



# Koh Samui

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With such beauty and charm, Koh Samui appeals to just about everyone. Every year the island attracts more than 1,5 million people from all over the world that come here to do nothing, or everything. With its beautiful beaches, clear water, great food, fun parties and superb shopping, you could certainly say that this Thai paradise has it all.



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## THE ISLAND



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Koh Samui, or “Samui” for vernacular speakers, is located in the Gulf of Thailand. It is the second largest island in Thailand after Phuket and measures 25 kilometres at the widest point. The main road runs along the beautiful coastline and is approximately 51 kilometres long. In contrast to the stunning beaches, the central part of the island consists of a tropical, jungle mountain.

Centuries ago, the island was inhabited by Chinese fishermen. Nowadays, it is a melting pot of people coming here from all four corners of the world. The island appeals just as much to billionaires as it does to backpackers travelling on a budget.

The largest and most popular area is on the east side of the island and is called Chaweng. Chaweng is located near the airport and offers beautiful golden sand stretches, bars, restaurants and shops. Nathon is located on the west side of the island and is the old capital of Koh Samui. This is still the main port, business district and centre of the fishing industry. Two of the other major tourist resorts are Lamai Beach and Bophut Beach.

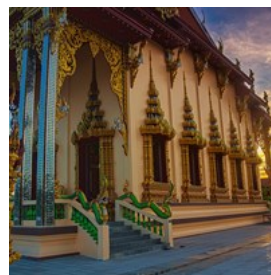
## DO & SEE



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On Koh Samui you can choose to do nothing, or to do everything. The island is perfect for a relaxing holiday on the beach, with colorful drinks in your hand and sun on your skin. For the more adventurous ones there is plenty to explore, from nature to shopping and food.

### Wat Plai Laem



Wat Plai Laem is one of Koh Samui's most attractive temples. This fairly new sight was completed in 2004 and is a colourful complex with a traditional Thai-Chinese style. The temple holds two giant, colorful statues of Happy Buddha and Guanyin that will amaze you. Do not miss the large Golden Buddha inside Wat Plai Laem.

Photo: M.V. Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: Road 4171, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Open during daylight hours

Tickets: Free entry

### Koh Tao



Koh Tao means "Turtle Island" in Thai, as this was once an important breeding ground for sea turtles, which have been reintroduced to the

island's ecosystem in 2004. Koh Tao is worldwide famous for its beautiful coral reef and marine life which make it a popular place for snorkelling and scuba diving. Hikers might want to try and reach John-Suwan Viewpoint or Mango Viewpoint.

Photo: weltreisendertj/Shutterstock.com

Address: Koh Tao, Thailand

More Info: Up to 2.5 hours from Koh Samui by ferry

### Koh Nang Yuan



If you would like to see what paradise is like, you should take a day trip to Koh Nang Yuan, which is an island located only a few hundred meters from

Ko Tao and linked to two other islands by a limb of white sand. Here you can unwind free from all cars and hustle, but also snorkel in beautiful waters.

Photo: Ozerov Alexander/Shutterstock.com

Address: Koh Nangyuan, Thailand

Phone: +66 819581766

Internet: [www.nangyuan.com](http://www.nangyuan.com)

### Secret Buddha Garden



The Secret Buddha Garden was built in 1976 by a fruit farmer called Nim Thongsuk and took around fifteen years to finish. This peaceful place

can be found in the hills of Samui Island inside

the verdant jungle. The garden is decorated with sculptures portraying both humans and deities in various poses. Getting there quite difficult so booking a tour in advance is highly recommended.

Photo: Andrei Mayatnik/Shutterstock.com

Address: 22/1, Moo 4, Na Mueang, Ko Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 9am-5pm

More Info: On a hilltop, just off Route 4169 (Ring Road) at Baan Saket.

### Wat Khunaram (Mummified Monk)



Koh Samui's mummified monk at Wat Khunaram is an unusual sight, but still offers a unique insight into Buddhist and Thai culture. The mummified

monk Luong Pordaeng died in 1973 and his body has been on display in a glass case at the temple ever since. Remarkably, the monk's body shows little sign of decay.

Photo: Razvan Orendovici/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Wat Khunaram, Na Mueang, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Open during daylight hours

Tickets: Free entry

### Big Buddha Temple (Wat Phra Yai)



Big Buddha Temple, locally known as Wat Phra Yai, is majestically located on a small rocky island off Koh Samui's north-eastern corner (Koh

Faan). The golden, twelve-meter seated Buddha statue was built in 1972 and is one of the island's most popular attractions.

Photo: donsimon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Open all day

Phone: +66 929234510

More Info: Route 4171, near the airport. Since this is a sacred place, one should dress appropriately (cover the shoulders and wear trousers or long shorts).

### Zip-Lining



If you are seeking an adrenaline-filled ride that you will never forget, then you should try zip-lining. This experience also offers

astonishing views over the treetops in the rainforest. Before you start there is a thorough training and the staff will take care of you from the very first minute to the last.

