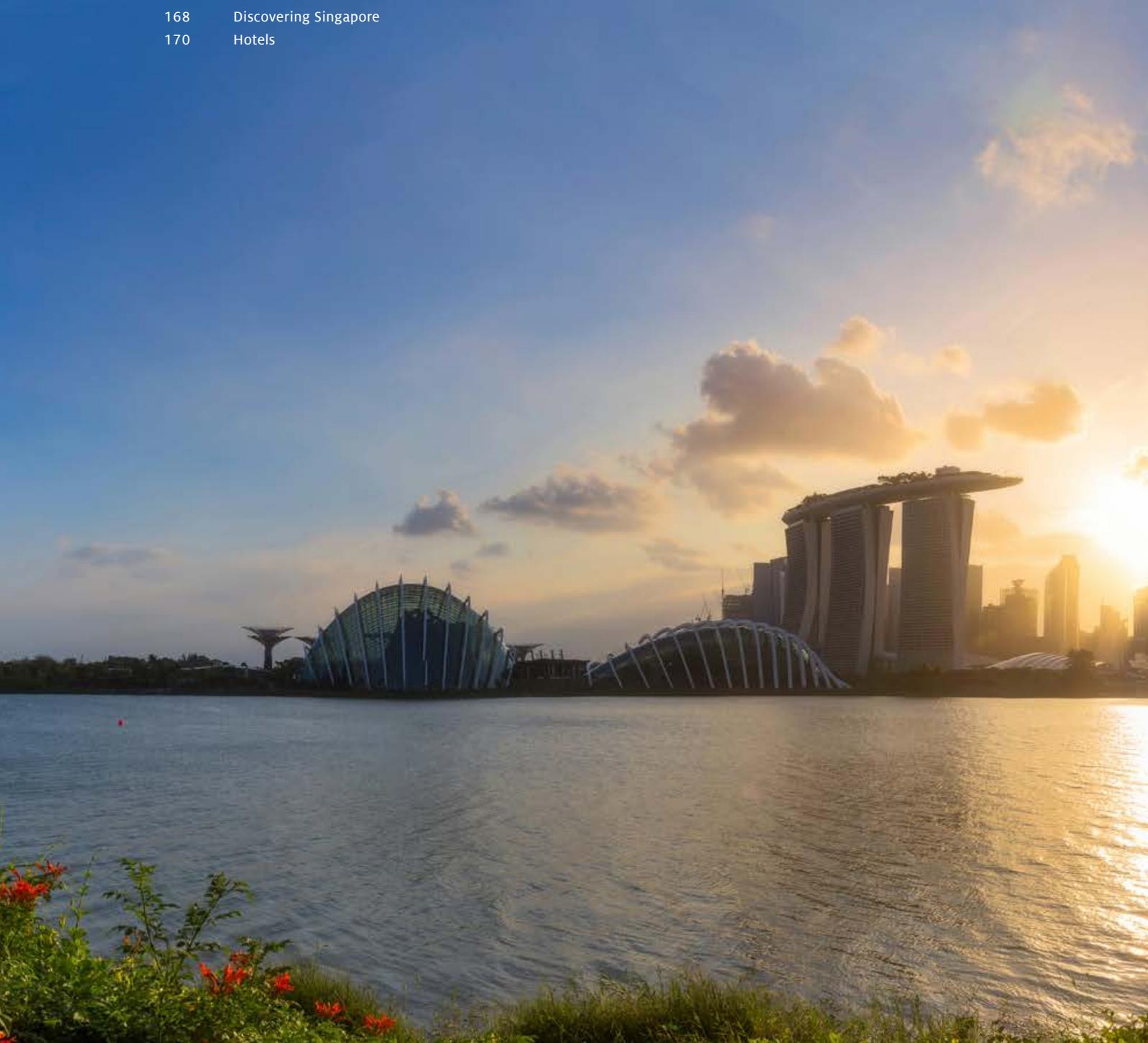
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- The land-based section of this stay & cruise holiday is fully flexible, allowing you to choose where you stay and for how long.

Singapore

This is a multi-cultural city where 21st-Century skyscrapers sit side by side with colonial buildings. A riverside setting and beautiful botanic gardens add to the charm of this east-meets-west metropolis.

In this section

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- 170 Hotels



General information

Flying time 13 hours

Time difference GMT +8 hours

Currency Singapore Dollar

Language English, Malay, Tamil and Mandarin

Visa info A visa is not required for UK passport holders.

Key events

16 February 2018 Spring Festival (Chinese New Year) – China's most important festival and national holiday, the Chinese New Year, is widely celebrated throughout Singapore.

May-June: Singapore Arts Festival – Held throughout the city, this is a month long celebration of cultural diversity and artistic innovation from around the world.

Climate

Experiencing a tropical climate year-round, Singapore will be hot and humid whenever you choose to travel. The wettest period is November to January. While there is a chance of rain year-round, there is also plenty of sunshine and consistently high temperatures.

°C Average daily maximum temperature

☀ Average daily sunshine hours
(not hours of daylight)

☂ Average monthly rainfall in mm

Important holiday information The price we confirm at the time of booking is the price we guarantee. Prices vary depending on the date you wish to travel and the elements included in your package. Please read p182-187 before you book your holiday. For further information and to tailor make your holiday, please call us or go to www.kuoni.co.uk for the best available price.

Singapore

Jan	°C	29
	☀	6
	☂	200
Feb	°C	30
	☀	7
	☂	177
Mar	°C	31
	☀	6
	☂	198
Apr	°C	31
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May	°C	31
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Jun	°C	31
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Sep	°C	30
	☀	5
	☂	172
Oct	°C	30
	☀	5
	☂	198
Nov	°C	30
	☀	5
	☂	246
Dec	°C	29
	☀	4
	☂	272

Discovering Singapore

A bewitching blend of east and west, and a melting pot of Malay, European and Chinese cultures, Singapore is a popular holiday destination and an endless delight to discover. Renowned for its shopping malls and street markets, Singapore also has exquisite restaurants serving up a world of culinary adventures, charming colonial attractions, outstanding natural beauty and full calendar of exhilarating and colourful events to enthrall and enchant.



Botanic Gardens

An insight into Singapore

Singapore

As well as being a destination in its own right, Singapore acts as a gateway to destinations both in the Far East and further afield, making it a great place to spend a few days before jetting off again. The city's international airport, which serves over 100 airlines to over 60 countries worldwide, is located just half an hour away from the city centre. We have highlighted a few of our favourite Singapore combinations but there are plenty more to choose from, just ask one of our Personal Travel Experts for more details.

Getting around

From the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) to the Light Rail Transit (LRT) and the Sentosa Express Monorail, cross-country travel is easy. Although taxis are relatively inexpensive, be sure to get hold of a Singapore Tourist Pass for unlimited journeys on a selection of Singapore's efficient buses and trains for a set fee.

Where to go

Singapore, like most cities, has a wide range of districts, each with their own ambience – from the shopping utopia of Orchard Road and the ultra-modern Marina Bay to the cultural wonderlands of Chinatown

and Little India. On the banks of the Singapore River the colonial region of Riverside, also known as the Civic Region, is where the British statesman Sir Thomas Stamford Bingley Raffles landed and first founded the city of Singapore in the early 19th Century. On the south bank of the river you will see the skyscrapers of the central business district and there are plenty of bars, clubs and restaurants to be found at Boat Quay.

On the north bank, colonial buildings blend in with modern structures at Clarke Quay. Lined by historic warehouses from a time when the Singapore River was the city's centre of trade, the area is now a popular entertainment destination. Some of the warehouses and traditional Chinese junk ships have been restored to their former glory and are now home to bars, restaurants and nightclubs.

The retail heart of the city is primarily located along the recently-renovated Orchard Road, where you'll be drawn in by the glitzy entrances of the large shopping malls. Once lined with spice orchards and plantations, the road is now dominated by high-end fashion emporiums and malls, buzzing with locals and tourists.

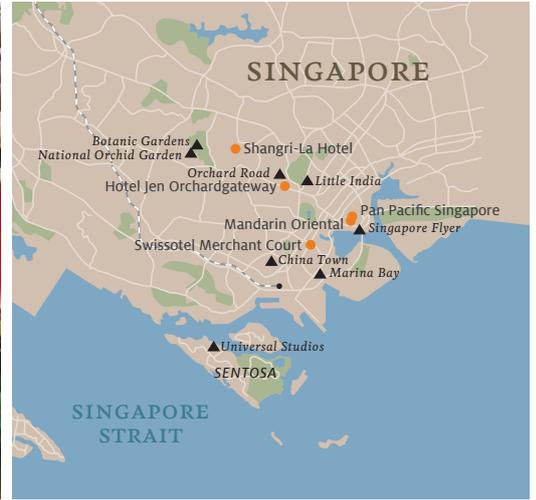
Marina Bay is an ever expanding entertainment complex located on reclaimed land east of downtown Singapore. Across the bay, and close to the city's central business district you'll find the restaurants of One Fullerton and nearby the iconic statue depicting the national personification of Singapore – the merlion. You should also keep an eye out for four other merlions located throughout Singapore and on Sentosa.

What to do

Singapore's Botanic Gardens is one of the most famous of its kind throughout the world. Open since 1859 as an ornamental park where fêtes and flower shows were held, the park has been instrumental in the role of making Singapore a 'Garden City'. Wander through the many exotic gardens, including the world-renowned National Orchid Garden that's home to 1000 species of orchids and some 60,000 plants. An early start here is highly recommended to beat the heat; it also gives you the opportunity to see the locals practising t'ai chi. As well as visiting some of the city's attractions and neighbourhoods, our half day Singapore City tour takes in the National Orchid Garden.



Buddha Tooth Relic Temple, Chinatown



Historical Sultan mosque in Singapore



Experience a true taste of colonial life at the legendary Raffles Hotel and sip on the hotel's iconic beverage – the Singapore Sling (Raffles is closed for refurbishment until April 2018). The prestigious hotel features an array of drinking and dining options as well as luxurious rooms and suites, if this is where you choose to stay. Our Footsteps of Raffles tour, which can be booked on a group or private basis, traces Raffles' vision of Singapore to become a vital international port and trading centre for the Far East. After taking in the main sights of the city you'll end up at the hotel where you will partake in afternoon tea in the renowned Tiffin Room.

There are plenty of places to take in a view of the city and its skyline, one of which is the Singapore Flyer observation wheel. At 167 metres high, the wheel was once the highest in the world. During the 32 minute 'flight' you will be able to see Raffles Palace, the Singapore River, the Formula 1 circuit and Marina Bay.

To escape the city, locals and tourists head to Sentosa, an island resort self-titled as 'Asia's Favourite Playground'. The island is home to Resorts World –

Singapore's own Universal Studios. Sentosa is a family's dream destination which also features charming coastal and forest ecosystems and nature walks.

Drinking @ dining

For the locals of Singapore, dining out is a passion and you can see why, with a whole host of oriental delicacies, local specialities and cuisine from around the world to choose from. Sample a true highlight of Singaporean culture and inexpensive, multi-ethnic dishes at one of the city's famous hawker centres. The best thing about dining out in a city such as Singapore is the seemingly endless choice of restaurants and bars you can enjoy – from high-end to authentic.

Don't miss the amazing food at Newton Circus which by day looks like a normal street. At night it transforms, with an array of hawker stalls serving the flavours of the Orient. Chinatown is also a must visit for foodies, with some of the most highly-rated stalls lining the vibrant streets. There's no shortage of bars throughout the city, from rooftop venues offering spectacular views to ultra-trendy bars and unpretentious hangouts.

Our favourite combinations

Singapore @ Koh Samui

ref SK118

Discover colonial architecture and dine in some of the city's contemporary restaurants before experiencing the laid-back lifestyle of Koh Samui.

Singapore @ Langkawi

ref SK150

Enjoy the buzz of Singapore before escaping to the Malaysian island of Langkawi.

Singapore, Koh Samui @ Bangkok

ref SK113

Combine two city stays with a beach escape on the island of Koh Samui.

Singapore @ the Maldives

ref SK114

Contrast Singapore's exhilarating urban lifestyle with the barefoot luxury of the Maldives.

Singapore @ Bali

ref SK038

Following your stay in the city head to the beautiful island of Bali.

Singapore hotels

Singapore sits right at the 'Crossroads of Asia' and as a result is a modern mixture of cultures. Explore the city's colonial past, enjoy fantastic shopping and feast on mouth-watering cuisine.



Shangri-La-Hotel *****

A grand hotel set in beautiful gardens.

Set in 15 acres of immaculate botanical gardens, this award-winning hotel offers pure luxury in a fantastic location near Orchard Road. Meander through beautiful gardens featuring ornamental flowering trees, vibrant plants and tumbling waterfalls; make the most of the fantastic location close to the shopping of Orchard Road; or just relax at the signature CHI, The Spa or by the beautiful outdoor pool, which is beautifully lit by fibre optics at nightfall.

As well as dining at the restaurants on Orchard Road, you can savour culinary delights at the hotel's own award-winning restaurants. For a taste of the Orient try the fine dining Cantonese restaurant Shang Palace. The Japanese venue NAMI serves fresh and seasonal dishes which can be enjoyed with a backdrop of the city skyline. The all-day dining restaurant The Line is a modern space where buffet dishes from around the world are available at breakfast, lunch and dinner. Another option for breakfast, lunch and dinner is the Waterfall Ristorante Italiano which is delightfully located in the midst of the hotel's pretty gardens. As the name would suggest the focus here is on Italian cuisine – particularly from the south of the country.

Rooms are located in three separate wings – the Garden Wing, the Valley Wing and the newly-renovated Tower Wing. The Garden Wing Deluxe Rooms each feature a furnished balcony and you can opt for pool or city skyline views. Rooms in the beautifully restored Tower Wing include Deluxe Rooms and Horizon Club Deluxe Rooms. Guests in the latter rooms can enjoy a host of added benefits such as access to an exclusive lounge.

