KOH TAO

Turtle Island

View Point Resort

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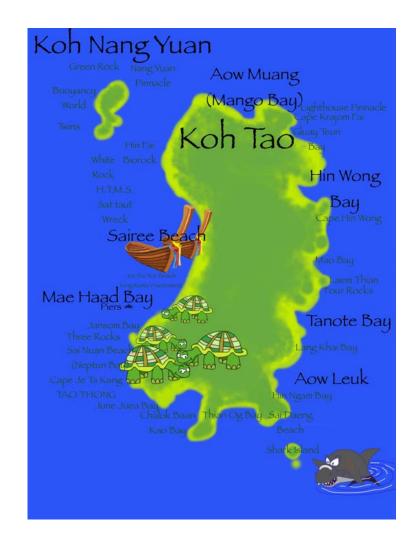




ABOUT KOH TAO

Koh Tao is a tiny paradise island situated in the Gulf of Thailand, about a 2 hr ferry ride from Koh Samui. Koh Tao means "Turtle Island' in English as it was once inhabited by these gentle creatures of the ocean. Koh Tao is a colourful tropical island with many species of flora and fauna as well as a fascinating, colourful marine world ready for exploring.

The island was once used as a political prison. However, all prisoners were released in 1944 and the island was slowly inhabited by Thai 'pioneers' who settled with their families. Today Koh Tao is a thriving island and it's population comprises of Thai, Burmese and Expatriates from around the world.



HOW TO GET HERE



Routes to Koh Tao

| Bangkok | Chumphon | Koh Tao | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| Bangkok | Surat Thani | Koh Samui | Koh Tao |
| Bangkok | Koh Samui | Koh Tao | |
| Koh Samui / Koh Phangan | | Koh Tao | |
| Singapore | Koh Samui | Koh Tao | |
| Hong Kong | Koh Samui | Koh Tao | |
| Kuala Lumpur | Koh Samui | Koh Tao | |

| | Bangkok to Chumphon | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Trains regularly leave from Hua Lam Phong Railway Station. Travel time: +- 10hrs. Contact: State Railway of Thailand Information on 1690 or <u>www.railway.co.th</u> | | | |
| Ŧ | Air-conditioned coaches depart from Bangkok's Southern Bus Terminal every day. Travel time: +- 8hrs. | | |
| , | Travel by car via Highway 4 (Buddha Monthon Road) to NaKohn Pathom, to Chumphon via Phetchauri, Hua Huin, and then onto Highway 41 and 401. Travel time: +_ 6hrs. | | |

| Chumphon to Koh Tao | | |
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| | A catamaran (Lomprayah) departs daily. Cost: 600 baht per person. Travel time: +- 2hrs. Prices are subject to change without prior notice. Contact: Lomprayah Bangkok Office +66 2629 2569/70. <u>www.lomprayah.com</u> Prices are subject to change without notice | |

| FERRY SCHEDULE | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|
| Chumphon – Koh Tao | 07.30 | 08.45 |
| | 13:00 | 14:45 |
| Koh Tao - Chumphon | 10.15 | 11:45 |
| | 14:45 | 16:30 |

| | Bangkok to Surat Thani | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| > | 4 Airlines schedule daily flights between Bangkok and Surat Thani. Travel time: +- 50 mins. Thai Smile Airways Bangkok:1181/+66 2778 888 <u>www.thaismileair.com</u> . Nok Air Call Centre: 1318 or +66 2900 9966 <u>www.nokair.com</u> . Air Asia: +66 2515 9999 <u>www.airasia.com</u> . Lion Air: +66 2529 9999 <u>www.lionairthai.com</u> | | |
| | Travel by car via Highway 4 (Buddha Monthon Road) to NaKohn Pathom, Thani via Phetchaburi, Hua Hin and Chumphon, then onto Highway 41 and 401. Surat Thani is +_ 200km south of Chumphon. | | |

| | Surat Thani to Koh Samui |
|----|--|
| -K | Travel to Koh Samui is via ferry departing every hour from Don Sak. Travel time: +- 2.5hrs. Contact: Seatran Ferry +66 7728 5124/6 <u>www.seatranferry.com.</u> There is an overnight ferry from Ban Don which takes +-5hrs |

