



Welcome to Hua Hin

Thailand's Royal Resort

Host to the vacation palace of the Thailand's King, Hua Hin is Thailand's royal resort. Hua Hin is just an easy 2½ hour drive from Bangkok, but a world away. With its uncrowded beaches, and refreshing sea breezes, Hua Hin combines the beauty of ancient Thai traditions with a relaxed, modern, international lifestyle.

As one of Thailand's favorite vacation destinations, there's lots to do in Hua Hin:

- Long, uncrowded beaches
- 9 world-class golf courses
- Exotic temples and Royal Palaces
- 2 huge national parks nearby
- Shopping at night markets
- Excellent dining, both Thai and international
- World-class spas

If you want to find out more about things to do in Hua Hin, turn to page 2 of this guide.

Sunny Uncrowded Beaches

White sand and clear, warm water, Hua Hin's beaches offer something for everyone - a relaxing stroll, swimming, snorkeling and water sports. Although easily accessible from Bangkok, the number and length of Hua Hin's many beaches means that they never get crowded. Turn to page 4 to find out more about Hua Hin's beaches.

World-Class Golf

Once considered as one of Thailand's best-kept golfing secrets, Hua Hin is rapidly becoming known as one of the leading golf resorts in the world. With 9 championship golf courses, Hua Hin is truly a golfers' paradise. Find out more on page 3.

SeaRidge – Hua Hin's Exclusive Resort Community

SeaRidge is an exclusive resort community of luxury condominiums and villas on a beautiful hillside setting in Hua Hin. Surrounded by nature and overlooking the Gulf of Thailand, SeaRidge is a wonderful place to live and an excellent investment. Find out more about SeaRidge on page 5 of this guide.

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View of Hua Hin from Khao Takiab

Easy Access to Bangkok and Beyond

Hua Hin is 200 km (125 miles) south of Bangkok on the west side of the Gulf of Thailand.

One of Hua Hin's major advantages is its easy access to Bangkok. Although Hua Hin is well away from the congestion and urban sprawl of metropolitan Bangkok, it is easily accessible by road or rail.

Once in Bangkok, you have convenient air connections to all major cities in Europe, Asia and North America.



What to See & Do in Hua Hin

Beaches - Long uncrowded beach, ideal for jogging, a moonlight stroll, or just relaxing. We tell you about Hua Hin's best beaches on page 4.

Golf - Hua Hin has 9 world-class golf courses, including Thailand's oldest course. Green-fees are very reasonable while course maintenance and services are superb. Every August and September, Hua Hin holds its annual golf festival, which offers tremendous savings on green fees. We've got more about golf in Hua Hin on page 3.

Temples - There are numerous temples in and around Hua Hin. Two of the most interesting are those at Khao Tao and Khao Takiab, which are both situated on hills right beside the Gulf of Thailand. Khao Tao is about 12 km south of the town center and features a large Golden Buddha with a number of temples around the Buddha. Khao Takiab is about 3 km south of the town center and also has a large Buddah (see photo on page 3). As shown in the photo above, you can enjoy a sweeping view of Hua Hin from Khao Takiab.

Royal Palaces - The main Royal Palace, called Klai Kangwon Palace is just north of the town center. The park around the palace is open to the public. There are also a number of other homes and facilities used by the Royal Family around Hua Hin. For example, Maruekhathaiyawan Palace, which is 15 km north of the town center, was built in the early 1920s during the reign of King Rama VI.

Parks - There are 2 huge national parks near Hua Hin. Khao Sam Roi Yot (300 peaks) National Park is about 50 km south of Hua Hin. You can hike and explore the caves in the park or take a boat cruise along the Khao Daeng Canal. There are also many excellent and secluded beaches in and around the park.

Kaeng Krachan National Park, located 60 km west of Hua Hin is Thailand's largest park. The park boasts abundant wildlife (tigers, bears, gibbons, elephants) and the 11 tiered Pala-u waterfall.

Night Market - Vibrant night market selling clothing, souvenirs and food.

Dining - Hua Hin is famous for its Thai seafood restaurants, along the beach and on the pier in the town center. But Hua Hin also has excellent Italian, French, Danish, Swedish, Japanese and American cuisine, at very low prices.

