

Samui Attractions

Enjoying the sun and beach atmosphere lull you into the feeling that you never want to budge from the beach. But Koh Samui is an island of great natural beauty and has lots of things to be seen. Even those who don't get excited about sightseeing will find that the journeys to these popular attractions will provide their own delights.

Hin Ta Hin Yai (at Lamai Beach)

Upon viewing those astonishing creations, even scientific purists would be tempted to believe that nature can also be as whimsical as the most eccentric artist. Also known as "Grandfather and Grandmother rocks"; entirely formed by the elements, two extraordinarily accurate male and female genitalia-shaped rock formations share a perch overlooking the sea. Delightfully refreshing forest forays, if you plan to do more than admiring the view - that is plunge into one of the island's natural waterfalls, then take along a sturdy and non-slip pair of old shoes and tread carefully. Those who have difficulty walking mountain paths are advised to visit Na Muang 1, and content themselves with enjoying the view. The volume of water at the falls will vary, depending on the time of year and recent rainfall. The last few months of the year are the wettest, while the months of March through September are fairly dry.

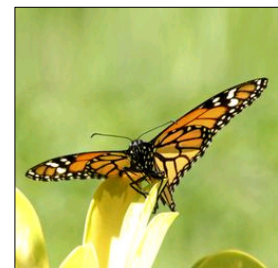


Butterfly Garden

Butterflies are among the most easily observed and beautiful examples of the island's richly varied wildlife. You can see many vividly colored species of tropical butterflies in the scenic netted hillside setting. Butterflies only live for about two weeks, so the garden raises its own and has a great display of caterpillars, cocoons and adults.

Opening Hours: 8:30am – 5:30pm

Entrance fees: THB170 for adults, THB100 for children under 12 yrs of age.

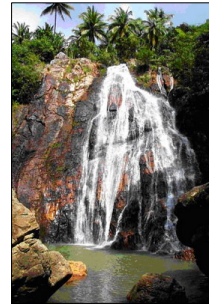


Hin Lad Water Fall

After an enjoyable 2 km walk along a jungle path by taking a dip in the beautiful pool under this waterfall. Tough shoes and leg protections are recommended for the walk, but the swim makes it well worth the trek. Packing a picnic will allow you to spend a couple of hours here and really enjoy the solitude. At the foot of the falls is Hin Lad monastery, which is worth seeing as well. The tranquil feel of the grounds and the Buddhist maxims lining the path should encourage those in need of enlightenment. The falls are on the eastern end of route 4172 south of Nathon.

Namuang 1 Waterfall

Only a few minutes from the Ring Road between Hua Thanon and Nathon, in the Southwest coast of the island, this waterfall is easily accessible to visitors. The rocks and tree roots form a natural staircase leading directly to a large pool at the base of the waterfall. Be cautious when diving or swimming, however, as some sharp rocks are hidden by the frothing of the fall. Elephant trekking is also available here.



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Namuang 2 Waterfall

Take the concrete road to the left, south of Na Muang 1 on the Ring Road and follow it until it becomes a track. Continue to the end. A 10-minute walk up a rocky path will bring you to the base of the most beautiful waterfall on the island.

Koh Samui Aquarium

Just around the corner from the Butterfly Garden at Laem Set beach, this newly-opened attraction features live specimens of local marine life in a darkened tunnel filled with tanks.

Also on display are some Bengal tiger cubs and leopards.



Opening Hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Entrance fees: THB600 for adults, THB300 for children under 12 yrs of age.

Showtime: 2.00pm – 2.40pm (Tiger and Bird show)

Samui Monkey Theatre

Located in Bophut, this crude zoo with a performing animal arena features shows several times a day. Small monkeys are trained to perform various tricks on stage, and then they climb the trees to demonstrate how they harvest coconuts; a feat for which the area's monkeys are uniquely skilled.



Show Times: 10.30 pm./14.00pm/16.00pm

Price: THB300 for adults, THB150 for child

Crocodile Farm

Samui Crocodile farm is located behind the airport and easy to find. On an area of 7,000 sqm you can find app. 100 animals of various kinds like Siam crocodiles, caimans, saltwater crocodiles, snakes, lizards, monkeys and many others.

