



Phuket, Koh Samui & Beyond

PHUKET • KHAO SOK • KOH SAMUI

The Offer

Embark on an unforgettable semi-guided adventure showcasing the very best of Thailand's breathtaking islands, pristine seascapes and lush landscapes. Begin on the island of Phuket, discover the jungles of Khao Sok National Park and natural wonders of Ang Thong Marine Park. Finally, experience Koh Samui's stunning beaches and laid-back island vibes.

Phuket is the perfect introduction to Thailand. Immerse yourself among the panoramic sea views, lush green hills and diverse influences of the Peranakan culture on a full-day tour. Admire the Big Buddha perched atop Nakkerd Hill, spectacular sunsets over the Andaman Sea and with time to explore, you can watch the neon-lit fun of Patong Beach bars and nightclubs come to life.

After breakfast you will be transferred to Khao Sok National Park to arrive like an explorer for an overnight stay at a unique floating resort. Climb aboard a traditional longtail boat for a wildlife safari through lush rainforest to sparkling waterfalls and the island-studded Cheow Lan Lake surrounded by majestic limestone cliffs. This vast wildlife sanctuary is home to wild Asian elephants, countless reptiles, tropical birds and the rarely seen, secretive tiger.

Next, board a ferry to the island paradise of Koh Samui. Join a full-day tour of Ang Thong Marine Park exploring a serene blend of natural wonders, pristine islands, limestone cliffs and stunning emerald lagoons. Discover hidden coves, swim and snorkel among vibrant coral gardens and see panoramic views at iconic locations. Relax into your Thai adventure on a palm-fringed beach, or opt for a thrilling visit to the island's Elephant Kingdom Sanctuary, or take a culinary journey to master the secrets of authentic Thai cuisine with an optional hands-on cooking class.

Join this memorable semi-guided tour of Thailand's pristine islands, golden beaches & captivating natural beauty. Includes return international full-service flights, 7 nights in 3 & 4-star hotel, including overnight in a unique floating bungalow, enjoy 10 meals, including daily breakfast, return airport transfers, transfers to Khao Sok & Koh Samui and more.

Want more? Extend your tropical Thai adventure with an Arrive Early in Phuket or Stay Behind in Koh Samui.

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Experience the independence of a semi-guided tour, allowing you ample time to explore at your own pace. On select days (2, 3, 4 & 6), benefit from the expertise of a local guide for enriching day tours and seamless transfers between destinations.

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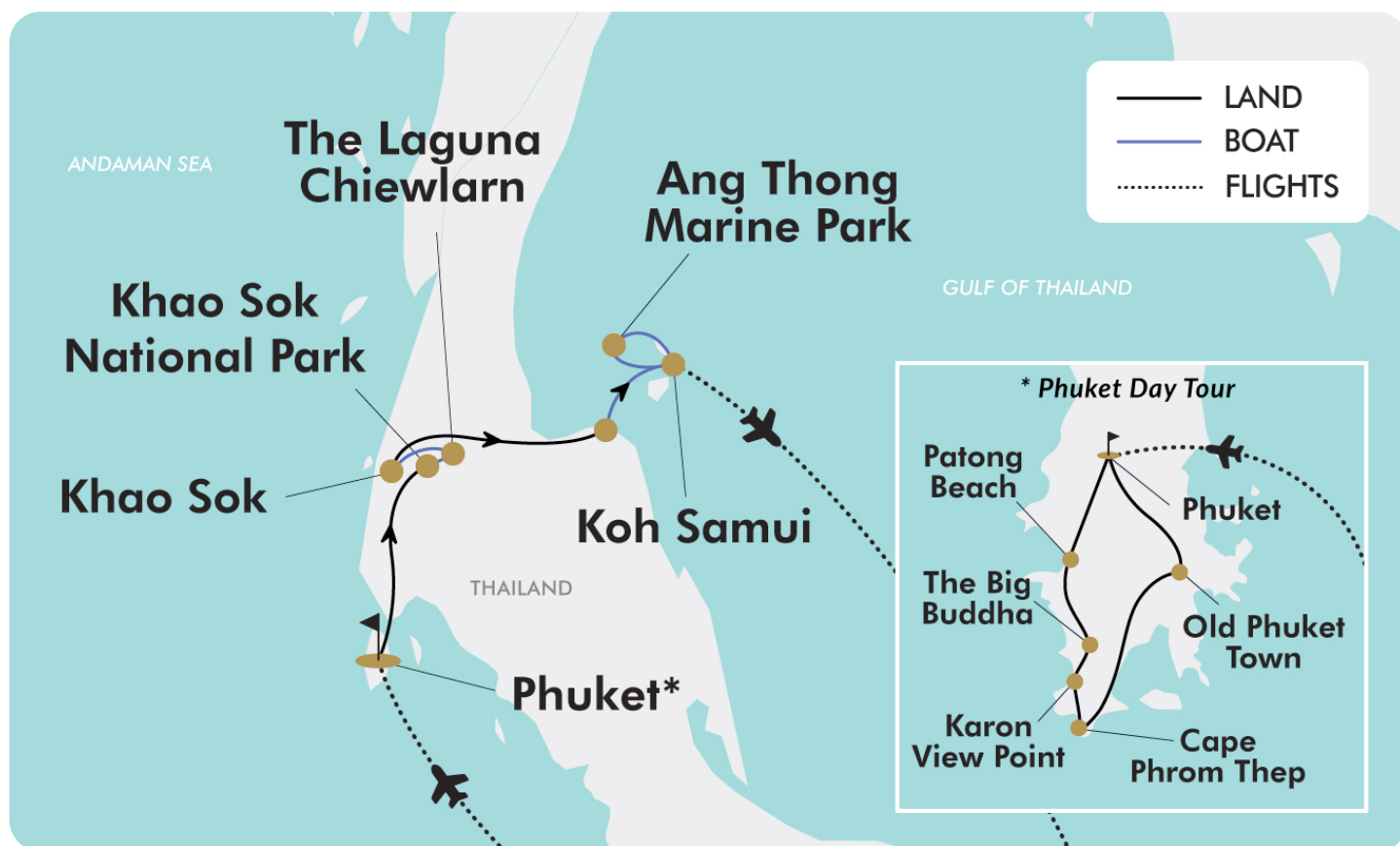


