



*Pocket*  
**PHUKET**

TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

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Isabella Noble

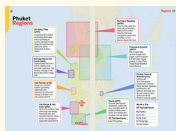
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## QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



**Need to Know**  
Tips for a smooth trip



**Regions**  
What's where

## Explore Phuket

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



**Top Experiences**  
Make the most of your visit



**Local Life**  
The insider's city

## The Best of Phuket

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



**Best Walks**  
See the city on foot



**Phuket's Best...**  
The best experiences

## Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



**Getting Around**  
Travel like a local



**Essential Information**  
Including where to stay

Our selection of the region's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**
















 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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|  Telephone Numbers     |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours         |  Pet-Friendly    |
|  Parking               |  Bus             |
|  Nonsmoking            |  Ferry           |
|  Internet Access       |  Metro           |
|  Wi-Fi Access          |  Tram            |
|  Vegetarian Selection  |  Train           |
|  English-Language Menu |   |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



### Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in the city. The showpiece is a painting by Papa Hemingway. Open town. Dress code: smart casual. Website: [barhemingway.com](http://barhemingway.com); Hôtel Ritzy; 6.30pm-2am

## Lonely Planet's Phuket

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the region.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split Phuket into easy-to-navigate regions and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert author has searched out the best of Phuket: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Phuket.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

## Our Promise

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## Welcome to Phuket

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The original island getaway, Phuket may be older, pricier and much less undiscovered these days, but it still has that special allure. The pure-white beaches, psychedelic sunsets and aquamarine sea, they're all here, and Phuket continues to party in style. It may be too popular for its own good, but that's what happens when you've got it all.

## Rock Climbing in Railay, Krabi (p116)

Krabi's trademark karst formations curve along the white-fringed coast like a giant limestone fortress in laid-back Railay. Embark on the ultimate jungle-gym adventure rock climbing up high.



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## Hidden Hông of Ao Phang-Nga (p118)

Sea kayak through one of the Andaman's most dramatic landscapes, past soaring limestone towers, craggy cliffs, shimmering sea and peaceful *hông* (semi-submerged island lagoons), in ridiculously beautiful Ao Phang-Nga.