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1. Geographical location

The Phuket Province lies to the south of Thailand, and it is the biggest island in Thailand. It lies in the Andaman Sea of Thailand. Consisting mainly of mountainous regions, Phuket Province is one of the most visited tourist destinations in Thailand after Bangkok. The Patong beach especially is the hotspot for tourists. Phuket City, the capital of the Phuket Province, lies at the south east in Thailand. It is a little south of Bangkok.



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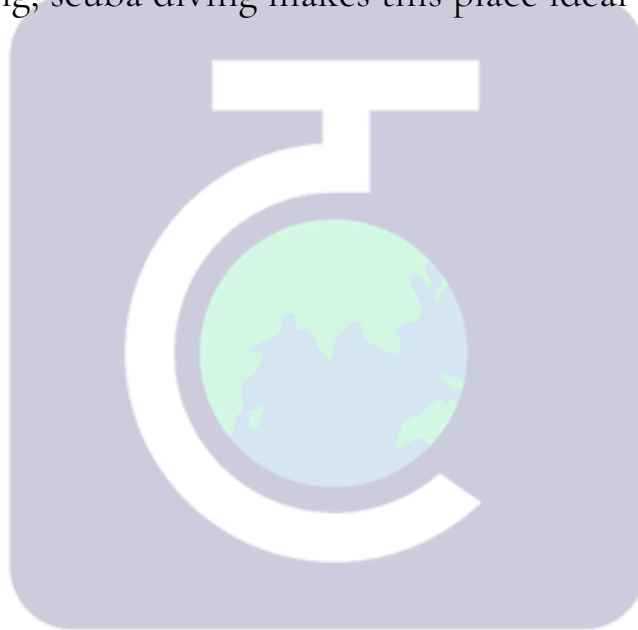
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Being An Important Part Of Thailand's Income As It Rakes In More Tourists Than There Are Citizens Living Here, Phuket Is Indubitably At A Fortunate Location. Patong (13.4 Km From Phuket City) Is Close To Phuket City And Over The Years, Patong, Especially Patong Beach Is The Most Visited Place By Tourists In Thailand After Bangkok. Chalong (9.3 Km From Phuket City) Is The Next Biggest City Near Phuket City. Krabi (172.7 Km From Phuket City), The Very Famous Island That Is Fast Making Itself A Niche As The Tourist Destination To Be At With Its Beautiful And Long Beaches, Lush Greenery And Peaceful Atmosphere Is The Next Biggest Province In Thailand. Bangkok (848.2 Km From Phuket City), The Capital Of Thailand Is Located At The North Of Thailand And Has Made A Name For Itself As The Party Destination Of The World With Clubs, Discos And Gay Bars In Abundance.



3. Significance

Phuket City is fast becoming one of the premier tourist destinations in Thailand. Bangkok and Krabi take precedence in terms of popularity, but as the days go by, tourists make it a point to visit Phuket if they're in Thailand. Phuket is mainly a mountainous region, but also has the most serene and lush beaches in all of Thailand. The clear water with options of all kinds of water sports like snorkelling, free diving, scuba diving makes this place ideal tourist destination.



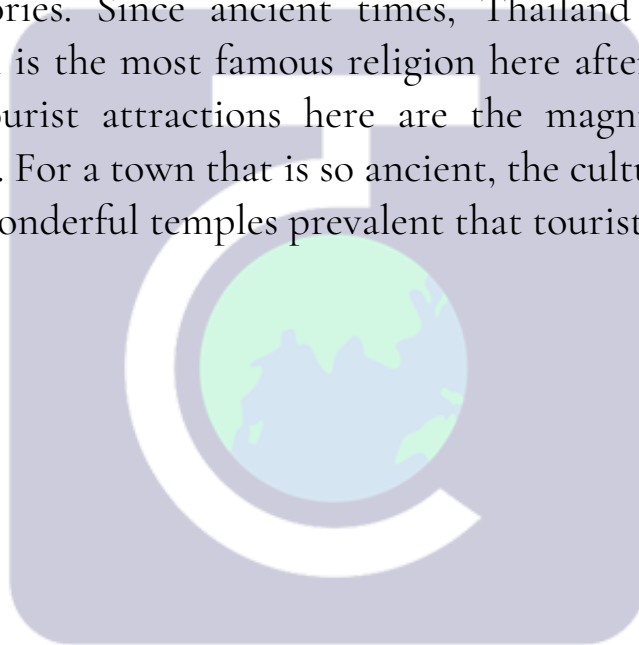
Index**4. History**

Phuket town is said to have been founded in 1st century BC by Indian colonists. This is why it is one of the oldest cities in Thailand. Phuket follows Chinese and European architecture in the design of most of its buildings. Mining used to be a very prosperous industry. Over time this industry dried up and that is the reason Phuket is no longer a very prosperous city. It was elevated to city status in 2004.



Index**5. Cultural identity**

Phuket is a cultural powerhouse in many ways. To begin with, since the city's origin dates back to early ages, many cultures have fused together to make way for the multicultural society that Phuket is today. It is immensely popular in the world of entertainment. Many movies have been set in Thailand to depict primarily the party atmosphere and the lenience with all kinds of sexuality here makes for great stories. Since ancient times, Thailand citizens are mainly Buddhists. Hinduism is the most famous religion here after Buddhism. Some of the most famous tourist attractions here are the magnificent temples with brilliant architecture. For a town that is so ancient, the cultural presence is scant. But there are some wonderful temples prevalent that tourists could visit.



Index**6. Natural resources**

Coal, Manganese, Tin, Lead and Tungsten are the major natural resources found in Thailand and particularly in Phuket.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Phuket Mining Museum**

Located on the Kathu road, Phuket Mining Museum is one of the fascinating museums exhibiting a variety of tin-mine models. Since Phuket used to be known for producing tin, the mining methods till date are clearly and unambiguously followed like the ancient time. This distinct method is what attracted the Chinese to this island. Visit this museum with a guide or a local to gain a better perspective of the exhibits here as most of the signs are in Thai.

Address : Moo 5, Khatu-Nakoh Road, TambonKhatu, AmphoeKhatu, Phuket, 83120, Thailand

Zipcode : 83120

Location : 7.9333284, 98.34948669999994

Contact : +66 81 535 3187

Nearest Public Transport : Phuket Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Thai national: Adult– 50 Baht, Child– 20 Baht Foreigner: Adult– 100 Baht, Child– 50 Baht

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs to 16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Phuket Trickeye Museum

Located in the heart of Phuket, the riveting museum was meant to expand your imagination and spark creativity in your mind. Phuket Trickeye Museum displays over 100 3D paintings in the spacious two-storeyed building. The Trompe l'œil method for painting was used to create the artworks.

