Phuket

The largest island in Thailand, Phuket is surrounded by amazing turquoise coloured water and lush greenery. The island faces Andaman Sea and if you are looking for some tranquil moments in isolation, the beautiful beaches here are just perfect for that. The best places to visit in Phuket include Patong, Karon Beach, Phuket FantaSea, Wat Chalong, Big Buddha Phuket and Hat Kata Noi.

Famous For : City

The Western part of Phuket is the region that the place is most famous for, given the beautiful beaches and the lush rainforests. Scores of thrilling water sports, delectable restaurants and amazing resorts on the coastlines of this dreamy island ensure that you don't have a single dull moment here. All in all, the place has both a colourful as well as cosmopolitan character.

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1. **Big Buddha Phuket**

Phuket Big Buddha is one of the island’s most important and revered landmarks. The huge Big Buddha sits on the top of the Nakkerd Hills between Chalong and Kata and at 45 metres high it is easily seen from far away. It offers the best 360-degree views of Phuket Town, Kata beach, Karon beach, Chalong Bay and even Phi Phi Island on a clear day. The Big Buddha Phuket is a top thing to do on a holiday in Phuket.

At the Big Buddha Phuket one can see how the Big Buddha was constructed. Visitors of all religions can gain an insight into some aspects of the Buddha and Buddhist religion. One can even purchase a break or marble tile and sign their names to be places forever inside the Big Buddha Phuket. It is a peaceful and tranquil place which holds immense spiritual significance in the believers and has great calming effect on the visitors.

2. **Phi Phi Islands**

You’ve seen it in the movies, you’ve seen it in Thailand’s postcards and brochures, you’ve probably imagined the ideal beach looks this way, and then when you reach the Phi Phi islands, you’ll only realize that it looks even better in real. When you approach Phi Phi, these small hillocks decked in all hues of green look as if they are surging from the clear blue waters of the sea, and the sight is going to make your heart skip a beat. Such is their beauty.

Let go of the hustle bustle, forget the routine of human life when you come to this laid back island. Even with all the hype, Phi Phi enjoys a pretty laid-back life, with one of the twin islands completely devoid of human life, and the other devoid of any roads or signs of commercialisation. When here, you can soak up the sun, feast your eyes on the views, go hiking on the trails that snake into the forests from the beach or explore small caves and other points of interest like the Viking Caves. In case you decide to stay here, do keep in mind that accommodations are pretty basic, and your best option will probably involve sleeping in a tent.

3. **Ko Rok Nok**

With mesmerising beauty, rare species of monitor lizards and camping opportunities, the gorgeous island is a must visit.

If you want to explore the wild side of Phuket, Ko Rok Nok may be a good beginning. Away from the popular touristic spots, this slightly off the beaten path island is all you need.

Though, a day's trip here is sufficient, if you have time in your hand, you may want to stay here for a longer duration. The bungalows, villas and camps here are inviting and comfortable and perfect for a weekend stay. If you are in the mood for a little adventure, a thrilling snorkeling trip awaits you here. A hidden paradise, the beauty of Ko Rok Nok is almost unreal and untouched.

4. **Tiger Kingdom**

Tiger Kingdom, one of the most famous tourist attractions in Phuket, is a place where you can spot tigers at every nook and corner of the landscape. The big cats are
hand raised by a dedicated team of professionals who ensure that each one of them is well-looked after from the time he or she is born. The tigers are managed, stroked as well as petted everyday so you can get closer to them without any issues as they are used to petting. Nestled in lush greenery, the spacious Tiger Kingdom allows you to spend some time with tigers in nature's lap and take home an amazing experience with you.

5 Laem Sing Beach

‘Laem’ implying ‘cape’ in Thai is an apt name for the beach as it is sheltered under a huge rock. Away from the maddening chaos of the city, the beach seems to be a different world altogether. The restaurants here are inviting and serve delicious food along with an impressive list of cocktails. Head here for a relaxing and rejuvenation afternoon.

Where To Eat


1 Texas Steakhouse, Cherngtalay

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Sink your teeth into steaks cooked just right, take your tongue on a roller coaster ride with crispy spicy quesadilla and wish it all down with some icy cool margaritas- this and more happens when you visit Texas Steakhouse at Surin Beach. When you're tired of all the sea food and Thai cuisine, and want some fattening, filling and massive burgers, there is no place like this around.

The staff is actually a bunch of very warm people, and the mere interaction with them is set to put a smile on your place. The restaurant has a very casual atmosphere, so you don't even have to worry about dressing right when here. The happy chatter and cosy ambience is surely going to give you all the opportunity you need to cool your heels, and as soon as your food comes, you'll feel out of the world!

2 Rodizio Brazil Phuket Steakhouse

Soi Patong Tower, Next to Banana Walk Mall, Patong, Phuket, Thailand
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When you see all you can eat at pocket friendly prices like Rodizio Brazil offers, you'd probably think taste and quality take a back seat. Don't think too much, walk into the place and get seated. That's when waiters will start pouring in, bearing delightfully aromatic, gorgeous looking steaks of pineapple, beef, pork, lamb, ham, chicken, prawns and fish. With the first morsel of yumminess, you are surely going to feel like you're on a gastronomic adventure.

The steaks keep pouring in till you want, and once you've had your fill, you can proceed to the salad bar and buffet. Yes, there's more after all that!

3 Halfway Inn

210/16 Rat-U-Thit 200 Pee Road, Patong, Phuket 83150, Thailand
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Out in the open, smoke some kebabs, grab your favourite fuzzy, and chill out- when you head to the Halfway Inn. The owners, husband and wife, Dave and Nan are so friendly, you don't even feel like you're in a new place. It's more like meeting and
catching up with friends. As your food sizzles and simmers, enjoy a game of Kill Pool with the others here, and just as you start to get really hungry, the glorious meats will make their way to you. The place also provides cooking lessons. If one of your big football games are around the corner, no better way to experience it than the Halfway Inn, Dave makes sure the environment is just what you need, courtesy the food and the booze.

4 Sugar and Spice Restaurant

An authentic and traditional Thai restaurant in the heart of Kata Beach, Sugar and Spice Restaurant is a great start to your Thai food adventure on your holiday. Established with the idea of providing good Thai food, the way it is actually prepared and eaten by the Thai people, Sugar and Spice holds out awesome taste at pocket friendly prices.

The restaurant has on its menu all the Thai dishes that have made foodies around the world slurp, along with the few delicacies which are relatively unknown. They also do their best to accommodate your special needs, and make you feel truly welcome, every time you walk in through those doors. A few dishes on the menu also comprise of western favourites, for those of us with members in our groups who don't want to try out new cuisines and dishes!

5 Taste Surin Beach

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