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SAWASDEE TO ALL READERS!

Thank you for reading the e-newsletter of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, Kuala Lumpur. We bring you the highlights of Amazing Thailand.

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MAHA SONGKRAN WORLD WATER FESTIVAL 2025

Get ready to splash happiness once again! Join the MAHA SONGKRAN WORLD WATER FESTIVAL 2025, the grandest Songkran festival in Bangkok, happening from 11 - 15 April 2025, at Sanam Luang, Bangkok.

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THAILAND UNVEILS MAHA SONGKRAN WORLD WATER FESTIVAL 2025

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) officially launches the 'Maha Songkran World Water Festival 2025,' a nationwide celebration of Thai New Year taking place from early to mid-April across every region of the country. More than 100 events will take place across Bangkok and throughout the Central, Northern, Northeastern, Southern, and Eastern regions. Each location brings its own blend of tradition and celebration—from sacred rituals and temple fairs to music festivals and lively water fights.



Songkran at Wiang Bon Noen Kho
14 April 2025

© Wat Noen Khom, Noen Khom District

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Songkron - Woter splash with elephants

Rangsit Sard 2025 Wan Lai Fun Fest

"Suntree Songkren
Komnerd Noppokhun"
13-14 Agril 2025
Q Rottanakosin Road, Bang Sapi
Vivid Vibes Songkran 2025
12 13-15 April 2025
O The Space, Blueport Hua Hin

Foam Party Bang Sophon Songkran

Songkron at Phra Pathor and Ton Son Road (Khao Mao Daeng Road)

Moreng District
Nekhen Pathem Mehe Songkren
16 "Songkren en Ten Son Roed"

S2O Songkran Music Festival 2025
12 12-14 April 2025
Q Rajamangala National Stadium

King Power Mahanakhon Songkrar Festival 13-15 April 2025 Q King Power Mahanakhon

Songkran at Wisut Kasat
12—15 April 2025
Q Bang Khun Phrom intersection under
the Rama 8 Bridge,Phra Nakhon Dist

Summerland Songkran Music Festival 2025 12–15 April 2025 Q RCA Bangkok

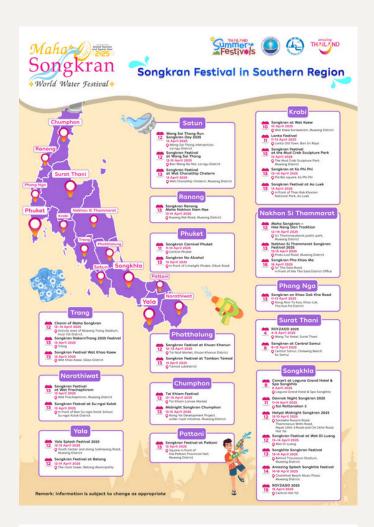
Amazing Bangkok Songkran Parade
14 April 2025
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Asiatique: Water Festival Thailand
11—15 April 2025

O Asiatique The Riverfront

Songkran at Bank of Thailand
11–15 April 2025
Q Learning Center, Bank of Thailand

Songkran Summer Illusion
11–15 April 2025
O Sam Yan Mitrtown.



















Nan

Chiang Rai

Songkran Festival in Northern Region

Phichit

Songkran Festival at Wat Tha Luang

Wat Tha Luang

Phitsanulok

Songkran Festival at Phitsanulok

O From the railway roundabout to the Wat Photiyan Intersection, Borom Trailokanat Road

Kamphaeng Phet

Songkran at Kamphaeng Phet

Tak

Mae Sot Songkran Music Festival 2025

5–6 April 2025 © Robinson Lifestyle Center, Mae Sot

Maha Songkran at Tak

7-15 April 2025

Multipurpose field of the Tak Shrine

Tak Songkran Music Festival 2025

Multipurpose Field by the Ping River, Mueang District

Nan

Nan Traditional Songkran – "Song Nam Phra, Bu Cha Tung: New year Celebration"

