

# **TABLE OF CONTENTS**



INTRO INDOOR OUTDOOR TRANSPORT IN HOME

ABOUT RESTAURANTS NIGHTLIFE GETTING THERE IN-HOME SERVICES

AREAS SHOPPING ATTRACTIONS CARS SPA

<u>BEACHES</u> <u>THE ARTS</u> <u>EVENTS & FESTIVALS</u> <u>YACHTS</u> <u>WELLNESS</u>

BEACH CLUBS SPAS LAND

**WATER** 

**ISLAND HOPPING** 

<u>KIDS</u>

### **ABOUT**

Famed for its palm trees, glorious shorelines, and azure waters, Koh Samui, the third largest and one of the most visited island in Thailand, is a dream escape. It is the largest in an archipelago of more than 80 islands in the Gulf of Thailand. The powdery white sands, lapped by blue waters, promise the ultimate beach holiday experience bathed in luxury. Colossal mountains jut out of the water, and quaint bamboo huts line the shores painting a marvelous picture of natural beauty. From above, Samui looks like concentric circles of color: the center is dense with lush, green jungle, surrounded by a ring of white, powdery sand with an endless sea of sapphire-colored water.

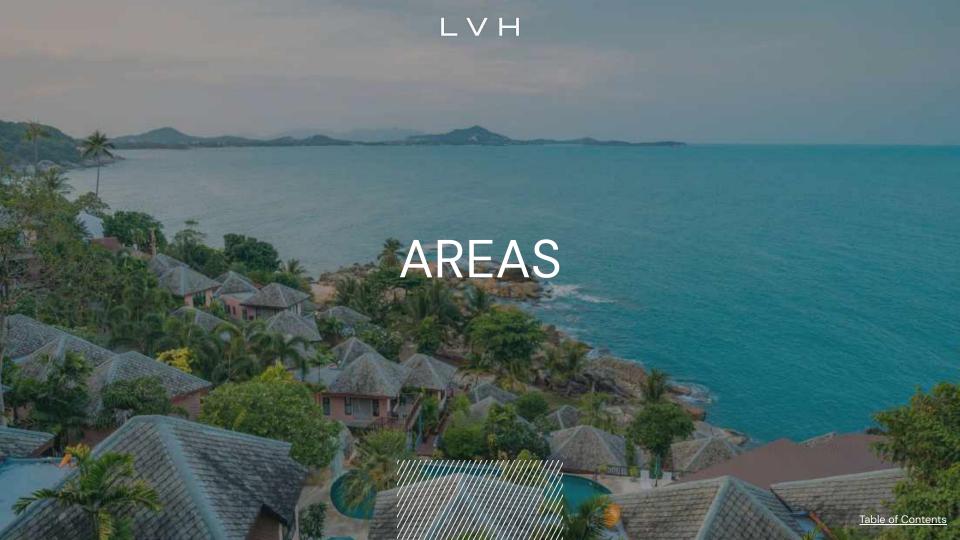
Once a tiny community whose locals mostly lived by harvesting coconuts and fishing, the island had no basic infrastructure. Since it was discovered in the 1970s, this scenic natural retreat has become a vacation hotspot, exuding a glamorous castaway feeling while offering much more. In Thai, *koh* means island and *samui*, according to some, might be derived from the Malay word *saboey*, or safe haven. Known as *The Island of 1000 Smiles*, Thai hospitality is well-know. Thai people are renowned throughout the world for their broad *sawadi-ka* (Thai for "hello") smiles and warm, friendly spirit, adding a feel-good factor that cannot be underestimated. Brimming with positivity and the joys of life, Thai love their country and take great pride and satisfaction in making visitors feel the same way. The peace and pace on the island are a real tonic for anyone who needs a break from a busy lifestyle.

• New York - Koh Samui 20h

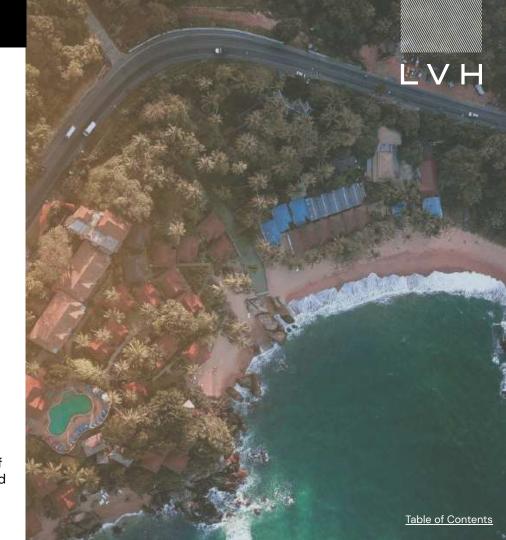
• London - Koh Samui 14h

• Miami – Koh Samui 24h





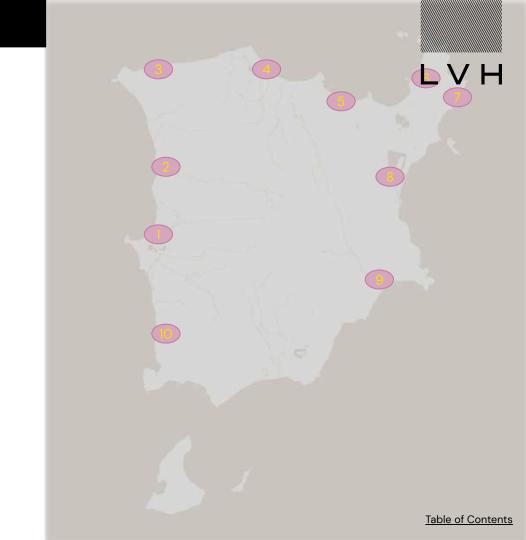
Relaxing and leisure vary in character and degree in different areas on the island. It ranges from lively Chaweng Beach on the east coast to more tranquil stretches, such as the secluded luxury of Taling Ngam on the west. Then there is peaceful Bophut Beach, with its shops and dining next to the hubbub of Fisherman's Village, in the northern part of Samui. Closing the circle is Choeng Mon Beach and its lovely white sand bays on the tip of the island. All locations create a playground for a memorable vacation.



Relaxing and leisure vary in character and degree in different areas on the island. It ranges from lively Chaweng Beach on the east coast to more tranquil stretches, such as the secluded luxury of Taling Ngam on the west. Then there is peaceful Bophut Beach, with its shops and dining next to the hubbub of Fisherman's Village, in the northern part of Samui. Closing the circle is Choeng Mon Beach and its lovely white sand bays on the tip of the island. All locations create a playground for a memorable vacation.

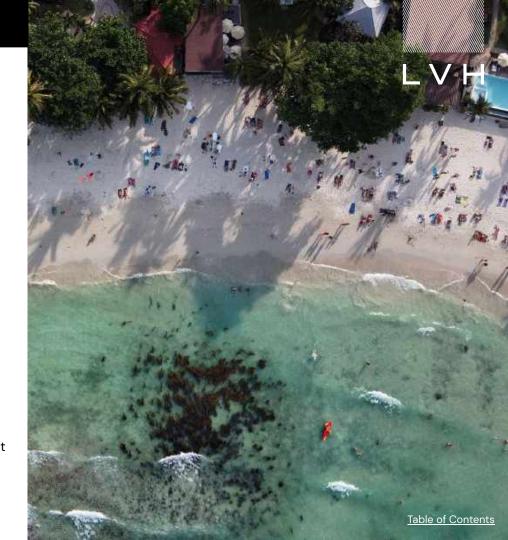


- 1. Lipa Noi
- 2. Nathon
- 3. Bang Por
- 4. Maenam
- 5. BoPut
- 6. Bangrak/Big Buddha
- 7. Choeng Mon
- 8. Chaweng
- 9. Lamai
- 10. Taling Ngam



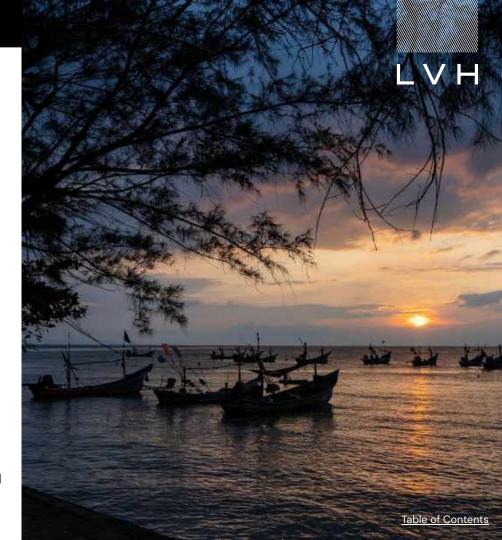
#### LIPA NOI

Lipa Noi is on the west coast, just 2.5 miles south of Nathon, the commercial capital and ferry port of Koh Samui. Generally, it is a quiet rural area full of coconut plantations and mountains with waterfalls rolling down to the beach, where the palms create a green and natural border on the shore. Villas are scattered in between the palms, mostly hidden from sight. You will travel past the temple grounds and the Dusit Dhewa Samui Cultural Centre. In Tong Yang Bay is Lipa Noi's famous ferry pier for boats to the mainland. The great attraction for many is its off–beaten–track seclusion offering peace and tranquility. Yet it is just 5 – 10 minutes away from a shop, café, or restaurant if needed.



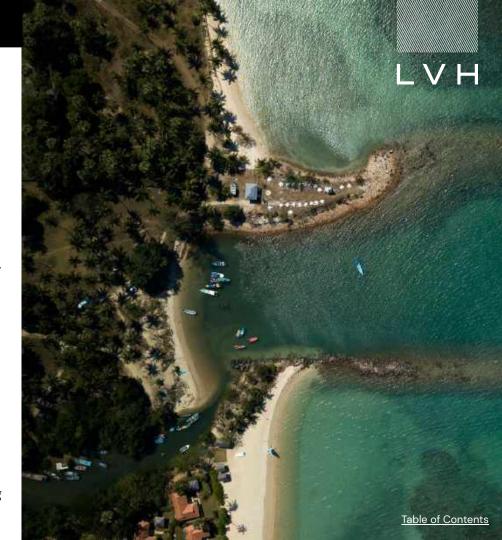


Nathon is the main administrative center on the west coast, where local government offices and the state hospital are situated, and the main car ferry port, where the ferry and fast catamarans leave for the mainland and the islands in between. Long ago, Nathon was one of the places where the first Chinese migrants landed and settled, and you will still see the Chinese influence in some areas of the town, as there is also a Chinese Temple just off the main road.



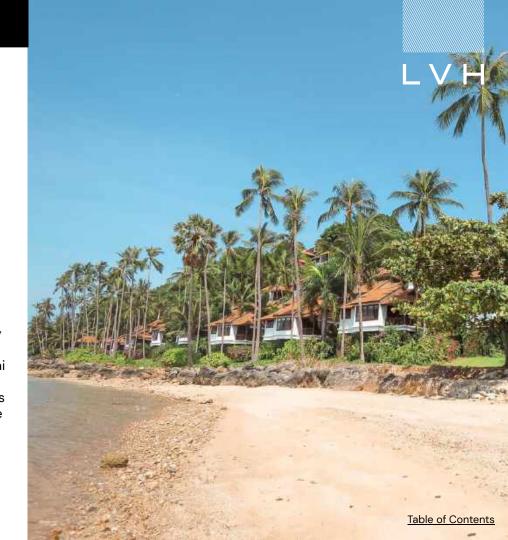
#### **BANG POR**

The north coast finishes at Bang Po, or Bang Por, where new villas are isolated and less accessible. Once a sleepy fisherman's village, Bang Por has quickly turned into one of the most sought-after locations. Stretching along the northern coast of the island, Bang Por never gets overcrowded, giving visitors the feeling of serenity and seclusion. Overlooking Koh Phangan and Ang Thon National Marine Park, Bang Por provides impressive views of the postcard splendid Gulf of Thailand and fantastic towering limestone cliff islets covered with lush vegetation. Even though tourist activity is rather low-key, a relaxed and bountiful holiday is guaranteed. The village is home to several authentic Thai restaurants and international cafes; the splendid, uncrowded beach belted with azure waters, holistic spas, and, of course, numerous high-end villa accommodations complete the picture. Bang Por is on the northwest coast, midway between the towns of Maenam and Nathon, and covers guite a large area. Two main beaches within this area are a length of 2.5 miles, stretching from Ban Tai in the east to Bang Po in the west.



#### MAE NAM

Mae Nam is known for its seven-kilometer stretch of white sand beach enshrouded by coconut trees. Mae Nam means river, "Mae" means mother, and "Nam," water. Maenam is a working village with a genuine local environment focused on a more traditional lifestyle. The excellent beach - Maenam - is idyllic, with soft white sand bordered with plenty of greenery, and is considered one of the best swimming beaches on the island. A recently constructed road connecting Maenam with Lamai over the mountain interior gives a traffic-free taste of rural life away from the beaches, passing the odd farm but mostly uninhabited on this scenic half-hour journey. You will find some excellent restaurants in the center of the village. Expats from around the globe have opened their restaurants and cafés here, serving both Thai and International cuisine. At the west end of the beach, there is the pier dock hosting fast catamaran services to and from Koh Phangan, Koh Tao, and the Surat Thani mainland. In general, it is a serene area with easy access to entertainment.



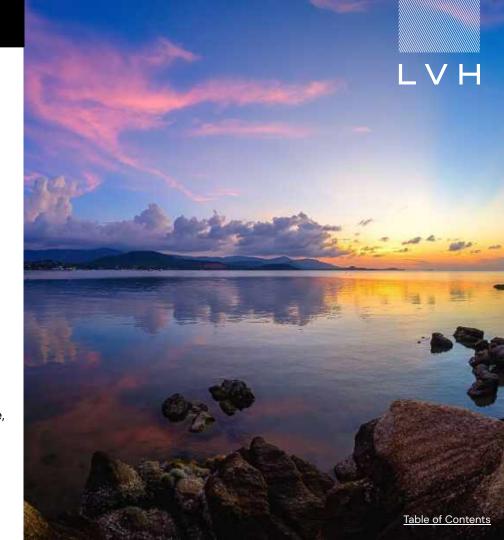
#### **BO PHUT**

The area of Bophut is in the north, between Bang Rak and Mae Nam, and is considered a good compromise between the hustle and bustle of the larger towns on the east coast and the more tranquil setting of the south and west coasts. It is one of the few places on Samui that has retained some of the island's original Thai-Chinese atmosphere, being one of the first places where fishermen of Chinese descent landed in their discovery of the island of Samui. Besides a Chinese influence, the village also has a French "twist" to it, as it was one of the last French outposts during the French colonization of Indochina. Quaint, wooden shops/houses, stretching about half a mile down the main street bordering the beach, have been sympathetically restored and converted into boutiques, elegant restaurants, open-side coffee houses, yoga studios, art displays, and English-style pubs with live music creating a very eclectic atmosphere. The traditional and charming core of Bophut, known as the Fisherman's Village, is on the east side of the beach. Hills above the village hide fully-staffed luxury villa accommodations with amazing views. A 9-hole golf course is also located in the hills, together with stunning views of the sea and the neighboring island of Koh Phangan.



#### **BANG RAK**

Bang Rak is in the north, in one of the island's most densely populated and lively areas. The village runs parallel to the beach of the same name, which translates to "Village of Love." The golden 40-foot-high statue of Big Buddha, one of the top tourist spots, majestically sits on its own island at the east end of the beach. The village is close to Ko Samui International Airport and is home to Bang Rak Pier, commonly known as Big Buddha Pier. Ferries depart from here to Ko Pha-ngan, Ko Tao, and Surat Thani. It has a good infrastructure, but it's quite busy.



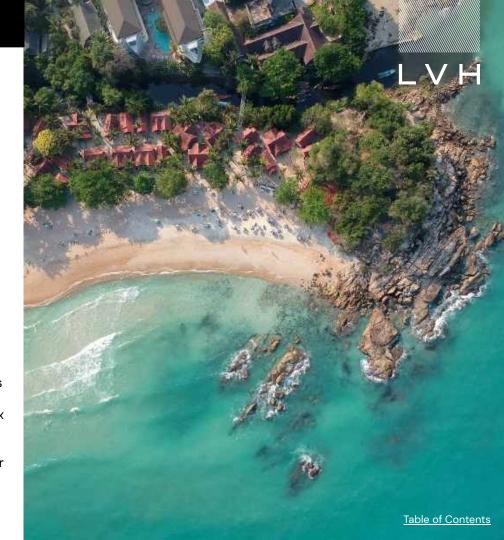
#### **CHOENG MON**

The island's northern tip is reserved for luxury accommodations, often facing stunning but remote beaches. Choeng Mon is a splendid series of small bays on the northeastern coast. Despite its rapid development, it's an excellent destination for a relaxing holiday. This area is famous for providing excellent conditions for water activities, including sea kayaking, scuba diving, and snorkeling. It has two islets – Koh Fan Yai and Noi – lying a few hundred meters offshore. The best snorkeling spots are toward both ends of the main beach and between the islands. Besides Choeng Mon, other northern areas include Plai Laem and Bangrak.



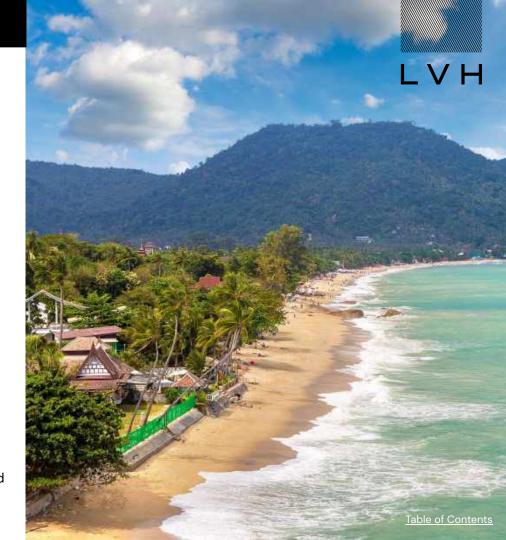


In the northeast corner of the island sits this picturesque tourist oasis nestled in a bay on the east coast, flanked by the hillside. It's Ko Samui's busiest hub, famous for its beautiful 4.5-mile beach and vibrant nightlife. It's also home to the island's most extensive shopping complex and a fantastic range of activities, attractions, and restaurants. The beach itself is most people's idea of paradise, with nodding palm trees surrounding numerous resorts. Since it is easily accessible, it gets super busy during peak season. However, the water at the beach's northern end is entirely transparent and feels nothing short of paradise with its powdery white sands.



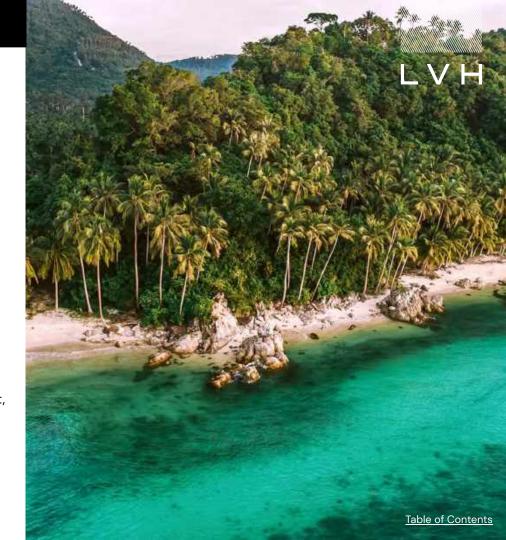
#### LAMAI

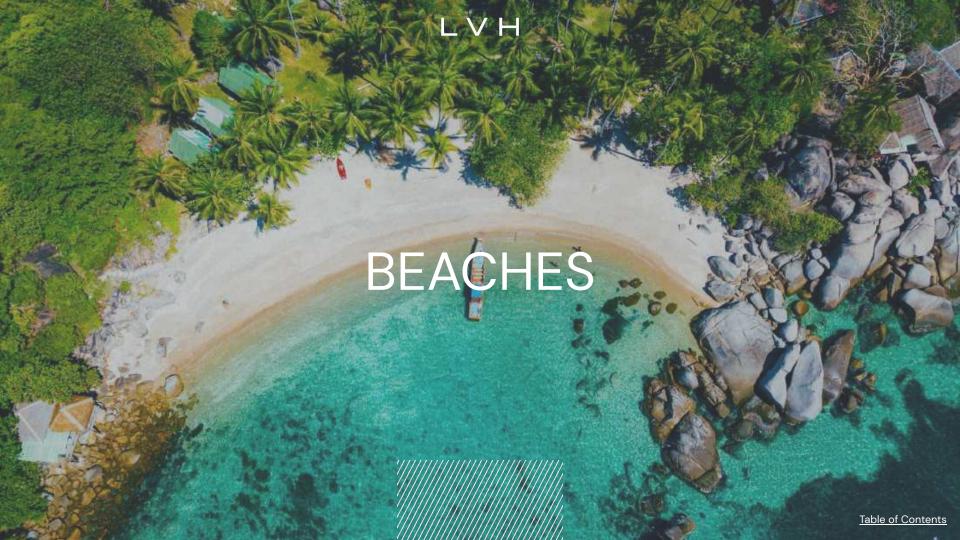
This eastern resort town, south of Chaweng Beach, has a similar sense of the place as its northern neighbor but on a smaller scale. Like in Chaweng, its nightlife is still a significant draw, and there are plenty of great dining, entertainment, and accommodation options. Lamai has long stretches of powdery sand beach and clear, calm water, great for swimming all year on the southern part of the beach. The beach has a wealth of activities to try, such as jet skiing, a children's water park, and even the jet lev/jet pack water experience. Like its neighbor Chaweng, the area attracts young travelers looking to enjoy a party vibe, but this is mainly concentrated in the central part of Lamai Town. For the ultimate relaxation, head to one of the famous luxury spas like Tamarind Springs or enjoy a round of golf at the Royal Samui Golf and Country Club.