Showtime: Crocodile show at 12.00 noon, 2.00pm and 4.00pm.
Snake show at 1.00pm, 3.00pm and 5.00pm.

Price: THB500 for adults, THB250 for child

Koh Samui Snake Farm

Southern Thailand is home to a great many species of snakes, many of them venomous. The mountains of Koh Samui have their share. The bite of a full grown king cobra for example can bring death within one half hour. But don't worry! They are extremely reclusive, and chances are tiny that you will come in contact with one anyplace but at this attractions' two shows a day, where they are handled by capable and "death defying" trainers. Located in the southwest on the 4170 ring road.

Show time: 11.00 am – 12.00 noon and 14.00 pm – 15.00 pm

Entrance fees: THB200 for adults, THB120 for child

Paradise Park Farm

Samui's latest and biggest attraction! Set on 20 acres of land, Paradise Park Farm is a spectacle. Spend a day, or two, in the cool air of Samui highest mountain covered by tropical rainforest. Surround yourself by water falls, small rivers, canyons and exotic birds and wildlife. Sit in a number of beautiful gardens and enjoy the spectacular views. Leisurely walk the trails beneath towering natural rock formations. Have fun among the ponies and deer, visit the aviaries filled with hundreds of birds or simply laugh at the emus and Pygmy goats.

Frolic in the infinity swimming pool, unwind in the spa, and marvel at the famous "Free Flying Painted Doves of Samui " Relax in the restaurant and enjoy fine food or refresh yourself with a drink or two at the poolside bar. See and smell the local fruit trees, flowers, orchids and view traditional rubber tree tapping on site.

Opening Hours: 7:00am – 7:00pm

Entrance Fees: THB 800 for adult, THB 400 for child. Infant 3 yrs or under -free admission.

Eight Headed Coconut Tree

"Have you ever seen one million coconut palms and you've seen them all?" Well not until you've seen the one with 8 heads. To get there, take 4169 ring road towards Nathon. One kilometer north of town is the turnoff. Wear long pants and study shoes for the hike through the jungle.

Koh Samui Temples :

The vast majority of the population consider themselves Buddhists. While the devoutness of their practice varies just as it does with religious peoples throughout the world, the temple remains a cultural focal point for every village. Many of the more high profile temples in the country have become tourist attractions, but remarkably, the presence of foreign visitors does not seem to distract or disturb those residents who come to pray. In Koh Samui, two temples are home to the displayed bodies of monks who were mummified some 20 years ago.



Some residents go to the local temple regularly to pay their respects to the Buddha, others go at times of misfortune or when they are visited by doubt and uncertainty. But all Buddhists visit sometimes. As everywhere in Thailand, Samui's temples range from the simple to the grand, and the latter attract many thousands of tourists each year. **If you visit a temple, please dress appropriately and be sure and remove your shoes before entering. When sitting or kneeling, be careful not to point your foot directly at the Buddha or worshippers.**

Buddha's Footprint

There is no sign showing the exact location of footprint and finding this attraction will be part of the adventure. Take Rt. 4170 and 2 km west of the turnoff for the Butterfly Garden, go up the concrete slope on the left. Housed in a hilltop shrine, four footprints have been engraved one atop another. There are 163 steps to climb in all, but the view up there is surrounded by treetops and valleys that will be worth for a visit.



Big Buddha Temple

Koh Samui's most famous landmark, Big Buddha (locals called as Phra Yai), Buddha image sitting 12 meters tall was built in 1972, is one of the popular tourist attraction sites and most of the visitors come to visit this magnificent statue and it is very remarkable in terms of local attraction and religious things.



We can see this enchanting Big Buddha from most higher locations on the island and on the airplane when it lands or take off. Most visitors come to marvel at the sheer size and beauty of this remarkable statue at some point during their holiday. Big Buddha Temple is the most important, and most-visited temple for the local people of Koh Samui and among the foreign and Thai tourists..

