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With such beauty and charm, Koh Samui has something that appeals to just about everyone. Every year the island attracts more than 1,5 million people from all over the world that come here to do nothing or everything. So many people could not be wrong! With its beautiful beaches, clear water, great food, fun parties and superb shopping, you could certainly say that this Thai paradise has it all.



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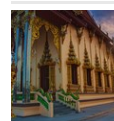
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THE ISLAND



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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.

The island was inhabited centuries ago by fishermen from China. Today the island is a melting pot of people coming here from all four corners of the world. The island appeals just as much to the mega-rich as the backpackers travelling on a budget.

The largest and most popular area is located on the east side of the island and is called Chaweng. Chaweng, the current hub of Koh Samui, is located near the airport and offers beautiful golden sand stretches, bars, restaurants and shops. Nathos 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 the centre of the fishing industry. Two of the other major tourist resorts are Lamai Beach and Bophut Beach.

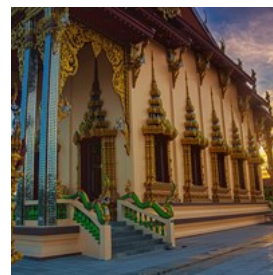
DO & SEE



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On Koh Samui you can choose to do nothing or everything. The whole island is perfect for a relaxing holiday on the beach, full of colourful drinks and sun. For the adventurous ones there is a whole island to explore, full of fun, nature, 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 (Happy Buddha and the eighteen armed Kuan Yin) that will catch your eye. Do not miss the large Golden Buddha inside Wat Plai Laem.

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Address: Road 4171, Koh Samui

Koh Tao



Koh Tao means "Turtle Island" in Thai and was once an important breeding ground for sea turtles. Since 2004 hundreds of juvenile

turtles have been reintroduced to the island's ecosystem thanks to a co-operation between the Royal Navy and local Dive Operators. The island is worldwide famous for its beautiful coral reef and marine life which makes it a perfect place for snorkelling.

Photo: weltreisendertj/Shutterstock.com

Address: Koh Tao

Koh Nangyuan



If you would like to experience paradise, you should take a day trip to Koh Nangyuan which is located only a few hundred meters from Ko

Tao. This amazing island is linked to two other islands by an incredible limb of white sand. This is claimed to be one of the best places for snorkelling in the archipelago of Samui. Koh Nangyuan is truly a spectacular place where you can unwind without disturbing cars and hustle.

Photo: Ozerov Alexander/Shutterstock.com

Address: Koh Nangyuan

Internet: www.nangyuan.com

Coco Splash Waterpark



This waterpark is a great place for a full day of exciting, family fun entertainment. Coco Splash Waterpark is based on Lamai Beach

and is designed for all ages. The park features everything from thrilling high speed slides to a Jacuzzi and "Mini-Splash" area (a safe area designed for the smaller kids).

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Address: Lamai Beach, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 10.30 - 17.30

Phone: +66 81 082 6035

Internet: www.samuiwaterpark.com

Email: cocosplash.samui@gmail.com

Secret Buddha Garden



The Secret Buddha Garden was built in 1976 by a fruit farmer called Nim Thongsuk and it took around fifteen years to finish the garden. This

peaceful place can be found in the hills of Samui Island in the verdant jungle. The garden is decorated with sculptures portraying both humans and deities in various poses. Getting to the garden is quite difficult so booking a tour in advance is highly recommended.

Photo: Andrei Mayatnik/Shutterstock.com

Address: Baan Saket, Koh Samui

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 ever since his body has been on display in a glass case at the temple. Remarkably, the monk's body shows little sign of decay.

Photo: Razvan Orendovici (image cropped)

Address: Wat Khunaram, Koh Samui

Samui Butterfly Garden



This beautiful landscaped garden features many colourful tropical flowers and hundreds of spectacular butterflies.

The place looks like a big open-air garden but it is actually covered with a net, allowing the butterflies to fly freely. For those who like bugs, there is also an insect museum as well as a bee house onsite.