Address : 130/1 Phang Nga Road, SoiPhang Nga 1, TaladYai, AmphoeMueang Phuket, Phuket 83000, Thailand

Zipcode : 83000

Location : 7.883173, 98.39250900000002

Contact : +66 76 212 806

Website : <http://www.phukettrickeyemuseum.com/index.php/en/>

Entry Fee : Adults– 500 Baht, Children– 300 Baht

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs–19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Phuket Aquarium

With 30 different tanks, this aquarium is home to a number of fascinating fish showcasing the diversity of marine life. An absolute delight for children, one of the main attractions of the aquarium is a tunnel passing through its center, where you will be surrounded by myriad sea creatures while walking through giving you the impression of being in the sea. Phuket Aquarium also houses a marine biological center where you can learn more about the underwater life.

Address : Moo 8 51 Sakdidee Rd, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket 83000, Thailand

Zipcode : 83000

Location : 7.8034762, 98.40788650000002

Contact : +66 76 391 126

Website : <http://phuketaquarium.org/en/>

Entry Fee : Locals: Adult– 100 Baht, Children– 50 Baht Foreigners: Adult–180 Baht, Children– 100 Baht Free for children less than 180cm tall

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hrs–16:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Sirinat National Park

Located in North Phuket, Sirinat National Park is home to some of the most beautiful beaches in Thailand. Earlier known as Nai Yang National Park, this park expands over 90 square kilometers and is also home to some captivating flora and fauna indigenous to this region. Located along a 13-kilometer long coastline, the national park covers some of the most visited beaches by tourists like Hat Nai Thon, Hat Sai Kaeo and Hat Mai Khao.

Address : Thalang District, Phuket, Thailand, 83110

Zipcode : 83110

Location : 8.0953682, 98.29938889999994

Contact : +66 80 414 7911

Website : <http://portal.dnp.go.th/>

Entry Fee : Thai Nationals: Adult– 20 Baht, Child– 10 Baht Foreigners: Adult– 200 Baht, Child– 100 Baht

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hrs to 16:00hrs

Time Required : 6

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Phuket Zoo

Phuket Zoo is a gigantic zoo known to house a diverse species of birds and animals. The zoo also consists of an aquarium, bird park and a number of shows that will keep you entertained while you are in this park. Visit this zoo with your children as they will enjoy the monkey and elephant shows and get a glimpse of the fauna in their natural habitat.

Address : 23/2 Soi Pa Lai, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket 83000, Thailand

Zipcode : 83000

Location : 7.842752399999999, 98.35852499999999

Contact : +66 76 282 043

Website : <http://www.phuketzoo.com/>

Entry Fee : Adult – 500 baht, Child – 300 baht

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hrs to 18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Phuket FantaSea

Phuket FantaSea is one of the most famous attractions in the city. This huge theme park consists of 7 different shows like the Festival Village Shopping Street and Palace of the Elephant Show to name a few. Popularly regarded as a mini version of the Las Vegas Show, Phuket FantaSea Shows are a treat to watch leaving you with a memorable experience.

Address : 99 Moo 3 Kamala Kathu Phuket 83150, Thailand

Zipcode : 83150

Location : 7.956388000000001, 98.287511

Contact : +66 76 385 000

Website : <http://www.phuket-fantasea.com/index.php>

Entry Fee : For Show with Buffet Dinner: Adult- THB 1,900 per; Children- THB

1,700 per person For Show Only: Adult- THB 1,500 per; Children- THB 1,500 per person For Buffet Dinner Only: Adult- THB 800 per; Children- THB 600 per person For Show with Buffet Dinner: Adult- THB 1,900 per person; Children- THB 1,700 per person. For Show Only: Adult- THB 1,500 per person; Children- THB 1,500 per person. For Buffet Dinner Only: Adult- THB 800 per person; Children- THB 600 per person.

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 17:30hrs-22:30hrs

Time Required : 6

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. ThaiHua Museum

A Sino-Portuguese building, this museum resonates the richness of the Chinese culture. Since the Chinese culture is greatly infused into the Thai culture, Phuket, today is a pleasant mix of the two heritages. The museum displays this joint vibrant culture through its exhibits, exhibitions and function hall.

Address : 28 Krabi Road, | TaladNuea, Phuket Town, Phuket 83000, Thailand

Zipcode : 83000

Location : 7.8850609000000001, 98.38676929999997

Contact : +66(0)76 - 211 224

Website : <http://thaihuamuseum.com/>

Entry Fee : Foreigners– 200 Baht per person, 200 Baht to take photos Locals– 50 Baht

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. The Khao Phra Thaeo Wildlife Sanctuary

The Khao Phra Thaeo Wildlife Sanctuary is a paradise for nature aficionados. It is a beautiful rainforest located at a very serene place away from the noisy city of Phuket. Consisting of a number of small peaks and a beautiful waterfall, this wildlife sanctuary is also the dwelling place of foxes, deer, monitor lizards, squirrels, and many more animals.

Address : Phuket, Thailand

Location : 8.049657999999999, 98.35973379999996

Entry Fee : Thai Nationals: Adult- 200 Baht, Child– 100 Baht Foreigners: Adult– 20 Baht, child – 10 Baht

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Phang Nga Bay

Distinctively known for its splendid limestone formations, Phang Nga Bay is a magnificent bay in the emerald colored water. The sight will leave you awestruck with its sheer beauty and unforgettable experience. One of the most popular islands in this bay area is the 'James Bond Island'. KohPanyee is another area that is popular with the tourists.

Address : Phuket, Thailand

Zipcode : 82000

Location : 8.4481498, 98.51159989999996

Contact : Phuket, Thailand

Time Required : 12

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Big Buddha Phuket

Located on Mount Nagakerd, Big Buddha is a magnificent figure made of jade marble and is visible from most of the places in the valley. While you climb the stairs, you can also visit the museum which depicts the history of Phuket. Hike to the top and witness the spellbinding beauty of the city.

Address : Karon, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket, Thailand, 83000

Zipcode : 83000

Location : 7.8276567, 98.3127379

Contact : +66 87 278 0596

Website : <http://www.phuket-big-buddha.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Phuket Bus Terminal (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs–19:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Jui Tui Shrine Talat Nuea Phuket Thailand

Jui Tui Shrine is a symbol of the Chinese influence in the country and an important part of the Vegetarian Festival that is held here every year. Despite repeated renovations, it stands tall as a cultural symbol in Phuket.

Address : Mueang Phuket District, Phuket, Thailand, 83000

Zipcode : 83000

Location : 7.8831022, 98.38330700000006

Contact : +66 76 213 243

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs–20:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Wat Mongkol Nimit Talat Yai Phuket Thailand

Located in the heart of Phuket, Wat Mongkol Nimit is a well-known Buddhist temple complex housing the precious statue of a golden Buddha, a bell tower and a colonial building. The temple's name was changed from Wat Klang to Wat Mongkol Nimit, where Mongkol stands for auspicious in Thai, thus hosting several auspicious ceremonies throughout the year.

