

**Anantara Bophut Koh Samui  
Press Kit  
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Located on the pristine Bophut beach, Anantara Bophut Koh Samui occupies a verdant site that was once a coconut plantation. The resort's spectacular landscaping with lotus ponds and a spa garden is the work of renowned architect Bill Bensley who also commissioned monkey statues for the resort to honour their role in local culture. Inspired by southern Thai architecture, the resort's 106 elegant guest rooms decorated in warm earthy tones are filled with natural light and provide ample space. With direct access to the native gardens, Junior Garden Suites are ideal for family holidays, while Luxury Beachfront Pool Suites come with plunge pools and allow guests to step directly onto soft golden sands. Restaurants at Anantara Bophut celebrate some of the world's best culinary traditions. At Guilty, guests can indulge in South American cuisine. Thin Thai offers a modern twist on traditional Thai dishes, while TĀN Beach Lounge invites sunseekers to enjoy international favourites and tropical cocktails against a stunning backdrop. For special occasions, Anantara's signature Designer Dining experience offers an unforgettable private chef and butler-attended meal. In true island style, days at Anantara Bophut are spent dipping in and out of an infinity pool, stand-up paddling or strolling the beach at sunset. Baan Ling Noi kids' club offers a range of fun activities, while parents can unwind at the award-winning Anantara Spa where a sprawling walled garden accommodates a beauty salon, herbal steam room and six treatment suites with alfresco showers and terrazzo bathtubs.

## Topline Facts

- **Management:** Minor International PLC
  - **Ownership:** Samui Resort & Spa Limited
  - **General Manager:** Thomas Boehringer
  - **Resort architects:** PIA Interior Company Ltd (original) Abacus (2024 refurbishment)
  - **Landscape and spa designer:** Bill Bensley
  - **Built:** 1992 (one of the first hotels on the island of Koh Samui after the airport in 1982)
  - **Opened as Anantara:** 2004 (the third Anantara after Hua Hin and Golden Triangle)
  - **Room inventory:** 106 elegant rooms, suites and beachfront pool suites.
  - **Size:** The resort spans an area of 13 rai or 21,500 sqm
  - **Starting rate:** From \$200 per night including breakfast, kids' club and daily activities including yoga, Pilates, SUP, and sea kayaks.
  - **Website:** [www.anantara.com/en/bophut-koh-samui](http://www.anantara.com/en/bophut-koh-samui)
  - **Instagram:** @anantarabophut
  - **Facebook:** @AnantaraBophutResort
  - **PR imagery:** [www.themhzone.com](http://www.themhzone.com)
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## Location

The resort is located on Koh Samui, Thailand's second largest island, and is situated in the Gulf of Thailand. With a short history for tourism, only in the 1970s the island received more infrastructure with roads being built. Before that, the island was self-sufficient and almost not accessible from the mainland. In 1989 Samui airport received its first passengers, leading a big change for the industry on the island.

The northeast of Koh Samui has become one of the island's hot spots in recent years. Home to a vibrant night market (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday) and a picture-perfect Fisherman's Village, this historical part of Bophut was once a bustling community of hardworking fishermen, trading their best catch of the day. Today, the fishermen and the central pier may have moved on, but the spirit of this old village lives on through its streets lined with wooden shophouses, quaint buildings, and the thriving market. The two-mile stretch of Bophut Beach is perfect for holidaymakers in search of tranquillity infused



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with a touch of vibrant local culture. Known for its mesmerising views over the glistening waters of the island of Koh Phangan, one could argue that sunrises here are among the most spectacular found in Koh Samui.

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### **Getting Here**

Samui International Airport is a 15-minute drive from the resort. Daily domestic and international flights land from Bangkok, Phuket, Chiang Mai, and throughout Asia. On the mainland, Surat Thani Airport provides mainly domestic transfers with a handful of international charters. From there, a 60-minute bus transfer brings you to the port for the 90-minute ferry ride to Koh Samui's Nathon Pier.