#### TALING NGAM

Taling Ngam (translated as "beautiful shore") is an area in the southwest, with its picturesque coastline known as the *Virgin Coast*, together with the village where time seems to have stood still. Roaming around Taling Ngam is extremely pleasant. Not only are the landscape and coast stunning, but the lack of development also lets you discover a more genuine side of the island. Taling Ngam has attracted high-end resorts and the development of a few private luxury villas that sit elevated above the beaches on a small headland between two bays.

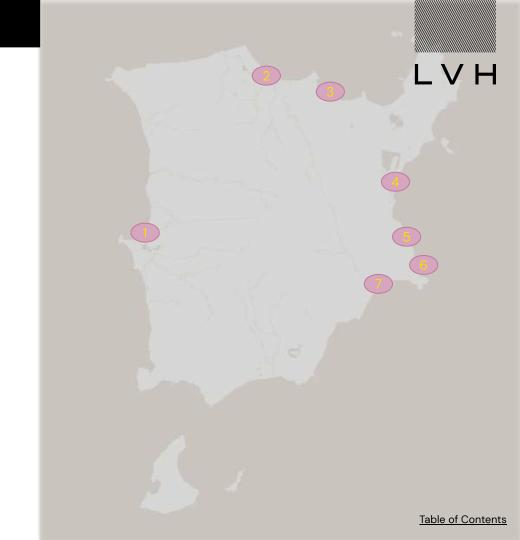




LVH **Table of Contents** 

It is quite clear why the island is Thailand's most popular destination. When it comes to the best beaches, Koh Samui abounds with options. This tropical paradise is home to more than 40 beautiful beaches. However, here are some which deserve special mention.

- 1. Lipa Noi Beach
- 2. Maenam Beach
- 3. Bophut Beach
- 4. Chaweng Beach
- 5. Coral Cove Beach
- 6. Silver Beach or Crystal Bay7. Lamai Beach



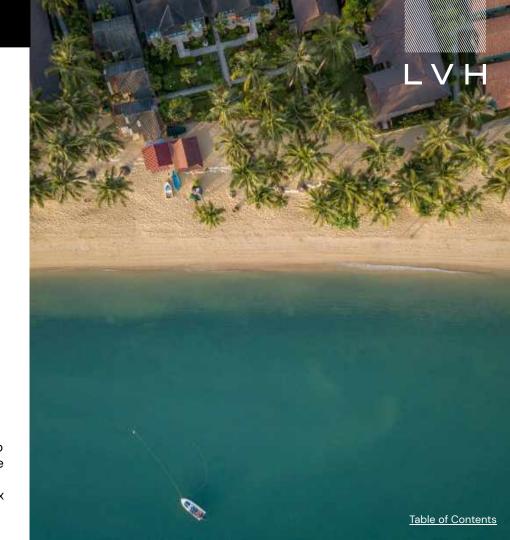
#### LIPA NOI BEACH

A truly secluded, elegant, and unspoiled beach experience can be found on Lipa Noi. To truly get the authentic experience of a pristine tropical paradise, you must venture away from resort developments and bustling markets. Although dotted by a few bungalows, luxury villas, and a few restaurants, the beach is relatively free from human activity. This distance from the hustle and bustle gives Lipa Noi its distinctive atmosphere of peace, tranquility, and immersion within a pristine natural wonderland. The fine white sands are plentiful along its expansive coast, virtually free of rocks or coral. It's excellent for snorkeling, swimming, or engaging in water sports.



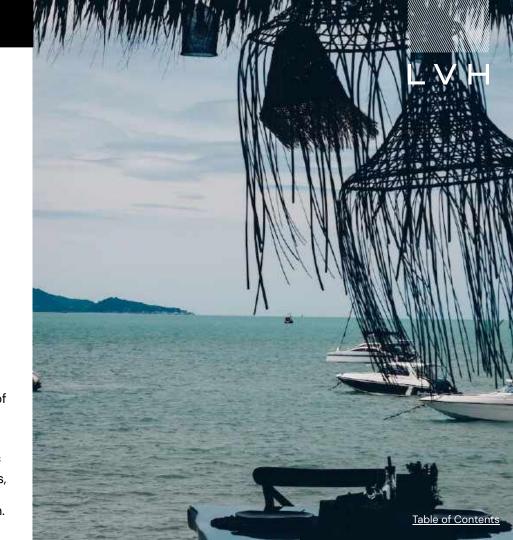


The nightlife in Maenam is as mellow as the beach itself. Without the loudness of Thai clubs, you can simply enjoy the sounds of the waves crashing onto the shore. This five-kilometer-long beach, famous for surfing, is on the northern coast, west of Bo Phut. The beach is close to Samui's finest golf course – Santiburi Golf and Country Club – near the Maenam Pier with ferries to Koh Tao and Koh Phangan. The beach is a perfect holiday destination for the entire family if you want to just relax without the roaring sounds from bars and clubs.



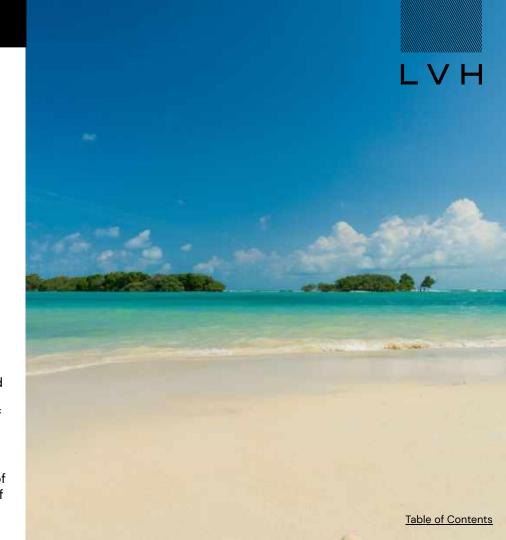
#### **BOPHUT BEACH**

Home to the historic Fishermen's Village, Bophut, some say it is the best beach on the island. The beach strip is known for its fascinating local markets, seaside resorts, and upscale restaurants. It is also one of the oldest areas. This charming beach village used to be a French outpost for migrants from China in the 17th century. Today, Chinese influences are woven into the Thai cultural fabric. The Mediterranean atmosphere here certainly makes Bophut stand out among the rest of the island's incredible beaches. Set with a backdrop of lush palm trees, the drive along the coast takes you to Big Buddha Temple (Wat Phra Yai) with a 40-foot statue of a golden Buddha – a must-see attraction.



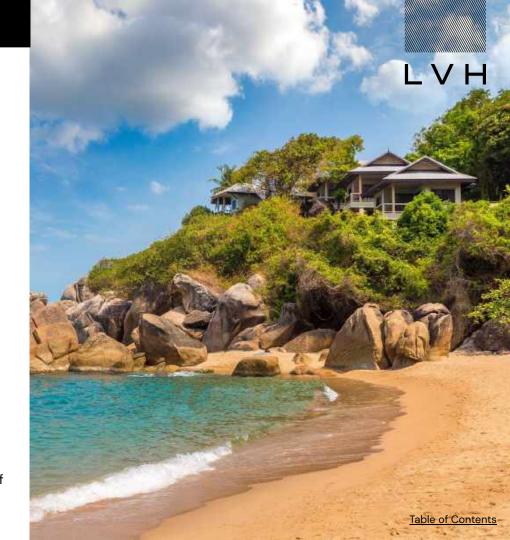
#### **CHAWENG BEACH**

Set on the east coast, Chaweng has a reputation for a lovely white sand beach and an excellent nightlife scene. This is one of the most popular beaches on the island and is integral to its tourism. You'll see crowds of tourists as well as many locals on this spectacular three-mile beach strip. Chaweng provides a desirable spot to lounge under the sun and take a dip in the water. At night, the relaxing daytime chill spot transforms into a funky party hub under the moonlight. It is the home of the one-stop party destination, Ark Bar Beach Club, right in the heart of it.





Coral Cove is a tiny bay just south of Chaweng Noi, on the east coast. It's one of the most highly recommended places to enjoy snorkeling. Featuring giant boulders outside and inside the water, a wide variety of corals, and abundant marine life just a few meters off the beach, Coral Cove will surely please all underwater explorers.



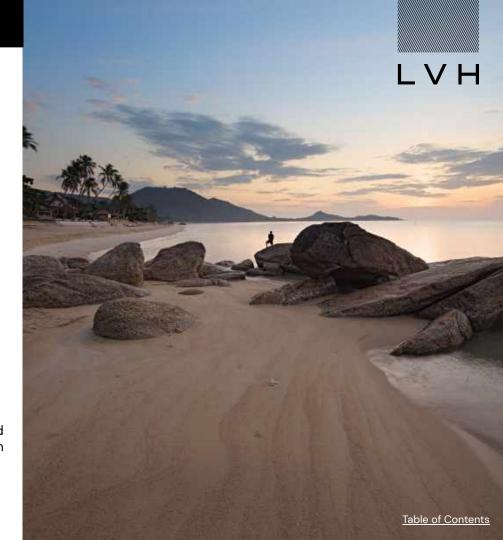
#### SILVER BEACH OR CRYSTAL BAY

Silver Beach (or Haad Thong Takhian to locals) is a true paradise north of Lamai. This spot has perfect swimming conditions, and the crystal clear waters glisten under the Thai sunshine. Grand boulders peeking out from the sea waters are spectacular. Though this beach is one of the smallest – less than a mile-long – it is truly picturesque and Instagram-worthy. With almost no waves, it makes an excellent beach to unwind and absorb your surroundings. Hundreds of fish roam in the rock pools, with small patches of coral reefs all over the bay, making the area ideal for snorkeling.



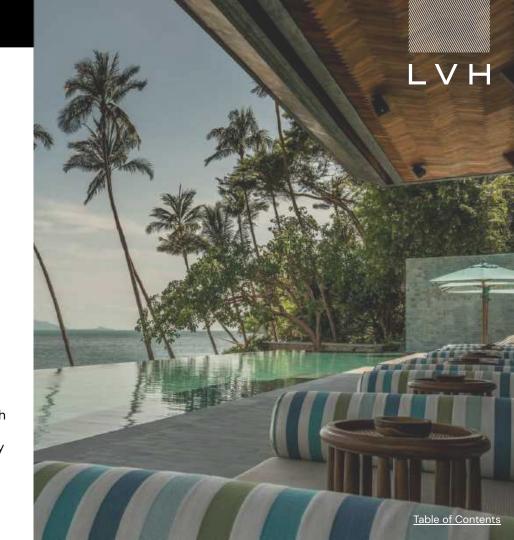
#### **LAMAI BEACH**

Lamai checks all the right boxes for laid-back beaches with a calming atmosphere and a blissful feel. Beyond food and drink stalls and high-end dining restaurants, Lamai boasts a far more settling and sophisticated feel than Chaweng. Luxurious resorts overlook Lamai, and the sunset is simply magnificent. It is an ideal beach for swimming when the water is not choppy, as the beach tends to experience rip currents. Although the atmosphere is low-key, one of the unique qualities of Lamai is the fire shows. You'll see incredible professional fire spinners performing about three times a week.

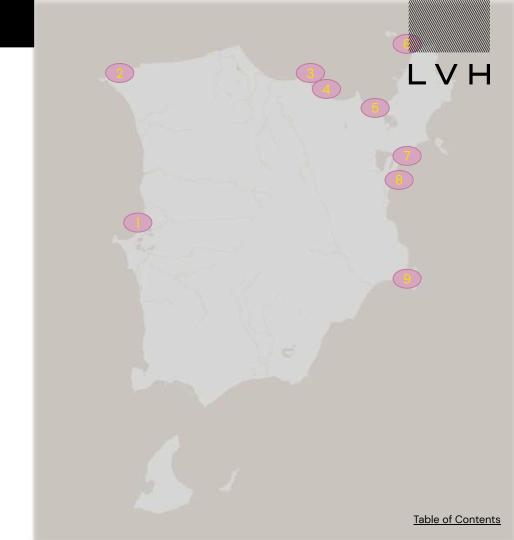




Beach dining is certainly a popular activity for any traveler visiting the island. The best beach clubs in Koh Samui boast quite an impressive array of styles. Some resemble such venues in the Mediterranean, with mostly chillout beats and party atmospheres, whereas others have a more rustic look and feel. It gives a sense of casual exclusivity to enjoy delicious food and libations with your feet in the sand. Coastside lounges and sunny beach decks beckon relaxation and fantastic people–watching. Given the wide range of incredible places to pick from, you'll find a place that suits your style.

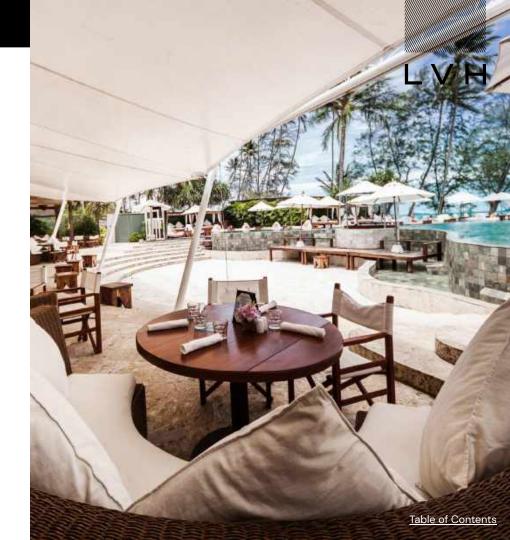


- 1. Nikki Beach Club Samui
- 2. Coco Rum
- 3. Woo Bar
- 4. Karma Beach Samui
- 5. Chi
- 6. Drift at the Beach
- 7. Ark Beach Club
- 8. Seen Beach Club Samui
- 9. Beach Republic



#### **NIKKI BEACH CLUB**

Overlooking the crystal blue waters of Lipa Noi, the beach club at Nikki Beach Resort Koh Samui is renowned for its incredible events, food, cocktails, and an unsurpassed VIP experience. Nikki is the first and original luxury beach club concept combining the elements of music, dining, entertainment, fashion, film, and art. You can relax on a sunbed and listen to music played by famous international DJs and live musicians while enjoying handcrafted signature Nikki Beach mojitos. The Nikki Beach Sunday brunch and sunset cocktails are must-dos.



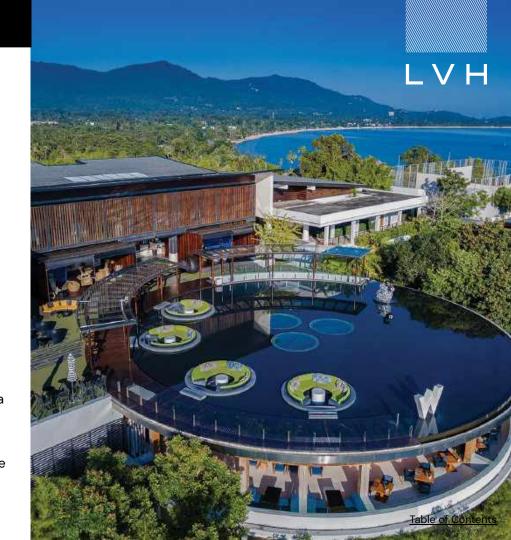
#### **COCORUM**

A chic poolside lounge with decadent cocktails, CoCoRum emphasizes artisanal spirits and is home to Asia's only rum vault. Savor a flight of four rare and artisanal rums from Trinidad, Guyana, Venezuela, and Barbados, paired with fresh tropical fruits. The beach bar, designed by celebrated architect Bill Bensley of Bensley Design Studios, CoCoRum, is dressed up in the signature understated luxury of the Four Seasons. The laid back ambiance at the bar creates a stylish beverage experience. Expect unparalleled service full of personality and attention to detail. The CoCoRum cocktail menu is a work of art – using slow–pressed juices, exotic house–made ingredients, and select Thai flavors, these concoctions surprise and delight the taste buds.





Woobar is the iconic beachfront bar of the W Retreat Koh Samui with a futuristic and sophisticated multi-colored design, offering a 270-degree view of the Gulf of Thailand and surrounding hillside. With gorgeous sunken lounges overlooking the Gulf of Thailand, Woobar is one of the most picture-perfect, Instagram-worthy beach clubs on the island. Its menu features snacks, including cold cuts, cheeses, and sweets, 12 signature cocktails, sparkling wines, numerous single malts, and a broad selection of premium spirits.





Perfect for groups of friends or families, Karma Beach delivers on all fronts if you are looking for a laid-back venue. Designed like an oasis with unique Thai elements, it exudes unmistakable tropical vibes. Get ready for mellow lounge music at an enviable beachfront location, replete with a tempting food menu. Karma is the lounge synonymous with a luxurious and comfortable tropical sanctuary.





Chi serves modern cuisine and handcrafted cocktails, with a swim-up bar and a 25-meter saltwater infinity pool overlooking a pristine white beach. With an extensive menu offering Thai selections, pizzas, burgers, and other savory goodies, there's something for everyone. Weekly offers include oyster platter deals, saxophone evenings, movie screenings, and "clever cocktails" afternoons.



#### **DRIFT AT THE BEACH**

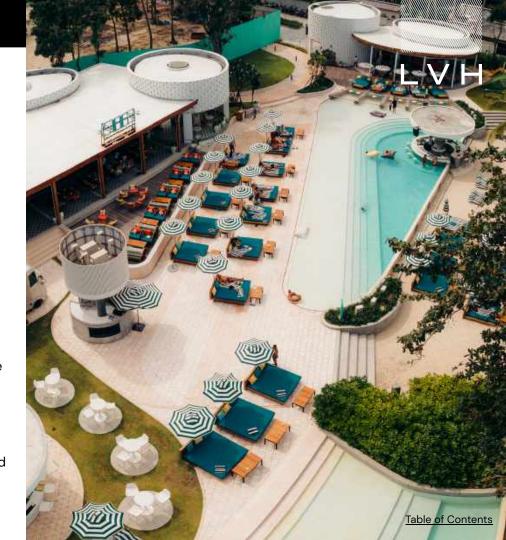
Nestled in a secluded cove with a pristine beach and azure seas, Six Senses Samui seafront restaurant, bar, and chill-out zone – Drift at the Beach. The carefree al fresco bar, a saline pool, and shaded and open spaces provide a "come-as-you-are" quiet refuge for relaxing and letting the mind drift to the sound of the waves. The poolside lounge serves unassuming, wholesome appetizers from the wood-fired oven and grill, delicious Thai and European tapas, and delectable seafood dishes with fragrant herbs and salads picked daily from the resort's organic Farm on the Hill on the side. From the bar, mixologists experiment with hand-crafted refreshments and freshly squeezed juices.



## **BEACH CLUBS**

#### **SEEN BEACH CLUB SAMUI**

Set on bustling Chaweng beach, Seen is one of the island's hottest beachfront clubs. Spanning over an area of 3,500 square meters, Seen is a remarkable revival of the beach clubs of yesteryear! Inspired by the mid-century tropical design movement, Seen Beach Club Samui lets you travel back in time to experience the glamor and chicness of the 1950s. With panoramic sea views, the venue dazzles with personality. It showcases minimalistic architecture, mirrored furniture, and opulent fabrics coupled with bright colors and high-contrast patterns. The club's restaurant serves Mediterranean, Asian and American dishes, and with its private cabanas, it is considered one of the three best beach bars on the island. The beach club's highlights include Saturday Sin@SEEN pool parties and Sunday family-style brunches.

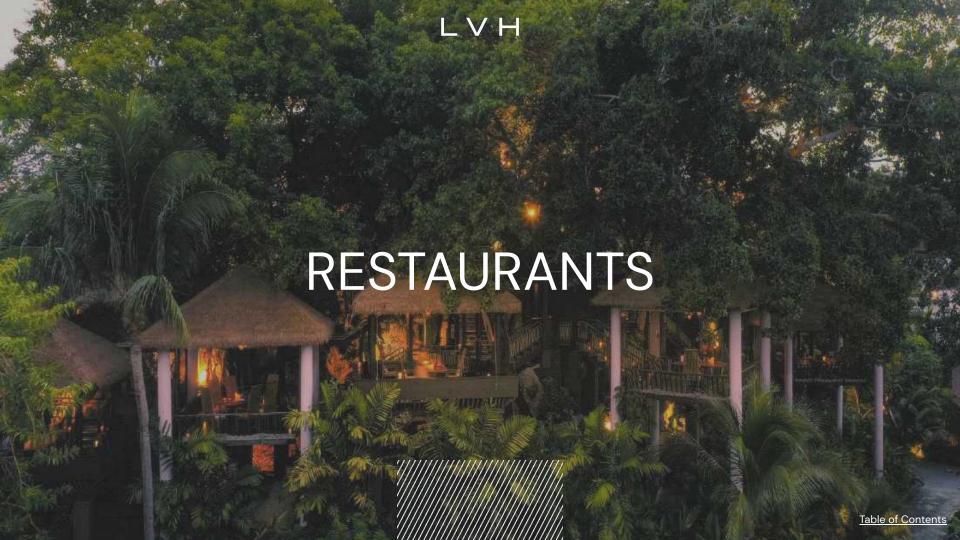


## **BEACH CLUBS**

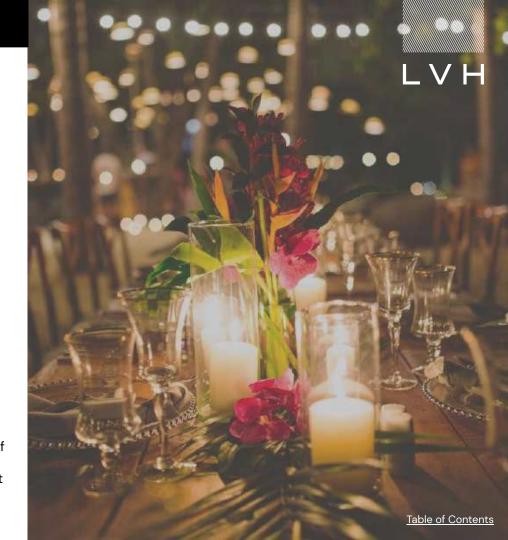


The Beach Republic is an elegant and stylish beachfront venue in the northern area of Lamai. It features impressive modern architecture, with both indoor and outdoor dining areas – the latter set around the swimming pool deck, with direct access to the beach. The beach club hosts special-themed events each day, with live DJs and musicians entertaining the crowd.

