

A Sanctuary

SHAPED BY KOH SAMUI'S HERITAGE



Press Kit

A Quieter Rhythm of Samui

Set on the northern end of Chaweng Beach, moments from Samui International Airport, Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort is a MICHELIN Key beachfront resort in Koh Samui shaped by Sino-Thai heritage, tropical gardens and the unhurried rhythm of island life.



Here, design carries memory. Rooms, suites, villas and residences draw from Samui's early Hainanese settlement, songbird traditions, fishermen's homes and coconut-farming heritage. Days begin with oceanfront breakfast at Ocean Kiss and unfold through spa rituals, sea-facing dining, open-air movement and quiet discovery. As evening falls, cocktails gather beneath the canopy at The Singing Bird Lounge before dinner rises above the trees at Tree Tops, Koh Samui's only treetop dining experience.

Behind every moment is a team dedicated to making each stay feel deeply personal - from intuitive Villa Host service to one-of-a-kind experiences shaped around the guest.

Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort

LOCATION	Northern end of Chaweng Beach, Koh Samui, Thailand
ARRIVAL	7 minutes from Samui International Airport
SETTING	A calmer stretch of Chaweng Beach, with easy access to Fisherman’s Village, Wat Phra Yai, local night markets and Koh Samui’s coastal excursions.
INVENTORY	122 rooms, suites, pool villas and clustered residences
FOOD & BEVERAGE	Tree Tops, The Singing Bird Lounge, CAY, Sandal by João Costa, Ocean Kiss, Palette Café & Studio
WELLBEING	Anantara Spa, Fitness Centre, outdoor gym and boxing ring, sunrise rituals and weekly wellbeing schedule
KNOWN FOR	A MICHELIN Key beachfront sanctuary rooted in Sino–Thai heritage; Tree Tops, Koh Samui’s only treetop dining experience; one of the rare Koh Samui resorts where dining is consistently oriented towards the sea; oceanfront breakfast at Ocean Kiss; villa-led stays with dedicated Villa Host service; and real, tangible sustainability initiatives woven into the resort’s gardens, kitchens, water systems and community partnerships.
SERVICE PHILOSOPHY	Personalised, intuitive and possibility-led — with dedicated Villa Hosts and a resort team known for bringing guest requests to life with care, imagination and precision.
BEST FOR	Couples, families, travelling tribes, wellness seekers, culinary travellers, celebrations, intimate retreats and guests seeking a refined Koh Samui stay shaped by people, place and personalisation.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



What makes Anantara Lawana worth the journey



A CALMER SIDE OF CHAWENG

Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort sits on the northern end of Chaweng Beach - close to the island's most recognised district, yet set apart in a quieter rhythm of gardens, sea air and stillness.

KOH SAMUI TOLD THROUGH DESIGN

The resort's architecture and interiors are rooted in the island's Sino-Thai story, from shophouse-inspired forms to room narratives shaped by songbirds, fishermen, coconut farming and auspicious symbols of longevity.

A RARE TABLE ABOVE THE TREES

Tree Tops offers one of Koh Samui's most distinctive dining experiences: eight private salas set within the canopy of a 120-year-old rain tree, where dinner unfolds between sea views, candlelight and the sound of the garden.

DINING THAT KEEPS THE SEA CLOSE

One of the rare resorts on Koh Samui where the dining journey is consistently oriented towards the ocean, Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort brings the sea into every part of the day - from oceanfront breakfast at Ocean Kiss to shoreline Mediterranean dining at Sandal by João Costa, and Thai-Indian spice at CAY.

WELLBEING BY THE WATER

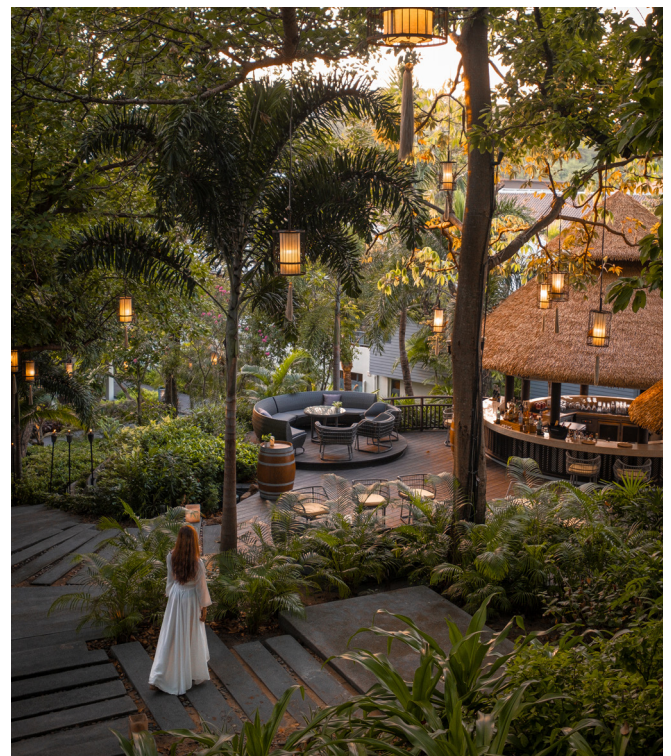
Anantara Spa, sunrise rituals, sound healing, Muay Thai, open-air fitness and gentle movement bring the island's natural rhythm into the guest journey.

