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Dear Guest

My most important recommendation when choosing a tour is to try to leave the resort the earliest as possible. By doing so, you will be able to enjoy your trip much more as you will avoid all the crowds travelling in the bay from Phuket or Krabi. A sunrise experience in the Phang Nga bay is something no one should miss on. Our guides will be delighted to go at any time you decide.

Michele Giraud
General Manager

INTRODUCTION

Formation of the Phang Nga Bay

Long ago when sea levels were lower it is very likely that the Phang Nga Bay was just a large valley with limestone pinnacles. Nowadays the bay holds more than 100 small islands. The water is nowhere deeper than 20 meters and the bay has a muddy bottom. This mud flows into the bay from the mangrove forests that surround the bay. It creates the murky look of the water and the further you go south the clearer the water gets. Here the bottom is sandy and this is the place where the best diving and snorkeling spots are to be found.

The limestone islands are very brittle and erosion is what creates the spectacular formations of the islands ridges. Because this area receives heavy rain during the monsoon season, the rain literally runs through the limestone rocks creating the numerous stalactites you'll see when you get closer to the islands. The 'napes' and 'balconies' that you'll see on the islands are created by the seas tides. The high tides comes in from the South creating an upwards current, during low tide when the bay 'empties' the water leaves the bay by a southward running current. This is also the reason that most of the islands in the Phang Nga Bay are shaped longer than wider.

Hongs & Caves

Several islands in the Phang Nga Bay have 'hidden' lagoons and caves inside them. These are called 'hongs' which is the Thai word for 'room'. They are created by a combination of eroding limestone and the currents created by the tides. The best caves and lagoons are accessible only by canoe and can be found on Ko Panak, situated northwest of Ko Yao Noi. Here the lagoons are truly hidden, surrounded by high cliffs and only accessible through caves by canoe. Another spectacular large Hong that has open access is in Ko Hong; the biggest island opposite our resort.

Mangrove Forests

The Phang Nga Bay is surrounded by large mangrove forests. The forests are full of exotic birds, monkeys and monitor lizards. They are a shelter for young fish and other marine life. Mangrove forests also protect coastal areas against tsunamis. Recently the Thai government has banned logging of these trees which has resulted in a healthier fish stock in the bay and larger mangrove forests.

These mangrove forests are very suitable for canoeing. We offer excursions to two different mangrove forests, 'Ao Thalene' which is approximately 45 minutes away and can be combined with a lunch and some snorkeling on a beach nearby.

Beaches and Snorkeling

The islands surrounding Koyao Island Resort supply some spectacular beaches and snorkeling spots. If you like a tranquil day without too much activity but away from the resort, try our Island Discovery or Egg Island excursions.

Apart from the above mentioned excursions we offer other activities such as elephant riding or a shopping tour in Ao Nang. Should you not find the excursion that you are looking for please let us know and we'll do our best to create it for you.

Have fun choosing your excursion!