Stay from £141 per person per night excl. meals

Hotel Jen Orchardgateway *****

A modern property on the famous Orchard Road.

If you're looking for a super-modern retreat right at the heart of the city and just steps from the world-renowned shopping district of Orchard Road, the Hotel Jen is a great choice. The hotel is also located adjacent to the Orchard Gateway Mall. Leisure facilities include a striking large infinity pool which is surrounded by cabanas and located on the 19th-floor. The views of the city skyline from here truly are spectacular. There's also a 24-hour fitness centre and free Wi-Fi around the hotel. The Somerset MRT Station is close by, meaning the entertainment complexes of Clarke Quay and Marina Bay are within easy reach of the hotel.

There are plenty of dining options along Orchard Road and within the surrounding malls ranging from street food to high-end restaurants. For your convenience the hotel features an all-day restaurant, Makan@Jen, which serves local specialities and international classics. There's even a menu for younger guests. If you're looking for a light snack, or something to go, the OnTheGo deli counter is the perfect place for a quick stop.

Contemporary and full of light, the rooms here are a comfortable retreat from the buzz of the city. The Superior Rooms and Superior Cityview Rooms offer a great-value option, while the bright and airy Deluxe Rooms are a little more spacious and have fantastic views out over the city from the floor-to-ceiling windows. The Club Rooms are located on the 19th floor and guests opting for these rooms can enjoy a selection of complimentary drinks and snacks throughout the day and an evening cocktail in the Club Lounge.

Stay from £106 per person per night excl. meals



Mandarin Oriental *****

Contemporary and chic luxury hotel with spectacular views.

In a harbourfront setting, the sophisticated Mandarin Oriental is one of Singapore's finest hotels. With sensational city, harbour and ocean views and seamless service, this iconic hotel brand epitomises modern luxury at its best. The shops at Marina Bay Sands and nearby Suntec City Mall are easily accessible from the hotel. You're also a short walk from the performing arts centre Esplanade – 'Theatres on the Bay'. When it comes to hotel dining there's a variety of superb restaurants. These include the Cantonese venue Cherry Garden, the Italian Dolce Vita and the all-day dining restaurant Melt Café. Enjoy tapas and cocktails over jazz music at the elegant lounge bar.

Stay from £167 per person per night excl. meals



Atrium

Pan Pacific Singapore *****

A luxury choice close to three shopping malls.

The stylish Pan Pacific Singapore prides itself on its contemporary design and it has a particularly good range of restaurants and facilities. The hotel is connected to the Marina Square, Suntec City and Millenia Walk malls, so if you're looking to do little else but shop there are plenty of opportunities. There's also easy access to Boat Quay – a historic enclave in the middle of this modern city – and further shops, bars and restaurants at Clarke Quay, which is located on the north bank of the Singapore River.

At the hotel itself there's a choice of superb restaurants and bars. A buffet breakfast is served daily at the main restaurant Edge, which is also open at lunch and dinner. Enjoy authentic North Indian dishes at Rang Mahal, award-winning Cantonese creations at Hai Tien Lo, and fine Japanese cuisine at Keyaki Japanese Restaurant which is set on the fourth floor and is surrounded by a beautiful Japanese garden. More casual venues include the Pacific Marketplace and the Poolside Bar where cocktails are served alongside tapas and light dishes.

The rooms and suites here reflect the modern style evident throughout the hotel. The Deluxe Rooms are a comfortable choice, and for a supplement you can upgrade to a Deluxe Room with a balcony. Rooms with city views are a popular choice in Singapore and the Pan Pacific's Panoramic Rooms, which are located on the higher floors, definitely deliver in this respect. For more space there's the City Suites, while for added extras such as a Champagne breakfast you should choose a Pacific Room, part of the hotel's Pacific Club concept.

Stay from £143 per person per night incl. breakfast



Swissotel Merchant Court ***

A centrally-located hotel offering friendly service.

This colonial-style hotel sits in the shadow of modern skyscrapers and is in an excellent location, just a short walk from the riverside entertainment destination of Clarke Quay. Other highlights, such as Marina Bay and Chinatown, are within a 10 to 15 minute stroll, while Orchard Road can be reached using the MRT system. Back at the hotel there's a large tiered swimming pool complete with short waterslides, as well as Pürovel Spa & Sport, where signature treatments are offered and a 24-hour fitness centre is located. When it comes to drinking and dining there are plenty of venues at Clarke Quay, as well as a couple of restaurants on site including the poolside all-day eatery Blue Potato.

Stay from £125 per person per night incl. breakfast

Hong Kong, China & Japan

Timeless traditions blend with modern sensibilities while ancient shrines sit shoulder-to-shoulder with gleaming skyscrapers. These captivating nations offer intriguing contrasts, legendary landmarks and a rich cultural heritage.

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General information

Flying time Hong Kong: 11¼ hours; Beijing, China: 10 hours; Tokyo, Japan: 11¼ hours

Time difference China (Beijing) & Hong Kong: GMT +8 hours; Japan: GMT +9 hours

Currency Hong Kong dollar; Chinese Yuan; Japanese Yen

Language Hong Kong: Chinese and English; China: Chinese with a number of dialects including Mandarin and Cantonese; Japan: Japanese

Visa info China: visa required; Hong Kong & Japan: a visa is not required.

Key events

16-21 February 2018 & 05-10 February 2019

Spring Festival/Chinese New Year – China's most important festival/national holiday

20 May 2018 Sanja Matsuri, Japan – A weekend of festivities in Japan including tea ceremonies, Shinto music and dance performances that climaxes with a procession of floats, portable shrines and people dressed in traditional costume

18 June 2018 Dragon Boat Festival, China & Hong Kong – A traditional festival celebrated throughout China, with dragon boat racing

Climate

Hong Kong is at its most pleasant in November and December when it's generally warm and sunny. The summer months can be hot and humid. As a general rule, April, May, September and October are the most pleasant times to visit China. Beijing is cold late November to February. July to August bring higher temperatures and increased rainfall. Japan has a temperate climate, experiencing four distinct seasons. June to August can be very hot, while November to January are not only cold, but often snowy. From March to May the climate is at its most comfortable. June and July is monsoon season.

°C Average daily maximum temperature

☀ Average daily sunshine hours (not hours of daylight)

☂ Average monthly rainfall in mm

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	☂	29	94	298	115	66	142	132
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	☀	8	5	7	7	7	5	5
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	☂	2	7	28	37	6	65	44

Discovering Hong Kong

Hong Kong is known for its fascinating harmony between old and new, east and west. With 5000 years of Chinese traditions, 150 years of British colonial influence and boundless energy for the future, this is a truly unique city that's constantly changing – so even if this isn't your first visit, you're sure to find something new and exciting.



An insight into Hong Kong

Hong Kong

This cosmopolitan city acts as a gateway to parts of mainland China and is a convenient stopover destination for much of Asia. There is so much to see and do here, and everything is wonderfully close, making this the ideal place to extend your journey.

Hong Kong Island

When people envisage Hong Kong with its impressive skyline dominated by the glittering glass of soaring buildings, backed by green peaks, it is most likely Hong Kong Island that they see. Home to the economic, historical and political centre, this is the city's heart where you will discover the shopping, entertainment and commercial centres overlooking Victoria Harbour.

Marvel at the blend of man-made and natural landscapes from Victoria Peak above the central region of Hong Kong Island, overlooking the streets, skyscrapers, harbour and the Kowloon Peninsula below. Wander through the neon city and savour an array of peculiar delicacies such as shredded jellyfish or snake soup, before signing up for a t'ai chi session at dawn.

Kowloon

The region of Kowloon is situated on a peninsula on the northern shore of Victoria Harbour. The main tourist area is around Tsim Sha Tsui which is located at the tip of the peninsula. It's here where visitors flock to shop, drink and dine. The Kowloon Walled City Park was

once the site of a Qing Dynasty military station which grew to become a large sprawling city during the 20th Century. In the early 1990s the chaotic buildings were demolished and replaced with a park. To this day you can still see a number of structures and relics from the city as well as the beautiful Qing Dynasty garden.

New Territories

For those who want to escape the hustle of the modern city, we recommend wandering the charming Ping Shan Heritage Trail in the New Territories. At just under one mile long, the trail passes through villages and past a number of historic Chinese buildings including pagodas, temples and a walled village, as well as historic ancestral study halls.

What to do

If you can tear yourself away from the shopping and dining, Hong Kong also has plenty of other experiences available. One of the most popular is getting the Star Ferry from Hong Kong Island to Kowloon, a nostalgic and good-value journey that's a real must-do. If you want a break from the business of city life, head out to the outlying islands, famed for their hiking and beaches. Hong Kong also has its own Disneyland, making it a perfect destination if you're travelling with kids.

Getting around

An Octopus card, a card similar to London's Oyster card, is essential if you plan on exploring the city via

public transport. Cards can be bought either at the airport or from one of the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) stations. Once you have your card it can be topped up either at MTR stations or select shops and they can also be used to purchase things such as food and coffee in various chain stores. The MTR itself is clean, quick and safe, with air-conditioning in the summer and mobile signal throughout.

Our favourite combinations

Hong Kong @ Koh Samui

ref AV082

Hong Kong is worlds apart from the paradise island of Koh Samui, which is located off Thailand's east coast.

Hong Kong, Phuket @ Bangkok

ref AV049

Enjoy a thrilling combination of two of South East Asia's major cities, divided by a delightful beach break on the Thai island of Phuket.

Hong Kong & Kowloon hotels

Split between Hong Kong Island and Kowloon, our featured city hotels have been hand-picked for their excellent locations, facilities and service. Best of all, they feature spectacular city or harbour views.



Kowloon Shangri-La, Kowloon *****

Award-winning hotel with a Michelin-Star restaurant.

Conveniently located in the heart of the shopping and entertainment district, this hotel has modern guest rooms with floor-to-ceiling bay windows affording breathtaking harbour or city skyline views. Known for its legendary hospitality and warmth, the hotel also features modern amenities such as an indoor swimming pool and a health club. Mealtimes are a revelation here, with four restaurants, a lounge and a bar including a two Michelin-Star Chinese restaurant, a café serving hearty buffets, and a tapas bar with a wide selection of New World wines. With its modern style, fabulous atmosphere and outstanding service, this luxury hotel is perfectly placed for city exploration.

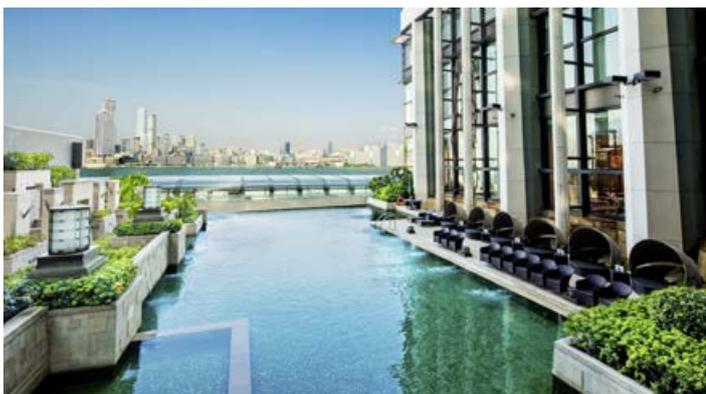
Stay from £152 per person per night excl. meals

Harbour Grand Kowloon *****

Waterfront hotel in Kowloon offering incredible Hong Kong Island views.

With fantastic panoramic views around almost every corner, this hotel really does have one of the best locations in Kowloon. Without a doubt the most popular spot is the roof top pool with its unique glass walls... there's even a view under water. Make sure you spend at least one afternoon up here taking in the activity on the harbour. As well as plenty of local eateries within walking distance, there are four restaurants at the Harbour Grand including the main buffet restaurant The Promenade, which has huge floor-to-ceiling windows, and Robotayaki, a traditional Japanese barbecue.

Stay from £102 per person per night excl. meals



Harbour Grand Hong Kong *****

Waterfront accommodation and almost unrivalled harbour views.

The location of the Harbour Grand really sets it apart, with just a road between the hotel and the waterfront. There are plenty of spots with breathtaking views and each room has at least a side view over the harbour. You'll just be a relatively short walk from the nearest MTR station meaning the heart of the city, with its plentiful dining and shopping opportunities is not too far away. At the hotel you can choose from a couple of restaurants – Le 188° Restaurant, which has floor-to-ceiling windows, and the Cantonese eatery Kwan Cheuk Heen, another venue with harbour views. There's also a fitness centre and a 27-metre outdoor pool, again with an impressive vistas of the skyline of Kowloon.

Stay from £85 per person per night excl. meals

The Excelsior, Hong Kong Island *****

Unwind in a fantastic waterfront location.

A member of the prestigious Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, The Excelsior is one of Hong Kong's most popular hotels in its category, with its prime site on the waterfront and many rooms overlooking Victoria Harbour. Facilities here include a fitness centre and wellness area and there are six restaurants and bars ranging from the Dickens Bar to ToTT's and Roof Terrace, which sits at 106 metres above street level and has both indoor and outdoor dining options. If you're hoping to partake in a spot of shopping you don't have to go too far – the hotel is close to Times Square Shopping Mall, Hysan Place and Sogo.

Stay from £86 per person per night excl. meals

Highlights of China

Iconic images of China such as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace and the Terracotta Warriors are complemented by the futuristic city of Shanghai and the beautiful natural landscapes that surround the city of Guilin. This is the perfect introductory tour for first time visitors to China.



Escorted small group tour

Nature	○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Culture	● ● ● ● ●
Active	● ● ● ● ●

Is this for you?

This is a real first-timers experience with the country's key cities and their sights covered as part of this small group tour.

