# PHUKET

Thailand's largest island, Phuket is internationally renowned for its picturesque landscapes, fresh seafood, architecture, culture and welcoming climate.

Phuket was once blessed with the mineral tin became the tin-mining center of the south attracting people of different nationalities. Following the decline of the industry, Phuket is left with the best of both the Sino-Portuguese architecture and unique local cuisine.

Phuket's surroundings are what holiday dreams are made of-turquoise seas, crescent bays, powdery white beaches, vibrantly rich reefs teeming with interesting marine life and several beautiful islets. There are truly

very few places on earth full of natural treasures like these.

Boasting world-class accommodation, restaurants, hospitals, shopping centers as well as action adventure activities, and an international airport, Thailand's most modern province is able to cater to anyone's needs. Frequently cited as the 'Pearl of the Andaman', Phuket is the premier tourist destination in the Andaman Sea.



### Festivals

### **Chinese New Year**

The Old Phuket Festival is held during the last three days of Chinese New Year. The Festival takes place on Thalang Road, Krabi Road, and Soi Rommani which are Phuket's historical part of town. There will be all kinds of activities and performances revolving around Phuket's past, local foods and snacks, and Chinese opera performances from

### Thao Thep Krasattri and Thao Si Sunthon Festival

This annual event is held to commemorate the victory and bravery of two heroine sisters, Thanphuying Chan and Khun Muk, daughters of Thalang's Governor who managed to save the city from a Burmese invasion in the early Rattanakosin Period. Taking place during 13-15 March, the Festival features celebratory activities including ritual ceremonies and a light and sound performance on Thalang's history.

# Chao Le (Sea Gypsy) Boat Floating Festival

This is a festival performed by the Chao Le or Sea Gypsy people around the middle of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> lunar months, in which a boat of misfortunes will be floated into the sea, similar to the Loi Krathong Festival of the Thai people. The ceremony will be accompanied by the folk Rong Ngeng dance around the boat.

### Chinese Vegetarian Festival

An event held for a period of 9 days in the 9<sup>th</sup> lunar month of the Chinese calendar, which falls on September - October of every year. Besides vegetarian food, the Festival also features various colourful and thrilling activities according to Chinese belief. To abstain from meat is believed to be a form of merit dedicated to their protective gods.

### Laguna Phuket Triathlon

The largest triathlon event in Southeast Asia that has been participated by world athletes. It comprises a 1.8 km. swim, 55 km. bike, and 12 km. run. There is also a 6 km. ocean run and corporate challenge team

### Phuket King's Cup Regatta

This yachting event was held for the first time to celebrate His Majesty the King's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary in 1987, and has co take place at Hat Nai Han annually during the period of His Majesty's Birthday, 5 December, ever since. It has attracted a lot of competing yachts people from around the world.

### **Phuket Carnival**

An event held to mark the beginning of Phuket's tourism season during 15-20 December of every year at Hat Patong. It features various interesting activities; such as, a fancy parade, sports competitions, underwater garbage collecting competition, art display, OTOP and food fair, spa and massage, as well as cultural performances on the



# Prime | Phuket



1. Phuket Thai Hua Museum: .....F11 It has been renovated to be one of the historical tourist attractions of Phuket. The 74-year old Sino-Portuguese architecture displays a photos exhibition and video media which tells the history of the Chinese people in Phuket, mining,

local costumes, Sino-Portuguese architecture, local foods, tradition and culture of Phuket. It is located on 28, Krabi Road, Tambon Talat Yai, Amphoe Mueang Phuket, Phuket. Tel. +66 7621 1224.www.thaihuamuseum .com The Museum opens from Monday - Sunday, between 09.00 a.m. - 05.00

2. Quaint old building in town: .....F11 A trip to the old building in the old town zone is well worth your time and gives visitors an insight to the good old days of phuket, especially when the tinminng industry was flourishing. To this day, Sino-Protuguese buildings stand as

history of the province.

# 3. Wat Chalong:



A stop at this temple to pay homage to the statue of Luang Pho Chaem, the late abbot of the Chalong Temple, is guaranteed to be worth your while,

asting testimonies to the celebrated

especially for serious historians. Luang Pho Chaem is known for being the eader of the Phuket people in defeating Ang-yi rebels and thus saving the sland from turmoil. Long after his death, he is highly revered by Phuket esidents, as evidenced by the large number of daily visitors to the temple.



