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With its breathtaking beaches, secluded waterfalls, bustling night markets, and electric nightlife, Koh Samui offers a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation—maybe that explains why this small island in the Gulf of Thailand attracts more than 2 million visitors every year.



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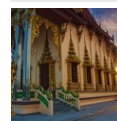


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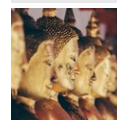
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THE ISLAND



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Koh Samui, or 'Samui' for vernacular speakers, is located in the Gulf of Thailand. It is the second largest island in Thailand after Phuket and measures 25 kilometres at the widest point. The main road runs along the beautiful coastline and is approximately 51 kilometres long. In contrast to the stunning beaches, the central part of the island consists of a tropical, jungle mountain.

Centuries ago, the island was inhabited by Chinese fishermen. Nowadays, it is a melting pot of people coming here from all four corners of the world. The island appeals just as much to billionaires as it does to backpackers travelling on a budget.

The largest and most popular area is on the east side of the island and is called Chaweng. Chaweng is located near the airport and offers beautiful golden sand stretches, bars, restaurants and shops. Nathon is located on the west side of the island and is the old capital of Koh Samui. This is still the main port, business district, and centre of the fishing industry. Two of the other major tourist resorts are Lamai Beach and Bophut Beach.

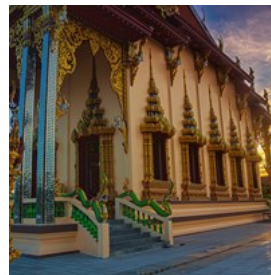
DO & SEE



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On Koh Samui you can choose to do nothing, or to do everything. The island is perfect for a relaxing holiday on the beach, with colorful drinks in your hand and sun on your skin. For the more adventurous ones there is plenty to explore, from nature to shopping and food.

Wat Plai Laem



Wat Plai Laem is one of Koh Samui's most attractive temples. This fairly new sight was completed in 2004 and is a colourful complex with a traditional Thai-Chinese style. The temple holds two giant, colourful statues of Happy Buddha and Guanyin that will amaze you. Do not miss the large Golden Buddha inside Wat Plai Laem.

Photo: M.V. Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: Road 4171, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Open during daylight hours

Tickets: Free entry

Koh Tao



Koh Tao means 'Turtle Island' in Thai, as this was once an important breeding ground for sea turtles, which have been reintroduced to the island's ecosystem in 2004. Koh Tao is worldwide famous for its beautiful coral reef and marine life, which make it a popular place for snorkelling and scuba diving. Hikers might want to try and reach John-Suwan Viewpoint or Mango Viewpoint.

Photo: weltreisendertj/Shutterstock.com

Address: Koh Tao, Thailand

More Info: Up to 2.5 hours from Koh Samui by ferry

Koh Nang Yuan



If you would like to see what paradise is like, you should take a day trip to Koh Nang Yuan, which is an island located only a few hundred meters from Koh Tao and linked to two other islands by a limb of white sand. Here you can unwind free from all cars and hustle, but also snorkel in beautiful waters.

Photo: Ozerov Alexander/Shutterstock.com

Address: Koh Nangyuan, Thailand

Phone: +66 819581766

Internet: www.nangyuan.com

Secret Buddha Garden



The Secret Buddha Garden was built in 1976 by a fruit farmer called Nim Thongsuk and took around fifteen years to finish. This peaceful place can be found in the hills of Samui Island inside

the verdant jungle. The garden is decorated with sculptures portraying both humans and deities in various poses. Getting there quite difficult so booking a tour in advance is highly recommended.

Photo: Andrei Mayatnik/Shutterstock.com

Address: 22/1, Moo 4, Na Mueang, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

More Info: On a hilltop, just off Route 4169 (Ring Road) at Baan Saket.