Address : Dibuk Road, TalatYai, Muang, Phuket, 83000

Zipcode : 83000

Location : 7.8866244, 98.38933199999997

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs–20:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. NaiHarn Beach

Not frequented by most tourists, NaiHarn Beach is very popular among the locals. Known for its tranquility, this secluded beach is a well-known dock for boats. Visit this peaceful beach if you want to escape the crowd and dive into the crystal-clear waters.

Address : Rawai, Phuket, Thailand, 83100

Zipcode : 83100

Location : 7.774303399999999, 98.30692539999995

Contact : +66 86 943 3735

Nearest Public Transport : Phuket Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Kathu Waterfall Kathu Phuket Thailand

Located in a pleasant jungle-like setting, Kathu Waterfall gushes with rainwater from the months of June to November. A progression of multiple falls that can be climbed through stairs, this is an ideal destination for tourists with a deep-rooted love for nature.

Address : Kathu, Phuket, Thailand, 83120

Zipcode : 83120

Location : 7.932494999999999, 98.32245799999998

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Chaithararam Temple - Wat Chalong Chalong Phuket Thailand

Chaithararam Temple is a beautiful Buddhist temple symbolizing not only Thailand's culture but also its zest and righteousness. The temple is dedicated to 2 monks who bravely fought the Chinese rebellion. Note: There is a strict dress code, so be sure of your attire before visiting the temple.

Address : Chaofa Road (West)Chalong Phuket, Phuket Town, Phuket 83000, Thailand

Zipcode : 83000

Location : 7.8467838999999998, 98.33690409999997

Contact : +66 76 381 226

Website : <http://www.wat-chalong-phuket.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Phuket Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 07:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Rang Hill

Hike up to the top at the Rang Hill Wichit in Phuket to reward yourself with breath-taking views of the entire island. Home to the enormous Buddha statue, you will be accompanied by several other tourists while you are here.

Address : Mueang Phuket District, Phuket, Thailand, 83000

Zipcode : 83000

Location : 7.892742800000001, 98.38009540000007
Contact : +66 84 744 1429
Nearest Public Transport : Phuket Bus Station (Not Recommended)
Time Required : 2
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Kata Noi Beach Karon Phuket Thailand

Located on the south west side of the island, Kata Noi Beach is one of the most tranquil beaches in Phuket. Surrounded by tall trees, this beautiful stretch of coastline offers a mesmerizing view of the sunset. Take a dip into the calm waters of the beach, away from the city's bustle.

Address : Karon, Phuket 83100, Thailand

Zipcode : 83100

Location : 7.8063168, 98.29900709999993

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Freedom Beach Patong Phuket Thailand

Located on the west coast of the Phuket island, this is the ideal place to unwind. The beach offers a long strip of beautiful white sand adorned with granite stones, mountains and tall trees surrounding it. Counted among the quiet beaches since noise sports are disallowed here, this place is ideal to sunbathe after a quick game of beach volleyball.

Address : Kata Beach, Karon, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket 83100, Thailand

Zipcode : 83100

Location : 7.875194900000002, 98.27581340000006

Contact : +66833986108

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Karon Temple Market Karon Phuket Thailand

Offering a slice of the local life, this market provides a host of options scattered

across colourful stalls. Tourists can visit the place to shop for a wide variety of products ranging from sunglasses, food, clothes, and much more. Tourists can try a variety of local foods from ripe mangoes to spicy sausages.

Address : Patak Rd, Karon, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket 83100, Thailand

Zipcode : 83100

Location : 7.847823199999999, 98.29782030000001

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday & Saturday: 16:00hrs–21:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Wat Suwan Khiriwong

Located on the way to Phuket from Patong, this captivating temple provides a much-needed getaway from the fast-paced life of the city. The intricate architecture of the temple and the simple folk living in the village reflects the ancient culture attracting tourists to the simplicity and composure of this place.

Address : 9 Patong Road, Phrabarami Road, Patong, Kathu, Phuket 50120, Thailand

Zipcode : 50120

Location : 7.902485400000001, 98.31051739999998

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Phuket Weekend Market Talat Yai Phuket Thailand

Zipcode : 0

Location : 7.884778300000001, 98.38903329999994

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. CentralFestival Phuket

Zipcode : 0

Location : 7.8919295, 98.36823230000005

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Ocean and Robinsons

Zipcode : 0

Location : 7.877644800000001, 98.39456760000007

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

When one thinks of Phuket, beaches, water and adventure is the first picture that's painted in one's mind. This is very accurate, as Phuket is the hub for water sports. Scuba Diving, Snorkelling, diving or even swimming, you name it and you can experience it in Phuket and with trained instructors that will aid you to get the best experience possible. Following are some of the adventures you can embark upon while in Phuket. Whether you're an outdoorsy adventurous person that likes to try new exciting things or you're someone that likes to just lounge on a chair on the beach. Phuket is the destination for you!

- **Yachting Phuket Thailand -**

Address : Yacht Haven Marina, 141/2 Moo 2, T. Mai Khao, Phuket 83110, Thailand

Location : 8.169068000000001,98.33872280000003

Contact No : +66 76 206 416

Website : <http://www.phuket-yachts.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Airport bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fees : Begins from 8,000 Baht

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 10 minutes

- **Golf at Mission Hills Phuket Golf Club Resort and Spa -**

Address : AmphurThalang 83110, Thailand

Location : 8.081946,98.37137380000001

Contact No : +66 76 310 888

Website : <http://www.missionhillsphuket.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Airport bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fees : 1000- 2000 Baht

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

- **Diving -**

Address : 87/18, Moo 2 Rawai, AmphoeMuang Phuket, 83100, Thailand

Location : 7.775395,98.31590400000005

Contact No : +66 97 924 3483

Website : <http://alohadiving.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Airport bus station (not recommended)

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs–21:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 15 minutes

- **Snorkeling -**

Address : Banana Beach, Coral Island, Phuket, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket 83130, Thailand

Location : 7.740929,98.38050799999999

Contact No : +66 76 383 796

Website : <http://www.coralislandclub.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Airport bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fees : Adult - 1900 baht, Children – 950 baht

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

- **Free Diving -**

Address : 4, 83130, 9/134 Luang Pho Chaem Rd, Chalong, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket 83000, Thailand

Location : 7.839351,98.34769899999992

Contact No : +66 83 185 6989

Website : <https://wefreedive.com/>

Entry Fees : 2500 Thai Baht

Time Required : 5

- **Sirinath National Park (Snorkeling) -**

Address : Thalang District, Phuket, Thailand, 83110

Location : 8.0953682,98.29938889999994

Contact No : +66 80 414 7911

Website : <http://portal.dnp.go.th/>

Entry Fees : Adult – 200 Baht, Child – 100 Baht

Open / Close Time : Monday–Friday 08:30hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 4

- **Siam Safari Nature Tours -**

Address : 17/2 Moo 10 Soi Yodsanae, Chao Far Road, Chalong, Muang, PHUKET 83130, Thailand

