



# Ko Phi-Phi & the Southern Andaman Coast

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## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Kruthara (p312)
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## Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Rayavadee (p317)
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- ➔ Islanda Hotel (p305)

## Why Go?

Island hoppers, this is your dreamland. The south is the quieter half of the Andaman coast; even the regional star, Ko Phi-Phi, can't rival the glam and crowds of Phuket. Just slowly putter from white-sand isle to white-sand isle – and prepare for serious relaxation, outdoor fun and chummy nights at beachside bars.

Social seekers will love the developed beauties, such as Ko Phi-Phi and Ko Lanta, where you can party into the wee hours and meet plenty of fellow rambblers on the beach yet still find a peaceful strip of sand. And roads less travelled are just next door: head down through the lightly developed Trang Islands to the even-less-visited Satun Province to find powder-white beaches, outrageous snorkelling and plenty of spicy southern Thai culture.

## When to Go

- ➔ The weather can be a big concern for travellers in this region. The Andaman coast receives more rain than the southern gulf provinces, with May to October being the months of heaviest rainfall. During this time passenger boats to some islands, such as Ko Tarutao, are suspended. If you find the weather on the Andaman coast unpleasant, you can easily travel to the southwestern gulf coast, where you're more likely to find the sun shining.
- ➔ Top daytime temperatures average 32°C year-round with high humidity during the wet season.



## Ko Phi-Phi & the Southern Andaman Coast Highlights

- 1** Island hopping the serene **Trang Islands** by local long-tail (p340)
- 2** Climbing karst formations over seas of emerald glass in **Railay** (p312)
- 3** Sipping cold ones on the soft, star-lit sands of **Ko Lipe** (p354)
- 4** Trying to decide if **Ko Phi-Phi** is more beautiful above or below water (p318)
- 5** Motorbiking along the wild jungle east coast of **Ko Lanta** (p327)
- 6** Trying everything from spicy seafood salads to fried grubs at the **Trang Night Market** (p339)
- 7** Having a stretch of sand almost to yourself on jungle island **Ko Jum** (p336)
- 8** Listening to the mosque as you pedal past water buffalo on **Ko Sukorn** (p346)
- 9** Jungle trekking, exploring caves and cycling the forgotten roads on **Ko Tarutao** (p351)