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Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas
ATTAINABLE PARADISE

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Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas offers tips to suit your interests on land or sea. Ranging from jungle exploring to wildlife watching, there is no shortage of things to do and places to see. Try elephant trekking, sailing and sea cruises to the Similan Islands. There are rafting, diving and even private surfing lessons. A five-minute walk from the resort brings you to Mai Khao Beach where you can enjoy lounging, snorkeling, sea kayaking and windsurfing. Whatever you do, and especially if you have brought your children along and it is the right season, don't miss watching baby turtles hatch on the beach. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience and the resort is a benefactor of these egg-laying sea turtles, donating one US dollar for every night a room is occupied. Facilities are not your thing and you've come just to relax and be pampered then please indulge with a Thai massage, scrub, body wrap or a variety of Ayurvedic therapies. Have you tried meditation? Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas is the ideal setting for this and if yoga is your thing classes are conducted on a regular basis.

The amenities of Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas feature an infinity edge beachside swimming pool, architecturally designed gardens, 10 private pool villas, tennis courts, a cooking school and four restaurants. Take advantage of the guest bikes that are available on the premises and absorb the fresh air, sweet aromas and sounds and scents of the jungle. You haven't lived until you've had this kind of experience as it is no other. If this is a family holiday have no worries. Activities can be enjoyed with or without the children. Babysitting is available for the very young and activities for the older children are available. These include bunk classes, glass painting and candle-making sessions. Children from ages 4 to 12 can take their pick of computer games or sports, such as snorkeling, nature hikes in the Similan National Park and island excursions.

The restaurants of the resort offer a delightful range of cuisines. The Tree House features Thai-style tapas and cocktails, best enjoyed at sunset. The Tasting Room designs individual menus and serves fine wine. Sea Fire Grill serves seafood barbecue on the veranda. Of course you are also welcome to venture off the resort and try the local joints such as the jazzy nightclub Sorb Supper Club whose menu includes pizzas, grilled fish and seafood along with cocktails. Want something more casual? Try Lotus with breathtaking views of the sunset. And then there is Silk, a sophisticated establishment serving contemporary Thai food.

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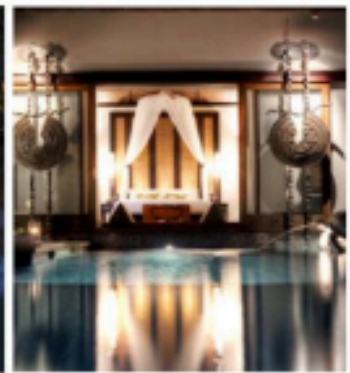
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