

COASTAL HOTEL
THE SANCTUARY
 Koh Phangan



Despite being a short boat trip from the Full Moon party frenzy that Koh Phangan is hailed for, The Sanctuary, set in the Chumphon archipelago on the pristine Haad Tien beach, is far removed from the carousing chaos. Here, guests discover a restorative combination of healthy smoothies, spa therapies, yoga retreats and detox programmes designed to enrich and revitalise. To maximise your rest, spend the night in the rustic Tree House sheltered by a banyan tree – or, better yet, stay in the Ocean View Villa for its thatched roof, open-plan terrace and unparalleled panoramic views. Cocooned between a coconut grove and hillside jungle, the grounds are truly idyllic.



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AKATSUKI
 Koh Samui

Koh Samui is awash not only with five-star hotels, but also some remarkable private villas that offer absolute seclusion. Top among them is Villa Akatsuki, a sequestered stay on the island's west coast. Designed by Tokyo-based Riccardo Tossani Architecture, the six-bedroom retreat is a coherent blend of Thai and Japanese design. Wooden trusses hold up vaulted ceilings, creating a sense of height and space, and large slatted doors invite the tropical breeze inside. The private spa and infinity pool provide top-tier rejuvenation, while those looking to explore can enjoy an afternoon in a kayak or partake in a Muay Thai session on the lawn.

Relative calm

"Akatsuki was born from a deeply personal moment," says owner Eyal Armoni. Although originally intended to be a second home for Armoni's family, the property quickly became public. "I wish to share the beauty and serenity of the space with others and hope guests experience the same peace, privacy and connection to nature that my family cherishes," he adds.