| Bangkok to Koh Samui | | |
|----------------------|--|--|
| > | 2 Airlines schedule daily flights between Bangkok and Koh Samui, Bangkok Airways and Thai Airways. Travel time: +_1hr. Bangkok Airways 1771 <u>www.bangkokair.com</u> Thai Airways Bangkok +66 2356 7777 <u>www.thaiairways.com</u> | |

| | Koh Samui to Koh Tao |
|--|---|
| 2 Ferries operate to Koh Tao. Seatran Discovery and Lomprayah. The cost is 600 baht per person or 700 baht if you would like a transfer from Koh Samui Airport to the pier. Contact: Seatran Ferry +66 7728 5124/6 www.seatranferry.com | |
| | Lomprayah Catamaran. The cost is 600 baht per person or 750 baht if you would like a transfer from Koh Samui Airport to the pier. Contact: Lomprayah Bangkok Office +66 2629 2569/70. <u>www.lomprayah.com</u> . Travel time: +_2hrs Prices are subject to change without notice |

| FERRY SCHEDULE | LOMPR | ауан | SEATRAN | |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL |
| Koh Samui – Koh Tao | 08:00 | 09:45 | 08:00 | 10:00 |
| | 11:15* | 14:45** | 13:00 | 15:00 |
| | 12:30 | 14:45 | 16:30 | 18:30 |
| | 17:00 | 19:00 | | |
| Koh Tao – Koh Samui | 06:00 | 07:45* | 06:30 | 08:30 |
| | 09:30 | 11:30 | 09:00 | 11:00 |
| | 15:00 | 16:40 | 15:00 | 17:00 |

Note: * arrives at Nathon Pier / ** Change boat in Koh Phangan

Koh Phangan to Koh Tao

| 2 Ferries operate to Koh Tao. Seatran Discovery and Lomprayah The cost is 450 baht per person. Contact: Seatran Ferry +66 7 5124/6 <u>www.seatranferry.com</u> . Travel time: +-1.45hrs | | |
|---|--|--|
| | Lomprayah Catamaran. The cost is 450 baht per person. Travel time: +_1.15hrs. Contact: Lomprayah Bangkok Office +66 2629 2569/70. <u>www.lomprayah.com</u> . <i>Prices are subject to change without notice</i> | |

| FERRY SCHEDULE | LOMPR | RAYAH | SEATRAN | |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | Departure | Arrival | Departure | Arrival |
| | 08:30 | 09:45 | 08:30 | 10:00 |
| Phangan to Koh Tao | 13:00 | 14:45 | 17:00 | 18:30 |
| | 17:45 | 19:00 | | |
| Koh Tao – Phangan | 06:00 | 07:00 | 06:30 | 08:00 |
| | 09:30 | 10:45 | 09:00 | 11:30 |
| | 15:00 | 16:10 | 15:00 | 16:30 |

| Singapore to Koh Samui | | |
|------------------------|---|--|
| > | 2 Airlines schedule daily flights between Singapore and Koh Samui. Bangkok Airways and Silk Air Singapore Airways. Travel time: +_2hrs. Bangkok Airways 1771 <u>www.bangkokair.com</u> Silk Air Singapore +65 6223 8888 <u>www.silkair.com</u> Note: PG 4221** Operated by Silk Air | |

| Singapore | • | Koh | Samui 📥 Koh Tao | | | |
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| SILK AIR | | | LOMPRAYAH | | SEATRAN | |
| Flight | Departure | Arrival | Departure | Arrival | Departure | Arrival |
| MI 772 | 07:55 | 08:55 | 08:00 | 09:45 | 08:00 | 10:00 |
| MI 772 | 08:10 | 08:55 | 11:15 * | 14:45** | 13:00 | 15:00 |
| Bangkok Airways | | | 12:30 17:00 | 14:45 18:45 | 16:10 | 18:30 |
| PG 4221* | 07:55 | 08:40 | | | | |

Note: * arrives at Nathon Pier / ** Change boat in Koh Phangan

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| LOMPRAYAH | | SEAT | SEATRAN | | SILK AIR | | |
| Departure | Arrival | Departure | Arrival | Flight | Departure | Arrival | |
| 06:00 | 07:45* | 06:30 | 08:30 | MI 771 | 16:35 | 19:20 | |
| 09:30 | 11:30 | 09:00 | 11:00 | Bangkok Airways | | | |
| 15:00 | 16:40 | 15:00 | 17:00 | 5 . | | | |
| | | | | PG 961 | 16:35 | 19:20 | |

