



## Anantara Rasananda Koh Phangan Villas Press Kit 2025



Tucked discreetly amidst the towering coconut palms of picturesque Koh Phangan, lies a unique tropical haven, Anantara Rasananda Koh Phangan Villas. Luxurious pool villas blend effortlessly into the breathtaking surrounds, where the white sands of Thong Nai Pan Noi Beach, one of the most beautiful beaches in Thailand, offer the best in barefoot luxury. Contemporary yet uniquely Thai, Anantara Rasananda's luxurious suites and villas offer an environment of exclusive and sophisticated elegance, where romantic barefoot grandeur defines the tropical experience. Guests can savour days spent in their private plunge pool secluded amidst tropical gardens, relax in the resort's mountain-side spa, feast on incomparable Thai cuisine or admire the dexterity of the sushi chefs at the island's only Teppanyaki restaurant, Yukinoya.

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### Topline Facts

- **Management:** Minor International PLC
- **Ownership:** Rasa Hospitality
- **General Manager:** Ahmed Asim
- **Architect:** Habita Architects
- **Interior designer:** P49 Design & Associates

- **Landscape designer:** Inside Out Design
  - **Opened (as Anantara):** 2011
  - **Room inventory:** 64 pool suites and pool villas
  - **Starting rate:** \$400 per night including breakfast, private pool, and daily activities including movie nights, Thai dance, origami classes and merit making with a monk
  - **Website:** [www.anantara.com/en/rasananda-koh-phangan](http://www.anantara.com/en/rasananda-koh-phangan)
  - **Instagram:** @anantararasananda
  - **Facebook:** @ AnantaraRasanandaKohPhangan
  - **PR imagery:** [www.themhzone.com](http://www.themhzone.com)
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## Location

Anantara Rasananda Koh Phangan Villas is located on the secluded and scenic bay of Tong Nai Pan Noi Beach on the northeast coast of beautiful Koh Phangan, the second largest island in the Gulf of Thailand, and a hidden gem known for its unique geography and topography. The image of paradise, the beach boasts softly curved white sand bays surrounded by mountains covered in rich tropical rainforest. The surrounding mountains ensure privacy and seclusion, and the crystal-clear waters make swimming an all year round activity. Exuding a bohemian vibe, a small but lively village sits adjacent to the beach, providing guests the opportunity to explore the local culture. Koh Pha Ngan is a sister island of larger Koh Samui, located in the Gulf of Thailand. While it is famous for its full moon party, the island retains much of its local character and natural, unspoiled beauty.

Thong Nai Pan Beach is a breathtaking slice of paradise in the northeast of Koh Phangan. This pristine beach is a tranquil haven, characterised by powdery white sand, turquoise waters, and towering palm trees swaying in the gentle breeze. The beach is divided into two crescent-shaped bays, offering a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Thong Nai Pan is favoured by travellers seeking a quieter, more laid-back atmosphere, ideal for sunbathing, swimming, and enjoying spectacular sunrises. With a handful of charming resorts and beachfront restaurants, Thong Nai Pan is the perfect tropical retreat for those craving serenity and natural beauty.



### Getting Here

Anantara Rasananda Koh Phangan Villas is situated on the northeast coast of Koh Phangan, on Thong Nai Pan Noi Beach. The nearest airport is Samui international. From there, guests can take a public ferry or scheduled private speedboat to the island.

Anantara Rasananda has scheduled shared speedboat transfers between Koh Samui Airport and the property, which can be arranged for THB 4,000 a person both ways (THB 2,500 a person, one way). Guests are met at the airport and taken by car to the hotel's beach lounge at Bangrak Pier. Scheduled speedboats depart Koh Samui pier at 12.30am and 5pm and depart Anantara Rasananda at 9am and 2pm; the journey takes 40 minutes. Alternatively, guests can hire a private speedboat, available anytime between dawn and dusk, which includes sparkling wine and canapés onboard. The boat can carry up to six passengers on one journey and costs THB 17,000 one way or THB 31,000 return.

