

## Ports & Excursions



### Ko Samui, Thailand

Thailand's third largest island has been attracting international travelers for less than half a century. Before then, this island in the Gulf of Thailand was noted for its coconut plantations and rubber production. Today, Ko Samui's premier charms are its powdery white beaches, its Buddhist temples or wats, and its crystalline waters. Despite the island's increasing popularity, it retains a casual and unspoiled air that offers a bracing tonic to the experienced traveler.

The majority of the island's population resides in Nathon, Ko Samui's capital. The island's first settlers were a mix of Hainanese coconut farmers and Malay fishermen.

Nathon is an anchorage port. Passengers transfer to shore via ship's tenders.

### Points of Interest

#### 1 Wat Phrayai (Big Buddha)

This temple on Fan Island has become a major meditation center, attracting locals and foreigners from around the world. It is named after the massive, 39-foot sitting Buddha on the premises.

#### 2 Chaweng Beach

Situated on the island's unspoiled east coast, this coastline boasts four miles of powdery white sand and crystalline water, with an assortment of resorts, restaurants and bars lining the beach.

#### 3 Monkey Demonstration

For centuries, monkeys were trained to climb the palms and pick the ripe fruit for their handlers. Although rarely being practiced today, you can still enjoy our special demonstration of these creatures harvesting coconuts.

#### 4 Wat Plai Laem

Once part of the Big Buddha Temple, Wat Plai Laem is home to a superb statue of Kwan Yin (or Guanjin), the 18-armed Buddhist avatar of Mercy.

#### 5 Elephant Trekking

Ride atop an elephant on a caravan of these mammoth creatures, traveling through jungles and over local plantations for stunning, verdant views.

#### 6 Na Muang Waterfall

Easily accessible and rarely frequented, these glistening falls cascade down a natural rock staircase that descends to a refreshing pool of crystalline mountain water.

#### 7 Culinary Arts at Nora Beach 5-Star Hotel

Stop in at one of Ko Samui's premier hotels for a cooking class where passionate chefs teach you the basics of preparing Thai dishes such as stuffed crab, pan-fried Thai noodle (Pad Thai).

#### 8 Tour Sites at Guests Discretion

### Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

### Sightseeing & City Tours



#### Wat Laem, Temple of the Big Buddha & Chaweng Beach USM-100 | Ko Samui, Thailand

You will visit: **1 2 3 4** **S** **📷** **6.5 hours** **from \$99.95**

Indulge in Ko Samui's highlights during this full-day, guided excursion. Visit temples featuring breathtaking Buddhas. Tour a local venue where a demonstration of trained monkeys will harvest coconuts. Enjoy lunch at an upscale resort and a beach break at Ko Samui's most popular beach.



#### Most Popular Temple of the Big Buddha & Monkey Demonstration USM-205 | Ko Samui, Thailand

You will visit: **1 3 4** **M** **3.5 hours** **from \$69.95**

Take a narrated drive around the island and discover the people, history and culture of Ko Samui on this half-day excursion. You'll visit two of Samui's most important temples and then visit a local venue to delight in a demonstration which shows the efficiency of the furry workers: the monkeys who harvest the coconuts.

### Activities & Adventures



#### Temple of the Big Buddha & Elephant Trek USM-220 | Ko Samui, Thailand

You will visit: **1 3 5** **S** **4 hours** **from \$99.95**

Experience Thai culture, Ko Samui-style at Island Safari, Funny Days Safari or Na Muang Safari Cultural Theme Park. Watch a demonstration on how monkeys are trained to harvest coconuts. Ride an elephant through the island's local garden, and explore the island's most prominent Buddhist temple.



#### Off the Beaten Path Safari Theme Park & Elephant Trek USM-460 | Ko Samui, Thailand

You will visit: **3 5 6** **M** **4 hours** **from \$99.95**

Discover the culture and people of Ko Samui at Island Safari Cultural Theme Park or Na Muang Safari Park. Watch a Thai-cooking demonstration and go on an elephant trek to a scenic viewpoint. Then, head to the beautiful falls of Na Muang Falls for some tranquility.

### Exploring on Your Own



**Chaweng Beach On Your Own**  
**USM-990 | Ko Samui, Thailand**

You will visit:

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4 hours

from \$39.95

Relax on your own at Chaweng Beach, Ko Samui's most popular beach. Enjoy the white-sand beach lined with resorts and a variety of shops.

Special Interests



**Wat Laem, Temple of the Big Buddha & Chaweng Beach**  
**(Guided in Spanish)**  
**USM-102 | Ko Samui, Thailand**

You will visit:

1 2 3 4



6.5 hours

from \$99.95

Indulge in Ko Samui's highlights during this full-day, guided excursion. Visit temples featuring breathtaking Buddhas. Tour a local venue where a demonstration of trained monkeys will harvest coconuts. Enjoy lunch at an upscale resort and a beach break at Ko Samui's most popular beach.



**Wat Laem, Temple of the Big Buddha & Chaweng Beach**  
**(Guided in German)**  
**USM-103 | Ko Samui, Thailand**

You will visit:

1 2 3 4



6.5 hours

from \$99.95

Indulge in Ko Samui's highlights during this full-day, guided excursion. Visit temples featuring breathtaking Buddhas. Tour a local venue where a demonstration of trained monkeys will harvest coconuts. Enjoy lunch at an upscale resort and a beach break at Ko Samui's most popular beach.



**Temple of the Big Buddha & Elephant Trek (Guided in Spanish)**  
**USM-222 | Ko Samui, Thailand**

You will visit:

1 3 5



4 hours

from \$99.95

Experience Thai culture, Ko Samui-style at Island Safari or Na Muang Safari Cultural Theme Park. Watch a demonstration on how monkeys are trained to harvest coconuts. Ride an elephant through the island's rainforest, and explore the island's most prominent Buddhist temple.



**Thai Cooking Classes**  
**USM-330 | Ko Samui, Thailand | Group Size: 24**

You will visit:

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You will see:

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6.5 hours

from \$119.95

A little piece of heaven awaits on this full-day excursion to Nora Beach Resort & Spa in Koh Samui, the third largest island in Thailand. Learn how to cook traditional Thai food, enjoy your gastronomic creations, and go for a swim in the pool (no guarantee of beach chair or umbrella).