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4. Phuket Sea Shell Museum: 7 km. om Chalong Junction. 08.00 a.m. This internationally renowned museum showcases a wide array of sea shells

discovered in Thailand and places from

all over the world. Sorted by categories, exhibits are presented with supplementary information which is valuable for enthusiasts. A variety of highlights presented to visitors include the world's largest golden pearl (14 karats), a giant shell weighing 250 kilograms and a freshwater clam fossil dating back to over a million years. Tel. +66 7661 3777



# 5. Laem Promthep:

19 km. from the city ..... The cape is reputedly the most photographed place in Phuket and is frequently referred to as the island's iconic

image. Here, countless hours can be

spent watching the sun gradually descend on the horizon, while marveling at rows of palm trees on the rocky capes that stretch down to the ocean. This is where the Metrological Department standardized Thailand's sunset time.



### 6. Viewpoint:

Located between Kata Noi Beach and Nai Han Beach, this jewel in the crown commands a panoramic view of the

turquoise sea framed by palm-fringed, white powdery beaches where the three crescent bays of Kata, Kata Noi and Karon converge.



7. Hat Kata and Hat Karon:

18 km. from the city ...A popular alternative to Patong Beach, these quieter and less crowded beaches offer more serene options. Kata consists of two beaches, namely Kata Noi and

Kata Yai, both of which are dotted with palms and shaded trees. Consider them your preferred choices for sunbathing and swimming. Karon Beach, located nearby, is perfect for relaxing.



8. Hat Patong:

The beach is frequently cited as Phuket's most stunning beach and is known worldwide for its ivory sand embraced by clear turquoise waters.

ea activities you can enjoy during the day the beach offers vibrant nightlife for those wishing to enjoy themselves to the fullest. A wide array of facilities and accommodation means you can always find something that suits your style as well as your budget.



9. Phuket Fantasea: 26 km. from the

ity 05.30a.m.-11.30p.m. ..... Phuket Fantasea is a 'Las Vegas-style' show 'inspired by Thailand's rich and exotic heritage'. A curious combination of nigh-technology, pyrotechnics, and tales of times gone by, the 140-acre site houses

number of attractions exploring

Thailand's myths, legends and history. Visitors are treated to battle reenactments, magicians who make elephants fly and disappear, 'Big show' song and dance numbers, and aerial ballet. The Palace of the Elephants, 2,200-seat theatre is of particular interest. Tickets (including buffet dinner) cost 1,800 baht for adults and 2.000 baht for children. Call +66 7638 5111. +66 7668 0888 to reserve your seats or browse www.phuket-fantesea.com for more information. The park opens from 5.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. daily except Thursday. Show time is 9.00 p.m.



### 10. Khao Phra Thaeo Wildlife Sanctuary: 26 km. from Thalang Intersection ......E6

A favourite place for nature buffs and trekkers, the sanctuary is famed for its verdant forest that provides patural shelter for many scarce plants and animals. There is a most relaxing way to bask in the forest. A walk along

natural trails to Ton Sai and Bang Pae Waterfalls is a much welcome suggestion, with maps and signposts provided. Another nearby attraction is the Gibbon Rehabilitation Center. For reservations and information about local guides and accommodation, call +66 7621 1067,+668 1676 7864 Fax +66 7631 1998







1. Hat Sai Kaeo: 25 km. from Thalang District Intersection .......B2 The northern foot of phuket, Sai Kaeo Beach is located close to Sarasin and Thao Thep Kasattri Bridges. This charming white beach, surrounded by emerald seas, is perfect for lazing in the sun and enjoying sumptuous seafood. It may not be an ideal choice for swimming. Nearby attractions include mangrove forests at Tha Chat Chai Natural Center, both of which are situated on the eastern part of the beach. A nature trail with signposts is provided.

Mai Khao is located to the north of Sirinat National Park headquarters. Despite being the island's longest beach. Mai Khao beach is not recommended for swimming. The beach is home to sea cicadas and sea turtles come to lay their eggs. As there has been a significant decline in the sea turtle population over recent years, several programs have been initiated including a preservation project and the Turtle Releasing Festival, which is held annually during Songkran (Thai's News Year.)