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The Itinerary

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) to Phuket, Thailand

Please note: The nature of this tour is self-guided. You will have a tour guide on days 2, 3, 4 & 6 - These guides will facilitate either day tours or transfers to the next property/destination. Additionally, airport transfers will be provided on the first and last days of the itinerary

Today depart from Australia (or New Zealand) for Phuket, Thailand. Upon arrival be met by a tour representative and transferred to your hotel.

Sawadee (hello) and a warm welcome to Phuket, the largest island in Thailand. Discover this island paradise, known for its breathtaking beaches, lively nightlife, and profound cultural legacy.

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Overnight: Kee Resort & Spa or similar

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Phuket - Full-Day City Tour

Today you'll have the opportunity to familiarise yourself and explore the highlights of Phuket on a full-day tour. Starting around 10:00, you will be met in the hotel lobby and then head to Karon Viewpoint. Enjoy the incredible scenery with panoramic views of the Andaman Sea and the lush green hills from Karon Viewpoint, then drive down to Phuket Old Town for a stroll through the fascinating streets to admire the colourful Sino-Portuguese shophouses. Visit the Phuket Peranakan Museum to learn about the diverse mix of Peranakan cultures. Here take a break for lunch (not included), with many great options to choose from, serving both Thai and Peranakan cuisine.

Afterwards, we head off to see the iconic symbol of serenity and spirituality, the Big Buddha. Perched atop Nakkerd Hill, this majestic 45-metre tall statue offers panoramic views of the island. Crafted from white marble, the Big Buddha exudes a sense of tranquillity and grace. From the Big Buddha Temple, we head to Laem Phromthep, a cape at the southernmost tip of Phuket, and a great spot to watch the sun set over the Andaman Sea. Enjoy the breathtaking views as the sun dips below the horizon.

In the evening you will meet with your fellow travellers and enjoy a traditional Thai dinner.

You'll have the remainder of the evening at leisure to explore. We recommend a visit to Bangla Road, located in Patong Beach, a vibrant and lively hub known for its bustling nightlife. This pedestrian street comes to life after sunset, transforming into a neon-lit extravaganza of bars, nightclubs, and entertainment venues.





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Overnight: Kee Resort & Spa or similar

Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 3 Phuket - Khao Sok National Park

This morning, after breakfast, you will be collected from the hotel and transferred to Khao Sok National Park. Established in 1980 the National Park is made up of a thriving native rainforest, waterfalls, majestic limestone cliffs and an island-studded lake covering 739 square kilometres. There are 311 species of bird, 48 species of mammal, 30+ species of bats, countless insects and reptiles, around 200 wild Asian elephants, and although secretive and rarely sighted, it's estimated 200-250 tigers are remaining within the park.

Once you arrive in the national park, experience an orientation by your local guide. All large suitcases will be stored at the office, and we recommend that you bring a small backpack-style bag for your time in Khao Sok. Next you will be transferred to your accommodation by a traditional longboat, stopping at a few scenic locations en route. Once you arrive at your floating raft-house accommodation lunch will be served.

