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Hello and a warm welcome to the latest issue of our Koh Chang Guide. The Koh Chang group of islands are a fantastic place to visit and explore and we make this guide to help show you what to see, answer your questions and help you to get the best from your visit. We hope that you enjoy your stay on the beautiful islands of the Koh Chang archipelago!

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By Air

Trat Airport, owned and operated by Bangkok Airways, is located on the mainland 17 kilometres from the Koh Chang ferry.

### Bangkok Airways Flight Schedule

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Flights operate from and to Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport. Bangkok Airways also offer a minibus service to U-Tapao airport and then an onward flight to Samui or Phuket. Schedule changes are not uncommon so you might want to check [www.bangkokair.com](http://www.bangkokair.com) or call 1771 for the latest flight times. The Koh Chang office of Bangkok Airways in White Sand Beach can be reached on 039-551-654/5 and the airport contact is 039-525-767/8. If you take the later flight and it is delayed in any way then don't worry - they hold the last ferry to Koh Chang to meet minibuses from the airport so you won't get stranded.

### Buses from Bangkok

Probably the best way to get down to Koh Chang is by bus from either Ekamai - Bangkok's eastern bus terminal, or Morchit - the northern terminal. The frequent departures from both are detailed in the table provided.
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Buses take from four to six hours to get down to Trat or to the Koh Chang ferries. Most convenient are the buses run by Tanakawee or 99 Express that go directly to the ferry stops at Centrepoint and Ao Thammachat. Expect to pay around 275-300 Baht for your journey.

If you get a bus to Trat, the nearest town to Koh Chang, you will arrive at Trat’s bus station, about 1km out of town (See the Trat Map). Taxis will be waiting to take you the 20 kilometres to the Koh Chang ferry for about 300 Baht. You can reduce this to 50 Baht if you are prepared to wait and take a shared taxi.

There are also minibuses that pick up from guesthouses around Khao San Road in Bangkok and travel directly to the ferry departure point at Laem Ngop. Bookings can be made from any of the scores of travel agents in this area. The buses typically leave at 7-8am and take 5 or 6 hours. The trip costs around 300B including ferry crossing. Minibuses return to Bangkok at 11am every day from Laem Ngop. There is also a minibus that leaves from the Ao Thammachat ferry arrival point for Victory Monument in Bangkok every hour. It costs 300

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**Ekamai Bus Station to Ferries** - 07.45 am, 09.45 am (service also stops at Suvarnabhumi Airport)

**Ferries to Ekamai** Bus Station - 02.00 pm
Baht. Note that it doesn’t stop at the airport but on request they will drop you off in a nearby part of Bangkok from where you can get a taxi.

**Buses from Suvarnabhumi Airport**

All the bus services that leave from Morchit bus terminal stop to pick up passengers at Suvarnabhumi airport's bus station. This is linked to the airport by a free white shuttle bus. The 99 Express buses from Ekamai also stop here. For departure times add twenty minutes to the Bangkok departure times in the timetable.

**Buses from Pattaya/Koh Samet**

Daily minibus services operate from Pattaya via Ban Pae (ferry port for Koh Samet) to the ferry departure point at Laem Ngop. The cost is around 500B from Pattaya or 400B from Ban Pae and the journey takes 4 or 2.5 hours respectively. More expensive services often use better minibuses - ask.

Going to Laem Ngop the services typically leave Pattaya at 8am and pick up in Ban Pae at 11am. A return service leaves Laem Ngop at 1pm daily. Public buses leave for Pattaya from Trat's bus station at 05.00, 09.30, 12.00 and 15.00 daily. It’s a long hot journey and the minibus option is more comfortable.

**By Car**

Eastern Thailand and its islands can be easily reached by road and two regular car ferries operate to Koh Chang.

There are two main driving routes from Bangkok, both around 310km long.

The first route is to take Highway 3, the Bangna - Trat road. There is a quicker elevated tollway running above Highway 3. Continue until the Chonburi Bypass and here turn off onto Highway 344. Follow this road past Ban Bung and when you reach the Klaeng Crossroads turn back onto Highway 3 and continue on towards Trat.

Alternatively you can leave Bangkok on the Motorway that is a continuation of the Rama IX, Srinikarin road. This road goes onwards and meets highway 344 where you can continue to Trat as detailed above.