Photo: Andrei Verner/Shutterstock.com

Address: Laem Set Road, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily 08.30 - 17.30

Phone: +66 77 424 020

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

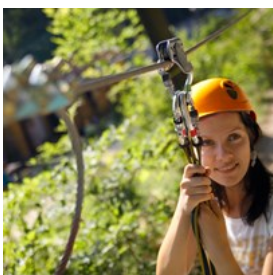
Faan). This golden, twelve-meter seated Buddha statue was built in 1972 and is one of the island's most popular tourist attractions. Since this is a sacred place, one should dress appropriately (cover the shoulders and wear trousers or long shorts).

Photo: donsimon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Route 4171, Koh Samui

More Info: Near the airport

Zip-Lining



If you are seeking an adrenaline-filled ride that you will never forget, then you should try zip-lining! This experience will not only

give you a thrilling moment, but also offers you

astonishing views over the treetops in the beautiful rainforest. Before you start there is a thorough training and you can be certain that the highly trained staff will take care of you from the very first minute.

Photo: fotum/Shutterstock.com

Address: Maenam, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 77 430 811

Internet: www.canopyadventuresthailand.com

Tamarind Springs Forest Spa



If you would like to pamper yourself with a spa treatment there are many spa resorts to choose from. One spa resort is called Tamarind

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

Photo: Phil Date/Shutterstock.com

Address: 205/7 Thong Takian, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 09:00 - 20:00

Phone: +66 77 424 221

Internet: www.tamarindsprings.com

Email: spa@tamarindsprings.com

Thai Cooking Classes



If you would like to learn how to make Thai food, then there is no better way to do it than in Thailand. There are many cooking classes you can

take in Koh Samui where you get the chance to learn the traditional methods of preparation of Thai food. When you are arriving back home why not impress your friends and family with your

new culinary skills?

Pai Cookery Class

South Chaweng Beach

149/1. Moo 3 Soi Thong Kaew, near Bangkok

Samui hospital

+66 86 952 3672

Paicookery@hotmail.com

www.paicookerysamui.com

Samui Institute Of Thai Culinary Arts:

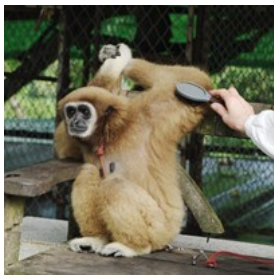
Photo: wandee007/Shutterstock.com

Address: 46/6 Moo 3 Chaweng Beach, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 77 413 172

Internet: www.sitca.net

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. Here you can find various types of birds, miniature rabbits, guinea pigs and a little hedgehog. As the name suggests, this is a farm and not a zoo, where the animals seems 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

Phone: +66 8606 33318

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 them is called 100 Degrees

East who offers boat excursions with snorkelling and diving opportunities. This is a great way to spend some time on the sea and get the chance to see beautiful fishes and coral reefs.

Photo: think4photop/Shutterstock.com

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

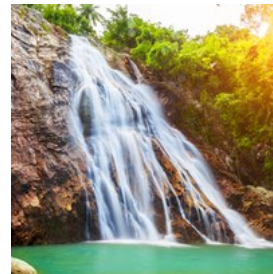
Phone: +66 77 245 936

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

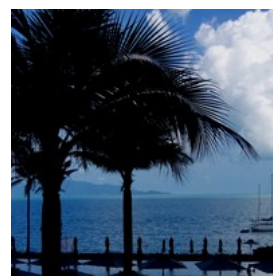
off the main Ring Road Route 4169 about halfway between Nathon and Lamai Beach. These waterfalls are considered to be among the most scenic ones, hence popular places for families to relax and swim. There is also an elephant safari camp nearby if you would like to ride through the jungle on these big animals.

Photo: Ozerov Alexander/Shutterstock.com

Address: Na Muang Waterfalls, Koh Samui

More Info: Na Muang Waterfall is located off Route 4169 south of Koh Samui's inland mountains between Nathon and Hua Thanon.

Bophut's Fisherman's Village



Fisherman's Village is a beachside area, located on the northern coast of Koh Samui, and has a French twist. The area comes alive every Friday

night when the main street is blocked off to vehicle traffic to make space for stalls that sell everything from coconut carved monkeys to

clothes and other souvenirs.