Photo: fotum/Shutterstock.com

Address: Secret Falls, Maenam, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 9am-6pm

Phone: +66 077300340

Internet: [www.canopyadventuresthailand.com](http://www.canopyadventuresthailand.com)

Email: [contact@canopyadventuresthailand.com](mailto:contact@canopyadventuresthailand.com)

### Tamarind Springs Forest Spa



If you would like to pamper yourself with a spa treatment there are many resorts to choose from. One of them is Tamarind Springs Forest

Spa, which offers you a unique experience with its location in an amazing natural setting. Here you can have a peaceful time among waterfalls and rock pools, as well as enjoy a massage treatment in an open-air pavilion.

Photo: Phil Date/Shutterstock.com

Address: 205/7 Thong Takian, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 9-20

Phone: +66 859264626

Internet: [www.tamarindsprings.com](http://www.tamarindsprings.com)

Email: [spa@tamarindsprings.com](mailto:spa@tamarindsprings.com)

### Thai Cooking Classes



If you would like to learn how to make Thai food, why not do it in Thailand? There are many cooking classes you can take in Koh Samui, like Pai

Cookery Class. You'll have the chance to learn the traditional methods of preparation of Thai food and impress all your friends and family once you go home.

Photo: wandee007/Shutterstock.com

Address: South Chaweng Beach, Bophut, Koh Samui

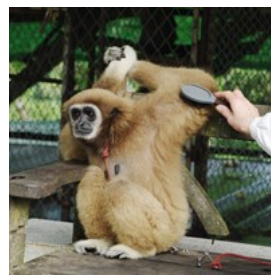
Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 9am-6pm

Phone: +66 914942462

Internet: [paicookerysamui.com](http://paicookerysamui.com)

Email: [paicookery@hotmail.com](mailto:paicookery@hotmail.com)

### Paradise Park Farm



At Paradise Park Farm you can watch a small collection of native and non-native creatures that live up in the beautiful mountains. There are

various types of birds, miniature rabbits, guinea pigs and a little hedgehog. As the name suggests, this is a farm and not a zoo, and the animals seem to be happy and healthy. This is a great place for children and adults alike.

Photo: HGalina/Shutterstock.com

Address: 217/3 Moo 1, Taling Ngam, Pom Mountain

Opening hours: Daily: 9am-5pm

Phone: +66 812551222

### Scuba Diving And Snorkeling Tour



When travelling to Koh Samui there are many beautiful places where you can scuba dive and snorkel. There are also many tour operators to

choose from, one of which is 100 Degrees East, offering boat excursions with snorkelling and diving activities among colorful fishes and coral reefs.

Photo: think4photop/Shutterstock.com

Address: Big Buddha Beach, North Coast Samui, Koh Samui

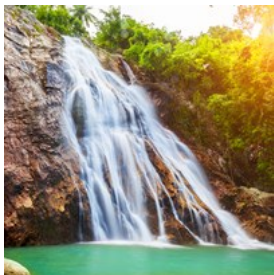
Phone: +66 77245936

Internet: [www.100degreeseast.com](http://www.100degreeseast.com)

Email: [info@100degreeseast.com](mailto:info@100degreeseast.com)

More Info: Based in front of Ocean's 11 Restaurant

### Na Muang Waterfalls



Na Muang Waterfalls, also called "Purple Waterfalls", are located in a lush jungle environment. They can easily be reached going

off the main Ring Road Route 4169 about halfway between Nathon and Lamai Beach.

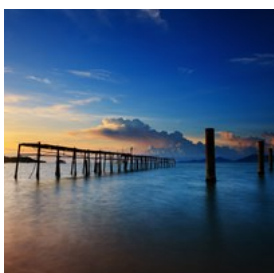
These waterfalls are considered to be among the most scenic ones, hence popular places for families to relax and swim.

Photo: Ozerov Alexander/Shutterstock.com

Address: Na Muang, Koh Samui

Tickets: Free

### Bophut's Fisherman's Village



Fisherman's Village is located near the beach, on the northern coast of Koh Samui. The pier is actually in decay, but the village still retains its

charm. The area comes alive every Friday night when the main street is blocked off to vehicles to make space for stalls that sell everything from coconut carved monkeys to clothes and other souvenirs. During the rest of the week, it's still a picturesque place for a walk.

Photo: nate samui&Shutterstock.com

Address: Bophut, Koh Samui

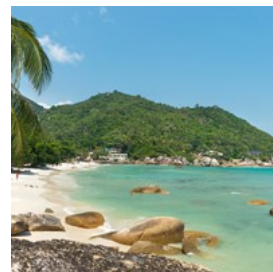
### BEACH LIFE



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The beaches on Koh Samui seem to have been taken right out of a travel ad. With their white sand and peacefully swaying palm trees, they'll make your beach experience dream-like. All around the island you can enjoy water sports, drinks, food, massages and manicures: everything you need to pamper yourself.