To avoid Trat and go directly to the ferry departure points turn right onto the well-signposted Laem Ngop road about 20km outside Trat.

If you're driving from Pattaya take Highway

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36 which joins Highway 3 heading towards Trat shortly after Rayong.

**Travel to and from Cambodia**

If you're coming to Koh Chang from Cambodia then it is most convenient to travel to Koh Chang via daily minibus services from both Phnom Penh and Sihanoukville taking you directly all the way to Koh Chang (and also the other way round from Koh Chang travelling to Cambodia). Local travel agents can book the trip for you.

These trips involve a full day's travel but they take you door to door. Don't forget cash and a passport photo for your Cambodian visa.

**Boats to the Islands**

**Koh Chang**

A car ferry operates from Ao Thammachat on the mainland to Ao Sapparot on Koh Chang. Ao Thammachat is 9km from Laem Ngop and 17km from Trat Airport. A second ferry, now named Cenferry, goes from Centrepoint, 3km up the coast from Laem Ngop. Times and prices are as per the table.

On arrival share taxis wait to take passengers to the various beaches. White Sands Beach (Hat Sai Khao) is 50B, Klong Prao is 60B, Kai Bae is 80B, Lonely Beach costs 100B and Bang Bao is 120B. NB - In the quieter season these taxis will often not leave until they are full unless you hire the whole taxi for 500 baht or even more. It is unfair but there is no point arguing - pay or wait.

**Koh Mak, Koh Kham, Koh Kood & Koh Wai**

It is now easy (at least in the high season from October to May) to get boats and speedboats from Koh Chang to the other local islands. Bang Bao Boat and Kai Bae Speedboat both offer a daily service from Koh Chang to these islands. They can all be booked through local travel agencies.

And there are ferry services to Koh Mak and Koh Kood from the mainland that operate year round.

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<td><strong>Bang Bao Speedboat - From Koh Chang (2 times daily)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Mainland - Koh Kood</strong></td>
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Getting Around Koh Chang

On Koh Chang white share taxis run between all the beaches as far as Bang Bao and the ferry terminals from 6am until late evening. They can be flagged down anywhere and used to travel around the island. If you are planning to return to your hotel late at night don’t rely on the taxis since evening services are a bit erratic. Either book a taxi yourself or take advantage of the transport services that are increasingly being offered by many of the hotels, bars and restaurants on the island.

Alternatively cars, motorcycles and bicycles can be hired from many hire firms and resorts around the island.

Roads are of variable quality and there are some dangerous hill sections. If you are an inexperienced motorcycle rider then think carefully before hiring a motorbike. Every year the island has quite a few road deaths and many visitors have their trip spoiled by a motorcycle accident. If you don’t wear a helmet the local police will be waiting to fine you.

Leaving Koh Chang

When leaving the island from any of the main beaches wait anywhere on the road about 45 minutes before ferry departure and share taxis will stop and pick you up as they pass taking you to the ferry departure point. If you are travelling to Trat airport then you can book a minibus that will take you directly to the airport. Book this on 039-516-005 or 086-563-8889.

Travel Agencies

On Koh Chang you will find that you can book transport and island activities at any of scores of little travel agents. But how can you know which ones are reliable? Don't worry, there is one way. Travel agencies in Thailand can apply for official recognition through the Tourist Authority of Thailand (T.A.T.). After paying a deposit and passing a review the T.A.T. issues them with a license number. So ask your travel agent for their T.A.T. number. Then you can be sure that they are licensed and in the event of any difficulties you can contact the T.A.T.

A well-established White Sand Beach travel agent with TAT accreditation and a good reputation is Island Net (Tel: 039-551-215).

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Many, even most, visitors to Koh Chang come back again. The island seems to have that effect on people. If you’re one of those returning to Koh Chang then one of the first things that you will want to know is what has changed on the island since your last visit.

To help to answer that question here is a new section that details some of the new places, events and activities that you can expect to encounter on your latest visit to Koh Chang as the wheel of time grinds inexorably onwards.

**Makro**
White Sand Beach is getting it’s own cash and carry wholesale supermarket. Every beach should have one! Nearby Pearl Beach will be the home of Big C.

**Road Repairs & "Improvements"**
The road has been widened and tarmacked through parts of Klong Prao and White Sand Beach (but not Kai Bae). The idiosyncratic lane markings mean you should be able to travel faster and less safely, if you so choose.