The mummified monk of Kunaram temple

In the Buddhist faith, monks are highly revered, and on their death two were mummified some 25 years ago. One of the island's two mummified monks reside in the temple at Wat Kiri Wongkaram. On his death Loung Por Ruam's body was placed in a glass case within the temple and his body shows little sign of decay. The second monk, Loung Pordaeng, known as the Meditating Monk, is to be found in the exact position in which he died in the temple at Wat Khunaram.



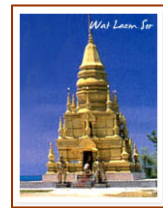
Also worth visiting are the Sawadee Shrine, dedicated to the wife of the god Brahma, one of the three creators of the world. Wat Plai Leam is one of the most colourful sites on the island and has a spectacular eighteen-armed Buddha in the centre of a lake.

Wat Sila Ngu

Said to contain a relic of the Lord Buddha, the golden chedi facing the temple entrance is a popular place of worship. Route 4169, 1km south of Hin Ta/ Hin Yai on the beach side.

Wat Laem Sor

Laem Sor Chedi (also called Wat Laem Sor) is ornately designed Chedi (Pagoda) sits at the rocky water's edge. Covered in countless small yellow tiles and it appears golden when it is viewed from a short distance. It is situated at the far South of the island off the 4170 road between Ban Tale and Ban Pang Ka.



Wat Plai Laem

Wat Plai Laem is a newly built in 2004 and very ornate temple situated just near Big Buddha statue. Khun Jarit Phumdonming, artist of this temple, spent more than three years adding finer details to the external parts of the temple. The tradition of temple art follows the dates back to centuries and providing a good example of the influence and style that are still



significant in modern Thai religious architecture. The elaborate entry doors were made from two enormous slabs of Laotian hardwood and are intricately carved with images of the life of the Buddha.

Heaven's Garden (Magic Garden)

High in the hills that rise from the forested interior of the island, lies an art gallery extraordinary in many ways. The inspiration and creation of Nim Thongsuk, this son of 4 generations of Samui people decided at the age of 77, to create a little piece of heaven on earth in the hope that many of the increasing number tourists would appreciate not only his vision, but the extraordinary beauty of the island's hilltop forests.



Khun Nim spent his life in agricultural innovation, during which he was a pioneer in Durian farming techniques that are now credited for some superb crops of this delectable fruit, still grown and exported by island farmers. With the help of assistants, he sculpted dozens of figures inspired by Buddhist scriptures, in the mountaintop river bed on land belonging to his family. He remained absorbed in the project until his recent death at the age of 91. A spot far too little visited, Heaven's Garden is on some of the island's guided mountain tours.

Some of the creations are immediately apparent, others are either so small or so immense, you might miss them as you concentrate on keeping your step. So be prepared to take your time. Wear a sturdy old pair of shoes.

Secret Hall of Buddha

Wat Sumret is very old temple housing an ancient white marble Buddha believed to be hundreds years old. Inside there, it has a valuable collection of Buddha images. A monk will unlock the door for you on request. If you visit a temple, please dress appropriately and be sure and remove your shoes before entering. When sitting or kneeling, be careful not to point your foot directly at the Buddha or worshipers, and always take care to keep your feet tucked away when in the presence of monks. Also keep your head at a level below theirs. Located west of Hua Thanon off the #4169 ring road, Wat Samret is 200 metres down the second concrete road on the left.



Buffalo Fighting

A pair of male water buffaloes are pitted against one another in what amounts to a fairly harmless head wrestling contest. This widely loved spectacle still takes place at selected venues around the island, where banners are displayed days in advance. Like sumo, the elaborate and theatrical preparations are an important part of the show, after which the animals are set loose to glower and paw the ground. Finally they lock horns and the crowd goes wild. The show at the edge of the ring is just as entertaining as the one within. The first beast to turn and run away is the loser, and so are some punters in the crowd.