11-16 April 2025

O Suan Tan, Mueang District

Songkran on Khao Taen Road 13

13-15 April 2025 O Khao Taen Road, Mueang District

Songkran Festival at Wat Ming Mueang 13–15 April 2025

Wat Ming Mueang, Mueang District

Mae Hong Son

Lhae Paew, Aeo Pang Moo

12 Ban Pang Mu River Bridge, Mueang District

Songkran Festival at Pai

i–15 April 2025 From Pai Municipality to in front of the Pai District Office

Songkran Festival at Mae Hong Son 14

14–15 April 2025 Nong Chong Kam public park, Mueang District

Lampang

Songkran Festival – Salung Luang, Klong Yai 8-14 April 2025 • Wat Pong Sanuk Nuea, Lampang Learning Center and Clock Tower Intersection public park

Songkran Festival at Lampang

Mueang Thoen public park

Uthai Thani Songkran Festival at Uthai Thani

Annual Floating Flower Procession

O Ban Phatang, Ban Rai District

O Five way roundabout

Lamphun

Songkran at Wat Phra That Hariphunchai

12-16 April 2025 Wat Phra That Haripunchai

Songkran Festival at Pa Sang

Along Route 106 and Pa Sang District Office

Phayao

Atlantis Phayao Songkran Festival 2025

13-15 April 2025 Pho Khun Ngam Muang Monument

Sukhothai

Songkran Festival at Sukhothai 11 11-15 April 2025

Chaloem Phrakiat 84th Anniversary Health Park

Phetchabun

Phetchabun After Songkran Festival

19-20 April 2025 O Throughout Phetchabun

Uttaradit

Songkran Festival at Tha Nuea 13

O Long Lin Road, Mueang District

Uttaradit Sonakran Music Festival

13-15 April 2025

O Uttaradit Municipality

Wan Lai Uttaradit

26 April 2025

Camping & Space Uttaradit,
Laplae District

Nakhon Sawan

Songkran Festival at Wat Woranat Banphot 13-16 April 2025 Wat Woranat Banphot

Chiang Mai

Songkran Festival at Chiang Mai

7-16 April 2025

The Phae Gate, Mueang District

Songkran Festival at Chiang Mai x Boryeong Mud Festival 13–15 April 2025 O Tha Phae Gate, Mueang District

Water War Chiang Mai 2025

O Muan Jai Square

Central Chiang Mai Airport

Water Festival 2025 13

13−15 April 2025 ○ Wat Chedi Luang Worawihan, Mueang District

Chiana Rai

Maha Songkran at Chiang Khong

13 April 2025

The Cultural Pavilion, Chiang Khong

Songkran festival at Central Chiang Rai 13–15 April 2025 O Central Chiang Rai

Maha Songkran at Chiang Khong

13-16 April 2025

Tha Pha Than, Mekong riverside,
Chiang Khong

Songkran Festival – Fun and Amazing Songkran 2025 13–15 April 2025 O Kasolong Area, Central Chiang Rai, Mueang District

Songkran Festival at Chiang Saen

16-18 April 2025 ○ In front of the Chiang Saen District Office

Wan Lai Chiang Rai

19 April 2025 ○ Kasalong Area, Central Chiang Rai, Mueang District

Phrae

Songkran Festival at Phrae

13-17 April 2025 Samwai market and Charoen Mueang Ro

Amazing Songkran Phrae 2025

14-15 April 2025 O Jong Tai market

Amazing Songkran 'Moh Hom Phrae' 2025

O Charoen Mueang Road Maha Songkran Lanna Na Chak

15 O Na Chak Subdistrict

Phrae Splash Festival 2025 16

16-17 April 2025 Phrae Municipality, Charoen Mueang Road

Amazing Songkran Phrae 2025 17

O Charoen Mueang Road, Mueang District

Songkran Festival at Wang Chin

21 April 2025 Q Lan Plern Ban Wang Leuk, Wang Chin District

Remark: Information is subject to change as appropriate



THAILAND LAUNCHES "GRAND SONGKRAN GRAND PRIVILEGES" TO ENHANCE FESTIVE TRAVEL

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), in collaboration with leading brands, introduces "Grand Songkran Grand Privileges", a key initiative under the "Amazing Thailand Grand Tourism and Sports Year 2025" campaign. Designed to elevate the Songkran travel experience, the programme offers exclusive discounts, privileges, and rewards throughout April for international visitors.