What's included

- Quality accommodation
- Insightful local tour leaders
- Hand-picked itineraries
- Flexible arrival times
- Small groups and a relaxed approach
- Porterage and guide tips
- Meals where most convenient (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), or the freedom to explore local restaurants independently
- All specified flights.

Need to know

- All departures are guaranteed
- For guests over 16 (unless travelling on a private journey)
- Average group size of 12 guests
- A maximum of 16 guests.

Accommodation

We have selected quality city hotels that are perfectly located for local exploration as well as offering a comfortable base for post-excursion relaxation. In Beijing the Novotel Beijing Peace is located just five minutes from Wangfujing, the city's most famous shopping street, and within walking distance of the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square; while in Xi'an the hotel sits in a larger complex of properties within the ancient city walls.



Temple of Heaven, Beijing

Your itinerary – 10 nights

Route

- Beijing: 3 nights
- Xi'an: 2 nights
- Guilin: 2 nights
- Shanghai: 2 nights

Day 1: UK to Beijing Depart from the UK on your overnight flight to China.

Day 2: Beijing Transfer to your hotel for a three night stay. An early check-in is guaranteed so you'll be able to get to your room and refresh after your journey as soon as you arrive. The rest of the day is free to relax or sightsee at your own pace. This evening you will have the opportunity to meet the rest of your group and your tour leader at a welcome dinner which includes a traditional Peking duck dish. Stay: Novotel Peace Beijing (or similar). D.

Day 3: Beijing Your sightseeing begins with a visit to Beijing's vast Tian'anmen Square and the Forbidden City, the former imperial palace which was once off limits to all but the 24 emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties. Following lunch at a local restaurant, the city tour continues with a visit to the classical Summer Palace, which is home to a vast number of lakes, gardens and palaces.

A boat ride on one of the lakes is included here (April to October; subject to weather conditions). The day concludes with a photo stop at the Bird's Nest and Water Cube Olympic venues. Your evening is free for further exploration of the city. Stay: Novotel Peace Beijing (or similar). B, L.

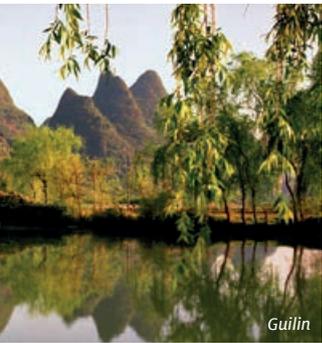
Day 4: Beijing Another full day of exploring the capital begins with an early morning visit to the beautiful Temple of Heaven, arriving at just as the gates are opening in order to avoid the crowds that head here later in the day. Another advantage of arriving early is that you may be able to watch some of the locals performing t'ai chi. The temple was originally where emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasty held the Heaven Worship Ceremony and the complex is made up of three main collections of buildings surrounded by beautiful parkland.

Surely the most iconic of China's attractions is the Great Wall. This afternoon you will have the chance to visit the Mutianyu section, which is reached by a drive of approximately 1½ hours from Beijing. Following lunch at a local restaurant and a shopping stop at a factory where they make traditional

enamel pieces, take the cable car up on to the wall, which is noted for its meandering chain of Ming Dynasty guard towers. A visit to the Great Wall of China is incredibly rewarding, however it should be noted that walking along the wall requires ascending and descending lots of steep steps and cobbled slopes. Stay: Novotel Peace Beijing (or similar). B, L.

Day 5: Beijing to Xi'an Early this morning transfer to the station for your high speed train journey to Xi'an. On arrival, the group will be met by your local guide who will take you on a tour of Xi'an's historic city walls, where you can wander the bustling streets of the Muslim Quarter.

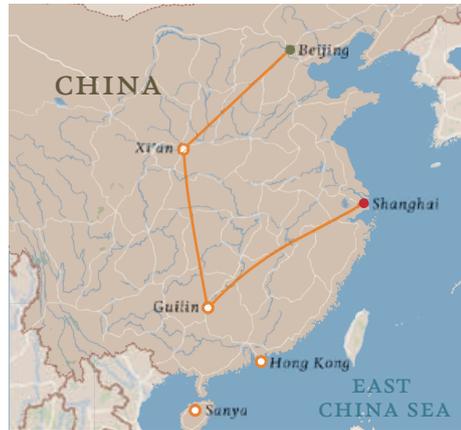
Tonight's traditional dumpling dinner is a highlight of your holiday. Dumplings are an essential part of Chinese cuisine and Xi'an is considered to be the home of this culinary tradition! Following dinner, catch a Tang Dynasty Show. This is a performance of Changan music and dance which originated during China's Tang Dynasty over a thousand years ago. Approx. journey time: 5½ hours. Stay: Grand Mercure Xi'an (or similar). B, L, D.



Guilin



Yu Gardens, Shanghai



Terracotta Warriors, Xi'an

Day 6: Xi'an An entire day of sightseeing in Xi'an awaits, beginning at the iconic Terracotta Warriors, (approx. 1½ hours from the city). In the mid-1970s a clay warrior was found buried under farmland on the outskirts of Xi'an and through further excavations thousands more warriors were discovered, all lined up in a battle formation. You can witness these incredible pottery figures at the Museum of the Terracotta Warriors and Horses and in a handful of the excavated pits. Later, visit a jade factory and then return to Xi'an and visit the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, an important Buddhist site that dates back almost 1300 years. Stay: Grand Mercure Xi'an (or similar). B, L.

Day 7: Xi'an to Guilin Today you will fly south to the picturesque city of Guilin, arriving in the early afternoon. Your first port of call in the city is one of Guilin's scenic limestone karsts, Fubo Hill, also known as Wave-Subduing Hill, which sits on the west bank of the Li River. The hill itself contains a couple of caves, and during your visit you can discover some of the legends that are associated with the hill. Approx. journey time: 2 hours. Stay: Bravo Hotel (or similar). B, D.

Day 8: Guilin A charming cruise along the River Li this morning takes you through the stunning scenery of limestone karsts towards the quaint town of Yangshuo. Disembark from the boat and explore the town on foot, witnessing the beautiful natural scenery that surrounds it. En route back to Guilin you'll stop at a pearl shop. A packed lunch will be provided. Stay: Bravo Hotel (or similar). B, L.

Day 9: Guilin to Shanghai Fly to Shanghai and enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore the city at your own pace. Your Shanghai hotel is located in the beautiful French Concession, a charming place to wander round and find a pleasant spot for dinner. Stay: Regal International East Asia (or similar). B.

Day 10: Shanghai Your last full day in China is spent exploring Shanghai in a little more depth. In the morning, a guided tour takes you to the beautiful Yu Garden, created in the 16th Century by a Ming Dynasty governor. You'll then continue on to the Old Town which sits inside the ancient city walls, before enjoying a traditional tea tasting and a stroll along the waterfront Bund.

This afternoon you will explore the French Concession – an area of Shanghai once administered by the French government. There will be a visit to a silk shop for some last-minute souvenir shopping. Stay: Regal International East (or similar). B.

Day 11: Shanghai This morning, transfer by the high speed Maglev train or by road to the airport for your flight to the UK. B.

Stay longer

Highlights of China can easily be combined with our Highlights of South Korea tour, however there are many extension options which you can find online at kuoni.co.uk.

Highlights Of South Korea 7 nights from £2199 per person ref FF0035

A unique experience to explore a country with fascinating ancient and modern history. Bursting with UNESCO World Heritage Sites and a bustling food scene, South Korea provides great value for those looking for something a little different.

Guide price from £2495

Guide price dates

08 Jun 2018

High season

28 Sep 2018 from £2845.

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 10 nights including meal plan as detailed, economy flights on British Airways from London Heathrow and group transfers. Ref FE9603.

UK departure months

All departure dates are guaranteed to operate

2017 Tours depart in: Oct; Nov

2018 Tours depart in: Mar; Apr; May; Jun; Aug; Sep; Oct

2019 Tours depart in: Mar

Tours depart regularly, 2017 itineraries may differ from those displayed – see kuoni.co.uk for the most up-to-date departures and itineraries.

Options

Single travellers Single room supplement from £475

Private tour Upgrade to a private tour with a local tour leader on the same itinerary, departing on the date of your choice from £487 per person, ref FE9639.

What to expect

- Special diets, including vegetarianism, cannot be adequately provided for in China
- Many stairs and steep slopes at the Great Wall of China
- A busy itinerary packed full of experiences allowing you to see a lot in a short space of time. There are also a few early morning and late evenings
- Crowds at the main sights
- 20kg baggage allowance on internal flights.

Why Kuoni

You will have the opportunity to avoid the crowds at one of Beijing's most popular attractions – the Temple of Heaven. With an early morning visit here you may have the chance to see the locals performing their daily morning t'ai chi. Another particular highlight of the tour is the traditional dumpling dinner in Xi'an – it's both a sociable experience to enjoy with your group and a chance to sample the typical local cuisine.

Highlights of Japan

This unique small group tour takes in the main attractions of the iconic cities of Tokyo and Kyoto, as well as lesser-visited destinations, on a fascinating journey across Honshu – Japan’s main island. Journey through the breathtaking Japanese Alps and along the coast while enjoying a host of authentic cultural experiences, local traditions and intriguing insights into this captivating nation.



Escorted small group tour

Nature	●○○○○○
Culture	●●●●●○
Active	●●●●●○

Is this for you?

Great for first-time visitors with a good level of fitness as it covers some of Japan’s most famous attractions and includes lots of walking and cultural experiences.

What’s included

- Quality accommodation
- Insightful local tour leaders
- Hand-picked itineraries
- Flexible arrival times
- Small groups and a relaxed approach
- Meals where most convenient (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), or the freedom to explore local restaurants independently
- All specified flights

Need to know

- All departures are guaranteed
- For guests aged 16 and over (unless on a private journey)
- Average group size of 12 guests
- A maximum of 14 guests
- Tipping is not expected in Japan.

Accommodation

Throughout your stay you’ll experience consistently high standards and superb service. In the Kiso Valley you’ll have an authentic taste of traditional life and Japan’s legendary hospitality with a stay in a modern inn. Slip off your shoes in Kisoji Iwaya, a family-run ryokan, and enjoy traditional features such as futon bedding, tatami (straw mat flooring), rice paper sliding doors and rooftop onsen, or hot springs.

Golden Pavilion, Kyoto



Your itinerary – 12 nights

Route

- Tokyo: 3 nights
- Kiso Valley: 1 night
- Takayama: 1 night
- Kanazawa: 2 nights
- Hiroshima: 1 night
- Kyoto: 3 nights

Day 1: UK to Tokyo Depart from the UK on your overnight flight to Tokyo.

Day 2: Tokyo On arrival, you’ll be met by your tour leader before transferring to your hotel by rail or bus and a short taxi ride. This evening you can get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner. Stay: Royal Park Hotel The Shiodome (or similar). D.

Day 3: Tokyo Begin your exploration of this fascinating city in Asakusa – the home of the Edokko (original residents of Edo/Tokyo) and Sensoji, Tokyo’s oldest temple. Explore the surrounding streets to get a sense of the local culture. Enjoy lunch here before taking the subway to the former merchant district of Fukagawa. Wander through the Kiyosumi Teien – pretty gardens with stepping stones over serene ponds – before visiting a small museum that recreates a late Edo-period local

scene. Later, head out for an authentic Japanese dinner at a lively izakaya restaurant where you can sample lots of small dishes. Stay: Royal Park Hotel The Shiodome (or similar). B, L, D.

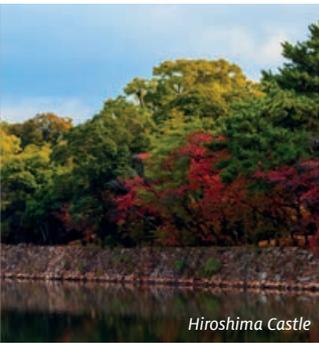
Day 4: Tokyo Begin your day at the Nezu Shrine and then stroll through the traditional neighbourhood of Yanaka. Discover a collection of art and antiquities at the Tokyo National Museum before continuing through the Ueno Park and Ameyoko-cho street market. Your next stop is Akihabara, a gadget lover’s dream that’s home to an abundance of electronic goods. End your day in the Ginza shopping and entertainment district. Stay: Royal Park Hotel The Shiodome (or similar). B.

Day 5: Tokyo to Kiso Valley Rise early to transfer by train – including the Shinkansen bullet train (approx. 3 hours) – to the pretty Kiso Valley and the Nakasendo Way. Visit the Hiroshige Print Museum in Ena and try woodblock painting. Continue by coach to an old post town and visit a local history museum housed in a high-class inn. Spend the night in an excellent modern ryokan, or Japanese inn, with onsen – thermal hot spring baths. Stay: Kisoji Iwaya (or similar). B, D.

Day 6: Kiso Valley to Takayama Visit the historic barrier station of Kiso-Fukushima and continue to Matsumoto (approx. 1 hour) for a tour of the city’s castle. Learn about the samurai before admiring spectacular views of the Japanese Alps from the castle keep (weather permitting). Enjoy lunch at a traditional miso manufacturer. Journey through the Japanese Alps to the town of Takayama (approx. 2 hours) where you can enjoy another night in a ryokan or stay at a modern hotel. Enjoy wagyu beef for dinner at the hotel. Stay: Hiratakan (or a hotel). B, L, D.

Day 7: Takayama to Kanazawa Explore the historic Jinya. Stroll around the Sanmachi district and visit a local sake brewer before visiting the small village of Shirakawa-go. Continue on to Kanazawa which was spared from large scale bombing during the Pacific War and has retained its traditional charm (approx. 1 hour). Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Stay: Kanazawa Excel Tokyu Hotel (or similar). B, D.