### Thong Takian (Silver Beach)



Thong Takian, also called Silver Beach, is a white sandy bay located only 2 kilometres north of Lamai, along the main road. This small beach is surrounded by palm trees and has a quiet and laid back atmosphere. There are many eateries where you can enjoy a drink or a nice meal.

Photo: Maxim Tupikov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Maret, Koh Samui

## Chaweng



Chaweng is Koh Samui's longest beach and is very popular among tourists: it has no less than one million visitors per year.

The five kilometres of white sandy beaches offer crystal waters and a huge selection of hotels and resorts as well as restaurants, spas, nightclubs and bars.

Photo: Preto Perola/Shutterstock.com

Address: Chaweng Beach, Koh Samui

## Lamai



At Lamai beach you can swim and relax all year around. It is smaller and quieter than Chaweng Beach, but it still offers accommodation options,

catering for every budget, as well as a lively nightlife, many restaurants, shops and bars.

Photo: foryouinf/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lamai Beach, Koh Samui

## Maenam & Bophut



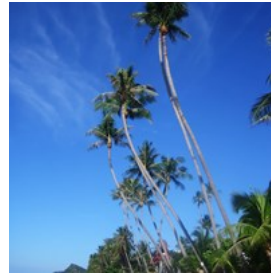
Maenam and Bophut are two popular beaches in Koh Samui. Both are situated on the northern coast and offer stunning views of Koh Phangan

island. Here you can find hotels and resorts for every budget, as well as the Fisherman's Village.

Photo: vector photo video/Shutterstock.com

Address: Maenam & Bophut Beach, Koh Samui

## Choeng Mon



Choeng Mon is a beautiful, calm bay situated only a few kilometres north of Chaweng. You can swim in the crystal clear water

or sunbathe on the white sand. When it comes to accommodation, there is a mix of traditional Thai bungalows and some new exclusive hotels and resorts.

Photo: jbor/Shutterstock.com

Address: Choeng Mon Beach, Bophut, Koh Samui

## DINING



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Koh Samui is not only a melting pot of people, but also of food. Here you will find just about everything ranging from Thai food or international cuisine to snacks from streets stalls. Remember to try some of the local food like salted eggs or the tasty rambutan fruit.

## Nuch's Green Ta'lay Restaurant



When visiting Nuch's Green Ta'lay Restaurant, one will be able to enjoy Thai food in a nicely decorated venue. The chefs Nuch and Nin offer

a genuine taste of Thailand by only using fresh

ingredients from the local markets. The signature dish is the green curry.

Photo: Siriluk ok/Shutterstock.com

Address: 31/4 Moo 5, Thong Krut, Taling Ngam, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 3pm-10pm

Phone: +66 878879956

Internet: [www.nuchsgreentalayrestaurant.com](http://www.nuchsgreentalayrestaurant.com)

Email: [nuch@nuchsgreentalayrestaurant.com](mailto:nuch@nuchsgreentalayrestaurant.com)

### Zenzibar Beach Bar & Restaurant



Zenzibar Beach Bar & Restaurant serves Thai, sea and international food. It is ideally located right on Maenam Beach,

which makes it possible to have a romantic dinner while watching the sun set on the sea.

Photo: Ponderful Pictures/Shutterstock.com

Address: 18/33 Moo 1, Maenam, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 12pm-10pm

Phone: +66 623152324

### La Lanterna



If you are craving Italian food, La Lanterna might just be the place for you.

This restaurant serves generous portions of pasta and many toppings

on the pizza, so make sure you come here on an empty stomach.

Photo: kuvona/Shutterstock.com

Address: 82/19 Moo 3 Chaweng Noi, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 1.30pm-10.30pm

Phone: +66 77960646

Email: [info@lalanternasamui.com](mailto:info@lalanternasamui.com)

### The Boudoir



At The Boudoir you can relish French food in an unusual ambiance with low lights and a colorful decor that will remind you of the Middle East.

The owners of this restaurant are a couple from Montpellier, so here you'll find real French specialties like foie gras and escargots.

Photo: tenki/Shutterstock.com

Address: 32/2 Moo 1, Maenam, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 7pm-11.30pm, Sunday: 7pm-11pm

Phone: +66 857831031

Email: [theboudoirkohsamui@gmail.com](mailto:theboudoirkohsamui@gmail.com)

### Tree Tops Sky Dining & Bar



As the name suggests, Tree Tops Sky Dining & Bar has an exclusive and luxurious setting among the tree tops. The chefs carefully select high

quality fresh products to create dishes inspired by European cuisine. Dining here is not a cheap experience, but it's bound to be memorable.