3. Hat Nai Yang: 36 km. from the city .... Dubbed the most scenic beach in Sirinat National Park, Nai Yang features white powdery shores surrounded by sparkling clear blue oceans and vibrantly rich reefs teeming with interesting marine life. A quiet beach providing privacy and space, this is a haven for people wishing to unwind, and enjoy camping and picnics. Accommodation and small shops are provided at the headquarters of Sirinat National Park, which is situated not

who want to slow down, relax and celebrate their privacy in an idyllic tropical beach. Nai Thon Beach consists of two beaches, Nai Thon Yai and Nai Thon Noi. Nai Thon Yai Beach, which is perfect for recreation and swimming, boasts a long bay encircled by high hills and shaded by tropical

5. Hat Bang Thao: 25 km. from the city ..... 5 Bang Thao Beach has been developed from a deserted tin mine into a luxury five-star resort owned and operated by the Laguna chain. The beach is a secluded gateway and is great for swimming, windsurfing and sailing. Visitors should however carefully observe the entry point to the beach, as there are many entrances which are often mistaken for the resort's entrance.

6. Hat Surin: 25 km. fron the city..... 6 A usual hang-out for Phuket residents, this charming and secluded hillside gateway is made up of aquamarine seas, rows of large pine trees and a pristine beach. Although the beach is not ideal for swimming due to its steepness, it is nevertheless one of Phuket's best spots to watch glorious

7. Laem Sing: 1 km. from Surin Beach ..... Located just 1 km. off Surin Beach, the cape is made up of white sandy beach and a scenic rocky cape. Despite its relatively small size, the beach is shielded against disturbing noises by shady trees which, in turn, provide a perfectly relaxing ambience. While the beach offers great opportunities for swimming, the cape's rocky caves are more than perfect for fishing.

8. Hat Kamala: 22 km. from the city .... 8 Sitting next to Laem Sing is a charmingly serene beach ideal for swimming and sunbathing. But natural wonders are not the only attractions. Kamala Beach is where Phuket Fantasea, a spectacular cultural theme park, as well as the tradition-tinged Muslim Villages are located.

9. Hat Nai Han: 18 km. from the city ..... overlooking Promthep Cape, the place is a highly preferred destination amongst foreign tourists despite its relatively small beach, Adding to its tranquil atmosphere, Nai Han Beach is renowned for beautiful landscapes complemented white sandy shore, deep blue seas and visiting yachts from all over the world. Swimming, however, is not recommended during the months of the rainy season from May to October.

10. Hat Rawai: 18 km. from the city .... Visitors are drawn to this powdery beach by its shady palm trees and a huge variety of inexpensive but succulent seafood. With its relaxing atmosphere, Rawai is ideal for enjoying the sea vista. This beach is also home to sea gypsies who once wandered around the Andaman Sea. Visitors wishing to explore off-shore surroundings can rent a boat. Prices are negotiable.

## ■ Neighboring Islands

Phuket is an ideal central location that provide easy access to its neighboring islands such as Ko Yao, Ko Khai and Ko Phanak (located in Phang-nga Province), Ko Phi Phi and Ko Lanta (situated in Krabi Province). You can either ask tour agents to arrange your transportation or rent a boat from Ao Chalong Pier. The most convenient way to go to Ao Phang-nga is by taking a boat from Bang Rong Pier or Ao Po, which is the closest spot to the bay. A boat service is also available at in Ko Yao. To get to Ko Yao Noi, it is recommended that you take the boat from Bang Rong Pier located at Ban Pa Khlok. To reach Ko Yao, take the boat from Thian Sin Pier situated on Sri Suthat Road. The trip takes approximately