Places to see:

Ko Pha-Ngan Surat-Thani

Another ideal destination for travelers who prefer less crowded, more private beaches set in a laid-back atmosphere. However, this is also a very hip place to be as the island hosts the world famous, and perhaps the biggest beach party on this planet the full moon party on Hat Rin.

Covering an area of 191 square kilometers, Ko Pha-ngan is located 20 kilometers directly north of Ko Samui,



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or approximately 100 kilometers from Surat. The best time to visit Ko Pha-ngan is from February to September. Interesting attractions include secluded and virgin beaches around the island, a hilltop temple called Wat Khao Tham which is ideal for meditation, Than Sadet Waterfall, and the Namtok Phaeng National Park. Renting a motorcycle to explore the island is recommended as there is a lot to see and do.

Angthong Marine National Park

Is made up of 42 islands featuring lime stone massifs tropical rainforests and deserted beaches and rise from the sea as dramatic walls of rock soaring hundreds of metres high. This magnificent group of islands, within sight of Samui to north and west, is geographically different from the other islands in the region. On the Island you have the possibility to walk up 400 meters height viewpoint, where you have a breathtaking view over the park and on clear day you can even see the mainland and Koh Samui

Besides the many small coves and beautiful beaches, erosion has shaped some interesting formations. Particular features are Mae Ko (a beautiful beach) and Thale Nai (an emerald saltwater lake) both found on Ko Mae Ko. Ko Sam Sao has a coral reef and a huge rock arch as well as a hill providing great views of the surrounding area. Snorkeling, walking and swimming are the most popular attractions of the region.

The best time to visit this archipelago is late March to October when visibility is at its best. Get a few friends together and charter a boat so that you can explore the marvels of the 'Golden Basin' in your own time.

Journey from Samui with big boat takes 2 hours. Then the long tail boat transfers you ashore. Alternatively, Napasai can organize the private boat trip for you with picnic included. Kindly refer to private boat trip page for more detailed information.

Koh Toa

Koh Tao is a must do on any serious diver itinerary and it is also an excellent place for the uninitiated to have a first taste; with safe “sample dives” that can be accomplished in one afternoon, PADI approved Open Water Diver courses and other course with certified instructor.

Koh Tao, initially home to large sea turtles and occasional fishermen, has now developed over the past 10-15 years as one of Thailand's premier tourist destinations. Local business owners are now providing many goods and services that will facilitate your holidays

Koh Nangyuan



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The 3 Paradise Islands

Koh Nang Yuan Resort is the island's only resort and offers a wide variety of accommodation. Different budgets, different wishes and different persons - everyone are catered to and cared for with a true wish from the staff to offer outstanding service. The philosophy is to blend in with nature rather than to stand out. The Resort offers accommodation on each of the 3 different islands.

The Northern Island: This island offers a splendid view of Koh Tao's northernmost tip. All cottages here are well hidden with and private - offering you privacy and seclusion. The accommodation here is not well suited for families with smaller children or travellers with difficulty walking. All cottages here are fan cooled.

The Middle Island The Middle island is an excellent choice for families with younger children or travellers with trouble getting around. It is mostly sea level and it is also where the restaurant and reception is located. It does not offer the same spectacular views that the other two islands offer but you are right by the beach and all cottages enjoy sea view and air conditioning.

The Southern Island The Southern Island offers the resort's most luxurious accommodation and the most spectacular views. On top of the island you will also find the famous view point, where most post card pictures of Koh Nang Yuan have been taken. Please bear in mind that having a magnificent sea view does require some walking - but it is truly worth it.

Koh Som is the tiny island that protects the Big Buddha temple from the sea. There is a fine sandy beach here, but as yet no resorts. It's possible to hire a fishing boat from Big Buddha Beach to visit Koh Som, or even to reach it by kayak, but watch out for strong currents between the islands. Parties and camping are occasionally advertised on this island, but proximity to several large resorts on Samui means that noise must be kept to a minimum.