Spas - Hua hin has some of the best spas in the world with the Chiva Som Spa regularly being selected as the world's best destination resort.



Buddah at Khao Takiab, Hua Hin

Hua Hin is Special

Thailand's Oldest Beach Resort - Although still relatively new to international visitors, Hua Hin is actually Thailand's oldest beach resort. In 1928, King Rama VII built his Klai Kangwon (Far From Worries) Palace which continues to be an official Royal residence.

Royal Presence - As a result of this Royal presence, Hua Hin quickly became the preferred vacation destination for the Thai nobility and upper-class. This has continued through to the present with Hua Hin being the most desirable location for vacation properties amongst affluent Thais.

With the strong demand for vacation properties by affluent Thais, there is a much greater balance between Thai and non-Thai buyers in Hua Hin in comparison to other beach resorts in the country. Phuket and Koh Samui are very dependent on foreign buyers. Therefore, when foreign demand drops, the property market in these areas is much more negatively affected than in Hua Hin.

Safe & Secure - Another important benefit of the Royal presence is that because of the supporting security provisions, Hua Hin is very safe and family-oriented, with one of the lowest crime rates in Thailand.

When to Visit Hua Hin

Hua Hin is a year-round vacation destination so anytime is perfect for a Hua Hin holiday. The peak tourist season corresponds to the colder months in Europe, from November through to March. During this period, we also get the best weather in Hua Hin – dry and sunny almost every day.

The hottest month of the year is normally April, after which the wet period of the year begins. However, the rain is not enough to disrupt your vacation. The rain is limited and most falls during the few hours of the late afternoon and early evening. As we show you on page 4, Hua Hin gets a lot less rain than the other major beach resorts - Phuket and Koh Samui.

Visiting during the period from May to October has a number of advantages. Hua Hin is quieter with fewer overseas tourists. Prices, particularly for hotels and other accommodation, are discounted during this period. And in August and September, you can play a round of golf for up to 70% off regular prices, during the annual golf festival.

World-Class Golf

Hua Hin is the ideal spot for a golf holiday. With 9 championship courses, Hua Hin truly is a golfer's paradise.

From Thailand's oldest course to state of the art modern designs with superbly equipped clubhouses and facilities, Hua Hin offers everything from a relaxing round for the average player to the sternest of tests for the low handicap and scratch golfer.

Whether you're looking for a locally designed course cut into the area's spectacular natural mountain terrain, a sea view links type course, or a championship Jack Nicklaus designed layout, Hua Hin has it all.



Palm Hills Golf Course

Here's a list of golf courses in and around Hua Hin:

- Palm Hills, 6,892 yards
- Springfield, 7,063 yards
- Majestic Creek, 6,961 yards
- Royal Hua Hin, 7,361 yards
- Black Mountain, 7,343 yards
- Banyan, 6,678 yards, 5 km south
- Imperial Lake View, 6,915 yards
- Milford, 6,614 yards
- Kaeng Kracharn, 6,427 yards

All of these courses are 18 hole par 72.

With Hua Hin's tropical climate, golf is a year-round activity with 3 seasons:

- Warm & Dry - November to February
- Hot - March to May
- Green & Wet – June to October.

The busiest period is the warm and dry season. If you'd like a quieter time of the year, try June to October.



Hua Hin Beach

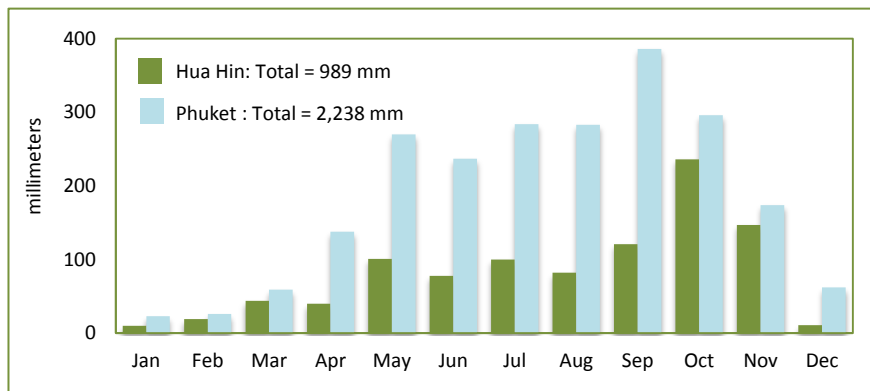
Who Has the Best Weather in Thailand?