## Glossary of Thai Terms

Group of Islands Town or City Cave Sub-district Temple

**Note:** English spellings given here try to approximate Thai pronunciation. Posted signs may be spelled differently.

## Important Telephone Number

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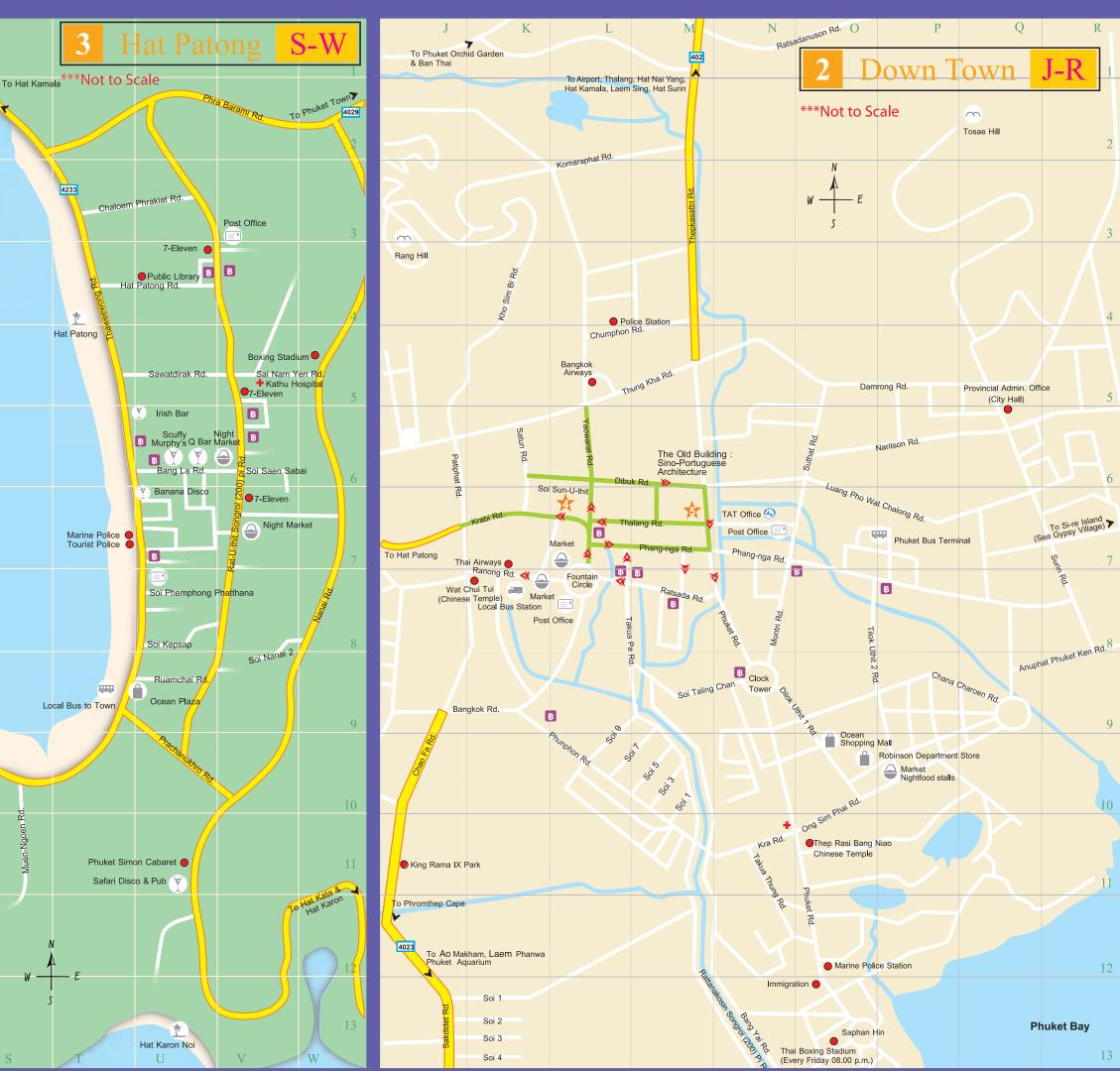
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### Regional Cuisine

Experience the essence of Phuket's cuisine, which is a unique fusion of Chinese and Thai culinary delights. Here are some of the favourites:

**1. Hokkian Noodles:** These round, yellow noodles are stir-fried with soy sauce, eggs, Chinese cabbage or "bok choi" and a choice of pork, squid, or fish and is garnished with fried shallots and ground chilli. Although this popular dish is available almost everywhere but recommended places to taste authentic Hokkian Noodles are Mi Ton Pho (situated near the clock tower on Phuket Road), Mi Ao Ke (located on Phunphon Road) and Mi Sapam (situated on Thepkasattri Road). As lightly different version of Mi Hokkian noodles with shrimp stock, which is available at Chirayuwat, located next to the Pearl Bowling.

2. Mi Hun-Pa Chang: A rice noodle stir-fried with sweet soy sauce, flavored with granulated sugar and salt, and sprinkled with fried shallots, sliced chives, fish sauce and chilli vinegar, Mi Hun is usually served with "Ba Kut" or pork stock. Recommended places to best savor this dish is a restaurant located in Soi Sun Uthit, Yaowarat Road, or a shop on Wichit Songkhram Road, situated near the entrance of Soi Lo Rong, and a small restaurant located near Ban Bang Niao School, Takua Thung Road.