The afternoon and evening activities can vary depending on the time of year and the weather. You may visit a waterfall, trek to a scenic viewpoint or go on a longtail boat safari, for example. Afterwards, return to the raft house to relax, swim, kayak and enjoy dinner.

Overnight: The Laguna Chiewlarn Floating Resort or similar

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 4 Khao Sok - Koh Samui

The day starts early, with a morning wildlife safari by longboat, after which you will return to the raft house for breakfast and some free time to swim or kayak before checking out. You will be transferred to the pier on the east coast of Thailand to board the ferry to Koh Samui.

Once you arrive on the island of Koh Samui, you will be met and transferred to your hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Baan Samui Resort or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Koh Samui - Day at Leisure

Today you will have the day at leisure to explore the enchanting island of Koh Samui. Known for its palm-fringed beaches, coconut groves and dense, mountainous rainforest. You could choose to explore the cultural side with a visit to Wat Plai Laem, featuring an 18-armed statue of Guanyin and the iconic 12 metre tall golden Big Buddha statue at Wat Phra Yai Temple. Or, you could opt for a day of relaxation on one of the pristine beaches, or book in for a traditional Thai massage at one of the many Spa and Wellness centres.

Alternatively, you can join an optional tour as below:

Optional Tour 1: Elephant Kingdom Sanctuary - 3,000 THB per person (payable on tour)

Duration approximately 3 hours (Morning (09:00-12:00) \ Afternoon (14:00-17:00))

Transfers included.



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Optional Tour 2: Thai Cooking Class - 2,300 THB per person (payable on tour)

Duration approximately 4 hours (10.30-14.30)

Transfers included.

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Overnight: Baan Samui Resort or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Ang Thong Marine Park - Full Day Tour

Today, after breakfast, you'll be collected in preparation for your full-day tour of Ang Thong Marine Park, a breathtaking archipelago in the Gulf of Thailand. Comprising 42 pristine islands adorned with limestone cliffs, emerald lagoons and lush jungles, the marine park offers a surreal blend of natural wonders. Embark on a boat tour to explore hidden coves, snorkel in vibrant coral gardens and hike to panoramic viewpoints. A scenic highlight is the iconic viewpoint at Koh Mae Koh, providing a stunning panorama of the park's surreal landscapes. Additionally, the park served as inspiration for Alex Garland's novel "The Beach." It's an ideal destination for nature lovers, adventure enthusiasts and anyone looking to explore the unspoiled beauty of Thailand's marine life and landscapes. After this epic day, you'll be returned to the hotel to enjoy the remainder of the evening at your own leisure.

Overnight: Baan Samui Resort or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Koh Samui

Today, you have a day at leisure to relax or explore the natural wonders of Koh Samui, alternatively you can choose to join an optional tour:

Optional Tour 1: Elephant Kingdom Sanctuary - 3,000 THB per person (payable on tour)

Duration approximately 3 hours (Morning (09:00-12:00) \ Afternoon (14:00-17:00))

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Overnight: Baan Samui Resort or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Koh Samui to Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight back to Australia (or New Zealand). Take a moment to relax, unwind and reflect on the cherished memories crafted amidst the enchanting tropical paradise of Thailand.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 9 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)



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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Uncover Thailand's pristine beaches & breathtaking natural beauty
- Immerse yourself in the centuries-old Peranakan culture as you explore Phuket's fascinating neighbourhoods
- Marvel at Nakkerd Hill's iconic 45-metre tall, white marble statue of the Big Buddha
- Experience the stunning sunset over the Andaman Sea from Phuket's southernmost tip, Laem Phromthep
- Enjoy time at leisure to explore Phuket's vibrant nightlife along the famous Bangla Road
- Visit the mesmerising limestone cliffs towering over Cheow Lan Lake
- Khao Sok National Park's natural wonders will captivate you on an overnight floating bungalow stay
- Embark on a wildlife safari by longboat to admire gibbons, macaques & dusky leaf monkeys
- Soak up Koh Samui's palm-fringed beaches, coconut groves & stunning mountain rainforests
- Relax with free time in Samui or explore the cultural Wat Phra Yai Temple & golden Big Buddha
- Embrace the magic of a full-day tour of Ang Thong Marine Park with its breathtaking 42 island archipelago
- Admire the surreal beauty of the Marine Park as you swim & snorkel among vibrant coral gardens

FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), departure city surcharges may apply

ACCOMMODATION

7 nights 3-4 star accommodation, including a night in a unique floating bungalow in Khao Sok National Park

DINING

Enjoy 10 meals including daily breakfast

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking local tour leader (days 2, 3, 4 & 6)
Airline taxes and surcharges
National park entrance fees

TRANSPORT

Transportation by air-conditioned vehicles

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers
Longboat transfer to Khao Sok
Ferry transfer from Khao Sok to Koh Samui



Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer, you are bound by the [General Terms and Conditions](#) and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation & Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent:** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the

Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- **each booking is unique:** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible:** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- **Travel Offers are a package:** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable:** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click [here](#).

