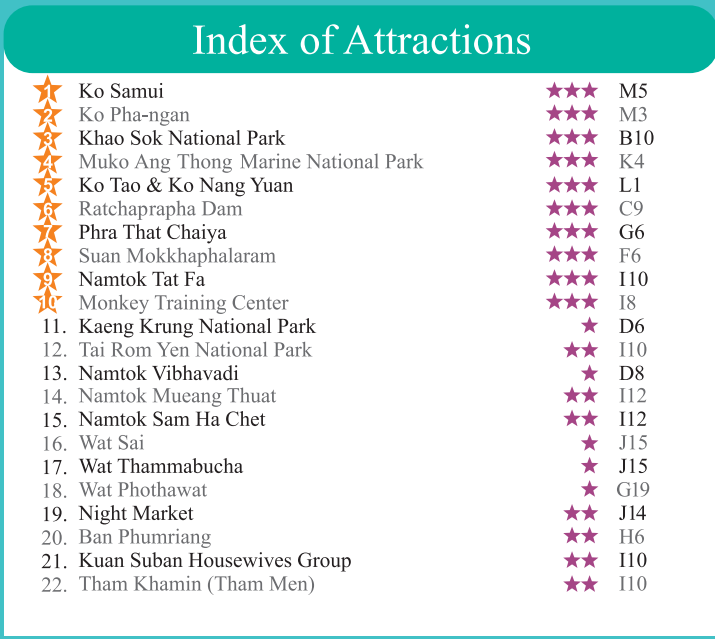


Today, Surat Thani is famous for its magnificent attractions, both inland and offshore, and is renowned for numerous action and adventure options. The Rainforest in Khao Sok National Park is the site of world's largest lotus *Bua Phut*, and Namtok Tad Fa in the Tai Rom Yen National Park are two of the exquisite attractions the province has to offer. As well as this, hundreds of scenic islands are preferred destinations for sea, sand, sun and fun lovers. Ko Samui captivates tourists from all over the world with its delightful ocean views and diverse water sports, while Ko Pha-ngan charms visitors with its monthly held full moon beach party. Ko Tao - Ko Nang Yang have mega-popular become diving sites for cookies and experts. And the Angthong National Marine Park provides magnificent panoramic views of the surrounding islands.



the most important ancient Buddhist stupa of the south that houses relics of the Lord Buddha. The nearby National Museum of Chaiya features a remarkable bronze statue of the Lord Buddha in one of his incarnations as Phra Bodhisat Avalokitesavara. Call +66 7743 1066, +66 6 2202 2511 for more information on the museum.



Location	Address/Tel.	Products
Ban Phumriang	Phumriang Subdistrict, Chaiya District, 7km. from the city center	Gold and silver thread woven fabric
Ban Mookhaphalarum	Chaiya District	Chaiya salted eggs
Kuan Suban Housewives' Group	Ban Na San District Agricultural Office	Handicrafts, Rubber-leaf butterflies
O-reth Oyster	Kanchanadit Intersection	Fresh oysters
Phlap Phla Seafood	Chaiya District	Salted Kutao fish, Chaiya salted eggs



waterfall and it's almost one kilometer in height. Steps leading to each level of the waterfall make the climb easier. Tat Fa is at its best during the rainy season.



are both entertaining and educational at the same time. Appointments should be made in advance at Kanchanadit district. Kra dae jae monkey Training Center Call +66 8 1079 7730

8. Wat Suan Mokkhaphalaram: *at the foot of Khao Phutthong, Highway 41, Km.134, 8.30 a.m.-6.00 p.m.F6*

This Buddhist temple is where one of Thailand's most revered monks, Buddhadasa Bhikkhu, spent most of his life. Located in a beautiful forest, it is a place for meditation practice and dharma study. Besides the temple, there is a library worth visiting. Inside are murals and statues which are based on Buddhist teachings.