Location : 7.8269346,98.3179073

Contact No : +66 76 384 456

Website : <http://www.siamsafari.com/>

Entry Fees : 2000 Thai Baht

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs–22:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

- **Phuket Tour Co. -**

Address : Yaowarat Rd, Mueang Phuket, Phuket, Thailand, 83000

Location : 7.898273999999999,98.38367100000005

Contact No : +66 76 236 771

Website : http://www.phuketseahorse.com/index_eng.php

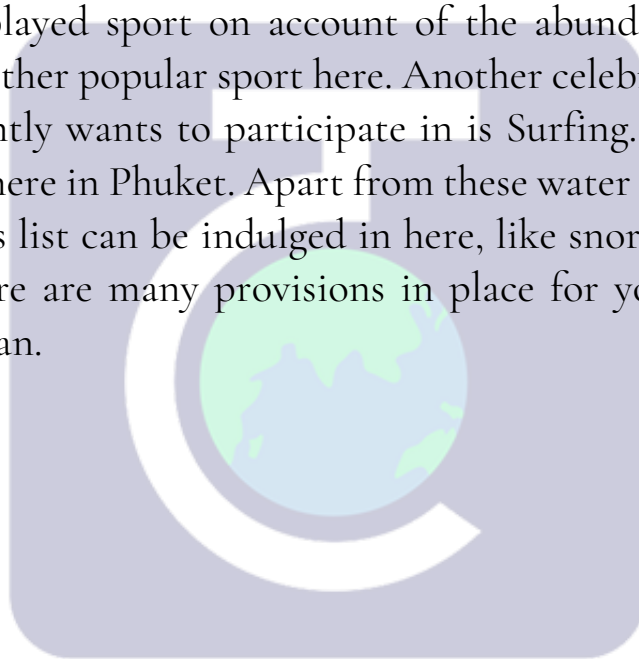
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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Phuket's unique setting allows for several sports to be played, both indoor as well as outdoor. The regular games like football and basketball are often played here by the locals and the visiting tourists. Although these sports are prominently played, the fact that Phuket is a bay area makes it the perfect setting to play water sports. Hence, here, water sports are the most common of all. Swimming is naturally the most played sport on account of the abundance of water in the canals. Rowing is another popular sport here. Another celebrated sport that every individual inadvertently wants to participate in is Surfing. And you can surf to your heart's content here in Phuket. Apart from these water sports, the celebrated sports on every man's list can be indulged in here, like snorkelling, scuba diving, free diving, etc. There are many provisions in place for you to experience this sport as best as you can.



10. Events calendar

Month

Events

Phuket Marine Showcase

Phuket showcases proudly all its marine ships, naval vessels, yachts.

Chinese New Year

The entire city of Phuket is transformed to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Old Town Festival

This falls right after the Chinese New Year. It is a celebrated festival, and there are many fun things to take part in.

Sri Suntorn Festival

Over the years, this festival has come to become one of the most important festivals in Thailand. Many sporting and cultural events take place.

Songkran Festival

And behold, Thai New Year is here! A fun filled and loud festivals, it involves people throwing water on the streets and having a grand time.

Gay Festival

It is widely known that Thailand is very tolerant of all sexual orientations, in fact, they proudly celebrate. First time they celebrated gay pride was in 1999 and it was an instant hit. Since then, it has been celebrated every year.

Marathon

A celebrated marathon which is traditionally a 42 km marathon but for the benefit of the runners, there is a half marathon which is 21 km, a 10 km marathon, 5 km and a 2 km marathon for children.

Wedding Festival

That time of the year that is popular for weddings, many couples that want to get married in a very traditional Thai way get married in the month of June.

Kathu Festival

As if Thailand wasn't already a premier shopping destination, during the Kathu festival in July, many road shops crop up giving the tourist a taste of traditional Thai culture.

Raceweek

**A very engaging yacht race.
Por Tor Festival**

**Also called the hungry ghost festival, this festival is an ethnic Chinese festival prevalent in September throughout Thailand.
The Vegetarian Festival**



**Another Chinese tradition, it is believed by the Chinese that abstinence from any sort of meat is holy during this month.
Loy Krathong Festival**

**An absolutely beautiful festival where citizens leave floating lights on the water making it a spectacular sight for passersby.
Triathlon**

**A famous sporting event involving swimming, cycling and running.
King's Cup Regatta**

Great parties and great sailing mark this festival's commencement.

11. Key local guides and tours

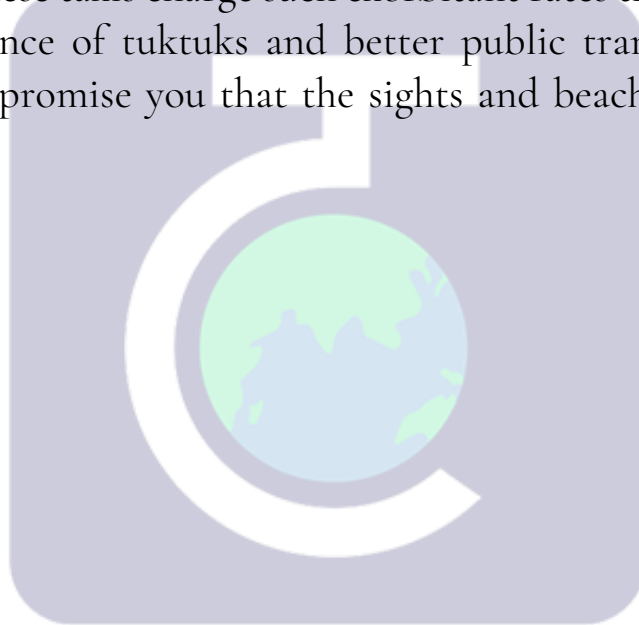
There are many tours that you can use while in Phuket. It isn't absolutely necessary, it is fairly easy to roam the city and view it in all its glory on your own too. A guided tour just gives you more information specific to each place. Phuket Best Tours (7.815883, 98.303313) is a company that will cater to all your sightseeing wishes. They organize tours of all kinds and you can pick the tours based on what you want to do with your day and what sights you want to see. There are Phuket sightseeing tours, Phuket Island tours and Phuket Bay tours. Phuket sightseeing tours usually cover the Phuket city only and not parts of the Phuket province. These tours include half day and full day tours of different kinds. Adventure, nature, sunset are some of the tours you can look forward to while in Phuket. The island tours include visiting prominent island in the Phuket region. Most of these island have beautiful rock formations and the most serene beaches you have ever seen. The island tours include visits to the Phi Phi islands, Krabi, Coral, Raya, and KohKhai islands. You can pick the island you want to visit. Krabi and Phi Phi seem to be tourist favourites. The bay tours mainly include the Phang Nga Bay by different means of transport to be chosen by you. Among others, the adventure tours include magnificent elephant tours and safaris. There are also entertainment shows where the showcase dolphin shows etc.