Photo: SMcGarnigle (image cropped)

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 all the white sandy beaches and peacefully swaying palm trees found here, your beach experience will be more than satisfying. All around the island you can enjoy water sports, drinks, food, massages and manicures, everything you need for pampering yourself!

Thong Takian (Silver Beach)



Thong Takian, also called Silver Beach, is a small 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. It offers eateries where you can have cheap drinks or a nice meal.

Photo: Maxim Tupikov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Samui, Koh Samui

Chaweng



Chaweng is Koh Samui's longest beach and very popular among tourists. It has more 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.

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Address: Chaweng Beach, Koh Samui

Lamai



Lamai beach is probably the best beach for swimming all year around. Although Lamai is smaller than Chaweng Beach it offers great accommodations, catering for every budget, as well as a good 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. Here you can find hotels and resorts, catering for every budget, as well as Fisherman Village.

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Address: Maenam & Bophut Beach, Koh Samui

Choeng Mon



Choeng Mon is a beautiful, calm bay situated only a few kilometres north of Chaweng. On this white sandy beach you can

relax and swim in the crystal clear water. When it comes to accommodation, there is a mix of traditional Thai bungalows and some new exclusive hotels and resorts found here.

Photo: jbor/Shutterstock.com

Address: Choeng Mon Beach, Koh Samui

DINING



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Koh Samui is not only a melting pot of people, but also of food. Here you will find just about everything ranging from Thai food and international cuisine to snacks from streets stalls. At Chaweng Beach you can find numerous restaurants. Do not forget to try some of the local food like salted eggs and the tasty fruit rambutan!

Nuch's Green Ta'lay Restaurant

When visiting Nuch's Green Ta'lay Restaurant, one will be able to enjoy Thai food in a nicely decorated venue. The chefs Nuch and Nin offer a genuine taste of Thailand by only using fresh ingredients from the local markets. The signature dish is green curry which is claimed to

be the best one on the island.

Address: 31/4 Moo 5, Thong Krut, Taling Ngam, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 87 887 9956

Internet: www.nuchsgreentalayrestaurant.com

Email: nuch@nuchsgreentalayrestaurant.com

Zenzibar Beach Bar & Restaurant

Zenzibar Beach Bar & Restaurant serves Thai, sea and international cuisine and is ideally located right on Maenam Beach. Here you can have a romantic dinner and watch the stunning sunset while eating mouth-watering dishes.

Address: 18/33 Moo 1, Maenam, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Open daily 11.00 - 01.00

Phone: +66 86 268 8178

Email: zenzibar.samui@gmail.com

La Lanterna

If you are craving Italian food, restaurant La Lanterna might be the perfect place for you! This restaurant serves generous portions with lots of toppings on the pizza, so make sure you come here on an empty stomach. La Lanterna also provides high standard customer service and affordable food.

Address: 82/19 Moo 3 Chaweng Noi, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 862 692 337

Internet: www.lalanternasamui.com

Email: info@lalanternasamui.com

The Boudoir

At The Boudoir you can relish French food in an unusual ambiance with low lights and a colourful interior design that will remind you of the Middle East. The owners of this restaurant are a couple from Montpellier. They have created a friendly and welcoming ambiance and a restaurant with a menu offering dishes like foie gras and escargots.

Address: Soi 1, Mae Nam, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 8 578 310 31

Tree Tops

Claimed to be one of the most romantic and exclusive dining options, Tree Tops has a luxurious setting amongst the tree tops. The chefs carefully select high quality fresh products to create dishes with amazing flavours, which are all well presented on the plate.

Address: 92/1 Moo 2, Bophut, Koh Samui
Phone: +66 77 960 333
Internet: www.lawana-chaweng.anantara.com
Email: lawanasamui@anantara.com
More Info: Located at Anantara Lawana Samui Resort & Spa

Emerald Bar and Restaurant

If you are in the neighbourhood of Fishermans Village you can find Emerald Bar and Restaurant. This place serves great British food and a wide variety of local and imported beers. The staff serves large portions, so chances are you will leave the restaurant fully satisfied.