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## Resort Features

- **Rooms:** 106 Rooms, including 60 Rooms, 40 Suites and 6 Luxury Beachfront Suites
  - **Restaurants and bars:** 3, including Guilty, Thin Thai and Tan Beach Lounge
  - **Beachfront:** 3kms
  - **Swimming pools:** 9 property-wide (including private pools)
    - 30 metre infinity pool
    - 6 Garden Pool Suites
    - 2 Luxury Beach Front Pool Suites
  - **Baan Ling Noi Kid's Club**
  - **Babysitting service**
  - **Games zone:** Table tennis, foosball, darts and movies
  - **Spa:** 3,000 sqm award-winning spa and wellness facility, including 6 standalone treatment suites and a beauty salon
  - **Fitness Centre**
  - **Tennis Court**
  - **Watersports:** Stand-up paddleboarding and sea kayaks
  - **Meeting and event spaces:**
    - 4 ballroom and meeting rooms
    - 4 unique and luxury wedding locations
  - **Parking and valet**
  - **24-hour Reception**
  - **24-hour Concierge**
  - **24-hour In-Room Dining**
  - **Hospitality Room**
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## Iconic USP's

1. **The resort's central garden features a spectacular array of giant Victoria Amazonica water lilies.** Each can reach up to 3 meters in diameter and can support the weight of a man.
2. **At the heart of the resort lies a 3,000 sqm lush garden spa.** Featuring 6 standalone treatment suites and a transformative wellness programme featuring unique experiences such as Cannabis Healing Therapies and Moringa Renewal.
3. **The resort features 20 monkey statues.** From figurines to large statues, each pays homage to the resort's positioning on a well-established coconut plantation.
4. **Guests can walk to one of Ko Samui's original Fisherman's Villages.** Located just 5 minutes away, this is an emblematic place that offers visitors an overview of the traditional life of the inhabitants.
5. **An array of complimentary experiences and activities are on offer.** Including garden yoga to Thai boxing for children, meditation, mat Pilates, as well as SUP paddleboards and sea kayaks.
6. **Every guest is welcomed with a Gong Ringing Welcome Ritual.** Upon arrival, guests are invited to ring the gong to signify their arrival at the property. Historically, the gong was often used to adorn the living rooms of wealthy families, symbolising hospitality towards visitors. The gong is

one of the ancient Thai musical instruments used in the past to indicate the time of day, with its sound, transcribed as "Mong," traditionally marking the hours between 6 AM and 6 PM.

7. **Don't miss the hand-painted mural at the front desk.** Created by local artisans using golden leaves, this mural celebrates the traditional Southern Thai shadow leather puppetry, known as Nang Talung. This art form, rooted in Southern Thai culture, features performances with puppets, a narrator, an actor, and a musician, all animated behind a white screen. Historically, Nang Talung was performed during auspicious ceremonies and festivals.
8. **There is an excellent array of kid's activities every day.** Most notably, The Samui Way of Life which teaches children about diversity and acceptance, immersing young guests into local culture and introducing them to Koh Samui's simple and serene way of life. The schedule includes guided meditation, followed by a palm leaf fish treasure hunt on the beach, before paying respect to mother nature at the local spirit house.

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### Top 5 Tips For An Unforgettable Stay

1. **Download the Minor Hotels app.** This invites guests to tailor their stay in advance or from the comfort of their room, including seamlessly making reservations, arranging a last-minute laundry pick-up or even order a turndown at the click of a button.
2. **Visit on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Sunday.** No visit to Bophut is complete without a trip to the bustling Fisherman's Village night market. This historical part of Bophut was once a vibrant community of hardworking fishermen, trading their best catch of the day. Today, the fishermen and the central pier may have moved on, but the spirit of this old village lives on through its streets lined with wooden shophouses, quaint buildings, and a thriving market.
3. **Be sure to sample the Gem of Samui welcome drink.** One of the most famous herbal drinks in Thailand and in particular in Samui, the ingredients consist of coconut syrup and roselle juice, which significantly improves immunity and fosters general wellbeing.
4. **Take part in management cocktails.** Every week, all guests are invited to enjoy the management team for cocktails beside the water lily pond. There, they can enjoy a unique end of day ritual beginning with the with the rhythmic beat of the "Sabatchai Drum", while flames are lit from torches at the lotus pond. A tranquil scene bringing a peaceful end to the day.
5. **Grab a beach bean bag at CoCo Tam's.** Located on Bophut Beach near Fisherman's Village, this Instagrammable spot hosts a world-class fire show every evening at 7:30pm and 9:00pm.



