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Enhance Your Stay in Phuket with Additional Privately Guided Sightseeing

Old Phuket Trails (Private)

This tour takes us on a cultural and scenic exploration of Phuket, otherwise known as the ‘Pearl of the Andaman’. We take in the natural beauty of the island as we drive along scenic beach roads passing through Patong, Karon, Kata and Rawai. Away from Phuket’s famous beaches, we are taken to the lesser-known eastern side of the island where normal life continues and where ancient cultural traditions are kept alive. We complete this island exploration with a visit to Phuket Old Town which is brimming with Sino-Portuguese architecture. Rich cultural heritage and quaint colonial mansions takes us back to yester year when Phuket was in the midst of a tin boom that initially brought its wealth and the finance to build such beautiful buildings. This historic corner of Phuket completes this island adventure nicely as we admire the detail in the design of the surrounding buildings.

Daily 9:00 to 17:00

Hong Island by Starlight (Join-in)

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Daily 11:30 to 21:30.

Early Bird Phi Phi Islands (Join-in)

Koh Phi Phi shot to fame thanks to Leonardo DiCaprio’s film The Beach. Consisting of Phi Phi Don and Phi Phi Ley, these dual spectacular limestone rocky islands are best enjoyed first thing in the morning before the day-tripper crowds arrive. Starting early, we board a speedboat to explore this world-famous destination. We visit Pileh Lagoon which is a spectacular emerald green lagoon surrounded by high limestone cliffs – qualities which have earned it the reputation as one of the world’s most gorgeous natural swimming pools. Koh Phi Phi is home to some of the nicest secluded bays for us to relax, swim or snorkel in the crystal-clear water.

Daily 05:30 to 17:30.

Phi Phi Island by Speed Boat (Private)

Enjoy a taste of paradise on a full-day VIP speedboat tour to some of the most famous islands in South-East Asia — the Phi Phi Islands. Part of a national marine park, these exquisite islands shot to fame with a starring role in the Hollywood film The Beach, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. In the morning, we board the vessel and set off across the shimmering ocean. As we approach, we will see the distinctive jungle-shrouded limestone rock formations rising out of the turquoise sea. We stop for photos at iconic Maya Bay, a shallow cove with a white powdery beach ringed by steep limestone hills. There is time to soak up the sun, followed by snorkelling and swimming at

Pileh Lagoon and Nui Beach where the crystal-clear waters teem with colourful coral reefs and exotic marine life. We can look for monkeys on the aptly named Monkey Beach and relax over a picnic lunch on Loh Lana Bay Beach. At the end of the tour, the boat returns to the pier and we transfer back to the hotel.

Daily 07:30 to 16:30

Early Bird Phang Nga Bay (Join-in)

Wake up with the birds and gain a more exclusive exploration of idyllic Phang Nga Bay. This early bird tour avoids the daytime crowds, providing the seclusion this spectacular location deserves. After boarding a speedboat, we cruise through an amazing seascape of towering limestone karsts scattered across the aqua ocean. We visit the legendary 'James Bond' island which featured in the film *The Man with The Golden Gun*. Our adventure involves kayaking to hidden caves, lagoons and mangrove forests. Next, we visit Koh Panyee, a unique island community suspended on stilts above the sea. The village has a school, a mosque, a health centre and restaurants. Worth seeing is the floating football pitch built from scraps of wood. The home team, Panyee FC, is one of the most successful youth football teams in Southern Thailand. Back on dry land, we embark on a short drive to the Samet Nangsue Viewpoint. This 800-metre-high vantage point offers an exceptional panorama of Phang-Nga Bay's limestone peaks towering over lush mangrove forests. After some relaxation time on a serene, tropical beach, we head back to the pier and transfer to the hotel, concluding this exceptional excursion.

Daily 05:30 to 17:30

Night Food Testing and Culture Walk (Private)

Learn about Phuket's culinary culture with a night tour of Phuket Old Town. The first stop on this food sojourn is Sapan Hin. This recreational park is filled with abundant food carts that sell local delicacies. We start our culinary journey with local specialities such as Thai curried fish custard, grilled chicken, and mixed spicy salad. For the more adventurous there are fried insects too! We take a short stop at the Sapan Hin Chinese shrine named 'Giew Tian Geng', an important Chinese temple. Next, we savour Phuket's ancient dish named O-Tao. This famous hot dish is a fried oyster or seafood dish prepared with eggs, flour, bean sprouts and taro root. We then move onto the sweets with Roti pancake and dessert, before letting our food settle with a short walk sightseeing pretty Phuket Old Town.

Daily 17:00 to 21:00

City and Island Tour (Private)

There is a lot to see of Phuket away from its pretty beaches. This sightseeing tour takes us inland to Phuket Town, home to the small enclave of Phuket Old Town which is brimming with Sino Portuguese architecture. Exploring this part of the island takes us back to yesteryear when Phuket was in the midst of a tin boom that brought its initial affluence and its grand architecture. We then head to Phromthep Cape which has sublime views across the water, making it a popular photography spot. Next, we continue to the island's biggest temple and then stop off at the Gems Gallery, home to an extensive range of precious stones and an interesting aquarium attraction. The magnificent 'Gems Gallery Ride' provides us with an insight into how gemstones are mined.

Daily 08:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 17:00