

Phuket

Phuket is the largest island in Thailand, at 210 square miles, it is about the same size as Singapore. Bathed in the warm emerald green waters of the Andaman Sea off the country's southwestern coast, Phuket has become Thailand's premier beach destination.

The island is connected to the main land by a bridge, but the best way to get to Phuket is by air. There are hourly flights from Bangkok all day long and daily international flights from many other Asian cities including Singapore Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur.

The island's terrain varies from rocky beaches and long, broad sweeps of sand to limestone cliffs and forested hills. It has great beaches, tropical vegetation and a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere. The main resort beach areas include Patong, Karon and Kata but even more beautiful beaches are scattered all around the island.

Phuket has a tropical monsoon climate. It's warm all year round.

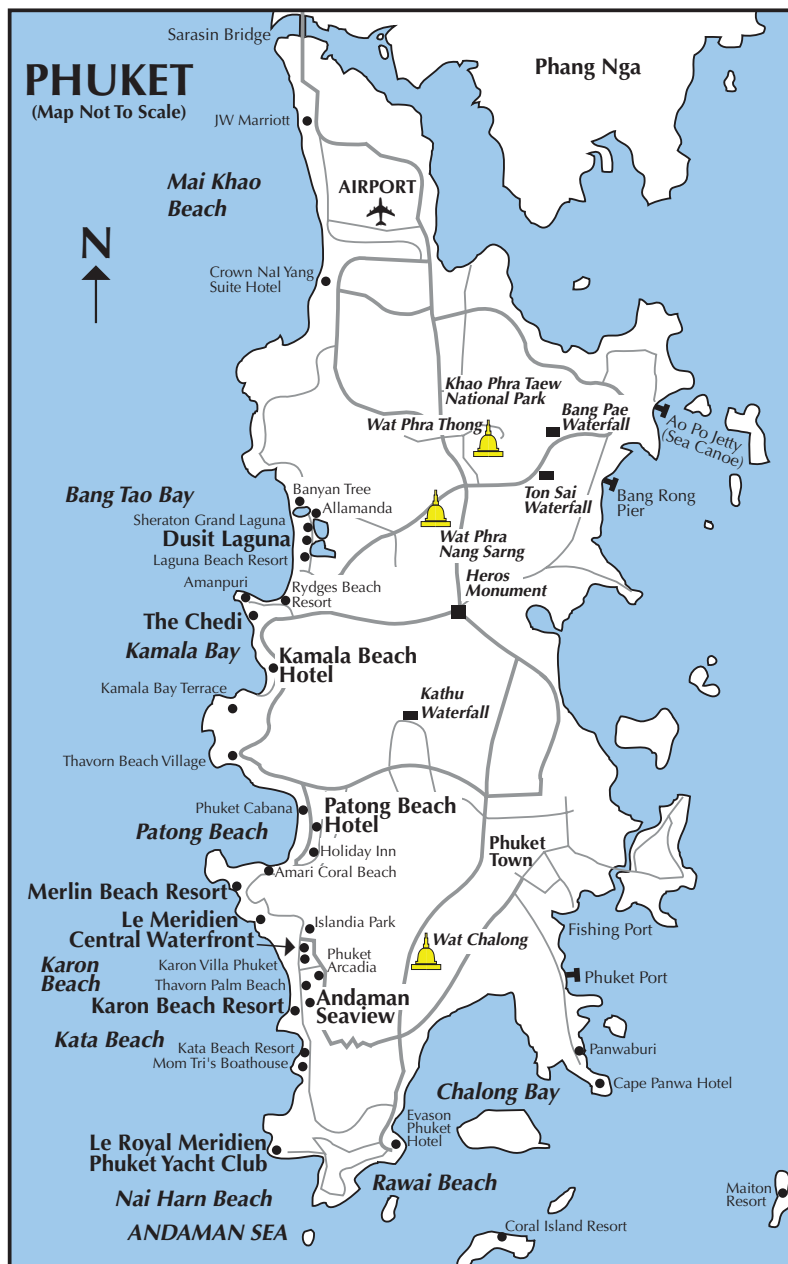
Nov-Mar: Best Time To Visit. Cool NE monsoon season. Average temperature between 75°F to 89°F.