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## Resort features

- **Rooms:** 64 pool suites and villas nestled on 400 metres of pristine beach front
  - **Restaurants and bars:** 3, including The Bistro at the Beach, Edge 20 and Yukinoya
  - **Beachfront:** 400m
  - **Swimming pools:** 66 property-wide (including private pools)
    - 30 metre beachfront infinity pool featuring bubble beds and massage jets (including adult-only section)
    - 50 Pool Suites
    - 14 Pool Villas
  - **Butler service for all Suites and Villas**
  - **Laundry service**
  - **Library**
  - **Spa:** Award-winning spa and wellness facility, including 4 standalone treatment suites, an outdoor herbal bath, tropical steam cave and mountain-side meditation/yoga deck
  - **MICE & Event Space:** 3 meeting rooms over 95 Sqm, seating up to 54 people
  - **Fitness Centre**
  - **Watersports:** Stand-up paddleboarding and sea kayaks
  - **Parking and valet**
  - **24-hour Reception**
  - **24-hour Concierge**
  - **24-hour In-Room Dining**
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## Iconic USP's

1. **Guests can experience a unique 'castaway' arrival.** The resort's private speedboat drops guests in the glittering shallow waters of Thong Nai Pan Noi Beach, where they are greeted on the

shoreline by the sound of a Thai Gong, before their personal villa host presents them with their preferred beverage.

2. **Every arrival is ceremonious.** A traditional foot-washing ceremony begins every arrival, with shoes being whisked away, and the choice of resort slippers or barefoot being offered to each guest. All new arrivals are then escorted by their villa host for the privacy of in-room check in.
  3. **All guests can enjoy the services of a personal villa host.** A priceless amenity, the villa host is available 24 hours a day to provide an anticipatory and personalised service based on the guest preferences. Acting as a personal concierge and point of contact, available to answer questions, provide recommendations, arrange tours or spa appointments, and more- no request is too big or too small.
  4. **Anantara Rasananda is an all-suite and villa resort.** Every room type features a deep plunge pool, daily breakfast, and a villa host to provide a stay personalised to each and every guest.
  5. **All ocean-view Suites are assigned their own shoreline sunbeds and umbrellas.** To provide a relaxed stress-free sunbathing experience.
  6. **Every guest is provided with a personal drinking water flask to loan during their stay.** This can be refilled at various locations across the resort. (Guest can purchase the flask for their keepsake at the end of their stay).
  7. **An array of complimentary experiences and activities are on offer.** Including Thai stretching classes, yoga, snorkelling equipment, stand-up paddleboards and sea kayaks.
  8. **Many of the Suites and Villas are beachfront.** Most offer uninterrupted views of the ocean, which sits only metres away.
  9. **Every evening guests are treated to a mesmerising sundown ceremony.** As the sun dips below the horizon, casting a warm glow over the beach, a traditional Thai dance captivates spectators with its graceful movements and elaborate costumes as it unravels the story of Manohra, the youngest of seven kinnaree sisters, and her love affair with a handsome prince. Accompanied by the rhythmic beats of traditional music, the performance unfolds against the backdrop of tiki torches being lit, symbolising the seamless transition from day to night. This captivating spectacle showcases Thailand's rich cultural heritage and creates a magical ambience for guests to immerse themselves at Anantara Rasananda.
  10. **The resort is home to 126 Koi Carp.** All Suites and Villas are surrounded by tropical vegetation, navigated by narrow wooden bridges across waterways teeming with giant Koi. Guests can spot over 126 Koi across the resort, many of which have been at the resort for over 16 years. According to Feng Shui law, Koi fish is a symbol of wealth, abundance, and good fortune.
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### Top 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 suite or villa, including seamlessly making reservations, arranging a last-minute laundry pick-up or even order a turndown at the click of a button.
2. **Don't bring too many pairs of shoes.** This is barefoot luxury at its best, shoes are optional throughout the resort.
3. **Upgrade to an ocean-view room.** Not only do all ocean view rooms come with an allocated sun lounger on the beach, but all offer completely private, uninterrupted views of the ocean from a ground or first floor terrace. Anantara Rasananda faces east and has spectacular sunrises worth waking up for.
4. **Visit on a Saturday.** No visit to Koh Phangan is complete without a trip to the Thong Sala night market every Saturday.
5. **Remember the moon phase!** Koh Phangan fills up with revellers for the monthly Full Moon Parties, but the island is quieter and less crowded in between.