SUSTAINABILITY THAT CAN BE SEEN

From compost and bamboo charcoal to toxin-conscious gardening, local sourcing, biodiversity, water stewardship and Green Growth Platinum recognition, the resort's sustainability story is tangible, operational and rooted in daily practice.

A TEAM THAT MAKES THINGS POSSIBLE

From private dining and family celebrations to wellness rituals, island journeys and highly personal touches, the resort team is known for shaping experiences around the guest - not the other way around.



Between Chaweng and stillness

Koh Samui has always moved at its own pace. Before roads, airports and international arrivals, the island lived by the sea, the coconut groves and the generosity of its communities. Its early hospitality was quiet and instinctive: meals shared, beds made on the beach, time offered without calculation.



Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort holds that spirit in a contemporary beachfront setting. Located on the northern end of Chaweng Beach, the resort offers a rare balance: 7 minutes from Samui International Airport and moments from recognised attractions, yet cocooned in tropical gardens and a calmer stretch of shoreline.

Guests can move easily between two worlds - the energy of Chaweng, Fisherman's Village and Koh Samui's night markets, and the sanctuary of a resort where mornings begin by the water and evenings gather under the trees.



A resort shaped by Samui's stories

The story of Koh Samui is written in migration, trade, agriculture and the sea. More than 200 years ago, Hainanese settlers arrived by boat, bringing with them the language, rituals and agricultural knowledge that would help shape the island's identity. Coconut palms became a way of life. Fishing villages became gathering places. Songbird competitions filled courtyards with sound, ceremony and community.

At Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort, these stories are not treated as decoration. They guide the design.

Shophouse-inspired architecture recalls the early Sino-Thai communities of Nathon Old Town. Bamboo, wood and Chinese-inspired motifs recur across pathways, villas and interiors. Rooms and villas are shaped as chapters of the island: songbirds, fishermen, coconut farming, sea views and auspicious symbols of longevity.

The result is a resort that feels rooted, not themed - contemporary in comfort, yet deeply connected to the island it calls home.



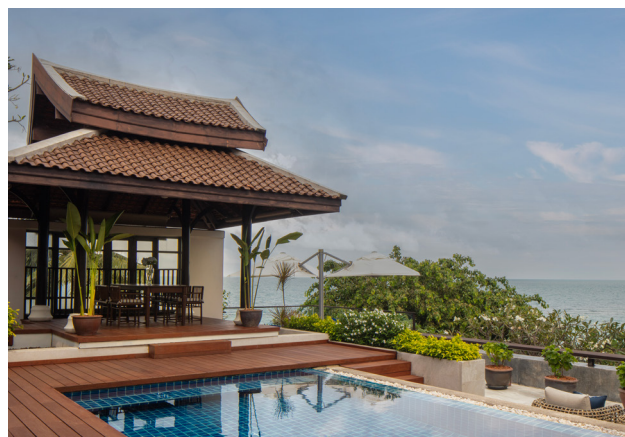
Rooms, Suites and Villas with a sense of place

EVERY STAY AT ANANTARA LAWANA KOH SAMUI RESORT BEGINS WITH A STORY OF SAMUI

Deluxe Lawana Rooms and Garden View Suites sit within shophouse-styled bungalows, with warm timber tones, Sino-Thai detailing and birdcage-inspired accents that nod to the island's songbird traditions.

Anantara Pool Suites draw closer to the romance of slow island living, with hand-painted songbird motifs, garden stillness and private plunge-pool terraces made for lingering.

Anantara Pool Access Villas reinterpret the spirit of fishermen's homes through sea-toned interiors, maritime details and sociable villa clusters arranged around shared pools.



