

Eden Rock Villa, Koh Samui



Andaman Coast, Thailand



A little piece of home

Villa Jia, Phang Nga, Thailand

Thailand's Andaman coast is home to one of my favourite stretches of beach and it's here that I came across the Villa Jia, just a short drive north of Phuket. The landscaped coconut grove, impressive beach front location and a stunning infinity pool were just some of the many reasons why I found it difficult to leave! This luxurious villa is definitely for those who want to spend time forgetting about all else and concentrate on some serious relaxing, whilst your resident chef prepares delicious dishes from the kitchen. A perfect end to the day is with a massage at the outdoor sala while the sun slowly heads off to Africa.

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Situated in the peaceful hills away from the busy crowds of Chaweng Beach, Eden Rock would be my hideaway of choice. This charming Balinese-style villa has a personal and homely feel whilst offering plenty of indoor and outdoor space. Beautiful artworks decorate the villa's interior, whilst the landscaped tropical garden, buzzing with flora and fauna as well as natural rock pools and waterfalls, is perhaps one of the most impressive I've seen. The dramatic views from the infinity-edge pool surely take some beating too! This is a wonderfully private retreat which will without doubt leave lasting memories.

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The Emerald Residence, Koh Samui, Thailand

Samui's northwest coast remains largely undeveloped and I would urge anyone to take advantage of its natural, rugged beaches and dramatic sunsets as I did last month. The villas at the Emerald Residence are located just a short drive from the main market towns on the north coast and offer stunning vistas but are far enough away to enjoy an undisturbed stretch of beach. The décor is chic and uncomplicated. I finished my first day off in the perfect way, with a beer in hand, relaxing on the pool deck bathed in the pleasant heat of the evening sun.

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Villa interior

Villa Qusia and Villa Qunang, Lombok, Indonesia

Located on the small white-sand island of Lombok in Indonesia's tropical Nusa Tenggara region are the stunning Villa Qusia, and the neighbouring Villa Qunang. These exclusive hideaways are our favourite in the country and the location has been kept secret enough that you can still enjoy endless panoramas of palm trees, white sands and blue waters from the hilltop perch, with barely another soul in sight. After a relaxing dip in the sun-kissed Indian Ocean you can head back to your villa to sip on a freshly made mojito in your infinity pool, watch the sun slowly dip down over the distant volcanoes of Bali and know that you are indeed in paradise.

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Pangkor Laut Estates, Pangkor Laut, Malaysia

Situated on a private island off the west coast of Malaysia, the Pangkor Laut Estates offer the ultimate in luxurious, secluded surroundings. It's little wonder that I jumped at the chance of visiting! Each estate is styled on the traditional Malay royal residences topped off with sumptuous furnishings and artefacts that are hand picked from neighbouring Thailand and Bali, which complement the exotic location. Discreet living, dining, bathing and sleeping pavilions surround your own swimming pool, whilst a team of dedicated staff are on hand to look after you. All the fun of the main resort, Pangkor Laut, including the award-winning Spa Village, lies on the other side of the island, just a couple of minutes drive in your own air-conditioned chauffeur-driven car. That's if you can find the energy or the inclination to leave the comfort of your private sanctuary. Unfortunately my transfer back to the mainland was waiting.

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A week in one of these luxurious villas would be the perfect end to a tailor-made trip in Southeast Asia. Prices for an entire villa range between £1,400 and £18,200 for seven nights. Most villas include a private chef, butler, concierge and housekeeping, whilst car hire and recreational activities can be arranged on top. For details, please contact our specialists on 01993 838 100.