Address: 61 Fishermans Village, Bophut, Koh Samui
Phone: +66 77 332 476
Internet: www.emerald-irish-bar-apartments-samui.com
Email: info@emerald-irish-bar-apartments-samui.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 atmosphere. The restaurant even has a large swimming pool, ideal for children.

Address: 101/18 Moo 3, Maret, Lamai Beach, Koh Samui
Opening hours: Daily 10.00 - 23.00
Phone: +66 82 534 9325
Email: sbauche81@hotmail.com

Nettuno

The restaurant Nettuno is described as a charming restaurant, with one of the most beautiful sea-views on Koh Samui and it

guarantees quality food. On the menu you will not only find pizza but also other Italian classics like pasta, risotto and gnocchi.

Address: 310/7 Moo 3 Tumbol Angthong, Koh Samui
Phone: +66 77 420 553
Internet: www.nettuno-samui.com
Email: info@nettuno-samui.com

Zazen Restaurant

Zazen Restaurant has a good reputation and is praised as one of the best restaurants on Koh Samui for its superior menu, amazing beachfront location, and dreamily romantic ambiance. At night, this trendy restaurant glows due to the over one hundred candles which create a very cosy setting. The menu offers both European and Thai food.

Address: 177, Moo 1, Tambon Bophut, Koh Samui
Phone: +66 7742 5085
Internet: www.samuizazen.com
Email: info@samuizazen.com

The Shack Bar & Grill

The Shack Bar & Grill opened its doors in 2003 and has built a reputation of being one of the best steak houses on Koh Samui. From the menu you can choose mouth-watering dishes such as barbeque steaks, homemade burgers and seafood.

Address: 88/3 Moo 1, Bophut, Koh Samui
Opening hours: Daily 15.00 - 23.00
Phone: +66 7724 6041
Internet: www.theshackgrillsamui.com
Email: larry622@hotmail.com

Dining On The Rocks

Dining On The Rocks is an award-winning restaurant located at the tip of the headland and offers amazing views. When dining at this restaurant you will be served innovative food created with top quality ingredients, sourced

locally and abroad. To accompany your food you can choose a great wine from the extensive wine list that offers a large selection of wines from some of the world's most respected regions.

Address: 9/10 Moo 5, Baan Plai Laem, Bophut, Koh Samui
Phone: +66 7724 5678
Internet: www.sixsenses.com
More Info: Located at Six Senses Hotels Resorts Spas

Gringos Cantina Mexican Restaurant

If you feel like mouth-watering Tex-Mex food in large portions, you should head over to this Mexican restaurant. Gringos has built up a reputation for its excellent array of traditional Mexican food at affordable prices. Here you can enjoy your food while listening to Latin music.

Address: 166/79 Moo 2 Bophut, Koh Samui
Phone: +66 77 413 267
Internet: www.gringoscantinasamui.com
Email: gringoscantina@gmail.com

CAFES



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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 there will be an abundance of choices. You can easily grab a bite to eat or drink on the beach or from one of the many food stalls.

Pancake Man

Pancake Man, popular among locals and tourists alike, is the place to visit if you have a sweet tooth. Here you can indulge in pancakes with banana, chocolate, nutella and coconut. When visiting this place you must have a look at Mr Pancake Man at work, it is very amusing!

Address: Mae Nam Beach, Koh Samui

Tanya's Cafe

At Tanya's Cafe you can enjoy a good cup of coffee in a comfortable and friendly setting. Here you cannot only find good coffee and tea, but also a great selection of smoothies, fruit juices and sandwiches. This is a great place to visit for breakfast and lunch.

Address: 17/113 Moo 3, Tambon Bophut, Koh Samui
Phone: +66 90 158 3584
Email: ts.art4kid@gmail.com

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.

Address: 30/5 Moo 5, Taling Ngam, Koh Samui
Phone: +66 87 893 9669
Email: organic_coffee@hotmail.com

The Big Buddha Coffee Shop

If you have just been to the Big Buddha statue, why not take a break at this cosy café situated right at the entrance? The Big Buddha Coffee Shop has a chilled out vibe, a warm atmosphere and best of all, it offers amazing sea views.