General Terms & Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our [Terms & Conditions](#), [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cancellation Policy](#).

Offer Essentials

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 21st of July 2026. This travel offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$1200 applies.

Please note: accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Flights

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide, Perth, *Auckland (New Zealand)

Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane & Adelaide: \$100 per person
- Auckland: \$550 per person

International Full-Service Airline(s)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

- *Please be advised that flights under 3 hours may use a codeshare low-cost carrier.*

Please note: From Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane or Perth, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 18.5 hours, with up to 1 stop.

From Adelaide, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 18.5 hours, with up to 2 stops. One of those stops may be within Australia.

From Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 21 hours, with up to 2 stops. One of those stops may be within Australia.

This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land

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arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Singapore Airlines: \$400 per person
- Qantas: \$500 per person

Please note:

- Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed, subject to aircraft configuration.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.

Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

Arrive Early

Phuket, Thailand - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

Koh Samui, Thailand - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

• Exclusions:

This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

• Cancellations & Changes:

Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

• High-Season:

A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

• + 60 days:

You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

• Estimated dates:

Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.

• High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

- 28 March 2025 - 27 April 2025
- 16 June 2025 - 20 July 2025
- 15 September 2025 - 12 October 2025
- 1 December 2025 - 31 January 2026
- 3 April 2026 - 20 April 2026
- 26 June 2026 - 17 July 2026
- 18 September 2026 - 9 October 2026
- 12 December 2026 - 26 January 2027

Stopover Packages

- Singapore
- Includes:
- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
 - Daily breakfast
 - Return airport transfers
- For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.
- When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.
- When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

Singapore Grand Prix: September 2025
Christmas and New Years Eve - 22
December 2025 to 2 January 2026

Flight Class Upgrades

Business or Premium Economy Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- Upgrade applicable for Australia to Singapore flights only.
- Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed

Accommodation

Accommodation Used

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Phuket, Thailand: Kee Resort & Spa or similar
- Khao Sok, Thailand: The Laguna Chiewlarn Floating Resort or similar

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3-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Koh Samui, Thailand, Baan Samui Resort or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Triple Share

Not available

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double bedding (subject to availability).

General Information

Minimum group size 6, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

Optional Tours/Activities

- Day 5 or 7: Elephant Kingdom Sanctuary - 3,000 THB per person (payable on tour)
Duration approximately 3 hours (Morning (09:00-12:00) \ Afternoon (14:00-17:00))
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Duration approximately 4 hours

(10:30-14:30)

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Please note:

- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable directly to the tour operator in the currency specified.*
- *Some tours or shore excursions require minimum numbers to operate.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Recommended gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Mandatory city tax

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Phuket and Koh Samui, both being tropical islands in Thailand, share a similar climate. The climate is characterized by distinct wet and dry seasons.

Phuket

Dry Season (November to April)

This period is considered the high tourist season. During these months, Phuket experiences relatively low humidity and little rainfall. Temperatures range from pleasant to warm, with clear skies and sunny days. December to February is

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particularly popular for visitors due to the comfortable weather.

Wet Season (May to October)

The wet season in Phuket sees higher humidity and increased rainfall. The southwest monsoon brings occasional heavy showers and thunderstorms. September is often the rainiest month. While there can be rainy days, it's important to note that it doesn't rain all day, every day during this season.

Koh Samui

Dry Season (December to February): Similar to Phuket, Koh Samui experiences a dry and relatively cool season during these months. The weather is pleasant, with lower humidity and clear skies. This period is also considered a peak tourist season.

Transition Months (March to June)

March and April mark the transition to the wet season, with temperatures gradually rising. May and June can be hot, and occasional brief showers may occur.

Wet Season (July to October)

The southwest monsoon brings the wet season to Koh Samui. During these months, the island experiences more consistent rainfall, with September being one of the wettest months. While it can rain heavily, there are also days with intermittent showers and sunny intervals. The landscape becomes lush and vibrant during this period.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

COACH TOUR

Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

A Moderate level of fitness will be required.

Moderate

Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activity, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted

navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance. Please note: Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities/Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$5-10 AUD per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping

Important Information

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

Thailand

From the 1st of May 2025 all Australians will be required to complete the Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC) online prior to arrival. Travellers must register online within three days prior to arriving in Thailand. They can do so via this link: <https://tdac.immigration.go.th/arrival-card/#/home>

Important:

- *Visa rules may have changed since Covid-19. Some countries and airlines may require you to obtain an additional visa before arrival. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.*

Please note:

- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting,

and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking.

Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance>

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.