

SEASONS IN THE SUN



Koh Yao



Pangkor Laut, Marina Bay



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FACT FILE

All of these island escapes can be added to a cultural tour elsewhere in Asia, or can be enjoyed as a standalone beach break. Prices vary according to season and accommodation type. Please call our specialists on 01993 838 100.



Our Southeast Asia specialists consider the best island escapes for each of the coming seasons.

Spring - Malaysia

Pangkor Laut Resort is located on the unspoilt, private island of Pangkor Laut, three miles off Malaysia in the straits of Malacca. It is set in lush, ancient tropical rainforests, and with several beautiful bays accessible only to guests of the resort and estates it makes the perfect exotic and peaceful getaway. Spring is the best time to visit Pangkor Laut and recent renovations mean that the newly upgraded rooms are now available at the existing price until April 2007. The resort offers many fine dining opportunities, a wide range of facilities and activities, and has been widely praised for its attentive and gracious service. The fabulous award winning spa is a wonderful place to unwind and relax.

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Summer - Indonesia

Our summer months are the perfect time to visit Indonesia, with the weather warm and mostly dry and the countryside a lush green after the rains of February to May. Our new favourite is Moyo Island, at the western end of the Nusa Tenggara islands, where the Amanwana offers the ultimate in secluded luxury. This wilderness hideaway has 20 luxury tents, each with air-conditioning and hardwood flooring - not what you would expect to find under a canopy of tropical forest. Boat expeditions are on offer for cruising, fishing and diving, and there are also excursions to nearby Komodo Island. The restaurant is in an open air pavilion facing the sea, and there is a jungle cove massage area just off the beach under shady tamarind trees. This really is the ultimate summer island escape.

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Autumn - Thailand

Koh Yao in Thailand has long been a favourite island of ours as it is easy to get to from either Phuket or Krabi and offers privacy and seclusion. The Koh Yao Island Resort has just 15 rooms, some of which open out towards the ocean, while

the Paradise Koh Yao has 70 air-conditioned villas, swimming pool and spa as well as a seafood restaurant and a variety of water sports. The beautiful limestone karst scenery has now attracted another top resort to the island. Evason Hideaway & Six Senses Spa at Yao Noi is the newest property on the island and is taking bookings now for autumn 2007. The 28 villas boast magnificent views of the bay and surrounding forest, each with its own infinity-edged pool and sundeck. Local building techniques have been adopted, using natural, environmentally controlled materials.

These three options make Koh Yao the perfect island getaway for an autumn beach break.

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Winter - Phu Quoc, Vietnam

Until the turn of the century Phu Quoc was reached by a rickety ferry and only for the adventurous, but now with four flights per day the sandy white beaches are accessible to all.

The island is famous for its fish sauce, and has some of the finest coconut palm-lined beaches in Vietnam. There is a colourful local market at Duong Dong, which is a laid-back little seaport boasting delicious fresh seafood. Nearby, Dinh Cau Rock sits at the mouth of the Duong Dong River and features a small Buddhist shrine.

Though Phu Quoc has remained a relative secret, small bungalow resorts have sprouted up along the island's southwest coast in recent years. For example La Veranda Resort - which is set back from the road to ensure quiet and privacy - has a great restaurant, bar and large terrace, a swimming pool, massage and day-spa not to mention a two-to-one staff-to-guest ratio. But our favourite feature is the pristine 80-metre beach front and for those seeking a few days of peaceful winter rest and relaxation this is the best place to stay on an island that is tough to beat.

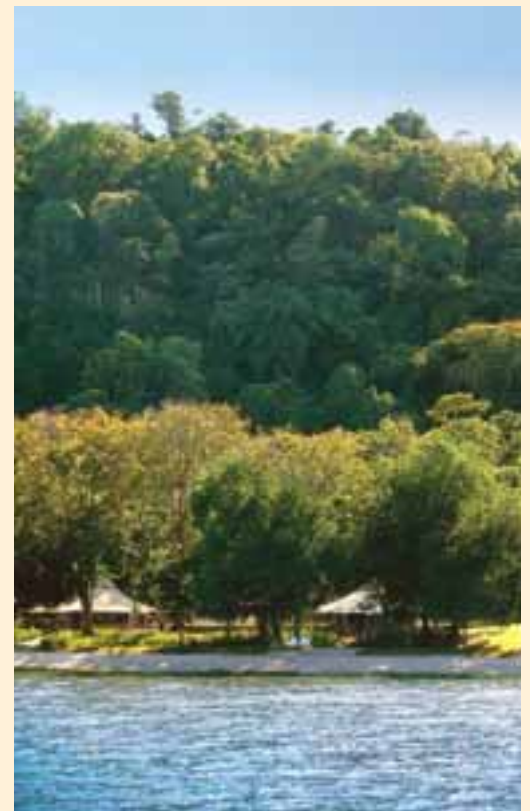
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Phu Quoc



Pool villa suite, Evason Hideaway – Koh Yao Noi



Amanwana