Safety

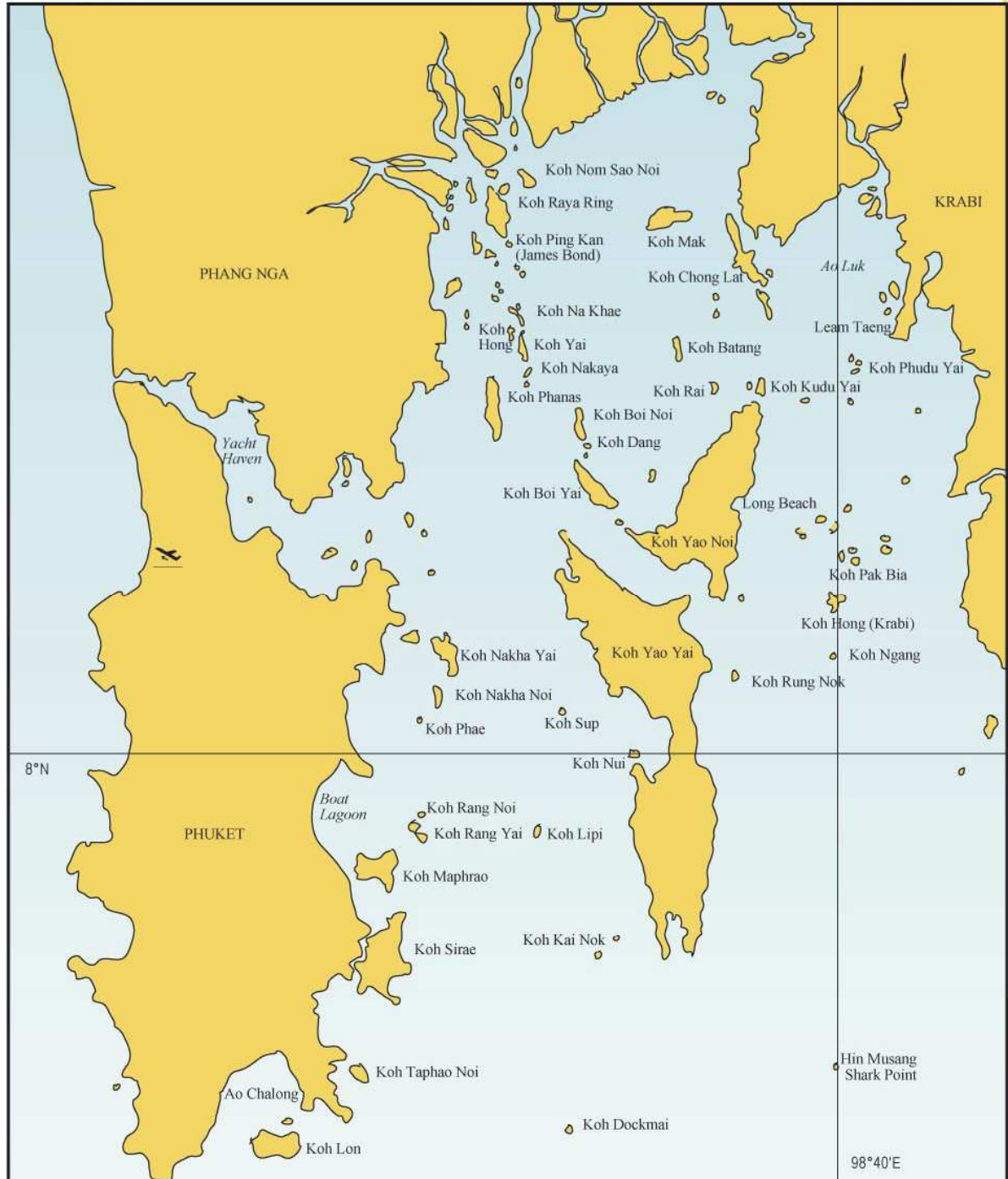
All our excursions are done by traditional Thai long tail boats. We truly think this adds to the overall experience of your trip. A lot of the captains we work with are fishermen in their daily lives and know the local seas very well. The boats are equipped with life jackets and you will always have an English speaking guide aboard.

Excursion itineraries are subject to tides and weather, please ask our excursion guides, reception staff or management for specific recommendations.

Speed Boats

If you would like to rent a private speedboat and create your own trip, this is also possible. Please ask our staff or management for daily rates.

PHANG NGA BAY



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Three Islands Canoe Expedition Ko Tapu, Ko Panak, Ko Kudu or Ko Nok Full Day

This trip will take you to three different islands for three different purposes.

Firstly you will be visiting the world famous James Bond Island (Ko Tapu) where the opening scene of the 1969 'Man with the Golden Gun' James Bond movie was filmed.