**Russian Orthodox Church**
The new Russian Orthodox Church of St. Sergius of Radonezh on Koh Chang is located next to the river on the road that runs up the Klong Son valley. You will recognise it by the huge gold dome that adorns its roof.

Services are held at 7am and 7pm weekdays, 9am and 6pm Saturdays and 9am on Sundays. No day of rest.

....but credit where it’s due; work has now begun on filling in the scary overhanging road at the top of the mountain between White sand Beach and Klong Son. By the time you read this it will hopefully be an accident no longer waiting to happen.
What's New on Koh Chang?

Ultimate Trail Unseen Koh Chang 2016
This is the dramatic title for the second Koh Chang Trail running event to be held on February 27th 2016. Last year saw nearly 1,000 runners take on trail running challenges ranging from the challenging but achievable run of 13km to the frankly masochistic 66km trail, all in the South-East of the island. You can check out the route and details for this year’s edition and enroll via their website at www.leelakow.com or visit their Facebook page at UltraTrailUnseenKohChang.

Beach Cricket Tournament
Koh Chang’s first ever beach cricket tournament took place in August and was a major success. Twelve teams took part with the team from Singapore emerging victorious. Ex England pro Alan Mullally was the star guest and an auction of his kindly donated memorabilia helped raise over 60,000 baht for local charities. The event will now be held annually so check kohchangcricketclub news on Facebook for this and weekly fun games.

New Hotels
Two new hotels, one called The Erewan, are springing upwards on the mountain side of the road in the center of White Sand Beach.
Useful Information

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Our website is packed with information on Koh Chang. We update it regularly so if you can't get a copy of our printed guide you can still get hold of a wealth of Koh Chang information. We also provide room bookings as well as featuring properties and businesses for sale on the island. Also you can read or download interactive PDF files of all of the latest copies of our guides and maps so that even if you are outside Thailand you can stay up to date on Koh Chang.

For those of you on Facebook joining our Group - The Koh Chang Guide - is a good way to stay up to date with events on the island.

Koh Chang Guide App

Some helpful people have now created a Free Koh Chang Guide App that is available for iPhone and iPad at the Apple store. It takes the form of a clickable map of Koh Chang that gives you information about and ratings on hotels, restaurants, shopping, things to see & do and help info.

Climate

Southeast Thailand only really has two seasons, a dry period that runs from November to May and a wet season from June to October. Temperatures are coolest from November to December with daily maximums averaging around 30C. Just before the wet season this can rise to the high thirties.

It can rain heavily in the wet season but rainfall is by no means constant and sunny days are still common. All the resorts and facilities on Koh Chang remain open and this can be a good time to visit for those seeking a quieter holiday. The busiest time for visitors to the region is December to April.

Tourist Information

There is a Tourist authority of Thailand (TAT) office in Laem Ngop.

Information on Koh Chang National Park can be obtained from the National Parks offices in Laem Ngop or from their offices at Koh Chang.

Health & Medical Facilities

Koh Chang International Clinic, part of the Bangkok Hospital group, (039-551-555 or www.kohchanginterclinic.com) is located on White Sands Beach. They are open 24 hours a day. Service is good but it costs.

There is a small hospital in Koh Chang just south of where the mainland ferry arrives (Phone - 039 586 131/160). Klong Son, Kai Bae, Klong Prao and Bang Bao also have small clinics.

Trat has two large hospitals. Bangkok Trat Hospital is a private institution, which has excellent facilities and is recommended, especially to those with travel insurance, in the event of any major accidents or emergencies (039-532-735). Trat Hospital is a government run institution and offers generally good treatment, but longer waits. (039-511-040/1).

The region has some Malaria although cases are extremely rare. Dengue fever is also a slight risk. The locals don't take prophylactics but the choice is yours.

Increasingly people are using their holidays in Thailand to have dental work done. Dentists here are as good as in the rest of the world and charge a fraction of the prices in Europe and the US. Now you can use the Koh Chang Dental Clinic or Baan More Fun Dentist in Trat to get your teeth healthy. Contacts are 086-320-0702 and 039-557-235.

Similarly Thailand is a good place to buy prescription glasses, sunglasses and contact lenses since prices are much lower than back in Europe or elsewhere. You will find a great number of optical shops in all of the island's shopping areas.