Day 8: Kanazawa Stroll through the old streets of Kanazawa. Visit the samurai district and the former pleasure quarters and temples. Stop at Kanazawa’s best



Hiroshima Castle



Shirakawa-go



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Dome

Japanese inn for lunch and enjoy a feast of kaiseki ryori – a formal multi-course meal – overlooking the Saigawa river or charming Japanese gardens. Visit beautiful Kenroku-en – deemed one of the ‘Three Great Gardens of Japan’. Stay: Kanazawa Excel Tokyo Hotel, or similar. B, L.

Day 9: Kanazawa to Hiroshima Take the bullet train (approx. 4½ hours) to Hiroshima, a vibrant city with a haunting past. Ride one of Japan’s last remaining tram systems to the thought-provoking Peace Memorial Park and Peace Memorial Museum. This evening enjoy dinner at an okonomiyaki restaurant where diners sit around a hot plate and choose ingredients for savoury pancakes which are cooked in front of them. Your luggage will be sent ahead to Kyoto overnight so you’ll need to carry overnight items in your day bag. Stay: Hotel Sunroute Hiroshima (or similar). B, D.

Day 10: Hiroshima to Kyoto Ride a tram to Miyajima-guchi and take a ferry to the beautiful island of Miyajima. Return to Hiroshima and ride the bullet train to the imperial city of Kyoto. Stretch your legs with a visit to Nijo Castle. After dinner, stroll through the evocative geisha district of Pontocho which is

home to charming wooden merchant houses and traditional tea houses. If you’re lucky then you may spot geishas dressed in all their finery. Stay: Royal Park Hotel the Kyoto (or similar). B, D.

Day 11: Kyoto Visit the Rokuon-ji temple, which offers a perfect example of a Zen rock garden, and see the iconic Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion) which is coated in gold leaf and lies on the shores of a lake. Continue to the Ryoan-ji temple – famous for its meditation garden, before riding the light rail to Arashiyama. Walk through the low hills and visit the tiny picturesque Gio-ji Temple which is set in a moss garden, and pass Rakushisha, a quaint cottage that was home to one of the disciples of Basho, a haiku master regarded as Japan’s greatest poet. Return to the city by train. Stay: Royal Park Hotel the Kyoto (or similar). B, L.

Day 12: Kyoto Soak up the serene atmosphere at Daitoku-ji – a large walled temple complex, and learn about Japanese architecture and zen garden design. Meet a tea master and experience chado, a traditional Japanese tea ceremony before stopping for lunch at a restaurant specialising in shojin ryori – delicious vegetarian

temple cuisine. Visit the 15th-Century Ginkaku-ji (Silver Pavilion) which is set in tranquil gardens. Stroll along the scenic Philosopher’s Path, through quiet suburbs, past temples and along a cherry tree-lined canal, to the Heian-jingu Shrine where you’ll learn about Kyoto’s Shinto roots. Transfer by taxi to Nishiki, Kyoto’s bustling central market which features over a hundred vendors selling local delicacies, from octopus skewers to tofu doughnuts. Enjoy a farewell dinner and reminisce over your holiday highlights. Stay: Royal Park Hotel the Kyoto (or similar). B, L, D.

Day 13: Kyoto Enjoy time at leisure to before transferring to the airport for your flight to the UK. B.

Combine with

This tour can easily be combined with our South Korea tour, but there are many options. You’ll find a range of suggestions online (kuoni.co.uk).

South Korea 8 nights from £2025

Discover the fascinating history, culture and cuisine of neighbouring South Korea before commencing your tour of Japan. This intriguing country offers something a little different from the rest of Asia.

Guide price from £6220

Guide price dates

06 May 2018

High season

23 Sep 2018 from £6570.

Guide price in £ per person based on 2 people sharing for 12 nights including meal plan as detailed, economy flights on British Airways from London Heathrow and group transfers, ref JP006.

UK departure months

All departure dates are guaranteed to operate

2017 Tours depart in: Oct

2018 Tours depart in: Mar; Apr; May; Sep; Oct; Nov

2019 Tours depart in: Mar.

Tours depart regularly, 2017 itineraries may differ from those displayed – see kuoni.co.uk for the most up-to-date departures and itineraries.

Options

Single travellers Single room supplement from £495

Private tour Upgrade to a private tour with a local tour leader on the same itinerary, departing on the date of your choice from £6025 per person, ref JP007.

What to expect

- Travel by coach, car, tram, subway, taxi and the bullet train
- Due to a number of steps in and around attractions, walking up to five miles a day, spending nights on a futon and having to handle your own luggage (no porters in Japan), this tour is only suitable for guests with a good level of fitness
- Accommodation that varies from modern western-style hotels to traditional Japanese inns
- Swimwear is not permitted in the single sex hot spring baths.

Why Kuoni

You’ll visit many of the must-see attractions in the main cities as well as some lesser-visited mountain towns. Travelling around on public transport and the iconic bullet train is a great way to experience Japan and immerse yourself in local life. Enjoy a taste of the local culture with experiences including sake-tasting with a local brewer, wood block painting, bathing in hot springs and an interactive okonomiyaki dining experience.

Our preferred airline and airport lounge partners

We will tailor-make your holiday to start just the way you want it to - we know the best airlines to travel with, from economy seats and the finest first class cabins to luxury private jets. We'll let you know if you can fly from your local airport, recommend airport lounges and tell you about the latest airline offers and make sure all your flights on your itinerary flow seamlessly.



British Airways

British Airways is the only airline that flies direct to the Maldives. There are frequent flights to over 140 destinations and more flights than any other airline to the Caribbean islands. The new A380s and Dreamliners are ready to take you around the world; and, if you upgrade to Club World, you can experience a lie-flat bed onboard and the BA lounge and Elemis spa at London Heathrow.

BRITISH AIRWAYS 



Emirates

Emirates is the world's largest international airline, flying to over 150 destinations, including the Maldives, Mauritius and Sri Lanka, via its hub in Dubai. Onboard its modern fleet, you can enjoy world-class service and over 2500 channels of award-winning entertainment, plus free Wi-Fi from every seat. First Class and Business Class passengers can take advantage of a complimentary Chauffeur-Drive Service, fast check-in and luxurious lounge access, ensuring a seamless journey from start to finish.



Singapore Airlines

Singapore Airlines is the world's most awarded airline and also holds the coveted five-star Skytrax rating. Flying four times a day from London Heathrow and five times a week from Manchester to Singapore with convenient connections to over 100 destinations in South East Asia and the South West Pacific. From the luxury of the A380 Suite or First Class, the widest Business Class seat in the sky, the newly introduced Premium Economy cabin and the ever popular Economy cabin, the airline caters for all requirements.

SINGAPORE AIRLINES 



Qatar Airways

Qatar Airways is one of the fastest growing airlines and operates one of the youngest fleets in the world, flying to more than 150 destinations across six continents, including daily flights via Doha to the Maldives, Seychelles and Sri Lanka. Qatar Airways has won prestigious awards for its Business Class and airline lounge; and the airline offers 72 flights a week, including six daily departures from London Heathrow, twice daily from Manchester and daily from Edinburgh and Birmingham.



EVA Air

EVA Air serves a global network linking 42 destinations throughout Asia, the United States, Europe and Australia and recently featured in the TripAdvisor Traveller's Choice Awards 2017 as one of the top 10 airlines in the Asia Pacific region. EVA fly daily from London Heathrow to Bangkok and their Star Gallery in-flight entertainment service is one of the most advanced in the world with on demand movies, games and music.



Thai Airways

Thai Airways International (THAI) has been flying from the UK for over 40 years. THAI flies 14 times a week from London Heathrow to Bangkok and onwards to over 60 destinations worldwide. The twice-daily non-stop flight from London to Bangkok is on the A380, with WiFi available onboard and over 1000 hours of movies, games and music on-demand. Choose Royal Silk Class for a lie-flat bed; or Royal First Class for a semi-private suite on the A380. Legendary THAI hospitality will make your journey so much more enjoyable.



Malaysia Airlines

With 14 flights a week from London Heathrow to Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), oneworld alliance member Malaysia Airlines offers non-stop flights between the UK and Malaysia. Departing twice a day, you can relax onboard the A380 superjumbo service on the London to Kuala Lumpur route, with frequent onwards connections across Southeast Asia and Australasia.



Airport Lounges If you would like to start your holiday in style with an airport lounge, then please talk to your Personal Travel Expert or give us a call.

No 1 Lounges We highly recommend No.1 Lounges, a beautiful atmosphere in which to relax before you fly, with complimentary freshly-prepared meals and drinks. All offer runway views, unlimited Wi-Fi and some feature a cinema, games room and spa, too. Available at Heathrow, terminal 3, Gatwick North and South terminals, Birmingham and Edinburgh.

Manchester Airport – Escape Lounge Enjoy freshly-prepared food, put your feet up with a complimentary newspaper or magazine in the lounge and relax with complimentary alcoholic and soft drinks available at the bar. You can also stay connected with unlimited free Wi-Fi. Available at Manchester Airport terminals one, two and three.

The following terms and conditions ('booking conditions') form the basis of your contract with Kuoni Travel Limited. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, we are entitled to assume that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these terms and conditions and agree to them.

Except where otherwise stated, these booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to 'holiday', 'booking', 'contract', 'package', 'tour' or 'arrangements' mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. In these booking conditions, 'you' and 'your' means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them, as the context requires and 'lead name' means the person who makes the booking. 'We', 'us' and 'our' means Kuoni Travel Limited.

Before you book

1.1 CHOOSING YOUR HOLIDAY

The holidays contained within this brochure are for departures between 01 Sep 2017 to 31 Dec 2018. We hope your Kuoni holiday will live up to expectation, so it is very important that you choose the right holiday. Our staff are always happy to advise and give you their professional opinion; however please also conduct your own independent research to ensure you are happy with the arrangements made.

Please visit the Foreign & Commonwealth Office website at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> or visit www.gov.uk/travelaware. Packed with essential travel advice and tips, these websites offer a wealth of country-specific information. The advice can change so please check regularly for updates.

1.2 CONFIRMING YOUR HOLIDAY

When you decide to confirm your holiday with us, please ensure that you cancel any other flights which may have been held for the same dates/airlines, by other Tour Operators/Travel Agents. Failure to do so, may result in the airline subsequently cancelling the flights we have booked, and additional costs being incurred to re-book.

1.3 CRUISE BOOKINGS/THIRD PARTY BOOKINGS

i) Where you book cruise only arrangements with us (i.e. just the cruise without any flights, pre or post cruise accommodation or other on shore services which you ask us to arrange for you), your contract will be with the cruise operator (for whom we act as agent) and not us. The cruise operator's terms and conditions will apply to your booking in addition to the relevant sections of these conditions. These terms and conditions can be found on the cruise operator's website and we can also provide you with a copy at the time of booking and upon request. An administration fee of £30 will be payable for cruise only bookings.

The provisions of the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea 1974 ("Athens Convention") as amended by the 2002 Protocol and EC Regulation 392/2009 apply to your cruise. This means any liability we or the cruise operator may have to you will be limited in accordance with this Convention (as amended) and Regulation.

ii) Where you book only third party holiday arrangements with us (i.e. accommodation, tour or a package without any flights, pre or post tour accommodation or other services that have been provided directly by Kuoni), your contract will be with the third party provider (for whom we act as agent) and not us. The third party provider's terms and conditions will apply to your booking in addition to the relevant sections of our own conditions. These third party terms and conditions can be found on the provider's website and we can also provide you with a copy at the time of booking and upon request.

1.4 HOTEL GRADINGS

Choosing the right hotel can be a dilemma, especially when travelling to long haul destinations. Whilst most hotels have official star ratings locally, in some cases these cannot always be relied on. We have categorised all hotels throughout our brochures and online to give a general guide. Standards can however vary between hotels of the same class, in different countries, and even in the same country. For example, city hotels which often cater for business as well as leisure travellers may have generally higher standards than a beach resort where the atmosphere will tend to be more relaxed. It is important to carefully read the individual hotel descriptions.

1.5 SINGLE ROOMS

It is an unfair fact of life that single travellers generally have to pay over the odds for a room, often up to twice the price each person in a twin room might have to pay. Please check in the Kuoni Plus box on each page to see if any special offers or single saver rates are available at your preferred hotel. Please note that the standard and location of single rooms is not always comparable to that of twin/double rooms, even when you pay the single supplement.

On safari, excursions and touring holidays single rooms cannot always be guaranteed. Supplements paid will be refunded if a single room previously confirmed is not available.

i) Why are single travellers asked to pay more for their room?

If a single person occupies a double room they will usually be asked to pay extra (a single supplement). Hotels price their rooms, as doubles or family rooms and they do not reduce the rates if it is occupied by a single person. The costs to the hotel of providing

the room – heating, lighting, cleaning etc are the same regardless of how many people occupy that room. This also applies to self-catering units where, for example, three people may choose to occupy accommodation priced for four.

ii) Why are single rooms sometimes smaller than doubles or family rooms?

Hotel design may mean that single rooms are smaller and sometimes less well appointed. While there is normally a supplement for these rooms, the overall cost will usually be less than when a single person occupies a double room. We do not make additional or excessive profits from these supplements. The prices we charge reflect the costs of under occupancy of the rooms contracted to us by the hotel.

1.6 TWIN OR DOUBLE ROOMS

Accommodation in all hotels, regardless of the rating, is in standard rooms (sometimes named superior/deluxe) based on twins or doubles unless otherwise stated.

1.7 TRIPLE/QUAD ROOMS

A third or fourth person sharing a room either shares existing beds or has an extra bed (which may be of camp-bed style) placed in a double/twin room. As conditions may be cramped you may wish to consider booking two rooms.

1.8 TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN

If you are travelling with young children, it is important to note that child seats are not provided for transfers and the legislation varies from country to country. If you specifically require a car seat, we advise you to either take your own with you, or call our Sales team, and we will do our utmost to try and arrange this for you - there may well be an additional charge for this.