## Most Instagrammable Moments

1. Take a snap amidst the resort's giant **Victoria Amazonica water lilies**, which reach up to 3m in size.
  2. Reconnect with your inner peace in a lush flower bath at **Anantara Spa**, where every petal paves the way to perfect calm.
  3. From above **our pool** is a canvas, painting Koh Samui's storied waters in mosaics of blue and green. Float in the heart of our island's lore.
  4. Slip into the soothing embrace of our azure **beachfront pool suite**, where the ocean's symphony serenades you. An idyllic setting for introspection or blissful repose.
  5. Step into a world of calm and serenity, **amidst lush greenery**, towering coconut palms, and a blooming lotus pond, find your oasis of peace.
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## What's In A Name?

- Derived from the Sanskrit word meaning “without end”, the word “Anantara” embraces the excitement of discovery and the vibrant energy of new horizons.
  - The word Bophut translated from Thai means “Bo”- natural water pond, and “Phut”- to emerge. This signifies that Bophut is a rare source of fresh water, which is characterised by the lotus pond as a centrepiece in the resort.
  - In Hainanese Chinese, 椰林島 Samui means 'first island', 'barrier', or 'gate', or literally 'beautiful beach'. As it was their first port of call in Thailand, it became its name and evolved to สมุย. Some people believe that the word "samui" derives from the Malay word saboeu, or 'safe haven'
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## Architecture and Design

Due to its location amidst a well-established coconut plantation, Anantara Bophut is designed to showcase the symbiosis between human, nature and animal, based on a magical local fairytale between Gla and Ai-Jow. Deriving from a local anecdote about a man who used to work the plantation called Gla, one day Gla came upon a baby monkey who fell from a tree and hurt his leg, Gla named him Ai-Jow which means beloved friend in Thai. Gla and Ai-Jow struck up a special friendship and the two became inseparable, sharing a profound bond that transcended species and language.

Bill Bensley, the Bangkok-based, Harvard-educated architect and landscape designer, drew on the importance of monkeys in local customs when designing the resort's gardens, which are dotted with serene lilyponds. The spa, which he nestled within a well-established coconut plantation, is also where monkeys used to help pluck coconuts. The celebrated architect also placed monkey statues throughout the resort, each one representing a different aspect of Gla and Ai-Jow's relationship and honouring the role monkeys play in local culture. At the entrance to the resort, monkey statues depict the story of Mahachat and Kham Chan, a beloved Thai folk tale featuring two powerful and wise monkey kings who successfully resolve their conflict through communication and forgiveness. By the pool, five playful monkeys represent the harmonious living between monkeys and humans on the island and the young playful monkeys beside the kid's club reflect the free and inquisitive nature of children.

The interior design of Anantara Bophut Resort is by one of the leading interior design companies in Thailand, PIA Interior Company Ltd. Traditional southern Thai architecture was inspired by the surrounding ocean and the natural landscaping in the resort, with features including airy roofs, rich 'Batik' fabrics and dove cages. All suites also feature Jim Thompson silk adorned headboards; in homage to the American businessman who helped revitalise the Thai silk industry in the 1950s and 1960s.

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## Sustainability Credentials

- **Organic waste.** The resort's in-house mulch machine shreds organic waste from gardens and creates its own compost, which is used as fertiliser.
- **Landfill waste.** The kitchen team work with local farmers to turn resort food waste into pig feed, resulting in less landfill and supports the local community.
- **Cleaning.** The resort organises a bi-weekly beach cleaning activity which team members and guests are invited to participate in.
- **Blue Crabs.** The Activity, "Free the Crab with Samui Crab Bank," is a call to action for everyone to participate in this important initiative. Through this regular activity, the resort releases young crabs back into the sea, contributing to the restoration and sustainability of the crab population.
- **Mangroves.** Koh Samui is home to two mangrove forests spanning over four hundred rai. However, many trees in these areas are standing and dying due to natural causes. Recognising the importance of sustaining our marine population, the resort supports their restoration through the "Mangrove Forest Restoration" activity.

