Phuket Town Walking Tour

A walk through Phuket Town’s core will lead you past the mid-19th-century architectural legacies, grand mansions and narrow shop-houses of the Baba (also known as Peranakan or Straits-Chinese) people.

Start Memory at On On Hotel
Distance 2km
Duration Two hours

1 Phuket’s first hotel, Memory at On On (076 363700; www.memoryhotel.com; 19 Th Phang-Nga), sprawls behind its gleaming-white Sino-Portuguese facade.

2 The former home of the Standard Chartered Bank (Th Phang-Nga) is now a museum showcasing Phuket’s Baba history.

3 The Phuket Philatelic Museum (076 211020; Th Montri; 9am-4.30pm Mon-Fri, to noon Sat) is a magnificent (if flaking) example of Sino-Portuguese architecture.

4 Soi Romanee is home to restored Sino-Portuguese shop-houses turned boutique hotels.

5 Dating from 1934, the Phuket Thalhua Museum was the oldest Chinese school in Thailand.

6 The early 20th-century Phra Phitak Chyn Pracha Mansion has been immaculately restored.

7 The Chyn Pracha House (บ้านบ้านที่น่าอยู่, Bean Chyn Pracha; 076 211167; 98 Th Krabi; 10.30am-4pm Mon-Sat), built in 1903 on tin-mining wealth, is now a private home/museum.

Take a Break
Stop in for local eats at Kopitiam by Wilai (083 606 9776; www.facebook.com/kopitiambywilai; 18 Th Thalang; mains 95-180B; 11am-10pm Mon-Sat).

Classic Photo
Grab a selfie in front of the sun-yellow Thai police building.