Apr-May: Hot season with frequent short heavy thunder showers. Average temperature between 80°F to 95°F.

Jun-Aug: Good Time To Visit. Weather is usually fine and there are fewer tourists. Brief but heavy showers, with plenty of sunshine between downpours. Average temperature between 70°F and 90°F.

Sep-Oct: Rainy & Hot Season, long intervals of sunshine between heavy showers. Average temperature between 80°F to 95°F.

The best overall time for visiting Phuket is between November and February, during these months it doesn't rain much and it's not too hot. The peak tourist months are December and January. If you are looking for the least crowded months for a quiet holiday then go in May, June and September. But be forewarned that the water is wild and many beaches are not safe for swimming but strolling down the beach you also won't be fighting the crowds.



Approximate one way air fares within Thailand. Please note that these fares are for reference only. Your travel agent will be happy to advise the current air fares. Airport code in ().

Bangkok (BKK) to Chiang Rai (CEI): \$62
Bangkok (BKK) to Chiang Mai (CNX): \$53
Bangkok (BKK) to Phuket (HKT): \$63
Bangkok (BKK) to Krabi (KBV): \$65
Bangkok (BKK) to Ko Samui (USM): \$84
Chiang Mai (CNX) to Mae Hong Sorn (HGN): \$18
Chiang Mai (CNX) to Chiang Rai (CEI): \$20
Chiang Mai (CNX) to Phuket (HKT): \$108
Chiang Rai (CEI) to Phuket (HKT): \$120
Ko Samui (USM) to Krabi (KBV): \$47
Ko Samui (USM) to Phuket (HKT): \$40

Phuket Explorer 2003-2004

3 Days / 2 Nights - Departs: Daily

FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Choice of accommodations for 2 nights. (Extra nights available.)
- Daily breakfast at hotel.
- Round trip coach transfers between airport and hotel.
- Full day sightseeing tour by coach/boat to Phang Nga Bay and "James Bond" Island with lunch.
- Hotel taxes and service charges.

COMPLETE PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON

HOTEL E/N = Extra Night Per Person	Single Room		Twin Room		Triple Room	
	Package	E/N	Package	E/N	Package	E/N
Kamala Beach Hotel Sea View Room						
Nov 01-Dec 19, 2003	\$268	\$94	\$174	\$47	\$158	\$39
Dec 20, 2003-Jan 15, 2004†	\$304	\$112	\$192	\$56	\$170	\$45
Jan 16-Mar 31, 2004	\$268	\$94	\$174	\$47	\$158	\$39
Apr 01-30, 2004	\$252	\$86	\$166	\$43	\$154	\$37
May 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$212	\$66	\$146	\$33	\$140	\$30
Karon Beach Resort Deluxe Room						
Nov 01-Dec 22, 2003	\$364	\$142	\$228	\$74	\$204	\$62
Dec 23, 2003-Jan 10, 2004*	\$448	\$184	\$270	\$95	\$232	\$76
Jan 11-Apr 30, 2004	\$364	\$142	\$228	\$74	\$204	\$62
May 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$216	\$68	\$154	\$37	\$154	\$37
Kata Beach Resort Superior Room						
Nov 01-Dec 22, 2003	\$384	\$152	\$240	\$80	\$214	\$67
Dec 23, 2003-Jan 10, 2004	\$480	\$200	\$288	\$104	\$246	\$83
Jan 11-Apr 30, 2004	\$384	\$152	\$240	\$80	\$214	\$67
May 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$220	\$70	\$158	\$39	\$158	\$39
Deluxe Room						
Nov 01-Dec 22, 2003	\$424	\$172	\$260	\$90	\$228	\$74
Dec 23, 2003-Jan 10, 2004	\$520	\$220	\$308	\$114	\$260	\$90
Jan 11-Apr 30, 2004	\$424	\$172	\$260	\$90	\$228	\$74
May 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$244	\$82	\$170	\$45	\$166	\$43
Andaman Seaview Superior Room						
Nov 01-Dec 19, 2003	\$308	\$114	\$200	\$60	\$186	\$53
Dec 20, 2003-Jan 25, 2004*	\$388	\$154	\$240	\$80	\$212	\$66
Jan 26-Apr 20, 2004	\$308	\$114	\$200	\$60	\$186	\$53
Apr 21-Oct 31, 2004	\$228	\$74	\$160	\$40	\$160	\$40