1.9 FREE CHILD ACCOMMODATION STAYS

Where we offer 'free child accommodation stays' at many of our hotels, these are generally based on sharing existing beds in the room. If you require a separate bed, you must advise us at the time of booking, as there may well be a charge added to your booking, or this charge may be payable locally. Any meal plan charges will still apply.

1.10 MINIMUM STAYS

Minimum stays are required at certain hotels for certain periods. Where applicable these will be advised at time of booking.

1.11 BOOKING A ROOM FOR EARLY ARRIVAL OR LATE DEPARTURE

Generally hotel rooms will be available between approximately noon and 3pm, and are to be vacated between 10am and noon, irrespective of your arrival or departure times, unless we have stated otherwise. Should you wish your room to be ready prior to noon on your day of arrival or available after 10am for an afternoon or evening departure, it is possible to reserve the room at the time of booking at a cost no greater than the extra night price quoted on the brochure page.

1.12 KUONI PLUS/ROOM UPGRADE/HONEYMOON/ ANNIVERSARY OFFERS

When the offer of a room upgrade is mentioned in Kuoni Plus, it is not necessarily an upgrade to the next category featured in our brochure, but usually an upgrade to the next category of room (not suite) available within the hotel. We will of course do everything possible to arrange the provision of a double bed for honeymoon couples but it is not always possible to guarantee this and the provision of a double bed does not constitute a term of your contract with us. Anniversary offers only apply if you're celebrating your Silver (25th) or Golden (50th) wedding anniversary while on holiday. Remember to advise us if it your honeymoon or Silver/ Golden anniversary and to take a copy of your marriage certificate with you on holiday. In order to qualify for a Kuoni Plus offer, your stay and/or holiday must be started and completed within the date band specified, under the individual offers as stated. For hotel sale discounts and bonus night offers, where there is a minimum stay requirement, the nights spent at the hotel must be consecutive. The Kuoni Plus offers shown are correct, but they may change at short notice, and not all offers can be combined. These offers are frequently updated so for the most up to date and available offers, please contact your travel agent and/or our sales team, or check on-line to check which offers apply to your holiday.

1.13 TOURS - GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Most of our tours are not suitable if you have any disability or have reduced mobility (including being confined to a wheelchair). Therefore, in the interest of safety and comfort for all groups as a whole, you must be fit enough to participate or alternatively you must have an able bodied carer to assist you throughout the tour. Please note that some of the featured touring itineraries may involve early starts and long days, with substantial travel between featured sites and destinations. As vehicle and road standards may not be comparable to that of the UK, please keep this in mind when considering any personal health concerns, as well as your general comfort.

1.14 EXTRAS

At certain hotels we may offer a complimentary lunch, dinner, or hotel bar credit. At other hotels we may offer up to a 20% discount on food and/or beverage extras usually payable at the end of your stay. This offer is not available if you pay by credit card, nor is a cash alternative available.

1.15 BONUS NIGHT OFFERS

Where we specify bonus night offers this will not necessarily mean bonus nights are multiplied if you book a longer duration, therefore, please ensure you ask at the time of booking to clarify the number of bonus nights you will receive.

1.16 HOTELS FOR COUPLES

Some hotels specified 'for couples' cater for mixed sex couples only and in some countries, such as Sri Lanka and Dubai same sex couples are illegal. We recommend that if you are a same sex couple, you thoroughly research your chosen hotel/destination before you book, to ensure it is suitable.

1.17 EXPERIENCES

Experiences which form part of your package: We are pleased to be able to offer various 'experiences' and activities, such as diving, which you can pre-book in the UK and pay us as part of your holiday arrangements. Some of these experiences and activities may require you to be in good physical and mental health and, by booking with us, you confirm that you and your party are in good health with no medical history that would make it dangerous for you to participate. You must observe safety instructions at all times. We will only accept responsibility for these experiences and activities in accordance with these booking conditions. The experiences and activities are subject to minimum numbers, and may be cancelled at short notice. In such circumstance, you will receive a full refund of monies paid for the excursion or activity in question.

Experiences which do not form part of your package: We are also able to offer assistance and reserve certain experiences and activities for you, for which you pay locally. In these circumstances, we only act as a booking agent for the operator or the excursion or activity concerned. Your contract will therefore be with the local operator which provides it and it does not form part of your contracted holiday arrangements with us. The contract will be subject to the local operator's terms and conditions, some of which may exclude or limit its liability to you, and will be governed by local law and jurisdiction. Kuoni accepts no liability for any breach of contract or negligent act or omission of any excursion/activity provider.

1.18 CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY

Offers are subject to availability of triple or quad rooms. Infants under the age of 2 years on the date of return flight pay from £45 for European flights, £199 for longhaul flights and £249 for Australia/New Zealand flights when travelling in economy. Please note meals are not provided for infants. Infant charges are based on an infant sitting on an adults lap and additional charges will apply for infants requiring their own seat. Any charge for a baby cot in the room and food are paid by the guest direct to the hotel and there is no entitlement to a separate seat on the aircraft if the flight is full. International airline regulations allow only one infant per adult. We do not allow holidays for children under 10 on escorted tours, coach tours or on safari (unless in private minibus). Some destinations, owing to their lack of special child or medical facilities are also not suitable for very young children but we would be happy to advise which hotels or resorts we think suit your requirements best. See the relevant price box where any specific minimum age restrictions are given.

1.19 UNDER 18'S TRAVELLING WITHOUT PARENTS

Please note, under 18 year olds travelling without their parents or other adults, (including friends' parents) will need to have written authority from their parents and translated where necessary, with both notarised. This is necessary for certain countries only and you should ensure that you check the specific requirements of the relevant country to which you are travelling, as you may be refused entry.

1.20 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Virtually all countries have public holidays, religious or otherwise. The festivities may temporarily disrupt your holiday and some religious holidays such as Ramadan, which affects many Muslim countries may result in a reduction of facilities and entertainment. Others are somewhat chaotic but great fun to be a part of. We suggest that you take this into consideration when selecting your departure date. The dates known to us at the time of going to press, are:

Ramadan: 27 May 2017 (approx. for one month)

Chinese New Year: 28 Jan 2017

Hindu Holi Dye throwing feast (India & Nepal): 13 Mar 2017

Sinhala & Tamil New Year (Sri Lanka): 14 April 2017

Diwali (India): 19 Oct 2017

King's birthday (Thailand): 05 Dec 2017

The appropriate Tourist Offices are happy to supply more detailed information or you may wish to refer to the internet.

1.21 LOCAL FESTIVALS

Various events are organised in most towns throughout the season, and we therefore suggest that you thoroughly research your chosen area before booking.

1.22 OTHER HOTEL GUESTS

Many hotels, especially in cities and major resorts, accommodate weddings, conventions and conferences. Also, at certain times of the year, some destinations have an influx of groups such as students, associations or clubs. The hotels we feature are shared with guests from many countries with different cultures and customs. We have no control over the acceptance of bookings

at the hotels that we feature. We are therefore unable to accept responsibility for any inconvenience caused by such groups or their activities.

1.23 HOLIDAY SEASONS

Most of the destinations we feature in this brochure are available all year round. Some do have quieter 'off peak' periods when you can take advantage of uncrowded beaches and more personal attention from hotel staff at excellent prices. At this time it may be necessary for hotels to scale down the size of some of their facilities, such as restaurants, to match demand. Similarly, during peak periods hotels experience full occupancy which may result in a livelier atmosphere and slower service in busier facilities.

1.24 MEALS

i) Meals, if included, are based on table d'hôte menus or a meal voucher system, unless specified otherwise in the text. Holidays which include main meals generally commence with dinner on the day of arrival at your hotel and terminate with breakfast (on half board) or lunch (on full board) on the day of departure. All inclusive packages generally finish at check-out time on your day of departure between 10am and noon. After this time, payment for any additional meals must be made direct to the hotel. No refunds on meals not taken can be given.

ii) Special diets of any kind (including vegetarian) can seldom be catered for adequately within the constraints of a table d'hôte menu and cannot be guaranteed. We would therefore strongly recommend that anyone with special requirements takes a holiday where no meals (or only breakfast) are included and simply buys the most acceptable dishes from the à la carte menu available locally.

iii) Where breakfast is included this will more commonly be continental breakfast, although full breakfasts are provided at certain hotels. Please ask at the time of booking if this is important to you.

iv) Supplements for optional meal plans offer you the opportunity of being able to budget for extra costs before you go. In some cases you may find the cost of the meal cheaper locally, however we regret that it will not be possible to refund the difference either during or after your holiday.

v) Pre booked meals may be subject to dining in the main restaurant only and on occasion it may be necessary to be seated with other hotel guests. If you have paid a half board supplement it may be possible in some hotels to ask for a credit from the table d'hôte dinner to be used against a meal in an à la carte restaurant. Please note that the value of the voucher will generally be considerably less than the half board supplement included in your holiday price.

vi) Hotels often place restrictions on restaurants and meal arrangements. All inclusive does not necessarily mean that unlimited food and beverages are available 24-hours a day and it is uncommon for minibars to be included in such packages. Individual hotels will operate different policies and full details will be provided locally.

1.25 UPGRADING YOUR FLIGHT

A longhaul flight is generally not a joyride when flying in economy class on scheduled or charter flights. Flights are often full, your choice of seats may not be available, and it may not be possible to obtain seats together. In many cases a choice of upgrade options may be available, to give you a more comfortable journey at a reasonable supplement.

1.26 FLIGHT SEAT REQUESTS, AIRLINES AND AIRCRAFT

We strongly recommend (particularly if you are flying economy class), that you check in early if you have particular seat requests. Kuoni has no control over the allocation of seats by the airline and even if a request has been made with the airline to prebook seats, no guarantee can be made that they will still be available on departure. The provision of particular seats does not constitute a term of your contract with us. Please note airlines operate both older and more modern aircraft within their fleet.

We regret we cannot guarantee the type of aircraft you will travel on as this may be subject to change and general availability. Although some airlines offer the facility to book seats online, this is not always possible when booking a holiday through us, as the holidays we offer are based on special Tour Operator fares.

In accordance with EU directive (EC) no. 2111/2005, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a 'Community List' which contains details of air carriers that are subject to an operating ban within the EU Community. The Community list is available for inspection at http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm We are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. We do this by listing carriers to be used or likely to be used on the relevant brochure pages and/or your holiday confirmation invoice. Any changes to the actual airline after you have received your tickets will be notified to you as soon as possible and in all cases at check-in or at the boarding gate. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of 'if we change or cancel your holiday' will apply.

1.27 DIRECT FLIGHTS

The flight routings used in connection with our holidays may be used on special fares which do not necessarily take the most direct route. Some itineraries require a change of aircraft en route. A flight

that is described as direct is one where there is no need to change aircraft during the journey. However stops may be made en route for refuelling or to let passengers on and/ or off. Details of any stops will be given on your itinerary wherever possible. However, should you require this information at an earlier stage, please check with your Travel Agent and/or our Sales staff at the time of booking, or our HelpDesk once the booking has been invoiced.

1.28 CODE SHARE FLIGHTS

It is a common practice for scheduled airlines to use a code share system, which may include you flying with a partner airline. Where this situation arises, it is not classed as a major change.

1.29 'NO FRILLS' CARRIERS

We provide a choice of scheduled and 'no frills' carriers to take advantage of the flexibility and pricing available. You should note that 'no frills' flights do not include in flight meals. The deposit at the time of booking is £150 per person or 10% of the total holiday cost, whichever is the greater plus the cost of the airfare. However, it may occasionally be necessary to charge a higher deposit due to a fluctuation in airfares, details of which would be advised to you at the time of booking. Any changes to destination / routing will be subject to availability and will incur the loss of the original deposit collected. Date and name changes are permitted, subject to availability and the relevant charges imposed as per the individual airlines own policies (details available on request). Any changes made may also result in additional charges due to an increase in airfare or charges imposed.

1.30 CHARTER FLIGHTS

We provide these to destinations where there are usually no direct scheduled flights, and/or insufficient capacity on these services to meet demand. A charter flight is usually the cheapest and quickest way of reaching the particular destination. However, it should be noted that leg room is slightly less than in economy on some scheduled flights.

1.31 SMOKING

The majority of airlines have introduced a total smoking ban on most or all of their flights and many hotels also now have a non-smoking policy in hotel rooms and public areas. Please ask at the time of booking if this information is important to you.

1.32 SPECIAL REQUESTS

Where a special request eg. diet, room location, twin or double bedded room, a particular facility at a hotel, flight seat requests and/or particular meals etc. is an important factor in your choice of holiday, you must advise us when the booking is made. We are happy to pass your request on to the hotel, airline or other supplier but cannot guarantee that it will be accommodated. We will also pass on any dietary requests to airlines but we recommend that you check directly with the airline once your tickets have been issued. The provision of any special request does not constitute a term of your contract with us. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. For your own protection, you should obtain confirmation in writing that a special request will be complied (where it is possible to give this) where it is important to you.

1.33 IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY OR MEDICAL CONDITION WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR HOLIDAY

If you have any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any significant change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed.

Kuoni complies fully with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2006 concerning the rights of disabled persons and persons with reduced mobility when travelling by air and is delighted to offer assistance to disabled persons or persons with reduced mobility provided that we are given full information about your specific requirements at the time of booking. Whilst we are happy to make a special request for you with the airline/s concerned, please be aware that we cannot guarantee the provision of highloaders for embarking/dis-embarking the aircraft.

1.34 EXCURSION/MEAL PACKAGES

Excursion or meal packages which are offered in this brochure are not always cheaper than buying the same arrangements locally. It is often the case that these packages are offered for the convenience of being both booked and paid for in the UK. The cost of any unused tours within excursion packages may not be refunded.