- **Bophut School.** At Ban Bophut School, the resort is dedicated to providing students with valuable life skills and knowledge. Activity focuses on two key areas: English language education and waste management, with classes being conducted regularly.
  - **Bophut garden.** The Bophut Garden project is currently in process and will strive to support a farm-to-table experience, cultivating edible flowering plants, seasonal fruit trees, and local vegetation in compost soil, all while maintaining a toxin-free environment that will protect local wildlife and serve as a sanctuary for travellers.
  - **Dollars for Deeds.** Anantara's Dollars for Deeds programme gives guests the option to donate one dollar (THB 30) per night of their stay, with Anantara matching each guest's contribution. The funds raised are donated to three worthwhile foundations: the Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation (GTAEF) in Chiang Rai, the Mai Khao Turtle Foundation in Phuket and the Princess Sirindhorn Craniofacial Centre at Chulalongkorn Hospital in Bangkok.
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## **Stays: Rooms, Suites and Luxury Beachfront Suites**

### **Premier and Deluxe Rooms**

**Premier and Deluxe Rooms** start from \$250 per night, including breakfast, kids' club and daily activities including yoga, Pilates, stand up paddleboarding and sea kayaks.

  
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**Premier Garden View Room**

Premier rooms are located on the top floor of the resort, lending bird's-eye views through lush palms. Guest can spend sunny days out on the balcony, nestled on a sofa for two.

- 32 sqm
- Maximum 2 adults
- *Highlights include a garden view, rain shower, private balcony with suspended daybed, 50" flat screen TV, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine and mini bar.*



**Deluxe Garden View Room**

Designed for small families, deluxe rooms offer extra space, with the option of an additional single bed. Guests can take in garden views from their unique balcony seat perched amidst the treetops.

- 36 sqm
- Maximum 2 adults & 1 child
- *Highlights include a garden view, rain shower, private balcony with suspended daybed, 50" flat screen TV, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine and mini bar.*

  
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### Deluxe Sea View Room

Offering guests the opportunity to wake up to sea views and sea breezes, this high-floor room is perfect for small families looking for a room with a view.

- 36 sqm
- Maximum 2 adults & 1 child
- *Highlights include ocean views, rain shower, private balcony with suspended daybed, 50" flat screen TV, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine and mini bar.*



### **Suites**

**Suites** start from \$350 per night, including breakfast, kids' club and daily activities including yoga, Pilates, stand up paddleboarding and sea kayaks.

### Junior Garden Suite

Junior Garden Suites are set in lush grounds, with a private terrace in front for outdoor dining. Indoors, a spacious bathroom with standalone tub invites long soaks with a glass of wine from the wine fridge.

- 44 sqm
- Maximum 3 adults and 1 child

- *Highlights include a garden view, Terrazzo soaking tub with separate rain shower, private terrace with outdoor dining, 55" flat screen TV, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine, mini bar and wine fridge.*

### **Garden View Suite & Sea View Suite**

Garden and Sea View Suites feature spacious open plan living, with a lounge facing onto a private balcony or terrace. Guests can soak in a terrazzo tub for two, opening the bathroom partition to take in the view.

- 64 sqm
- Maximum 3 adults and 1 child
- *Highlights include a garden view, Terrazzo soaking tub with separate rain shower, private terrace/balcony with outdoor dining, 55" flat screen TV, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine, mini bar and wine fridge.*

### **Garden Pool Suite**

Dotted with pockets of private space for relaxation and calm, garden pool suites come with a private pool of 14 sqm and shaded sundeck nestled in the landscaped gardens. The suite's open-plan space that opens onto a terrace is designed for tropical indoor-outdoor living, while Nespresso machine and built-in bar with wine fridge provide additional residential touches.