*MANDATORY HOTEL DINNERS (Price Per Person)

	Nov 08	Dec 24	Dec 31	Jan 22	Apr 13
Andaman Seaview	-	\$84	\$112	-	-
Kamala Beach	-	\$45	-	-	-
Karon Beach	-	\$106	\$112	-	-
Kata Beach	-	\$106	\$112	-	-

† Hotel have special holiday booking requirements. Please see hotel description for details.

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HOTEL DESCRIPTION

KAMALA BEACH HOTEL (Category - First Class): 240 air-conditioned rooms each with mini-bar, refrigerator, IDD telephone, satellite TV, in-room lock box (\$1.50 daily charge for use) and balcony. Sea View rooms also have coffee/tea making facilities. Restaurant, 2 swimming pools, children's pool, pool bar. Located directly on the beach in Kamala Bay. Walking distance to local restaurants and shopping.

† Holiday Booking Requirements: Between Dec 20, 2003-Jan 15, 2004 & Jan 22-24, 2004, any booking during or overlapping these dates are required to stay a minimum of 10 consecutive nights.

KARON BEACH RESORT (Category - First Class): 81 air-conditioned sea facing rooms overlooking the swimming pool, each with private balcony, in-room safe, mini-bar, refrigerator, coffee/tea making facilities, satellite TV and IDD telephone. Restaurant, coffee shop, bar, swimming pool, fitness center. Nestled in the corner of Karon Bay, directly on Karon Beach. Note: All rooms are labeled "Deluxe" at this hotel.

KATA BEACH RESORT (Category - Superior First Class): 267 air-conditioned rooms with balcony, mini-bar, refrigerator, coffee/tea making facilities, IDD telephone, satellite TV, in-house movies, separate shower & tub, hair dryer, in-room safe. Coffee shop, restaurant, bar, swimming pool. Located on Kata Beach, direct beach access. Local shops and restaurants within walking distance to hotel. Note: Superior Rooms are garden view, Deluxe Rooms are sea view.

ANDAMAN SEAVIEW HOTEL (Category - First Class): 161 air-conditioned rooms with hair dryer, mini-bar, refrigerator, cable/satellite TV, IDD telephone and in-room safe. Bathrooms have separate bathtub and shower. Ground floor rooms have direct access to swimming pool. Coffee shop, bakery, pool bar, 2 swimming pools, children's pool, fitness center, internet corner. Located across the street from Karon Beach. Walking distance to local restaurants and shopping.

Andaman Seaview Hotel - Special Promotion

Valid: Apr 21, 2004-Oct 31, 2004 Room Type: Superior Room

Note: Mandatory prepaid breakfast required for free nights.

\$10 per person per breakfast.

Total Nights Stay	Pay For This Number of Nights	Pay For This Many Breakfast Per Person
5	4	1
6	4	2
7	5	2
8	5	3
9	6	3
10	6	4
11	7	4
12	7	5
13	8	5
14	9	5

Maximum number of free nights: 5

Important Note About All Special Programs: Paid and free nights must be consecutive. No refund or additional discounts for unused free nights. Promotion subject to availability.