Address: Big Buddha Temple, Koh Samui
Phone: +66 89 027 3827
Email: TheBigBuddhaCoffeeShop1@hotmail.com

More Info: Located at the entrance of the big buddha temple

Island Café

Ideally located on Lamai Beach Road, Island Café is claimed to be the leading café on Koh Samui. At this coffee shop and cocktail bar you can choose from a wide selection of juices made from fresh fruits, alcoholic and non-alcoholic cocktails. If you are craving something sweet, why not have an ice cream or a cake?

Address: 124/434 Moo 3 Tambon Maret, Lamai Beach Road, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 8003 81418

Internet: www.islandcafe-samui.com

Email: info@islandcafe-samui.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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On Koh Samui you can find some of the best parties in Thailand, Chaweng being the party central. Along the beach road in Chaweng there are many different spots catering to all different tastes. Lamai is a smaller version of Chaweng, also offering numerous bars and discos. You will definitely be spoilt for choice along the main strips wherever you go. Choose between everything from sophisticated restaurants, bars, discos and mud wrestling to the famous Full Moon Party at Kho Phangan!

Samui Rock Bar



Samui Rock Cafe is situated in Chaweng just off the beach road. This is a great all night hangout for rock'n'roll fans and other cool people. Beside playing music from all genres, the place features live music on regular basis. The enormous cocktail list offers some highly original cocktails, many which are named after rock bands and songs.

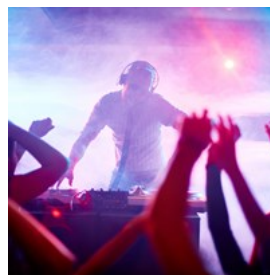
Photo: [Kzenon/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 156/21/22 Hat Chaweng, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 8797 24840

Internet: www.samuirockbar.com

The Green Mango Club



The Green Mango Club is described as a legendary Koh Samui super-club and is ideally located in the centre of Chaweng. This is an all-night entertainment complex which offers cool tunes and a mega-party atmosphere. The club is also famous for its iconic tree house design, a huge open air space including multiple bars and spacious dance floors, reached via wooden bridges passing over the Mango River.

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

Address: 9/34 Chaweng Beach Road, Amphoe, Koh Samui

Internet: www.thegreenmangoclub.com

Email: info@thegreenmangoclub.com

Viking Bar



This Scandinavian style bar is situated in the heart of Chaweng and is the ideal place to relax with friends and listen to music. Viking Bar also provides one of the best priced happy hour drinks on the island. The atmosphere can be described a relaxed and easy going.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 91/6 Moo 2, Soi Green Mango, Chaweng Beach Road, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 81 9565 4823

Internet: www.vikingbar.net

Email: info@vikingbar.net

Q Bar Samui



This is probably the bar with the best view in Koh Samui. On their spacious terrace you can relax under a starlit sky and watch the waves as you sip on a fruity cocktail. While the Q Bar is popular with the locals for their great food offer, you can enjoy a full party programme as the evening progresses. Don't miss this chance to dance the night away!

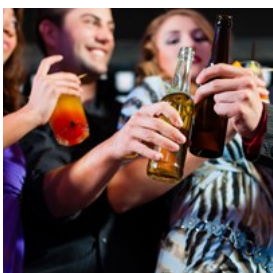
Photo: Pierangela Tammaro/Shutterstock.com

Address: Moo 2, Tambon Bo Phut, Amphoe, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 77 962 420

Email: info@qbarsamui.com

On Street Bar Samui



When in Koh Samui, its best to drop in at a random bar on the lively streets. One of these bars might be this one. On Street Bar offers you

everything you need to kickstart your evening. Grab a beer, meet new people and get ready for some fun!

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12/7 Moo.2 Chaweng Beach, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 87 552 3524

Email: onstreetbarsamui@hotmail.com

K-Club



You can't miss this gay-friendly bar in the top nightlife area Chaweng. Its blinking lights and the colourful decor give away the party atmosphere inside. Drop in and enjoy an exciting evening.

