
EXPERIENCE

BANYAN TREE PHUKET



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SENSE OF EXPLORATION

Local Markets



PHUKET WALKING STREET (LARD YAI)

Street market lovers should not miss out on this one. It is a must because the whole street is closed off turning itself into a mini festival with street performers as well as food, clothes and souvenirs. The market opens at 16:00 but things really happen after dark when the street performers start to play. There really is something for all the family here!

Location: Thalang Road, Phuket Old Town

Opening: Every Sun from 16:00 – 22:00

Distance: 40 minutes by car (approx)

PHUKET WEEKEND MARKET (NAKA MARKET)

This market only opens on the weekend and is similar to Bangkok's sprawling Chatujak market with a maze of stalls selling clothes, shoes jewellery and other accessories, phones, watches, toys, DVDs and CDs, sports goods as well as local handicrafts.

Location: opposite Naka Temple on the outskirts of Phuket town

Opening: Sat-Sun 16:00 - 21:00

Distance: 50 minutes by car (approx)



CHILLVA MARKET

Chillva Market Phuket is a cool, trendy night market in the heart of Phuket town with a somewhat bohemian vibe and an impressive selection of food, fashion and other stalls, despite a relatively small size. It has a distinctive look created by the use of colourful shipping containers as shop-fronts.

Location: 141/2 Yaowarat Road, Phuket Town

Opening: Thu – Sat 16:00 – 23:00

Distance: 40 minutes by car (approx)

FUN FRIDAY AVENUE NIGHT MARKET

The night market at Boat Avenue is popular among guests staying within Laguna Phuket. Visitors can find a wide range of food stalls selling a variety of local and international food, a live music zone, handmade items, handcraft stalls and much more.

Location: Boat Avenue, Cherrngtalay

Opening: Fri 16:00 – 21:00

Distance: 5 minutes by car (approx)

**Closest to Banyan Tree*

SENSE OF SIGHTS



Similan Islands

SIMILAN ISLANDS

Even if you've already visited Phi Phi Island and James Bond Island, your island hopping experience is incomplete if you did not take the trip to Similan Islands. The perfect spot for scuba divers, these islands are surrounded by amazingly clear blue seas and pristine white-sand beaches.

PHANG NGA BAY

Take a boat trip to this breathtaking bay where the sheer limestone cliffs jut vertically out of the emerald-green waters defying gravity. Look out for James Bond island during your visit.



PRIVATE BOAT CHARTER

Laguna Tours speedboats are the premium choice for a day or half day speedboat tour on the water. Fast, spacious and comfortable, these boats make any destination just a short journey away.



Big Buddha

BIG BUDDHA

Big Buddha Phuket, a 45 meter tall white marble statue, is visible from anywhere in the southern part of Phuket.

WAT CHALONG

One of Phuket's most important temples, Wat Chalong is beautifully decorated, with infinite reflections from hundreds of tiny glittering glass pieces on its many pagodas. This fascinating temple is considered as Phuket's spiritual centre.



SEA-CANOE TOURS

This exciting trip offers you one full day journey into the scenic world of the mysterious Panak Island by canoeing through the amazing secret lagoons and small passageways that open to majestic caves.

SENSE OF SIGHTS

Phuket Old Town



PHUKET OLD TOWN

The unique blend of colonial and Chinese architecture, along with modern funky shops, Cafés and bars makes for a fascinating and unforgettable afternoon spent in Phuket's Old Town.

PHUKET ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

What better way to get to know Thailand's elephants than by visiting them in a safe and friendly environment. Phuket Elephant Sanctuary, a pioneer in ethical elephant tourism, offers a safe haven for elephants that are injured, sick, old, and abused after working for years in the country's harsh tourism and logging industries.

PHUKET VIEWPOINTS

There are many viewpoints on both the east and west coasts of Phuket, affording sunrise as well as sunset views. You will notice that Promthep Cape is everyone's favourite place to visit and visiting it won't disappoint for fairy-tale sunset view.