Note: * arrives at Nathon Pier / ** Change boat in Koh Phangan

| Hong Kong to Koh Samui | | | | | |
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| | 1 Airline schedules daily flights between Hong Kong and Koh Samui. Travel time: +_3hrs. Bangkok Airways 1771 <u>www.bangkokair.com</u> | | | | |
| | Note: PG 964* & PG 806* Operated by Niki Airline | | | | |

| Hong Kong 📥 Koh Samui 📥 Koh Tao | | | | | | |
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| BANGKOK AIRWAYS | | | LOMPRAYAH | | SEATRAN | |
| Flight | Departure | Arrival | Departure | Arrival | Departure | Arrival |
| PG 876 | 08:45 | 11:10 | 08:00 | 09:45 | 08:00 | 10:00 |
| PG 806+ | 17:05 | 19:30 | 11:15* | 14:45** | 13:00 | 15:00 |
| PG 964+ | 17:20 | 18:15 | 12:30 | 14:45 | 16:10 | 18:30 |
| | | | 17:00 | 18:45 | | |

Note:+(Overnight in Samui) * arrives at Nathon Pier ** Change boat in Phangan

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| BANGKOK AIRWAYS | | LOMPRAYAH | | SEATRAN | | |
| Flight | Departure | Arrival | Departure | Arrival | Departure | Arrival |
| PG 805 PG 873 | 11:35 17:25 | 15:55 21:45 | 06:00 | 07:45* | 06:30 | 08:30 |
| | | | 09:30 | 11:30 | 09:00 | 11:00 |
| | | | 15:00 | 16:40 | 15:00 | 17:00 |

Note: * arrives at Nathon Pier

Kuala Lumper to Koh Samui

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Bangkok Airlines schedule daily flights between Kuala Lumper and Koh Samui. Travel time: +_1.5hrs. Bangkok Airways 1771 <u>www.bangkokair.com</u>

| Kuala Lumper 🗾 | | | ii 🗪 | Koh Tao | | |
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| BANGKOK AIRWAYS | | LOMPRAYAH | | SEATRAN | | |
| Departure | Arrival | Departure | Arrival | Departure | Arrival | |
| 08.50 | 00.30 | 08:00 | 09:45 | 08:00 | 10:00 | |
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| | | 12:30 | 14:45 | 16:10 | 18:30 | |
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Note: * arrives at Nathon Pier / ** Change boat in Koh Phangan

Koh Tao Koh Samui Kuala Lumper **BANGKOK AIRWAYS** LOMPRAYAH SEATRAN Departure Flight Arrival Departure Arrival Departure Arrival 06:00 07:45* 06:30 08:30 PG 951 17:55 20:25 09:00 11:00 09:30 11:30 15:00 16:40 15:00 17:00

Note: * arrives at Nathon Pier

Note: All information provided is correct at the time of writing.

All travel times and prices are subject to change. Therefore guests are advised to check with the respective travel vendors for the latest information.

VIEW POINT RESORT

View Point Resort is a boutique resort built into a hillside overlooking the magnificent bay of Chalok Baan Kao. The resort was established over 25 years ago and is run by a local Thai family.



Located approximately a 10-15 walk to Chalok village, if you are looking for a remote and beautiful hotel to get away from the crowds and experience peace and serenity, this is the place for you.



ABOUT OUR HOTEL

View Point offers a complimentary pier collection and drop off taxi service in a 4x4 double cab vehicle upon request.

Our friendly and competent drivers will greet you at the pier with a smile and a cold bottle of mineral water to cool you down after your ferry journey.

The ride to the resort takes appoximately 10 -15 minutes. You will be transported from the pier along the main road and will experience the sights and sounds of Koh Tao. The route then gets a little steep so be prepared for a bit of adventure!



Upon check-in guests are greeted with warm smiles, ice-cold lemon grass tea and lemon grass infused towels to hydrate and refresh you.

Our front-desk staff are on-hand to assist with any query you might have and provide a short brief about the hotel, its facilities and what you can do on the island during your stay. The resort offers a range of accommodation to for all budgets.

