## **KRABI**

The spectacular scenery, both onshore and offshore, attracts many foreign movie producers to choose Krabi as their location. This is no surprise as the topography is mostly mountains and highlands seperated by plains and on the coastline, beautiful white sandy

Some of Thailand's most famous islands (Ko) are located in Krabi. These include the Muko Phi Phi. Ko Rok and Ko Lanta, all nestled in the clear waters of the Andaman Sea which is also home to colorful coral reefs and other great dive spots.

The limestone cliffs and caves throughout the province are prime attraction for rock climbers Krabi and other active adventures.

Legend has it that the province owes its name to the discovery of a large ancient sword called "Krabi" and later the discovery of smaller one. When the province was established, the Governor had the two swords mounted crossed in Tham Khao Khanap Nam. These crossed swords are part of the provincial seal.

We invite you to discover and enjoy the beauty and legends of Krabi.

## Prime Krabi



. Khao Khanap Nam:.....D7, N8 Close to the city, these two limestone hills have very interesting caves with beautiful stalactites and stalagmites. Towering over the Krabi River, they

have evolved as the symbol of the province. This area is surrounded by mangrove forests where there are many interesting bird species including a giant brown bird with yellow pointed pincers, green legs and a long neck called the fin foot.



2. Susan Hoi or Shell Cemetery: 20 km rom downtown (8.30 a.m.-5.00 p.m.) ..D8, W5

Millions of years ago, it is believed that this area was a fresh water swamp teeming with pond snails. Time and the

elements have turned remnants of these snails into dramatic fossilized concrete-like fragmented sheets on the sea shore. It is possibly only one of three such geological formations in the world and the only one in a seaside



3. Hat Noppharat Thara: 18 km. from Located 6 kilometers from Ao Nang is

a famous 3-kilometer long white sandy

beach lined with dense casuarinas and

coconut groves. The beach, paved with tiny seashells, was formerly called "Hat Khlong Haeng", which means dried canal beach by locals, because the canal dries up during low tide and the area turns into a long beach. Situated 18 kilometers north-west of Krabi, Hat Noppharat Thara is in fact part of Hat Noppharat Thara-Muko Phi Phi National Park and is the location of the Park headquarters.



## 4. Muko Phi Phi Don:

42 km. from downtown.... So often associated with Phuket, these islands are actually in Krabi Province. It has been the location for major international film shoots, chosen for

the outstanding beauty. Muko Phi Phi Don is really spectacular as you enter crescent-shaped coves with white sandy beaches, steep sand dunes and coconut groves. For more highlights, study the additional map.



Muko Hong consists of a group of limestone islands including Ko Lao or Ko Sa Ka, Ko Lao Riam, Ko Pakka, Ko Lao La Ding and Ko Hong or Ko Lac

Li Pe which is the biggest island to the south. The attractions on these islands include fine beaches, shallow and deep-water coral reefs and various kinds of fish while popular activities include snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing, sea-canoeing and nature studies on the 400-meter hiking trail around Ko Hong. Muko Hong is located at the edge of the Than Bok Khorani National Park, and is accessible by a 1-hour boat trip from Ao Nang. The park entrance fee is 200 Baht per person with an additional fee of 200 Baht per person for camping on the island.



6. Muko Lanta National Park:....F13 Covering a total area of 152 square kilometers, Muko Lanta National Park is located in Amphoe Ko Lanta and consists of many islands. Some major

islands are Ko Lanta Yai, Ko Lanta

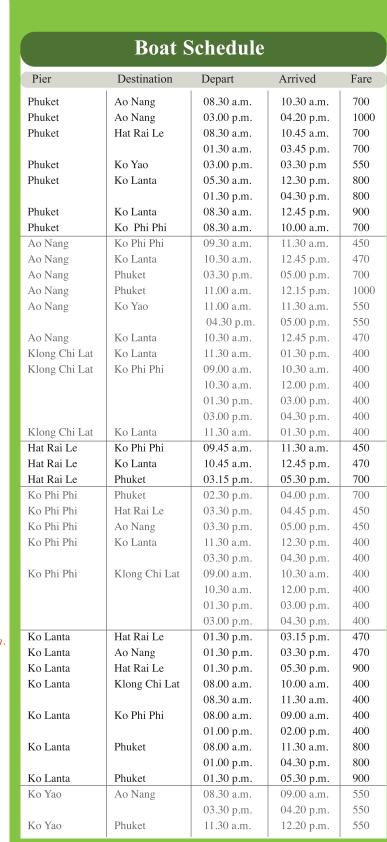
Noi, Ko Taleng Beng, as well as, other surrounding islands like Muko Ha, Muko Rok, and Ko Ngai.