### Most Instagrammable moments

1. Wander into wellness across our floating stone path, as you take in a truly magical spa experience.
2. Practise yoga on the hill and let the panoramic sea views add a calming perspective to every asana.
3. Here, breakfast turns into an aquatic adventure, with a lavish spread served on your private pool overlooking the serene ocean.

4. Find your shared slice of paradise on the resorts' beachfront infinity pool.
  5. Take some time to meet one of the resort's 100 Koi carp, many of which are over 16 years old.
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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.
  - Rasananda means ultimate bliss in Thai, and it also happens to be the surname of the resort's owner.
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### **Architecture and Design**

Anantara Rasananda was designed by a Bangkok-based team including Habita, who oversaw the resort's architecture; interiors were designed by P49 Design & Associates; and landscape was designed by Inside Out Design. Despite being a world-famous tourist destination, Koh Pha Ngan retains a strong rural feel, therefore the concept of the design was to reflect this character throughout, giving it a very organic, laid-back feel.

Arriving from the beach, only some of the resorts roofs and beach seating are visible, otherwise, all that the guest sees is its nearly 800-foot-long (240-meter-long) beach frontage, coconut palms, and rainforested hillside behind. This "sequence of sea approaching" and the "fisherman village" are the resort's main interior design themes.

Guests then enter the site adjacent to the beachfront restaurant and infinity pool, stepping up gradually to the reception area. Sand from the beach continues right into the restaurant's double-height external dining area. Right alongside is the pool bar with thatched roof. Here guests immediately experience the casual feel of the village, before proceeding to the cool reception area and lounge set back further into the trees.

Continuing the overall rural village theme, the four different villa types provide visual variety in terms of scale and backdrop. The villas are both single- and double-story, and all incorporate traditional southern Thai architecture consisting of a concrete tile roof, thatch, and the selective use of natural timber. A unique feature in all the suites and villas is the custom-made traditional multi-coloured gates, the designs utilise local materials such as bamboo, rattan, sago palm and slate and these materials were also combined with modern materials like stacking glass and metalwork. The shape and structure of fishing tools were applied to lamps and other furniture, drawing inspiration from traditional bamboo fish traps.

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### Sustainability Credentials

- **Cultivate plants.** The resort cultivates a wide variety of plants in the resort garden for use across restaurants, including basil, mint, watercress, betel leaves, chilli, lemongrass, kaffir lime leaves, limes and butterfly pea.
  - **Single-use plastics.** All restaurants feature refillable glass bottles, biodegradable straws, and compostable breakfast takeaway boxes to reduce environmental impact. All guests also receive a refillable water bottle to use during their stay with an option to purchase.
  - **Homemade.** All baked goods and cured fish are homemade in-house, and fish and seafood are procured from local fish farms in Surat Thani.
  - **Local artisans-** The resort proudly celebrates and support the exquisite work of skilled local artisans and artists by displaying their creations in the boutique. All proceeds from art sales go directly to the artists.
  - **Bottle caps.** The resort collects and recycles bottle caps to support the Prosthetics Foundation, making a significant difference in environmental conservation and improving lives.
  - **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: Luxury Pool Suites and Villas

Hidden away amongst coconut palms, 64 pool suites and villas dot the lush grounds of the idyllic Koh Phangan resort. Designed with the utmost privacy in mind, each suite or villa is either garden or on the oceanfront, where Lagoon villas are built in the garden area over a koi pond, creating a unique tranquil environment, whilst villas are available in one-, two-, or four-bedroom configurations. Every suite and villa feature its own 8'x 20', 4 feet deep plunge pool, as well as a spacious outdoor deck space including two lounge chairs adjacent to the pool. Design features including solid wood furniture, lamps modelled on traditional Thai fish traps, polished wood floors and comfortable seating corners along with luxury hotel amenities including Apple TV box, complimentary access to Netflix, safe, minibar, coffee machine and sound system.