Accommodation includes garden cottages nestled within the jungle, sea view cottages with unobstructed views of the ocean and pool villas for those who are looking for the ultimate exclusive luxury experience.



These are our fantastic new Beach Front Cottages. Just a hop, skip and jump to the beach!









The restaurant is accessed via cobbled stairs winding through the garden and is situated overlooking Chalok Bay.

A variety of Thai and Western dishes are available including a snack menu.

Be sure to try one of our signature cocktails on the terrace and watch the dive and longtail boats come and go in the bay.





Breakfasts are a sumptious and tasty affair.

Cottage guests are treated to a buffet style breakfast. Eat to your heart's content on a variety of fruit, pastries, home made yoghurt, granola, pancakes, smoked salmon, parma ham, sausages, eggs any style and a selection of cheeses.

Drinks include tea, coffee and freshly squeezed orange or pineapple juice.



Pool Villa guests are treated to a very special menu where breakfast is pre-ordered the night before and delivered to your villa at a time convenient for you between the hours of 07:30 -11:00 am. All rather decadent!



We sell canvas bags so you don't have to use plastic bags (we are very conscious of our environment). All rooms have mosquito coils, insect repellent and glass bottled water which are recycled. We also provide paper and bamboo straws for drinks at our bar and restaurant.

Our grounds are lovingly cared for. Expect to walk into a tropical paradise with crickets chirping, lush greenery, winding cobbled pathways and colorful white and purple orchids to brighten your day. Quirks of the resort include the odd crab on a stroll, soap stealing squirrels and a few cheeky monitor lizards on occasion.

We also have our own View Point at the resort. This is a very peaceful, sacred and romantic place. Visit with your loved one and share a special moment and be mesmerised by the colours at sunset.



We also have a massage cottage on site which we call, **'The Chillax Hut**' and offer a variety of massages and facial treatments:



Thai Massage

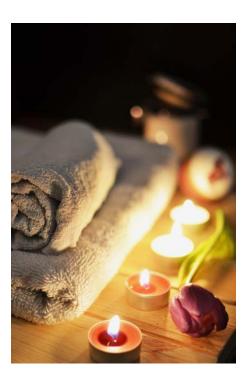
- Traditional Thai
- Traditional Thai Head, Back and Shoulders
- Coconut Oil
- Coconut oil and Herbal Compress Ball Therapy
- Aloe Vera
- Foot and Leg Reflexology
- Deep Tissue
- Sports and Remedial Therapy





Facial Therapy

- Signature (the works)
- Relax and Rejuvenate
- Anti-aging Lift
- Herbal Cleansing
- Express
- Gentlemen's
- Threading: eyebrows, upper lip, full face
- Ear Candles



ACTIVITIES

We have kayak's, safety jackets and snorkelling equipment available for hire located at our restaurant overlooking the bay.

The best way to see the island is by boat. This way you get to explore and snorkel in the best bays around Koh Tao.

Key spots include Nang Yuan Island, Aow Leuk, Shark Bay, Tanote, Hing Wong and Mango Bay. We have 2 options available, a private longtail or a private speedboat.

Both options include snorkelling equipment and the speedboat includes an English speaking guide and underwater pictures included in the price.

- Kayak 4hrs, 350 THB
- Speedboat 8,000, 4 hrs (2 pax)
- Longtail 3,000, all day (4 pax)

- Snorkel all day, 50 THB
- Mask all day, 50 THB



The resort offers a complimentary shuttle service for guests on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday to the villages of Maehaad or Sairee Beach.

