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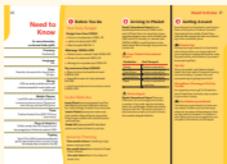
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In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding Phuket – 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, region by region



Top Experiences
Make the most of your visit



Local Life
The insider's Phuket

The Best of Phuket

Phuket'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 Phuket's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Experiences**

 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

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Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Phuket. The bar's showpiece is a large painting by Papa Hemingway. Open by Papa Hemingway. Dress code: smart casual. Website: www.barhemingway.com; Hôtel Rit. Hours: 6.30pm-2a

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 authors have 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.

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Our Promise

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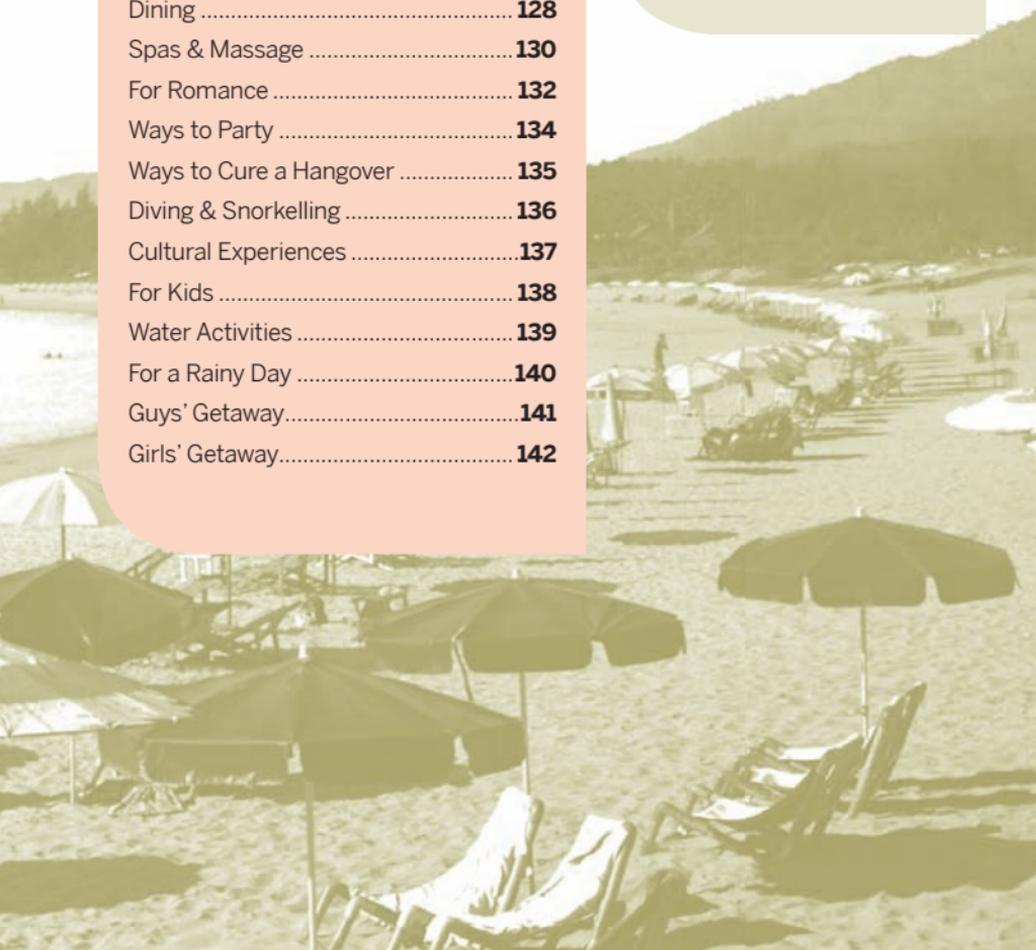
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Welcome to Phuket

The original island getaway, Phuket may be older, pricier and not quite as exotic these days, but it's still got it. The white beaches, psychedelic sunsets and aquamarine sea, they're all still here, and Phuket continues to party with the best of them. Sure, it may be too popular for its own good, but that's what happens when you've got it all.