- 64 sqm
- Maximum 3 adults and 1 child
- *Highlights include a garden view with direct access, landscaped garden, private terrace and shaded sundeck with seating, private 14 sqm plunge pool, Terrazzo soaking tub with separate rain shower, 55" flat screen with Apple TV, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine, mini bar and wine fridge.*

## **Luxury Beachfront Suites**

**Luxury Beachfront Suites** start from 4350 per night, including breakfast, kids' club and daily activities including yoga, Pilates, stand up paddleboarding and sea kayaks.

### **Luxury Beach Front View Suite**

Luxury Beach Front View Suites enjoy a prime frontal location with 180° sea views. Guests can wake up to the view from a four-poster bed and spend sunny days out on the wrap-around balcony.

- 80 sqm
- Maximum 3 adults and 1 child
- *Highlights include 180-degree beach front views, Terrazzo soaking tub with separate rain shower, 55" flat screen with Apple TV, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine, mini bar and wine fridge.*

### **Luxury Beach Front Pool Suite**

Entering through a private archway, this luxury beach front pool suite awaits. Guests can spend sunny days on the breezy beachfront dipping in and out of their private suite plunge pool or on the daybed overlooking the ocean.

- 80 sqm
- Maximum 3 adults and 1 child

- *Highlights include a landscaped garden overlooking the ocean, private terrace and shaded sundeck with seating, private 14 sqm plunge pool, dining sala, Terrazzo soaking tub with separate rain shower, 55" flat screen with Apple TV, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine, mini bar and wine fridge.*

### **Two Bedroom Pool Suite**

This light-filled, uplifting space is the resort's jewel and most spacious accommodation. Designed for families and groups of friends seeking added privacy and space, the Two Bedroom Pool Suite comprises a master bedroom with a lounge area and built-in bar and a second bedroom boasting its own ensuite and outdoor living.

- 114 sqm
- Maximum 6 adults and 1 child
- *Highlights include a landscaped garden overlooking the ocean, private terrace and shaded sundeck with seating, private 14 sqm plunge pool, dining sala, Terrazzo soaking tub with separate rain shower, 55" flat screen with Apple TV, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine, mini bar and wine fridge.*



### **Spa and Wellness**

Located within a 3,000 square metre paradise of tranquil water gardens, and towering palatial walls, guests can choose from one of six glass-walled treatment pavilions with a tropical courtyard garden for al fresco soaks in the bathtub for two and revitalising rain showers. The menu comprises an array of exotic Thai rituals, ancient therapies from across Asia and western spa wisdom.

- Designed by award-winning architect Bill Bensley
- Over 3,000 sqm of natural tranquillity, lotus ponds and garden
- Six standalone garden treatment suites
- Private al fresco tubs and rain showers
- Spa journeys for couples and children
- Award-winning Elemis products
- Locally sourced Moringa products from Hua Hin

- Beauty salon
- Meditation/yoga sala
- 10am-10pm

### **Signature experiences**

#### **Anantara Bophut Coconut Dream (105 minutes)**

*From \$180 per person*

Guests can experience holistic balance through a fascinating ancient Thai treatment, inspired by tropical island wellness. To begin, reflex points on the feet are stimulated by standing on a coconut shell, followed by rhythmic tapping using a coconut stick - bringing overall wellbeing to corresponding organs in the upper body.

#### **Chi Nei Tsang' energy healing massage (90 minutes)**

*From \$120 per person*

Chi Nei Tsang is a healing massage that combines Chinese, Thai and meditation techniques to work on the internal organs and energy in the abdominal area. Created by legendary healing master Mantak Chia, the founder of Tao Garden in Chiang Mai, this healing modality aims to clear energy blockages, improve blood and energy flow, and enhance emotional balance to help you heal.