Photo: GWImages/Shutterstock.com

Address: Chaweng Beach Road, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 77 256 171

Internet: www.k-clubsamui.com

Bar Cocktail King



Some of the best cocktails in Koh Samui can be found in the lively King bar. Here you will find a happy party crowd looking for a good time.

Enjoy some snacks with your fruity drink and make some new friends. This is the place to be in Koh Samui.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24/70 Moo 5, choeng mon Beach, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 17:00 - 23:30

Phone: +66 81 893 5426

Email: cocktailking_samui@hotmail.com

Jungle Club



This is not only a beautiful beach resort but also a great bar and restaurant can be found here. Enjoy the panoramic views while enjoying French cuisine and outstanding wine. You won't regret coming here.

Photo: Brian Fagan (image cropped)

Address: Bo Put, Koh Samui

Phone: + 66 81 894 2327

Email: contact@jungleclubsamui.com

SHOPPING



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You can easily find a bargain at Koh Samui! The main areas for shopping are the hub Chaweng, Lamai with its quirky stores and Nathon with some really cheap deals. You will definitely run in to one or two designer copies that are especially popular here. Buying your own tailored suit in Thailand is also very popular, mainly because of the good price but also for the great quality.

Chaweng Walking Street



Chaweng Walking Street offers unlimited possibilities throughout the day until late night. Here you will be immersed by sounds and smells in a light-hearted atmosphere. Along the street you will find numerous food stands, souvenirs and knick-knacks.

Photo: Marcus Andersson (image cropped)

Address: Chaweng Walking Street, Koh Samui

Lamai Night Market



Lamai Night Bazaar is a fun place located in the centre of Lamai and is a small version of the huge one in Bangkok. This is also a great place for buying food and local goods.

Photo: leungchopan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lamai, Koh Samui

Big C Samui



One of the largest shopping malls on Koh Samui is the Big C. It is located on Ring Road right between Chaweng and Bophut. Here you will find supermarkets, accessories, cosmetics, jewellery and much more.

Photo: Sistak (image cropped)

Address: Bo Phu, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 2 252 5757

Internet: www.bigc.co.th

Tesco Lotus



Tesco Lotus can be found on Ring Road between Chaweng and Bophut. This shopping centre is full of shops, restaurants, food as well as a cinema and a bowling alley.

Photo: fizkes/Shutterstock.com

Address: 131/12 Moo 4 T.Maret, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 77 256 605

Internet: www.watsons.co.th

Bo Phut Plaza



Here you can find a number of clothes boutiques, jewelry shops, food stalls as well as street artists or tailors. There is a lot to explore so why not spend an afternoon in the neighborhood including coffee and cake.

Photo: joyfull/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bo Phut Plaza, Koh Samui

Opening hours: 10:00 - 22:00

Oriental Living



Beautiful oriental furniture and home accessories can be found at this store. Get a glimpse on exclusive Asian designs and take home a piece of hand-crafted art. You won't be disappointed by their vast offer.

Photo: FikMik/Shutterstock.com

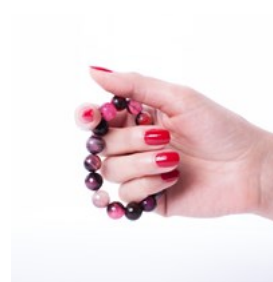
Address: 9/18 moo 1Maenam, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 77 247 675

Internet: www.oriental-living.net

Email: info@oriental-living.net

Bowtiful Jewellery



Drop into this beautiful store for exclusive jewellery and unusual art. Their colourful handbags are a true eye catcher and their earrings are a popular souvenir. If you like jewellery, you will love this store.

Photo: Valentina Todorova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 124/288 Moo 3 t.maret, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 11:00 - 23:00

Phone: +66 89 769 0304

Email: Bowtiful@hotmail.com

Cera' Koh Samui



This gallery gives you an insight into local crafts and arts. Talented artists exhibit their beautiful creations and you can purchase your favourites among them. A must visit for art lovers and collectors.