**9. Namtok Tat Fa: in the area of Taung
Rom Yen National ParkI10**
At first glance, this waterfall's

remarkable height makes it seem as if it cascades down from the sky, hence the name. It is indeed Surat Thani's tallest water feature in height. Steps leading to each level. Tat Fa is at its best during the rainy

10. Monkey Training Center: *In both Kanchanadit and Tha Chang18*

This is a one-of-a-kind institution devoted to training wild monkeys how to pick coconuts. Visitors will find out more about training techniques which are still in use today. Appointments are required. 7730 Kra dae jae monkey

Boat Routes	Operators	Time		Fare (Baht)
		To	Back	
Surat Thani - Ko Samui - Surat Thani				
Don Sak - Na Thon	Sea Tran	05.00 a.m. - 07.00 p.m. every hour.	05.00 a.m. - 07.00 p.m. every hour.	400 each, 400 car
Don Sak - Lipa Noi	Raja Ferry	05.00 a.m. - 07.30 p.m. every hour.	05.00 a.m. - 09.30 p.m. every hour.	120 each, 520 car
Don Sak - Na Thon	Song Serm	09.30 a.m., 03.30 p.m.	08.00 a.m., 01.30 p.m.	250 each
Don Sak - Na Thon	Lomprayah	10.00 a.m., 12.30 p.m.	08.00 a.m., 09.45 a.m., 12.45 p.m.,	350 each
		04.00 p.m., 06.00 p.m.	03.30 p.m.	
Surat Thani - Ko Pha-ngan - Ko Samui				
Don Sak - Thong Sala	Raja Ferry	06.00 a.m. - 06.00 p.m. every two hour.	05.00 a.m. - 05.00 p.m. every two hour.	10 each, 760 car
Don Sak - Thong Sala	Song Serm	09.30 a.m., 03.30 p.m.	07.00 a.m., 12.30 p.m.	350 each
Don Sak - Thong Sala	Lomprayah	10.10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 04.00 p.m.,	07.20 a.m., 09.00 a.m., 12.00 p.m.,	450 each
		06.00 p.m.	02.30 p.m.	
Don Sak - Thong Sala	Sea Tran	11.00 a.m., 02.30 p.m.	08.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m.	450 each
Ko Samui - Ko Pha-ngan - Ko Samui				
Na Thon - Thong Sala	Sea Tran	08.00 a.m., 01.00 p.m., 04.30 p.m.	08.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 04.30 p.m.	300 each
Na Thon - Thong Sala	Song Serm	09.00 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 05.30 p.m.	07.00 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 05.00 p.m.	200 each
Pha Lan - Thong Sala	Lomprayah	08.00 a.m., 12.30 p.m.	11.00 a.m., 16.20 p.m.	300 each
Na Thon - Thong Sala	Lomprayah	11.15 a.m., 03.30 p.m., 05.30 p.m.,	07.20 a.m., 09.00 a.m., 12.00 p.m.,	300 each
			14.30 p.m.	
Lipa Noi - Thong Sala	Raja Ferry	09.00 a.m., 02.00 p.m., 06.00 p.m.	07.00 a.m., 12.00 p.m., 04.00 p.m.	150 each, 470 car
Ko Samui - Ko Tao - Ko Samui (stop at Ko Pha-ngan)				
Na Thon - Mae Hat	Song Serm	09.00 a.m., 11.30 a.m.	10.00 a.m., 05.00 p.m.	500 each
Bang Rak - Mae Hat	Sea Tran	08.00 a.m., 01.00 p.m., 04.30 p.m.	06.30 a.m., 09.00 a.m., 03.00 p.m.	600 each
Na Thon - Mae Hat	Lomprayah	11.30 a.m., 05.00 p.m.	06.00 a.m., 09.00 a.m.	600, 700 each
Pha Lan - Mae Hat	Lomprayah	08.00 a.m., 12.30 p.m.	09.30 a.m., 03.00 p.m.	600 each
Ko Samui - Muko Ang Thong - Ko Samui (1 day package tour)				
Na Thon - Wuai Talap	High Sea Tour	07.15 a.m.	03.20 p.m.	"1,950 each"

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Amphoe	: District
Ao	: Bay
Ban	: Village
Hat	: Beach
Khao	: Mountain
Khlong	: Canal
Ko	: Island
Laem	: Cape
Muko	: Group of Islands
Mueang	: Town or City
Namtok	: Waterfall
Tham	: Cave
Tambon	: Sub-district
Wat	: Temple

Note: The English spellings given here try to approximate Thai pronunciation. Posted signs may be spelled differently.