#### **Cannabis Stress-Release Journey (90 minutes)**

*From \$130 per person*

Guests can soak in a foot bath filled with cannabis salts and feel stress melt away. An oil massage follows, scented with a choice of cannabis-lavender or cannabis rice milk to relax from within and beautify from without as skin is restored and renewed.

#### **Moringa Restoring**

*From \$130 per person*

Moringa, also known as the "miracle tree" or "tree of life," is a plant that has been making vibrations for its outstanding nutritional content and health and beauty benefits. Using locally sourced Moringa products from Hua Hin, this treatment is holistic for body, mind and soul.



## Food & Beverage

### Guilty

#### South American

*Lunch: 12.00 noon – 5.00 pm/Dinner: 5.00 – 10.00 pm*

Guilty offers a captivating culinary journey through South American cuisine with a creative Nikkei twist. Designed as an immersive experience, several dishes and drinks are prepared table side to evoke a multi-sensory delight with a personalised touch.

#### Must try dishes:

- Holy Guacamole (prepared tableside)
- Hamachi ceviche with aji limo dressing,
- BBQ gambas
- Tataki De Atun Rojo
- El Dorado Chocolate Sphere
- The Matzatli (a twist on a Pineapple Margarita)

### TĀN Beach Lounge

#### Beach and Pool Lounge (Mediterranean Asian)

*Daily 10.00 am - 11.00 pm*

The resort's pool lounge and bar provide pool bites and traditional classics throughout the day. It's the perfect spot to enjoy some sun, while watching over Bophut Bay and indulging in culinary delights. The menu is host to traditional western pool classics, as well as authentic Thai crowd pleasers.

#### Must try cocktails:

- Samui Island Iced Tea
- Bee Breeze
- Peach on the Beach

### Thin Tai

#### The Essence of Modern Thai Cuisine

*Daily Breakfast: 6.30 am - 10.30 am / A la Carte Dinner: 6.00 pm - 10.00 pm*

The resort's all-day dining restaurant is situated close to the lobby, overlooking the Bill Bensley-designed gardens and immersing guests in the local environment. The setting invites guests to indulge in local authentic and immersive dishes as the menu is crafted around modern Thai cuisine with a strong focus on locally sourced products and sustainability.

Thin Thai also hosts weekly themed dinners, including Taste of Siam, Ribs, Rum and Reggae and Ocean Breeze BBQ.

#### Must try dishes:

- Koi Tuna (a Thai style tuna tartare with kaffir lime)
- Gaeng Massaman Kae
- Khao Soi
- Cha Thai Mao (a twist on a classic Thai tea)



### **Cocoon Dinner**

#### **Romance in an extraordinary setting**

*Starting from \$100 per person*

The Romantic Cocoon Dinner is part of Anantara's signature Designer Dining concept, which invites guests to create their own bespoke dining experience in a variety of unique locations and settings. This multisensory culinary journey is designed to the guest's exact requirements, with a personal chef and butler catering to their every whim. Set menu options include Mediterranean Allure, Ocean's Treasure and authentic Southern Thai Kanthok Style dinner, all prepared with fresh and local ingredients, while the ambience can be further enhanced by adding flickering candles, live music, fire show, or themed decoration.

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### **Signature In-Resort Experiences**

#### **Spice Spoons cooking class**

*From 12:00 pm daily (A 24-hour advance booking is required)*

*Starting from \$86 per person, including recipe cards, apron and certificate*

Starting with a visit to the local Nathon Fresh Market, keen culinary enthusiasts explore stalls filled with fresh produce, aromatic herbs, and spices essential to Thai cooking. Guides explain the ingredients unique

to Thai cuisine and assist in selecting items based on personal preferences. Guests are encouraged to negotiate prices and immerse themselves in the local habits, while learning the Thai names of the most popular ingredients. The market visit is followed by a hands-on cooking experience, under the guidance of experienced local chefs, where they learn to prepare authentic Thai dishes such as Pad Thai, Tom Yum Goong (spicy shrimp soup), Green Curry, and Som Tum (papaya salad), all depending on their selection of dishes.