Secondly you will get a chance to see the 'inside' of the lime stone islands (Ko Panak). Explore the hidden world of the tidal caves and lagoons. Thousands of years old stalactites and stalagmites can be seen inside the caves. If you are lucky you might even spot some wild monkeys around the island.

Finally after sightseeing and canoeing through the tunnels we will bring you to the deserted island of Ko Kudu or Ko Nok for your picnic lunch and swimming of nice beaches.

Recommended departure time for this trip is 6.00am to avoid crowds on James Bond Island and Canoe traffic jams in Ko Panak.

Itinerary

- Depart Koyao Island Resort by Thai Traditional Longtail boat
- Arrival at Ko Tapu, which is the Thai word for pin or nail island, but is now simply known as James Bond Island.
- Boat transfer to Ko Panak. Canoe into the caves and along the island's edges to see the spectacular formations. If time and tide permits visit another cave by foot or canoe
- Transfer to Ko Kudu or Ko Nok, depending on wind and sea conditions for lunch and swimming.
- Return to the resort

Tour includes: Boat transfer, marine park fee, English speaking guide, towels, lunch, fresh fruits, water and soft drinks.

Don't forget to bring swimwear, sun lotion, sunglasses and your camera.

Ao Thalene Mangrove Canoe and Phak Bia Beach

Full day

Combine the best of both worlds. Canoeing through the mangrove forest of Thalene situated between high limestone cliffs, followed by some relaxation time on one of the stunning beaches of the Phang Nga Bay.

Itinerary

- Depart Koyao Island Resort by Thai Traditional Longtail boat
- Arrival at Thalene. Canoe through the mangrove forests and spot some local monkeys; the crab eating Macaque.
- Lunch on board the boat or on a deserted beach.
- Relax, swim, snorkel and enjoy the views of the bay from one of its beaches.
- Return to the resort

Tour includes: Boat transfer, marine park fee, English speaking guide, towels, lunch, fresh fruits, water and soft drinks.

Don't forget to bring swimwear, sun lotion, sunglasses and your camera.

Ko Phi Phi

Full day

Ko Phi Phi National park consists of several small islands of which Phi Phi Don and Phi Phi Ley are the most popular. Phi Phi Don offers some very spectacular beaches and snorkeling sites. Phi Phi Ley's Maya Bay became world famous after the movie 'The Beach' came out in 2000. This white sandy beach and light blue water makes a perfect natural swimming pool.

Ko Phi Phi is located just southeast of the Phang Nga Bay. Transfers to and from Phi Phi take approximately 1,5 hours and this excursions can only be arranged with good weather and calm seas.

Recommended departure time for this trip is 6.00am to enjoy a longer stay in Ko Phi Phi

Itinerary

- Depart Koyao Island Resort by Thai Traditional Long tail boat
- Arrive at Phi Phi Don for snorkeling, swimming, relaxing and some souvenir shopping
- Have a picnic lunch on one of Phi Phi's beaches
- Visit Phi Phi Ley for some more swimming
- Return to the resort

Tour includes: Boat transfer, marine park fee, snorkeling equipment, English speaking guide, towels, lunch, fresh fruits, water and soft drinks.

Don't forget to bring swimwear, sun lotion, sunglasses, your camera and some pocket money.

Ko Kai
(Egg Island)
Full day

This excursion will take you to some of the most spectacular snorkeling spots of this region. Observing the abundant marine life around Egg Island is truly a magical experience and even rare animals such as dolphins can occasionally be spotted here.

Itinerary:

- Depart Koyao Island Resort by Thai Traditional Longtail boat, the trip takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- Arrival at Egg Island which is known for its stunning white sandy beaches and underwater life.
- Visit Egg Island Nai for some more snorkeling or relaxing.
- Have lunch on Koh Nok on the way back to the resort
- Return to the resort

Tour includes: Boat transfer, marine park fee, snorkeling equipment, English speaking guide, towels, lunch, fresh fruits, water and soft drinks.