Things to do:

Diving

Scuba diving is Thailand's most popular water sport, and it's an experience you cannot forget. With magical apparatus allowing you to breathe underwater, a whole new universe opens up to you. Some of the most extravagantly beautiful creatures in creation await you in this weightless, watery world. Explore brilliantly-coloured coral reefs and be dazzled by fish of a thousand hues. Expect close encounters with giant barracuda, manta rays, sea cows and even sharks!



Thailand is the central focus for scuba diving in Southeast Asia. Thousands of people learn to dive in Thailand every year and become avid divers for life. There are world-class locations for every level of expertise and scores of professional. Well-established dive shops are located all over the southern peninsula. Diving in Thailand is competitively priced, and once you have achieved your certification in Thailand, you can use it to go scuba diving all over the world. Diving is available at all times of the year, although visibility changes according to the season. In the Andaman Sea the best time to dive is

from October to April, and in the Gulf of Thailand from May to September - in other words, first-class diving all year round! All reputable dive shops are affiliated with PADI or other international dive bodies, and most hold courses in multiple languages. All over Thailand, you can expect modern amenities, international-standard boats and professional facilities.

Sailing

The shallow warm waters around the Samui archipelago with its 80 tropical islands make sailing a very enjoyable and safe venture. The waves never reach more than 8 feet in height and there is always an island within a day sailing distance!



There are plenty of remote bays for shelter where you can find soft sandy beaches and a big variety of underwater life with colorful coral reefs which is one of the highlights on every boat trip!

There is a good number of daysailors, dhingies and especially catamarans available at Samui Ocean Sports in Chaweng. For day and overnight cruising to the neighboring

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islands, there are a growing number of charter boats available.

From May - October the southwest-monsoon with its calm sea and clear sky comes complete with fair winds for sailing, though it can get pretty hot during these months. October - December the northeast monsoon with its raining season can create winds up to 25 knots or more and gives sailing more of an adventures touch, where you can test your skills in gusty winds and eight feet waves!

January - April is the most preferred time for an excursion on the water; perfect climate with steady northeast winds gives you the best chance for an enjoyable cruise and great water conditions for snorkeling and diving.

Sailing around the Samui archipel is a unique experience and for sure one of the prime sites to go sailing!

Elephant Trekking

If you like admiring nature undisturbed by the noise of an engine, why not making a trek on the back of an elephant!

Since forests are protected in Thailand, the elephants had to find another activity... that to take visitors out in the nature! These activities are practised from the waterfalls of Namuang I and II, but you will also find them at the entry and exit of Chaweng. The ride lasts ½ hour, there are also longer rides. An activity which delights as much the children as their parents.



Bowling

There are two places to go bowling on Samui, both provide all equipment including shoes. Living Bowl in central Chaweng has been open for a few years and is open from 10am until 10pm every day. The brand new MegaBowl in the Tesco Lotus complex is open from 9am until 10pm every day. Both venues have strobe lighting and burger bar restaurants. Living Bowl, Chaweng Centre, Chaweng beach road and Mega Bowl, Tesco Lotus complex, route 4169, Chaweng.



Canoe & Kayak

Imagine yourself, lost in the middle of an archipelago of more than 80 islands on a kayak soaking in turquoise blue waters with a landscape deserving of a picture postcard, well it is possible, some agencies on the island organize daytrips to Angthong Marine National Park. Investigation of caves, meal are in the menu, you only have to let you be guided! Please make inquiries with the local travel agencies. Some hotels also propose some canoes for hire per hour.



Some leading Samui hotels are a member of the Santiburi Group, the leading hotels of the World.

Muay Thai (Thai Boxing)

Thailand's beloved national sport Muay Thai, is taken very seriously throughout the country and Koh Samui is no exception! Although Thai boxing is regarded as the worlds most dangerous martial art it is surprisingly graceful to watch. Chaweng stadium near the Reggae Pub is the biggest on Samui and hosts all the major fights on the island. Fights are usually held twice a week on Monday and Friday nights but during peak season an additional Sunday night fight is often held.