**Insiders & Artisans:** Culinary artist, Chef Tung

*Price on application*

Join a half-day culinary journey as Chef Tung shares the rich history and kitchen secrets of the region. Dressed in a traditional Thai sarong, you'll accompany him to a local market in search of the perfect coconuts. Back at the resort, you'll learn to make fresh coconut milk using a traditional grater, affectionately called a 'rabbit' for its bunny-like shape. Then, guided by Chef Tung, you'll prepare a trio of signature local dishes using your freshly made coconut milk: Blue Crab Bisque from Samui, Thai Picanha Yangteen, and Bua Loi. After all your hard work, indulge in your creations while receiving insider tips on must-visit spots and culinary gems around Koh Samui. The experience concludes with thoughtful giveaways and a keepsake photo in a personalised frame—making it a memory to savor long after the last bite.

**Insiders & Artisans:** Installation artist, Jazz

*Price on application*

Graduated in Fine Arts from Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna, Jazz is one of the longest standing employees of the resort, having joined Anantara Bophut in 2004. He began his artisan's journey from creating festive backdrops and over the years, his artistic skills have helped him to become the resort specialist for all kind of art installations. Guests are invited to join Jazz on one of three courses; Create a monkey out of a coconut, experience kala painting and design their own handbags in a batik style.

**Muay Thai kickboxing**

*From 9-9:30am every Tuesday and 7:30-8:15am every Saturday*

*Complimentary for in house guests (private sessions start from \$60 per person)*

Guests are invited to immerse themselves in the world of Muay Thai boxing with a session led by an expert local instructor in the lush gardens of the resort

**Yoga at the Lotus Pond**

*From 9-9:30am every Monday*

*Complimentary for in house guests (private sessions start from \$60 per person)*

Guests can take a Hatha Yoga class and restore their inner harmony in the lush surroundings of the resort's Lotus Pond.

**Meditation in the Spa Garden**

*From 9-9:30am every Wednesday*

*Complimentary for in house guests (private sessions start from \$60 per person)*

Guests can take a deep breath and restore their inner harmony in the lush surroundings of the resort's Lotus Pond.

### **Watersports**

*From 8:00 am to 5:00 pm daily*

*Complimentary for in-house guests*

Guests are invited to head out to sea on a stand up paddleboard or sea kayak to discover the sparkling waters of Bophut beach.

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### **Signature Cultural Experiences**

#### **Sunset Serenity**

*From 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm daily*

*Starting from \$300 for 1-4 persons including 4 hours in a private long-tail boat, private transportation to and from the jetty, English speaking guide, snorkelling gear, traditional bamboo fishing rods, soft drinks, and insurance.*

Founded by fishermen, Samui owes its good fortune to the sea. Guests can join local anglers for a fishing expedition in a traditional long-tail boat equipped with modern conveniences, followed by a private island picnic and sunset drinks on the deck – a memorable way to experience the island’s rich maritime heritage.

- **Fishing adventure:** Guests will set sail towards a secluded fishing spot to experience the thrill of catching their own barracuda or pomfret, using techniques passed down through generations.
- **Secret island picnic:** On a hidden beach, the Anantara team prepare a customised picnic to enjoy amidst the sea breeze and tranquillity of your surroundings.
- **Sunset at Taling Ngam Bay:** As the day draws to a close, adventurers can raise a glass of sparkling wine to the breathtaking sunset over the very spot celebrated in the New York Times’ travel book “1,000 Places to See Before You Die” – the perfect finale to a day of adventure and relaxation.

#### **Fisherman’s Village Night Market**

*Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday: From 6:00pm*

*5-minute walk*

Each evening, roads are closed to make way for locals and tourists alike to roam the Fisherman’s Village Night Market, one of the most popular attractions close to Anantara Bophut and only a 5-minute foot walk away. It is an opportunity to explore rustic shopping stalls selling goods of every kind – souvenirs, Thai handicrafts, clothes, bags, shoes, street food – you name it, this maze of shopping stalls has it all.

### **Chaweng Town**

*Daily*

*10-minute drive*

Chaweng is Koh Samui's busiest and biggest town, which has sprung up around one of the island's finest beaches. Famous for its nightlife, it offers a great variety of shopping and culinary journeys, just a 10-minute drive away from the resort.

