

Be enveloped by nature at Rayavadee

Krabi

Shroud yourself in lush nature and tropical air at Rayavadee for a secluded, luxurious getaway. Situated at the heart of stunning Phra Nang Peninsula on the edge of Krabi Marine National Park, Rayavadee nestles in tropical gardens and coconut groves against a backdrop of sheer cliffs, lush jungle foliage and the clear waters of the Andaman Sea. Recharge your energy in one of the resort's ample and fully equipped two-storey pavilions and villas and enjoy delicious gourmet cuisine at several venues that offer everything from elegant dining to casual beachside fare.

If you feel adventurous, the resort offers a range of beach activities that include water sports, batik painting, Thai cooking classes, excursions as well as tennis and squash. Or you can explore the nearby Krabi town while out on a stroll. Do not miss the morning market where you can catch a glimpse of authentic local life. Waterfalls, elephant riding and scenic points are within reach. Unwind with a blissful treatment at Rayavadee Spa, which offers an extensive range of therapies drawn from Thai traditional wisdom and a philosophy of well-being.

www.rayavadee.com

Discover solitude with a dash of fun

Ko Lipe

An untamed paradise, Ko Lipe seems far way away but it is the perfect getaway destination if you are looking for solitude with a dash of fun. Located 60 kilometres from the mainland, Ko Lipe (Paper Island) is Thailand's southernmost island. The island is part of the Adang Archipelago, a cluster of around 10 uninhabited islands with Ko Lipe being the exception. This cluster is part of the much larger Tarutao National Marine Park, a nature reserve established in 1974 as Thailand's second national park.

There are only three main beaches and a handful of smaller or private beaches dotted along the main street, which is reserved for pedestrians only from 6pm to midnight during the high season. Small eateries, simple but clean accommodation, jungle-style beach bars and shops are all connected by narrow concrete roads, and it usually takes between 10 and 20 minutes to walk between the beaches.

The island is ideal for chilling and doing nothing, so bring books. If the weather is nice, island hop to a few of the uninhabited, pristine surrounding islets. You can visit this hidden gem all year round, though it will be a little busier during the cool season.

Indulge in a Devarana Spa

Bangkok

Heaven on earth exists at Devarana Spa at Dusit Thani Bangkok. Devarana, Thai-Sanskrit for "garden in heaven", was designed by one of Thailand's renowned writers, Ploy Chariyaves, to excite the senses with floral fragrances and traditional Thai melodies in a soothing, stress-relieving setting. The journey to the spa is almost like ascending to heaven as you go up a few steps where a Thai-style wooden door opens to a minimal but majestic reception area.

With a concept of incorporating floral scents with healing properties, the spa designs its signature treatments using Thai flowers, herbs and plants, most prepared fresh right before treatment. With an emphasis on pampering and wellness, "East meets West" Thai health and beauty practices have been sourced from age-old therapies and updated with modern knowledge to revitalize you.

www.devaranaspa.com



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Photo: Dusit Thani Beach Resort

Phulay Bay, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve

The first Ritz-Carlton Reserve property in Thailand is an elegant, beachfront resort in Krabi. Overlooking the Andaman Sea, surrounded by tropical greenery, the resort is a departure from the ordinary and is designed for travellers seeking exotic and authentic experiences in glorious isolation. It boasts 54 one-bedroom villas with private plunge pools and beautiful ocean views.

www.RitzCarltonReserve.com



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