Note also that that there is a leading drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre on Koh Chang. DARA Thailand offer treatment
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Animal Health Services
Koh Chang has a non-profit organisation devoted to animal welfare. The Koh Chang Animal Project offers all kinds of inoculations and veterinary services from their clinic in Klong Son on the road leading to Ban Kwan Chang Elephant Camp. You can contact the Foundation on 089-042-2347 or online at www.kohchanganimalfoundation.org. Donations are gratefully accepted and always put to good use.

There is also a vet in Chai Chet who provides a good service.

Emergencies
In the event of a medical emergency after normal ferry hours contact the Ko Chang International Clinic call centre on 039-551-555 or Bangkok Trat Hospital on 039-532-735. They can arrange for emergency evacuation by boat and ambulance to Trat.

The main police station on Koh Chang is at Dan Mai. They can be contacted on 039-586-191. There are also police stations in White Sands Beach (Tel. 039-551-544) and in Chai Chet, Kai Bae and Bailan Beach. Alternatively the Tourist Police can be contacted on 039-557-382/3 or 1155.

Banks
Koh Chang has ATMs all over the place so withdrawing cash is no problem. There are also lots of banks and foreign exchange offices at the main beaches. Some of them, notably Bangkok Bank and Krung Thai bank, are also open on weekends and foreign exchange booths often open until 8pm. Various hotels and guesthouses will change both traveller's cheques and cash but the rates offered are lower than the banks. Many resorts and restaurants also accept credit card payments but they often charge an extra three percent processing fee.

Communications
WiFi is now pretty universal on Koh Chang. If your resort doesn't have it then ask them why not. Many restaurants and bars also have wireless connections. Since we're on an island the service can be poor so if you are told that the internet is down then it probably is - usually not for too long though. Koh Chang also has a dwindling number of internet cafes offering net access for the few of you still travelling without laptops, iPads or smartphones.

The island's main Post Office is at Pearl Beach. There is also smaller post office at the beginning of the pier in Bang Bao.

Postage rates are reasonable. A small postcard to any country is 12B and large postcards are 15B. Air-mail letters start at 14 Baht and increase depending on destination and size. The post office will not send letters with stamps of insufficient value so it is best to get them weighed and stamped in the post office to be sure that they will be delivered.

NB: If you are receiving mail on Koh Chang or giving somebody a postal address on Koh Chang then please note that there is real confusion over the house and business numbering system on the island. House number 222 might be a long way away from...
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House number 223 since numbers are given out in date order. To give your post a better chance of reaching its intended address then you should include the beach or village name of the place you are sending mail to. Thus our address is White Sand Publications, 222/12 Moo 4, Pearl Beach, Koh Chang, Trat, 23170.

Immigration

Passport holders from 42 countries are not required to obtain a visa to enter Thailand for tourism purposes and will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period of not exceeding 30 days. Visitors entering the Kingdom at land border immigration checkpoints will be allowed to stay for only 15 days. The regional immigration office is located at Laem Ngop. The location is marked on the Koh Chang Map. They can deal with visa extensions and other queries here. If you have a 30 Day Visa for Thailand you can extend this for to 30 days. You can also get a 30 day extension on a two month visa. These extensions cost 1,900 Baht each. Phone 039-597-261/265. A visa overstay will cost you 500 Baht per day and payment is a relatively routine process as you leave the country.

NOTE: As we went to press the Thai government were close to implementing a new paid tourist visa permitting stays of up to six months. It is worth checking your local Thai embassy or consulate if this is available if you plan a longer visit to Thailand.

Environmental Protection

Please remember that you are in a national park. Avoid littering and leave Koh Chang as beautiful as you found it. If you would like to help with keeping Koh Chang clean then visit the Facebook page of a local group that is working to do something about and maybe volunteer a little time to helping to preserve paradise. The page is at Facebook.com/groups/keepkohchanguclean

As the island develops, there are inevitably issues with litter, pollution and destruction of natural resources. If you see any such transgressions then we suggest that you report them to either the national park office
or to the Tourism Authority of Thailand. Or stick them on a Koh Chang Facebook page. What you say can have a big impact!

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Photography
Thanks to Jon from Koh Chang Photographer who has again provided us with some great images of Koh Chang. He is available on 084-727-5413 for all kinds of photographic assignments and specialises in wedding pictures and beach portraits.