The Two-Bedroom Oceanfront Residence stands apart as the resort's most elevated private address. Inspired by the tortoise as a symbol of longevity and prosperity, it unfolds across two bedrooms, generous living spaces, indoor and outdoor dining, a kitchenette, private pool, expansive oceanfront terrace and dedicated Villa Host. Designed for families and intimate gatherings, it offers the privacy of a residence with the care of a resort.



Anantara Pool Villas and Sea View Pool Villas celebrate Samui's coconut heritage, with garden courtyards, private pools, outdoor baths and a dedicated Villa Host to shape each stay around each guest. For guests reserving directly with the resort, mornings begin with a leisurely breakfast in-villa or at Ocean Kiss until 11:00 am, alongside a complimentary minibar and daily sunset cocktail hour designed around a slower rhythm of island living.

For larger families and travelling tribes, the Four-, Five- and Seven-Villa Anantara Lawana Residences create a private resort within a resort. Clustered around shared pools and open-air salas, each residence balances togetherness and privacy, with dedicated Villa Host service ensuring every gathering feels effortless.

The Rare Table Above The Trees



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Dinner at Tree Tops begins before the first course arrives.

As evening settles, guests gather first at The Singing Bird Lounge, where sunset cocktails are served beneath the same 120-year-old rain tree that shelters the restaurant above. Inspired by Koh Samui's bird-singing culture, the lounge creates a gentle aperitif ritual - garden botanicals, soft light, quiet conversation and the first sense of anticipation. The lounge is also recognised as a filming location for The White Lotus Season 3.



From there, the experience rises into the canopy. A path leads upwards, lanterns glow beneath the branches, and eight private salas appear among garden, sea and sky. As golden hour deepens into night, Tree Tops becomes one of Koh Samui's most atmospheric tables.

Led by Executive Chef João Costa, Tree Tops is shaped as a tasting experience of quiet theatre and precision. Embers of Earth & Ocean celebrates land and sea, while Roots of Earth & Bloom pays tribute to the abundance of nature in a plant-led progression. Ingredients are sourced with care from nearby farms and fishermen, allowing Koh Samui's landscape to lead the plate.

Intimate, restrained and deeply memorable, Tree Tops is designed for celebrations that ask for more than a view.



Dining with a view of the sea

Dining at Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort follows the natural rhythm of the day - from first light over the water to candlelit evenings beneath the canopy.

Few resorts on Koh Samui place the sea so consistently at the centre of the dining experience. Here, every restaurant and bar is sea-facing, and breakfast begins on the beachfront at Ocean Kiss - a rare luxury on the island, where morning light, sea breeze and the curve of Chaweng Beach become part of the ritual.



At CAY, Thai herbs meet Indian spice in a dining experience built around all five senses. Guided by Chef de Cuisine Mahesh Thapa and the craft of the resort's Thai culinary team, the menu brings together smoke, heat, aroma, texture and colour with elegant restraint.



Sandal by João Costa opens to the shoreline, where Mediterranean simplicity meets Koh Samui's coastal ease. Sand underfoot, sea breeze, fresh ingredients and a considered sunset ritual shape the restaurant's relaxed sophistication.

At Ocean Kiss, mornings begin with one of Koh Samui's most atmospheric oceanfront breakfasts, while Palette Café & Studio brings coffee, art and local creativity into the resort's daily rhythm.

The Art of Calm, Island-led

At our wellbeing retreat in Koh Samui, wellness is not confined to the treatment room. It begins with light on the water, breath on the shoreline and movement beneath the open sky.

At Anantara Spa, personalised journeys are grounded in Thai healing traditions, with massage, herbal compresses and aromatherapy using locally sourced herbs. Treatments are designed to restore gently, guided by the body's need for balance rather than performance.



The wider wellbeing rhythm extends outdoors. Sunrise Yoga and Sunrise Sound Healing invite guests to begin the day with breath, movement and the sound of the sea. A weekly wellness schedule blends mobility, circuit training, Muay Thai and breath-led classes, while the outdoor gym and boxing ring open to views of the ocean and Koh Samui's green hills.

For retreats and incentive groups, wellness can be curated into small-scale programmes that combine movement, recovery, nutrition, sea air and stillness.

Sustainability in living form



The landscape at Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort is more than a setting. It is a living system.

Led by Landscaping Manager and Anantara Insider Panuwat “Ake” Songprasert, the resort’s gardens are shaped through a toxin-conscious approach that supports biodiversity, wildlife and long-term resilience. Across the resort, sustainability is visible in the soil, the kitchen, the water systems and the way the team works with local communities.