7. Namtok Ron Khlong Thom: 8.30 a.m.-5.00 p.m...

The waterfall, located quite near to the Emerald Pool, is in a shady forest area with numerous hot springs. The hot springs and cool streams converge on a

slope to form lovely cascades of warm water with a temperature of 40-50 degrees Celsius. The best time to visit is from 7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. and from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. To reach the waterfall, visitors should travel 45 kilometers from town to Amphoe Khlong Thom, then take Sukhaphiban 2 Road for another 12 kilometers. The admission fee is 200 Baht per person.



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# 3. Sa Morakot:

The Emerald Pool is fed by hot springs filtered through alkaline limestone, resulting in crytal-clear water. Located in Khao Pra-Bang Khram Wildlife

Sanctuary, Thailand's last lowland rainforest, a visit to this pool also gives you the opportunity to sight some rare species including Gurnea's Pitta.

### 9. Tham Phi Hua To: 51 km. from downtown.

Located just 500 meters from Tham Lot, the cave can only be visited by boat from Bo Tho Pier. The cave is in Phi Hua To Mountain which is surrounded by mangrove swamps. There are 2 different paths inside the cave. On the left lies the shortcut to the back of the cave where the sunlight can shine through, and on the right is a path to a natural hall believed to have been a shelter for prehistoric people. Prehistoric paintings of men, animals, human organs and numerous seashells can be seen in the cave. The discovery of big human skulls in the cave, resulted in the cave's present



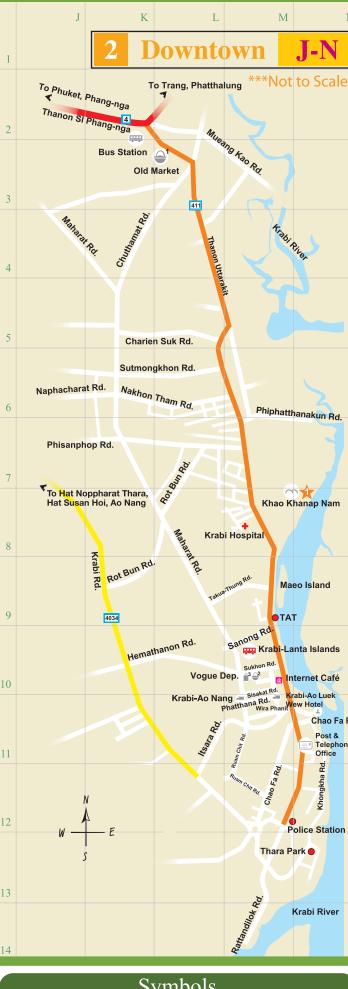
## 0. Wat Tham Suea:

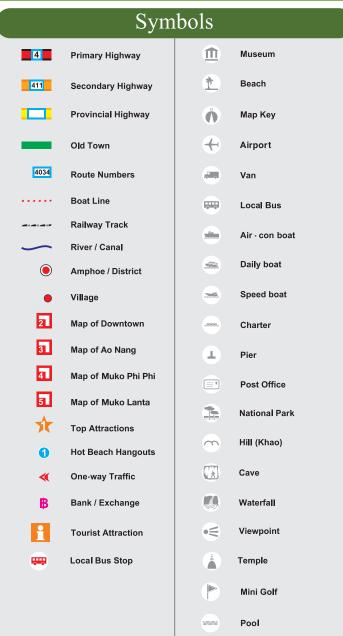
R.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.... Wat Tham Suea, which literally means tiger cave temple, is located in the Khiri Wong Valley amidst lush forests and mountains with large trees

of over a hundred years old, approximately 9 kilometers northeast of Krabi town. Aside from being the site of a meditation center, the compound is also a place of archeological and historical interest as excavations have uncovered stone tools, pottery remains and Buddha footprint crafting molds. In addition, a cave in the compound has what appears to be tiger paw prints in the stone.



