Phuket

**HISTORY**
Phuket was an important trading post on the eastern shore of the bay of Bengal in past centuries. It was a port for handling shipping and dealing with sailors from the Arab and Malay, India, Burman, China, and Siam. By the 16th century, more European, Portuguese, Dutch, English and French sailors sailed to Phuket’s shore. The island became profitable when tin was found to be available in large quantities in the nearby shadows. Chinese ambitious, hardworking miners and businessmen arrived to the island in the 19th century, adding a considerable Chinese culture to the island’s already diverse population.

The most important battle was in the year 1785 A.D., when the Burmese, who had already captured and destroyed Ayutthaya, the ancient capital of Thailand, attacked the Phuket island. The Thai were taken by surprise when the governor of Phuket had died, leaving them without a military leader. The governor’s young widow, Chan, and her sister Moob, however, did not give up and decided to fool the invaders by disguising women as men and position them as soldiers on the city walls of Thalang, Phuket’s old capital. The Burmese were confused, lost the battle, and finally sailed away. Chan and Moob were honored for their bravery by the king who awarded them with royal titles. A monument was then built in their tribute.

Today Phuket continues its long history of welcoming foreigners as Thailand’s most popular tourist destination. Three million tourists come to Phuket each year, drawn by its white sand beaches, world-class diving and snorkeling and its vibrant nightlife.

**SPA**

**GUARANTEE**

Shop with confidence, knowing that all merchants on this map have been carefully selected and each offers a 60-day guarantee to passengers. This guarantee ensures buyers that all recommended merchants will repair or replace any unsatisfactory item, excluding buyer’s negligence or buyer’s remorse. For purposes of determining quality and value of jewelry related to the guarantee.

To request service, take the purchase to the recommended store on your behalf for repair or replacement, and you will be notified accordingly.

**SHOP**

Onboard Media offers return policy and a 60-day guarantee to passengers for recommended and guaranteed stores.

Onboard Media: 1691 Michigan Ave Suite 600, Miami Beach, FL 33139
Phone: (805) 798-2996, Fax: (305) 873-2741
Email: shoppingissues@onboard.com
Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm - Friday 9:00 am to 5:30 pm (Eastern Standard Time)

If you become aware of a problem during the cruise, please contact the Port & Shopping Guide onboard for immediate assistance. If a problem arises after the cruise but within 60 days of the purchase date, contact the Customer Relations Department at (800) 396-2999.

**SHORE EXCURSIONS**

Please check your tour ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your cruise line representative will direct you to your transportation.

**TRANSPORTATION**
Public transport options, including buses and tuk-tuks around the island, are plentiful and cheap.

**SHOPPING**

Do your handicraft and souvenir shopping at the storefront tailors, leather shops, and ready-to-wear clothing boutiques. Merchants line the sidewalks selling batik clothing, T-shirts, local arts and handicrafts, silver, and souvenir trinkets.

**STORE HOURS**
Business hours are generally from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on weekdays, and 9:00 am to noon on Saturdays, except public holidays when hours may vary widely.

**BANK HOURS**

Banks are located in Phuket Town, with many larger branches on Ranong and Rasada roads. There are bank offices and branches of many Thai banks at Kata, Karon, and Patong beaches. Banks are generally open Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

**POST OFFICE INFORMATION**

The General Post Office in Phuket Town is at the corner of Thalang Road and Montri Road.

**PHONE LOCATIONS**
There are a number of different types of public payphones around town. For international phone calls, visit the yellow booths found in the popular tourist areas, such as Patong and Phuket City. You can purchase a pre-paid card from some mobile phone shops and convenience stores where they also accept credit cards.

**EMERGENCY**

In case of an emergency, dial the Tourist Police at 1155.
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**DINING**

**SAVOY SEAFOOD RESTAURANT**

- One of the most popular seafood restaurants in Patong
- Thai, Chinese and international food prepared by highly experienced chefs
- Freshness guaranteed

**PHRASES**

- Where is / are yoo tee-nai
- Goodbye lah gorn na
- Please can you... choo-ay
- Thank you korp-kOOn
- I don’t understand mai kao-jai
- Help! choo-ay doo-ay!
- How much (is it)? nee rah-kah tao-rai?