- **3. Mi Sua:** A typical breakfast for Phuket residents, Mi Sua is served together with rice porridge. This dish is commonly served at restaurants in the downtown area and at Khu Kwan Restaurant, located on Phuket Road.
- 4. Khanom Chin Phuket: Another breakfast dish which is very popular amongst locals. You can choose to top it with a wide variety of available curries such as "Nam Ya" (fish curry sauce), "Kaeng Tai Pla" (fish intestines soup), "Kaeng Kai" (chicken curry), or "Nam Chup" (spicy shrimp paste with fresh shrimp, lime, shallot and chili). It is usually served with a variety of fresh vegetables and other assortments such as hard-boiled eggs, fried Chinese doughnuts, and fried fish cakes as well as "Ho Mok" (steamed fish mousse). The dish is available at most of the restaurants in the downtown area, or at "Kwan" on Thung Kha Road, and "Khanom Chin Pa Mai" on Krabi Road.
- **5.** Lo Ba: You can savor this authentic Hokkian dish at different shops. the main ingredient of Lo Ba is made by first simmering pork intestines in five Chinese herbs and then deep-frying them. Lo Ba is usually eaten with dipping sauce, fried tofu, and "Kian Thod"-deep-fried flavored ground pork, crab meat, shrimp, yam and taro mixed and wrapped in soy bean



**6.** O Tao: The fact that this dish shares similar ingredients with Central Thailand's "Hoi Thot" (fried mussel omelettes) makes locals call it "Hoi Thot Hokkian". O Tao are stir-fried oysters with flour, steamed taro, dried shrimp, eggs and chives, that are flavored with soy sauce and salt, then sprinkled with ground pepper and sweet-and-spicy sauce. Try it at food stalls which are open at night in Kaset Market or a Fountain Circle.

**7. Nam Prik Kung Siap:** The province's signature dish, "Nam Phrik Kung Siap" is made of spicy shrimp paste and fresh shrimp. Although you can easily find it in most shops and restaurants on the island.

**8. O-eo:** This refreshing heavenly tasting dessert is made from banana and "O-eo" seeds. "Pae Eng" at Soi Sun Uthit and another shop on Wichit Songkhram Road, near the entrance of Soi Lo Rong are among few places offering authentic versions of this sweet.

9. Ba Kut Te: This Hokkian snack is made from pork bones and intestines simmered in Chinese herbs. It is served with ultra-sweet sauce. Try tasting real Hokkian-style Ba Kut Te at "Bun Rat" on Tilok Uthit Road, "Khanom Jeeb Che Chai" on Phunphon Road, Soi 1 and "Khu Kwan" on Phuket

# Shopping & Souvenirs

Shop Names	Address	Product
Phuket Downtown		
Khun Mae Chu	Thepkasattri Rd. Sapam Market	Nam Phrik Kung Siap
Mae Kui Phuket	Takua Thung Rd., Talat Yai District	Dried and flavored "Ching Chang" fish
Mae Buntham	Surin Rd., Soi 4	Tao Soa
Community Market (Nam Phu market)	Ranong Rd.	Nam Phrik Kung Siap, Ching Chang fish, Coated cashew nuts
Downtown Market	Ranong Rd. Phu Market	Phuket pineapple, fruits, Ching Chang fish
Kheng Tin	Phuket Rd.	Tao Soa pastries
Porn Thip	Chaloem Prakiat	Nam Prik Kung Siap
	Ratchahan Thi 9 Rd.	"Wchinh Chang" fish
Heng Seng	Mae Luan Rd.	Mi Sua (Swallow Brand)
Chai Batik	Chaofa Tawantok Rd.	Batik clothes
Mook Phuket (Phuket Pearl)	Chaofa Tawantok Rd.	Pearls from farm
Nong Kaeo	Luang Pho Wat Chalong Rd.	Coated cashew nuts
Methi	Tilok Uthit Rd.	Coated cashew nuts
Kathu	·	
Ceramics of Phuket	Wichit Songram Rd.	Ceramics
Th1		

10. Dim Sum: A Phuket-style breakfast that comes in small bites but served in a big set of Khanom Jeeb (steamed Chinese dumplings), "Salapao" (Chinese buns), "Ha Kao" (steamed shrimp dumpling), fried taro, fried spring rolls, fried dumplings, etc. Commonly served in downtown restaurants, Dim Sum is normally taken with either hot Chinese tea or coffee. Recommended place to try is "Khu Kwan" on Phuket Road.