12. Transportation hubs

Phuket is well connected with one airport in the city. The primary airport is the Phuket International Airport which is an international airport. This airport serves as the main hub for traffic in and out of the Phuket province and as a result, it is a very important airport. In the tourist season, the airport is busier than ever. This airport lies 32 km north of the Phuket island. With two terminals, it is the third busiest airport in Thailand. Considering that Thailand is one of the most sought after tourist destinations in the world, this is saying a lot. Many important airlines like Emirates and Etihad pass through this bust airport. The next closest airport to Phuket is the Krabi International airport which lies 174 km from Phuket City. There are no train stations in Phuket. This is undoubtedly a troubling and alarming fact, but the fact is that most tourists manage. The nearest train station is the Surat Thani railway station which is located in the Surat Thani province. From here, people are expected to take a bus to Phuket. The whole of Thailand isn't very train friendly. One major train station is the Bangkok Central Station from where the train comes to Surat Thani. The main bus station in Phuket is the Phuket bus station. It is a busy bus stations as this is one mode of transport citizens have to travel in to get around in Phuket. It is not very comfortable but very affordable. The Phuket Deep Sea Port is a very important port in Phuket and is responsible for most of the docking if naval vehicles and cruise ships.

Index**13. Transportation cost**

There are provisions made for tourists to get around the city with ease. There are several local buses from the Phuket Bus Station that one can use to get around. Phuket isn't the most tourist friendly in terms of public transportation in the sense that there isn't really any. There are motorcycle taxis which as you can imagine, aren't always very feasible. There are normal taxis as well, but it is widely known that these taxis charge such exorbitant rates that they are called the taxi mafia. The absence of tuktuks and better public transport makes Phuket seem hostile but we promise you that the sights and beaches you see will more than make up for it.



Index**14. Baggage allowance**

Considering the fact that public transport isn't vastly available in Phuket, tourists have to rely mainly on taxis. In taxis, you can carry as much luggage as will fit in the taxi and in the seats so as to not clutter the vehicle. Beyond this, you will be required to pay extra. Having said this, I must admit that it has a lot to do with the taxi driver that is driving you on that particular day.



Index**15. Must try food and local savouries**

Although one would imagine sea food to be the delicacy of Thailand, in reality it isn't. While it is widely available and popular, it isn't particularly unique or indigenous to Phuket. Here you will be served with yummy and fabulous food, from all around the globe. Get ready to really have some foodgasms!



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Illuzion:**

Address : Thanon Bangla, Patong, Kathu District, Phuket 83150, Thailand

Location : 7.8936118999,98.297252299

Contact No : +66 76 683 030

Website : <http://www.illuzionphuket.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 23:00hrs–04:00hrs

- **Michael's Bar - Phuket Town:**

Address : 12 Takua-Pa Road, Amphur Muang, Phuket 83000, Thailand

Location : 7.882971000000001,98.38833699999998

Contact No : +66 76 256 562

Website : <http://www.michaels-bar-phuket.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 13:00hrs–00:00hrs

- **Angus O'Tool's Irish Pub Guesthouse:**

Address : Karon Beach, Mueang Phuket District,    , Thailand

Location : 7.8495919999,98.295334000

Contact No : +66 93 696 1718

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs–01:00hrs

- **Baan Samran:**

Address : Krabi, TalatNuea, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket 83000, Thailand

Location : 7.8854163,98.383671400

Contact No : +66 80 515 8234

- **Laem Thong Restaurant:**

Address : 31-39 Channa Charoen Road, Phuket 83000, Thailand

Location : 7.8797327,98.394228800

Contact No : +66 76 210 609

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs–14:00hrs, 17:00hrs–22:00hrs

- **Mee Sapam:**

Address : Thepkasattri Road Sapam Village, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket, Thailand

Location : 7.9416005,98.3945893

Contact No : +66 76 212 106

- **Thainaan Restaurant:**

Address : 16 Wichitsongkhram Road, 83000, Thailand

Location : 7.9842252,98.330233099

Contact No : +66 76 225 616

- **Yao Yen Ta Fo Restaurant:**

Address : Mueang Phuket District, Phuket, Thailand, 83000

Location : 7.881177999999999,98.38222240000005

Contact No : +66 81 893 0159

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs–23:00hrs

- **Mee Ton Poe:**

Address : 214/7-8, Phuket Road, TambonTalatYai, AmphoeMueang
Phuket, Phuket, 83000, Thailand

Location : 7.8801258,98.39202679999994

Contact No : +66 76 216 293

- **Khanomchin Mae Ting:**

Address : Mueang Phuket, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket 83000,
Thailand

Location : 7.8865786999,98.385349499

Contact No : 076258284

- **LockTien Restaurant:**

Address : Dibuk Rd, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket 83000, Thailand

Location : 7.886180899999999,98.38752

Contact No : 0873873703

- **Wilai:**

Address : 14 & 18 Talang R., Phuket Old Town, Muang Phuket, Phuket 83000, Thailand

Location : 7.8847531,98.387983399

Contact No : +66 83 606 9776

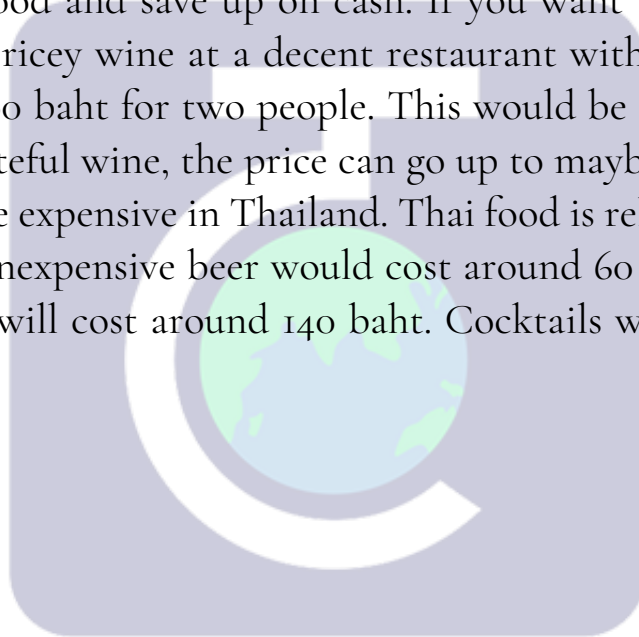
Open / Close Time : Monday–Saturday 11:00hrs–22:00hrs Sunday: Closed



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17. Average meal cost

As one might imagine, the amount you spend on food and drinks in any place is subject to just how much you eat and drink and how much you are willing to splurge. Like any other place, you can make do on a tight budget in Phuket and have a fast food lunch or dinner for around 250 - 300 Thai baht. This is neither very filling nor healthy. But if push comes to shove and you're out of options, you can always eat fast food and save up on cash. If you want to have a decent Thai meal with not very pricey wine at a decent restaurant with good ambience, you will spend around 600 baht for two people. This would be the ideal meal. If you want to include a tasteful wine, the price can go up to maybe 1000 baht. Western food tends to be more expensive in Thailand. Thai food is relatively cheaper and a universal favourite! Inexpensive beer would cost around 60 baht and this is local beer. Imported beer will cost around 140 baht. Cocktails will cost around 200 – 250 baht.