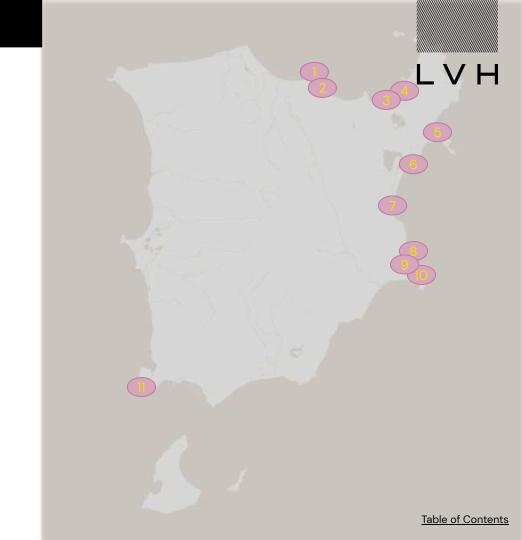




The splendor of Samui is not just the island's stunning beaches and incredible, laid-back beauty but its fine dining experiences. Dining in Samui takes you on a delectable culinary journey. You can expect a divine feast with aromatic flavors of tropical tapioca, mango, and coconut milk. From succulent seafood in low-key, beachside restaurants to grand gourmet extravaganzas, Samui has an incredible range of culinary delights. Thanks to the local culture, with its Kmer indigenous traditions and Chinese influence, dishes are the amalgam of Asian flavors from all regions. Don't expect to find just Asian cuisine! The island's cosmopolitan flair is evident in expertly prepared dishes at the award-winning eateries, with settings that aren't just stylish but stunning.



- 1. Namu
- 2. Zazen
- 3. Ocean 11 Restaurant
- 4. Supattra Thai Dining
- 5. Tree Tops Sky Dining & Bar
- 6. The Page
- 7. Kiree
- 8. The Cliff Bar & Grill
- 9. Saffron
- 10. Sands
- 11. Jahn



### NAMU | JAPANESE

This contemporary and chic Japanese restaurant in Mae Nam invites real gourmet lovers seeking an innovative and exciting menu. Namu has a reputation for its sense of adventure, taking diners on an extraordinary culinary journey. Alongside a handful of individual tables, diners can sit al fresco or at Asian-style shared counter seating, with ringside views of the chefs in action. Namu is renowned for its inventiveness and imaginative menu, while the beachside setting and clean, minimalist lines give the Japanese eatery an intimate feel. At the best Japanese restaurant in Koh Samui, experience fresh reinterpretations, each plated with creative flair, to enjoy at shared tables.



### ZAZEN | THAI AND INTERNATIONAL

Award-winning Zazen has become a fine-dining go-to restaurant set on Bophut Beach, evoking a classic, romantic evening. The candlelit tables by the beach create a warm ambiance as soft jazz adds to the romantic setting. The open-fronted interior, with its red lanterns and padded wrought-iron chairs, is rather classic, with outdoor dining space too. The Thai dishes are created using home-grown herbs, matching the menu's many gourmet ingredients, from Wagyu beef to Canadian lobster and homemade foie gras. A glass panel in the floor shows a red-brick wine cellar which diners can visit with sommeliers on hand.



# OCEAN 11 RESTAURANT BAR & LOUNGE | MEDITERRANEAN & THAI

Right on Bangrak Beach in an intimate and cozy setting, Ocean 11 is renowned for its award-winning menu. There's no fanfare about the place – a discreet sign on Bangrak Road announces its presence. With its Mediterranean look and seaside setting, Ocean 11 Restaurant is instantly recognizable. The relaxed interior leads to a teak dining terrace and tables on a raised sand terrace right by the beach. A recipient of Thailand Tatler Best Restaurant Awards for many years consecutively, Ocean 11 attracts A-list diners staying on the island thanks to its sophisticated French and Italian cuisine with a dash of Eastern promise and a touch of Thai flavors.



### **SUPATTRA THAI DINING | THAI**

Supattra Thai Dining, just off of Big Buddha Beach, is slightly different from the other restaurants on this list. The small Thai restaurant is not affiliated with any resort or retreat, and you won't find any pre-printed menus online or on-site. Supattra is all about serving the freshest seafood, and its blackboard menu changes based on what's locally caught that day. For all pescatarians and seafood lovers, Supattra must be on your radar.



### TREE TOPS SKY DINING @ ANANTARA | THAI

Savor the beauty and flavors of Koh Samui and the elegance of Anantara Lawana in Thailand's most romantic setting – Tree Tops Sky Dining. This superb venue comprises eight private sala's (open-air, Thai-styled pavilions) in the 120-year-old tree-top canopy. The team, led by Michelin-trained Chef De Cuisine Jakov Orsulic and the experienced wine sommelier, keenly deliver a truly memorable dining experience. The seasonal food menu focuses mainly on seafood, meat, and Thai dishes – standouts include the pan-seared duck breast and grilled Australian lamb loin. Tree Tops Sky Dining & Bar also offers set menus with wine pairings. Hide among the treetops to create the ultimate romantic dining experience while savoring award-winning Euro-Asian flavors that draw the island's most chic crowd for a delectable romantic dinner. The Tree Tops Sky and Dining is rightfully considered one of the best restaurants in Koh Samui.



### THE PAGE | TRADITIONAL THAI

If you are looking for some truly traditional Thai food cooked in painstaking traditional ways, look no further than The Page. However, the setting is resolutely modern, voguish even. The restaurant is part of the iconic resort simply known as The Library, a creative kind of place that seems to channel the near future. Pass a green and silent garden dotted with minimalistic white cube accommodation, you'll face The Page, situated by the sea. You don't need to be a house guest to take advantage of the food at The Page. It's on Chaweng Beach Road, a few minutes' walk south of Central Festival. The restaurant is doing sterling service, re-creating dishes from Siam's deepest past. Take time to celebrate dishes that require skillful preparation and can't simply be rushed by cooks, no matter how experienced.



### KIREE THE BISTRO | ASIAN FUSION

At this lovely restaurant, Asian delicacies simmer in European flavors. Kiree experiments with the elements of classical fine dining, ideal for an innovative and slightly more cozy experience. Sumptuously furnished with plush armchairs and al fresco seating options, it is a place to indulge in the flavors and spices distinct to southern Thailand. This restaurant provides a savory journey with a distinguished taste in international cuisine. The menu fluctuates between local signatures such as crab omelets and artfully plated jamón serrano.



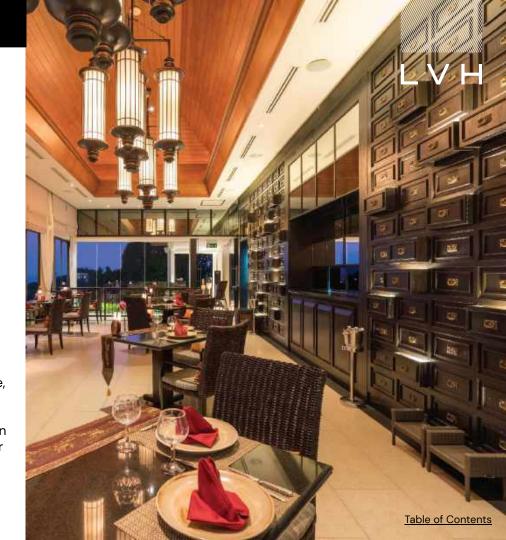
### THE CLIFF BAR & GRILL | MEDITERRANEAN

The Cliff Bar & Grill, awarded one of the best fine dining restaurants in Koh Samui, serves the best Italian and Mediterranean dishes and seafood. It is situated atop enormous granite boulders rolling into the azure waters of Crystal Bay. The highly sought-after terrace tables overlook the pristine Silver Beach – you will be in rapture once you witness the magical view! This restaurant has an extensive menu that builds on Portuguese and Italian influences. The mixture of sumptuous flavors, fresh fruit cocktails served at an alabaster-lined bar, the interior adorned with modern art, and seafront views make for an exquisite evening.



### SAFFRON | THAI

Overlooking Lamai Beach, the award-winning Saffron restaurant, is in the Banyan Tree Koh Samui resort. Brimming with understated elegance, Saffron's age-old recipes add fresh appeal to The Banyan Tree's signature restaurant. With views over the bay through floor-to-ceiling windows and an outdoor dining terrace surrounded by greenery, Saffron is truly a hidden dining gem. This boutique restaurant's evocative décor creates a quiet sophistication for diners to enjoy some of the best Thai food on the island in an incredible location. The restaurant invites you to enjoy distinct flavors of traditional Thai dishes created with authenticity and, in par excellence, a refined atmosphere.



### **SANDS | MODERN ASIAN**

Sands is the idyllic beachside international cuisine restaurant of Banyan Tree Samui resort, one of the world's finest, with its very own private beach in the Laem Nan area of Lamai. The restaurant justifies its own glowing description as being "the quintessential beach dining experience," and it absolutely delivers on that promise, but it does so with total ease.



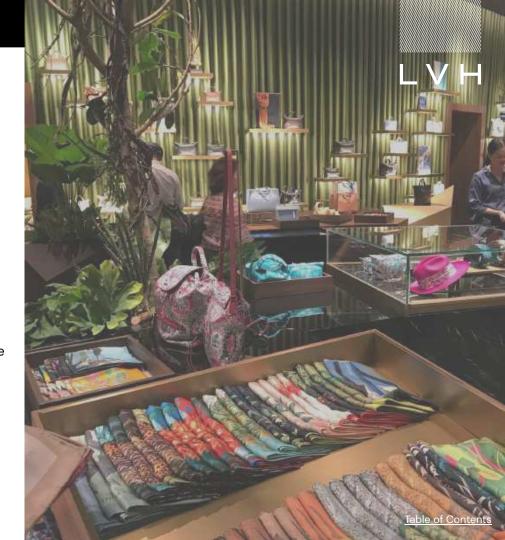
### JAHN | CONTEMPORARY THAI

This cliffside restaurant in Phang Ka Bay oozes sunset sophistication and opulence. Peaceful, elegant, and simply stunning, Jahn is nestled in the lush tropical landscape on top of the hill as the Conrad Koh Samui resort's crown jewel overlooking the Gulf of Thailand. This contemporary steak restaurant serves prime meats grilled to perfection with hints of Thai flavors. Jahn focuses on working with small, handpicked farms in Australia and Japan, among others, to serve exclusively top-quality certified beef for every customer. The outdoor terrace seating with sofa seat tables exudes an air of relaxed chic dining overlooking calm and quiet bay waters. Indoors, the ambiance is far richer, with an elegant black and gold décor. The upscale quality of Jahn, the intriguing contemporary menu, and wonderful moonlit setting combine to create a unique charm.

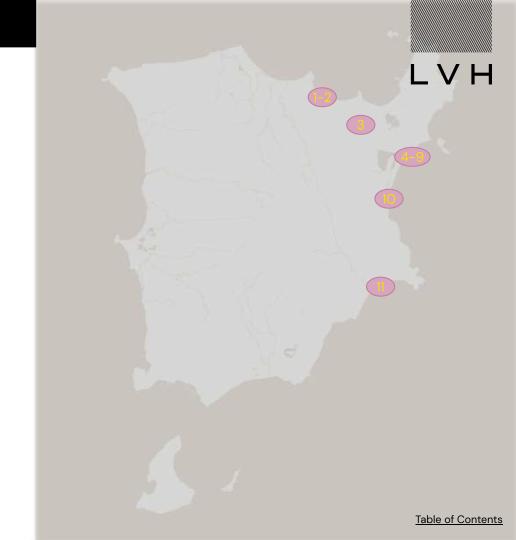




Koh Samui offers a great shopping adventure for those in need of a little retail therapy. From the shopping malls of Central Festival in Chaweng and The Wharf in Fisherman's Village to impressive boutiques. When it comes to clothes, you'll be pleased by the variety available on the island. There are usual holiday wear styles and high-quality designer swag to match the island's vibrant reputation. Many independent designers have opened shops with exquisite clothes in the last few years. Jewelry is an essential part of life in Koh Samui. It's about expressing yourself aided by the mystical powers of stones found in traditional Thai jewelry, or choosing more lavish statement items and artistic creations handmade in Thailand.



- 1. Saoana Collection
- 2. Samui Green Market
- 3. Oriental Living
- 4. Nature Art Gallery
- 5. Chandra Boutique
- 6. Central Festival Samui
- 7. Jim Thompson
- 8. Psylo Samui
- 9. Harmenstone @ Central Festival
- 10. Panu
- 11. Fisherman Pants





Saona Collection is an attractive boutique aimed mostly at women. It was founded by a French woman living in Koh Samui. Starting with a beachwear collection, she has branched out to create travel-inspired designs with a dazzling, bohemian vibe. Set on Bophut's main street, the store has a tangible 'arabesque' feel, with bamboo changing rooms and tiled floors.



### **CHANDRA BOUTIQUE**

Chandra is an exotic boutique that sells one-of-a-kind apparel, handbags, and fashion accessories. The boutique features quirky, exotic fashion from all over Asia and unique Bali designs. They carry a wide range of sizes, and the fabrics used are ideal for the tropics. Timeless themes are woven into their chic garments with high-quality threads and handmade patterns. The brand works only with natural fibers paying close attention to details. The outfits are designed for free-spirited and confident women and men who reinvent themselves through art, creativity, and abundant self-expression.



### **SAMUI GREEN MARKET**

Homemade and heartfelt is what Samui Green Market is all about. Since it kicked off some years ago, it has been a place to get to know other people and to enjoy food, drink, locally-made goods, and a relaxed space. The market's not really a commercial venture per se but originated with the Samui Mala — a loose coalition of ad hoc volunteers on Samui who support a vision for a clean and green Samui. The event is hosted regularly at Elysia Boutique Resort in Fisherman's Village, where it really came to life! The Samui Green Market has quickly become a place where healthy foods can be bought and sold and of course, sampled and enjoyed. Some local businesses worthy of mention include Island Organics, Samui Chocolate and BioFizz, which are showing small, locally grown solutions and are welcomed by locals and tourists alike.



### **ORIENTAL LIVING**

Oriental Living is one of Samui and Phuket's best known and loved, prestigious providers of interior design and high-end furnishings, sourced mainly from Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore. For nearly 30 years of experience, especially in luxury-living and refurbishment, it has been responsible for many award-winning properties. All furniture is original and hand-made, with ultra-fine workmanship and materials. It can be ordered as seen or made to your specific requirements, and everything is guaranteed to be long-lasting.





Oriental Living is one of Samui and Phuket's best known and loved, prestigious providers of interior design and high-end furnishings, sourced mainly from Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore. For nearly 30 years of experience, especially in luxury-living and refurbishment, it has been responsible for many award-winning properties. All furniture is original and hand-made, with ultra-fine workmanship and materials. It can be ordered as seen or made to your specific requirements, and everything is guaranteed to be long-lasting.





Nature Art Gallery came about when two jewelers and goldsmiths, Michael Trav and Shai Nissim, discovered they shared similar tastes in aesthetic jewelry imbued with original designs. Nature Art Jewelry offers unique jewelry from Koh Samui, made of gold, silver, precious and semi-precious stones, and a selection of other accessories. A visit to Nature Art is a must. Browse any of its three stores for inspiration and for jewelry that's creatively made. You'll be amazed at what you see and you will find plenty to tempt you.









#### **CENTRAL FESTIVAL SAMUI**

Central Festival Samui is set in the prime east coast resort town of Samui Island, between Chaweng Lake and Chaweng Beach Road. This modern and trendy complex boasts some original architectural features with its central open-air atrium. It has a beautifully landscaped garden, complete with benches, a children's playground, and countless shops and restaurants. The mall is one of the most complete and largest lifestyle complexes in Koh Samui, with three-story retail space and four sections – Chaweng Port, Bird Cage, Fisherman Village, and Beach Town Market. Bird Cage is the fashion zone of the complex, in the central part of the shopping mall. Decorated in an ultra-modern Sino-Portuguese style, it hosts about 20 large shops and smaller boutiques of famous international brands such as Adidas, Esprit, Geox, Rip Curl, Jim Thompson, and X-Act.



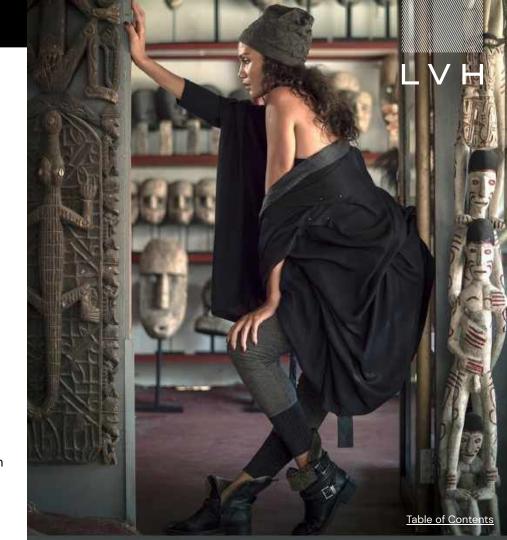


You simply cannot leave Thailand without visiting, browsing, and purchasing an item at Jim Thompson. Here you will find a brand of luxury Thai silk products with a long heritage since 1947. You need to experience authentic Thai silk, grown to have more than 28 retailers and 18 outlets in Thailand and overseas. There is no better reminder of your luxury vacation in Thailand than a precious memento with a Jim Thompson tag on it.



#### **PSYLO SAMUI**

Psylo is an alternative streetwear apparel store with ethical principles. The brand celebrates individuality within collective consciousness and thrives on delivering a sense of free expression through alternative designs. Taking inspiration from underground subcultures and various arts & crafts, these unique streetwear styles came into being. Psylo steps away from the predictability of mainstream fashion and has succeeded in doing something pleasingly different. Using a palette of mostly earth colors, clothing is designed with a heady mix of different, often mythical, patterns and motifs, along with the occasional retro touch and more than a nod to south–east Asian influences. With its roots in music festivals and underground subcultures interspersed with bold, edgy, rebel, and punk elements – the styles bear the name of ethno–punk, where each Phylo design is originally handmade or hand-finished with love.



### HARMENSTONE @ CENTRAL FESTIVAL

Harmenstone is a gemstone accessory company specializing in handcrafted products using only the finest exotic gemstones. Each stone is carefully chosen from its natural origins and then handcrafted into individual art pieces. Harmenstone offers the adventure concept. They believe jewelry should serve two purposes — to look beautiful and inspire those wearing it. At Harmenstone, handcrafts exotic gemstone jewelry that matches your style and personality. Harmenstone was founded to harness the potent properties of exotic gemstones in a contemporary line of jewelry that adds style to any look.





Panu Natural, handcrafted from carefully selected organic ingredients, allows you to experience the beauty of nature. Panu Natural has something for all, including massage oils, pure essential oils, shampoo, body care, soaps, and more. Thanks to the moisturizing and caring properties of handmade body soaps, you can look forward to healthy, tightened, and cared-for skin. Whether you are showering, washing your hands, shaving, or removing make-up, these products are real everyday heroes with enchanting Thai fragrances.



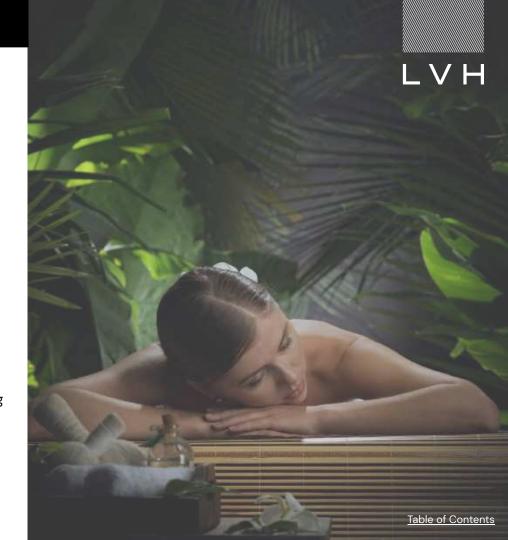
#### **FISHERMAN PANTS**

A handful of producers make Fisherman's Pants eye-catchingly different: long-lasting, chic and with unique patterns. One of these is the Fishermen Pants Shop in Lamai with the crème de la crème of creations. You'll find motifs that include fish, animals and birds; swirling yet enticing abstract designs and then those that give a nod to other cultures – the Yuzen patterns of Japanese fabrics or the prints of Rajasthan. You'll also find Nepalese hemp and Chiang Mai batik, along with quality linens, with everything carefully put together and beautifully patterned. The shop has an exciting range of sarongs and dresses and these have been made to equally rigorous specifications. The collection has been carefully put together – traditional clothing has been given a make-over morphing it into exemplary wear that's all about reliability and elegance.