Don't forget to bring swimwear, sun lotion, sunglasses and your camera.

Recommended departure time for this trip is 6.00am to avoid crowds.

Ko Gai, Ko Poda and Ko Daeng (Chicken Island) Full Day

This excursion is a full day of varied experiences. You will arrive to Chicken Island, jump in the water and start discovering the amazing fish life of the area. After that we will take you to a sandbank from which you will walk to Chicken Island where you will discover some peculiar rock formations. You will then take a short boat ride to Ko Poda to enjoy the nice beach for a packed lunch before some more snorkeling around Ko Daeng (Red Island).

Itinerary

- Depart Koyao Island Resort by Thai Traditional Longtail boat.
- Arrival at Chicken Island for some snorkeling.
- Visit of Chicken Island and its amazing rock formations.
- Short boat trip to have lunch on Ko Poda before snorkeling around Ko Daeng
- Return to the resort

Tour includes: Boat transfer, marine park fee, snorkeling equipment, English speaking guide, towels, lunch, fresh fruits, water and soft drinks.

Don't forget to bring swimwear, sun lotion, sunglasses and your camera.

Recommended departure time for this trip is 6.00am to avoid crowds.

Island Discovery

Full day / Half day

Experience the magic of the Phang Nga Bay and its spectacular lime stone islands by taking a boat trip to these islands and stopping at each beach for swimming, snorkeling and relaxing. You will be visiting the islands that create the great view from our resort.

Recommended departure time: 7.00 am

Itinerary

- Depart Koyao Island Resort by Thai traditional long tail boat
- Stop at Ko Hong to visit the lagoon with its mangrove trees inside the island followed by a visit to the white sandy beaches on the other side for snorkeling and swimming
- Next stop is Ko Phak Bia, a group of small islands with deserted beaches.
- Return to the resort

This excursion is available as a half day (app. 4 hours-) as well as a full day (app. 6 hours) trip.

Tour includes: Boat transfer, marine park fee, English speaking guide, towels, lunch or snack, fresh fruits, water and soft drinks.

Don't forget to bring swimwear, sun lotion, sunglasses and your camera.

Recommended departure time for this trip is between 7 and 8am to avoid crowds.

Krabi Province

Full day

Discover some of the beautiful sights that the Krabi province has to offer.

Wat Tham Sua or Tiger Cave Temple is a unique temple in southern Thailand because it is partly built into a cave. If this isn't special enough for you, climb the temples' 1273 steps to a Buddha image and have a great view of the area. Or walk through a maze of cave chambers. After lunch it is time for some relaxing at the Khlong Thom fresh water pools and hot streams, where you will find some of the clearest water you have ever seen.

Itinerary

- Depart Koyao Island Resort by Thai Traditional Longtail boat
- After arrival on the mainland our taxi driver will take you to Wat Tham Sua or Tiger Cave Temple
- Lunch at local restaurant
- Drive to Khlong Thom fresh water pools and hot streams for swimming and relaxing
- Back to the pier where the 5:00 pm speedboat ferry takes you back to Ko Yao Noi and a tuk tuk back to Koyao Island Resort

Tour includes: boat & taxi transfers, entrance fees, English speaking guide, towels, lunch and soft drinks.

Don't forget to bring swimwear, sun lotion, sunglasses, camera and some pocket money

Big Tree and Ko Kudu

Half Day

This is a visit to the famous Big Tree located at the northernmost tip of Ko Yao Noi. This tree is about 30 meters tall and it takes at least 20 people to create a human circle around it. After this there is time to see some of the smaller beautiful islands nearby and picnic on Ko Kudu.

Itinerary

- Depart Koyao Island Resort by Thai Traditional Longtail boat
- Arrival at a small beach at Northern end of Ko Yao Noi from where it is a short walk through the jungle to the Big Tree
- Visit some of the limestone islands nearby and spot some local wildlife such as birds, monitor lizards or monkeys
- Picnic lunch
- Return to the resort

Tour includes: Boat transfer, marine park fee, English speaking guide, towels, lunch, fresh fruits, water and soft drinks.