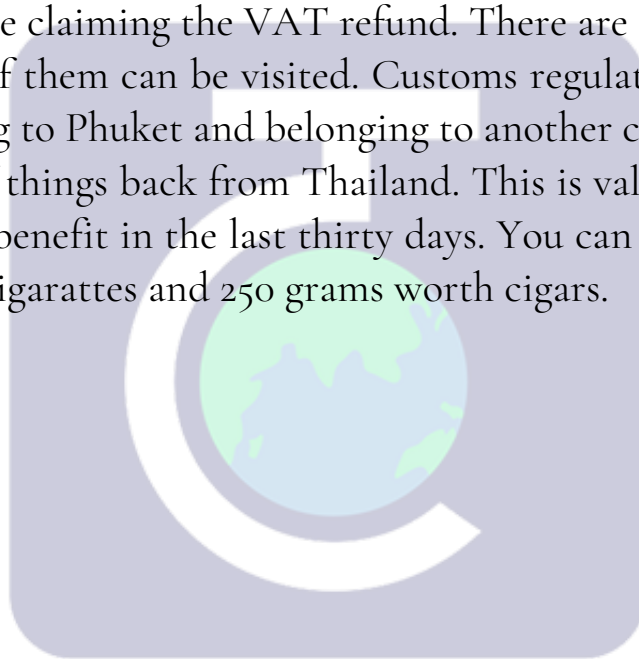


18. Shopping

Phuket has a vast and interesting shopping scene. As you must have heard, shopping is one of the main reasons tourists flock to Phuket. You get an assortment of thing to shop ranging from high end design in malls and boutiques to local shops and markets in Chinatown. You can shop at little boutiques and buy traditional Phuket merchandise and indigenous clothes from markets, but if you want, you can find some coveted brand here as well. If you feel like doing a little street shopping and exploring Phuket streets to buy ethnic Phuket merchandize, you must hit the ThanonThalang in Chinatown. Sometimes during the night bazaar, you can find some amazing pieces and they will be a steal! But, the place that one should visit for traditional Phuket street shopping is the Phuket Weekend Market (TaladTairod). Offering a myriad of commodities like clothes, shoes, jewellery, flowers, food and much more, this style of shopping is why Thailand screams out shopping. If the inner fashion police in you has been channelled and has made an appearance, you can visit CentralFestival Phuket where you will find all name top designer brands like Versace, Gucci, Armani, Prada and much more. Exciting, right? If you can't afford it, there's still no reason you can't window shop and make the most of the day. The Thai people are quite particular about dressing so you better make a trip down here! Ocean and Robinsons is another mall where you can find high end as well as affordable things.

19. Tourist benefits

Tourists have the benefit of saving 7 % VAT on purchased goods. This benefit applies to only those tourists that are not Thai nationals and are travelling through the international airport. There are some rules, like the minimum sum that was spent on purchases including VAT must be more than 2000 baht. Another condition is that the goods should not have been purchased more than 60 days before you are claiming the VAT refund. There are 8 VAT refund offices in the airport. Any of them can be visited. Customs regulations state that if you are a visitor travelling to Phuket and belonging to another country, you can carry 10,000 baht worth of things back from Thailand. This is valid only if you haven't already used up this benefit in the last thirty days. You can bring back up to one litre of alcohol, 200 cigarettes and 250 grams worth cigars.



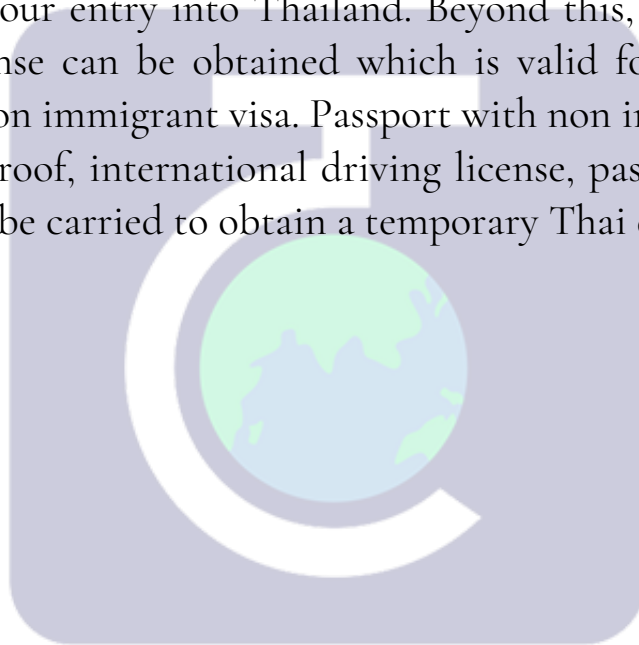
20. Essential local apps

There are some very efficient apps made for tourists visiting Phuket, that will help them with everything they will ever need while in Phuket. So make sure you download the following apps onto your phones to make your stay there even more pleasurable and hassle free. To find restaurants near you, use the Wongnai app, and for booking taxis, you can use GrabTaxi.



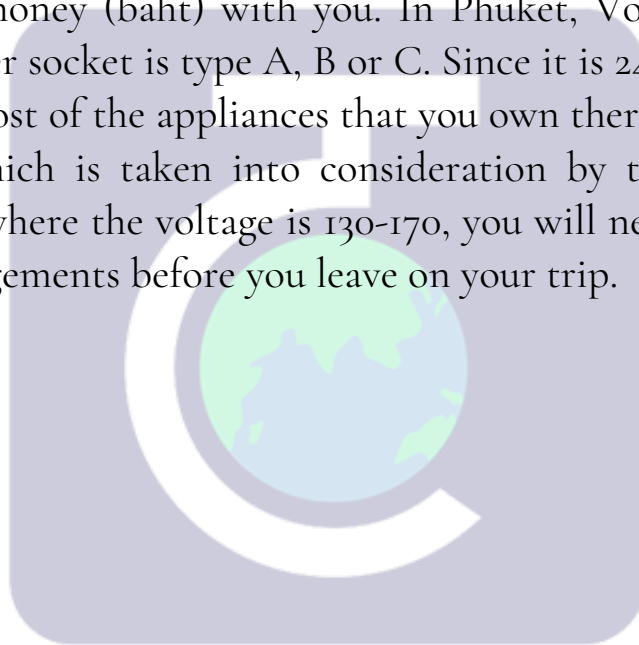
21. Driving

Renting a car in Phuket to drive yourself is fairly easy. While you do not have to drive since the public transport is very good in Phuket, sometimes you just want to. If your primary aim isn't to visit notable sights but you just want to wander around, drive and have a good time, there's no reason you shouldn't drive yourself. You can always present an International Driver's Permit, but this is valid only for three months from your entry into Thailand. Beyond this, you cannot use it. A temporary Thai license can be obtained which is valid for one year provided you're on a tourist, non immigrant visa. Passport with non immigrant visa, health certificate, address proof, international driving license, passport size photos are all the documents to be carried to obtain a temporary Thai driver's permit.