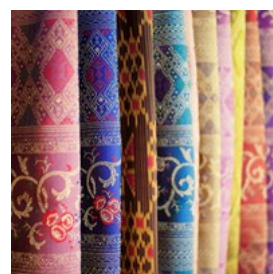
Photo: Sarawut Chamsaeng/Shutterstock.com

Address: 68/25 Moo.5, Maenam, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 77 247 772

Internet: www.cera-thailand.com

The Wharf Samui

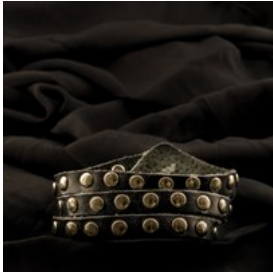


If you're hunting for souvenirs, the wharf is the ideal place for you. The many stalls and markets are the perfect opportunity to find little gifts for friends at home or a treat for yourself. At night, this area is especially lively and makes a great motif for a picture.

Photo: Chonlawut/Shutterstock.com

Address: 62 Moo 1, Bophut, Koh Samui
 Phone: +66 77 425 500
 Internet: www.thewharfsamui.com

Psylo



Exclusive fashion and unusual creations for man and women can be found at this high-class boutique. Discover their alternative looks and take home some of their punk fashion. You'll love it!

Photo: Zeljka/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 167/66 Moo 2 Chaweng beach Road, Ko Samui
 Phone: +66 77 256 157
 Internet: www.psylofashion.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



BenGrantham (image cropped)

Airport



Samui Airport is considered to be one of the most beautiful airports in the world after its thorough makeover.

Between Departures and Arrivals you can find a large shopping centre.

Leaving or arriving Koh Samui, you can choose between private and shared airport transfer. In

the arrivals hall you will find a transportation counter where you can book both transfer and private taxi. A trip with a private taxi to Chaweng will cost you about 500Bath and a private minivan about 800Bath. A shared minivan with a minimum of 5 passengers will cost about 130Bath per person. The prices vary depending on your final destination.

There are several car rental companies located in the arrivals hall.

Photo: Juan Garces
 Address: Samui Airport, Koh Samui
 Phone: +66 77 245 601 / +66 77 425 401
 Internet: www.samuiairportonline.com
 More Info: Prices updated October 2013

Public Transport



On Koh Samui you will get by easily with "Songthaews", motor bike taxis and taxis. The Songthaews are the main means of transportation

on the island and you should expect to pay approximately 30-50Bath. They operate from early morning regularly during the day. The motor bike taxis are about the same price.

A flexible way to discover the island is to rent a motorbike or Jeep. But be careful on the roads, Samui has the highest road accident statistics in Thailand.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



You can also use the metered taxis for getting around the island. Taxis are a bit more expensive than songthaews, but a great way for travelling comfortably. Insist on using the meter.

Samui Taxi:

Internet: www.samuitaxi.com

Email: taxi@samuitaxi.com

Post



You can find the Main Post Office in Nanthon with branches in Chaweng, Lamai and Maenam, all open from 9am-4pm during the weeks. Most post offices can be found on the main roads. Stamps can also be bought in supermarkets and at hotels.

Main Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Chonvithee, Nathon, 22 Moo 3, Tambon Anghthong

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm. Sat-Sun 9am-12pm

Phone: +66 7742 1013

Pharmacy



You can find several pharmacies around the island. In Chaweng there are two Boots pharmacies. There are also numerous pharmacies in Lamai offering pharmaceuticals.

Boots in Chaweng:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Moo 2, Chaweng Choengmon Road, Chaweng

Opening hours: 10am-11pm

Phone: +66 77 413 724

Internet: www.th.boots.com

Telephone



Country code: +66 Area code: 077

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220 V, 50 Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

Approximately 50,000

Currency

Thai Baht (THB) 1 = 100 Satang

Opening hours

Most shops and restaurants on Koh Samui have long opening hours. The shops in Lamai and Chaweng are generally open from 11am-11pm/12am and in Bathon from 10am-6pm. Banking hours are from 8.30am-3.30pm during the weeks.

Newspapers

The Nation

Bangkok Post

Samui Express (Online News)

Emergency numbers

Police, Ambulance: 191

Tourist Police: 1155

Fire Brigade: 199

Tourist information

Tourist Information Center

159 Moo 2, Chaweng Choengmon Road, Chaweng

+66 814 769 630