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*	Hat Nopphar	at Thara	***	B8, Q4	23.	Tham Sa Kaeo		*	C6
*	Muko Phi Ph	i Don	***	B11	24.	Tham Bua Thong		*	C6
A	Muko Hong		***	A7	25.	Tham Phet		*	B4
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A	Sa Morakot I	Pool	***	H9	28.	Tham Luang Cha		*	E4
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址	Wat Tham Su	ıea	***	E7	30.	Khao Phanom Bencha		*	D5
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12.	Namtok Hua	і То	**	E6	32.	Wat Khlong Thom Museum		*	G9
13.	Namtok Hua	i Sakhe	*	E6	33.	Hot Spring		*	H8
14.	Namtok Ton	Diao	**	H9	34.	Royal Villa		*	B8, O5
15.	Namtok Khlo	ong Hin Phoeng	**	H10	35.	Ko Si Bo Ya		*	E9
16.	Tham Prasat		**	C2	36.	Ko Jum		*	E10
17.	Tham Wimar	1	*	D2	37.	Ко На		*	E16
18.	Tham Warin		*	D2	38.	Ko Rok		*	G16, Cc13
19.	Tham Lot		*	A4	39.	Ko Ngai		*	G15, Gg12
20.	Leam Tip No	pi	**	A5	40.	Ko Ta La Beng		*	G13











### **Glossary of Thai Terms**

Thai pronunciation. Posted signs may be spelled differently.

## **Important Telephone Numbers**

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## Prime | Hat Noppharat Thara and Muko Phi Phi National Park



This is the starting point for enjoying many of the attractions of Krabi. The bay has beautiful beaches, crystal-clear water and coral reefs in shallow water ideal for snorkeling. There is a wide

agents, restaurants, dive shops, kayak rentals and boat services to the Ton Sai.



This is a location for both soft adventure and pure relaxation. There are limestone hills near East Hat Rai Le

that are popular as hiking locations. In beach that is perfect for swimming and laying back soaking up the sun.



One of the main attractions at this beautiful beach are the two caves, Tham Phra Nang or Phra Nang caves located at one end of the beach. Visitors

will normally pay their respect to the Phra Nang Shrine before entering these caves. Once inside, visitors can enjoy the enchanting view of the sea and off-shore islands.



4. Ao Ton Sai: Most visitors to this crescent-shaped cove come not just for the fine, white beach washed by the azure sea, but to

catch a boat to the near by Muko Phi Phi. The coconut palm fringed bay has

Headquarters for these islands. It is a popular camping area for those so accommodation facilities and other services for tourists.





5. The Viewpoint

The views from here capture the magic that has transformed the Muko Phi Phi into one of the world's most favoured beach destinations. Just a 30-minute walk up the eastern hill Phi Phi Don,

of Ao Ton Sai on the left and Ao Lo Dalam on the right.



This beach beside Ao Ton Sai is very popular for those who like to snorkel across relatively shallow rocks and coral reefs inhabited by colorful marine fish. The beach is approximately 800

range of services available here, including hotels, resorts, bungalows, travel meters in length and has some basic facilities. You can walk from here to Ao



When the producers of "The Beach" were searching for the perfect location, they found it here at Ao Maya. The breathtaking beauty of this bay washed by the Andaman Sea and framed by

contrast, West Rai Le is a white sandy limestone hills is forever embedded in the minds of all those who come here.



It is believed that sea merchants or pirates painted the ancient images of Chinese, Arabian and European sailing ships on the walls of this 80-meter cave situated on Ko Phi Phi Le. Thousands of

swallows nest here so visitors can see demonstrations of the gathering of the bird's nests so sought after by those who believe in their nutritional value.