1.35 LOCAL PURCHASES

We cannot accept responsibility for any items you may purchase locally e.g. jewellery/furniture. The quality and value of such items cannot be guaranteed. We recommend that you check whether or not any extra charges will be payable for import duty or freight, as we are unable to assist with any costs you may incur in this respect.

1.36 TRANSFERS

Our holidays include group transfers from airports/hotels and vice versa unless otherwise stated on the appropriate pages or your documentation. A group transfer is generally a shared transfer and the type of vehicle used will normally be dependent upon the size of the group, with stops being made en-route to drop off/pick up other clients. The duration of your transfer will be dependent upon the individual arrangements required. Alternatively, in many destinations, we offer the choice of upgrading to your own private transfer at the appropriate cost. Please note some transfer arrangements may require reconfirmation locally.

1.37 WEATHER

World weather is becoming more erratic and unpredictable and we cannot be held responsible for disruption to your holiday due to bad or unusual weather conditions.

1.38 OUR STAFF

We pride ourselves on the quality and friendly professionalism of our staff. In our search to continually try and improve our level of service, we are committed to on-going training, part of which involves the recording of phone calls.

Booking and paying for your holiday

2.1 YOUR COMMITMENT TO US

When you or your Travel Agent wish to confirm a holiday booking you must pay a deposit of either £175 per person or 10% of the holiday cost, whichever is the greater, or any higher deposit which applies to your holiday (such as for cruise, where a deposit of 20% applies). The deposit will only be refundable as set out in these booking conditions. Please note some airlines have certain ticketing deadlines and some hotels have certain booking and cancellation conditions and these may affect any cancellation charges – please refer to 3.3 - Cancelling your holiday. When you make a booking, the lead name confirms that you understand and have accepted these booking conditions and our Important Holiday Information which forms our booking conditions. We reserve the right in our absolute discretion to refuse to accept any booking without necessarily specifying a reason.

Kuoni's price guarantee

All prices quoted in this brochure are calculated on rates of exchange as known on 30 Jun 2017 and as published in the Financial Times of 02 Jul 2017 (£1=\$1.2997USD). Brochure prices can go up or down. Before you make a booking we will give you the up to date price of your chosen holiday, including the cost of any peak season supplements, fuel surcharges, upgrades or additional facilities which you have requested*. Once you have accepted this price and a booking has been made, that price is fully guaranteed and will not be subject to any surcharges.

*See out of date range flights at 2.3

PRICE INCLUDES

- The services of Kuoni resident representatives (tour leaders on escorted tours) or Kuoni appointed local agents with English speaking staff in most of the areas featured in this brochure.
- Economy class airfares on scheduled (or charter flights) on IATA carriers and other airlines from UK as per itinerary (Air fares are based on group travel and changes of reservations are not permitted without the confirmation of Kuoni).
- 44 lbs (20 kgs) baggage allowance or on selected routes eg USA/Caribbean 2 pieces of luggage (dimensions not exceeding 1 at 62" and 1 at 55") plus 1 piece of hand baggage (dimensions not exceeding 45" unless otherwise stated).
- Accommodation and sightseeing as specified in the itinerary.
- Meals as shown under hotel and tour text.
- UK departure tax.
- Government taxes and compulsory service charges.
- Transfers from airport/hotels and vice versa unless otherwise stated on the appropriate pages.

NOT INCLUDED

- Visa fees, overseas airport taxes, overseas portage, any government taxes or compulsory charges introduced after publication of this brochure.
- Optional excursions or activities booked during your holiday.

Many airlines now require the full name of all passengers travelling. We will therefore ask you at the time of booking to provide us with your first forename (as shown in your passport) as well as your title and surname. When booking your holiday, if you wish to make a modification to a holiday shown in the brochure we will try to assist. Should you wish to change to an alternative featured hotel, this will be charged at the difference in published price, as long as Kuoni holds the space required. Additional services will be quoted for upon request. Should you wish to extend your holiday by making your own private arrangements, this can usually be done subject to an administrative charge of £3 per person per night. Prices for accommodation only bookings can be quoted on request. We accept various methods of payment, however please note that if you choose to pay by credit card, there will be a charge levied. You can of course opt for an alternative method of payment ie: cheque or by debit card or cash.

2.2 OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We will arrange to provide you with the various services which form part of the holiday you book with us. Before your booking is confirmed and a contract comes into existence, we reserve the right to increase or decrease, and correct errors in advertised prices (see Kuoni's Price Guarantee on previous page) and to change any of the information contained in this brochure. Changes will be made known to you at the time of booking. The prices we advertise are based on specially negotiated airfares to be booked in a specific airline booking class. At the time of booking, if there is a lack of availability in the specified class on any particular flight, we will endeavour to secure seats for you in an alternative economy class and you will be told the amount of the applicable flight supplement / higher deposit before you book.

A booking is not accepted until we issue an invoice. The date shown on the invoice, which will be sent to you or your Travel Agent is the date of booking. It is important to check the details on the invoice when you get it. If any details appear to be incorrect or incomplete, please contact us or your Travel Agent immediately as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracy (for which we are responsible) in any document within 10 days of our sending it out (5 days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. Once your booking is confirmed, you will be given a reference number. Your booking reference is also used as your unique password. It is important that you do not give your reference number to anyone or it will allow access to view, amend or cancel your booking via our website.

The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 require us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays booked and for your repatriation in the event of our insolvency. We hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL number 0132). When you buy an ATOL protected air inclusive holiday or flight from us, you will receive a confirmation invoice confirming your arrangements and any protection available to you under our ATOL. In the unlikely event of our insolvency, the CAA will ensure that you are not left stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking.

Please note: Not all holiday or travel services offered and sold by us will be protected by the ATOL scheme. Please ask us to confirm what protection may apply to your booking. Customers booking from outside of the UK will not qualify for ATOL protection. For more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to: www.atol.org.uk/ATOLcertificate

We are a member of ABTA (ABTA No V258X). When you buy a package holiday that doesn't include a flight, protection is provided by way of a bond held by ABTA. Please go to www.abta.com for a copy of the guide to ABTA's scheme of Financial Protection.

If you book arrangements other than a package holiday (e.g. accommodation only), the financial protection referred to above does not apply.

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

2.3 OUT OF DATE RANGE FLIGHTS

Our brochures are prepared well in advance and scheduled airlines will generally not have loaded their seats to sell until approximately 10 months before the departure. Should this apply we will inform you at the time of booking and calculate the price in anticipation that seats will be available in the specific airline booking class to which our specially negotiated airfares apply. We will issue an invoice recording the arrangements reserved for you and will take a deposit. A contract between us will then come into existence on the basis that the price payable will be that applicable when the airline releases the seats and the timings and other flight details will be those confirmed at that time which may be different to those advised at the time of booking. When the airline seats become available to book we will tell you the price

and other flight details and give you 7 days to tell us whether you wish to continue with the booking on the basis of the confirmed price and other details or cancel and receive a full refund. If you wish to continue with the booking, we will issue a revised invoice. In the event that flight seats do not become available, you will receive a full refund of your deposit. We will have no other liability and will not be responsible for refunding the cost of any services booked in conjunction with the flights.

2.4 PEAK SEASON SUPPLEMENTS

During peak periods such as Christmas and Easter when demand outstrips the supply of airline seats and accommodation, you may find that supplements are added to the cost of your holiday. The supplements may be for certain holiday departures and/or accommodation on specific dates. They do not necessarily indicate that additional services such as Gala dinners will be provided. The cost of these supplements will be quoted to you at the time of booking.

2.5 'FROM PRICES'

Kuoni offers you the flexibility to create your own holiday from the range of accommodation and services available. Because of the wide choice, it is not possible to list every price on every date. A 'from' price is indicative of the lowest price available for the hotel or itinerary featured but this may vary depending on a number of factors such as your date of travel and choice of accommodation. To help you in choosing a holiday which is tailor made by us to your requirements, please call our Sales team, or visit your travel agent or our website for further information about services and prices. We will be happy to provide you with an up to date quote.

2.6 PAYING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

After your booking is taken and a deposit received, a confirmation invoice will be sent to you detailing the total cost due. Full payment must be received not less than 61 days (or 91 days where you book a cruise) before departure. If we or your travel agent have not received full payment at least 61 days (or 91 days for a cruise booking) before departure, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you and forfeit your deposit by way of cancellation charges. If we do not cancel straight away because you have promised to make payment, you must pay the cancellation charges shown in 3.3 depending on the date we reasonably treat your booking as cancelled. If you make a holiday booking within 61 days (91 days for a cruise) of your departure date then you must pay the full cost of the holiday at the booking stage. All money paid by you to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday will be held by the agent on our behalf until paid to us.

2.7 PRICING ERRORS

Whilst we make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the pricing information provided, regrettably errors may occasionally occur. When we become aware of any such error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking (if we are then aware of the mistake), within 7 days of the time of booking or as soon as reasonably possible. If a booking is already in place, you will have the choice to continue with the chosen itinerary at the corrected price or amend to a different holiday. We reserve the right to cancel the booking if you do not wish to accept the price that applies to your holiday or any quoted alternatives.

2.8 OVERLAPPING PRICE PANELS

Holidays which do not fall completely within the date bands specified in the price box may be subject to a reduction or increase. The exact cost of your holiday will be confirmed to you at the time of booking.

2.9 INSURANCE

It is important that you have insurance cover and that it is adequate and suitable for your particular needs. If you fail to take out insurance and have to cancel your booking, you will be charged in accordance with our normal terms and conditions – see 3.3 – Cancelling your holiday. Furthermore, if you require medical/any other form of assistance whilst on holiday you will not be covered and you in turn may incur significant costs. Please read your policy details carefully and take them with you on holiday.

2.10 TRAVEL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

After booking you will receive an invoice with important information relevant to your destination. We strongly recommend that you check the details carefully and read all of the information provided. Please ensure that you check your flight timings carefully on your tickets. The correct timings, using the 24 hour clock, may have been adjusted since you received your invoice.

Approximately 10-14 days prior to departure you will receive your e-ticket together with your final itinerary. In the case of late bookings, changes or payments, this information may be emailed to you to ensure receipt.

If you want to change or cancel your holiday

3.1 CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO YOUR HOLIDAY

If you want to change any part of your holiday arrangements after the invoice has been issued, we will do our best to make the change, but it may not be possible. Any request for changes must be made in writing by the person who made the original booking,

or his or her travel agent. If it is possible to make the change, it will be subject to an administration charge of £50 per booking, and payment of any further costs incurred as a result of the change. If we agree that you may change your booking to a holiday of lower value, and then you cancel that holiday, we reserve the right to levy cancellation charges on the value of the original booking. Scheduled airlines normally regard name changes as a cancellation and rebooking, and any alteration may incur a 100% cancellation charge in respect of the air fare. Please note that save for the transfer of a booking (see below), or the addition of any offers made by Kuoni in the brochure which were not requested at the time of booking, it will not be possible to make changes within 30 days of your scheduled departure date.

3.2 TRANSFERRING BOOKINGS

If any person named on a booking is prevented from travelling as a result of illness, the death of a close relative, jury service or other significant reason, we will agree to that person's booking being transferred to another person (introduced by you) who satisfies all the conditions applicable to the package, subject to both persons accepting liability for full payment of the holiday cost and all costs and charges incurred by us and/or incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in order to make the transfer. We must be given at least 14 days notice of the transfer request. An administration charge will be made of £50 per person for requests made more than 61 days (91 days for a cruise) before departure. For flight inclusive bookings, you must pay the charges levied by the airline concerned. As most airlines do not permit name changes after tickets have been issued for any reason, these charges are likely to be the full cost of the flight. If you request to change all names on a booking, this will be considered as a cancellation and new booking and full cancellation charges will apply.

3.3 CANCELLING YOUR HOLIDAY

If you or anyone on your holiday booking decides to cancel the holiday, the lead name must notify us of the decision as soon as possible. Any notification by telephone must also be confirmed in writing or by e-mail within 24-hours by the lead name. Cancellation will take effect from the day we are notified provided that written confirmation is received by us within 24-hours of the original notification.

A cancellation invoice will be sent to you or your travel agent within 7 days, if you do not receive this please contact us immediately in order to prevent an increase in charges. You may also check your booking has been cancelled on our website, www.kuoni.co.uk. Should you already be in receipt of your airline tickets please also return these to us along with your cancellation request. The following scale of charges will be payable depending on when the notification of cancellation is received. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation. References to the deposit include all sums paid or payable at the time of booking.

Period prior to departure notice of cancellation is received by us	Cancellation charge per person cancelling or your travel agent
Prior to 61 days:	loss of deposit (91 days if your booking includes a cruise)
60 – 42 days:	50% of total holiday cost (90-42 days if your booking includes a cruise)
41 – 33 days:	60% of total holiday cost
32 – 15 days:	90% of total holiday cost
14 days or less:	100% of total holiday cost

NB In certain cases the airline may have applied certain ticketing deadlines to your booking and this may result in higher cancellation charges. This also applies to certain hotels, who may often charge a higher cancellation fee regardless of the above-mentioned timeframes, and you may therefore be charged a higher amount than detailed above. It is therefore important to enquire for details at the time of booking and cancellation.

We would strongly recommend that you take out appropriate travel insurance which provides cover against loss of deposit or cancellation fees. If you have taken advantage of an airline offer as detailed on the relevant page and paid a higher deposit, the cancellation charge payable by you will be the higher of this deposit or the appropriate cancellation charge detailed above.