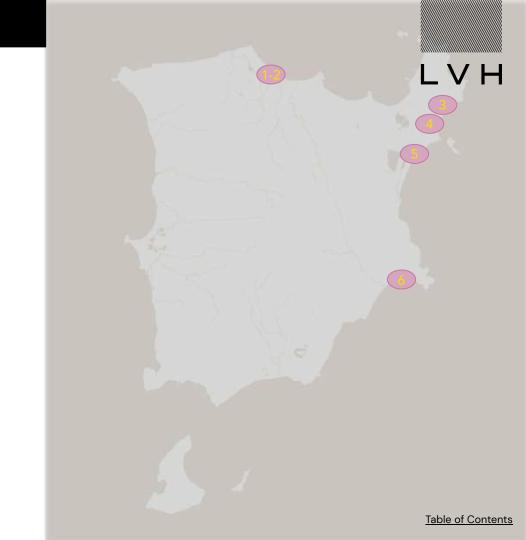


Discovering wellness is a way of life on the island. Samui has everything you need for a wellness getaway – massages, healthy food, healthy drinks, Ayurvedic wellness, essential oils, and all that jazz. If you are looking for an escape into yourself, the island offers a host of retreats and therapeutic programs. You can indulge in relaxing massages, yoga and meditation, and revitalizing spa treatments within luxurious villa–style accommodations. The land is also studded with umpteen yogic retreats, health spas, and clean food restaurants.



## **SPAS**

- 1. Anantara Spa
- 2. Luxsa Spa
- Absolute Sanctuary
- 4. Anodas Spa
- Cave Rai Ra Spa Tamarind Springs



## **SPAS**

### **ANANTARA SPA BOPHUT**

Situated in the Anantara Bophut Koh Samui Resort, splendor awaits you at Anantara Spa Bophut. It is a stand-out sanctuary of bliss, replete with myths and architecture that oozes history. It has such an inviting atmosphere and is certainly the most dramatic-looking. You'll also find a pleasing variety of body treatments, such as body wraps, scrubs and facials, and massages that combine Eastern and Western practices for maximum well-being. Or you can enjoy the spa journeys – relaxing rituals giving you the time and space to unwind. With so many different treatments offered in an amazingly memorable setting, the Anantara Spa Bophut is highly recommended.



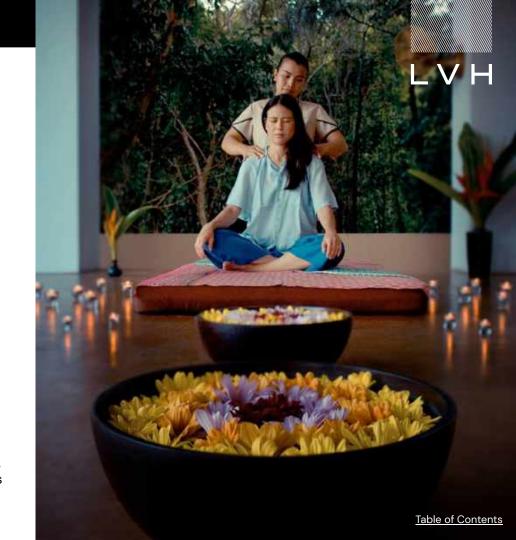
### **LUXSA SPA**

This multi-awarded spa is located within Samui's Hansar resort. In Sanskrit, the name Luxsa implies "health through water." The spa offers a wide range of treatments that include aromatherapy using scents, spices, and pure Thai essential oils. They also offer traditional massages, facials, and body wraps using Thai products. Services are based on an ancient healing philosophy that includes four body elements – water, earth, fire, and air. Packages for couples and individuals are also available.



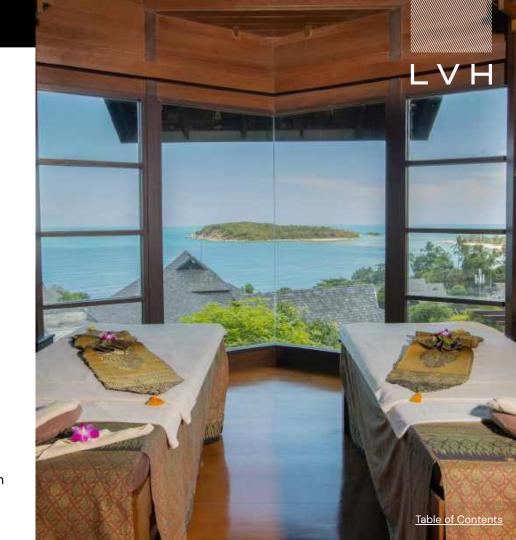
### **ABSOLUTE SANCTUARY**

This award-winning wellness fitness resort focuses on the four Rs – Reconnect, Revitalize, Recharge, and Reenergize. Managed by Auma Hospitality, it is one of the best wellness resorts in Asia for health, fitness, lifestyle, and weight management. Whether you wish to detox, de-stress, lose weight or revitalize the soul, Absolute Sanctuary offers lifestyle packages and retreats to help customers address their physical and emotional health.





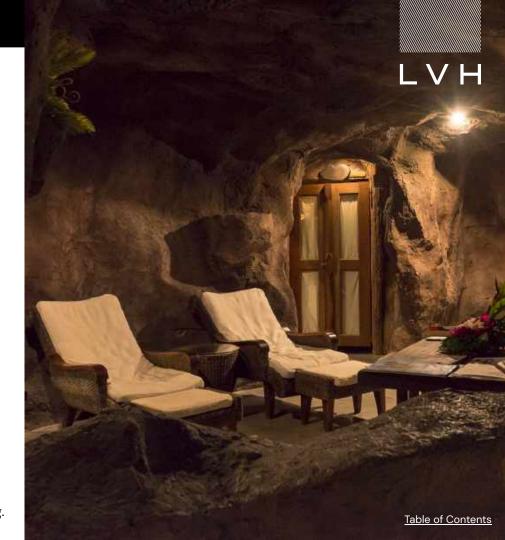
This spa boasts spectacular views of the azure sea as you indulge in their spa treatments. Anodas brings the best aspects of Eastern and Western spa techniques to deliver their signature treatments. You can enjoy the secrets of traditional Asian massage mixed with contemporary western facilities.



## **SPAS**



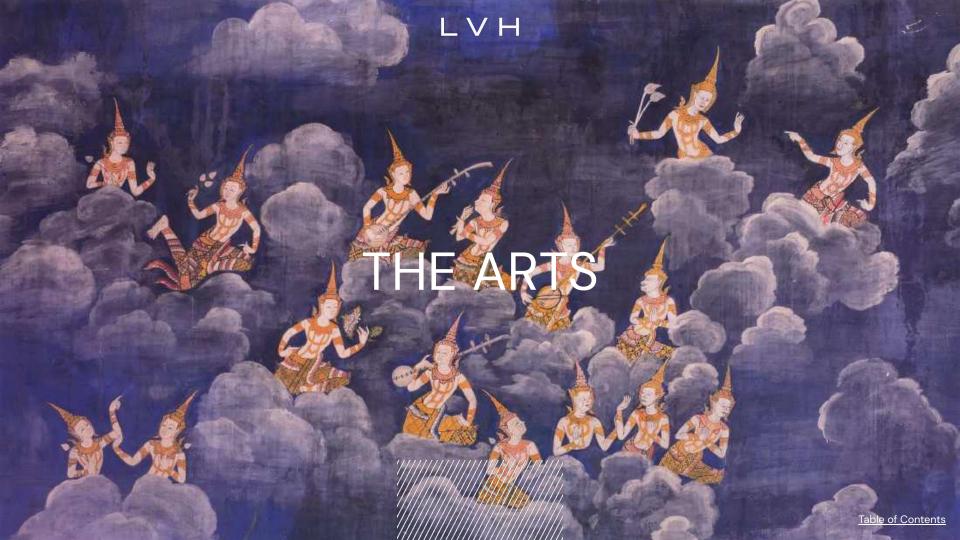
Aside from all the pampering treatments and packages they offer, the design of this unique cave-themed spa is an attraction by itself. Decorated with stones, rocks, cascading waterfall, and lush tropical greenery, guests can leave their stresses behind and indulge in a world of relaxing massages and treatments in a serene, one-of-a-kind setting.



### TAMARIND SPRINGS FOREST SPA

Tamarind Springs Forest Spa is a green hideaway, stunningly beautiful, tugged away in a forested hillside with amazing giant granite rock formations. Since its opening in 1998 as Koh Samui's first exclusive day spa, Tamarind Springs Forest Spa has achieved international recognition. It has been heralded as one of Asia's most outstanding and unique destination day spas. It is a center of health and wellness and a place of rich cultural heritage. The spa provides customers with a taste of authentic Thai massage set amidst the natural and breathtaking landscape. Whether you are looking for a detox program in the herbal sanctuary or a cool dip in the rocky pools to beat the stress, Tamarind Springs has you covered.

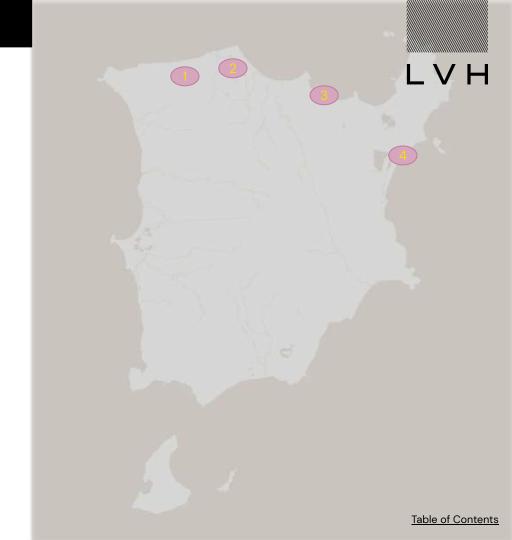




While exploring the island and its surrounding islets will treat you to some beautiful hidden gems and several institutions that encapsulate the island's rich history. Inspired by perfect landscapes and the ever-changing blue hues of the sea, discerning travelers will want to explore all this idyllic island has to offer. Art lovers may be surprised to find a thriving art scene developing for decades. For those looking for unique artwork and hoping to add to their collection or pick up a gift for someone special, a tour of these creative galleries should be on your Koh Samui must-do list.

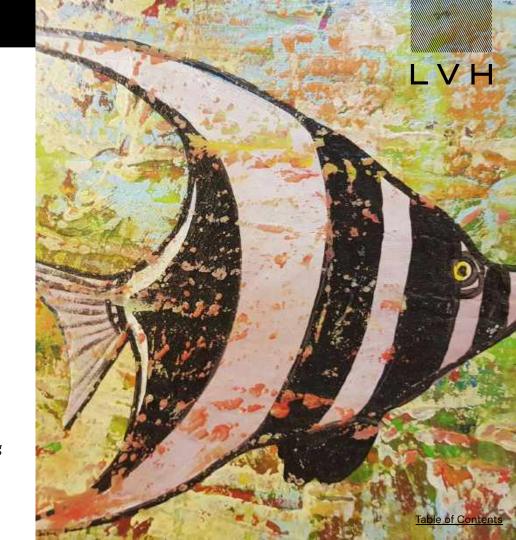


- 1. Chujai Art Gallery
- 2. Vida Kiom Art Gallery & Souvenirs
- 3. The Modern Thai Art Gallery4. Gallery La Fayette



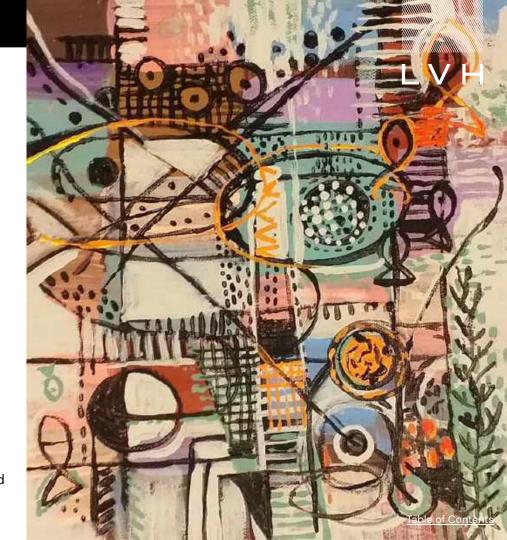


The Chujai Art Gallery was created by two artists dedicated to honing their craft. Chu jai roughly means to hold a good heart, full of determination. This phrase is a true reflection of both artists' creative vibes. Fantastical, almost psychedelic paintings are showcased in the gallery.



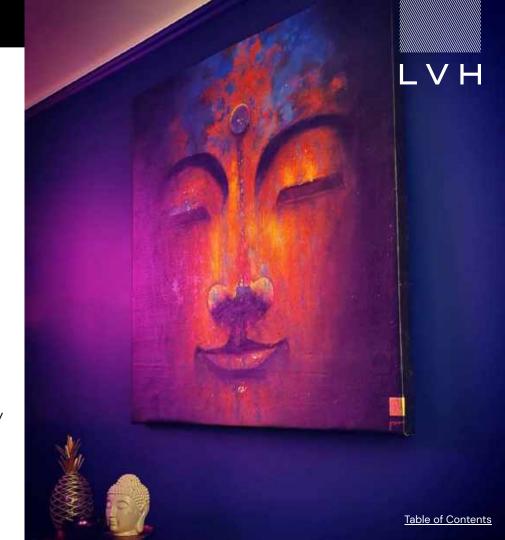


Located in Mae Nam, Vida Kiom is a treasured art gallery and souvenir vendor in Koh Samui. The gallery specializes in decorative paintings and sculptures and is also popular for its portrait adaptations. Artworks displayed in the gallery are all crafted by talented local artists.



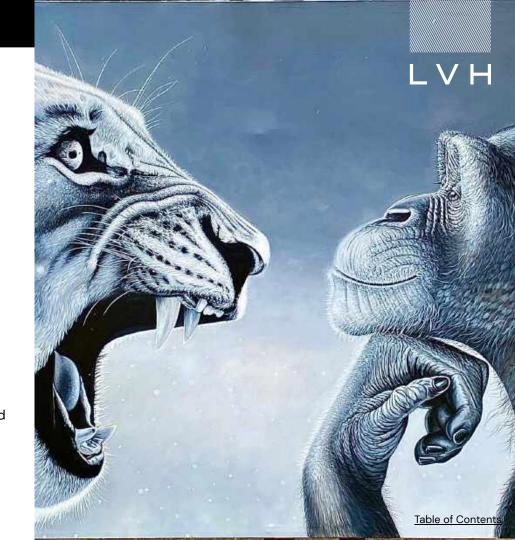
### THE MODERN THAI ART GALLERY

The Modern Thai Art Gallery was Koh Samui's first art gallery. The gallery displays work from well-known artists highlighting contemporary Thai art (still life, original Buddha-inspired faces), abstracts, and custom-made-to-order portraits or reproductions. Many works are available for purchase, with reproductions making up a large portion of the gallery's operations. All the paintings by the artist in residence are accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.



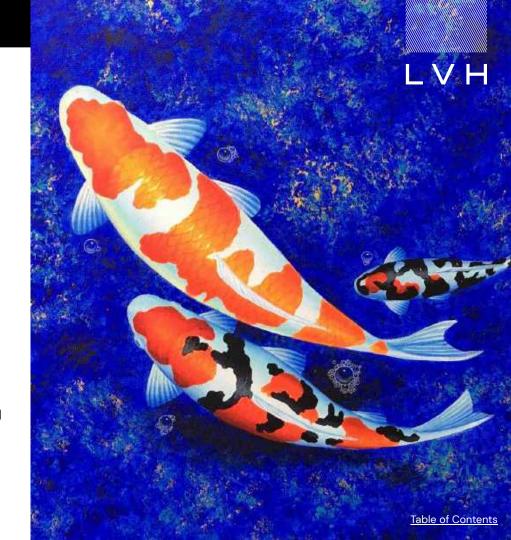


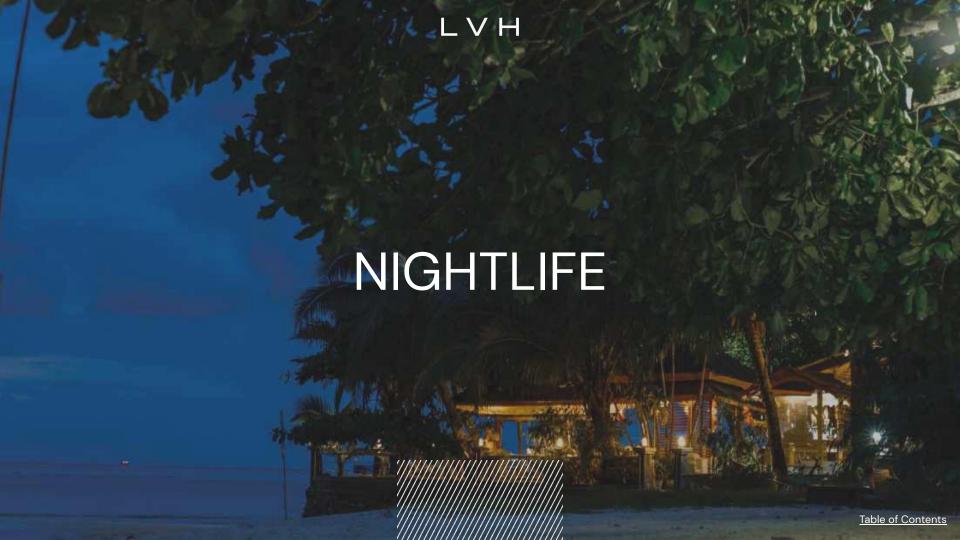
Gallery La Fayette is an art studio in Chaweng that has established a reputation for its impressive reproductions and beautiful portraits and has become a staple of the Samui art scene. The selection of reproductions and original works features a mix of modern themes, classic pieces, and subjects derived from the rich Thai culture. A favorite of art collectors from all over the world, Gallery La Fayette employs a creative team of local artists whose talent can be seen on gorgeous oil canvases.



### **GALLERY LA FAYETTE**

Gallery La Fayette is an art studio in Chaweng that has established a reputation for its impressive reproductions and beautiful portraits and has become a staple of the Samui art scene. The selection of reproductions and original works features a mix of modern themes, classic pieces, and subjects derived from the rich Thai culture. A favorite of art collectors from all over the world, Gallery La Fayette employs a creative team of local artists whose talent can be seen on gorgeous oil canvases.

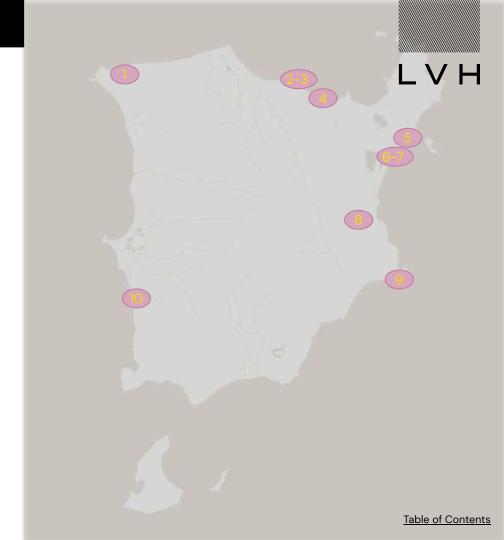




With incredible entertainment, including dinner shows, cultural performances with music and dancing, and festivals throughout the year, Koh Samui is a visual feast. Night skies light up on busier beaches with extravagant fire dance shows displaying the athletic and elegant qualities of talented performers. Live music and night markets are a great way to spend an evening. Local and international bars offer everything from a sophisticated lounge atmosphere to big-screen venues and even karaoke bars. Koh Samui has a big heart and much to offer while retaining its authentic, original charm of beachside glory.



- 1. Rum Vault at Four Season
- 2. Sip Bar
- 3. Woo Bar
- 4. Coco Tam
- 5. The Singing Bird Lounge
- 6. The Green Mango Club
- 7. ArkBAR
- 8. Jungle Club Viewpoint
- 9. Star Rooftop Bar and Restaurant
- 10. Air Bar Intercontinental





Meet around the tasting table to sample flights and compare labels in the intimate atmosphere of Four Seasons' Rum Vault. This is Asia's first and only library of rums from across the world. Experimenting with flavors and techniques, the first batch of rum aged and bottled at the Vault – El Presidente – is also available for tasting.





Besides WooBar, W Koh Samui, Right by the sea, you'll find Sip Bar, an ideal spot for chilling out. Sip is located on a bit of land that divides the island's northern bays. It's one of those rare bars that sit astride two coasts – the setting is wonderfully different. But that's not the only way that this bar gets noticed. It's also home to 'Monday Night at the Movies,' with a film being shown at 8 p.m. every Monday. It's an outdoor and very laid-back event; grab a beanbag or daybed and enjoy the show.