Wat Khunaram (Mummified Monk)



Koh Samui's mummified monk at Wat Khunaram is an unusual sight but still offers a unique insight into Buddhist and Thai culture. The mummified monk Luong Pordaeng died in 1973 and his body has been on display in a glass case at the temple ever since. Remarkably, the monk's body shows little sign of decay.

Photo: Alexandre Chambon/Unsplash

Address: Wat Khunaram, Na Mueang, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Open during daylight hours

Big Buddha Temple (Wat Phra Yai)



Big Buddha Temple, locally known as Wat Phra Yai, is majestically located on a small rocky island off Koh Samui's north-eastern corner (Koh Faan). The golden, twelve-meter seated Buddha statue was built in 1972 and is one of the island's most popular attractions.

Photo: donsimon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Open all day

Phone: +66 929234510

More Info: Route 4171, near the airport. Since this is a

sacred place, one should dress appropriately (cover the shoulders and wear trousers or long shorts).

Tamarind Springs Forest Spa



If you would like to pamper yourself with a spa treatment there are many resorts to choose from. One of them is Tamarind Springs Forest

Spa, which offers you a unique experience with its location in an amazing natural setting. Here you can have a peaceful time among waterfalls and rock pools, as well as enjoy a massage treatment in an open-air pavilion.

Photo: Phil Date/Shutterstock.com

Address: 205/7 Thong Takian, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 859264626

Internet: www.tamarindsprings.com

Email: spa@tamarindsprings.com

Thai Cooking Classes



If you would like to learn how to make Thai food, why not do it in Thailand?

There are many cooking classes you can take in Koh Samui, like Pai

Cookery Class. You'll have the chance to learn the traditional methods of preparation of Thai food and impress all your friends and family once you go home.

Photo: wandee007/Shutterstock.com

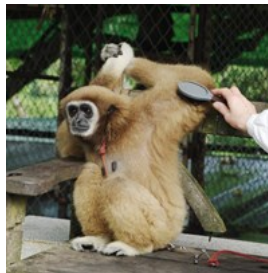
Address: South Chaweng Beach, Bophut, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 914942462

Internet: paicookerysamui.com

Email: paicookery@hotmail.com

Paradise Park Farm



At Paradise Park Farm you can watch a small collection of native and non-native creatures that live up in the beautiful mountains. There are various types of birds, miniature rabbits, guinea pigs and a little hedgehog. As the name suggests, this is a farm and not a zoo, and the animals seem to be happy and healthy. This is a great place for children and adults alike.

Photo: HGalina/Shutterstock.com

Address: 217/3 Moo 1, Taling Ngam, Pom Mountain

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +66 812551222

Scuba Diving And Snorkeling Tour



When travelling to Koh Samui there are many beautiful places where you can scuba dive and snorkel. There are also many tour operators to choose from, one of which is 100 Degrees East, offering boat excursions with snorkelling and diving activities among colorful fishes and coral reefs.

Photo: think4photop/Shutterstock.com

Address: Big Buddha Beach, North Coast Samui, Koh Samui

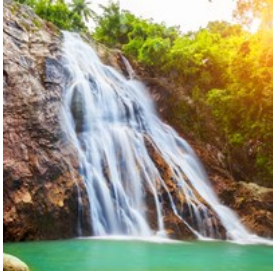
Phone: +66 77245936

Internet: www.100degreeseast.com

Email: info@100degreeseast.com

More Info: Based in front of Ocean's 11 Restaurant

Na Muang Waterfalls



Na Muang Waterfalls, also called "Purple Waterfalls", are located in a lush jungle environment. They can easily be reached going off the main Ring Road Route 4169 about halfway between Nathon and Lamai Beach. These waterfalls are considered to be among the most scenic ones, hence popular places for families to relax and swim.

Photo: Ozerov Alexander/Shutterstock.com

Address: Na Muang, Koh Samui

Tickets: Free

Bophut's Fisherman's Village



Fisherman's Village is located near the beach, on the northern coast of Koh Samui. The pier is actually in decay, but the village still retains its charm. The area comes alive every Friday night when the main street is blocked off to vehicles to make space for stalls that sell everything from coconut carved monkeys to clothes and other souvenirs. During the rest of the week, it's still a picturesque place for a walk.