If we want to change or cancel your holiday

4.1 BROCHURE ACCURACY

We rigorously check the information given in our brochure about accommodation, resorts, itineraries etc., to ensure it is correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of going to press (Jul 2017). However, as brochures are prepared well in advance, advertised descriptions and facilities may change before and after you book. Please check the up to date position at the time of booking. Please bear in mind that hoteliers, restaurateurs, night club owners etc., may wish to maintain or improve their facilities, or even take a break themselves. Flight times, carriers and routes in the brochure are given for guidance only as there may be changes. Final details will be shown on your tickets. Tour, excursion, cruise or safari itineraries may change as a result of local conditions. Circumstances such as these, or weather conditions, time of year or other

situations beyond our control etc., may cause some of the amenities we have described to be unavailable or different from those advertised in our brochure. When we are told of any significant or long term changes we will always endeavour to advise you prior to your departure.

4.2 BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT WORK

Many hotels and resorts are continuing to develop, sometimes rapidly and intensively and often with little or no advance warning. Whilst we have no control over such work, as a responsible tour operator, it is important to us that you are aware of any significant building/refurbishment work that may be going on during your stay. General refurbishment at hotels is necessary to maintain standards but if we are informed of such work we will endeavour to notify you as soon as possible, however near to your departure this may be.

4.3 FLIGHT CHANGES

Any flight timings and routings shown on our website, within our brochures and/or detailed within your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and may be subject to change. They are set by airlines and are determined by various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time. Any changes to such arrangements are outside of our control.

Airlines occasionally may change the type of aircraft used on a particular flight without advance warning. Scheduled and charter flight timings, and days of operation are subject to change. We will advise you of any significant changes. Minor timing changes will be shown on the flight tickets, which you should check carefully when received. Should the changes involve a reduction in the duration of your holiday, we will offer you a refund of any applicable costs. Any change in the identity of the airline, flight timings and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

4.4 IF WE CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE

We hope and expect to be able to provide you with all the services we have confirmed to you at the time of booking. We plan arrangements a long time in advance of your holiday using independent suppliers such as airlines, hotels etc., over whom we have no direct control. On occasions changes do have to be made, and we reserve the right to make these. Most of these changes are minor. However, occasionally, changes are significant. A significant change includes a change of accommodation to that of a lower category and/or price for the whole or a major part of your time away, a change of flight time of more than 12 hours, a change of UK departure airport (except between London airports), or a significant change of resort area. Similarly, we do our best to avoid cancelling holidays but we must reserve the right to do so. However, we promise we will only cancel your confirmed booking after you have made full payment where we are forced to do so as a result of 'force majeure' as defined below or lack of minimum numbers. Please note, some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to enable us to operate them. If the minimum number of bookings required for a particular holiday has not been received, we are entitled to cancel it. We will notify you or your travel agent of cancellation for this reason no later than 61 days prior to departure.

If we have to make a significant change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible. If there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of the following options:-

(a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements; or

(b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. If this holiday is in fact cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you, you may choose any of our other then available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean your paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper; or

(c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full and quick refund of all monies you have paid to us. If we have to make a significant change or cancel we will, where compensation is appropriate, pay you the compensation payments set out in the table below depending on the circumstances and when the significant change or cancellation is notified to you subject to the following exceptions. Compensation will not be payable and no liability beyond offering the above mentioned choices can be accepted where (1) we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care or (2) we have to cancel because the minimum number of bookings necessary for us to operate your holiday has not been reached (see above). No compensation will be payable and the above options will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one. A change of flight time of less than 12 hours, airline (except where otherwise stated), type of aircraft (if advised) or destination airport will all be treated as minor changes.

Period before departure within which a significant compensation change or cancellation is notified to you or your travel agent

More than 60 days:

60 – 42 days:

41 – 28 days:

27 – 15 days:

14 – 0 days:

Compensation
Per Person

NIL
(91 days if your booking includes a cruise)
£20
(90-42 days if your booking includes a cruise)
£30
£40
£50

NB: Please be advised that compensation in the event of any significant change to your cruise arrangements, will be made as future credit towards another cruise, rather than a cash value.

4.5 CHANGES DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by, or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of, 'force majeure'. In these booking conditions, 'force majeure' means any event or circumstances which we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include, whether actual or threatened, war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, epidemics, fire and other situations which are outside our control.

4.6 CRUISE BOOKINGS AND OUT OF DATE RANGE FLIGHTS / ACCOMMODATION

Where you make your cruise booking well in advance of departure, it may not be possible at that time to book the flights, accommodation and/or other services you have requested as they are not then available. Where you ask us to do so, we will confirm any such services subject to availability and the applicable price when they are available to book. If these services cannot subsequently be booked as requested or you are not prepared to pay the applicable price, you may cancel them and receive a refund of the amount you have paid in respect of these services. Cancellation or non availability of these services does not, however, entitle you to cancel your cruise or any other confirmed element of your booking without paying the applicable cancellation charges.

4.7 IF WE CHANGE YOUR HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

We do not control the day to day management of your accommodation, and in exceptional cases it is possible that we may be advised that the reserved accommodation has been overbooked or your accommodation may have to be changed for other reasons. If this happens before your departure or on arrival in resort we will endeavour to provide accommodation of at least the same standard in the same resort area. If only accommodation of a lower standard is available we will refund the difference between the accommodation booked and that available, and will pay up to £50 per person for any inconvenience.

4.8 IF WE CURTAIL YOUR HOLIDAY AFTER DEPARTURE

Very rarely, we may be forced by 'force majeure' (see 4.5) to change or terminate your holiday after departure but before the scheduled end of your time away. This is extremely unlikely but if this situation does occur, we regret we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any refunds from our suppliers), pay you any compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

4.9 MINIMUM NUMBERS

Price boxes on relevant pages will indicate whether a particular holiday is subject to a minimum number of participants for its operation. Please contact us at the time of booking should you require details regarding the number of people on your tour. We will advise you at least 61 days before departure if minimum numbers have not been reached and as a direct result your tour has to be cancelled. You will then have the choice of booking an alternative holiday with us, changing your departure date at the appropriate additional cost, or having a refund of monies paid. No compensation will be payable and we are unable to offer refunds of any associated costs ie visas etc.

4.10 TOURS

Whilst every effort is made to operate a tour as advertised, on occasion it may be necessary to make changes to the accommodation, the routing or order of an itinerary. Unless the change significantly alters the holiday, compensation will not be payable.

On holiday

5.1 FLIGHT DELAYS

In the event of a flight being delayed, we will arrange for the following to be provided, whenever practical, and subject to the airport being able to cater for this:- over 4 hours, an appropriate meal, and for delays of at least 8 hours extending beyond midnight,

overnight accommodation will be provided wherever possible. However, this will depend on such factors as the expected length of delay, local availability of accommodation, immigration rulings etc. Where long flight delays result in lost holiday time, no refunds are given by hotels for unused accommodation, as rooms are held for delayed arrivals, not re-let.

5.2 WATER/ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES

In many of the less sophisticated destinations we feature, the water and electricity services struggle to keep up with the increased demands from tourism. Limited rainfall can put further pressure on their provision. Hotels do everything possible to maintain full services. However, occasional power cuts and/or water restrictions may be experienced.

5.3 ACCOMMODATION IN THE TROPICS

In many hotels, especially beach resorts 'insects' in the rooms (eg. cockroaches etc.) are almost inevitable. It should by no means be taken as a sign of dirtiness, as it is simply a fact of life in these destinations. Views from some hotel rooms may be partly obscured by palm trees and other vegetation that can grow very quickly in tropical climates.

5.4 WATERSPORTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Many hotels offer watersports and other sporting activities, in some cases these may be free of charge. Please note that in the interest of your personal safety, the operators of these activities may require that you demonstrate your competence (for example a swimming test) prior to commencement and reserve the right to refuse participation for any reason if they feel this may compromise your or another guest's safety. Please note there may be certain age restrictions for children/adults to do certain activities so please ensure you enquire locally.

5.5 BEHAVIOUR

Most people go on holiday for rest and relaxation, so if in our reasonable opinion or in the opinion of any airline pilot, hotel manager, tour leader or other person in authority, your behaviour is causing or is likely to cause danger, upset or damage to property or is persistently affecting the enjoyment of others, we reserve the right to terminate your holiday. Should this happen no refund or compensation would be paid and we will have no further responsibility for your holiday arrangements including return travel.

5.6 PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND LOST ITEMS

For security reasons valuables should be kept to a minimum and packed in your hand luggage along with your medicines, camera, film, electrical or battery-operated appliances, as well as basic essentials such as a change of clothing and toiletries. It can be easy to lose items but it is your responsibility to look after your property at all times and you must ensure you are adequately covered by comprehensive insurance. If you lose any personal items whilst on holiday, please obtain a written report from a local representative, and police, to help with any insurance claim upon your return.

5.7 IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT WHILE YOU ARE ON HOLIDAY

If you have cause for complaint whilst on holiday, you must bring it to the attention of our local representative or agent and the hotel immediately and they will do their best to rectify the situation. If matters remain unresolved, your concerns must be brought to the attention of the Kuoni Duty Officer (see 5.8). It is unreasonable to take no action whilst on holiday, but then to write a letter of complaint upon your return. If you do not raise concerns immediately, this may affect our ability to investigate and take remedial action and it may impact on the way your complaint is dealt with.

5.8 KUONI DUTY OFFICER

Kuoni offers 24 hour assistance for emergency situations and to help resolve any issues while you are on holiday. The number provided on your itinerary is a pager service and our Duty Officer will return your call. Many destinations have local representation and they should be contacted in the first instance should you have a problem.

5.9 CONSERVATION

It is becoming ever more important to conserve the world's natural resources, its landscapes, flora and fauna. Someone coined the phrase 'Take only photographs; leave only footprints' and a number of countries now use this to promote conservation. It would be hard to improve on this statement.

5.10 MALDIVES CONSERVATION

The changes in season, wind direction and tides in The Maldives can cause the islands' shape and beach width to change. It is becoming increasingly necessary for some islands to use sandbags and sand pumping procedures on their beaches, in order to minimize the effects of such beach erosion. Whilst such activity is most prominent in The Maldives, other tropical locations may also be affected.

5.11 OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU FOR YOUR HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

(a) We promise to make sure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as applicable as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. Please note that EU law only applies to flights from EU airports or flights to EU airports from outside the EU or an EU airline. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we will accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer

death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(b) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following: -

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
- 'force majeure' as defined in 4.5

(c) For claims which do not involve personal injury, illness or death, the most we will have to pay if we are liable to you is twice the price, the person affected, paid for their holiday (not including insurance premiums and amendment charges). We will only have to pay this maximum amount if everything has gone wrong and you have received no benefit from your holiday. Where enjoyment of only some days has been affected, we will refund reasonable related expenses and pay a daily sum of compensation up to £50 per day per person affected.

(d) Subject to (b) above, if you are killed, injured or become ill during or as a result of, carriage (including the process of getting on and/or off the transport concerned) by aircraft, ship or train forming part of the holiday arrangements booked before departure from the UK and to which any international convention or regulation applies, our liability to pay compensation and/or the amount of compensation we will pay is limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(e) Under EU law you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, downgrades, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at EU airports and will also be available from airlines. However reimbursement in such cases will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday cost from us. If any payments to you are due from us, any payment made to you by the airline will be deducted from this amount. If your airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the CAA on 020 7240 6061 www.caa.co.uk.

(f) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract and any excursion you purchase in resort. In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(g) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract – and the laws and regulations of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred – will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the arrangements in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to (a). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(h) Our suppliers (such as airlines, accommodation or transport providers) have their own booking conditions or conditions of carriage, and these conditions are binding between you and the supplier. Some of these conditions may limit or remove the relevant transport provider's or other supplier's liability to you. You can get copies of such conditions from our offices, or the offices of the relevant supplier.

(i) If we make any payment to you or any member of your party for death, personal injury or illness, you must agree to transfer to us or our insurers any rights you may have to take direct action against the person or organisation responsible for causing the death, personal injury or illness and you must co-operate fully with us in seeking recovery of any payment that we make.

(j) Operational decisions may be taken by air carriers and airports resulting in delays, diversions, overbookings, downgrades or rescheduling. Kuoni has no control over such decisions, and is therefore unable to accept responsibility for them. Where, as a result of force majeure we are obliged to change or end your holiday after departure, but before the end of your holiday, we will not pay compensation or reimburse you for expenses incurred. You should have adequate travel insurance for your holiday and claim via your insurance company for any loss or damage to luggage and/or personal possessions.

In the event that any claim is made directly with us, our liability to pay compensation and/or the amount of compensation will be limited in accordance with the conventions referred to in (d) where applicable.

(k) Whilst you are away on holiday you may be offered the opportunity to buy optional excursions and activities. These are provided by independent local companies, which are neither owned nor controlled by Kuoni, and for whom Kuoni acts only as an agent (if we make a booking for you). If you decide to buy an excursion or activity, your contract will be made with the local company which provides it and it will not form part of your contracted holiday arrangements with us. The contract will be subject to the excursion/activity provider's terms and conditions, some of which may exclude or limit its liability to you, and will be governed by local law and jurisdiction. Kuoni accepts no liability for any breach of contract or act or omission of any excursion/activity provider. Some excursions/activities may contain an element of risk or require a good level of physical fitness, and, if in doubt, you should make direct enquiries with the local provider, before deciding to buy and check that you are covered by your travel insurance policy.

5.12 REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES

Please note we do not have representative services available in all the destinations we feature and therefore you will not necessarily be met on arrival. Please ensure you refer to your itinerary which will provide the appropriate contact details should you need assistance whilst on holiday.

5.13 CURTAILMENT

If you cut short your holiday and return home early in circumstances where you have no reasonable cause for complaint about the standard of accommodation and services provided, we will not offer you any refund for the remainder of your holiday not completed, or assist with any associated costs you may incur. Depending on the circumstances, your travel insurance may offer cover for curtailment and we suggest that any claim is made directly with them.