### **Samui Elephant Jungle Sanctuary**

*Daily: 9am-5pm*

*10-minute drive*

Elephant Jungle Sanctuary (EJS) is an award-winning ethical and sustainable eco-tourism project based in Thailand. Founded in July 2014, it began as a joint initiative between members of the Karen hill-tribes and Chiang Mai locals who were concerned about the welfare of elephants in Thailand.

### **Ang Thong National Marine Park**

*Daily*

*45-minute speedboat*

With its lime rock formations, only a 45-minute speed boat ride away from Bophut, this national park is breathtaking and invites for swimming and snorkeling in crystal clear waters, as well as hikes for the most spectacular views. Little ones can enjoy the crystal clearwater, while adults indulge in the relaxing surroundings.

### **Tarnim Magic Garden**

*Daily: 9am-5pm*

*45-minute drive*

This hidden away gem high in the hills of Koh Samui offers majestic views and an unusual collection of statues amid lush jungle surrounds. The gardens are a creation of an old Samui fruit farmer, Nim Thongsuk, who in 1976 began erecting several statues and temples around his family's verdant land.

### **Big Buddha Temple**

*Daily: 8am-6pm*

*10-minute drive*

The Big Buddha Temple sits on a small rocky island off Koh Samui's northeastern corner. Known locally as Wat Phra Yai, its golden, 12-metre-tall seated Buddha statue is one of the island's most popular attractions. Set on Koh Faan, the temple is reached by a causeway that connects it to the main island. The Big Buddha, which can be seen at a distance of several kilometers, is often the first landmark people see when arriving in Koh Samui by air.

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## For Families

Anantara Bophut Koh Samui is bursting with family-friendly appeal – from the Two-bedroom Family Suites to an expansive Kids’ Club, there is a daily schedule of exciting activities on the beach and the gardens, a dedicated team to keep them engaged and entertained as well as a unique kids’ menu to cater to the younger ones at our restaurants. Family-friendly activities await on the beach, where little ones are welcomed with fun, adventures and discoveries. From movies and toys in the dedicated Kids’ Club, to educational activities and treasure hunt, the magic never ends.

### **Baan Ling Noi Kids’ Club**

*09:00 to 18:00 daily*

*Ages 4-12 years (under 4 are permitted when accompanied by an adult)*

*Complimentary for in-house guests (some activities are chargeable at \$9 per child)*

Signature activities include:

- Creating a Samui memory jar
- Coconut leaf weaving
- Thai boxing classes
- Nature scavenger hunt
- Zoo yoga
- Fish feeding

### **The Samui Way of Life**

*Every Wednesday 4pm-5pm*

*From \$15 per child, including mini fisherman trousers*

This fun filled activity teaches children about diversity and acceptance, immersing young guests into local culture and introducing them to Koh Samui’s simple and serene way of life. The schedule includes guided meditation, followed by a palm leaf fish treasure hunt on the beach, before paying respect to mother nature at the local spirit house.

### **Treasure Hunt**

*09:00 to 18:00 daily*

*Complimentary for in-house guests*

Little ones are presented with a treasure map on arrival, inviting them to explore the resort and find eight locations revealed by clues. For those that complete the challenge, a golden key unlocks a treasure chest located in the lobby, where special rewards await.

**Babysitting service**

*From \$10 per hour for 1-2 children*

Adults can enjoy some me time, knowing their children are in safe hands. We offer professional nanny services by accredited, first-aid trained childcare experts.

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**Weddings**

Encircled by the natural beauty of Koh Samui, couples can say those magical words in a place of flawless hospitality where discrete privacy meets elegant design.

**Beachfront:** Up to 150 guests

**Grand Ballroom:** Up to 100 guests

**Lotus Pond Garden:** Up to 150 guests

**Spa Garden:** Up to 80 guests

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## **Guests With Disabilities**

Guests with disabilities are welcome. Ramps can be provided for wheelchair users.