Photo: nate samui&Shutterstock.com

Address: Bophut, Koh Samui

BEACH LIFE



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The beaches on Koh Samui seem to have been taken right out of a travel ad. With their white sand and peacefully swaying palm trees, they'll make your beach experience dreamlike. All around the island, you can enjoy water sports, drinks, food, massages and manicures: everything you need to pamper yourself.

Thong Takian (Silver Beach)



Thong Takian, also called Silver Beach, is a white sandy bay located only 2 kilometres north of Lamai, along the main road. This small beach is surrounded by palm trees and has a quiet and laid back atmosphere. There are many eateries where you can enjoy a drink or a nice meal.

Photo: Maxim Tupikov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Maret, Koh Samui

Chaweng



Chaweng is Koh Samui's longest beach and is very popular among tourists: it has no less than one million visitors per year. The five kilometres of white sandy beaches offer crystal waters and a

huge selection of hotels and resorts as well as restaurants, spas, nightclubs and bars.

Photo: Preto Perola/Shutterstock.com
Address: Chaweng Beach, Koh Samui

Lamai



At Lamai beach you can swim and relax all year around. It is smaller and quieter than Chaweng Beach, but it still offers accommodation options, catering for every budget, as well as a lively nightlife, many restaurants, shops and bars.

Photo: foryouinf/Shutterstock.com
Address: Lamai Beach, Koh Samui

Maenam & Bophut

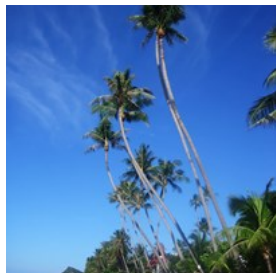


Maenam and Bophut are two popular beaches in Koh Samui. Both are situated on the northern coast and offer stunning views of Koh Phangan

island. Here you can find hotels and resorts for every budget, as well as the Fisherman's Village.

Photo: vector photo video/Shutterstock.com
Address: Maenam & Bophut Beach, Koh Samui

Choeng Mon



Choeng Mon is a beautiful, calm bay situated only a few kilometres north of Chaweng. You can swim in the crystal clear water or sunbathe on the white sand. When it comes to accommodation, there is a mix of traditional Thai bungalows and some new exclusive hotels and

resorts.

Photo: jbor/Shutterstock.com
Address: Choeng Mon Beach, Bophut, Koh Samui

DINING



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Koh Samui is a culinary paradise, offering a delightful blend of Thai and international cuisine. From tantalising street food stalls to elegant dining establishments, the island caters to all tastes. Be sure to sample local specialities such as salted eggs and the delicious rambutan fruit for an authentic taste of Koh Samui's diverse food scene.

La Lanterna



If you are craving Italian food, La Lanterna might just be the place for you. This restaurant serves generous portions of pasta and many toppings

on the pizza, so make sure you come here on an empty stomach.

Photo: kuvona/Shutterstock.com
Address: 82/19 Moo 3 Chaweng Noi, Koh Samui
Opening hours: Daily noon-10pm
Phone: +66 98 681 7477
Email: info@lalanternasamui.com

The Boudoir



At The Boudoir you can relish French food in an unusual ambiance with low lights and a colorful decor that will remind you of the Middle East.

The owners of this restaurant are a couple from Montpellier, so here you'll find real French specialties like foie gras and escargots.

Photo: tenki/Shutterstock.com

Address: 32/2 Moo 1, Maenam, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 7pm-10pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +66 82 848 0986

Email: theboudoirkohsamui@gmail.com

Tree Tops Signature Dining



As the name suggests, Tree Tops Signature Dining has an exclusive and luxurious setting among the tree tops. The chefs carefully select

high-quality fresh products to create dishes inspired by European cuisine. Dining here is not a cheap experience, but it's bound to be memorable.

