



With over 1650 miles of coastline, its no surprise Thailand has many stunning palm fringed beaches lapped by clear blue water to offer. Whether you want to relax, explore surrounding scenery or indulge in a spa treatment, were sure you won't be disappointed with our choice.

## BEACHES

### THAILANDS MOST POPULAR

#### Pattaya

Less than 2 hours drive from Bangkok, Pattaya is one of Asia's liveliest and best known beach resorts, renowned particularly for its plentiful and varied nightlife. Not a resort for those in search of peace and tranquillity, it is the perfect destination for non-stop fun lovers! As well as its wide choice of nightlife, Pattaya offers some fantastic value-for-money hotels, every imaginable watersport and a host of land sports, great shopping, golf courses, theme parks and an excellent choice of restaurants.

#### Cha Am & Hua Hin

Located on the west coast of the Gulf of Thailand, just a 2.5 to 3 hour drive from Bangkok, these twin resorts are slow-paced, casual and easy going with superb seafood restaurants and a limited nightlife. They are excellent for families and those looking for a peaceful escape.

#### Koh Samui

Accessed by a 1hr flight, Koh Samui offers more than tropical beaches and fantastic diving, and it's worth exploring the rest of the island. Head inland for the contrasting coconut covered, forested interior, with its scenic waterfalls; visit Wat Phra Yai (Big Buddha Temple) a 12m high seated Buddha image on a small rocky islet joined to the main island by a causeway; and shop in the main town of Na Thon. Koh Samui is a wonderful holiday escape offering something for everyone. The main attraction of the island is its idyllic picture-postcard beaches, fringed with swaying coconut palms.

#### Phuket & Khao Lak

Thailand's largest island lies just off the south west coast, about 1 hrs flight from Bangkok. As well as fantastic tropical beaches the island boasts every imaginable watersport including some of Thailand's best dive spots; excellent golf courses; a superb choice of dining (with lush seafood); nature trails; theme parks and a selection of temples to visit. Ideal for all ages. Khao Lak is just 35 miles north of Phuket airport. It has some of the most beautiful scenery in Thailand and is an ideal refuge for tourists and nature lovers alike seeking a quiet beach resort that divides the Andaman Sea from lush green palm groves.

#### Krabi, Koh Lanta & Koh Yao

The unspoilt, laid back resort of Krabi can be reached by a 1 hr flight from Bangkok or 3 hours drive from Phuket. It remains one resort area where the natural beauty is still dominant, with pristine sandy beaches and crystal clear waters, National Parks, dramatic limestone outcrops, hidden caves and mangrove forests. Koh Lanta is a great place to see unspoilt nature and stunning beaches, part of the Koh Lanta National Marine Park. Koh Yao lies between Phuket Island and Krabi in the Andaman Sea and is home to beautiful sandy beaches and close to many great dive sites.