James Bond Island



Promthep Cape



SENSE OF FUN/ACTIVITY



Phuket Aquarium

PHUKET AQUARIUM

The aquarium provides kids with the best opportunity to discover more about marine creatures with thousands of tropical animals, the aquarium allows kids to see the smallest and largest fish from up close in a safe environment.

Location: Cape Panwa

Opening: 08:30 – 16:30



Phuket Wake Park

PHUKET WAKE PARK

Large wakeboarding park with obstacle courses & lessons, plus other recreational activities

Location: 86/3 Moo 6 Vichitsongkram Road, Kathu

Opening: 07:00 – 22:00



Patong Go-Kart Speedway

PATONG GO-KART SPEEDWAY

A fun and competitive activity for the whole family with a challenging track full of sharp curves, smooth bends, and a long straight start/finish lane allowing acceleration.

Location: At the foot of Patong Hill, on the Kathu side

Opening: 10:00 – 19:00

FLYING HANUMAN PHUKET

There's more to Phuket than the beach. Explore the jungle from high up with this eco-friendly adventure through ziplines and ropes. An activity for the whole family to take part in and enjoy.

Location: 89/16 Moo 6, Soi Namtok, Kathu

Opening: 08:00 – 17:00

PHUKET BIRD PARK

The Park has an exotic flora, winding paths, odd memorabilia, a souvenir shop and hundreds of colourful exotic bird species.

Location: Chaofa West Road, near Wat Chalong

Opening: 09:00 – 17:00

SENSE OF FUN/ACTIVITY



PHUKET TRICKEYE MUSEUM

This interactive 3D painting exhibition offers the ideal setting for a family photo-shoot. It features a gallery of about 100 painted and sculpted scenes using trompe-l'oeil (French for 'deceive the eye') techniques, placing visitors in hilarious unreal world-like situations.

Location: Phang Nga Road next to Pearl Hotel, Phuket Town

Opening: 09:00 – 21:00



PHUKET PARAGLIDING

Paragliding is the recreational and competitive adventure sport of flying paragliders: lightweight, free-flying, foot-launched glider aircraft with no rigid primary structure.

Location: Phang Nga Road next to Pearl Hotel, Phuket Town

Opening: 09:00 – 21:00



SURF HOUSE PATONG

Come and try our new Surf machine, and enjoy great food and drinks! Great entertainment for all ages.

Location: 150 Thawewong Rd, Tambon Patong, Amphoe Kathu

Opening: 10:00 – midnight

PHUKET ADVENTURE MINI GOLF

Great fun for everyone, beginner or more experienced

Location: 72/44 Moo 3, Bangtao Beach Road, Soi 2, Cherngtalay

Opening: 11:00 – 23:00

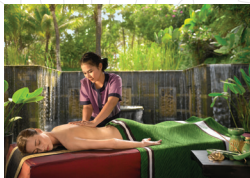
SANCTUARY FOR THE SENSES

Rest

We have a great list of recommendations for your to experience. Just reach to our resort hosts at "0" to help plan your perfect experience or surprise your loved ones.

Relieve the stress and catch a break from work to take care of your body, soothe your mind and indulge in some rest and relaxation.

1. Spa treatment
2. Unpack assistance
3. Stretch
4. Yoga
5. Picnic



Romance

Thailand is a romantic getaway destination and at Banyan Tree Phuket, we take it to the next level with idyllic venues for proposals, weddings and dining, giving you utmost intimacy. Surprise your partner in an unforgettable setting.

1. Intimate moments
2. Lantern release
3. Vow renewal
4. Sunset beach stroll
5. Dinner of the senses or Sanya Rak dinner cruise



Culture

Thailand, The Land of Smiles, has a very rich culture, immerse yourself in it as we help you explore and appreciate the uniqueness of the hospitable and courteous Thai people.

1. Shopping companion
2. Language & cooking classes
3. Dress as a local
4. Local temple visit
5. Sundown rituals



Thrill

While having a private pool in the villa and an award winning spa on-site may tempt some guests to simply sit back and relax, there are others who prefer to stay active and fit during their travels. Get out there and partake in the activity of your choice, whether it is an early round of golf or wind sailing at sunset.