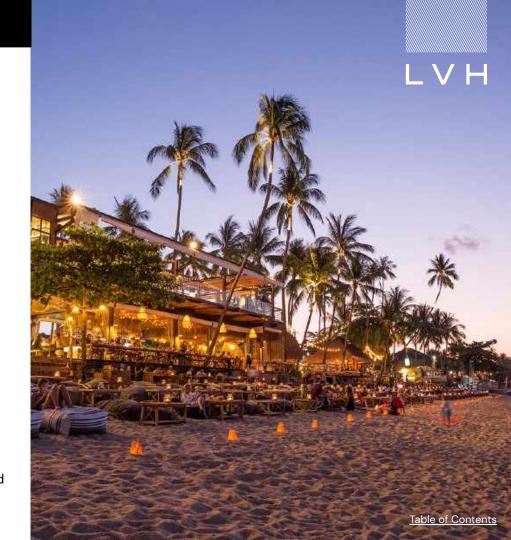
#### **WOOBAR AT W KOH SAMUI**

Inspired by the W Koh Samui lifestyle, the food and drink specials celebrate meetings, mingling, cocktails, wine, and cuisine. Step through the atrium at W Koh Samui, and you find yourself bewitched by this iconic bar with the sky for a ceiling and the horizon for walls. It's truly an Instagram-worthy spot. The design injects W Hotels' signature New York energy into the bar with vibrant, chic furnishings and artwork by an international street artist, Alec Monopoly. The unique design of Woobar allows it to morph effortlessly from day to night. And apart from regular theme nights, the versatility of the space is ideal for presenting exciting one-off events, well-known throughout as unique *W Happenings*, which bring you the best of creative talent and showcase innovations in the world of music, art, design, and fashion.



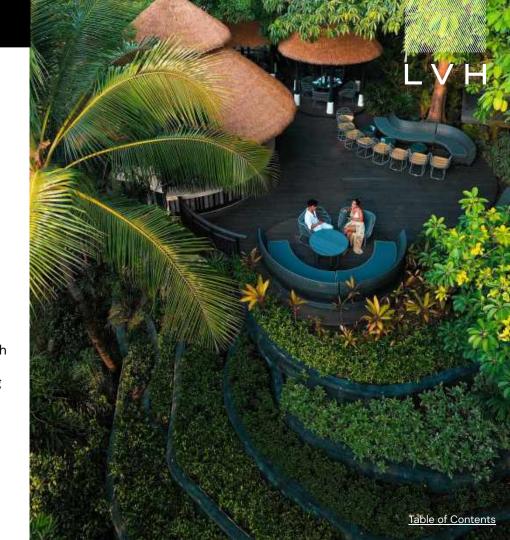
#### **COCO TAM X PEPPINA**

Here is a popular and easygoing rustic beach bar, with palm trees and chillout tunes in Fisherman's Village, just outside the Wharf Samui shopping mall. With beanbags on the beach, swing seats at the bar, cabanas, shishas, and a large projector screen, it's the ideal tropical relaxation spot. This beach bar is very much an open-air arrangement, with a neat little garden separating the venue from Bophut Beach Road on one side and only a couple of palm-thatch structures to find once you enter the well-maintained area.



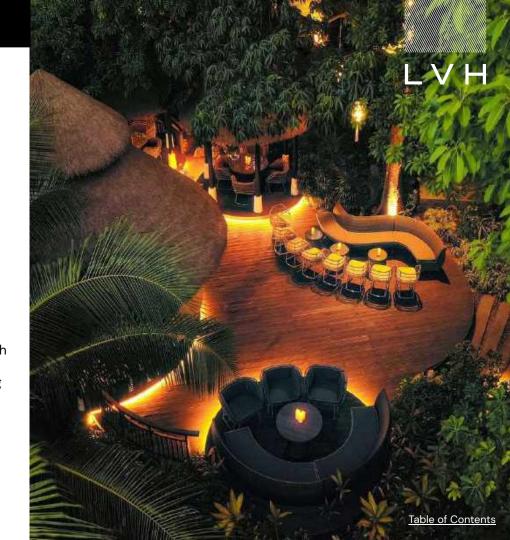
#### THE SINGING BIRD LOUNGE

The Singing Bird Lounge is a lively al fresco dining elevated in a lush crown of a 120-year-old tree where you enjoy a pre-dinner aperitif with a bird's-eye view. Cocktails, all named after local birds, offer insights into fascinating Thai traditions. As guests settle down with a refreshing concoction to toast the sunset, Samui's avian population dazzles with the most melodic performances. To further root his artful creations in local nature, the lounge's resident mixologist makes his own bitters using plants from the local garden and garnishes the cocktails with resort-grown fruits and herbs. With a wine list that would shame most Parisian restaurants, fairytale-like surroundings, and world-class chefs preparing bar snacks, Annatra's Singing Bird Lounge is rightfully considered one of the best bars and restaurants.



#### THE SINGING BIRD LOUNGE

The Singing Bird Lounge is a lively al fresco dining elevated in a lush crown of a 120-year-old tree where you enjoy a pre-dinner aperitif with a bird's-eye view. Cocktails, all named after local birds, offer insights into fascinating Thai traditions. As guests settle down with a refreshing concoction to toast the sunset, Samui's avian population dazzles with the most melodic performances. To further root his artful creations in local nature, the lounge's resident mixologist makes his own bitters using plants from the local garden and garnishes the cocktails with resort-grown fruits and herbs. With a wine list that would shame most Parisian restaurants, fairytale-like surroundings, and world-class chefs preparing bar snacks, Annatra's Singing Bird Lounge is rightfully considered one of the best bars and restaurants.



### THE GREEN MANGO CLUB

Green Mango is the epicenter of this sparkling tropical island's lively, party-all-night entertainment. Green Mango is known for its iconic treehouse design, a vast open-air space with multiple bars and spacious dance floors reached through wooden bridges crossing the Mango River. Green Mango's rustic style is complemented by state-of-the-art sound systems, innovative lighting, and cutting-edge music creating one of the island's most distinctive nightclubs.





Ark Bar is one of the most famous party spots in Chaweng and, arguably, one of the best beach clubs on the island. Akbar Club hosts international DJs every day of the week, starting at 2 p.m. at the aptly named Party Pool and later on at the beach until 2 a.m. The atmosphere is very lively, so if you're looking to party, Ark Bar is the perfect fit. Thousands of fairy lights add to the joy and excitement of the occasion.



#### THE JUNGLE CLUB

This is one of the best Koh Samui bar-restaurants, and it features panoramic vistas to die for from its lofty perch above Chaweng Bay. As its name suggests, it's surrounded by jungle (or, more specifically, a coconut plantation) and offers up unrivaled views from the floor-cushioned seating on its vast rooftop deck. The journey up to Jungle Club in the venue's jeeps is a little heart-racing, but you'll be able to mellow out with a few well-made cocktails and music that's just the right volume for conversation. If you are craving some sustenance, stay for dinner, and you won't be disappointed by Jungle Club's blend of fresh seafood dishes, fragrant curries, and tasty tapas.



#### STAR ROOFTOP BAR AND RESTAURANT

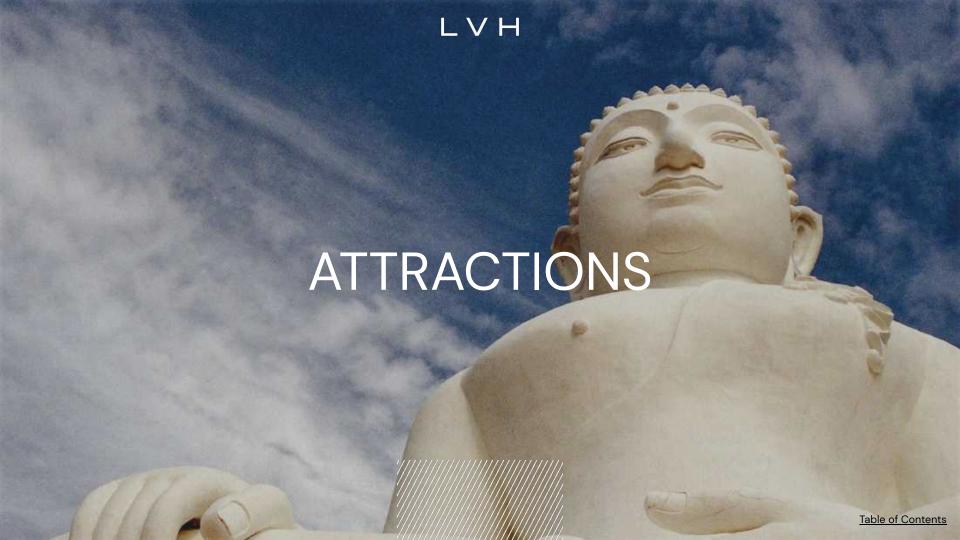
Rooftop dining is a rare thing in beautiful Koh Samui. However, the ultimate rooftop venue – Star Rooftop Bar and Restaurant at Silavadee Pool Spa Resort changes that. A stunning mix of jungle, trees, and foliage cascades down to a wonderfully private bay with deep blue waters. Open daily from 5–11 p.m. while the atmosphere is intimate. But pride of place goes to the four tables, which are artistically set into an infinity pool. You can look across the water and hear the waves on the rocks beneath. It's a very soothing, restful sound. Blessed with such a wonderful panoramic view, Star is a space dedicated to epicurean experiences of all kinds.



#### AIR BAR INTERCONTINENTAL

Perfectly situated for sunsets on the island's western side, having an evening drink at Air Bar Intercontinental is a dreamlike experience. Nestled in the lush cliffside and overlooking the Gulf of Thailand and the Five Islands, the panoramic views are perfect for a pre-or post-dinner drink or as a great precursor to a night of beachside barbeques and parties. With live jazz every night, and a wide selection of drinks on offer, Air Bar belies its seemingly secluded location by having everything you could ask for in a bar. As for the food, small plates delight the senses during the week, and on the weekends, there is a buffet of Thai classics prepared to up-to-par. If you're looking to start the night off right, then this stunning venue won't disappoint.

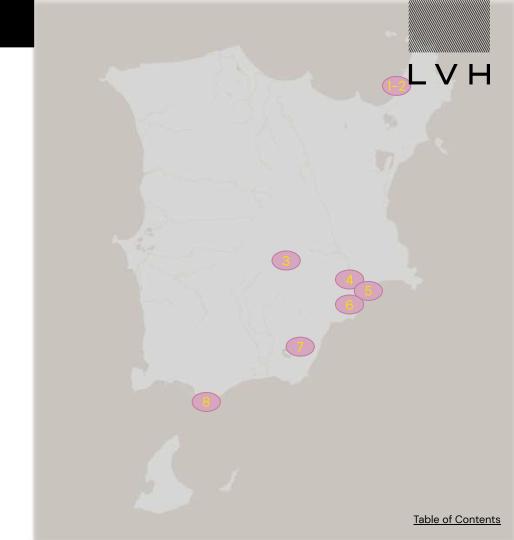




Samui temples and natural phenomena are a world apart from the rest of the island, often glimpsed with wonderment. Wats in Koh Samui are generally separated into two categories; the original Buddhist wats and the Chinese temples. Temples are everywhere on Samui, deeply respected by locals, and worth any number of visits. More than the sum of their parts, they offer an insight into Samui's culture and are filled with atmospheres and a sense of mystery. Here's a brief round-up of some of the most popular Samui temples and unique attractions worth visiting on a private VIP tour.

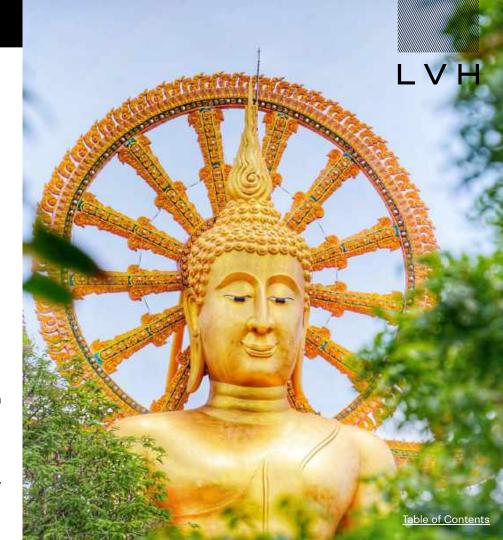


- 1. Big Buddha
- 2. Wat Plai Laem
- 3. Secret Buddha Garden
- 4. Overlap Stone
- 5. Hin Ta and Hin Yai rocks
- 6. Wat Sila Ngu/Wat Ratchathammaram
- 7. Wat Samret
- 8. Laem Sor Pagoda



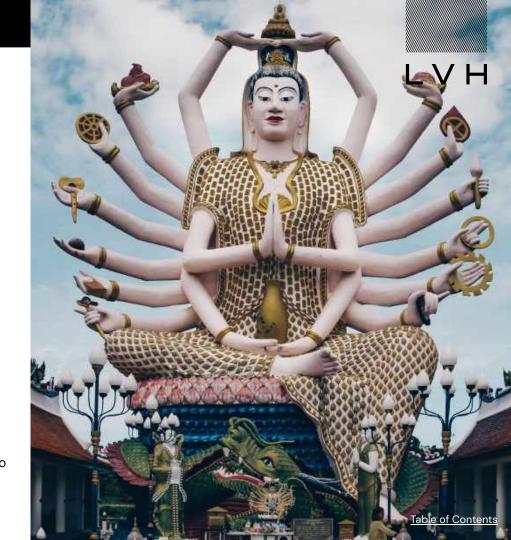
### **BIG BUDDHA (WAT PHRA YAI)**

Koh Samui's foremost landmark, the scintillating gold-gilded Big Buddha (Wat Phra Yai), soars 40 feet from his elevated perch. Apart from fantastic photo opportunities, the temple grounds offer no shortage of fascinating details and sculptures that will intrigue you. At the center of Thai religious and cultural life, the compact grounds of this small island come alive during annual ceremonies with merrymakers, entertainment, food stalls, and markets. Breathe in the ethereal calm of this sacred spot and check out the secluded sands of Bang Rak beach nearby.



### **WHAT PLAI LAEM**

If you see just one temple, make it this one. Located in the northernmost part of Samui, the building was designed by the well-known artist Khun Jarit Phumdonming, who spent three years on the decoration, following traditional styles. It's easily recognizable thanks to its multi-armed statue, which you'll see from a distance. It is called Kwannon — the goddess of mercy. Her arms are stretched out to help all who suffer. Sitting on the same site and equally impressive is the Buddha of the future or the Laughing Buddha statue representing Chinese–Thai beliefs on the same site.



### **SECRET BUDDHA GARDEN**

Deep into the woods, a secret Buddha garden stands atop the Khao Pom mountain. Constructed as a sculpture park, the secluded spot beckons travelers with its magnificent monuments and animal figurines resting in quiet solitude. As a local pious spot, Secret Buddha Garden comprises a large sculpture garden whose sculptures are built based on the Buddhist scriptures and is certainly worth taking a visit. Although not so easy to access without 4X4, it offers mesmerizing stunning views.





Signposted on the ring road, about half a mile south of Hin Ta Hin Yai (Grandfather Grandmother rocks), one finds the precariously balancing boulders known as the Overlap Stone. The road is steep and can only be accessed by 4X4 vehicles, while the last section needs to be walked. The stunning views come as a reward for the adventurous and fit.



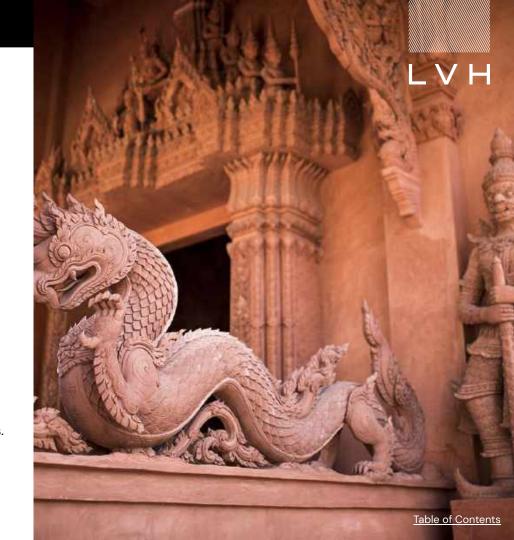
#### **VISIT HIN TA AND HIN YAI ROCKS**

The Hin Ta and Hin Yai rocks are Lamai Beach's most iconic geological formations. These curious geological formations resembling male and female genitals are at the source of amusing island folklore and embarrassed chuckles for centuries. Home to an intimate white sand beach, this is a lovely pit stop for midday or evening refreshment after a packed itinerary of island exploration. Impossibly clear waters display colorful marine life in all their glory, while a lush landscape of plantations and buffalo fields enchants guests with concentrated tropical beauty.



### **WAT RATCHATHAMMARAM**

The temple is situated on a steep coast by the ring road on the way from Lamai Beach to the settlement Hua Thanonis. It is also known as the Snake Stone Pagoda or Wat Sila Ngu. The red-clay temple hall is decorated with a fascinating display of bas-relief designs and statues. It's an astonishing sight against the blue sky. A golden pagoda next to this impressive red temple faces the sea. It is said to contain relics of Sakyamuni (Buddha), and a sacred bodhi tree also grows within the grounds. From the pagoda, steps head down to a collection of stupas commemorating former monks.





Wat Samret temple is somewhat of a hidden gem. The atmosphere here is truly unique, an oasis of peace and relaxation. There you can watch monks meditating in the shade under the old trees and enjoy the quiet ambiance. The absolute highlight of the Wat Samret is the stone Buddha figures around a large sitting and reclining Buddhas.



# **ATTRACTIONS**

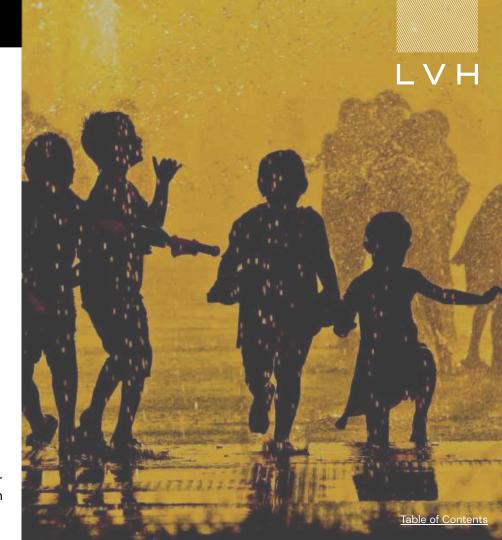
#### **LAEM SOR PAGODA**

The chedi at Wat Laem Sor, on the southernmost tip of the island, must be rated as one of the most spectacular attractions in the whole southern region. It's not "golden" or covered in gold leaf, as many of the smaller images of the Buddha or other artifacts sometimes are. Instead, it's a complex patchwork of small, pure yellow tiles. It's on the water's edge, stepped and layered into three or four stories topped by a futuristic pinnacle.





Koh Samui is a fantastically vibrant Island offering all the festivity of the mainland with a unique local twist. Traditional Thai customs meet the influence of Chinese traders and Muslim fishermen, contributing to a dynamic island culture. Fascinating old-world traditions punctuate every season of the year, offering no shortage of activity, no matter your arrival date. Far more than a sleepy resort Island, Koh Samui dazzles with an idiosyncratic charm that transcends international borders.



#### **SONGKRAN (WATER FESTIVAL)**

Soak in local folklore and fascinating Buddhist customs with the annual Songkran or Water Splashing Festival. Cheekiness and cheerfulness collide in a one-of-kind water-throwing festival heralding the start of a Buddhist calendar year. Described as a cross between Mardi Gras, April Fool's Day, and New Year, revelers are encouraged to bring an extra large bucket, water balloon, or a turbocharged super soaker in a cathartic ritual symbolizing the washing away of bad luck. This must-see event occurs every year between April 13 and 15, with Koh Samui offering no shortage of themed parties and Songkran celebrations sure to delight young and old.



#### **FULL MOON PARTIES**

Indulge in unbridled hedonism and dionysian excess at one of Southeast Asia's most legendary Full Moon festivals. This highly anticipated event regularly attracts tens of thousands of visitors to the white sand shores of Haad Rin. Guests of Koh Samui are a 15-minute speedboat ride away from Koh PhaNgan Island, which has been celebrating the lunar cycle since 1985. Few things are more typical of Thailand's nightlife scene than the moon party. Embrace a spectacular festival ambiance before the ethereal glow of moonlit waters, and dance the night away.



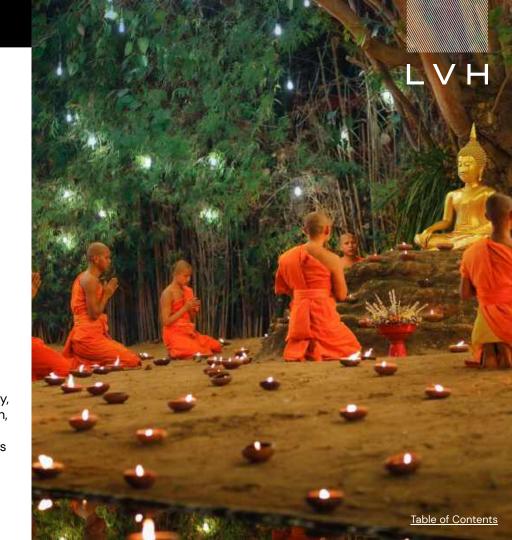
#### LOY KRATHONG (FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS)

Loy Krathong, or the Thai festival of lights, is undoubtedly one of Koh Samui's most beloved annual celebrations. Revel in the ethereal beauty of a sky lit by thousands of lanterns whisked away by the gentle breeze while the silent stream of a river carries these candlelit baskets downstream. A mesmerizing experience awaits as the shimmering waters reflect thousands of dancing flames into the darkness, each representing the promise of a wish. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a learned scholar of Thai folkloric traditions, Loy Krathong never ceases to enchant and inspire a sense of childlike wonder.



