

## COCOONS OF CALM

The Thailand properties of Anantara Hotels, Resorts and Spas envelop guests in a serene embrace and extend a warm welcome in rich surroundings

## ANANTARA BOPHUT KOH SAMUI RESORT

Secreted away on the shores of Bophut Bay lies illustrious landscape architect Bill Bensley's much celebrated creation – the Anantara Bophut Koh Samui Resort. On stepping onto the wooden walkway, you are greeted by a calm stillness accentuated by the sight of soothing lotus plants in surrounding stretches of water. After a brief walk around the resort, it's not hard to notice the Thai island's cultural heritage prevalent in every corner.

Enveloping guests in a serene embrace, the minimalistic interiors and soothing palette of colours pamper the senses. The 106 rooms and suites have been created to replicate the

exotic vibe of Koh Samui. With three charming room types and five luxurious suite categories, all offering views of the garden, the sea, and even the Anantara beachfront, getting into Zen mode proves to be an extremely simple task.

Away from the hustle of life and the bustle of monotony, your body and mind will readily embrace the Anantara lifestyle. Indulge in walks on the Koh Samui beach at sunset (or even sunrise, for the early birds), long-drawn-out conversations spread out over a meal at any of the dining options like Full Moon (for contemporary local chargrilled cuisine), High Tide (for an island-style experience) or Eclipse Bar (for delicious cocktails). Whether it's a day



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spent lounging by the pool, or indulging in culinary delights, it's all available here.

Or, choose to unwind at the Anantara Spa. Seamlessly integrated with the natural surroundings, the atmosphere here is created to soothe. With a choice of nourishing and traditional therapies complemented by some calming ginger tea, endless days of pampering are on offer at the Anantara Bophut Koh Samui Resort.

## ANANTARA RASANANDA KOH PHANGAN VILLAS

Luxury has been reinvented at the Anantara Rasananda Koh Phangan Villas. Amidst the tropical haven of KoPha-Ngan in Thailand, this resort boasts 64 private pool suites and villas. Navigating through natural surroundings towards neatly hidden rooms, it's hard to miss the unique landscape surrounding each of them. Only steps away from the soothing turquoise sea, some come with expansive terraces overlooking blooming fauna, and some with a private pool and outdoor showers.

There are several ways one can spend a day in paradise. Whether it's lazing in the sun, on the blissful and secluded Thong Nai Pan Noi beach, with an assortment of fresh cocktails, or spending an adventurous day in the sea, this resort aims to please and cater to your well-being. Whip



up some local delicacies at Spice Spoons – the Anantara cooking class offered exclusively for guests. Alternatively you can head down to one of the restaurants, The Bistro @ The Beach or EDGE20, for a lavish meal to end the day in style. Truly unique and personal is the Dining By Design option – couples can plan a romantic, private dinner with nothing but the cool ocean breeze for company on the beachfront.

While the resort has its own assortment of activities to keep you busy from dusk till dawn, on a whim, it can even cater to your wild side. A 37-foot ocean cruiser makes for the perfect sailing experience en route to the Angthong National Marine Park, where kayaking, mountain climbing, elephant treks and even a Thai boxing show are on offer. After all this excitement, a stroll through KoPha-Ngan's street market, witnessing the colourful local life, is the perfect way to relax. Staying at the Anantara Rasananda Koh Phangan Villas is definitely what it takes to discover the peace within.

## ANANTARA SIAM BANGKOK HOTEL

Discover Bangkok (which translates to 'city of angels') with

a stay at the Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel. Known for its timeless culture, eclectic flavours and pulsating wildlife, it is truly a city that doesn't sleep. In the midst of this energetic hub, the luxury of Anantara is an essential breath of fresh air.

A moment in the grand ornate lobby provides a sneak peek into the elegant, simplistic and classy architecture that awaits you. The ambience is warm and welcoming and the rooms are definitely an extension of this first impression. With a mixture of Thai and contemporary decor, the view from any of the 354 rooms and suites is of the tropical gardens, the gorgeous golf course or the surrounding swanky neighbourhood.

Though the capital has sights and sounds that should not be missed, a stay indoors is also promising. From nourishing massages at the Anantara Spa to diving into the best Sunday brunch in town, there's nothing that isn't appealing here. For those who have come in for business, the Kasara Lounge exclusively hosts corporate travellers and is where pleasure and work are entwined beautifully. Strategically located in the heart of the city, Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel makes for the perfect urban retreat. **()**