1. Wind sailing at Bang Tao Beach
2. Cycling
3. Golf
4. ATV



Play (For Kids)

Being away from their own toys doesn't have to mean being bored, check out our collection of things kids can do and make as they explore games, arts and crafts through various indoor, outdoor and in-water activities.

1. Mini Soccer
2. Kids Yoga
3. Walk on Water
4. Kids Acquacise
5. Cookie Making

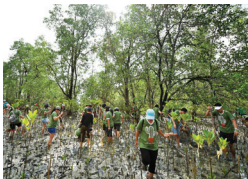


Give Back

Nothing feels better when you are fortunate enough to share something meaningful for the good of others.

At Banyan Tree Phuket, there's plenty we can do together to take care of our environment and communities.

1. Alms giving
2. Visit Turtle Conservation centre
3. Happy Friday at Laguna Phuket Kindergarten
4. Tree planting
5. Seedlings Café



BASIC THAI



Hello – *Sawadee krup/kha*

Goodbye – *La gorn krup/kha*

Yes – *Chai (krup/kha)*

No – *Mai (krup/kha)*

Thank you – *khop khun (krup/kha)*

Sorry/excuse me – *Khor thoat krup/kha*

Not Spicy – *Mai phet*

A little Spicy – *Phet nit nawy*

Really Spicy – *Phet mak*

Delicious – *Aroy*

No problem – *Mai pen rai*

PHRASES FOR QUESTIONS

Where? – *Thee - nai?*

What? – *Arai?*

When? – *Mu - arai?*

How? – *Yang - ngai?*

Why? – *Thum - mai?*

PHRASES FOR ADDRESSING PEOPLE

I (female) – *Chán*

I (male) – *Pǒm*

You – *Kun*

He/She/They – *Kao*

Female/Male (junior) – *Nong*

Female/Male (senior) – *Pee*

THINGS TO KNOW

Do's

✓ **Remove your shoes:** It is not uncommon to see piles of shoes outside a temple or a restaurant. It is a norm for people to take off their shoes when entering a temple or someone's house. A useful tip is to wear simple footwear that is easy to take off.

✓ **Return a wai:** You will notice people wai to you all the time. Make sure you wai back as it is considered impolite not to return the wai. The wai is Thailand's prayer-like gesture with the hands together in front and head slightly bowed.

✓ **Eat with a spoon:** You may notice that many restaurants don't offer knives to the guests. The common way to eat in Thailand is with the spoon in your right hand and fork in your left. Noodles and Spring Rolls are usually eaten with chopsticks.

✓ **Show respect to monks:** You will surely encounter a monk during your visit to Thailand. When greeting a monk, monks receive a deeper wai than ordinary people but monks do not have to return your gesture. Women should never touch a monk, brush a monk's robes, or hand something to a monk.

✓ **Smile:** Thailand is called the Land of Smiles for a reason. The famous "Thai smile" is essential to Thai etiquette. Always return someone's smile. Smiles are considered appropriate during negotiation; in apology; when something does not go to plan, and almost any other time.

✓ **Ka/Krup:** It is common to say ka (Ladies) and Krup (Gents) when you wish to agree with someone or at the end of a sentence or at the end of "Sawasdee" (Greetings of the day).

Don'ts

✗ **Point your feet:** It is considered extremely rude if you point your feet at someone or raise them higher than someone's head.

✗ **Touch someone's head:** Never touch someone's head or hair as the head is the considered as the most sacred part of the body.

✗ **Point:** Pointing at someone is considered rude in many cultures but particularly so in Thailand. If you must indicate a person, do so by lifting your chin in their direction or an open palm to their feet.

✗ **Lose your cool:** Learn to say "mai pen rai" and keep calm even if things go wrong. Avoid shouting, blowing your top, or displaying strong emotions.

✗ **Disrespect the king:** The royal family are highly respected in Thailand. Never disrespect the king or images of the king. It is not only offensive but also considered a crime.

✗ **Throw things:** Hand things to people properly, face up, with your right hand.

✗ **Topless:** On the beach do not bath topless as it's cultural unacceptable in Thailand.



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