#### MAKHA BUCHA (BUDDHIST CELEBRATION)

Makha Bucha is an integral religious event marking the first major Buddhist festival of the year. Falling annually mid-way through February, this is an exceptional opportunity to immerse yourself in local tradition, whether you have a budding interest in Eastern mysticism or are inspired by the burgeoning popularity of New Age teachings. Festivities occur with local temples participating in a dazzling candlelight procession known as Wian Thian. Worshippers are receptive to the curious and may even beckon participation in giving offerings or reciting mantras.



#### **SAMUI RUN (ULTRA MARATHON)**

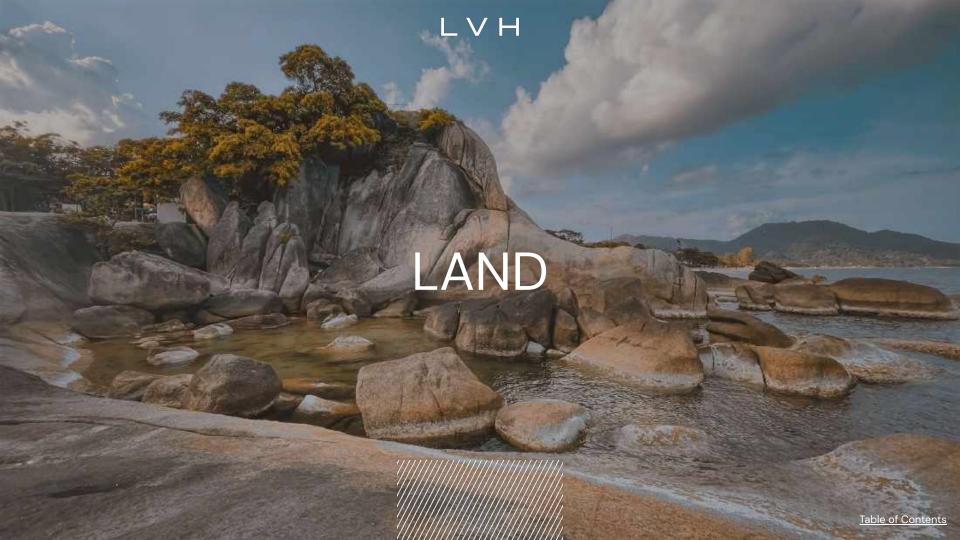
Undoubtedly the Island's leading athletic event, the annual Samui Run attracts both novices and pros. Choose between the three-mile fun run, six-mile mini-marathon, 13-mile mini-marathon, or 34-mile ultra-marathon, and get ready to crush some personal records. Attracting thousands of participants from all corners of the world, the Samui Run offers a fantastic day of recreation, fun, and events. Immerse yourself in the exhilaration of a long-distance run navigating through Samui's breathtaking nature route starting from Chaweng Lake. Only the world's most fearsome runners are up to snuff for Samui's notorious ultra-marathon spanning one of the widths of one of Thailand's largest islands.



#### **SAMUI REGATTA**

Few things go better than the sun, sea, and sailing trinity. The famed Koh Samui Regatta hosted by the Centara Grand Beach Resort is among Asia's most celebrated sailing events, attracting the finest international mariners and the most mouthwatering luxury boat and yacht displays. Check out the 20th edition of this ever–evolving regatta taking place over the course of a week for an exciting itinerary of midsummer racing, parties, events, and galas. The Koh Samui Regatta has helped cement the Island's reputation as one of the world's leading sailing destinations.





There are many activities to keep any visitor occupied during a visit to Koh Samui. These range from scuba diving, golf, yoga, cooking lessons, Muay Thai training, island hopping, boating, and so much more. If you love beaches and a real island atmosphere, then Koh Samui is the place to be.



#### FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE WALKING STREET

Koh Samui's quaint Fisherman's Village retains authenticity and old-world charm that delights far and wide. The charming historic quarter of Bophut is abuzz with an eclectic array of artisanal shops, boutiques, and souvenir shops offering a haven of high-quality inexpensive wares. Famously narrow streets bring revelers in close quarters with the delectable aromas of countless food and drink stalls. A kaleidoscopic gastronomic journey awaits, sure to revitalize your senses between vibrant Pad Thai, savory tempura, and a dizzying array of colorful sweets. Discover your next go-to hole-in-the-wall cocktail bar and embrace the exuberance of the famous night market. The Fisherman's Village promenade is a feast for the senses, potent with possibility and spontaneity pulsating with friendly locals, worldly travelers, and an exciting array of street performers.



#### TRADITIONAL THAI DANCING

Classical Thai dancing has been charming its audiences for more than 500 years, despite the modernity that has overflown Thailand. One of the nation's best-known and oldest arts is classical Thai dancing. The most famous symbol – the Khon mask, although it might be familiar to many, it's still very mysterious. Khon masks come in various forms and are used in classical Thai dance along with equally elaborate clothing and ornamentation to denote the mythical characters on stage. There are demons, monkeys, royal figures, soldiers, and a whole cast of epic characters; these are not masks to disguise but to identify. They're as much part of the dance as the dancing itself. Thai dancing, which has as its origins the Ramayana epic from India, provides an intricate mix of poetry, epic drama, and complicated music, along with highly ritualized choreography, to produce a unified art form that's hard to find anywhere else outside Thailand and its neighboring regions. The ancient Siamese culture lives on, and its traditions are alive and kicking.





Get your blood pumping and learn invaluable martial art and self-defense, Thai Style. Having swept across the entire world, Muay Thai is one of the leading interdisciplinary combat sports today. Koh Samui offers no shortage of gyms and world-class instruction, sure to jettison your confidence, strength, and coordination. Discover the intricacies and science of the "art of eight limbs" and walk away from your instruction, physically and mentally invigorated.



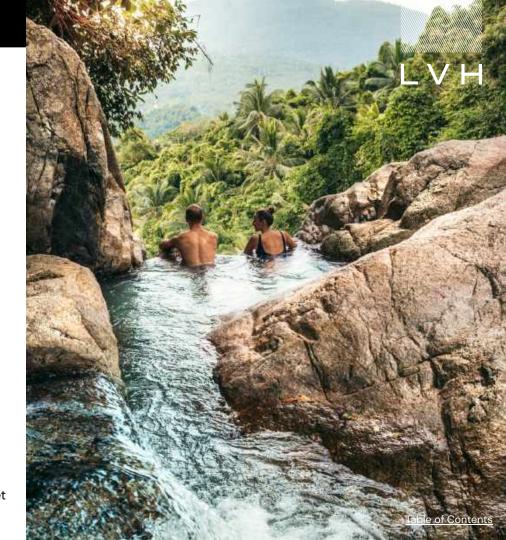


Uncover the secrets of some of the world's most aromatic and tantalizing cuisine with the Thai cooking classes. Under the experienced instruction of Koh Samui's most passionate culinary masters, surprise yourself and perfect two signature Thai recipes to bring home and wow your friends. This is a perfect opportunity to acquaint you and your loved ones with the basics of this mouthwatering cuisine, using the region's most vibrant spices and aromatic herbs.



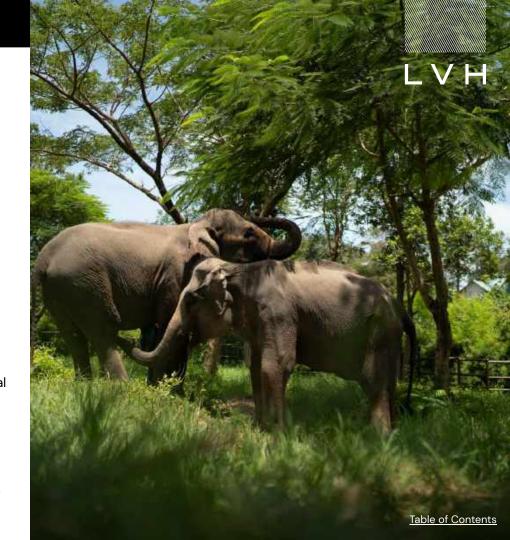


Few natural phenomena are as therapeutic as the dramatic cascade of water in an ethereal wooded ambiance. Embrace nature's bounties and the pristine beauty of the gorgeous Namuang waterfalls. Take a refreshing dip in the pristine watering hole, soaking in the serene quiet of the lush jungle setting. Round off your day trip with a visit to the gorgeous sands of Lipa Noi Beach nearby to soak in otherworldly sunset scenes.



#### SAMUI ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

Samui's Elephant Sanctuary is one of Southeast Asia's foremost conservation parks at the forefront of ethical elephant tourism. Responding to a wave of region-wide exploitation practices, this animal welfare park is as enchanting as its mission is noble. Discover the otherworldly majesty of the elephant in an idyllic and healthy setting, walking amongst, feeding, and appreciating these fantastic creatures. Get a deeper insight into the elephants' complex and charming socializing patterns as they blissfully wade in the refreshing waters of specially built pools. A fantastic activity for the entire family awaits, sure to resurrect starry-eyed wonder and invigorate the excitement of a new passion.



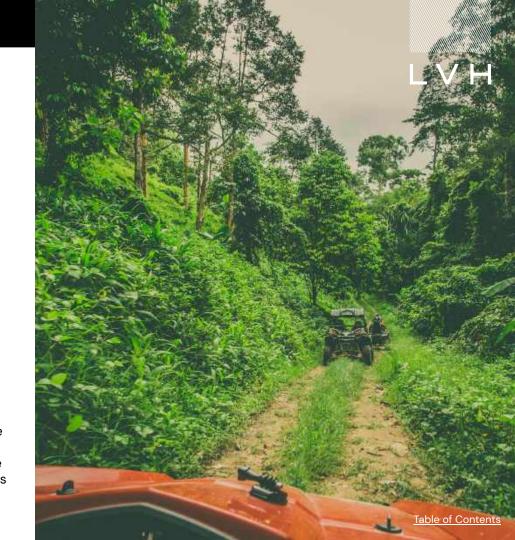
#### **GOLFING**

A putter's paradise Koh Samui offers spellbinding golf courses, satiating every experience level from the novice to the weathered professional. Experience fantastically sculpted courses perfectly integrated against soaring palms and white sand beaches. The Island's excellent golfing potential has manifested into the nine-hole Royal Samui Golf and Country Club, lauded for its panoramic vistas over the Chaweng and Lamai Beaches. However, the crown unreservedly rests with The Santiburi Samui Country Club providing both challenge and charm in a sublime tropical setting spanning 18 holes. On the map since hosting the 2006 Bangkok Airways Open, the links' commanding Gulf of Thailand vistas will surely be one of the most enduring souvenirs from your visit.





Wrangle Koh Samui's stunning topography with an ATV adventure. Kicking off from the Island's highest point, delve deep into the pristine jungles of Thailand, spotting Koh Samui's best-kept secrets along the way. From fantastic viewpoints and ethereal hidden waterfalls, explore the Island's most idyllic corners and crevices far from prying eyes. This exhilarating ATV ride navigates to the gorgeous Teepangkorn Temple and the famed Big Buddha looking over Lamai Bay.



#### **YOGA CLASSES**

Dip into Thailand's millennia-old mystical heritage and discover the wondrous world of Yoga. ReKoh Samui is the place to invent the mind, body, and spirit with an expansive variety of individual or group classes and multi-day retreats immersed in the natural beauty of Koh Samui. From Hatha yoga to more meditative practices, this Island offers a breadth of disciplines covering recreational or spiritual needs. Honor Thailand's rich spiritual heritage and channel your inner Buddha, reconnecting with some well-deserved me time in idyllic tropical settings.



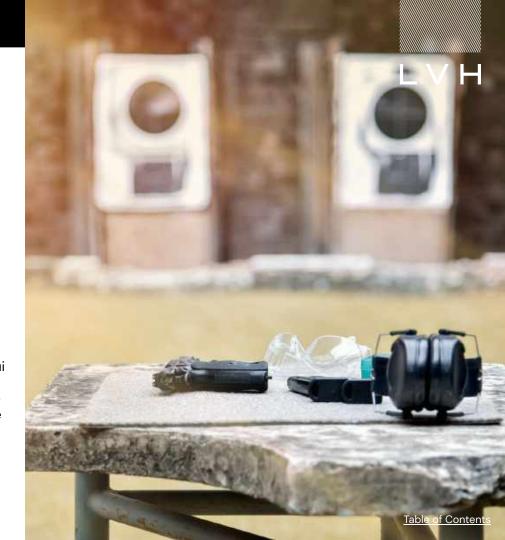
#### **RUM DISTILLERY**

Seize the spirit of Ko Samui hedonism and head to one of the Island's greatest treasures, the Magic Alambic Rum distillery. Thailand's only accredited rum distillery produces spirits of the highest "Rhum Agricole" distinction, with highly sought know-how procured from the cradle of rum production, Martinique. This artisanal low-batch elixir comes in many shades, with pineapple, lemon, orange, and coconut flavors accompanying each tasting. Discover the ins and outs of rum production in a gorgeous distillery embraced by lush gardens replete with aromatic jackfruit groves. The on-site French restaurant, La Route du Rum, will leave no pairing options unexplored, rounding off magical Island day activity.



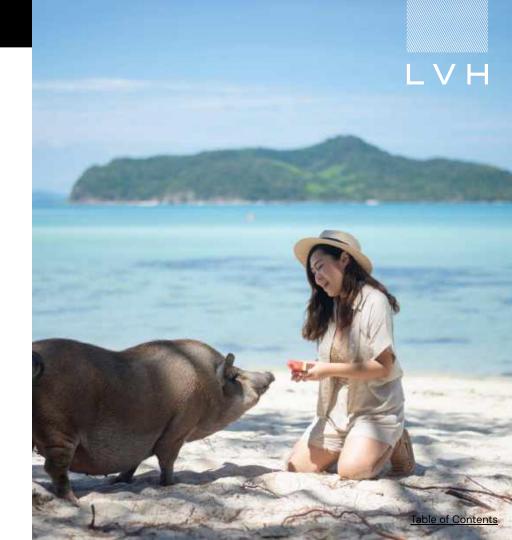


One of the most enjoyable and unusual trips to consider while on Samui is getting primed at the Paragon Gun Range. This is a clean, modern single-story building that opened in 2014. The open-air range faces the enormous vertical backdrop of an old carved-out quarry, allowing close target-placing for handguns yet also a realistic distance for long guns, too. The staff are friendly and relaxed, enjoy their work, and are knowledgeable about all the guns that are available. You will have your personal staff trainer who will go through the basics of safety and later advise you on your technique and shooting style, correcting your stance and positioning.



#### KOH MADSUM BOAR FEEDING

Visitors of Koh Samui are sure to delight in one of Southeast Asia's quirkiest experiences. Head to the secluded sands of Koh Madsum or Pig Island, a short distance away, and discover the Gulf of Thailand's most adorable inhabitants. In addition to fantastic beaches and unmatched opportunities for swimming, kayaking, and snorkeling, guests will encounter friendly sunbathing pigs. Feeding these playful creatures make for delightful family moments, endless laughs, and fantastic photo opportunities.



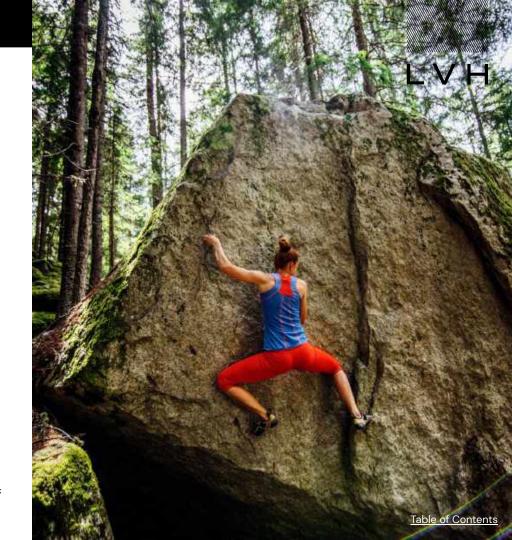


Archery in its modern form is taking off on Samui, and you can enjoy this ancient sport. The place to go is Flying Arrow Restaurant & Archery – it's the one and only destination for archery on Samui. Flying Arrow is definitely recommended if you're looking for something less ordinary to do while making it one of the few activities engaging enough for the whole family.



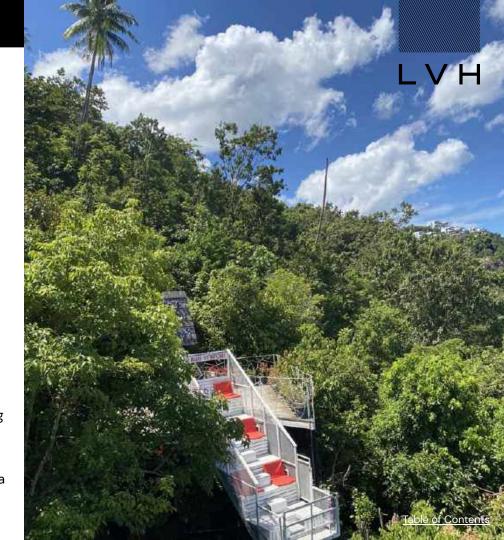
#### **BOULDERING AT CHAWENG AND LAMAI BEACH**

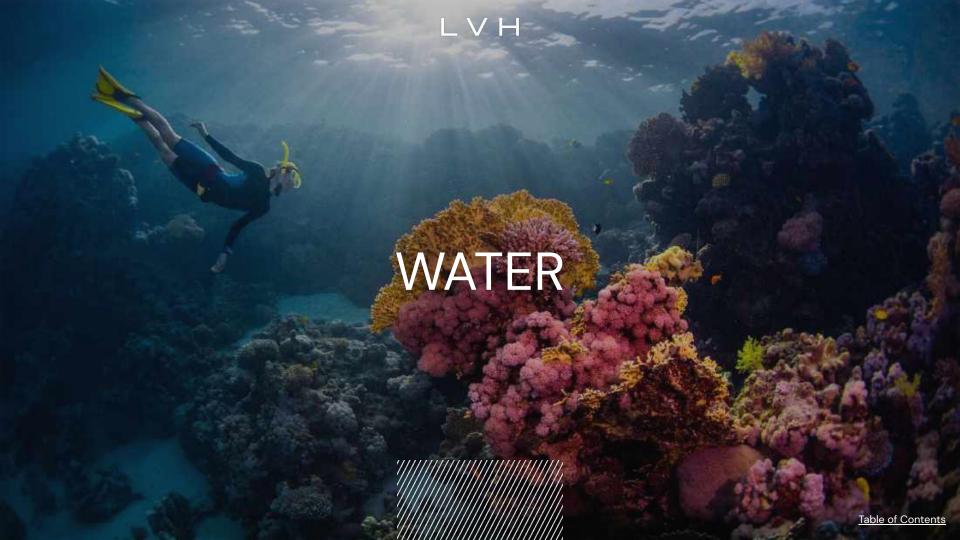
Koh Samui's most developed shoreline between Lamai and Chaweng has witnessed a burgeoning interest in rock climbing and bouldering. The region's iconic limestone cliffs jut down dramatically into the ethereal crystalline waters offering a glorious venue for a vertical workout. Strap in for some technical rope climbing up gorgeous rock formations, or put your forearms to the test for some supervised bouldering. A lovely activity for the adventurous and curious, rock climbing is an excellent way of acquainting yourself with the beauty of Koh Samui's geological formations.





Koh Samui offers a breadth of fantastic Zip-lining infrastructure, offering a stunning cross-section of the island's verdant rainforests. More thrilling than jungle trekking and less nerve-wracking than bungee jumping, Zip lining is a fantastic option for those craving airborne adventures and the unmistakable scent of ozone that follows. Soar like a bird before a vast canopy of aromatic foliage for an afternoon activity you won't be forgetting anytime soon.



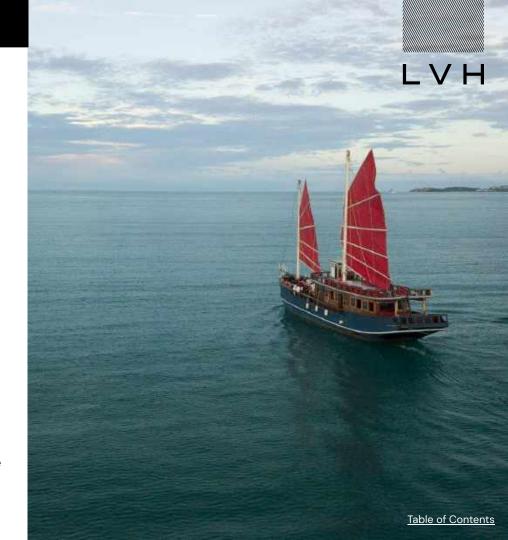


Seventy-one percent of the earth is water, yet most of this magical world remains a mystery. Embark on a journey traversing the planet's most exquisite waters from the crystalline aqua hues of the Caribbean to the deep indigo blues of the North Atlantic. There are such meditative and tranquil effects of being next to a body of water. Whether you're on a path of rejuvenation or looking for adrenaline-pumping recreation, the sea's infinite expanse is a frontier well-worth the plunge!



#### SAILING ON THAILAND'S JUNK

Sailors and nautical historians will surely enjoy a cruise around the gulf onboard an authentic Junk Yacht. These unique sailing yachts flaunt a centuries-old oriental design noted for their hardwood, Takien Tong, construction, easy maintenance, easy rigging, and lack of complex hardware. Easily identifiable from afar, these glorious traditional rigs flaunt stunning twin masts and huge Thai-style sails, as beautiful as they are functional. A unique charter experience awaits with spacious deck space accommodating up to 70 guests onboard. Sail into a noble Thai seafaring tradition, cruising the ethereal turquoise waters of Koh Samui the authentic way. Discover for yourself why these vessels were the most advanced of their time.



