Ko Samui Regions

Ko Tao
While Ko Tao is the country cousin to Samui’s ‘big city’, it can hold its own against its flamboyant neighbours thanks to a reputation as a dive mecca.

Mae Nam & the North Coast
Mae Nam offers the right balance of Thai necessities and beach distractions, with the north coast’s most striking beach.

Na Thon & the West
Na Thon is the working side of the island, but further south ‘civilisation’ soon disappears and villages spring up amid coconut plantations.

Ko Pha-Ngan
The perfect island – carved into sandy coves with offshore reefs on the west coast and with a thick jungle crown – there is something for everyone.

Bo Phut & the Northeast
Samui’s ‘alternative’ coast, where commercial development is more subdued and crowds are more discerning and worldly than on the east coast.

Hat Chaweng
With its international-style resorts, Chaweng’s commercial strip is a little Bangkok by the sea that wakes up at noon and parties well into the next day.

Hat Lamai & the Southeast
The most traditional part of the island, with glimpses of Samui’s past as the ‘coconut island’ and the greatest concentration of nonbeach attractions.