Don't forget to bring swimwear, sun lotion, sunglasses and your camera.

Ko Yao Noi Island Tour

Half Day

Discover our beautiful island by Tuk-Tuk from North to South and East to West. You will get a great insight into the way of life on Ko Yao Noi and its people and flora & fauna.

Itinerary

- Depart from Koyao Island Resort by Tuk-Tuk and head out to see the rubber plantations and the way this valuable material is produced from trees.
During your trip you will also see rice fields, coconut and palm oil plantations.
Stop in the island's main village to buy some exotic fruits and vegetables or to do a little souvenir shopping and soak up the relaxed atmosphere
- Return to the resort.

Any departure time for this trip is possible. The length of the trip is approximately 4 hours.

Don't forget to bring swimwear, sun lotion, sunglasses and your camera.

Fishing Phang Nga Bay

Full day

Go fishing in the Phang Nga bay with one of our guides. Catch some local fish and make it your dinner for that evening. Squid, snapper or even barracuda are the fish to be caught here.

Itinerary

- Depart Koyao Island Resort by Thai Traditional Longtail boat.
- Find the best fishing spots in the bay.
- Have lunch on board or on a deserted beach.
- Return the resort and deliver your 'catch of the day' to the kitchen.

Tour includes: Boat transfer, marine park fee, fishing equipment, English speaking guide, towels, lunch, fresh fruits, water and soft drinks.

Don't forget to bring swimwear, sun lotion, sunglasses and your camera.

Availability and schedule differs daily due to weather conditions and tide table.

Private Island Dining

Let us take you to the small island of Ko Nok, about 15 minutes from our resort. Here you can enjoy a romantic sunset and beach walk while we will prepare a private BBQ dinner for you with ingredients according to your wishes.

Where else will you have the chance to enjoy a private dinner on such an exclusive place? We will make this a truly unforgettable experience for you.

Departure from resort around 4pm

Includes: Boat transfers, Fresh Seafood BBQ, water and soft drinks

Should you wish to include other items such as wine, beer or lobster additional charges apply.

Rock Climbing

Full day / Half day

Experience Koh Yao Noi from a bird's eye view! Try something new and enjoy the thrill of rock climbing. Climbers of all abilities are welcome. Koh Yao Noi has over 150 rock climbs for beginners and experts alike. Combine your day of rock climbing with sightseeing, island hopping, or just relaxing on quiet beaches.

Mark started climbing on the mainland in 1995. He came to Koh Yao Noi and started The Mountain Shop with his wife in 2004. He and his climbing partners have developed over 150 rock climbs on Koh Yao Noi and the surrounding islands. Dut is from Tha Khao Village and has been climbing since he was a small boy, collecting birds nest for the local trade. Some of our other climbing guides are locals who excel in the sport, while others have come to Koh Yao specifically for the climbing the island offers.

Most of the climbs are equipped with titanium bolts, the safest form of protection. We continually update all our climbing routes to keep them as safe as possible. We have the safest climbing equipment and also the latest in rescue equipment.

Climbing trips are designed for beginners and experience climbers alike. We offer an introductory course if you have never climbed before, as well as more challenging climbs if you are an experience climber.

Itinerary

- Departure from resort by Tuk-tuk or Boat
- Arrival on Climbing site
- Lunch/snack
- Return to Resort

Includes: All transfers, snack or lunch, water, soft drinks, insurance, climbing equipment, English speaking guide and guaranteed fun

Other Activities

Diving

PHI PHI ISLAND

LOCAL DIVE

SUPER DAY: King Cruiser Wreck and Sharks point

Motorized Water Sports

Water Ski

Wake Board

Other Activities

Sailing

Windsurf

Tennis court

Hobie Cat