Through the Green Factory, garden trimmings, dry leaves, branches and coconut shells are transformed into useful resources, including 500 kg of organic compost and bamboo charcoal. The Lawana Garden supports a farm-to-table approach with edible plants, seasonal fruits and local vegetation cultivated in compost soil. Deep-well water is filtered through eco-friendly methods, while responsible water management helps preserve one of the island’s most precious resources.



In the gardens, stingless bees serve as living indicators of a healthy, chemical-conscious environment. In the kitchens, local sourcing connects the resort to nearby farmers, fishermen and producers. In the landscape, approximately 70% of resort plants cultivated in the resort’s nursery.

Recognised as a Green Growth 2050 Platinum member in 2025 and 2026, Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort approaches sustainability through visible, everyday practice - considered, measurable and grounded in place.

The people who make luxury feel personal

True luxury is human. At Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort, the story of the place is carried by the people who shape its gardens, kitchens, rituals and guest experiences each day.



FREDERIC KOLDE
General Manager

For Frederic Kolde, luxury begins with people. At Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort, he leads with the belief that exceptional hospitality is created when a team feels trusted, empowered and united in shaping each guest journey with care, confidence and consistency. His focus is not simply on service delivery, but on creating an environment where thoughtful, intuitive hospitality becomes second nature.

Under his leadership, personalisation becomes part of the resort's natural rhythm rather than a single touchpoint. From arrival to departure, his emphasis is on cultivating a culture that feels intuitive, warm and quietly attentive, ensuring every guest feels recognised, understood and genuinely looked after.



JOÃO COSTA
Executive Chef

Executive Chef João Costa brings a clear and considered culinary perspective to Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort, shaping dining experiences that feel refined, grounded and deeply connected to place. His approach is guided by craft, restraint and a strong respect for ingredient provenance.

His menus begin with freshness and seasonality, with up to 80% of ingredients sourced locally where available, including herbs and produce from the resort's own gardens. From the quiet theatre of Tree Tops to the relaxed Mediterranean spirit of Sandal by João Costa, his cuisine is thoughtful and exacting - elegant in execution, yet always rooted in the landscape and culture that surround it.



MAHESH THAPA
Chef de Cuisine

Chef de Cuisine Mahesh Thapa brings exceptional Indian culinary expertise to Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort, shaping CAY through depth of flavour, discipline and a deep understanding of spice. Widely regarded as one of Koh Samui's most accomplished Indian chefs, he leads the restaurant with a perspective grounded in heritage, precision and instinct.

At CAY, that expertise finds a natural dialogue with the island, where slow-cooked curries, aromatic marinades and refined coastal dishes are expressed with confidence and balance. His approach positions the restaurant as a distinctive Thai-Indian dining experience on Koh Samui, and as one of the island's leading addresses for Indian cuisine.



PANUWAT "AKE" SONGPRASERT
Landscaping Manager

Landscaping Manager Panuwat "Ake" Songprasert is the custodian of Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort's living landscape, shaping an environment where beauty, biodiversity and purpose grow side by side. His work reflects a deep understanding of how gardens can nourish the resort, support local ecosystems and deepen a guest's sense of place.

Through the resort's sustainability initiatives, he brings that philosophy to life by producing compost and bamboo charcoal while cultivating herbs, edible plants and chemical-free green spaces across the grounds. Under his care, the landscape becomes an integral part of the Anantara Lawana experience: thoughtful, regenerative and quietly rooted in Koh Samui.

Made possible by people

At Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort, personalisation is not limited to prepared experiences. The team is known for making things possible - from private dinners and family celebrations to wellness moments, island journeys, children's surprises and last-minute requests that require care, imagination and coordination.

The answer begins with attention. A Villa Host, chef, therapist, concierge or team member listens first, then shapes the moment around the guest. Some requests are simple. Others are highly bespoke. What remains consistent is the willingness to try, the instinct to care and the quiet confidence to make each stay feel deeply personal.

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Guests can begin the day with oceanfront breakfast at Ocean Kiss, explore sea-facing dining at CAY and Sandal by João Costa, enjoy sunset cocktails at The Singing Bird Lounge, a filming location for The White Lotus Season 3, and dine above the canopy at Tree Tops, Koh Samui's only treetop dining experience. With Anantara Spa wellbeing, dedicated Villa Host service and tangible sustainability initiatives recognised through Green Growth Platinum membership, the resort offers a refined Koh Samui retreat shaped by place, people and personalised hospitality.

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