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Police Tel. +66 7737 7501

Ban Ta Khun
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Police Tel. +66 7739 7013

Getting Around Ko Samui

By Taxi

There are now quite a few taxis on Ko Samui. Make sure to negotiate the fare prior to heading out to your destination.

By Songthaeo

Red pickup trucks with benches in the back serve as ‘busses’ around the island, traveling fixed routes and allowing passengers to get on and off at will. It’s easy to flag one down; in fact, they actively solicit passengers. Ask the fare prior to climbing aboard. It’s even possible to hire one for the day if you don’t mind riding in the back.

By Motorbike

Motorbikes can be rented in any beach town on Ko Samui. However, renting a motorbike is a risky venture. In addition to the risk of injury, a common occurrence for foreigners on the island, there are occasionally scams involving rental motorbikes. As you must typically leave your passport as a deposit for a motorbike it is best to look for a reputable motorbike dealer even if the price is slightly higher. Be aware that helmets are required by law and wearing closed toes shoes is common sense.

By Bicycles

For getting around the beach where your resort is located a bicycle is an excellent option. Many resorts offer complimentary bicycles, although they can otherwise be hired for no more than a hundred baht a day. Make sure to wear a helmet and ride cautiously, there are many potholes and cars don’t give bicycles the right of way.

By Rental Car

There are both cars and jeeps for rent on Ko Samui. As the winding, single lane roads don’t allow for much speeding. As the island is relatively small, it’s also nearly impossible to get lost!



Hat Chaweng (Ko Samui)



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★★★★ N4

★★★★ P11

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★ V3

★★ R11

★ U12

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Prime Attractions | Ko Samui

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1. Hat Chaweng:U4

This is one of Ko Samui’s most popular beaches, well-known for its vibrant nightlife and spectacular entertainment venues. There are plenty of resort-type accommodation options available in various price ranges. Located nearby is Ko Mat Sum, another must-visit attraction renowned for its colorful reefs.

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2. Hat Lamai:U7

Second most popular beach of Ko Samui, Hat Lamai is named after its long circular stretch of powdery white beach. A nearby attraction is Hin Ta - Hin Yai, the island’s most astonishing rock formations. The best time to visit Hat Lamai is from December to April.

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3. Namtok Na Mueang: 14 km. from Na Thon PierR7

Apart from sea, sand and beaches, there is so much fun to enjoy when exploring on-shore attractions like Na Mueang 1 and Na Mueang 2 waterfalls. While Na Mueang 1 is relatively more popular for its easy road access and a large pool ideal for swimming, Na Mueang 2 is famous for being Samui’s tallest waterfall and it can only be reached by a 30-minute hike.

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4. Ao Taling Ngam:O8

A tranquil beach and a perfect spot to watch the island’s most beautiful sunset, especially when the sun descends majestically between Ko Si and Ko Ha. seafood stalls located in the island’s only night market.

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5. Hat Na Thon:N4

Recognized as the gateway to Samui, the beach is where all ferries dock. It is also the island’s seafood center known for its diverse dining choices, ranging from stylish restaurants to the cheap seafood stalls located in the island’s only night market.

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6. Ko Taen:P11

This small tranquil island provides a beautiful nature trail suitable for bird watching and botany. With its crystal clear waters, the island is great for diving. Beneath the surface are amazingly multicolored coral reefs and astonishing seascapes. Ko Taen offers value-for-money accommodation that comes with warm hospitality. There are no cars on the island which can be reached by a 15-minute boat trip from Thong Krut Bay.

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7. Phra Yai (Phra Buddha Kho Dom):U2

Located on Samui’s north coast is a 12-meter high Buddha image which the temple is named after. This Buddha image is highly revered among locals and is a famous pilgrimage site for Buddhists from all over the country.

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8. Hat Bo Phut:S2

If you love eating out by the sea. Hat Bo Phut is the place. This former fishing village has been modified as a famous cluster of eateries on Ko Samui. The beachfront road is lined with an array of restaurants, including pubs and bars, mostly with breezy outdoor corners along the beach.