Photo: Mouy\_Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 92/1 Moo 2, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 6pm-11.30pm

Phone: +66 77960333

Internet: [www.anantara.com/en/lawana-koh-samui/restaurant/s/tree-tops-sky-dining-bar](http://www.anantara.com/en/lawana-koh-samui/restaurant/s/tree-tops-sky-dining-bar)

Email: [fbs.als@anantara.com](mailto:fbs.als@anantara.com)

More Info: Located at Anantara Lawana Samui Resort & Spa

### **Emerald Irish Bar & Restaurant**



Occasional live music, sports on the tv, ice cold draught beer and wooden decor: The Emerald Bar & Restaurant can't get more Irish than this. If

you are in the neighborhood of Fisherman's Village and you want to pretend like you're in Europe, you can stop by for lunch or dinner.

Photo: Tim Sulov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 61/2 Fishermans Village, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 10am-12am

Phone: +66 77332476

Email: gm.emeraldbarsamui@gmail.com

### **Kob Thai Restaurant**



Kob Thai Restaurant is situated in the centre of Lamai, 600 meters from the beach road. At this restaurant you can enjoy traditional Thai food at

affordable prices in a charming garden. The restaurant even has a large swimming pool, ideal for children.

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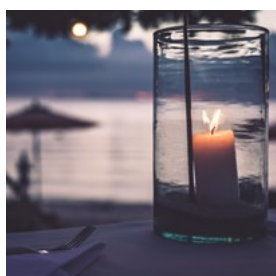
Address: 101/18 Moo 3, Maret, Lamai Beach, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 12pm-10.30pm

Phone: +66 825349325

Email: sbauche81@hotmail.com

### **Zazen Restaurant**



Zazen Restaurant is renowned for its beachfront location and fine dining. At night, this trendy restaurant glows due to the over one

hundred candles present, creating a very romantic setting. Every Thursday and Sunday a

Thai dance show livens up the evening. The menu offers both European and typical Thai dishes.

Photo: AndreyUG/Shutterstock.com

Address: 177, Moo 1, Tambon Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 6.30am-10.30pm

Phone: +66 77425085

Internet: [www.samuizazen.com/bestrestaurantssamui](http://www.samuizazen.com/bestrestaurantssamui)

Email: [info@samuizazen.com](mailto:info@samuizazen.com)

### **The Shack Bar & Grill**



The Shack Bar & Grill is a steakhouse that opened its doors in 2003 and has been serving mouth-watering grilled food in Koh Samui ever

since. The menu includes barbecue steaks, burgers and seafood. In the evening they like to play jazz and blues music.

Photo: VasilyBudarin/Shutterstock.com

Address: 88/3 Moo 1, Fisherman's Village, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 6pm-11pm

Phone: +66 814255710

Internet: [www.theshackgrillsamui.com](http://www.theshackgrillsamui.com)

Email: [info@theshackgrillsamui.com](mailto:info@theshackgrillsamui.com)

### **Dining On The Rocks**



Dining On The Rocks is an award-winning restaurant overlooking the sea. When dining at this restaurant you will be served innovative

recipes created with top quality ingredients, sourced locally and abroad. The presentation of the dishes is artistic, in attempt to shift focus from the stunning views.

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Address: 9/10 Moo 5, Baan Plai Laem, Bophut, Koh Samui



Phone: +66 77245678

Internet: [www.sixsenses.com/resorts/samui/dining](http://www.sixsenses.com/resorts/samui/dining)

Email: [reservations-samui@sixsenses.com](mailto:reservations-samui@sixsenses.com)

More Info: Located at Six Senses Hotels Resorts Spas

### Gringos Cantina Mexican Restaurant



If you feel like eating mouth-watering Tex-Mex, you can head over to this traditional Mexican restaurant. If you need to convince your friends to

join you, tell them that there are several vegetarian options available, as well as a few Italian dishes like pizza and pasta. Also, everyday there is a happy hour from 2pm-7pm. Trying the margaritas is highly recommended.

Photo: Oksana Mizina/Shutterstock.com

Address: 166/79 Moo 2 Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 1pm-11.30pm

Phone: +66 77413267

Internet: [gringoscantinachaweng.com](http://gringoscantinachaweng.com)

Email: [gringoscantina@gmail.com](mailto:gringoscantina@gmail.com)

### Jungle Club



Jungle Club is not only a beach resort, but also a bar and a restaurant with a stunning view over the Gulf of Siam. They offer Thai and Western fusion

cuisine, along with a selection of drinks. You can choose to sit in the elegant indoor hall, or on a cozy bean bag on the outdoor wooden deck.

Photo: g-stockstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Chaweng Noi Beach, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 8am-21.30pm

Phone: + 66 81 894 2327

Internet: [www.jungleclubsamui.com/restaurant](http://www.jungleclubsamui.com/restaurant)

Email: [contact@jungleclubsamui.com](mailto:contact@jungleclubsamui.com)

## CAFES



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Koh Samui is slowly catching up with the western coffee trend, so finding a decent cup of coffee here should not be too hard. If you are craving a snack there will be an abundance of choices. You can easily grab a bite to eat or drink at the beach or from one of the many food stalls.