TAT CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF LEADING THAILAND'S SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FUTURE

On 18 March 2025, the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) marks its 65th anniversary, celebrating decades of dedication to establishing Thailand as a world-class tourist destination. Over the past six decades, TAT has transformed from a modest tourism agency into a global leader in sustainable tourism, balancing economic growth, environmental conservation, cultural preservation, and community-driven development.

Looking ahead to 2025, TAT aims to generate 3.4 trillion Baht in tourism revenue, with 2.23 trillion Baht from international visitors (39 million arrivals) and 1.17 trillion Baht from domestic tourism (205 million trips), reinforcing its role as a global leader in sustainable and high-value tourism.





65 Years of TAT

Evolving Thailand's Tourism with Innovation & Sustainability





- Since 1998, Amazing Thailand has been TAT's core marketing identity, evolving to reflect shifting global travel trends.
- TAT has launched tailored campaigns to highlight Thailand's cultural heritage, unique experiences, and sustainability efforts.

Marketing Evolution Over the Years

Amazing Thailand [1998-Present]

The core identity of TAT's tourism branding





Unseen Thailand (2000s)

Showcased hidden gems and lesser-known destinations

Thailand Grand Invitation [2000s]

Promoted off-the-beaten-path experiences





Discover Thainess [2015]

Highlighted Thai culture and local heritage

Open to the New Shades [2018]

Focused on immersive, personalised travel experiences





Visit Thailand Year 2022-2023: Amazing New Chapters

Revitalised post-pandemic tourism

Your Stories Never End [2024]

Emphasised meaningful, story-driven travel





Amazing Thailand Grand Tourism and Sports Year 2025

Future Vision & Sustainable Growth

Positioning Thailand as a leading destination for sports tourism, cultural exploration, and high-value travel

Marketing Impact



Strengthened Thailand's global tourism appeal



Adapted to changing traveller preferences



Enhanced Thailand's position as a world-class destination

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Continuing to enhance sustainability, inclusivity, and innovation in tourism







Long-Term Goals

Strengthening Thailand's leadership in global sustainable tourism

'Through strategic marketing, sustainable initiatives, and innovative tourism campaigns, TAT has established Thailand as a top global destination. As it moves forward, it remains dedicated to driving responsible tourism growth and creating meaningful travel experiences.'

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65 Years of TAT

Pioneering Sustainable Tourism & Global Excellence

- Established in 1960, the Tourism Authority of Thailand [TAT] has played a pivotal role in transforming Thailand's tourism industry.
- · For over six decades, TAT has balanced economic growth, environmental conservation, and cultural preservation, driving Thailand's global tourism leadership.

Key Milestones

1924

First tourism promotion efforts initiated

1936

Thailand's first national tourism development plan introduced

1960

Tourist Organization of Thailand (TOT) officially established

1979

TOT restructured into the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT)

Thailand Travel Mart Plus (TTM+) launched. strengthening global travel partnerships

1996

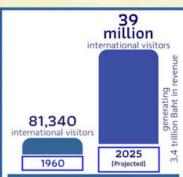
Thailand Tourism Awards introduced to promote sustainable tourism

1993

First Enterprise Plan launched, guiding national tourism strategy

1980

Thailand Tourism Festival (TTF) launched to promote domestic tourism



Tourism Growth Over the Years

2008

7Greens Initiative introduced to drive eco-friendly tourism

2020

Safety & Health Administration (SHA) launched, ensuring health & safety standards

Sustainable Tourism Goals (STGs) & STAR Initiative introduced

2024

International tourism rebounded, surpassing 35 million visitors and generating over 1.8 trillion Baht

Amazing Thailand Grand Tourism and Sports Year launched. positioning Thailand as a global leader in sports and high-value tourism

Sustainable Tourism Initiatives

7Greens Initiative [2008]