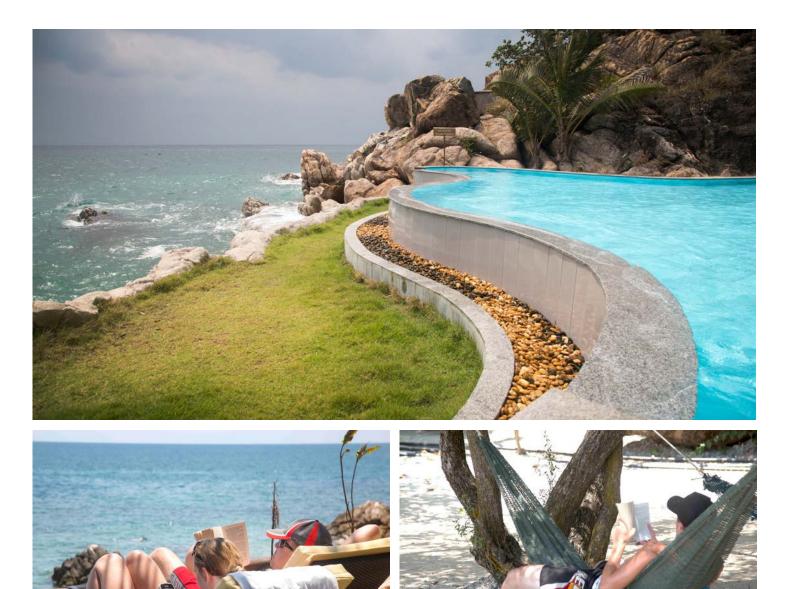
The shuttle departs the hotel at 14:30 pm and collects from Sairee at 18:00 pm and 18:40 pm from Maehaad. This gives you ample time to explore the streets, beach, restaurant's and bars.

In addition to this guests can pre-order a taxi to many destinations on the island. A nominal fee of 100 baht per person is payable for a one-way ride to Maehaad and 150 baht per person to Sairee.



View Point Resort boasts an organic shaped infinity pool built into the rocks overlooking the ocean. Sun loungers are close by so you can soak up the sun.

A large covered terrace is available for dining and relaxation. Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere with a drink or tasty meal from our extensive menu or just kick back and read a book while glancing to Buddah Rock across the bay.



EVENTS

View Point Resort hosts a monthly brunch and weekend BBQ's which are enjoyed by guests and locals.

Our brunches are a well attended and decadent affair. We don't hold back with anything. Crab, oysters, squid, king prawn, BBQ skewers, roasted meats, hotpots, vegetarian tarts, assorted cheeses, desserts, breads. Pretty much anything you can think of, we cater for.

Gentle soothing live music rounds off the experience.



CLOSEST VILLAGE Chalok Baan Kao

The closest village to View Point Resort is Chalok. It takes approximately 10 - 15 mins to walk to Chalok. The routes takes you directly along the beach, through a restaurant, along a pier, through Sunshine Resort and along a couple of dirt roads to the centre where there is a 711 and a money exchange.

There are a number of bars and restaurants along the main road. Most notably is Ying Yang. Loved by locals and visitors. Here you will find an aromatic array of tasty Thai dishes at great prices. Note: it gets a bit busy after 6pm!

Along the shore you will find some bars and restaurants with a mixture of locals, expats and visitors enjoying cocktails and beers from mid afternoon to early evening.



THINGS TO DO Activities on Koh Tao

There are numerous things you can do whilst on holiday on Koh Tao.

Koh Tao is a well-known Diving spot so if you enjoy marine life, calm waters and a bit of adventure, give diving a go.

You can do a Discover scuba for between 1,800 - 2,000 baht which includes training in essential skills and 1 dive.





If you have 3 days, you can take the PADI Open Water certification. This will allow you to dive anywhere in the world up to 18m.

Free Diving is also widely practiced on the island as well so if you like more of a spiritual experience, give it a try.



There are number of view points and hiking trails on Koh Tao so if need to burn off a few calories from all the delicious Thai food, this could be a good option for you!



If you enjoy yoga you can choose from a number of well-established yoga centres on the island, or practice in a quiet spot on the beach or even at our View Point.

Other activities include rock climbing/jumping, wake boarding and flying trapeze.



BEACHES & BAYS

Considering the size of the island, Koh Tao has a number of beaches and bays to explore. No trip would be complete without visiting Nang Yuan island so be sure to add this to your 'do-do' list while here.



The East side of the island is particularly pretty with deep, clear bays. Great bays for swimming and snorkelling include Hing Wong, Tanote and Aow Leuk.



Sairee Beach at sunset



Hing Wong bay



Tanote bay



Sae Deng Beach



GENERAL

Whilst Koh Tao is a remote island, we have a number of amenities for visitors.

Various banks and a post office are situated in Mae Haad. There are ATM machines situated in Chalok, Mae Haad and Sairee villages.

Most general supplies can be purchased at a 711 which are also located in all the villages.



If you would like more information on what Koh Tao has to offer, please visit:

Koh Tao - a complete guide

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