### Tanya's Cafe



At Tanya's Cafe you can find obviously coffee and tea, but also a wide selection of smoothies, fresh fruit juices, sandwiches and

homemade gluten-free cakes. This is a great place to visit for breakfast, lunch or, if you can't choose, brunch. A plus point: everything is organic.

Photo: ol\_photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 80/4 Moo 3, Chaweng Beach Road, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 9am-9pm, Saturday: 9am-6pm

Phone: +66 901583584

Email: [ts.art4kid@gmail.com](mailto:ts.art4kid@gmail.com)

More Info: Between The New Villas and First Residence

### Boy's Organic Coffee



When visiting Boy's Organic Coffee you will be served only the finest Organic Thai Coffee, which the owner Boy takes great pride in. This charming and quiet spot is great for just relaxing and enjoying Arabica coffee, grown and roasted on the hills of Chiang Mai.

Photo: I love coffee/Shutterstock.com

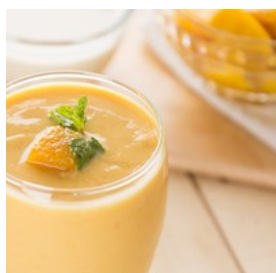
Address: 30/5, Ban Thongkrut, Taling Ngam, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 9am-6pm, Sunday: 11am-5pm

Phone: +66 878939669

Email: organic\_coffee@hotmail.com

### The Big Buddha Coffee Shop



If you're on the way to see the Big Buddha statue, you might have noticed this cosy café situated right at the entrance of the temple. You might as well stop by and try one of their specialties: fruit shakes and banana bread. The Big Buddha Coffee Shop has a very chilled out vibe and offers amazing sea views.

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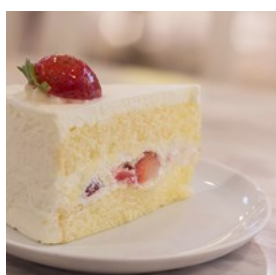
Address: Big Buddha Temple, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 8.30am-4pm

Phone: +66 890273827

Email: thebigbuddhacoffeeshop1@hotmail.com

### Lolamui Cafe



This small quaint cafe in Lamai serves huge pieces of cake, being creative in both the presentation and the ingredients. Some of the flavors you might find

are black beer, young coconut and strawberry earl grey. There is a balcony overlooking the garden if you prefer to sit outside.

Photo: Bellie Design/Shutterstock.com

Address: 127/184 Moo. 3, Lamai, Maret, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 11am-5pm

Phone: +66 896884818

Email: lolamuicafe@gmail.com

### Sweet Sisters Cafe



At Sweet Sisters Cafe they use only fresh, organic products sourced locally. You'll find plenty of healthy options, from meat and seafood dishes to main courses, salads, smoothies and homemade cakes. Vegetarian and vegan options are available.

The cafe also has a little shop where you can buy organic food and body care products.

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Address: Baan Bang Kao Road, Na Mueang, Koh Samui

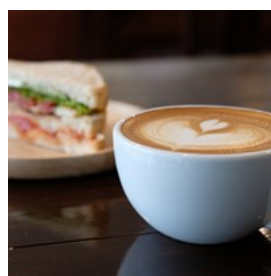
Opening hours: Daily: 9am-9pm

Phone: +66 864708631

Email: sweetsisterscafe@gmail.com

More Info: Corner of route 4173 and route 4170

### About Cafe



About Cafe has an original decor: here you'll see pictures and trinkets on every wall that are not for sale, but you'll also find many books, postcards and souvenirs that you can purchase. If you're not in the mood for shopping, you can of course enjoy a cup of coffee, selecting from one of the many kinds available. For a light breakfast or lunch they have sandwiches, yogurt bowls and pancakes.

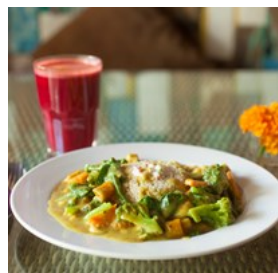
Photo: golfitti/Shutterstock.com

Address: 160/1, Moo 1, Maenam, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 7.30am-5pm

Phone: +66 815844887

### Greenlight Cafe and Bar



At Greenlight Cafe and Bar they focus on healthy cuisine with natural ingredients. Their regular menu includes vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free recipes, along with fresh seafood and free-range chicken dishes.

From 8am-11am they host a breakfast buffet, free for their hotel guests, but affordable for anyone. You might want to accompany your food with one of their "super smoothies" or fresh juices.

