## **About Phuket**

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Located in the Andaman Sea at the west coast of Thailand, Phuket offers excellent beaches, good accomodation for all budgets, good restaurants, and for those who dont't want to just relax a lot of night life. Diving around Phuket is excellent, you find dive sites for any level of diving with rich marine life. See our dive site descriptions for more information. Besides, you can do Elephant Riding, enjoy day trips to the Phi Phi Islands or the Phang-Nga Bay with it's beautiful limestone pinnacles.

Many european airlines run direct flights to Phuket International Airport, and even if you are flying via Bangkok or Singapore, Phuket is just another 1,5 hours away.

Accommodation

Places getting repeatedly good reports include:

Kata Delight (From 1100 Baht) This is one of the very few resorts on Phuket that are actually 'steps away' from the water. The rooms are spacious and clean. They have an 'infinity pool'.

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## Marina Phuket Resort

(From 120 USD) Beatifully located in a lush tropical garden you can choose between different kinds of bungalows and villas, garden views, jungle views or beach views included. Take a few steps down and you are right on Karon Beach. If you prefer to hang out at the pool you will find one of the nicest tropical settings on the whole island here.

## Kata Beach Resort

(From 115 USD) At the south end of Kata Beach with direct beach access, offering 273 rooms and suites with deluxe resort amenities. Deluxe rooms have direct, partial or side sea views, Superior rooms are facing the garden, the beach road, or hotel car park.

Katathani Phuket Beach Resort (From 75 USD) Right on Kata Noi Beach, this deluxe beachfront hotel and spa will offer you high class accommodation, nice pools, a good restaurant, and a beach that you won't share with many other guests.

## Food and Restaurants

There is so much to choose from, that it's really difficult to give any recommendation. Maybe you want to try out places, where we like to have our dinner from time to time:

Thai food: Thai Kitchen, Kwong Seafood, both Kata Center

Mexican: Bluefin Tavern, Kata Center

Japanese: ZEN Restaurant, Patong Beach Road and Central Festival Shopping Mall

Oishi, Hachiban, both Central Festival Shopping Mall

Italian: La Gondola, Kata Center

Cappanina, in the food alley close to Kata Beach Resort. Try the "Blue Cheese and Speck" Pizza!

International: Restaurant "On The Rock" at Marina Phuket Resort. As the name says, you are sitting right over the rocks at the south end of Karon Beach enjoying one of the best views you can imagine for your lunch or dinner. See the webcam overlooking the

beach. You should definitely try their BBQ with mixed meat or seafood, which actually is something between BBQ and hot plate. Very delicious!
You'll find more about Phuket here:
Phuket hotels and Island guide:
www.phuketworld.com
Webcam overlooking Karon Beach:
View from Restaurant "On The Rock"
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