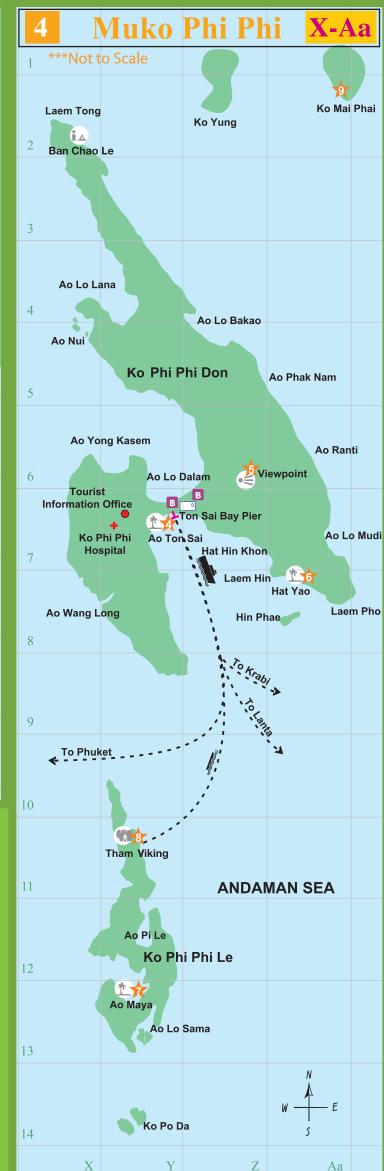
9. Ko Mai Phai:

This small, pristine island is surrounded by shallow water coral reefs that cover an area three times larger than the island itself. It is located to the north of Phi Phi Don and is the site of the National Park



10. Ko Po Da: The Creator arranged Muko Po Da Nok, Po Da Nai, Thap and Mo in a neat vertical line running from north to south. They are blessed with beautiful white beaches, turquoise-clear water

you can take in the expanse of the emerald sea lapping the pristine beaches and shallow coral reefs. When the tide goes out, you can walk across the sand from Ko Po Da Nok to Ko Thap and Ko Mo. Po Da Nok has an unusual shape resembling a chicken's head or axe so it has two Thai nicknames, Ko



## **Key Tips**

Visitors are advised to make early reservations (up to a year in advance) for accommodation during the peak season from late December to early January because of the popularity of Krabi and its attrac-

When traveling by ferry to islands around Krabi, it may be preferable to purchase only a one way ticket so that your trip can be





By Bus There are the government run air-conditioned buses that connect Bangkok, Phuket, Phang-nga, Trang, Hat Yai, and Surat Thani (Samui) to Krabi Bus Terminal. The bus from Bangkok's Southern Bus Terminal to Krabi takes approximately 12 hours.

In addition to these buses, many private bus companies and travel agencies provide air-conditioned buses or vans to and from Krabi

Bus-boat packages between Krabi and Ko Samui should take no more than three hours, though some unscrupulous private bus companies have made this a lengthy ordeal in order to rip off passengers and their stored baggage. There is a more reliable government run bus service between Krabi and Surat Thani which requires bus or tuk tuk transfer to or from the pier that services Ko

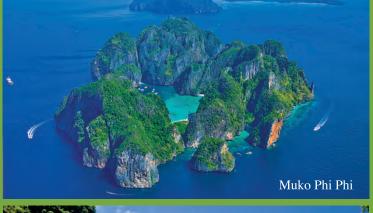
There is a regular shuttle bus service between Krabi and Phuket airports, which are roughly 2 hours apart.

Krabi Bus Terminal is located 4 kilometers north of town at Talat Kao. For schedules and additional information, contact the Krabi Bus Terminal at Tel. +66 7727 0703

There is no train service to Krabi. The nearest train stations are in Surat Thani and Trang, where visitors can transfer to buses to Krabi please contact 1690 or www.railway.co.th for more information

The Krabi International Airport (KBV) is about 10 km from the city limits, 15 km from the city center, and 40 km from Ao Nang.

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Hat Tham Phra Nang

## Prime Muko Lanta National Park

### 1. Laem Ta Not - Hat Hin Ngam:...... ....Ee11

Ta Not, give its unique name. This is also the location of the National Park Headquarters and Lighthouse that is so often used as the signature image of Ko Lanta. The Lighthouse is an ideal viewing spot Laem Tanot, popular for sunset viewing. to take in the spectacular sunsets and sights of Ko Ngai, Ko Rok and

## 2. Ao Khlong Dao:...

the Muko Phi Phi.

Many tourist appreciate the wide, sloping beach that is ideal for sunbathing and water sports. It is also popular because it has a wide range of accommodation available.

### 3. Namtok Khlong Chak - Hat Khlong Chak:.....Ee10

The energetic will appreciate the reward that awaits them after an hour and a half trek to this 20-meter high Namtok Khlong Chak set in a verdant tropical forest. The water source is a cool, clear stream that flows to the sea at Hat Khlong Chak. Here you will find a secluded setting with resorts and excursion trips to Ko Rok.