#### Suites

**Suites** start from \$400 per night including breakfast, private pool, and daily activities including movie nights, Thai dance, origami classes and merit making with a monk.

#### Pool Suite

Located on the 2nd floor of the exquisite resort, the Pool Suite boasts an expansive terrace overlooking the tropical landscape and endless horizon. Spacious yet intimate, the 80 square metre suite creates a private luxury experience, with Thai touches, outdoor plunge pool and hint of the tropics in every detail.

- 80 Sqm
- Maximum 2 adults & 1 child
- *Highlights include a garden view, private plunge pool, butler service, custom King size 'blissful dreams' mattress, home theatre with 55-inch flat screen featuring Apple TV and Netflix, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine and mini bar.*

#### Garden Pool Suite

Located on the ground floor of the resort, guests can step onto the terrace, to admire the blooming flora in their own private garden that surrounds. Enclosed by high walls and an ancient wooden gate, the Garden Pool Suites provide the ultimate in private luxury and spacious living quarters. With 90 square

metres of indoor and outdoor living space the suites at Anantara Rasananda gracefully combine a modern aesthetic with all the vibrant charms of Thai tradition.

- 90 Sqm
- Maximum 2 adults & 1 child
- *Highlights include a private garden, private plunge pool, butler service, custom King size 'blissful dreams' mattress, indoor/outdoor living, rain shower, home theatre with 55-inch flat screen featuring Apple TV and Netflix, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine and mini bar.*

### **Ocean Pool Suite**

Each Ocean Pool Suite is located on the second floor of the resort, with 180-degree views of the ocean. Guests can wake up to the gentle call of the waves, cool down in their ocean view plunge pool or lay back and relax in the sun.

- 80 Sqm
- Maximum 2 adults & 1 child
- *Highlights include a private terrace, ocean view, private plunge pool, butler service, custom King size 'blissful dreams' mattress, indoor/outdoor living, rain shower, home theatre with 55-inch flat screen featuring Apple TV and Netflix, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine and mini bar.*

### **Ocean Garden Pool Suite**

Ocean Garden Pool Suites boast unrivalled settings opening directly onto the beach. Featuring an ocean view pool, and shady sala within an extensive outdoor space, each suite offers privacy with a courtyard garden framed by lush flora.

- 200 Sqm
- Maximum 3 adults & 1 child
- *Highlights include a direct beach access, private terrace, ocean view, private plunge pool, sala, private garden, butler service, custom King size 'blissful dreams' mattress, indoor/outdoor living, rain shower, home theatre with 55-inch flat screen featuring Apple TV and Netflix, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine and mini bar.*



**Villas**

*Villas start from \$600 per night including breakfast, private pool, and daily activities including movie nights, Thai dance, origami classes and merit making with a monk.*

### **Lagoon Pool Villa**

Lagoon Pool Villas are situated by the resort's lagoon, offering a secluded setting for romance. Designed in rustic Thai style, each suite is entered by an overwater boardwalk. Features include a private terrace for dinign and shady sala, as well as an outdoor shower and private pool.

- 110 sqm
- Maximum 3 adults & 1 child
- *Highlights include a lagoon view, private terrace, outdoor shower, private plunge pool, terrace and sala, private garden, butler service, custom King size 'blissful dreams' mattress, indoor/outdoor living, rain shower, home theatre with 55-inch flat screen featuring Apple TV and Netflix, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine and mini bar.*

### **Ocean Pool Villa**

With ocean views and direct beach access, each villa spreads across a generous 220 sqm of indoor and outdoor space. Guests can bathein their beachfront pool or open-air terrazzo tub, or relax in the private garden courtyard or in the shade of the sala.