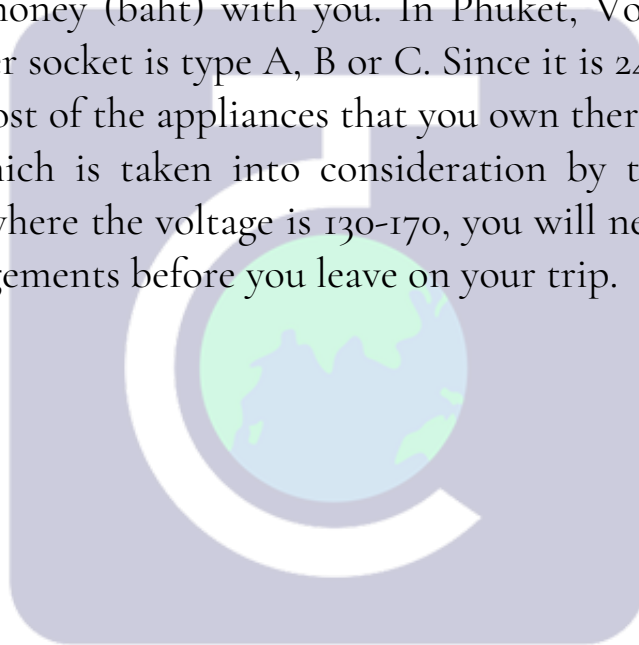
22. Travel essentials

It is always advisable wherever you go to start packing well in advance so as to not leave important things behind, the absence of which would potentially ruin your trip. This is especially true if you're visiting Thailand from another country or another continent! You should bring many walking shoes to Thailand as you will be walking around a lot. You must make sure to always have your passport, visa and sufficient money (baht) with you. In Phuket, Voltage is 220V, 50 Hz (cycles). So, the power socket is type A, B or C. Since it is 240 volts, 50hz cycle in India, you can use most of the appliances that you own there since there is only a minor difference which is taken into consideration by the manufacturers. If you're from the US where the voltage is 130-170, you will need a voltage adapter. Make all these arrangements before you leave on your trip.



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24. Local currency

The local currency for Phuket Is Baht 1 USD = 34.61 Thai Baht



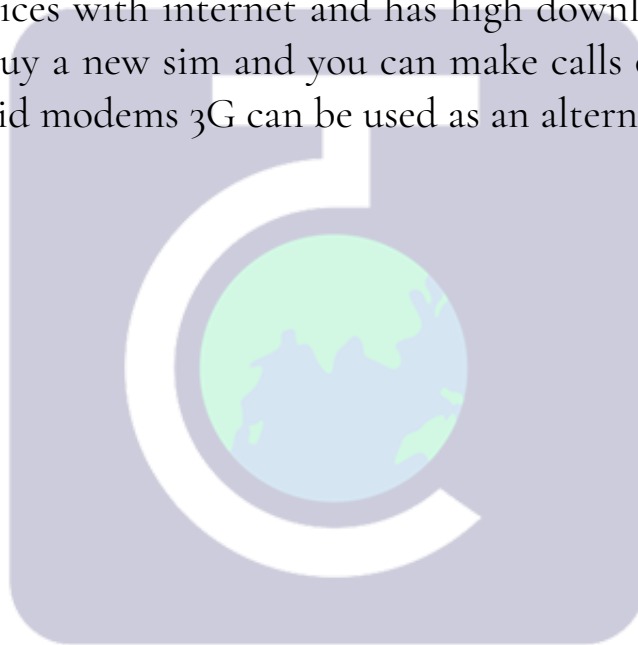
25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

It would be efficient for tourists and visitors to withdraw the necessary amount of money before travelling as the rates in different banks (especially foreign ones) aren't the same. Traveller's checks can be very useful, so try to get one from HSBC or American Express. The rates for ATM withdrawals would be about 150 or 200 baht. Major card brands such as Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted in Phuket, as well as debit cards, prepaid travel money cards and credit cards. American Express is not as widely accepted but still can be used in many places.



26. Staying connected

International roaming is another burden added to travelers going abroad; therefore, using prepaid SIM card offered in Phuket is beneficial. It will allow you to send and receive texts, make calls and use mobile data to connect to the internet with their card plans. Or more practically, you can just rent a portable wifi or pocket wifi. It is advisable to buy an unlocked mifi device as it can connect up to 10 devices with internet and has high download speeds. This way you do not have to buy a new sim and you can make calls on the internet easily with no hassle. Prepaid modems 3G can be used as an alternative to WiFi.



27. Time Zone

Thailand uses Thailand Time Zone with UTC + 07:00.



Index**28. Languages**

Thai is the main language spoken in Thailand by about 99 percent of the population. There are various Thai dialects. Central Thai is the official language. After Thai, Chinese is the most widely spoken language. But have no worries, most of the Thai speak English so tourists shouldn't have much of a problem.



Index**29. Political Scenario**

Italy is a constitutional monarchy. Prime Minister is the head of the government and hereditary monarch is the head of state. The judiciary works independently, outside the realm of executive and legislative powers. Since 2014, Thailand has been under the rule of military organization following a coup d'état.



30. Economic Scenario

Thai economy is mainly export based. Industrial sector, service sector and agriculture are the main contributors of the GDP. Thailand is the second largest economy in south east Asia.



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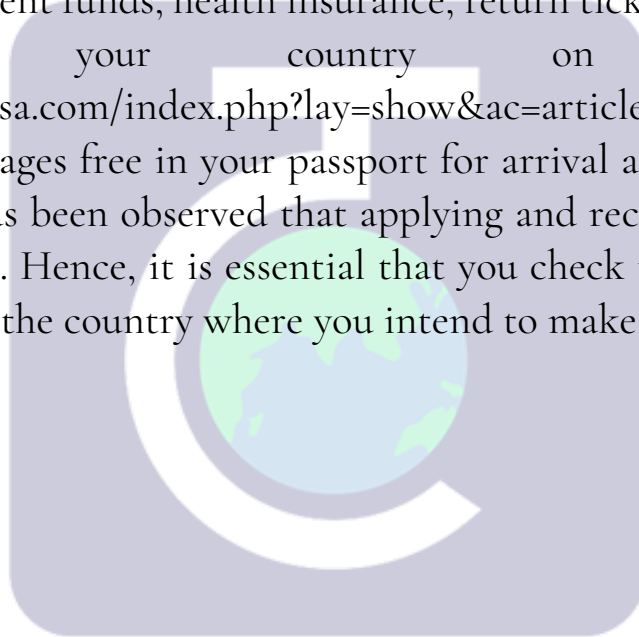
31. Religious belief

Freedom of religion is assured and guaranteed by the government. The king is required to be a Theravada Buddhist. The majority of the people are Buddhists but there are people following other religions that reside here. Hinduism is the most prominent religion after Buddhism. People following Islam, Judaism, Protestantism reside here. 94.6% people are Buddhists, 4.6% Muslims, and 0.7% Catholics. There is a steady rise of atheists and agnostics.