Thepkasattri Rd.

Thepkasattri Rd.

Khun Mae Chu

Nam Phrik Kung Siap,

Kaeng Tai Pla

# Hat Karon

Hat Kata Noi

To Hat Patong & Hat Kamala

Golfing	
Banyan Tree Phuket Golf Club Blue Canyon Country Club Phuket Country Club Dino Park Mini Golf	Sisunthon Rd., Choeng Thale Thepkasattri Rd., Mai Khao Wichit Songkhram Rd., Kathu Near the Marina Cottage, Hat Karon
Horse Riding	
Phuket Riding Club Phuket Laguna Riding Club	Soi Wiset, Ao Chalong-Rawai Rd. Hat Bang Thao, Choeng Thale
Elephant Trekking	
Siam Safari	Chalong
Bungy Jumping	
Hanuman World	Pracha Samakee Rd.
Paint Ball Top Gun Paint Ball	Ao Chalong
Go-Kart	Ao Chaiong
Patong Gokart Speedway	Up-hill on the way to Patong
Fishing	
Phuket Sport Fishing Center Phuket Fishing Charter	Hat Patong Ao Chalong
Trekking / Canoeing	, ,
Santana Siam Safari Nature Tour	Hat Patong Chao Fa Rd., Chalong
Cruising	,
Southeast Asia Yacht Charter Co. Yacht Charter Travel Service Phuket Yacht Service	Hat Patong, Kathu East Chao Fa Rd. Bangkok Rd.
Diving	-
Sea Bees Diving Phuket Aquatic Safari Dive Asia Love Andaman	Viset Rd., Chalong West Chao Fa Rd. Hat Kata Hat Kata
Getting to islands nearby	'
Racha Island He Island Mai Thon Island Similan Island Phi Phi Island Khai Island	Phuket Sea Island Phuket Sea Island Love Andaman Love Andaman Chao Koh Travel Phi Phi Marine Phuket Sea Island
Getting to Pearl Farm	'
Rang Yai Island	Phuket Pearl Farm Tour
Sightseeing by Canoeing / Kayaking	
Hong Island Phang-nga Bay	Asia Canoe Club Sea Cape Canoe
Eco Tour	1 *
Siam Safari Island Safari	Chao Fa Rd., Chalong Chalong Rd.

Interesting Activities

# Interesting Activities around Phuket

Boasting several islands endowed with pristine shores and spectacular underwater world, Phuket provides you with a wide array of fun-filled activities so you can enjoy yourself to the fullest.





Ko He. Ko Racha Yai, and Ko Mai Thon are known for beautiful coral gardens and great snorkelling. Ko Racha Noi, on the other hand, is renowned as a preferred site for scuba-diving and fishing. Those who enjoy swimming in warm tropical waters must not miss the chance to visit Ko Bon.

# Transportation from Bangkok

\*\*\*Not to Scale

Route 1: Take Highway No.35 (Thon Buri-Pak Tho) and head south, then take highway No.4 (Phetchakasem Road) to get to Phetchaburi and Prachuap Khiri Khan. Upon reaching Pathomphon Intersection, take Highway No.41. At Surat Thani Intersection, Ban Ta Khun District, turn right to Highway No.401. Turn right again and follow Highway No.4 to Phang-nga's downtown and Takua Thung District. At Ban Khok Kloi Market Junction, turn left to Highway No.402 and proceed further until you reach Thao Thepkasattri Bridge, which will lead you directly to the town of Phuket. (800 km.

Route 2: Follow the direction of the first route until you reach Chumphon Downtown Intersection. At this intersection, turn right and drive further down on Highway No.4 passing Kra Buri District, downtown Ranong, Khuraburi, Takua Pa, Takua Thung, Khok Kloi and downtown Phang-nga. Later on, cross Thao Thepkasattri or Sarasin Bridge to get into the town of Phuket. (862 km. in total)

Standard, 2<sup>nd</sup> class, 1<sup>st</sup> class and VIP buses operate on a daily basis on the direct route Bangkok-Phuket. For more information, please contact Call Center 1490 and Southern Bus Terminal Call +66 2894 6122 Phuket Central (+66 7621 1480) also provides such a service. The trip takes approximately 13-14 hours.