Fights start at 9pm and the evening normally lasts around three hours, with as many as ten smaller bouts before the main fight. If you only want to catch the main event then drop in for an hour around 10/10.30pm. The atmosphere in Chaweng Stadium is excellent with a live commentator and traditional Thai music - although some find the noise a bit overpowering! Both Thai and foreign fighters compete in the ring, most are professionals, all are pretty entertaining. Chaweng Stadium charges an entry fee and you can chose between a ringside table or a seat in the surrounding stands.

Go-Kart

If your competitive spirit rears its head while you're on Koh Samui then why not go Go-karting for the day? Suitable for both beginners and more experienced riders the course is fun and fast. Samui Go-Kart provides everything from instructions to helmets, all you have to do is jump in and go.



Samui Go-Kart in Bophut, suggests you a circuit on which you could race with your friends, you will there be able to hire go-karts going from 40 kph for the least fast, good for the young drivers, to 100 kph for those who like the speed and the shivers. A good letting off steam after the beach... The course is open from 9am to 9pm every day and located just west of Bophut of the main ring road.

Hourse Riding

Why not explore Samui's beautiful scenery from a different angle? Instead of watching the Samui scenery whiz by from the back of a motorbike, slow down and really enjoy the view on horseback. Ride on Ranch offers several different guided tours around Samui's beaches and jungles. The European standard horses are calm and well trained and all equipment is provided.



Mountain Biking

Mountain bike are available for hire at numerous places around the island, just don't expect any recognizable brand names. That said, the local brand bikes are perfectly



suitable for a day out tackling the terrain.

If you fancy an endurance test, then a simple circular route around the island probably suffices. Just remember to give yourself at least four or five hours, and make sure you're back before dark. Samui's roads are hair-raising at the best of times at night on a bicycle with no lights they're downright terrifying. Heading south from Chaweng presents the most arduous part of the journey - the steep hills between Chaweng and Lamai - out of the way first. From then on the road is relatively flat until north of Nathon, when easier gradients but longer hills lay in wait.

For more variable terrain, head inland. One of the best spots is the Maenam Valley area. Simply head down the road next to Angela's Bakery. You'll find some challenging technical downhill's and up hills through coconut groves and farmland. A compass might be a good idea, and try not to ride over any-body's crops. For real suspension-testing action, the road leading up to Wanorn Waterfall, south of Na Thon, is heavy going and recommended only for the exceptionally fit. The road actually starts off in pretty good condition, but deteriorates at a rapid rate as you climb to the 205m high point. By the end, you're dodging boulders, negotiating slippery mud and cycling up a 1:4 gradient perilously close to the edge of a ravine. The views are spectacular from the top, and there's always a chance of a refreshing swim. You are guaranteed to break a sweat. So if this sounds too much like hard work, then it's probably best to stick to elephants.

Samui Quad Bikes & 3D Paintball

Children of all ages can play war at 3D Paintball's huge, sculpted terrain in the hills above Maenam. The same location is also used for bouncing around on quad bikes, though they are strictly for adults only. Alternatively, for a full day out, the management will organise a variety of adventure games deep in the jungle. So if you like the sound of 'transferring the president', 'capturing the flag', 'village attack' or 'smugglers vs. police' this could be an ideal day out. Standard paintball guns are free - customers only pay for pellets, which are 3 Baht each. There's also a selection of BB Guns for hire, which are moulded to look menacingly like M16s and Kalashnikovs. Free hotel transfer.



Shooting

You will be able to train in complete safety under the attentive glance of professionals at "Samui Shooting Range", from the smaller pistol to assault gun.

The shooting gallery is situated after Chaweng on the way to Bophut by following the main road, on the left side.



Bungy Jump

Not for the fainthearted! Samui bungy jump is located next to the reggae pub, which is handy for those needing some dutch courage before hand! The 50 metre jump is held over a large specially designed plunge pool.