Photo: Mouy_Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 92/1 Moo 2, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Thu-Tue 6pm-10pm, Wed closed

Phone: +66 77 960 333

Internet: www.treetopsrestaurantsamui.com

Emerald Irish Bar & Restaurant



Occasional live music, sports on tv, ice-cold draught beer, and wooden decor: The Emerald Bar & Restaurant can't get more

Irish than this. If you are in the neighbourhood of

Fisherman's Village and you want to pretend like you're in Europe, you can stop by for lunch or dinner.

Photo: Tim Sulov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 61/2 Fishermans Village, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily 10am-2am

Phone: +66 77 332 476

Email: gm.emeraldbarsamui@gmail.com

Kob Thai Restaurant



Kob Thai Restaurant is situated in the centre of Lamai, 600 meters from the beach road. At this restaurant you can enjoy traditional Thai food at

affordable prices in a charming garden. The restaurant even has a large swimming pool, ideal for children.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock.com

Address: 101/18 Moo 3, Maret, Lamai Beach, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm

Phone: +66 97 084 0882

Email: sbauche81@hotmail.com

Zazen Restaurant



Zazen Restaurant is renowned for its beachfront location and fine dining. At night, this trendy restaurant glows due to the over one

hundred candles present, creating a very romantic setting. Every Thursday and Sunday a Thai dance show livens up the evening. The menu offers both European and typical Thai dishes.

Photo: AndreyUG/Shutterstock.com

Address: 177, Moo 1, Tambon Bophut, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 77 425085

Internet: www.samuizazen.com/bestrestaurantssamui

Email: info@samuizazen.com

The Shack



The Shack is a steakhouse that opened its doors in 2003 and has been serving mouth-watering grilled food in Koh Samui ever

since. The menu includes barbecue steaks, burgers, and seafood. In the evening, they often play jazz and blues music.

Photo: [VasiliyBudarin/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 88/3 Moo 1, Fisherman's Village, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-10:30pm

Phone: +66 81 425 5710

Internet: <https://theshackgrillsamui.com>

Dining On The Rocks



Dining On The Rocks is an award-winning restaurant overlooking the sea. When dining at this restaurant you will be served innovative

recipes created with top quality ingredients, sourced locally and abroad. The presentation of the dishes is artistic, in attempt to shift focus from the stunning views.

Photo: [Okssi/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 9/10 Moo 5, Baan Plai Laem, Bophut, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 77 245678

Internet: www.sixsenses.com/resorts/samui/dining

Email: reservations-samui@sixsenses.com

More Info: Located at Six Senses Hotels Resorts Spas

Gringo's Cantina



For a taste of mouth-watering Tex-Mex cuisine, head over to Gringo's, Koh Samui's first Mexican restaurant. With a range of

vegetarian options and a few Italian dishes like pizza and pasta, there's something to satisfy everyone's palate. Don't forget to try the highly recommended margaritas for a perfect finishing touch to your meal. Convincing your friends to join you here will be an easy task with such a diverse and delicious menu.

Photo: [Oksana Mizina/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 166/79 Moo 2 Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Sat-Thu 2pm-11:30pm, Fri 1pm-11:30pm

Phone: +66 81 892 1416

Jungle Club



Jungle Club is not only a beach resort, but also a bar and a restaurant with a stunning view over the Gulf of Siam. They offer Thai and Western fusion

cuisine, along with a selection of drinks. You can choose to sit in the elegant indoor hall, or on a cozy bean bag on the outdoor wooden deck.

Photo: [g-stockstudio/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Chaweng Noi Beach, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 8am-21.30pm

Phone: + 66 81 894 2327

Internet: www.jungleclubsamui.com/restaurant

Email: contact@jungleclubsamui.com

CAFÉS



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Koh Samui is slowly catching up with the Western coffee trend, so finding a decent cup of coffee here should not be too hard. If you are craving a snack, choices will be abundant. You can easily grab a bite to eat or drink at the beach or from one of the many food stalls.