Promoting eco-friendly tourism across 7 key areas



Thailand Tourism Awards [1996]

Recognising excellence in sustainable tourism



Safety & Health Administration (SHA) (2020)

Hygiene & safety standards for tourism businesses

Sustainable Tourism Goals [STGs] [2023]

17 objectives aligning with UN SDGs for responsible tourism

STAR Initiative (2023)

Encouraging tourism businesses to adopt sustainability best practices



Impact Summary

Boosting economic benefits for local communities Promoting responsible, sustainable, and inclusive tourism

Ensuring health, safety, and eco-conscious travel experiences

'For 65 years, TAT has led Thailand's tourism growth with innovation and sustainability. As it moves forward, it continues to set new benchmarks for responsible tourism, ensuring long-term benefits for travellers, communities, and the environment.'

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EXPERIENCE THE LAND OF WONDERS

"Hala-Bala Wildlife Sanctuary," Narathiwat Province, an UNSEEN destination that preserves the purity of nature.

Embrace a Grand Moment of eco-tourism that will make you fall in love with nature forever!



ENCOUNTER THE KING OF THE FOREST - UTHE HORNBILLS OF HALA-BALA

Listen to the calls of the hornbills echoing throughout the valley. The sight of large black hornbills with golden yellow wing edges and gracefully curved beaks perched on tall branches is a rare spectacle and a symbol of the abundance of the southern forests.

AWAKEN YOUR SENSE OF ADVENTURE

Wake up amidst a sea of mist that envelops the tall treetops. Witness the golden sunlight shining brightly, reflecting off the mist that floats above the rainforest.

Just taking a breath will make you feel the power of nature filling you with freshness.



ชื่องซัตว์ เปิดโจกแห่งการพจดูกับ

OPEN UP TO A WORLD OF Adventure... Spot rare wildlife

Grab your binoculars and set out on a journey. Hala-Bala is full of surprises waiting for you to discover!



Venture deep into the forest and discover Sirindhorn Waterfall, cascading down the rocks. The sound of water hitting the rocks resonates, inviting you to close your eyes and deeply absorbethe tranquility.





TREES OF HALA-BALA

When nature is immense, we are merely tiny specks. Stand beneath the massive trees and feel the power of the forest surrounding you.

Narathiwat Province in Southern Part of Thailand
Your next adventure awaits."



THAILAND DEEP DIVE

A tropical paradise famous for its culture, food and attractions, Thailand is a world renown destination for holiday goers. But, do not sleep on Thailand's diving location as this land of smiles have spots that are among the best in the world.

Thailand is a big country with two distinct diving zones - the Andaman Sea and Gulf of Thailand - each with opposite diving seasons. In the East, the Gulf of Thailand's visibility is incredible from May through September, while the Andaman Sea on the West Coast tends to offer the best diving conditions from October through April meaning scuba diving in Thailand can be enjoyed all year.

Here are some diving locations that invite a dive;







ANDAMAN SEA

1. Similan Islands

Standing out for their vibrant coral gardens and impressive underwater rock formations. This archipelago offers a variety of dive sites suitable for all skill levels, with visibility that can extend beyond 30 meters on a good day. A visit to the world fame Richelieu Rock should not be missed.

Divers visit this location to spot manta rays and whale sharks among many other different kind of sharks there.

2. Koh Phi Phi

Soared in popularity after the movie "The Beach" was released in 2000, this paradise island on the west coast of Thailand is popular among tourist. Also suitable for all levels, Koh Phi Phi offer many dive sites to see leopard sharks. Turtles, barracuda and moray eels are also a common sighting while diving here.

3. Koh Lipe

Travel a little bit more down south and you will land on the island of Koh Lipe. Here, you should embrace the barefoot lifestyle on picturesque white sand beaches straight from a postcard and dive into the protected dive sites surrounding the island. Dive sites around Koh Lipe boast some of Asia's most beautiful soft corals. Koh Lipe is part of the Tarutao National Marine Park, home to many dive sites suitable for divers of all experience levels and on a lucky day, you might be able to sight Dugongs and Sperm Whales.