- 220 Sqm
- Maximum 3 adults
- *Highlights include a direct beach access, private terrace, ocean view, private plunge pool, sala, private garden, indoor/outdoor bathroom with open-air terrazzo tub, butler service, custom King size 'blissful dreams' mattress, home theatre with 55-inch flat screen featuring Apple TV and Netflix, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine and mini bar.*

### **Two-Bedroom Pool Villa**

Inviting guests to share quality time with their family or friends in the privacy of a standalone villa, the two-bedroom pool villa boasts lush garden, an expansive sundeck, and a plunge pool for sun-drenched days of relaxation.

- 220 sqm
- Maximum 6 adults
- *Highlights include a private terrace, outdoor shower, private plunge pool, terrace and sala, private garden, butler service, custom King size 'blissful dreams' mattress, indoor/outdoor living, rain shower, home theatre with 55-inch flat screen featuring Apple TV and Netflix, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine and mini bar.*

### **Four-Bedroom Pool Villa**

With two villas set apart in a lush garden paradise, the resort's most spacious villa is ideal for couples travelling together. Each villa contains en-suite bedrooms on the ground and upper floors, offering privacy to each couple.

- 440 sqm
- Maximum 12 adults

- *Highlights include two private terraces, outdoor showers, two private plunge pools, terrace and salas, private gardens, butler service, custom King size 'blissful dreams' mattress, indoor/outdoor living, rain shower, home theatre with 55-inch flat screen featuring Apple TV and Netflix, beach bag, yoga mat, Nespresso coffee machine and complimentary mini bar.*
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## **Spa and Wellness**

Tucked away amidst towering coconut palms between a lush mountain backdrop and the turquoise sea on Koh Phangan, Anantara Rasananda Koh Phangan Villas offers a luxurious island retreat, enriched by the distinctive experiences of Anantara Spa. Infused with contemporary design, the spa features a series of bungalows constructed on rocks rising from the forest floor. Harmoniously blending local architecture with the tropical environment, guests can enjoy an extensive Ayurveda menu with over a dozen therapies, as well as yoga and meditation sessions which take place on a magnificent wooden platform that juts out of a rock-wall overgrown with jungle vines.

- Over 3,000 sqm of natural tranquillity, lotus ponds and garden
- 4 luxurious indoor treatment rooms and couple suites
- Traditional outdoor herbal bath
- Tropical outdoor shower
- 2 outdoor relaxation salas
- Tropical steam cave
- Meditation/yoga sala and deck
- 10am-8pm

### Signature experiences

#### **Anantara Kaya** (120 minutes)

*From \$180 per person*

An energising head-to-toe massage and traditional Ayurvedic body scrub, Kaya therapy combines warm oils and carefully selected herbal powders to boost immunity and circulation, relieve fatigue, tone the skin and ease tensions while delaying the signs of ageing. Weary travellers will be treated to an energising head-to-toe massage using medicated herbal oils and warm poultices for improved circulation and younger-looking, toned skin.

#### **Four-Hand Anantara Rasayana** (120 Minutes)

*From \$240 per person*

Two therapists work in harmony to provide an exquisite sequence that begins with full body massage, unlocking energy flow throughout your body. Afterwards, Ela Kizhi herbal compress dipped in hot, medicated oil will be applied to affected areas to reduce pain and stiffness. Finally, a soothing herbal oil massage will release stress and toxins, leaving you refreshed and rejuvenated.

#### **Shirodhara** (60 Minutes)

*From \$117 per person*

Shirodhara is derived from two Sanskrit words: 'Shiro,' meaning 'head,' and 'dhara,' meaning 'pouring or sprinkling something,' and refers to the practice of pouring warm herbal ayurvedic oils over the forehead in a steady stream for a set amount of time. The oil then seeps into the scalp and, eventually, the hair. This therapy, which has been heralded as one of the most purifying and revitalizing treatments, is created in such a way that it eliminates the toxic AMA poisons from the body and treats stress, mental tiredness, and a variety of illnesses.