### 4. Hat Khlong Nin:....

In contrast to the usual groves of coconuts, screw pines line the coastline of this beautiful white beach creating another signature image for Ko Lanta Yai.

### 5. Tham Khao Mai Kaeo:.. This is actually a labyrinth of many smaller caves including Tham

Kha On, Tham Mangkon and Tham Badan. Adventure lovers will enjoy climbing over rocks, passing through narrow alleys and climbing the few wooden ladders to discover the hidden beauty within.

6. Ao Ba Kantiang:...

The smooth stones around this enchanting beach, to the north of Laem This beach is framed by knolls at each end and has a crescent-shaped bay with shallow water ideal for swimming, especially for families with young children. A convenient walk from this bay brings you to

Located 20 kilometers south of Muko Lanta, Ko Ngai is only 20 minutes away by a speed boat. On arrival you will find an idyllic setting with a clean white beach, clear water and many coral reefs.

## 8. Ko Rok Nok:..

Rok Nok Island is relatively undeveloped except for the National Park Ranger Office. Visitors can camp on the central plateau and enjoy the pristine condition of the island with its white beaches lined with cork trees. Dining is limited to what you bring with you or have ordered in advance from the National Park Office.

This island has a touch of history as King Chulalongkorn had a "Siamese Milestone" erected on the south of the island marking Thai territory. Coral reefs surround the island, making it a good diving and snorkeling site. During and just after the wet season, there is a spectacular vertical waterfall tumbling over the cliffs and into the Andaman Sea.

Ao Man Sai is one of the most appealing beaches on Ko Rok Nok It is noted for its diverse flora with mangrove and evergreen forests including a giant banyan tree with its draping root curtain which gives



# **Getting Around Krabi**

From Krabi Bus Terminal, located in Talat Kao, buses arrive and depart between 6.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Local red buses into and around Krabi town costs 15 Baht per ride. For travel to Ao Nang and Hat Noppharat Thara, local white buses leave from Maharat Road in Krabi town and cost 50 Baht per journey.

An air-conditioned Airport Bus service connects the airport to Krabi town and Ao Nang for approximately 90 and 150 Baht respectively.

### By Song Thaeo:

Song Thaeo rides from Krabi town to the Krabi Bus Terminal cost around 15 Baht per person. From Krabi town most Song Thaeos hang out in front of the 7-11 on Maharat Road. Destinations and approximate fares include Ao Luek (20 Baht), Ao Nam Mao (50 Baht), Ao Nang (50 Baht), Hat Noppharat Thara (50 Baht) and Susan Hoi-Shell Cemetery (50 Baht). In Ao Nang, Song Thaeos travel up and down the beach road and passengers can get on and off at any point along the route for a fixed rate that should be agreed upon before climbing aboard.

## By Tuk Tuk:

Tuk tuks can be chartered for trips around Krabi town and Ao Nang for flat rates that should be negotiated and agreed upon prior to

## By Car and Motorbike Rental:

It is possible to rent a car in Krabi town or from Krabi Airport to travel around town and to nearby provinces. In addition to international car rental companies; such as, National Car Rental and Budget Car Rental, several private agencies and guesthouses provide car and motorcycle rental for 1,200-1,800 Baht/day and 200-350 Baht/day, respectively.

Be aware that only Commercial First Class Insurance provides full coverage on rental cars (as opposed to limited personal or third party only insurance). Most international car rental agencies will offer this insurance (some only for those with a valid international driver's license) while local companies may or may not. You may wish to request a copy of their insurance policy and ensure that it states "For Commercial Use". Regardless, inspect rental vehicles prior to rental and drive with caution, particularly as traffic in Thailand can be quite confusing, especially the habit of Thai motorcycle drivers to drive on the wrong side of the road.

Be sure to inspect motorbikes prior to rental and drive with extreme caution as rental motorbikes are not normally insured and accidents are frequent. Helmets are required by Thai law.

Krabi Limousine has a desk inside the Krabi Airport and provides "limousine taxi" (using large air-conditioned sedans) transport to Krabi town for around 500 Baht; Ao Nang for 800 Baht; and Phuket for 2,500 Baht.

Krabi.com offers taxi and minibus at more inexpensive rates but travelers must make a credit card deposit of 350 Baht online.