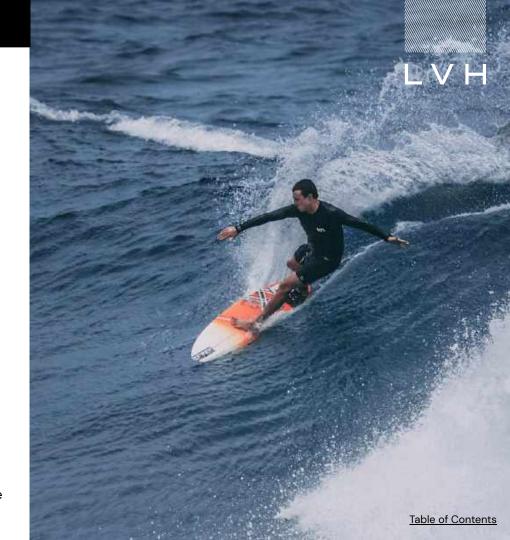


Windsurfing offers a distinct fusion of sailing and surfing skills that gloriously harmonizes the surfer with the forces of nature. Koh Samui's famously obliging temperatures and elements are ideal for those attempting first forays into this elegant and dynamic watersport or for weathered athletes seeking to impress their counterparts. Love of the sea and a bit of patience pay incredible dividends, with the island home to fantastic windsurfing schools and world-class instructors.



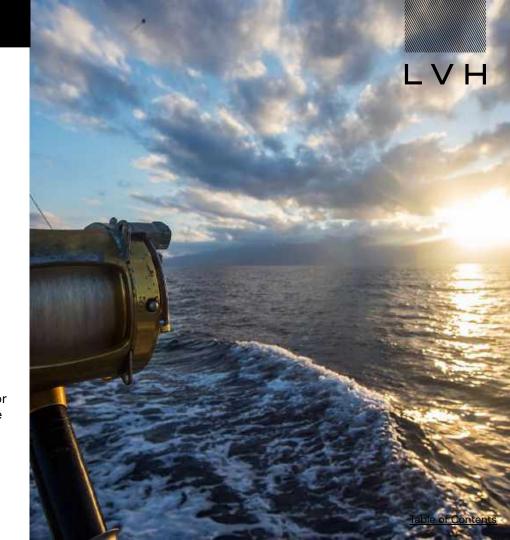
#### **SURFING**

A beloved point of connection between locals and global travelers is invariably Koh Samui's surf culture. Whether you've been putting it off for a while or are simply curious, a trip to Koh Samui is a fantastic opportunity to discover the art of riding the waves. The experienced surfer will find excellent conditions from October to December, regularly delivering three to five-foot beach breaks. The "Left Alone" reef break off Chaweng Beach is an ideal spot for novice surfers, while one in front of the Baan Taling Namm Resort is recommended for more experienced practitioners.





Step into Koh Samui's millennia-old fishing heritage and reacquaint yourself with the exhilaration of reeling in some big game. The novice or experienced angler would be wise to explore the Island's fantastic blue water big game fishing options. Cruise on spectacular luxury imported vessels at the crack of dawn or before a moonlit sea and soak in the serenity of open waters before the anticipated tug on your fishing line. The bountiful seas of the Andaman are home to fantastic trophies, including Black Marlin, Sailfish, Wahoo, Barracuda, Spanish mackerel, Giant Trevally, and Dorado fish.





Equal parts surfing and paragliding, kitesurfing is one of the best ways to embrace the glory of the Andaman sea. Famous balmy waters and obliging wind conditions from November to February will have you cruising the water's turquoise surfaces between eight and 20 knots an hour. Well worth a three-day course for in-depth immersion into this watersport, let kitesurfing be your next favorite past-time.



#### **PARASAILING**

A Koh Samui parasailing experience is an ideal way to take in the glorious coastline. Ascent to white-knuckle heights, overcome by an exceptionally calm sensation, before a boundless shimmering sea. Vertiginous birds-eye views deliver a one-of-a-kind experience at once exhilarating yet peaceful. With two or more participants available to try at once, embrace the indescribable feeling of flight with a loved one and share a truly magical moment.



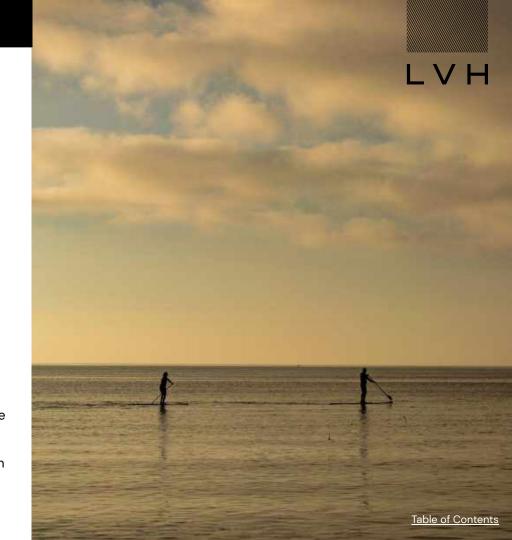


Koh Samui takes the kayaking experience to unprecedented heights, with nearby Angthong Marine National Park offering a dreamlike venue for paddling. Undoubtedly the ideal way to soak in the region's supernatural splendor, uncover hidden caves and bizarre rock formations, gliding effortlessly beneath dramatic crevices and crannies. Take in the full picture of the region's brilliance from the vantage point of the gulf's open waters floating above colorful reefs below you and gazing upon an ethereal coastline popularized in the 2000 film, *The Beach*.



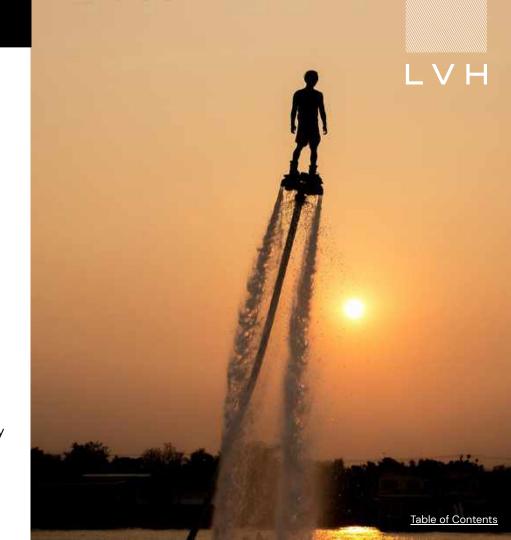


Accessible, breezy, and thoroughly enjoyable, no activity embraces the simple pleasures of overwater travel quite like paddleboarding. Within reach of nearly every fitness level and age category, this is an exceptional family, couple, or friend activity that'll have you become an expert before the afternoon is done. Soak in fantastic sunrise and sunset scenes with a mild core workout and embrace the ease of Siamese luxury living.



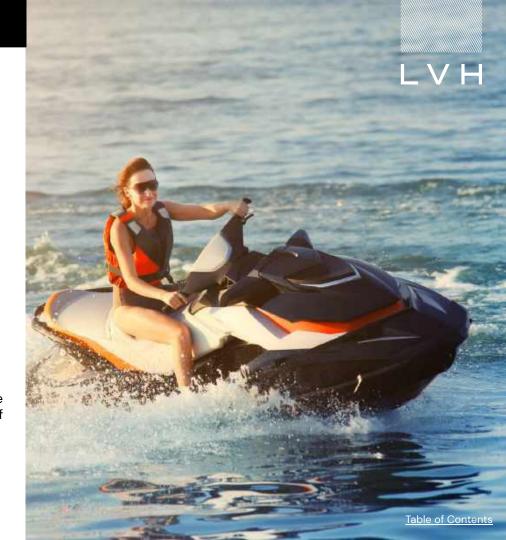
#### **FLYBOARDING**

Undoubtedly the hottest contemporary watersport, Flyboarding delivers a genuinely novel experience. Pressurized water jets propel participants up to 72 feet in the air for an airborne sensation unlike any other. Seemingly plucked from the most vivid daydreams, Flyboarding satiates the quintessential Marty McFly hoverboard fantasy. Exceptionally fun and easily accessible, Flyboarding is a thrill seeker's dream promising laughs and excitement in the balmy waters of the Lamai and Lipa Noi shorelines.



#### **JET SKIING**

Indulge in the sensation of boundless freedom skimming across stunning aquamarine waters via jet-ski off the shores of Koh Samui. The vehicle of choice for a sea safari heading to the spectacular beaches of Pig or Coral Island. Discover self-contained worlds of sublime tropical beauty within a short radius of Koh Samui. A jet-ski escapade offers incomparable adventure, whether you're seeking to integrate an afternoon of sunbathing, cocktail-sipping, or indulging in local cuisine. Embrace a gentle ecosystem of friendly pigs and piglets on Koh Matsum after an exhilarating adventure across the open seas.



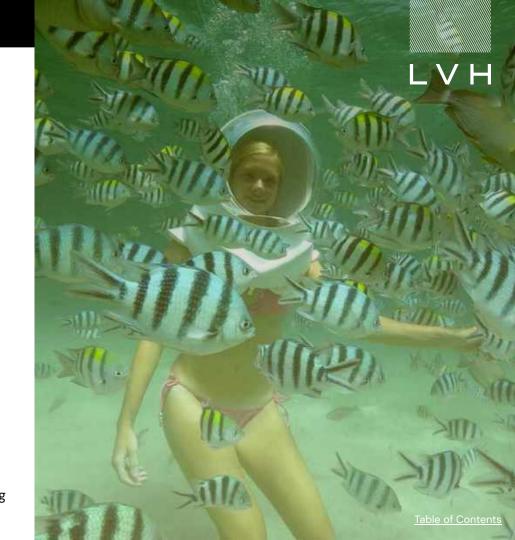


Taking in electrifying marine life and stunning subaquatic wonders in Koh Samui does not require a breathing apparatus. Skim some of the Gulf of Thailand's clearest surfaces with many offshore snorkeling spots delivering a full extent of marine life without the diving. Silver and Coral Cove beaches are favorite cult spots, while a plethora of more secluded areas awaits the more adventurous snorkeler.





Let your childhood daydreams take shape with Koh Samui's unique sea-walking adventure. Strap on a custom-made helmet providing a constant air supply, and take a leisurely promenade along the sea bottom. A totally unique experience appeasing young and old awaits, allowing participants an intimate, up-close look at the region's bustling marine life and enchanting corals.



#### **SCUBA DIVING**

Whether you're an experienced scuba diver or new to the sport, Koh Samui presents fantastic shores and crystalline waters that are a privilege to explore. Delve into the gulf's otherworldly turquoise hues and remark on a self-contained universe of bustline marine life and beautiful corals. Koh Samui offers no shortage of thrilling scuba spots, facilitating first-hand interaction with otherworldly aquatic rock formations and a dizzying array of exotic fish. The famed Hin Bai, or Sail Rock, found between Koh Tao and Koh Phangan, is a great place to start. Here are some of the best diving sites Koh Tao has to offer:

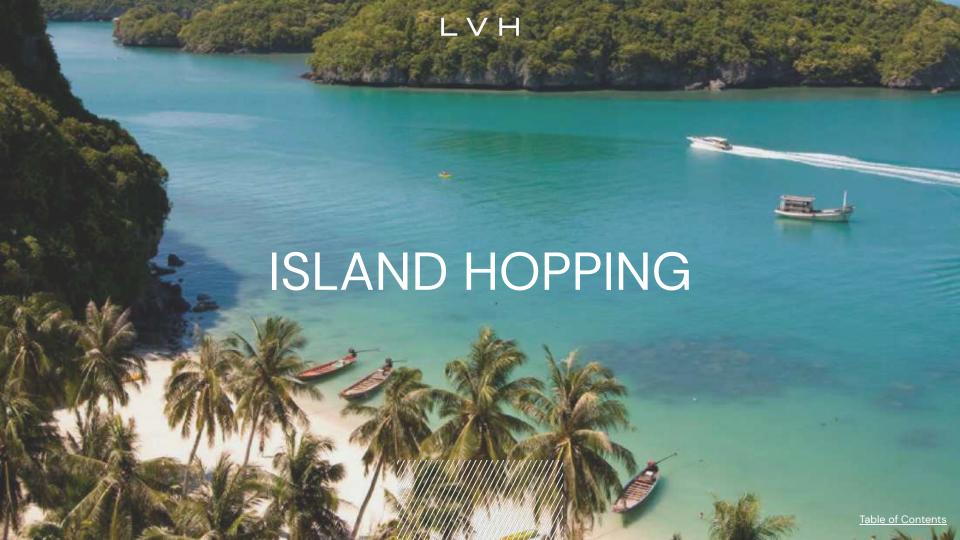
- HTMS Sattakut
- White Rock
- Chumphon Pinnacle
- Shark Island
- Green Rock



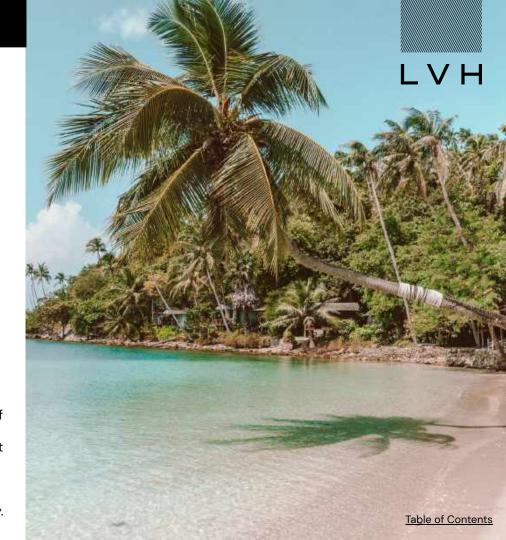


You have the chance to see the extremely rare and fascinating pink dolphins native only to the waters of Koh Samui and the small islands that surround it. Fast-speed boat trip to the Khanom area brings you and your family or friends up close and personal with the rare pink dolphins.

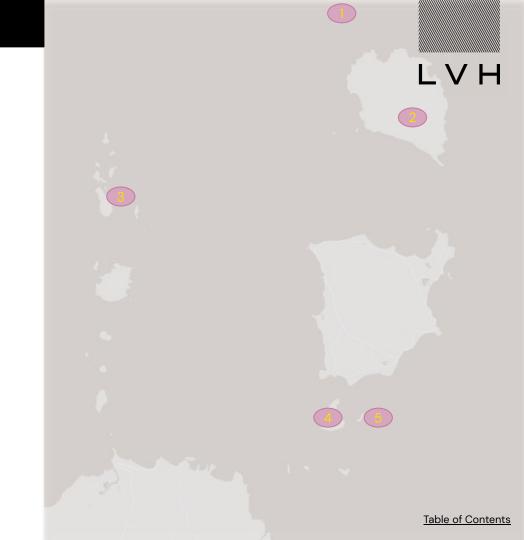




Go the nautical way while in Koh Samui. The spectacular island of Koh Samui is perfectly perched for island-hopping adventures in the Gulf of Thailand. Discover the dazzling beauty of these turquoise waters; the most hidden away and idyllic tropical oases await! An hour motor yacht adventure will bring guests to the stunning Ang Thong National Marine Park, comprising an archipelago of 42 pristine islands. From the party isle of Koh Phangan to the scuba diving haven of Kho Tao, each destination resembles a self-contained world of adventure and activity.



- 1. Koh Tao
- Koh Phangan
   Ang Thong National Marine Park
   Koh Taen
- 5. Koh Mut Sum



#### **KOH TAO**

Well worth the two-plus hour ride by motor yacht from Koh Samui, Koh Tao is invariably the jewel of the Gulf of Thailand. The ultimate tropical island fantasy comes alive between ethereal white sand beaches and vibrant marine life. Striking rock formations impart an otherworldly aura to this spellbinding oasis, lauded as some of the world's premier spots for scuba diving, snorkeling, rock climbing, or bouldering. A fantastic getaway awaits whether you're seeking to peruse some new beaches or interact with the region's unique aquatic inhabitants, including the local Hawksbill or Green Sea turtles.



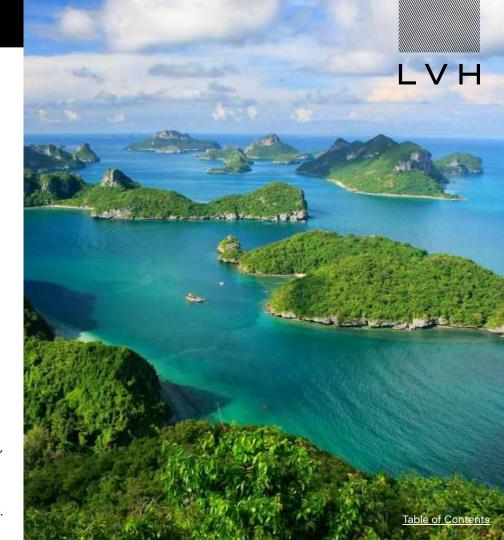


The Island of Koh Phangan, notorious for its monthly moon parties, is a fantastic charter destination for those seeking a pleasure cruise from Koh Samui. Drop anchor in selected remote bays and indulge in refreshing water recreation or partake in on-island exploration. Soak up the spellbinding beauty of the gulf and round off your day trip with romantic al fresco dining before the dusk-lit shimmering waters.



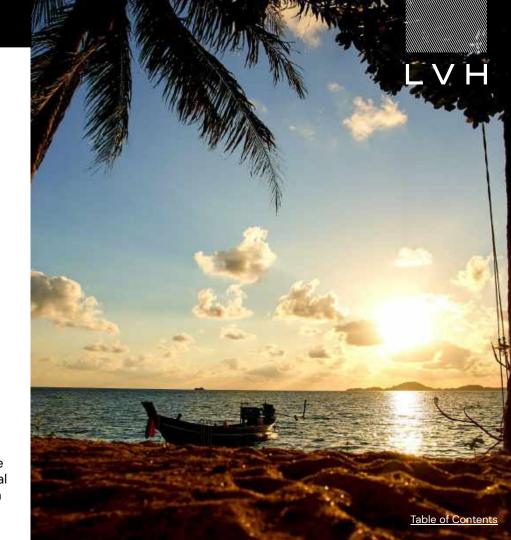


The Ang Thong National Marine Park is a pristine archipelago of 42 islands in the Gulf of Thailand. It features towering limestone mountains, a thick jungle, white-sand beaches, waterfalls, and hidden coves and lakes to explore. The protected area of more than 38 square miles of land and sea has a rich biodiversity. Snorkeling, hiking, sea kayaking, diving, and simply relaxing are the main activities to enjoy at Ang Thong.



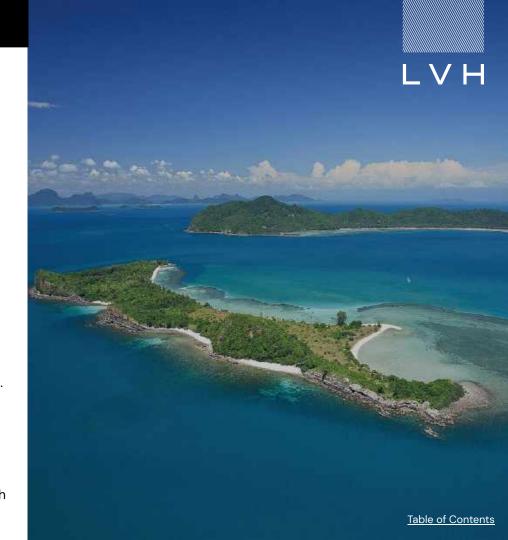
#### **KOH TAEN**

Koh Taen is an isle found on the southern tip of Samui. It is mainly unspoiled and primarily known for its coral and marine life. This small island is excellent if you like nature, snorkeling, deserted white sandy beaches, and some quiet time away from the busy tourist sites. On its eastern part, you find a long beach which often looks as if it were there entirely for you. Snorkeling is excellent in the southern part, where coral reefs abound. Finally, for a nice walk through a mangrove forest down a boardwalk walking path, head over to the west of the island.



#### **KOH MUT SUM**

Koh Mut Sum is a tiny isle south of Koh Taen and a trendy day trip spot. Away from tourist hordes, this is an outstanding stretch of sand for mesmerizing drone footage. The water is clear and calm, while the surrounding coral reef is vibrant, making for a sublime snorkeling experience. But what makes Koh Madsum genuinely unique are its friendly residents – wild boars! Soak up the sun and admire the breathtaking scenery of Koh Samui on the horizon while the boars are roaming around freely. Enjoy the Thai version of the Bahamas' Pig Beach of the Great Exuma!





Time spent with family is never time lost. No matter the destination, LVH secures a full itinerary of children's activities designed to spark budding imaginations. Share in the robust excitement of a trip full of possibilities with the ones closest to you. At LVH, we understand that time is the ultimate luxury. Please leave it to us to tailor an unforgettable vacation experience for all guests, including the smallest ones!





A welcome change from Koh Samui's beach hedonism, the island's escape room offers participants an exhilarating and totally immersive movie-like experience. Search for clues, solve puzzles, and pick padlocks in a simulated controlled environment in groups of two to six. Lauded as one of the Island's most unique family outings, Escape Break is a welcome addition to a varied and dynamic itinerary.





Samui's Canopy adventures offer a fantastic child-oriented ziplining experience in the heart of the Island's unspoiled rainforests. A welcome break from beach activities, kids will adore this fantastical adventure park that will have them soaring above the tree tops and diving across platforms whilst interacting fully with Koh Samui's spellbinding nature. Guests will come across a refreshing waterfall and secret watering hole, concluding a day of Robinson Family-like adventure.