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Patong Beach Hotel						
Deluxe Garden/Pool View						
Nov 01-Dec 19, 2003*	\$288	\$104	\$190	\$55	\$178	\$49
Dec 20, 2003-Feb 29, 2004*	\$320	\$120	\$206	\$63	\$188	\$54
Mar 01-Apr 30, 2004*	\$288	\$104	\$190	\$55	\$178	\$49
May 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$264	\$92	\$178	\$49	\$170	\$45
Deluxe Sea View Room						
Nov 01-Dec 19, 2003*	\$308	\$114	\$200	\$60	\$184	\$52
Dec 20, 2003-Feb 29, 2004*	\$340	\$130	\$216	\$68	\$194	\$57
Mar 01-Apr 30, 2004*	\$308	\$114	\$200	\$60	\$184	\$52
May 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$280	\$100	\$186	\$53	\$174	\$47
Merlin Beach Resort						
Nov 01-Dec 25, 2003	\$360	\$140	\$226	\$73	\$204	\$62
Dec 26, 2003-Jan 20, 2004*	\$424	\$172	\$258	\$89	\$226	\$73
Jan 21-Apr 19, 2004	\$360	\$140	\$226	\$73	\$204	\$62
Apr 20-Oct 31, 2004	\$264	\$92	\$178	\$49	\$172	\$46
Central Waterfront						
1-Bedroom Suite						
Nov 01-Dec 19, 2003	\$352	\$136	\$216	\$68	\$198	\$59
Dec 20, 2003-Jan 10, 2004*†	\$472	\$196	\$276	\$98	\$238	\$79
Jan 11-Apr 30, 2004	\$352	\$136	\$216	\$68	\$198	\$59
May 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$268	\$94	\$174	\$47	\$170	\$45
Dusit Laguna						
Deluxe Room (Garden View)						
Nov 01-Dec 21, 2003	\$444	\$182	\$262	\$91	\$240	\$80
Dec 22, 2003-Jan 04, 2004*†	\$832	\$376	\$456	\$188	\$368	\$144
Jan 05-Mar 31, 2004	\$544	\$232	\$312	\$116	\$272	\$96
Apr 01-Apr 03, 2004	\$308	\$114	\$194	\$57	\$194	\$57
Apr 04-Apr 12, 2004	\$544	\$232	\$312	\$116	\$272	\$96
Apr 13-Oct 31, 2004	\$308	\$114	\$194	\$57	\$194	\$57
Deluxe Room (Ocean Front)						
Nov 01-Dec 21, 2003	\$496	\$208	\$288	\$104	\$256	\$88
Dec 22, 2003-Jan 04, 2004*†	\$884	\$402	\$482	\$201	\$384	\$152
Jan 05-Mar 31, 2004	\$600	\$260	\$340	\$130	\$290	\$105
Apr 01-Apr 03, 2004	\$336	\$128	\$208	\$64	\$204	\$62
Apr 04-Apr 12, 2004	\$600	\$260	\$340	\$130	\$290	\$105
Apr 13-Oct 31, 2004	\$336	\$128	\$208	\$64	\$204	\$62

Central Waterfront Suites - Special Promotion

Valid: May 01, 2004-Oct 31, 2003

Room Type: 1-Bedroom Suite

Note: Mandatory prepaid breakfast required for free nights.

\$11 per person per breakfast.

Total Nights Stay	Pay For This Number of Nights	Pay For This Many Breakfast Per Person
10	5	5

Maximum number of free nights: 5

Important Note About All Special Programs: Paid and free nights must be consecutive. No refund or additional discounts for unused free nights. Promotion subject to availability.

HOTEL DESCRIPTION

PATONG BEACH HOTEL (Category - First Class): 221 rooms each with private balcony, hair dryer, mini-bar, refrigerator, coffee/tea making facilities, satellite TV, IDD telephone, bathrobe and in-room safe. Deluxe Sea View Room has separate bathtub and shower. Coffee shop, 2 restaurants, 3 bars, 2 swimming pools. Located across the street from Patong Beach. Very busy area with lots of shopping and restaurants.