Boy's Organic Coffee



When visiting Boy's Organic Coffee you will be served only the finest Organic Thai Coffee, which the owner Boy takes great pride in. This

charming and quiet spot is great for just relaxing and enjoying Arabica coffee, grown and roasted on the hills of Chiang Mai.

Photo: I love coffee/Shutterstock.com

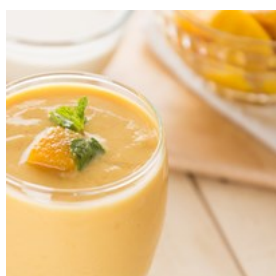
Address: 30/5, Ban Thongkrut, Taling Ngam, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily 8am-5pm

Phone: +66 87 893 9669

Email: organic_coffee@hotmail.com

Big Buddha Coffee



If you're on your way to the Big Buddha Temple (Wat Phra Yai), you might consider stopping by this cosy café for a dose of caffeine or to try one of

their specialities: fruit shakes and banana bread. As a bonus, the Big Buddha Coffee also offers amazing sea views.

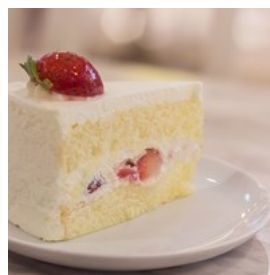
Photo: gowithstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Big Buddha Temple, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-7pm

Phone: +66 81 825 6884

Lolamui Cafe



This small quaint cafe in Lamai serves huge pieces of cake, being creative in both the presentation and the ingredients. Some of the flavors you might find

are black beer, young coconut and strawberry earl grey. There is a balcony overlooking the garden if you prefer to sit outside.

Photo: Bellie Design/Shutterstock.com

Address: 127/184 Moo. 3, Lamai, Maret, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 11am-5pm, Tue closed

Phone: +66 77 601 607

Email: lolamuicafe@gmail.com

Sweet Sisters Cafe



At Sweet Sisters Cafe they use only fresh, organic products sourced locally. You'll find plenty of healthy options, from meat and seafood dishes

to main courses, salads, smoothies and homemade cakes. Vegetarian and vegan options are available.

The cafe also has a little shop where you can buy organic food and body care products.

Photo: Josie Grant/Shutterstock.com

Address: Baan Bang Kao Road, Na Mueang, Koh Samui

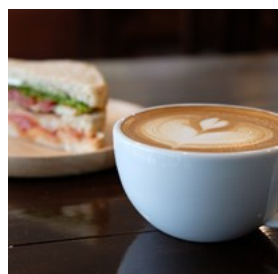
Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm

Phone: +66 65 953 8832

Email: sweetsisterscafe@gmail.com

More Info: Corner of route 4173 and route 4170

About Cafe



About Cafe has an original decor: here you'll see pictures and trinkets on every wall that are not for sale, but you'll also find many books,

postcards and souvenirs that you can purchase. If you're not in the mood for shopping, you can of course enjoy a cup of coffee, selecting from one of the many kinds available. For a light breakfast or lunch they have sandwiches, yogurt bowls and pancakes.

Photo: golfitti/Shutterstock.com

Address: 160/1, Moo 1, Maenam, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Thu-Tue 7:30am-4pm, Wed closed

Phone: +66 77 938 167

Greenlight Cafe



At Greenlight Cafe, they focus on healthy cuisine with natural ingredients.

Their regular menu includes vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free

recipes, along with fresh seafood and chicken dishes.

From 8am to 11am they host a breakfast buffet, free for their hotel guests, but affordable for anyone. You might want to accompany your food with one of their 'super smoothies' or fresh juices.