#### **Kati Vasti** (60 Minutes)

*From \$117 per person*

Kati Vasti is a traditional Ayurvedic therapy that involves retaining warm medicated oil over the lower back area. Kati vasti Ayurvedic treatment is said to be helpful for people facing lower back pain concerns. As the therapy process starts, the properties of herbal oils start healing, nourishing and strengthening the muscles and tissues in the covered area.

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## **Food & Beverage**

### **The Bistro at the Beach**

#### **Authentic Thai and International**

*Breakfast: 7.00 am – 10.30 am/Lunch: 11.00 am – 5.30 pm/Dinner: 6.00 pm – 10.30 pm*

Located on shores of the island, guests can dine with their feet in the soft sand at this all-day dining venue. Home to specialty theme nights which range from fresh seafood buffets to Thai nights with indigenous music, dance and fire performances.

#### Must try experiences & dishes

- Phuket Lobster Linguine
- Pla Kra Pong Thod Sa Mun Pai (Crispy Sea Bass, Chilli, Ginger, Lime, Shallots, Cashew Nuts)
- Gaeng Kua Poo Bai Cha Plu (Southern Yellow Crab Curry, Betel Leaves Vermicelli)
- Phad Thai Goong (Stir-fried Phad Thai Noodles, Ayudhya River Prawns)
- Beef Carpaccio
- African-Indian Braised Lamb

### **EDGE20**

#### **Beach Bar**

*Daily: 11.00 am – 11.00 pm*

The bar presents guests with a poolside swim-up bar and beach seating area where they can enjoy the sand beneath their feet. Whether relaxing by the pool, on the beach, or in the shade of the bar, visitors can refresh themselves with a cool beer or indulge in an inventive Tom Yum Fizz cocktail creation, blending exotic ingredients with house-infused spirits. For those seeking nourishment, light bites and the chef's grilled specialties are available to satisfy appetites.

#### Must try cocktails:

- Rumpresso
- Tom Yum Fizz
- G&Tea

### **Yukinoya**

#### **Teppanyaki, Sushi and Sashimi**

*Dinner: 6.00 pm - 10.30 pm*

Diners at Yukinoya can choose to be enthralled by the culinary flair of the teppanyaki chef, slicing, dicing, grilling, and sizzling mouth-watering dishes. Serving some of the best sushi on Koh Phangan, Yukinoya is the only Teppanyaki-style Japanese restaurant on the island.

#### Must try dishes:

- Tsukiji Sushi
- Saga Wagyu Striploin A4 Teppanyaki
- Crispy Rice Tuna Tartare
- Maguro Paradise
- Crunchy Salmon Spicy Cheese Maki



### **Beach Dinner**

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

*Starting from \$100 per person*

The Romantic Beach 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. Taking the form of a romantic hideaway bamboo gazebo on the beach, guests can dine overlooking the beautiful Thong Nai Pan Noi Bay. The contemporary menu is inspired by the great tradition of Thai cuisine, featuring the best local produce and culinary highlights from around the world.

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## Signature In-Resort Experiences

### **Koh Phangan coconut workshop**

*From \$415 for two guests including private coconut workshop class, coconut oil product, 60-minute Coconut Delight massage and private transfer*

During this private coconut workshop, guests will learn to chop, grate and turn coconuts into milk and hear about the different ways the coconut is used, from the shell to the meat. Guests can taste fresh coconut water, coconut milk, and coconut meat, as well as learn how to turn coconut milk into coconut oil. The experience is followed by a Coconut Delight massage

### **Koh Phangan tie-dye workshop**

*From \$155 for two guests including private workshop of tie-dyeing for two, handmade tie-dye product and private transfer*

Koh Phangan tie-dye, or Baan Nai Suan, is a unique product of Koh Phangan. Tie-dye Koh Phangan is the only hot dye in the south of Thailand, and every piece of the product is handmade. Making a tie-dye fabric is an art, as every element depends on the creator's idea and is the only piece in the world. Guests will take the tour to experience the Koh Phangan tie-dye workshop and learn how to make their own tie-dye.