Photo: paul prescott/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3/28 Moo. 1 Fisherman's Village, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 8am-10pm

Phone: +66 956157230

Internet:

[www.elysiasamui.com/services-facilities/green-light-cafe](http://www.elysiasamui.com/services-facilities/green-light-cafe)

Email: [greenlightcafesamui@gmail.com](mailto:greenlightcafesamui@gmail.com)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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On Koh Samui you can find some of the best parties in Thailand, with Chaweng being the center of the partying. Along the beach road in

the area there are many different spots catering to all different tastes. Lamai is a smaller version of Chaweng, also offering numerous bars and discos. You'll be spoiled for choice along the main streets wherever you go, from sophisticated restaurants, bars, discos to the famous Full Moon Party at Kho Phangan.

### Samui Rock Bar



Samui Rock Bar is situated near the Hin Ta & Hin Yai Rocks, south of Lamai beach. Its reggae music playlist, tree-house ambiance and proximity to the sea make it a nice place to relax while sipping a classic cocktail. If you want to stay for dinner, they serve thai food, salads and burgers.

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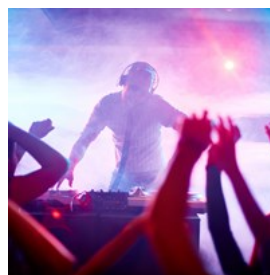
Address: Hin Ta & Hin Yai Rocks, Moo 3, Maret, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 11am-2am

Phone: +66 895939220

Internet: [www.samuirockbar.com](http://www.samuirockbar.com)

### The Green Mango Club



The Green Mango Club is ideally located in the centre of Chaweng. This all-night entertainment complex is so popular that Soi Green Mango street was named after it. Expect to find loud contemporary music, several bars, an open air space and crowds on all dance floors.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 195 Moo 2, Soi Green Mango, Chaweng, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 9pm-2am

Internet: [www.thegreenmangoclub.com](http://www.thegreenmangoclub.com)

Email: [info@thegreenmangoclub.com](mailto:info@thegreenmangoclub.com)

### Viking Bar



This Scandinavian style bar in the heart of Chaweng provides some of the best priced drinks on the island. They also let you choose what songs you'd like to hear. If you want to spend a night far from the crowds of Chaweng, but still have a good time, this is the place to go.

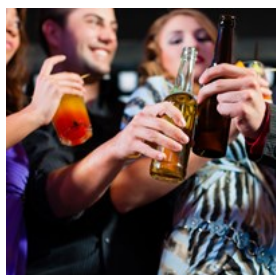
Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 91/6 Moo 2, Soi Green Mango, Chaweng Beach Road, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 7.30pm-3am

Phone: +66 8195654823

### On Street Bar Samui



At On Street Bar they appreciate art and one can tell by the ever changing original decoration. But don't think it's a snobbish place: they have everything you need to kick start your evening, which is cheap cocktails and good music. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday night they host live musicians from 10pm.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12/7 Moo 2 Chaweng Beach Road, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 5pm-2am

Phone: +66 875523524

Internet: onstreetbar.com

Email: onstreetbarsamui@hotmail.com

### K-Club



K-Club is a gay-friendly bar in the top nightlife area of Chaweng. The blinking lights and colorful decor give away the party atmosphere inside. In order to treat their customers, they also offer Thai massage sessions. Remember that from 11pm it's disco time.

Photo: GWImages/Shutterstock.com

Address: Chaweng Beach Road, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 2pm-late night

Phone: +66 77256171

Internet: www.k-clubsamui.com

Email: k-clubsamui@hotmail.co.th

### Bar Cocktail King



As the name suggests, Bar Cocktail King aims to serve the best cocktails in Koh Samui. They know how to make your favorite classics like Mojito Pina Colada and Bloody Mary, but you might want to try something different like their Cocktail King with Malibu, melon, pineapple and lime. If you prefer something lighter, you can have a glass of wine or some beer, or even a fruity "mocktail".

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24/70 Moo 5, Choeng Mon, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 6pm-2am

Phone: +66 818935426

Internet: www.cocktailkingsamui.com

Email: cocktailking\_samui@hotmail.com

### Jungle Club



Jungle Club is not only a beach resort, but also a bar and a restaurant with a stunning view over the Gulf of Siam. They offer Thai and Western fusion cuisine, along with a selection of drinks. You can choose to sit in the elegant indoor hall, or on a cozy bean bag on the outdoor wooden deck.

Photo: g-stockstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Chaweng Noi Beach, Bophut, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 8am-21.30pm

Phone: + 66 818942327

Internet: [www.jungleclubsamui.com/restaurant](http://www.jungleclubsamui.com/restaurant)

Email: [contact@jungleclubsamui.com](mailto:contact@jungleclubsamui.com)

### The Lava Lounge



The Lava Lounge is a quiet bar near Lamai Beach, perfect for a chat and some drinks among friends, as the music is not as loud as it is in nightclubs. Their lava lamps and bamboo sofas create a relaxed atmosphere. Happy hour here lasts until 9pm and guarantees you discounts on over 40 different types of cocktails.