MERLIN BEACH RESORT (Category - Superior First Class): 414 air-conditioned rooms with large bathrooms (separate bathtub and shower), mini-bar, refrigerator, coffee/tea making facilities, satellite TV, IDD telephone and private balcony. Deluxe rooms also have in-room safe and either a pool or sea view. Coffee shop, 3 restaurants, 2 lounges, 1 bar, pool side bar, 3 swimming pools, children's pool, tennis court, exercise room, health spa and kid's club. Located in a quiet bay on Tri-Trang Beach.

CENTRAL WATERFRONT SUITES PHUKET (First Class): 20-storey high rise comprising 70-unit service apartments each with sea view and private balcony off living room & bedroom. All units are air-conditioned with full kitchen (refrigerator, microwave oven, electric kettle). Swimming pool, fitness center and pool-side restaurant. Set 2 blocks away and across the street from Karon Beach. Walking distance to local restaurants and shopping.

† Holiday Booking Requirements: Between Dec 28, 2003-Jan 05, 2004, any booking during or overlapping these dates are required to stay a minimum of 5 consecutive nights.

DUSIT LAGUNA (Category - Deluxe): 240 air-conditioned rooms each with mini-bar, refrigerator, coffee/tea making facilities, in-room safe, IDD telephone, satellite T.V., hair dryer, large bathrooms and private balcony. 3 restaurants, 3 bars, 2 swimming pools, whirlpool, children's swimming pool, children's playground, Busy Bee's Kid's Club, fitness center, pitch & putt golf course, outdoor giant chess, 2 tennis courts and jogging track. One of the five hotels build around the "Lagoon," the Dusit Laguna's attractive Thai architecture blends beautifully with the landscaped tropical gardens. Situated on Bang Tao Bay with direct access to the beach. Note: Beach is not safe for swimming April-October.

† Holiday Booking Requirements: Between Dec 22, 2003-Jan 04, 2004, any booking during or overlapping these dates are required to stay a minimum of 7 consecutive nights.

	*MANDATORY HOTEL DINNERS (Price Per Person)				
	Nov 08	Dec 24	Dec 31	Jan 22	Apr 13
Patong Beach	\$50	\$87	\$100	TBA	\$50
Merlin Beach Resort	-	-	\$105	-	-
Central Waterfront	-	-	\$123	-	-
Dusit Laguna	-	-	\$215	-	-

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FEATURES INCLUDE:

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- Daily breakfast at hotel.
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- Full day sightseeing tour by coach/boat to Phang Nga Bay and "James Bond" Island with lunch.
- Hotel taxes and service charges.

COMPLETE PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON

HOTEL E/N = Extra Night Per Person	Single Room		Twin Room		Triple Room	
	Package	E/N	Package	E/N	Package	E/N
Le Meridien Phuket						
Superior Garden View						
Nov 01-Dec 25, 2003†	\$460	\$190	\$270	\$95	\$244	\$82
Dec 26, 2003-Jan 04, 2004†	\$792	\$356	\$436	\$178	\$388	\$154
Jan 05-Mar 31, 2004	\$516	\$218	\$298	\$109	\$262	\$91
Apr 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$316	\$118	\$198	\$59	\$190	\$55
Superior Sea View						
Nov 01-Dec 25, 2003†	\$588	\$254	\$334	\$127	\$284	\$102
Dec 26, 2003-Jan 04, 2004†	\$920	\$420	\$500	\$210	\$430	\$175
Jan 05-Mar 31, 2004	\$644	\$282	\$362	\$141	\$304	\$112
Apr 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$444	\$182	\$262	\$91	\$234	\$77
Le Royal Meridien Yacht Club						
Superior Room (Sea View)						
Nov 01-Dec 25, 2003†	\$512	\$216	\$296	\$108	\$270	\$95
Dec 26, 2003-Jan 04, 2004†	\$936	\$428	\$508	\$214	\$438	\$179
Jan 05-Mar 31, 2004	\$568	\$244	\$324	\$122	\$288	\$104
Apr 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$340	\$130	\$210	\$65	\$204	\$62
Deluxe Room (Sea View)						
Nov 01-Dec 25, 2003†	\$564	\$242	\$322	\$121	\$286	\$103
Dec 26, 2003-Jan 04, 2004†	\$988	\$454	\$534	\$227	\$454	\$187
Jan 05-Mar 31, 2004	\$620	\$270	\$350	\$135	\$306	\$113
Apr 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$392	\$156	\$236	\$78	\$222	\$71
The Chedi						
Superior Cottage						
Nov 01-Dec 23, 2003	\$644	\$282	\$362	\$141	N/A	N/A
Dec 24-Jan 10, 2004	\$852	\$386	\$466	\$193	N/A	N/A
Jan 11-Apr 30, 2004	\$644	\$282	\$362	\$141	N/A	N/A
May 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$468	\$194	\$274	\$97	N/A	N/A
Deluxe Cottage						
Nov 01-Dec 23, 2003	\$764	\$342	\$422	\$171	N/A	N/A
Dec 24-Jan 10, 2004	\$1026	\$473	\$552	\$236	N/A	N/A
Jan 11-Apr 30, 2004	\$764	\$342	\$422	\$171	N/A	N/A
May 01-Oct 31, 2004	\$540	\$230	\$310	\$115	N/A	N/A
Upgrade Airport Transfers To Private Car (Round Trip)	\$57		\$20		\$15	

