

PHUKET

One of Asia's most popular resort destinations, Phuket is Thailand's largest island located off its southern coast in the Andaman Sea. This tropical island is renowned for its many superb beaches, rocky capes, mountains and forested hills as well as lush farmlands cultivating crops such as rubber, pineapple and tapioca.

DAY ONE



Arrive Phuket and transfer to Le Meridien Hotel by air-conditioned coach, where a cocktail awaits your arrival. Dinner tonight is at the hotel.

Set in 40 acres on a secluded bay, Le Meridien Phuket Beach Resort brings to this idyllic isle the ultimate in hotel accommodation. Its attractive contemporary Thai architecture blends beautifully with the tropical gardens and a naturally enclosed beach to offer seclusion and exclusivity.



DAY TWO

After breakfast at the hotel enjoy a full day tour to the islands of Phang Nga Bay. Enjoy a speedboat cruise around incomparable limestone islands that are interspersed with mangroves and fascinating caves. Then the boat heads for Koh Ping Kan, also known as James Bond Island and the location for the movie "The Man with the Golden Gun". Continue on to Rang Yai Island and a chance to relax on a beautiful, white sandy beach, admiring the clear blue water and stunning coral reef in the bay. Beach umbrellas, massages and deck chairs are plentiful for those who want to enjoy some tropical sun. For the more energetic, there are many water sports to try. Dinner tonight is casual – enjoy exemplary Thai cuisine in a beautiful Thai-style teak house perched on a headland overlooking Patong Bay.

DAY THREE



Following breakfast, adventure specialists Siam Safari take us on a back-roads tour of Phuket by four-wheel drive vehicles, discovering parts of the island that other vehicles cannot reach. Your drive will take you to hidden beaches, jungle trails and rural areas untouched by tourism. Visit a family at a local farm and see how they live, watch a demonstration of how to make jungle curry and learn how natural rubber latex is tapped from rubber trees. Continue on to an exciting 30-minute trek on elephant back. Learn something about these magnificent beasts and the elephant conservation project 'the mobile elephant clinic'.

Predominantly wood and glass, Kan Eang @Pier Restaurant is a popular eatery next to the beach for lunch today. The afternoon is a leisure to relax at your hotel.

This evening dinner is at Catch Beach Club, a chic, trendy beach club where you can dine on fresh seafood, sink a few drinks at the bar or simply take it easy in the Beach Lounge. There are sun loungers on the beach to make a visit to Catch about as effortless as possible.

The terrace is open until 1am with funky background music to set your feet tapping or alternatively head out to the late evening Fantasea show.



DAY FOUR



Today after breakfasting at your own pace, enjoy a day of leisure with options to visit Old Phuket Town for a Monk Blessing Ceremony, shop for bargains, or perhaps enjoy a Thai cooking class, or spa. For the more adventurous there are ATV tours, golfing at Blue Canyon or even river rafting. For further seafaring, consider a full day of deep sea fishing or a tour to the beautiful Phi



Phi Islands.

Farewell Phuket with a sumptuous dinner at Sala Bua. This world class restaurant offers the ultimate in elegant dining, with white-clothed tables on the sand, and the interior restaurant providing stunning views of the Andaman Sea; an ideal setting for its innovative East-meets-West cuisine.



DAY FIVE

At leisure until the departure transfer for your onward flight.