Five airlines operate several daily flights between Bangkok and Phuket. For more information, please call +66 2356 1111 www.thaiairways.com (Thai Airways), 1771 or +66 2270 6699 www.bangkokair.com (Bangkok Airways),1318 or +66 2900 9955 www.nokair.com (Nok Air),+66 2515 9999 www.airasia.com (AirAsia), +66 2089 1909 www.vietjetair.com (Vietjet Air)

# Getting Around Phuket

### Car Rental Service:

There are numerous car rental services on Phuket. Cars or jeeps can be rented at the airport, in Phuket Town, and at most of the more popular beaches. 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 motorcycles drivers to drive on the wrong side of the road.

For around 300-500 baht per day you can hire your own 100-150cc motorbike, which will typically require you to leave your passport as a deposit. Be sure to inspect bikes 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. Motorcycles can be rented from rental agencies located on Rasada Road or from different operators at various beaches.

### Motorcycle taxi:

It costs approximately 20 baht / person / trip to travel via motorbike taxi around Phuket Town (prices according to distance).

### Songtaew and Tuk-Tuk:

Songtaews are operated along Ranong Road in Phuket Town to various destinations including most beaches. The cost ranges from 40 baht to 100 baht/person/trip (prices according to distance). Normally the service is provided from 7.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m.

Tuk-Tuks can be chartered for travel between the beaches and Phuket Town or between different beaches; however, rates are negotiable and will cost at least 200 baht to Patong Beach, 230 baht to Karon and Kata Beaches and 300 baht to Nai Han and Kamala Beaches. Within Phuket Town, Tuk-Tuks should cost 20 baht for short

### Metered Taxi:

Visitors can call +66 9 2789 5561, to get a metered taxi that will take them anywhere on Phuket.

Car Rental

Agencies	Address	Tel.
Pure Car Rent	(Phuket Town)	+66 7625 6797, +66 7621 1002, +66 7621 7797
Airport Car rent	(Airport)	+66 7632 7228, +66 7632 7484
Avis	(Airport)	+66 8 9969 8674, +66 9 2259 0842
World Rent a car	(Airport)	+66 7632 7317 +66 7620 5359 +66 8 6689 0299
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Ao and Ko Lon. These islands can be reached by taking the ferry from Ao Chalong or Hat Rawai. Alternatives are speed boats and long-tailed boats which are available at various sizes. Prices are negotiable. Buying a diving package from tour agents is considered a good option. For those wishing to get to Ko Mai Thon, a daily ferry service from Ao Makham is provided by Love Andaman Tel. +66 7639 0250 www.loveandaman.com for more information.

### 2. Taking a Trip to Phuket's Pearl Farm

Pearl Farms located around Ko Nakha Noi and Ko Rang Yai are worth visiting. They are open to the public and visitors can shop around for goodquality, reasonably priced pearls. Reservation for the trip must be made in advance. For more information, call tour agents in the downtown area and Ko Rang Yai, or contact Richy Island Tours at +66 7623 8565, +66 7623 9893-4, +66 7623 8565

# Transportation to and from the Airport

Phuket International Airport is located approximately 30 kilometers north of Phuket Town. Taxis between Phuket Town and the airport cost approximately 400 baht, but the fares to the beaches range between 500 and 600 baht. Minivans charge approximately 80 baht/ person to town, 120 baht/person to Patong, Kata, and Karon Beaches.Phuket Limousine, located approximately 1 kilometer west of the city, operates hourly shuttles to the airport from 6.30 a.m. to

### Transportation to Nearby Provinces

### By Taxi or Minibus

There are also shared taxi and van services between Phuket and other nearby provinces. Fares for either are generally around double the fare of an ordinary bus. The stations for both taxis and minivans are also on Phang-nga Road.

There is fairly regular boat service between Phuket and nearby islands including Ko Yao and Ko Phi Phi. During the high season (October-May), travelers may also travel by boat between Phuket and Ko Lanta. Ferries to and from Phuket and Krabi (Ao Nang/Hat Railey /Krabi Town) operate throughout the year. Various ports on Phuket provide services to these other islands and beaches with fares ranging between 300 and 1,000 baht. The trip may take 1.5 to 2 hours, depending on weather conditions. Some ferries service multiple locations and travelers are provided color coded stickers to avoid confusion.

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12. Hat Rawai