32. Visa requirements

Visa on arrival is given to citizens of 19 countries. This means that as long as they have a valid passport, their stay will not exceed 30 or 90 days depending on the country, they provide proof of sufficient funds and they are visiting Thailand strictly for tourist purposes, they don't need a visa before landing in Thailand. Countries that don't have this option have to apply for a visa. They have to have a valid passport, sufficient funds, health insurance, return ticket. You can check the details for your country on this site: <http://www.phuketvisa.com/index.php?lay=show&ac=article&Id=538608345> It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



Index**33. Essential vaccination**

You must make sure that you are up to date with the vaccines. It is recommended that you can vaccinated for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis polio, varicella, flu shot and some other necessary vaccines like measles, mumps and rubella. Hepatitis A, Typhoid and sometimes Hepatitis B, Rabies, Malaria vaccine is advised. Consult your local physician.



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

Thailand is a relatively safe country, with not many crimes occurring at all. Having said this, you must be warned that although you are not at harm physically, theft occurs in Phuket a lot. This is why you must always be aware of your belongings and never carry too much hard cash with you at crowded places.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

Since Phuket is an important tourist city, there are embassies of many countries located here. These embassies are spread out across the entire city. You can find more information on embassies in the site: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/thailand>



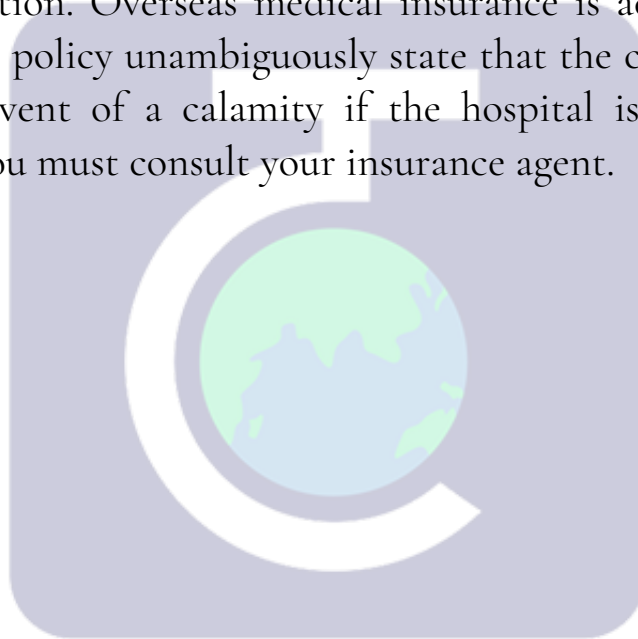
36. Accessibility

Phuket public transport offers many facilities for the disabled person, and many attractions have specific tours for the disabled. Beaches are made wheelchair friendly as well. Many provisions have been made for the disabled person which makes sure their stay isn't hindered at all. The key is always planning in advance and avoiding inconvenient routes.



37. Emergencies

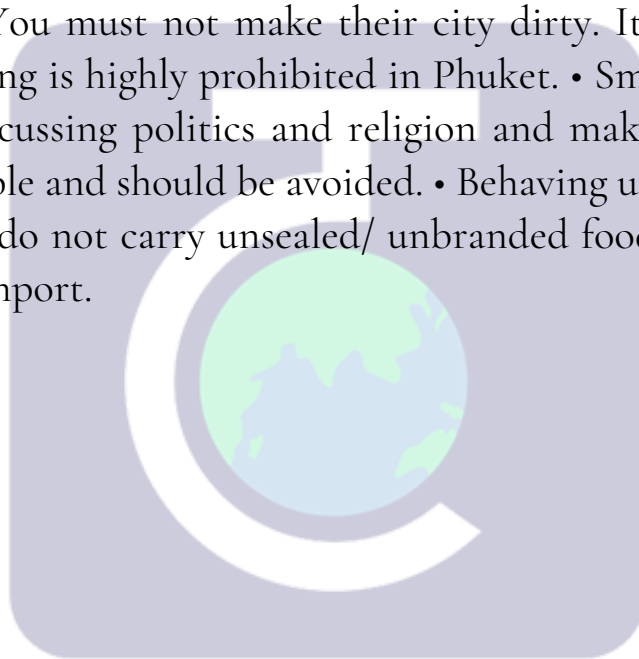
Being a developed country, Thailand is well equipped to deal with illnesses. Many tourists flock there to get treated because of their highly qualified doctors. Thailand has its own emergency numbers. 191 for Police, 199 for the fire brigade and 1155 for tourist police. You can visit the Phuket International Hospital, an excellent hospital equipped to deal with illnesses. Bangkok Hospital Phuket is another excellent option. Overseas medical insurance is accepted in Phuket as long as the insurance policy unambiguously state that the concerned person will be covered in the event of a calamity if the hospital is registered with the Thailand hospital. You must consult your insurance agent.



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38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • It is important to carry enough baht while in Phuket and avoid relying on credit cards. • Do not wear sleeveless or revealing clothes if you're visiting temples. • Be respectful of the locals. • While addressing people, using titles such as Mr. Miss and Mrs. is most appropriate. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. Don'ts: • You must not make their city dirty. It is their most highly valued asset. • Littering is highly prohibited in Phuket. • Smoking in some places is not allowed. • Discussing politics and religion and making jokes about such topics is not acceptable and should be avoided. • Behaving unseemly is ill advised. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.



39.Tipping basics

Tipping is generally unnecessary in Phuket. A service charge is included in most places and workers are happy with this. While it isn't mandatory, it is always appreciated. Taxi drivers can be tipped a few baht.



Index**40.Pet info**

If you are taking your pet along to Thailand, make sure you have a pet passport or permit. This includes vaccinations the pet has received etc. Beaches have specific times pets are allowed onto them, tourists are requested to adhere to these rules.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Phuket has a myriad of attractions to visit and adventures to embark upon. Thailand is a premier tourist destination and so is Phuket. It is the most popular and important city in Thailand after Bangkok. The sights including the temples, beaches are marvellous and must be seen. The Big Buddha especially highlights Phuket's culture as Buddhism is the most prominent religion here. The beaches are the most serene you will ever see and they are definitely worth spending a day at. All in all, you will have a very relaxing holiday in Phuket, please visit.



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