GULF OF THAILAND

1. Koh Tao & Koh Samui

A hotspot for diving compared to its neighbour Koh Phangan, Koh Tao is famous for its diving schools, therefore a lot of first timers and certification divers come to this island. Diving in Koh Tao & Samui is done by boat to various dive sites surrounding the island. Encounters colorful reef fish, turtles, barracuda, and macro critters such as nudibranchs, shrimps, and crabs. Lucky divers may even meet a whale shark!

2. Pattaya

A mere two-hour drive from Bangkok, Thailand's biggest city, Pattaya is a convenient option whenever you want to sneak in a dive or two. Scuba diving in Pattaya is known for its excellent wreck dives and nice coral dive sites. One of the most famous coral dive sites is at Koh Man Wichai, where the coral resembles a giant hand and thus has been named as the "fingers". While diving around the beautiful corals, you can spot pufferfish, stingrays, angelfish, and many more.







THAILAND'S FLOWER BLOOMING CALENDAR

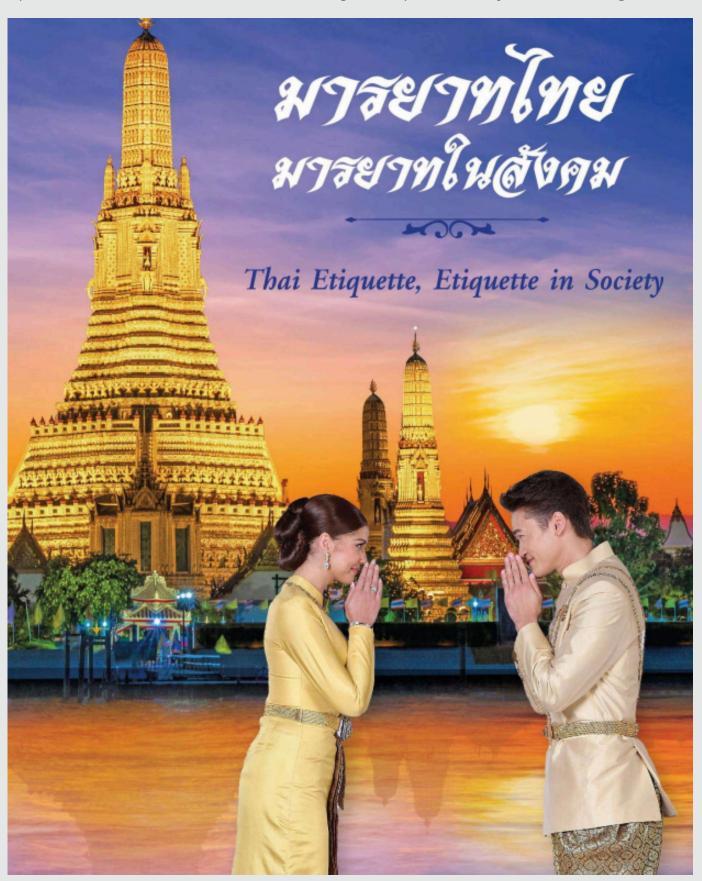
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MEANING OF THAI ETIQUETTE

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AMAZING TASTES



Miang Kham

Miang Kham is a traditional Thai snack that is both flavorful and refreshing. It consists of a variety of ingredients wrapped in a betel leaf. "Miang Kham" roughly translates to "one-bite snack," as each bite offers a balance of sweet, salty, sour, and spicy flavors. The key ingredients typically include betel leaves, chilies, shallot, lime, peanuts, dri shrimps and palm s

Luk Chup

Luk Chup is a traditional Thai dessert that is both beautiful and delicious. It's made from mung bean paste that's shaped into miniature fruits, vegetables, or other decorative shapes, and then coated in a glossy, colorful layer of gelatinous sugar syrup. The name "Luk Chup" literally eans "child's bite," referrin bite-sized

Tong Yip

Also known as Golden Egg Threads, this beautiful dessert is made from egg yolks and sugar, cooked into thin, delicate threads. The threads are formed into floral shapes and given a bright yellow hue. It's often served at celebrations due to its golden color, symbolizing prosperity.

