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Welcome to Phuket

Jade waves concealing rainbows of fish wash white-gold beaches beneath lushly jungled hills, beyond which lie temples and towns wrapped in Phuketian heritage: Phuket (ภูเก็ต), Thailand's dazzling largest island, is so diverse you may just forget to leave. The original Thai island getaway, Phuket may be much less undiscovered these days, but it still has its special allure.





Long-tail boats, Ao Phang-Nge (p136)

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Top Experiences



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Big Buddha

Phuket's 45m-high, Burmese-alabaster hilltop Buddha. **p76**



Ko Phi-Phi

Blonde beaches;
jungle-covered
limestone islets.
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Diving in the Similan Islands

Some of Thailand's
finest diving. **p138**