Photo: Lightscape/Unsplash.com

Address: 109/21 Moo 3, Maret, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 4pm-2am

Phone: +66 895888626

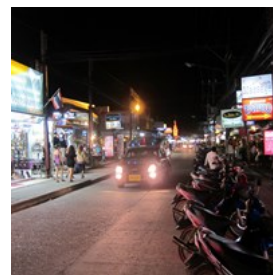
## SHOPPING



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You can easily find a bargain at Koh Samui! The main areas for shopping are the hub Chaweng, Lamai with its quirky stores and Nathon with some really cheap deals. You will definitely run in to one or two designer copies that are especially popular here. Buying your own tailored suit in Thailand is also very popular, mainly because of the good price but also for the great quality.

### Chaweng Walking Street



Chaweng Walking Street offers unlimited possibilities of shopping. From 5pm, along the street you will find numerous stands selling food, souvenirs, clothes and accessories. You will be immersed by sounds and smells in a light-hearted atmosphere.

Photo: Marcus Andersson/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Chaweng Walking Street, Bophut, Koh Samui

### Lamai Night Plaza



Lamai Night Plaza is a fun bazaar located in the centre of Lamai, and could be seen as a small version of the huge one in Bangkok. It livens up at 5pm and it's a great place for buying food and local goods, just remember to bargain the price.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lamai, Maret, Ko Samui

### Big C Samui



One of the largest shopping malls on Koh Samui is Big C, located on Ring Road right between Chaweng and Bophut. Here you will find a big supermarket, restaurants and shops selling clothes, accessories, cosmetics, jewellery and much more.

Photo: Toni Schmidt/Shutterstock.com

Address: 129/19 Moo 1, Bophut, Koh Samui

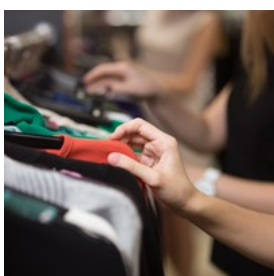
Opening hours: Daily: 8am-10pm

Phone: +66 7796071132

Internet: [www.bigc.co.th](http://www.bigc.co.th)

Email: [sgm.samui@bigc.co.th](mailto:sgm.samui@bigc.co.th)

### Tesco Lotus



Tesco Lotus is a hypermarket chain with various stores in Thailand selling just about anything. Inside you'll find shops, restaurants and supermarkets.

Photo: fizkes/Shutterstock.com

Address: 131/12 Moo 4, Maret, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 9am-10pm

Phone: +66 77256605

Internet: [www.tescolotus.com/en](http://www.tescolotus.com/en)

### Bo Phut Plaza



In the middle of Fisherman's Village main street you'll find a number of open-sided clothes boutiques, jewelry shops, food stalls, as well as street artists and tailors. There is a lot to explore so take your time for a whole afternoon in the neighborhood.

Photo: joyfull/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bo Phut Plaza, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Daily: 10am-10pm

### Oriental Living



Beautiful oriental furniture and home accessories can be found at this store. Get a glimpse on exclusive Asian designs and take home a piece of hand-crafted art. You won't be disappointed by the vast offer.

Photo: FikMik/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9/18 Moo 1, Maenam, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 10am-6pm

Phone: +66 77247675

Internet: [www.oriental-living.net](http://www.oriental-living.net)

Email: [info@oriental-living.net](mailto:info@oriental-living.net)

### Bowtiful Jewellery



Drop into this beautiful store for exclusive handmade jewelry and unusual artistic gifts. Their colorful embroidered handbags are a true eye catcher and their earrings make an original souvenir. You'll find deals for every

budget.

Photo: Valentina Todorova/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 124/288 Moo 3, Maret, Koh Samui  
Opening hours: Daily: 4pm-11pm  
Phone: +66 897690304  
Email: bowtiful@hotmail.com

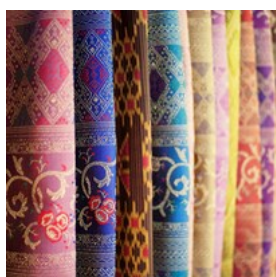
### Cera' Koh Samui



This gallery gives you an insight into local arts and crafts. Talented artists exhibit their furniture and ceramics creations, and you can purchase the ones you like most (and possibly the smaller ones). A must visit for art lovers and collectors.

Photo: Sarawut Chamsaeng/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 68/25 Moo 5, Maenam, Koh Samui  
Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 9am-5pm  
Phone: +66 77247805  
Internet: [www.cera-thailand.com](http://www.cera-thailand.com)  
Email: [samuicera@hotmail.com](mailto:samuicera@hotmail.com)

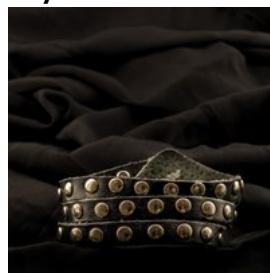
### The Wharf Samui



If you're hunting for souvenirs, you might want to visit The Wharf, an open-air shopping center opened in 2014. Its numerous shops are the perfect opportunity to find little gifts for friends at home or a treat for yourself.