CHARMS OF THAI GASTRONOMY

Khanom Krok

These are small, round coconut rice pancakes that are crispy on the outside and soft on the inside. They are typically made with a batter of rice flour and coconut milk, and often topped with green onions, corn, or other toppings for a savory-sweet flavor

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MITM TRAVEL FAIR JOHOR

TAT KL is participating in MITM Travel Fair Johor Bahru held at Sutera Mall Johor from 7 to 9 March 2025. Join at the TAT pavilion is Thai Airways International promoting their international routes.

TAT KL FEATURES



TAT KL IN MITM PENANG

TAT KL is participating in MITM Travel Fair Penang held at PICCA Convention Centre Butterworth from 8 to 9 March 2025. Join at the TAT pavilion are hoteliers, and travel agents from Songkhla, Pattani, and Narathiwat.







17TH WORLD WAI KRU MUAY THAI CEREMONY IN AYUTTHAYA ON 16-17 MARCH 2025

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), under the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, invites travellers to experience the 17th World Wai Kru Muay Thai Ceremony on 16-17 March 2025 at Ayutthaya Historical Park.

Under the theme "Once in a Lifetime: Experience the Wai Kru Muay Thai Ceremony in Thailand", this internationally recognised event celebrates the deep-rooted traditions of Muay Thai while reinforcing its global appeal.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand, Kuala Lumpur Office join the event by bringing media and Muay Thai practitioners to experience firsthand the amazing Wai Kru celebration.

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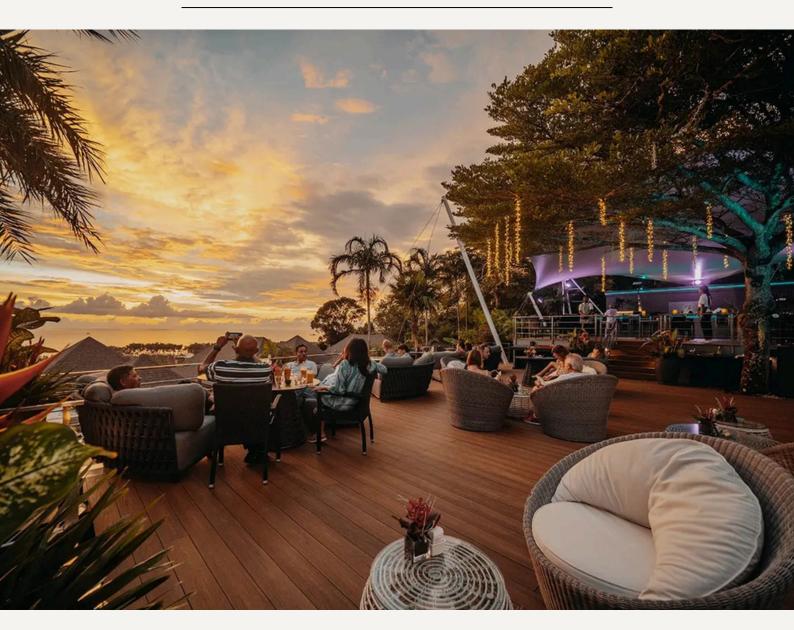
"SEA OF REFLECTIONS" BY SEA LIFE BANGKOK

Sea Life Bangkok invites you to the first-ever adventure of "Sea of Reflections", offering a seamless experience between art and the marine world, right in the heart of Bangkok this summer.

- Enjoy the Treasure Map and join Charlotte on her mission, earning a stamp as a souvenir.
- Discover exclusive photo spots from the paintings "Golden Time" and "Overshadow" that have been transformed into sculptures.
- Special souvenir merchandise from Mackcha's design work will also be available at the Shark Shop.

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SPRING AWAKENS AND SUMMER BEGINS, YOUR ESCAPE TO PARADISE AT THE PAVILIONS PHUKET

Now is the ideal time to visit The Pavillions Phuket, as the island bursts with sunshine, cultural activities, and exciting events, and creating the perfect setting for unforgettable retreat.

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