### **Floating breakfast**

*Daily from 7.00 am to 10.00 am*

*From \$30 per tray*

Guests can start their day with a luxurious floating breakfast, where gourmet dishes are served on a beautifully arranged tray that gently drifts on the water. This unique dining experience offers a perfect blend of relaxation and indulgence, creating unforgettable memories against a backdrop of breathtaking views.

### **Floating sushi tray**

*Daily from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm*

*From \$75 per tray*

Guests can while away the last golden hours of sunshine in their private suite or villa pool with a mouthwatering chef's selection of maki, sushi and nigiri. A fresh, senseful way of savouring a tropical afternoon, the Sunset Sushi Floating Tray experience puts a luxe spin on in-room dining.

### **Spice Spoons cooking class**

*From 1:00 pm daily (A 24-hour advance booking is required)*

*Starting from \$80 per person, including recipe cards, apron and certificate*

Guests can join Chef's cooking class, which focuses on hyper-local flavours and locally sourced ingredients. Starting with a visit to the local 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.

### **Sushi-making class**

*From 1:00 pm daily (A 24-hour advance booking is required)*

*Starting from \$80 per person, including recipe cards, apron and certificate*

Guests can join the resorts masterful Chef to learn the secrets of sushi making. Throughout the class, Chef will share insider tips and traditional tricks, leaving budding sushi masters with skills and a deep understanding of the ancient culinary art. From choosing the right sushi knife to balancing flavours and textures, they will gain priceless knowledge that they can apply in their own kitchen.

### **Yoga**

*From 8-9:00am every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday*

*Complimentary for in-house guests (private sessions start from \$45 per person)*

Guests can attend complimentary sessions with the Anantara's in-house yoga master three times a week or book their own private lessons on a magnificent wooden platform that juts out of a rock-wall overgrown with jungle vines, or on the beach.

### **Muay Thai kickboxing**

*Private sessions start from \$135 per person*

Muay Thai is an intriguing martial art that is steeped in technique and tradition. Anantara Rasananda can arrange private lessons with a highly skilled trainer and fighter for a session matching skills and expectations.

### **Meditation**

*From 8-9:00am every Wednesday and Friday*

*Complimentary for in-house guests*



Guests can attend complimentary sessions with the Anantara's in-house yoga and meditation master twice a week or book their own private lessons on a magnificent wooden platform that juts out of a rock-wall overgrown with jungle vines, or on the beach.

### **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 SUP paddleboard or sea kayak to discover the sparkling waters of Thong Nai Pan Bay.

### **Afternoon Tea in the library**

*Every Monday from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm*

*Complimentary for in-house guests*

Guests can join the team in the resort's library for tea and homemade patisserie.

### **Merit with the Monk at Thong Nai Pan Temple**

*Every Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30 am to 7.00 am*

*Complimentary for in-house guests*

Guests have the opportunity to participate in an almsgiving ritual where they present offerings like food, drinks, or essential items to the monks. These offerings are a way of supporting the monastic community and gaining merit for yourself.

### **Origami classes with Uncle Jack**

*Every Saturday from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm*

*Complimentary for in-house guests*

Uncle Jack starts with the essentials of origami, covering basic folds, techniques, and understanding how to manipulate paper to achieve various shapes and forms.

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## Signature Cultural Experiences

### **Ban Thong Nai Pan Town**

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

*4-minute walk*

Anantara Rasananda is adjacent to a quaint, walkable town called Ban Thong Nai Pan. Convenience shops, local stores, laundry services, a pharmacy, and motorbike rentals are available.

### **Thong Sala Night Market**

*From 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm daily*

*30-minute drive*

Thong Sala Night Market, also known to locals as Pantip Market, is home to Koh Phangan's best street food vendors, and a buzzing atmosphere.