For vacationers, Hua Hin has better weather than any of the other major beach resorts in Thailand. OK, we know what you're thinking – that we are biased. However, if you keep reading, we'll prove it!

A Lot Less Rain – Hua Hin has less than half the annual rainfall as either Phuket or Ko Samui. The graph below compares monthly average rainfall in Hua Hin and Phuket.



Average Monthly Rainfall – Hua Hin & Phuket



Total annual rainfall averages 2,238 millimeters (mm) in Phuket, but only 989 mm in Hua Hin. In Ko Samui, rainfall averages 1,956 mm per year.

More Sunny Days – On average, Hua Hin has 60 fewer rainy days per year than Phuket. Phuket averages 172 days per year with at least some rainfall, while Hua Hin averages only 111. Ko Samui averages 157 days per year with some rain.

More Comfortable Temperatures – During the peak tourist season, from November through to the end of March, temperatures in Hua Hin are more comfortable than in Phuket and Ko Samui. For example, in January, the average maximum temperature is 2.1 degrees (Celsius) cooler in Hua Hin compared to Phuket and 2.3 degrees cooler than in Ko Samui. Hua Hin also has lower average humidity. Therefore, spending time outdoors is more comfortable in Hua Hin, particularly for activities such as golf.

Yes, you're right, we are biased – but Hua Hin really does have the best weather!

Hua Hin Beaches

Hua Hin Beach - Over 5 km long in the center of Hua Hin. The name Hua Hin ("head stone" in Thai) is taken from the rock formations in front of the Sofitel Hotel, at the north end of this beach.

Khao Takiab Beach - Just south of Hua Hin Beach, this beautiful beach runs north and south from Chopstick Hill (Khao Takiab in Thai). If you go to the top of the hill, you'll see monkeys.

Suan Son Beach - South of Khao Takiab and just north of SeaRidge, this beach is named after the surrounding pine tree forest. This beach can sometimes be busy on weekends but is extremely quiet during weekdays.



Khao Tao Beach

Khao Tao Beach - Also called Sai Yai Beach, this quiet sandy beach is located in Khao Tao (Turtle Hill) village, just north of the hill that gives the village its name. There are some nice seafood restaurants on the beach where you can enjoy lunch or dinner.

Sai Noi Beach - Just south of Turtle Hill, this beach is very quiet and secluded. This is a great place to relax.



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SeaRidge - Hua Hin's Exclusive Resort

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Relax and enjoy life in your very own private resort. SeaRidge has an excellent selection of luxury condominiums and villas available for purchase at very affordable prices.

SeaRidge Condominiums

SeaRidge offers you 2 and 3 bedroom condominiums, all with 2 luxurious bathrooms, full European kitchen, concealed air conditioning, and large covered balconies with sea/mountain views. Our SeaRidge condominiums are now finished so you can move in and begin enjoying your new home right away.

SeaRidge Villas

SeaRidge offers 6 villa designs to meet every budget and lifestyle – from a compact single level home to very spacious 4 or 5 bedroom villas. Every villa comes with air conditioning throughout, full European kitchen, tropical landscaping, and its own swimming pool.

At SeaRidge, we offer our villa owners an almost unlimited range of custom options. Just tell us about your lifestyle and what is important to you in a home. We'll then create customized solutions to meet your unique needs. Contact us below to find out more.

SeaRidge Vacation Rentals

Spend your next vacation in one of our fully furnished 2 or 3 bedroom luxury apartments. SeaRidge offers vacation rentals by the day, week or month. Compared to an equivalent quality hotel room, SeaRidge gives you 3 times the space for half the price.

Everything for a Perfect Vacation

All of our rental condos are furnished and equipped to the same exceptionally high standards. We don't think you'll find anything like it in Hua Hin:

- Deluxe furnishings throughout.
- King bed in master bedroom, 2 twin beds in other bedrooms, luxury cotton linens.
- Full kitchen and cooking facilities.
- 2 flat screen TVs, 2 DVD/audio systems, high speed internet.

Why settle for a hotel room when you can have a beautiful 2 or 3 bedroom fully furnished condo? Contact us below to find out more.

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