5.14 VOLUNTEERING HOLIDAYS

The volunteering element of your holiday involves working and, where applicable, staying in locations which tourists do not usually visit. These locations are often remote and the conditions for the people who live there are generally basic. Volunteering is not a conventional holiday activity and the organisations with whom we work do not provide services for tourists. Whilst we will endeavour to carry out certain health and safety checks on any accommodation you are intended to stay in, these checks will be limited. We do not carry out health and safety checks on the other elements of your volunteering experience as it is not practical for us to do so. We make no representations or promises as to the conditions you will encounter during your volunteering experience or that there will be compliance with any minimum standards of health, safety or hygiene. You must therefore exercise caution and take all appropriate steps to protect yourself against the risks involved. Whilst volunteering, you are likely to come into contact with both wild and domestic animals. All animals, including domesticated ones, are unpredictable and capable of causing injury and even death. They may also carry disease or parasites which may be passed on by close contact with the animal or its faeces. You must therefore exercise a great deal of caution and take responsibility for your own safety in any situation where animals are, may be or have been present. All instructions and guidance provided in relation to any animal, whether in advance or by anyone accompanying you, must be followed at all times and no animal must be touched or approached unless you are specifically invited to do so. As we cannot control any animal nor predict its behaviour, we cannot accept any liability for any injury, illness, death, loss, damage or other claim of any nature which you suffer in connection with any animal.

On return from your holiday

6.1 QUESTIONNAIRE

Your feedback is really important to us. At the end of your holiday, you may be given a questionnaire to fill in as we would like to know if you have had a great time or if you think the hotel or service has not been up to scratch. If you misplace this, or are not provided with a paper version, you can complete the questionnaire online by visiting: www.kuoni.co.uk/survey.

6.2 IF YOU HAD A PROBLEM

If a problem remains unresolved during your holiday, you should make a complaint in writing to Kuoni within 28 days of the completion of the holiday. Please remember to quote your holiday booking number and daytime telephone number. We will reply to you within 28 days of receipt of your letter, as laid down by the ABTA Tour Operator's Code of Conduct.

6.3 DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS

We are a member of ABTA, membership number V258X. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. We certainly hope that we can settle any holiday complaints amicably, however, should this prove not to be the case you may wish to refer any unresolved matters relating to this contract to ABTA's scheme for the resolution of disputes, which is approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute. You must have previously filed your complaint with ABTA in order to qualify for their ADR services. (See 6.4 for further advice on Law & Jurisdiction.) For more information on the Code and ABTA's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services please visit www.abta.com.

6.4 LAW AND JURISDICTION

We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description (hereinafter referred to as "claim") which arises between us (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see 6.3) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

DATA PROTECTION POLICY

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998, we are a data controller. In order to process your booking, send you a brochure or respond to an enquiry, we need to collect personal data from you. Depending on what's required, the personal data we collect may include names and contact details, credit/ debit card or other payment information and special requirements such as those relating to any disability or medical condition which may affect holiday arrangements and any dietary restrictions which may disclose your religious beliefs ('sensitive personal data'). All references in this privacy policy to personal data include sensitive personal data unless otherwise stated. The person who makes the booking is responsible for ensuring that other members of your party are aware of our booking conditions and this privacy policy and that they consent to your acting on their behalf in your dealings with us.

Appropriate personal data will be passed on to the relevant suppliers of your arrangements and any other third party (including banks and/or credit card issuers) who need to know it so that your holiday can be provided. The information may also be provided to government / public authorities such as customs, immigration and the security services if required by them, or as required by law. Certain information may also be passed on to security or credit checking companies. We may disclose personal data to companies in the Kuoni Group for business purposes and to companies who act as data processors on our behalf.

On occasions, we may use other companies to provide services on our behalf, such as mailing brochures and marketing material. We only provide third parties with the personal data they require in order to deliver their services. Other than in relation to government / public authorities (over whom we have no control), we will take appropriate steps which are intended to ensure that anyone to whom we pass your personal data for any reason agrees to keep it secure and only uses it for the purposes of providing their services. If we cannot pass personal data to the relevant suppliers or any other third party as applicable, whether in the EEA or not, we will be unable to fulfil your booking. In making your booking, you consent to personal data being passed on to the relevant suppliers and other third parties. We take appropriate technical and organisational measures which are intended to prevent unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal data.

Your personal data may be stored, used and otherwise processed within the UK and/or any other country(ies) of the European Economic Area (EEA). EEA countries are all member states of the European Union together with Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. We may also store, use or otherwise process personal data outside the EEA. Data protection laws may not be as strong outside the EEA as they are in the EEA. Personal data will not be transferred to a country outside the EEA unless (1) the country to which it is transferred is one which the European Commission considers to

provide an adequate level of data protection or (2) the personal data is transferred to a United States company which has signed up to the Safe Harbour scheme or (3) the personal data is transferred to a company which is required by our contract with them only to deal with the data in accordance with our instructions and to maintain appropriate security to protect the personal data which we are satisfied they have or (4) we are obliged to provide the personal data to a government / public authority in order to provide your holiday.

By making a booking with us, you agree to allow your insurers, their agents and medical staff to disclose relevant information to us in circumstances where we may need to act in your interests or in the interests of everyone in any group with whom you are travelling. For example, if you contract an infectious illness whilst on holiday, we may need to make special arrangements for you and ensure that you do not return with the group immediately.

We would also like to store and use your personal data for future marketing purposes (for example, sending you a brochure, special offers or other marketing material) unless you have told us that you do not wish us to do so. All personal data you give us (including sensitive personal data) will be kept but we will use only names and contact details for marketing purposes. If you do not wish to receive future marketing material, please notify us by writing to the address below or by e-mail to changes@kuoni.co.uk

You are generally entitled to ask us what details of yours are being held or processed, for what purpose and to whom they may be or have been disclosed. Please identify any such enquiry as a Subject Access Request under the Data Protection Act 1998 and direct your enquiry to a member of our Customer Services team. Please be advised that we will charge a fee to respond to such a request.

We promise to respond to your request within 40 days of receiving your written request and fee. In certain limited circumstances we are entitled to refuse your request. If you believe that any of your personal data which we are processing is incorrect, please contact us immediately.

Visas & general information

WEATHER/TIDAL CONDITIONS

Information is supplied by the Meteorological Office, local tourist offices and other sources and is given as a guide only. Our Sales team is happy to advise on weather trends as many of the destinations featured in this brochure have a tropical climate where heavy rainfall and strong winds (sometimes hurricane force) do occur at certain times of the year, however world weather patterns are now becoming more and more erratic resulting in unusual rainfall, storms and even floods. During monsoon season, you are likely to get more rain than sunshine. Most people go on holiday to spend time in the sunshine and although adverse weather conditions can be very frustrating Kuoni cannot assume any responsibility for the statistical information provided opposite, nor accept liability to make refunds or pay compensation for alternative arrangements, damage to property or curtailed holidays as a result of such conditions.

Some destinations featured in this brochure are subject to tides at specific times of the year which can affect swimming. Depending on the island you have chosen, there may be restrictions on areas where it is safe to swim due to strong currents or sea defences which protect the island beaches. We strongly recommend you listen to local advice to ensure your own safety. Please refer to meteorological websites for the latest and most up-to-date information on tides for the destination you intend to travel to.

HEALTH, SAFETY & SECURITY ABROAD

We take the safety and security of our clients extremely seriously. If the Foreign Office advises against travel to a particular region or country, we will act on this and we reserve the right to cancel your holiday. It is increasingly apparent from press, television and social media coverage that the political, economic and social conditions of many countries that we feature are not as stable as we would like. Sadly, crimes against both people and their property are a fact of life the world over and when in any country, it is very important to be vigilant and aware of your environment. Holiday makers have the same responsibility for their personal safety and that of their possessions as they do at home.

Kuoni operates holidays to many parts of the world, some of which do not conform to British health and safety standards. We therefore urge that you undertake reasonable precautions to protect your family and yourself whilst on holiday.

Prior to booking, please visit the Foreign & Commonwealth Office website at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> or visit www.gov.uk/travelaware. Packed with essential travel advice and tips, these websites offer a wealth of country-specific information to help you to pick a holiday best suited to you. The advice can change so please check regularly for updates.

HEALTH & VACCINATIONS

Health facilities, hygiene and disease risk vary worldwide. You should take health advice about your specific needs as early as possible and ensure that vaccinations or preventative measures such as malaria tablets are taken early enough (which may be a month or more prior to departure) to be fully effective by the date of travel. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended and required vaccination and health precautions in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre www.nathnac.org Sources of information include the Department of Health free leaflet 'Health advice for travellers' (available on request Tel. 0207 210 4850), your specialist travel clinic. The advice given in respect of vaccinations was correct at the time of going to press (Jul 2017).

PASSPORTS & VISAS

Please remember that every traveller (including all children from birth) will need a valid passport to travel. If your passport is endorsed in any way, requirements should be checked with the relevant embassy. We are only able to advise on British passport holders, who should ensure a valid ten year passport is held for adults and a valid 5 year passport is held for children under 16. As many countries require passport expiry dates to fall a considerable time beyond the dates of travel, we would recommend that all passports are valid for a minimum of 6 months after your scheduled return to the UK. It can take at least six weeks to get a first adult passport, although renewal of an existing passport can be quicker. Requirements may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. For more information visit the www.gov.uk website.

Visa information can change at short notice, please check www.gov.uk for the latest foreign travel advice. For assistance with any visa enquiry we recommend CIBT Visas. <http://www.cibtvisas.co.uk/kuonivisas>

It is your responsibility to ensure you are in possession of all necessary travel and health documents before departure. All costs incurred in obtaining such documentation must be paid by you. We regret we cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to carry all required documentation. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty or expenses being imposed on or incurred by us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us accordingly.

USA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The US Government has strict entry regulations which must be adhered to. Please note if you or your dependants do not have the appropriate personal documentation the US Customs will not allow entry. Please see some guidelines below and for full advice visit the US Embassy website on london.usembassy.gov or phone 0906 8200 290.

- All passports must be valid, machine readable with a digital photograph or an e-passport with an electronic chip. You can check the validity of your passport on the useful link on the US Embassy website. A passport indicating that the bearer is a British subject, British dependant territories citizen, British overseas citizen, British National Citizen or British Protected Person does not qualify for travel without a visa or someone who has indefinite leave to remain in the UK. NB: Some passports issued by British Consular posts abroad may not be machine readable – please check with the UK Passport Service on 0300 2220000 or www.passport.gov.uk for further information. Also applicable to passengers in transit in the US.

- The US Govt requires advance passenger information detailing your country of residence, as well as the postal address of the first hotel where you will be staying in the US, which can be found on the contacts page of your final itinerary. This information will be collected by the airline upon check-in and will also be required on the Visa Waiver form on the aircraft.

- Finger scanning and facial recognition is a standard security process for all travellers to the US on arrival.
- British Citizens holding a UK passport can enter under the visa waiver program and do not require a visa prior to travel providing:
 - Duration of stay is no more than 90 days and the traveller has a valid onward or return ticket.
 - Travel is for business, tourism or transit only.
 - Traveller is not a journalist or seeking employment.
 - Traveller has never been arrested, refused entry or deported from the US or previously violated the terms of admission under the visa waiver program.

ESTA - ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORISATION

It is compulsory for all British Citizen passport holders to obtain an electronic travel authorisation prior to boarding a carrier to travel by air or sea to the US under the visa waiver program and also includes passengers in transit to/from the US. Applications can be submitted anytime however we recommend no later than 72 hours prior to travel. For further information and to apply online visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>

This does NOT however include British Subjects, British Dependent Territories Citizens, British Overseas Citizens, British National Overseas Citizens and British Protected Persons passport holder who must have full visas if they want to travel to the US and should contact the US embassy for more information.

CANADIAN ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

If you have committed or been convicted of a criminal offence including driving whilst impaired, you may be prohibited from entering Canada.

For further information please contact the Canadian High Commission 020 7258 6600.

KUONI VISA SERVICE

In most cases, where we have indicated visas are required, the Kuoni Travel Visa Service can obtain these for you. Full details on how to obtain a visa, cost and application time will be sent with your confirmation invoice, these are all subject to change. Residents outside the UK, non British passport holders and late booking passengers should check urgently with Kuoni Travel Visa Service or the embassy direct as it may not be possible to obtain the visa in time prior to arrival. This service is only available to clients who have booked with Kuoni. For your visa enquiries on the indicated destinations please contact the Kuoni Travel Visa Service on visa@kuoni.co.uk, tel 0845 166 7040 or fax 0207 723 3449.

FLYING TIMES

The times given in this brochure are approximate and based on outbound flights. They may vary depending on flight schedules, type of aircraft, weather conditions etc., and are indications of the hours spent actually flying (excluding time on the ground during stops en route or when changing aircraft). Where no figures are shown, we do not offer direct or same-day connecting flights.

HOLIDAY INSURANCE

This is a vital part of any holiday so please ensure you take out adequate travel insurance with full cancellation cover.

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Canterbury
16 Whitefriars Arcade
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Cheltenham
50/50a The Promenade
Tel: 01242 261 116

Chester
8 Eastgate Street
Tel 01244 879 941

Chichester
12 East Street,
Tel 01243 776 777

Dorking
74 High Street
Tel: 01306 884 420

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27 George Street
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44 Bridlesmith Gate
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Leighton Buzzard
Bailey's Travel, 28 Waterbourne Walk
Tel: 01525 381 222

Maidstone Baldwins Travel
21/23 Earl Street
Tel: 01622 762 141

Newcastle The Travel Bureau
69 High Street, Gosforth
Tel: 0191 285 9321

Plymouth Peter Goord Travel
443 Crownhill Road
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Pure Destinations
1 Belwell Lane, Sutton Coldfield
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