### **Thong Nai Pan Noi Beach**

Well regarded as one of the best beaches in Thailand, Thong Nai Pan Noi beach is nestled in a picturesque bay surrounded by lush hillsides and towering palm trees. Featuring powdery white sand and clear turquoise water, the shoreline is relatively protected and generally good for swimming. The beach is lined with lush jungle, and villas are dotted along the hillsides, retaining a sense of being wild and untouched. Facing east, the beach is shaded in the afternoon, making it the perfect respite from the Thai sunshine and it's also ideal for a late afternoon walk before dinner at one of the several restaurants lining the shores. Be sure to walk to the far northern end of the beach to soak in a different perspective of the bay!

### **Than Sadet Waterfall (3.72 miles south)**

*11-minute drive or 1.5 hours walk*

Than Sadet Waterfall National Park, located on Koh Phangan's eastern side, is renowned for its stunning waterfalls. Known as the royal river, it features engravings of Thai kings, marking their visits. The park's



history dates back to 1888, when King Rama V discovered it and carved his initials near the falls. Following his example, other kings left their marks, making the inscriptions a key attraction for visitors and a revered symbol for locals.

The park, close to Haad Than Sadet beach, covers 45 square kilometers. It includes three waterfalls—Thong Nang, Saampon, and Daenang—ideal for exploring, along with pools perfect for swimming. May to October, during the rainy season, is the best time to visit, though the dirt roads may require a skilled local driver.

### **Private Longtail Boat Trip (Half-Day)**

*From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm daily*

*Starting from \$300 for two persons including snorkelling equipment and soft drinks*

Led by Khun Ex, the resort's Island Insider, the private long-tail boat trip takes guests to Koh Phangan's hidden gems. The day starts with guided snorkelling over vibrant coral reefs, followed by a visit to Yai Beach to discover the traditional fisherman's way of life. The experience features a gourmet picnic of locally inspired dishes paired with Champagne, set on the secluded Bottle Beach, known for being accessible only by boat. For an alternative option, the afternoon trip concludes with a sunset picnic on the boat, perfect for soaking in the island's tranquil beauty.

### **Khun Tua, Island Insider**

- Born and raised in Thong Nai Pan, Khun Tua is the heart and soul of Anantara Rasananda's guest experience.
- Having spent her childhood fishing and farming with her parents, she passionately shares the rich southern culture with guests, ensuring they leave with a deep appreciation for the destination.
- Khun Tua leads guests on immersive island explorations, with highlights including meditation with monks at a local temple and a look into durian and coconut farming on the island.
- Additionally, she takes guests to the local market to savor southern delicacies such as *Khua Wai*, a dish featuring sun-dried octopus with coconut milk and lemongrass, as well as showing guests how to make the pungent shrimp paste the area is famous for.

### **Khun Ex, Island Insider**

- Surat Thani native Khun Ex steers the boat at Anantara Rasananda, combining his love for hospitality with a passion for the sea and extensive local knowledge.
- He's not just a captain, he's a storyteller, sharing the island's beauty with the visitors during long-tail boat trips around the bay. He also leads snorkelling expeditions to the house reef, as well as providing guided tours of the fishing village.
- During boat rides, guests also get to enjoy southern Thai food that Khun Ex grew up eating as part of the Bottle Beach picnic. Inside the gourmet picnic basket are such local delights as Nam Phrik, Miang Kham and Khanom Kho.

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**For Families**

Children are welcome, and under-4s stay free if they share parents' bedding. Extra beds for 4–12-year-olds cost \$45 a night (including breakfast), and \$75 a night for over-12s. Babysitters can be booked on request, and a children's menu can be found across all restaurants.

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## Weddings

*Starting from \$3,200*

Nestled in a cove overlooking magnificent sunrises, Anantara Rasananda provides the perfect setting for celebrating romance. The resort's professional wedding planners are delighted to present a variety of options for the special day, from planning through to every detail on the actual day.

Couples can opt for a Traditional Thai Wedding, Western Wedding and Vow Renewal packages, with each open to customisation.

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## Guests with Disabilities

Guests with disabilities are welcome. Ramps can be provided for wheelchair users, both in rooms and on the beach, including access to the speedboat transfer. Villas and Suites can be accessed via the ground floor.

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