Walking Tour: Phuket Town

A walk through Phuket Town’s core will lead you past the mid-19th-century architectural legacies, grand mansions and narrow shophouses 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 (www.thememoryhotel.com; 19 Th Phang-Nga), sprawls behind its gleaming-white Sino-Portuguese facade.

**Classic Photo:** Grab a selfie in front of the sun-yellow Thai Police Building (pictured; p140).

2 The former home of the Standard Chartered Bank is now a museum showcasing Phuket’s Baba history.

3 The Phuket Philatelic Museum (158 Th Montri; 9am-5.30pm Tue-Sat) is a magnificent (if flaking) example of Sino-Portuguese architecture.

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

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

6 The early-20th-century Phra Pitak Chinnpracha Mansion (96 Th Krabi) has been immaculately restored and now houses a restaurant.

7 Chinpracha House (98 Th Krabi; 200B; 9am-4.30pm Mon-Sat), built in 1903 on tin-mining wealth, is now a private home/museum.

**Take a Break**
Local food at Kopitiam by Wilai.