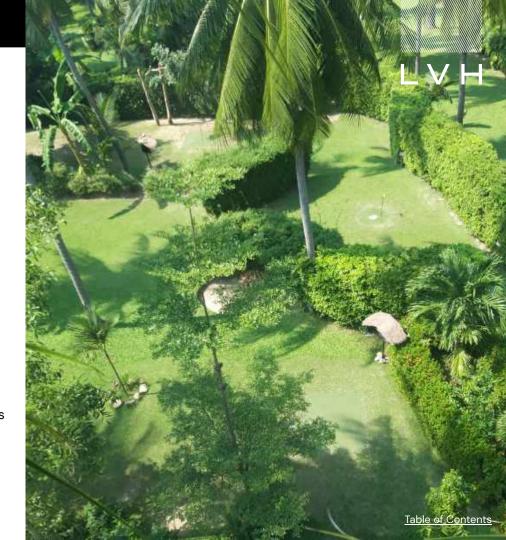


Kids Club at Junio, with a design inspired by a busy seaside port. The youngest guests will be immersed in stimulating, non-tech activities that are as educational as they are fun. Junio features a thoughtful selection of programs and activities to engage young minds. Allow their imaginations to set sail at the 500-square-meter, split-level club designed for interaction, creative play, and active exploration. Encouraging and friendly workers will greet each wide-eyed visitor.





One of the island's most beloved family past-timed activities is undoubtedly Samui's Soccer Golf. Swap the clubs for your most comfortable pair of trainers and head to the stunning botanical gardens for a day of leisurely competition and laughs. A fantastic compromise between recreation and a nature walk, each kick along these verdant grounds is serenaded with the buzzing of exotic birds and insects. Fun for the whole family, Soccer Golf is as competitive as participants decide, with the focus being on accessibility and fun for all ages and abilities.





Just as enchanting as it sounds, the Samui Butterfly Park is a glorious eight-acre park close to the Ban Hua Thanon fisherman's village. Grounds navigate across a well-manicured botanic and stone garden offering the optimal natural habitat for the butterflies. Start your day with a morning visit and step into a dream garnished with the fluttering of countless butterfly wings. Inspiring wonder amongst adults and kids alike, the gardens are complete with a "Bee House" exhibit and insectarium.



#### **PARADISE PARK FARM**

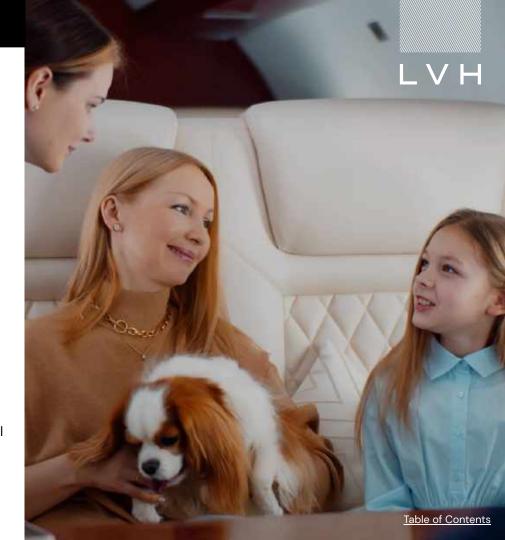
Perched 635 meters above Lipa Noi, atop Khao Pom Mountain, Paradise Park Farm makes a pleasant family excursion. It captivates visitors with stunning scenery and an array of amazing nature and animal-loving things to do. The drive there can be a little hazardous, but nevertheless, stunning — walkways and trails wind through 20 acres of tropical mountain forest. The park's restaurant and infinity pool share endless views over the west coast and to the five islands adding to the singularity of the place. Snow-white peacocks, pigeons, macaws, parakeets, deer and fawns, emus, and charming gibbons — all live in Paradise Park in the mountains. Most animals roam freely during the day, giving you an opportunity to interact and play with them.





# **GETTING THERE**

When comfort is a primary consideration when traveling, no small detail should be left to chance. Our agents are committed to ensuring the most lavish transportation arrangements for you. Jumpstart your getaway and let take-off be the beginning of your dream vacation. Indulge in abundant onboard amenities, and arrive in style. At LVH, we believe it's about the journey and the destination.



### **GETTING THERE**

#### **BY PRIVATE JET**

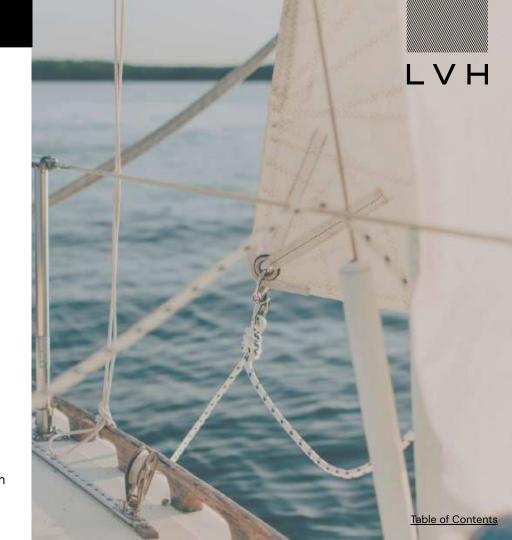
Samui International Airport (USM / VTSM) — This is a privately owned airport on the island of Koh Samui, only a mile-and-a-half from the city center. It features high-speed ferries to transport visitors from island to island. Samui Airport is a civilian airport with one runway suitable for private jet flights.

The runway length is 2,060 feet and is suitable for small props, small jets, medium and long-range jets, regional airliners, and large airliners.





Yachting embodies sailing the seas in the lap of luxury. Leave your everyday routine and set sail for a world of pure comfort and decadence on the high seas. Let an experienced captain take the helm while you lounge on the aft deck, waiting for a crew member to bring you your favorite beverage.



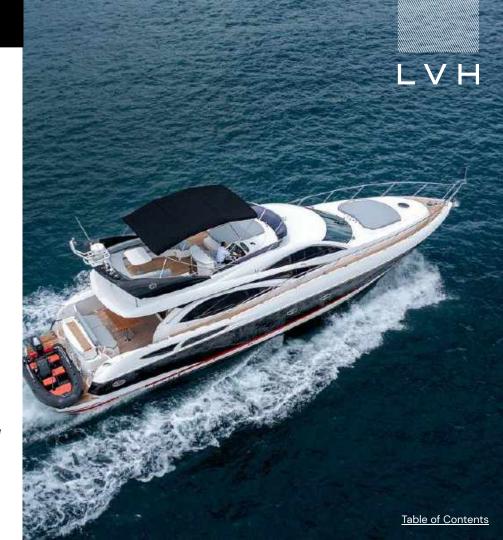
#### **BELIZE 43' CATAMARAN**

The perfect yacht for extended overnight charters, stylish sunset cruises, or parties – Belize is the first choice for guests who require space, comfort, and style. This 43-foot extensive and luxury motor sailing catamaran offers all this in abundance. Her three cabins in various sizes sleep a maximum of six guests without ever feeling cramped. The service includes freshly prepared Thai cuisine. Also available for day charters for up to 15 guests. An excellent platform for a magnificent day out.



#### **SUNSEEKER 60'**

Your own luxurious yacht to cruise the warm waters of the Gulf of Thailand, exploring beaches and islands, dropping anchor at a quiet cove for a barbecue on the beach, and living the dream. With its powerful engine, 60-foot length and 15-foot beam, and a cruising range of 270 nautical miles, the Sunseeker 60 enables you to spend the day sailing between the islands of Ang Thong National Marine Park in the greatest comfort. A Bose sound system and TV with DVD player provide music and entertainment, with an onboard library or, if you prefer, your own collection of sound and video. A swimming ladder and shower on the hydraulic swimming platform allow easy and safe bathing and easy access to the tender. Charter this luxurious motor yacht with the captain and crew, and head out into the wide blue yonder.



#### **RODRIGUEZ 135'**

Rodriguez 135 combines luxury, contemporary design, and cruising perfection for the ultimate yachting experience. A spectacular 135-foot superyacht, imagined by architect Norman Foster and built by renowned Italian shipyard Rodriguez Yachts in 2009, Rodriguez 135 was conceived for smooth yachting, elegant living, and modern comfort. Rodriguez 135 sleeps 12 guests in five staterooms with one master suite, two double bed VIP staterooms, and two twin cabins with Pullman beds. All cabins have ensuite bathrooms. A state-of-the-art kitchen and fitness area complete the guest facilities. Additionally, the yacht accommodates nine crew to ensure a relaxed, safe, luxurious experience. With its home base in the Gulf of Thailand, the yacht is ideally placed to visit a wide range of beautiful locations in South-East Asia. Relax on the sundeck near Koh Samui, making quick trips to the plethora of nearby idyllic islands.





At LVH, we recognize a vehicle is a lot more than a means of transportation. In its most exceptional form, a luxury vehicle is an ultimate expression of function and style, found at the intersection of mechanical engineering and fine art. We pride ourselves in supplying clients with a selection of the world's latest and finest vehicles. You can admire the beauty of the tropical island by driving the most luxurious car by yourself. Should you chose a car with a professional driver, know you are in safe hand. All the chauffeurs are carefully selected for their driving skills, experience, confidentiality, and local area knowledge.



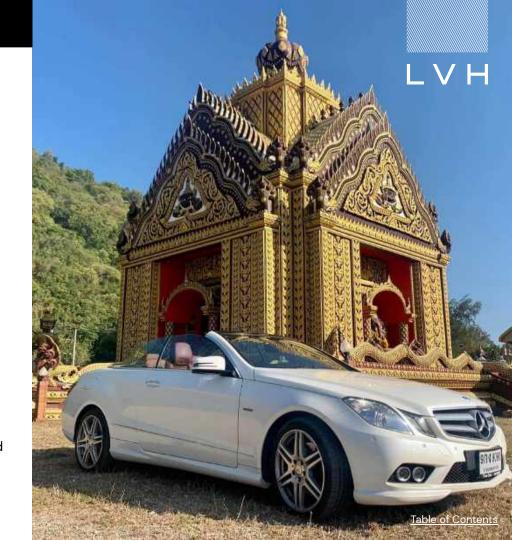


Embark on a journey with the Jeep Wrangler. Start a new adventure in a legendary vehicle that will impress you upon your first drive. Inside Wrangler, you will enjoy large storage space, sophisticated details and carefully designed ergonomics making every adventure comfortable and easy.



#### MERCEDES BENZ E-250 CABRIO

The Mercedes-Benz E Class CAB is an iconic four-seater luxury convertible. The E 250 is the perfect tropical destination cruiser, especially with the top down. The E-Class convertible is built with precision and quality in mind, as made clear by its elegant interior design. The leather and materials used in this vehicle are premium and add to the sense of occasion. The neat dash and easy infotainment system will help you along the way. Make the E-class convertible your ideal rental for a sunny day behind the wheel of a beautiful prestige convertible.





Rent a Mercedes-Benz S-Class and treat all your senses to a thrilling drive. This model embodies the best of the brand with its superb comforts, high-end amenities, and top performance. Its luxurious look and feel are reinforced through its elegant, evocative exterior, fine materials, and attention to detail put into its interior design. Besides impeccable style, precision engineering and innovative technologies ensure that drivers will be beyond wowed at the wheel.





The best way to experience an exceptional villa is to get top-notch in-home services. Indulge in the good life with a customizable host of luxury services. The excitement of a new destination is infectious, but the comforts of home are truly divine. Enjoy indulgent pampering from gastronomy to event planning and personal care services in the privacy of your villa. If you can think of it, we can provide it. The only limit is your imagination.



#### **PRIVATE CHEF**

Top trained professional chefs provide a full-service culinary experience in the comfort of the private villas. From international cuisines to health-conscious diets, chefs create meals for all tastes and requirements.

- Private Dining
- Prepped Meal Delivery
- Events



#### **MIXOLOGIST**

Concoct the "poison" of your choice with the help of experienced mixologists who are crafting cocktails, using seasonal ingredients, freshly squeezed citrus, house-made syrups and premium spirits!

- Molecular Mixology
- Artisanal Cocktails
- Prohibition-era Cocktails
- Healthy inspired Cocktails



#### **BARTENDER**

Keep the glasses full and cheers continuing with full-service bartenders. Professional bartenders set up, shake up, serve up, and clean up the drink station. Instead of thinking about whether or not the bar is stocked, focus on which tasty drink to sip next.

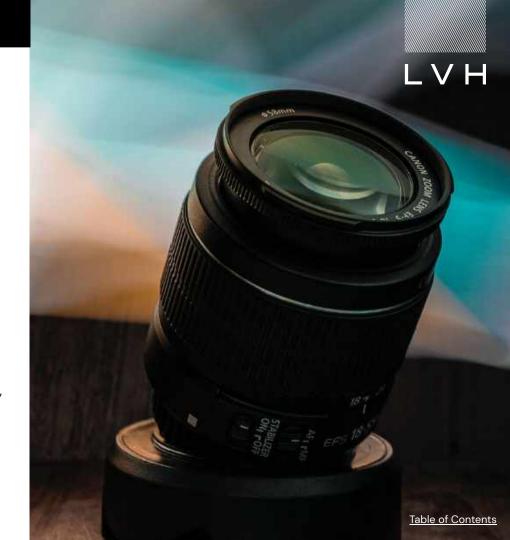
- Dinner Event
- Birthday Celebrations
- Anniversaries
- Showers
- Family Gatherings



#### **PHOTOGRAPHER**

Photographers are artists with the camera, using a blend of technical skills and an artistic eye to take pictures of people, places, landscapes, food, you name it. Capture your moments with a professional photographer.

- Special Events
- Gatherings
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Weddings



#### **DRONE PHOTOGRAPHER**

Capture moments from a higher perspective. Professional Drone Aerial Photographers shoot photos and videos from all sorts of angles. Highly recommended for any water sport moment.

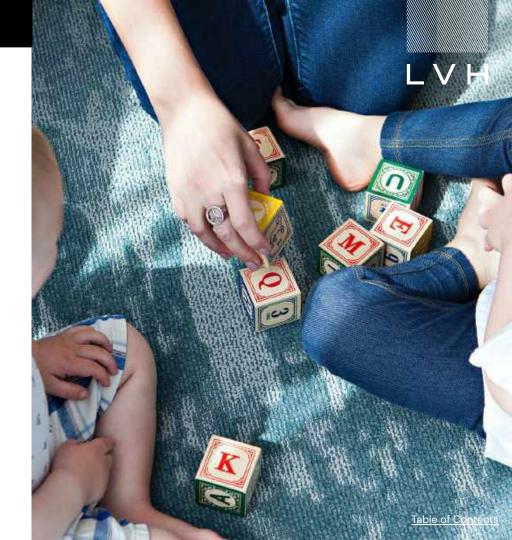
- Special Events
- Gatherings



#### **NANNY SERVICE**

Take the night off or the night out with the little help from a trained, CPR/AED and First Aid certified nanny. Feel confident that the little ones are in the best of care.

- Creating a safe and stimulating environment for the children
  Changing diapers, potty-training (age-appropriate)
- Planning meals, preparing food, and/or feeding the children
- Indoor and outdoor play
- Educational activities and crafts
- Reading to the children





Take time to rejuvenate your body, mind, and spirit with our diverse array of spa services. Melt away months of tension with a single massage session. The world's leading therapists trained in a diverse set of disciplines are waiting to guide you into a world of relaxation. Your wellness journey will add an extra dimension to an already fantastic vacation when you're feeling your absolute best.



#### **MASSAGE**

A certified massage therapist brings wellness into the privacy of your home. Sessions start with a conversation. By understanding the guests needs and "aches," the therapist can then apply a massage practice from his/her arsenal that best heals the target area.

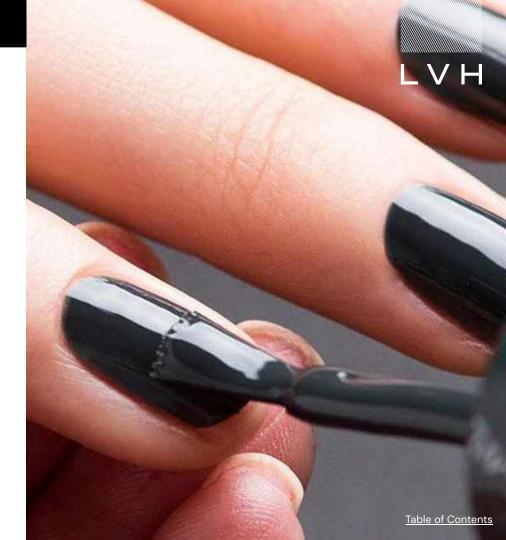
- Therapeutic Massage
- Stone Massage
- Tension Relief Massage
- Holistic Massage
- Sports Massage
- Prenatal Massage
- 4 Hands Massage



#### **NAIL SERVICE**

Certified nail technicians provide spa services in the comfort of your home. All technicians use safe, clean, sanitized and quality products. There is a possibility for customized services, such as: scrubs, masks, deep exfoliation.

- Spa Manicure
- Spa Pedicure
- Gel Polish Manicure
- Gel Polish Pedicure
- Nail Art



#### HAIR CARE

Great hair, no care, enjoy personal hair styling and makeup services at home. Koh Samui's swanky dining and cocktail scene awaits your grand entrance. Book your picture perfect appointment, and dully indulge in the full pampering service you've always dreamed of, saving you time while looking your absolute best!

- Haircut
- Braids
- Blowouts
- Dry styling
- Extensions



### **BEAUTY SERVICE**

Your vacation is all about "me time" and taking the time out of your regular hectic day-to-day schedule to get pampered to the nth degree. Consider yourself a pristine canvas and LVH's in-home beauty services personnel are the artists who will bring you to life with their expertise. The end result? A true masterpiece!

- Makeup Application
- Eyebrow Shaping
- Eyelash Extensions
- Spray Tan



#### **BARBER**

A man who has sat in a professional barber's chair knows the fabulous feeling of leaving a truer version of himself. Let one of LVH's expert barbers tend to your every need in the privacy of your villa. Nothing beats a skillful, close hot shave with a straight razor in the hands of an experienced tonsorial artist. If you're sporting a beard, a barber can get it silky, soft and trim it just the right length for the fun in the sun!

- Haircut
- Trimming
- Fades
- Braids
- Dry Styling
- Close Shave
- Nose and Ear Trim





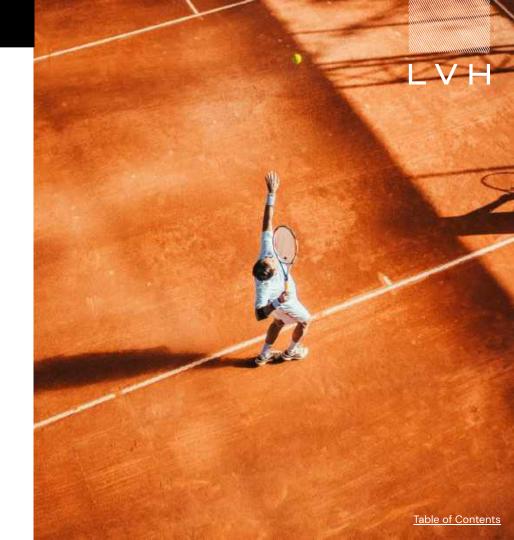
Part of every unforgettable experience is physical wellness and mental well-being. Our selection of world-class trainers and athletes will impart their invaluable know-how in keeping your mind and body in an optimal state. Jumpstart your vacation with a personalized training regimen that will have you astounded at your capabilities. Bring the priceless feeling of accomplishment with you each day as you relish a vacation experience of a lifetime.



### **PRIVATE TENNIS LESSONS**

Private tennis lessons include tailored classes with top-rated and qualified professionals for all levels.

- Improve power
- Footwork
- Depth
- Spins
- Direction



### **PILATES INSTRUCTOR**

Certified pilates teachers design curated classes for individual or group sessions.

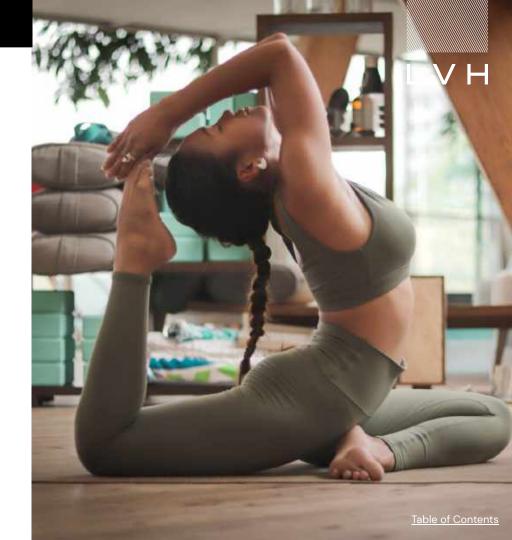
- Classical Pilates
- Mat Pilates
- Contemporary Pilates
- Clinical Pilates



#### **YOGA INSTRUCTOR**

Move the body, calm the mind, connect the heart, raise vibes and awaken power with the Koh Samui's leading private yoga instructors.

- Vinyasa Yoga
- Hatha Yoga
- Power Yoga
- Restorative Yoga
- Prenatal Yoga

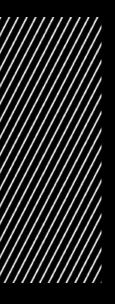




#### **ABOUT LVH**

LVH holds the highest standard of excellence in vacation home experiences with thousands of ultra-luxury homes in the world's most exclusive global destinations offered with full staff services and personalized to your every desire.

booking@lvhglobal.com +1-212-244-4001



LVH

CURATORS OF IMMEASURABLE MOMENTS





in