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9. Buffalo Fighting Stadium:Q8

Buffalo fighting is one of the most rarely seen local sports in Thailand. It possesses a unique combination of excitement and danger. The fights are not arranged on routine schedules. They are organized to celebrate such important occasions as the New Year, Chinese New Year, Songkran, the beginning of Buddhist Lent, Samui’s Duan Sipsong (12th month) Festival and the Pha Pa offering. Nevertheless, there will be no fights on Buddhist holy days-the 8th and 15th days of the waxing or waning moons of each month.

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10. Samui Off-road Track:P3

Extensive adventure activities make Samui a dream destination. One of these exciting pursuits is a challenging off-road track located on the island’s high hills. Seen on both sides of the track are coconut, rambutan and durian orchards. The end of the track is where the reward is, the most breathtaking vista of the ocean.

Interesting Activities

Activities

Service Providers

Telephone Numbers

Diving

Ban's Diving

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Blue Star

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Go-Kart

Samui Go-Kart

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Day Tour

Highway Travel Booking (1989)

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Car Rentals

Budget
AVIS
Hertz

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+66 2266 4666

Symbols

4 Primary Highway

411 Regional Highway

4035 Provincial Highway

4036 Local Road

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Railway Line

River Canal

km 3.37

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Amphoe/District

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Must see

Worth a visit

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Cave

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Swimming

Waterfall

Bus

Monkey Training Center

Post Office

Cruising

Speed boat

Express Boat /Air con-Boa

Ferry

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Market

Temple (Wat)

Tourist village

Dam

National Park

Shopping

Museum

Viewpoint

Pier/Port

Scuba Diving

Snorkelling

Transportation

By Car

Surat Thani can be most conveniently reached by car from Bangkok by taking Highway No. 4 through Phetchaburi and Prachuap Khiri Khan Provinces to Chumphon Province and then taking Highway No. 41 and Highway No. 401 directly to Surat Thani City.

As many of the ferries connecting mainland Surat Thani with Ko Samui are car ferries it is possible to rent a car and drive to Ko Samui. From Bangkok to Surat Thani the trip takes from 8 to 10 hours; from Phuket or Hat Yai the journey is 5 and 6 hours respectively. Once in Surat Thani, the ferry piers are another hour from the town.

By Bus

Air-conditioned busses depart from Bangkok's Southern Bus Terminal to Surat Thani Province everyday. For more information, Tel: 1490, +66 2422 4444, +66 2872 1777 or visit home.transport.co.th From Surat Thani there are three bus stations from which busses depart: Talat Kaset 1 - bus service for travel within Surat Thani province; Talat Kaset 2 - busses and minivans for destinations farther away, including Krabi, Phuket, and Hat Yai; and the New Station is for air-conditioned buses to Bangkok.

By Train

Trains leave Bangkok's Hua Lumphong Railway Station 10 times daily from 12 p.m. until 10.50 p.m. The trip takes approximately 12-13 hours. Ask for the train from Bangkok to Phun Phin, the closest station to Surat Thani City, located 13km away. For further details, please call 1690, +66 2621 8701, +66 2200 4334 or visit www. railway.co.th.

By Air

Thai Airways and Thai AirAsia operate daily flights connecting Bangkok and Surat Thani. The flight time is approximately 70 minutes. Many consider the budget flight on AirAsia to Surat Thani a money saving alternative to more expensive flights directly to Ko Samui. Visitors should be aware that transferring from Surat Thani Airport to the pier and riding the boat to Ko Samui can take a full day.

Bangkok Airways offers direct air services between Ko Samui (USM) and Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Krabi, Pattaya (U-Tapao), Phuket, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Flying time between Ko Samui and Bangkok is less than an hour; flights between Ko Samui and Phuket or Pattaya are less than 45 minutes.

Thai Airways offers limited domestic service to and from Ko Samui; Berjaya Air connects Ko Samui and Kuala Lumpur; and Firefly provides service from Penang and Kuala Lumpur to Ko Samui.

For individuals from qualifying nations, there is Visa-On-Arrival service available at Samui Airport.



Monkey Training Center