Photo: Chonlawut/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 62 Moo 1, Bophut, Koh Samui  
Phone: +66 77425500

### Psylo



Urban fashion and unusual creations for both men and women can be found at this punk boutique. Discover their alternative looks with

basic colors and start making space in your suitcase for a few new outfits.

Photo: Zeljka/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 167/66 Moo 2, Chaweng beach Road, Ko Samui  
Opening hours: Daily: 11am-23pm  
Phone: +66 77256157  
Internet:  
[psylofashion.com/pages/chaweng-koh-samui-thailand](http://psylofashion.com/pages/chaweng-koh-samui-thailand)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



*BenGrantham/Flickr.com (image cropped)*

### Airport



Samui Airport is located in the northern part of Koh Samui, and is privately owned by Bangkok Airways. It considered to be one of

the most beautiful airports in the world. It has two terminals, for national and international flights. Between Departures and Arrivals you can find a large shopping center.

Leaving or arriving Koh Samui, you can choose between private and shared airport transfer. In the arrivals hall you will find a transportation counter where you can book both transfer and private taxi. A trip with a private taxi to Chaweng will cost you about 400Bath and a private minivan about 700Bath. A shared minivan with a minimum of 5 passengers will cost about 100Bath per person. The prices of course vary depending on your final destination.

There are several car rental companies located in the arrivals hall.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Samui Airport, Bo Phut, Koh Samui

Phone: +66 077428500

Internet: [www.samuiairport.com](http://www.samuiairport.com)

More Info: Prices updated February 2019

## Passport / Visa



Visitors to Thailand need a valid passport and in some cases a visa to enter the country. Nationals of 57 countries are allowed to be in the country from

14 to 90 days without a visa. Nationals of other 21 countries including China, India and Saudi Arabia are granted a visa on arrival, while the remaining need a visa in advance. Check the website below for further information:

[www.thaiembassy.com/visa/thailand-visa.php](http://www.thaiembassy.com/visa/thailand-visa.php)

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

## Best Time to Visit



One could say that visiting Koh Samui is a good idea any time of the year. The weather is almost always sunny and warm, making it the

perfect getaway from places with colder climates. All you need to know is that January is the coolest month of the year, but it has an average temperature of approximately 26°C/79°F. If you want to avoid the rainiest months, they are usually October, November and early December. From February to April there's usually great beach weather with temperatures gradually rising, making these months high season in Koh Samui.

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## Public Transport



On Koh Samui you will get by easily with "Songthaews", motor bike taxis and taxis. The Songthaews are the main means of transportation

on the island and you should expect to pay approximately 30-50Bath. They operate from early morning regularly during the day. The motor bike taxis are about the same price.

A flexible way to discover the island is to rent car, a motorbike or Jeep. But be careful on the roads, as Samui has the highest road accident statistics in Thailand.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair



## Taxi



You can also use the metered taxis for getting around the island. Taxis are a bit more expensive than songthaews, but a great way for travelling

comfortably. Insist on using the meter.

There is only one official company operating on the island which is Samui Taxi, recognisable by its yellow and brown vehicles.

Photo: Taxi

Phone: +66 816768275

Internet: [www.samuitaxi.com](http://www.samuitaxi.com)

Email: [taxi@samuitaxi.com](mailto:taxi@samuitaxi.com)

## Post



You can find the Main Post Office in Nanthon with branches in Chaweng, Lamai and Maenam, all open from 9am-4pm during the

weeks. Most post offices can be found on the main roads. Stamps can also be bought in supermarkets and at hotels.

Main Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 22 Moo 3, Chon Withi Road, Tambon Ang Thong, Koh Samui

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 8.30am-4.30pm,

Saturday-Sunday: 9am-12pm

Phone: +66 77421013

## Pharmacy



The island has no lack of pharmacies. In Chaweng you'll find several Boots pharmacies.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 167/49 Moo 2, Chaweng Choengmon Road, Chaweng, Koh Samui

Opening hours: 10am-9pm

Phone: +66 77230848

Internet: [www.th.boots.com](http://www.th.boots.com)

## Telephone



Country code: +66 Area code: 077

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



220 V, 50 Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

62,500 (2012)

## Currency

Thai Baht (THB) 1 = 100 Satang

## Opening hours

Most shops and restaurants in Koh Samui have long opening hours. The shops in Lamai and Chaweng are generally open from 11am-11pm/12am and in Nathon from 10am-6pm. Banking hours are from 8.30am-3.30pm during the week.

## Newspapers

ThaiVisa | The Nation  
Bangkok Post

**Emergency numbers**

Police, Ambulance: 191 or 911

Tourist Police: 1155

Fire Brigade: 1669