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Located approximately 862 kilometers south of Bangkok is Phuket, Thailand's largest island, which is often dubbed as the Pearl of the Andaman, or the pearl of the south. Its natural resources—rocky capes, limestone cliffs, white powdery beaches, tranquil broad bays and tropical inland forests contribute to making it the South's wealthiest, busiest, most visited and most popular island and province.

Phuket's topology is exceptional with 70 percent of its area covered with mountains which stretch from north to south and the remaining 30 percent being plains located in the central and eastern parts of the island.

Phuket has a lot more to offer its visitors other than its natural heritage of sea, sand, sky, beach, forest and world-renowned diving sites. Sino – Portuguese architecture casts its spell delighting travelers to the city, while Phuket – style hospitality has never failed to impress visitors from all walks of life. In addition, accommodations ranging from world - class resorts to tropical – style bungalows have warmly catered to the different needs of travelers. For seafood lovers, there is a lot more to sample than just Phuket's famous lobster. Altogether, these characteristics have made Phuket a truly unique destination.

MUST SEE

Phi Phi Island: Just a short 45-minute journey from Phuket, will transport you to the tropical paradise and famous islands of Ko Phi Phi. With a Kodak moment with every view, it's the *ultimate tropical getaway* in Thailand.

Phang Nga Bay: A distinctive feature of Phang Nga Bay is the sheer limestone cliffs that just vertically out of the emerald green water. James Bond Island and Ko Panyi are just two of the more famous spots in this bay. By far the best means of enjoying the spectacular scenery, with only brief encounters with the tourist crowds as James Bond and Ko Panyi, is to take one of the boat trips from the northern end of Phuket.

Hat Kata (Kata Beach): Located approximately 17 kilometers from Phuket City are Kata Noi (Small Kata) and Kata Yai (Big Kata) Beaches. Both are renowned for snorkeling to see the coral, tropical

fishes and the undersea eco-system. Also worth visiting is Ko Pu, a small uninhabited island located off Laem Sai.

Hat Patong: Phuket's most developed beach offers numerous leisure, sporting, shopping and recreational options along its 3-kilometers-long crescent bay. Windsurfing, snorkelling, sailing, swimming and sunbathing number among popular daytime activities. Patong is equally well known for its vibrant nightlife, among which seafood restaurants prominently feature. The following places offer enjoyable activities: Phuket Water Ski Cableways, Simon Cabaret, Tarzan's Jungle Bungy Jump, Tarzan's Catapult Bungy, Patong Go - kart Speedway, Phuket Joyland and Horror House.

The View Point: It is located mid – point between Nai Han and Kata beaches. The scenic Kata Noi, Kata and Karon beaches, and Ko Pu Island can be viewed from this point.



Phuket Submarine: The submarine is a modern tourist submarine with big windows and LCD displays located between all of the view ports for the customers to have views from the external camera. The tour takes approximately 2 hours with 45 minutes underwater. The submarine can take up to 48 passengers at one time.

Phuket FantaSea: A large-scale nighttime amusement centre on 140 acres near the village of Kamala Bay, 4 kilometers north of Patong. Thai cultural traditions are mixed with the latest modern technology in “Las Vegas style”. Magic elephant disappearing into thin air, gymnasts, musical fountains, and a circus are among the many attractions.

Jungceylon: Jungceylon was a name for Phuket used back in 1511 when it was a fertile and prosperous port town embraced by the Andaman Sea. The name is now being used again for the Jungceylon project, a world-class shopping and entertainment destination that will revive Phuket's great history and reputation and make it known around the world. www.jungceylon.com.

Phuket town: It serves mainly as a dormitory and shopping centre. Splendid colonial style residence built by late 19th-century tin and rubber barons and shop houses from the same period provide distinctive character.



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HOW TO GET THERE

BY AIR: This is perhaps the easiest way to get to Phuket. Domestic airlines operate several flights daily between Bangkok and Phuket. List of operators are as follows :

Phuket Air, daily flights, takes only 1.20 hours. Call 02 6798999 or visit www.phuketairlines.com.

Bangkok Airways, daily flights connecting Phuket with Pattaya and Samui. Call : 66 2265 5678 or visit www.bangkokair.com.

Thai Airways International, daily flights servicing the Bangkok-Phuket route. In addition, regular flights connecting Phuket with Hat Yai, Surat Thani, and Narathiwat. For more information, contact their Bangkok office at Tel. 02 628 2000 or book your seat online at www.thaiairways.com.

For more information, please log on to :

<http://tourismthailand.org/destination-guide/Phuket-83-5509-1.html>

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