Photo: paul prescott/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3/28 Moo. 1 Fisherman's Village, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Sat-Thu 8am-8:30pm, Fri 8am-midnight

Phone: +66 81 121 6955

Internet: www.instagram.com/greenlightcafesamui

Email: greenlightcafesamui@gmail.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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On Koh Samui, you can find some of the best parties in Thailand, with Chaweng being the centre of it all. Along the beach road area, there are many different spots catering to all different tastes. Lamai is a smaller version of Chaweng, also offering numerous bars and nightclubs.

You will be spoiled for choice along the main streets wherever you go—from sophisticated restaurants, bars, and clubs to the famous Full Moon Party at Kho Phangan.

Emerald Irish Bar & Restaurant



Occasional live music, sports on tv, ice-cold draught beer, and wooden decor: The Emerald Bar & Restaurant can't get more

Irish than this. If you are in the neighbourhood of Fisherman's Village and you want to pretend like you're in Europe, you can stop by for lunch or dinner.

Photo: Tim Sulov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 61/2 Fishermans Village, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily 10am-2am

Phone: +66 77 332 476

Email: gm.emeraldbarsamui@gmail.com

Rock Bar

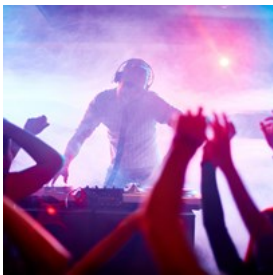


Rock Bar is situated near the Grandfather and Grandmother Rocks, south of Lamai Beach. Its reggae music playlist, tree-house ambience, and proximity to the sea make it a nice place to relax while sipping a classic cocktail. If you want to stay for dinner, they serve Thai food, salads, and burgers.

Photo: Nadezhda Zaitceva/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hin Ta & Hin Yai Rocks, Moo 3, Maret, Koh Samui
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-2am, Sun 11am-midnight

The Green Mango Club



The Green Mango Club is ideally located in the centre of Chaweng. This all-night entertainment complex is so popular that Soi Green Mango street was named after it. Expect to find loud contemporary music, several bars, an open air space and crowds on all dance floors.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 195 Moo 2, Soi Green Mango, Chaweng, Koh Samui
Opening hours: Daily 9pm-2am
Internet: www.thegreenmangoclub.com
Email: info@thegreenmangoclub.com

On Street Bar



At On Street Bar, they appreciate art and one can tell by the ever-changing original decoration. But don't think it's a snobbish place: they have everything you need to kick start your evening: cheap cocktails and great music. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights,

they host live musicians from 10pm.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12/7 Chaweng Beach Road, Bo Put, Koh Samui
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8pm-2am, Sun closed
Phone: +66 87 552 3524
Internet: www.instagram.com/onstreetbar
Email: onstreetbarsamui@hotmail.com

Bar Cocktail King



As the name suggests, Bar Cocktail King aims to serve the best cocktails in Koh Samui. They know how to make your favourite classics like Mojito Pina Colada and Bloody Mary, but you might want to try something different like their Cocktail King with Malibu, melon, pineapple and lime. If you prefer something lighter, you can have a glass of wine or some beer, or even a fruity 'mocktail'.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24/70 Moo 5, Choeng Mon, Bophut, Koh Samui
Opening hours: Daily 2pm-2am
Phone: +66 81 893 5426

Jungle Club



Jungle Club is not only a beach resort, but also a bar and a restaurant with a stunning view over the Gulf of Siam. They offer Thai and Western fusion cuisine, along with a selection of drinks. You can choose to sit in the elegant indoor hall, or on a cozy bean bag on the outdoor wooden deck.

Photo: g-stockstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Chaweng Noi Beach, Bophut, Koh Samui
Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm
Phone: + 66 81 894 2327
Internet: www.jungleclubsamui.com/restaurant

Email: contact@jungleclubsamui.com

The Lava Lounge



The Lava Lounge is a quiet bar near Lamai Beach, perfect for a chat and some drinks among friends, as the music is not as loud as it is in nightclubs. Their lava lamps and bamboo sofas create a relaxed atmosphere. Happy hour here lasts until 9pm and guarantees you discounts on over 40 different types of cocktails.

