

Welcome to Phuket

TOP-20

Places to visit

- Enjoy the beautiful beaches of Phuket – Kata, Karon, Patong, Nai Harn, and more
- Wander the night markets – located by every main beach and in Phuket Town
- Visit Wat Chalong, Phuket's largest Buddhist temple.
- Stroll the Old Town of Phuket Town, with its 18th–20th-century Chinese-Portuguese architecture
- Beware of the playful locals on Monkey Hill
- Feed the gentle giants at an Elephant Farm or meet the stripes at Tiger Kingdom
- Catch a breathtaking sunset at Promthep Cape
- Climb to the famous Karon Viewpoint («the Three Beaches Hill»)
- Snap a photo with the giant water lilies at Ma Doo Bua café
- Party on Bangla Road – the island's liveliest strip of bars and clubs
- Buy fresh seafood at Rawai Fish Market and have it cooked on the spot
- Take a ride in a classic tuk-tuk
- Go for a sea trip in a traditional long-tail boat
- Plane-spot at Mai Khao Beach – capture a jet flying right overhead
- Hit the slides at Andamanda Phuket or Splash Jungle Waterpark (reopens October 1 after a break)
- Marvel at the nearly 30-meter Reclining Buddha (Big Buddha is currently closed to visitors)
- See a show – Siam Niramit, Phuket FantaSea, Carnival Magic – or catch a Muay Thai fight

Beyond the island

- Day-trip to the Phi Phi Islands or Ko Tapu (James Bond Island)
- See the Similan Islands at sunrise – before the crowds arrive
- Go bamboo rafting in Khao Lak National Park



TOP 5 souvenirs

- Pearl jewelry
- Natural coconut-based cosmetics
- Local fruit: mango, lychee, passion fruit, papaya, and other tropical favorites
- Sweets: mung-bean candies and candied fruit
- Cashew nuts – Phuket has its own plantations



What to taste?

- Tom Yum with coconut milk and shrimp
- Khao Pad – fried rice
- Pad Thai – stir-fried rice noodles with shrimp and extras
- Som Tam – green papaya salad
- Mango Sticky Rice – sweet sticky rice with coconut milk and fresh mango