The brave (or insane!) among you can choose between individual jumps, tandem jumps, and even submersion jumps where you get dunked in the pool! Samui Bungy offers a free pick up service from your hotel. **Soi Reggae, Chaweng Beach. Telephone: 07 741-425-2**



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Canopy Adventures

To explore Koh Samui's jungle from a different perspective go to Koh Samui Canopy Adventures. Swinging through the trees on over 500 metres of cable is definitely a different way to see the island! Featuring 6 different tree houses, beautiful waterfalls and even a hammock bar for a refreshing drink. They also provide a free shuttle from anywhere on the island. Samui Canopy Adventures is located in the jungle inland from Bophut beach and is well signposted. **Moo 2, Bophut. Telephone: 077 414-150-1**

Cinemas

Koh Samui now proudly boasts its own three screen cinema in the Tesco lotus complex. Showing both Western and Thai movies, the cinema is modern and is proving a big hit with the locals.

Reasonably priced and with comfortable and spacious seating, the cinema is the same as any in the west. The only notable difference is everyone standing during the national anthem which plays before each feature. As with all Asian cinemas the air conditioning is set at freezing so remember to bring a jumper! **Tesco Lotus Complex, Route 4169, Chaweng beach. Telephone: 07 742-729-9**

Karate

Samui's own karate kid, Geoff Pickup has been learning the martial art for the past 14 years and teaching full time for the last three since becoming a black belt. Geoff arrived on Samui a couple of years ago to establish his own Dojo. The school is located in the hills behind Lamai and has become a popular spot for local expats to develop their *chi* and learn the basics of Goju Ryu Karate.

One-hour Self Defence classes are available three mornings a week and are an ideal introduction to Goju Ryu. Everyone from 16 years old upwards is welcome to join. Classes cost around 500 baht per hour. Bungalows for full karate retreats are scheduled to open in 2005. **Behind Lamai. Tel. 01 968 0359 for more info.**

Kiteboarding

The worlds latest aquatic craze has arrived on Samui in style - located at the [Samui Orchid Resort](#) in Laem Set, the Koh Samui Kite Centre uses the latest Airrush equipment and offers a full range of kiteboarding courses for all ability levels.



The location also benefits from a shallow sandy bay, which is perfect for beginners. November to March when the north easterly to easterly wind blows between 8 to 20 knots is probably the best time to go. **Tel. 077 424 017-501.**

The **"Coolest and Newest"** adventure on Samui. Completely safe and fun for all ages. As seen on TV. No experience necessary. They will put you inside the water ball add a couple buckets of water and push you of the ramp!! Enjoy the Ride.



Located at the new "Bophut Hills Golf Club

Sky Fox "Super Ride"



"Sky Fox Super Ride" - allow half a day for this Sign up for a Tarzan-style air-trek (half-abseiling, half-swinging) through the rainforest with *"Sky Fox Super Ride"*

You are dropped at the base of small mountain, and as you walk up the track to the office, you feel as if you have been transported to another part of the world. There's no traffic noise, no crowds, no pollution, in fact all you hear is the sound of the birds, and the gushing water that pours from the nearby ' Secret falls '. The trip involves a fair, but

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manageable amount of walking, so wear strong shoes. The rest of the equipment is

provided on site, and consists of world class Telzl brand mountaineering technology, including a harness, safety straps, carrabeaner climbing clips, and special double wheel, tandem pulleys for a smoother ride down the cable.

There are six sections to Sky Fox Super Ride, and the first run is a gentle slope to get people used to the experience. One guide goes first to demonstrate, then positions himself at the next platform where he can use hand signals to tell the riders to speed up or slow down as they travel down the cable. The instructor also explains each section. And will also send a guide down to accompany a rider who is nervous or unsure of the technique. The second run is a little steeper and faster than the first, which makes for a real thrill, and by the third run, most people are ready to take in the wonderful scenery as they skim from tree top to tree top like a bird. It's a truly exhilarating experience being up where humans don't usually travel, and the spectacular setting adds to the sense of freedom and elation. After a challenging little climb down a set of ladders to reach the lower platforms, the last run is a long, sweeping trip through the jungle, allowing riders to really let themselves go, and even to jump from the platform for extra speed. It's a fabulous sensation, and one that many people find they want to repeat.