N/A - Not Available

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HOTEL DESCRIPTION

LEMERIDIEN PHUKET (Category - Deluxe): 470 air-conditioned rooms with in-room safe, hair dryer, mini-bar, refrigerator, coffee/tea making facilities, satellite TV, IDD telephone and private balcony. Coffee shop, 5 restaurants, lounge, pub, large freeform swimming pool, fitness center, spa, tennis, squash, mini golf and sauna. Located in secluded Relax Bay in a garden setting with a beautiful beach.

† Holiday Booking Requirements: Between Dec 24-31, 2003, any booking during or overlapping these dates are required to stay a minimum of 6 consecutive nights.

LE ROYAL MERIDIEN PHUKET YACHT CLUB (Category – Deluxe): 110 sea view rooms each with hair dryer, stereo system with CD player, mini-bar, refrigerator, coffee/tea making facilities, in-room safe, satellite TV, IDD telephone and private sundeck. Superior rooms are approximately 540 square feet, Deluxe rooms are approximately 750 square feet and have a larger terrace. Royal rooms are located on higher floors and include butler service, deluxe bathroom amenities. Restaurants, bar, swimming pool, fitness center, tennis courts. Located on the headland at the northern end of Nai Harn Beach.

† Holiday Booking Requirements: Between Dec 24-31, 2003, any booking during or overlapping these dates are required to stay a minimum of 6 consecutive nights.

THE CHEDI PHUKET (Category - Boutique): 108 thatched cottages perched on landscaped slopes that gently descend to meet the white sand beach. Each air-conditioned cottage has a private verandah with spacious sundeck, mini-bar, refrigerator, satellite TV, IDD telephone, in-room safe and coffee/tea making facilities. 3 restaurants, bar, swimming pool, tennis courts and spa. The resort provides a daily shuttle bus service between the hotel and Phuket Town and Patong Beach area. The Chedi is one of the few resorts in Phuket which is actually located directly on the beach. Located in a secluded bay on Pansea Beach.

The Chedi Phuket - Special Promotion

Valid: May 01, 2004-Oct 31, 2003

Room Type:

- a) Superior Cottage b) Deluxe Cottage

Note: Mandatory prepaid breakfast required for free nights. \$20 per person per breakfast.

Pay for 3 nights and get 1-hour complimentary back massage, plus 10% discount at the spa and 10% discount on all food & beverage.

Additional Promotion:

Total Nights Stay	Pay For This Number of Nights	Pay For This Many Breakfast Per Person
6	5	1
7	5	2
8	5	3

Maximum number of free nights: 3

Important Note About All Special Programs: Paid and free nights must be consecutive. No refund or additional discounts for unused free nights. Promotion subject to availability.