Photo: [Lightscape/Unsplash.com](#)

Address: 109/21 Moo 3, Maret, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily 4pm-2am

Phone: +66 80 886 5035

SHOPPING



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Chaweng is the island's main shopping hub, renowned for its lively markets and a wide variety of shops. Lamai also offers a great shopping experience, especially at its night market where you can find local crafts and delicious street food.

For a more relaxed atmosphere, visit Fisherman's Village in Bophut, where the weekly night market transforms the area into a shopper's paradise with its charming mix of artisanal goods and stylish accessories.

Chaweng Walking Street

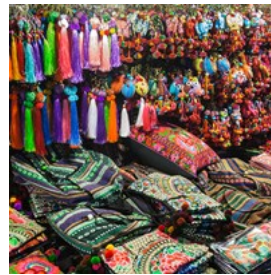


As you stroll down this vibrant street, you'll discover an array of stalls and shops brimming with everything from clothing and accessories to unique souvenirs and handcrafted items. The lively atmosphere is further enhanced by the colourful displays of artisanal crafts, jewellery, and trinkets, making it the perfect place to find a memento of your trip.

Photo: [Nehal Patel/Unsplash](#)

Address: Chaweng Walking Street, Bophut, Koh Samui

Lamai Night Plaza



Lamai Night Plaza is a bustling market which comes alive in the evenings, showcasing an array of stalls brimming with an eclectic mix of goods. The atmosphere is lively and inviting, with friendly vendors and the tantalising aroma of street food adding to the charm.

Photo: [saiko3p/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Lamai, Maret, Koh Samui

Fisherman's Village Night Market



Every Friday evening, the quaint streets of Bophut's historic Fisherman's Village come alive with a vibrant array of stalls and vendors. Shoppers can explore an enticing mix of local crafts, exotic spices, handmade jewellery, and a variety of trinkets. The market's picturesque setting, with its traditional wooden buildings and seaside views, adds to the allure. As you meander

through the market, the aromas of local street food will make you take a seat and stay longer.

Photo: joyfull/Shutterstock.com

Opening hours: Fri 6pm-10pm

The Wharf



The Wharf is a vast open-air shopping complex, designed to resemble a quaint seaside village, providing a picturesque backdrop as

you explore its diverse range of boutiques and stores. Here, you can find everything from high-end fashion and stylish accessories to unique handicrafts and souvenirs.

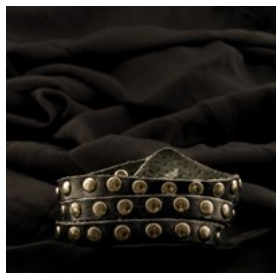
Photo: Chonlawut/Shutterstock.com

Address: 62 Moo 1, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily 5am-midnight

Phone: +66 64 331 4799

Psylo



Urban fashion and unusual creations for both men and women can be found at this punk boutique. Discover their alternative looks with

basic colours and start making space in your suitcase for a few new outfits.

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Address: 167/66 Moo 2, Chaweng Beach Road, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily noon-11:30pm

Phone: +66 77 256 157

Internet:

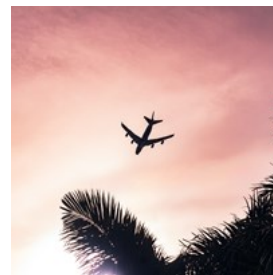
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TOURIST INFORMATION



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Samui International Airport (USM)



Samui International Airport, situated in the northern part of Koh Samui, offers a variety of transfer options for arriving travellers. You

can choose from private car taxis, private minivan taxis, shared minivan transfers, and car rental services found in the arrivals area. The journey by car to the city centre typically takes 20-25 minutes

For a budget-friendly option, a public bus service operates opposite the airport's meeting building, departing every hour from 7:30 am to 9:30 pm.