Afterwards you will be taken to the nearby waterfall for a refreshing, relaxing swim in one of Samui's greatest waterfalls, before being taken back to your hotel

Service included : Round trip transfer

Price: THB1,600

Note: **Children must be 10 years of age or over**

Samui Football golf



Try something new and go along to Football Golf. This new funner version fo golf is the perfect way to take a break from the beach for a couple of hours. It's great fun for everyone as you can enjoy the fun together and the course id designed so that all ages and levels of skill can play. Remember though, aim the football at the metal posts and not in between them!!!

- 18 hole par 66 course
- Free soft drink
- Open daily 9.00 am. to 6.30 pm.
- Located 10 min north of Chaweng Beach

Service included: Round trip transfer

Price: THB900 for adult and THB500 for child

Koh Samui Beaches:



Chaweng Beach and Lamai Beach are Koh Samui's most beautiful and popular beaches. Both have a huge selection of accommodations suitable for the travellers from all walks of life. Please note that there is the difference in room rate according to the season basically low season, high season, and peak season. The nightlife of each beach is different: Chaweng beach is better for couples, women and families, while single men are drawn to the beer bar culture of Lamai beach. Other beaches include Choengmon beach, Mae Nam beach and in the north and Na Thon town, the island's major seafront settlement where shops, restaurants, ferry pier and tour agencies are situated. Apart from its many lovely beaches and tranquil bays, Koh Samui is also noted for its high quality coconuts that grow densely everywhere.

Chaweng Beach



Chaweng beach is the longest beach on the island having the biggest centre for both entertainment and shopping. There are many hotels and bungalows along Chaweng's fine white sand beaches. You can find anything from five-star luxury resorts to little budget bungalows remaining from Koh Samui days as a backpacker's haven. Just in from the beach, the main road is lined with the restaurants offering every imaginable cuisine (you can even find Japanese Sushi, Mexican and Thai food), numerous dive shops, and a few excellent open-air discotheques where you can revel enjoy your evening after having relaxation at the beach during the day time. If you wander further inland from the beach toward Chaweng lake you can stumble upon the local Thai boxing ring, a giant open-air produce market and numerous food stalls catering to locals.

Chaweng's main road is one of the best places for people watching nightlife, but if you are driving a scooter, go slowly through the wide puddles, as they can hide some nasty potholes.

Lamai Beach



Lamai beach is Koh Samui's second largest beach, and some says that it is having the most beautiful beach in Koh Samui. The sea water caters for excellent swimming and the beach is studded with graceful granite boulders, which are often enjoyed as fishing perches by local fishermen.

Nightlife in Lamai is a bit more laid back than in Chaweng

beach even though there are a couple of areas with beer bars

and the Buahaus pub has a good dance floor and ample screens for watching current sports events. There are several good restaurants in Lamai town, but don't overlook Pizza Hat, on the main road near Lamai Beach which has been satisfying cheese cravings for over a decade.

Bophut Beach



Bophut Beach, If you prefer a quiet diner by the beach, Bophut beach is a magical spot to do so. Old Chinese shops are interspersed among dozens of good restaurants right on the beach. Both the cuisine and the architecture of the buildings around the area lend a distinctly Mediterranean feel to the village. There are even a few surprises up here, like some excellent restaurant gift shops and some tasty pizza prepared at the French owned Le

Gourmet.

Choengmon Beach

Located on the quiet north shore between Chaweng beach and Mae Nam beach, the nearest shopping districts are those in Chaweng beach and Mae Nam beach. The nearby Bophut village is just a 5-minute drive away. There you will find a number of quiet and charming restaurants and cafes. Nightlife is subdued. Air-conditioned taxis available around the area and public transport is available sometimes during the day.



Maenam Beach

is the westernmost of three developed beaches in terms of tourism on the north coast of Samui Island. It is also the longest of the three.

Right on Maenam Beach is a recommended holiday hotel, Paradise Beach Resort. The resort has been completely renovated in 1995, and new accommodation was also built. To switch to the pages of Paradise Beach Resort.

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