Photo: Eduardo Velazco Guart/Unsplash

Address: Samui International Airport, Koh Samui

Internet: www.samuiairport.com

Passport/Visa



Visitors to Thailand typically need a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining, a visa (depending on their nationality), and a completed arrival/departure card, which is usually provided on the aeroplane or at the port of entry.

Additionally, there may be specific entry requirements related to health, such as vaccinations or medical certificates, so be sure to check the latest visa requirements and entry regulations from the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate in your country through official government channels before planning your trip to Thailand.

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Internet:

www.thaiembassy.com/thailand-visa/thailand-visa-services

Best Time to Visit



One could say that visiting Koh Samui is a good idea any time of the year. The weather is almost always sunny and warm, making it the perfect getaway from places with colder climates. All you need to know is that January is the coolest month of the year, but it has an average temperature of approximately 26°C/79°F. If you want to avoid the rainiest months, they are usually October, November, and early December. From February to April, there's usually great beach weather with temperatures gradually rising, making these months high season on Koh Samui.

Photo: Kit Suman/Unsplash

Public Transport

Songthaews on Koh Samui are a popular and convenient means of transportation for travellers exploring the island. These shared, open-air vehicles, easily recognisable by their brightly coloured exteriors and converted pick-up truck design, operate along fixed routes, making it easy to hop on and off at various destinations.

Taxi



Taxis are a bit more expensive than songthaews, but a great way to travel comfortably around the island.

Finding a taxi on Koh

Samui is relatively easy, especially around popular tourist areas like Chaweng and Lamai. However, taxis are not metered, so it's essential to negotiate the fare before starting your journey.

For a more modern and convenient option, ride-hailing apps such as Grab are also available on the island, providing both car and motorbike services. Using Grab can often be more straightforward as the prices are predetermined by the app, ensuring a hassle-free travel experience.

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Post



The main post office on Koh Samui is located in Nathon, with branches in Chaweng, Lamai and Maenam, all open from 9am to 4pm during the week. Stamps can also be bought in

supermarkets and at hotels.

Photo: Ali Bakhtiari/Unsplash

Address: 22 Moo 3, Chon Withi Road, Tambon Ang Thong,
Koh Samui

Phone: +66 77 421 013

Pharmacy



On Koh Samui, the main pharmacy chain you will encounter is Morya Pharmacy, which has multiple locations across the island including

Chaweng, Lamai, and other key areas. In addition, Boots, a well-known international chain, offers a variety of healthcare products and services.

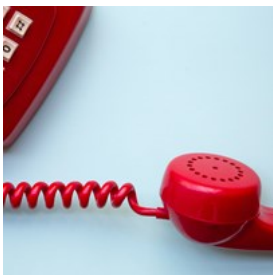
Photo: Diana Polekhina/Unsplash

Address: Boots Central Samui - 276 Moo 2, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily 11am-8pm

Phone: +66 77 410 492

Telephone



Country code: +66 Area code: 077

Photo: Miryam León/Unsplash

Electricity



In Thailand, the most common types of power sockets are Type A and B, which feature flat parallel pins and are familiar to those from the US and

Canada, and Type C, which has two round pins and is widely used across Europe. Unique to the

country is the Type O socket, boasting two round pins and a grounding pin, distinguished by its slightly thicker and wider pins.

The standard voltage in Thailand is 220V with a frequency of 50Hz.

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Population

68,000 (2023)

Currency

Thai Baht (THB)

Opening hours

Most shops and restaurants in Koh Samui have long opening hours. The shops in Lamai and Chaweng are generally open from 11am-11pm/midnight and in Nathon from 10am-6pm. Banking hours are from 8:30am-3:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Emergency numbers

Police, Ambulance: 191 or 911

Tourist Police: 1155

Fire Brigade: 1669