Many thanks also to David Vinot for contributing his excellent pictures, many of which we have used in this issue. And thanks to Neil Hazeldine for the great sunset shots.
We love to receive new pictures so please let us know if you have some pictures that you’d like to see in print - we’ll be happy to run them and give you a mention.

Important Dates & Events
On Thai public holidays banks, post offices etc. are closed but all transport and most tourism-related businesses still operate as normal.
Also remember that Koh Chang is an island served by ferries. On the first day of public holidays many people travel to Koh Chang by car and long queues for the ferries can develop. Set off early if you’re coming down on these days and you can save yourselves a long wait.

October
23 Friday - Chulalongkorn Day

November
25 Wednesday - Loy Kratong - Full Moon Festival - Not a public holiday but one of Thailand’s biggest and most charming festivals.

December
05 Friday - King’s Birthday - The celebration of the 87th birthday of His Majesty the King of Thailand, the world’s longest serving monarch, also marks Father’s day in Thailand.
10 Wednesday - Constitution Day
Public holiday
25 Thursday - Christmas Day
Not a public holiday but Christmas is certainly celebrated in all the nation’s shopping malls
31 Wednesday - New Year’s Eve
Public holiday
Useful Numbers

**Directory Enquiries - Thai/English** 1133

**Health & Medical**
- Bangkok Clinic - Ko Chang 1719 / 039-551-51/2
- Bangkok Hospital - Trat 039-532-735
- DARA Thailand 087-140-7788
- Klong Prao Clinic 039-557-070
- Koh Chang Hospital 039-586-131/160
- Koh Chang Dental Clinic 039-557-235
- Trat Hospital 039-511-040/1
- Koh Chang Animal Project 089-042-2347

**Police**
- Immigration- Laem Ngop 039-597-261/5
- Koh Chang Police - Dan Mai 039-586-131
- Tourist Police - Koh Chang 039-557-382/3

**Legal Services**
- Setthaniti Law Office 092-513-7999

**Lost/Stolen Credit Cards**
- American Express 0-2273-0022
- MasterCard/VISA 02-256-7326/7

**Transport**
- Koh Chang White Taxis English: 089-909-8909 Thai: 081-862-8770
- Trat Airport 039-525-767-8 , 1771
- Centferry 039-538-196
- Trat Bus Station / 999 Express 039-511-986
- Koh Chang Ferry (Ao Thammachat) 039-555-188
- Bus: 999 Express 089-752-5732
- Bus: Cherdchai Tour (BKK , Trat) 02-391-2237
- Bus: Tanakawee (Trat) 039-252-222
- Bus: SWB (Klong Son) 089-113-3490

**International Direct Dialling** Call 007 or 009 or 001 + country code + number
- country codes: Australia - 61, Cambodia - 855, Canada - 1, Denmark - 45, France - 33, Germany - 49, Italy - 39, Japan - 81, Netherlands - 31, UK - 44, USA - 1

**Local Services**
- Tax Office Dan Mai 039-586-220
- CAT 081-350-2012
- TOT 039-551-515
- Electricity Office - Dan Mai 039-586-067
- Labour Office - Trat 039-530-843

**National Park Koh Chang** 039-555-080
- Tourist Authority of Thailand (TAT) 1672
- TAT Laem Ngop Office 039-597-259/60
- Fire Station 039-511-044
- Hook Computing 081-949-1524
- Koh Chang Television 039-551-371
- Lawyer & Legal Services 092-513-7999

For Activities and Hotel phone numbers please see the relevant sections of this guide.

**Useful Websites**
- **[www.koh-chang-guide.com](http://www.koh-chang-guide.com)** - Our website has a wealth of information about Koh Chang including maps, transport info, property and accommodation recommendations and booking.
- **[www.iamkohchang.com](http://www.iamkohchang.com)** - This site has plenty of up-to-date information on Koh Chang.
- **[www.tourismthailand.org](http://www.tourismthailand.org)** - The Tourist Authority of Thailand’s official website.
- **[www.thaivisa.com](http://www.thaivisa.com)** - This huge website/forum covers almost everything an expat could wish to know about visiting and living in Thailand.

**Koh Chang on Facebook**
- **[www.facebook.com/kohchangguide](http://www.facebook.com/kohchangguide)**
  Our Facebook page has plenty of photos and info on Koh Chang related events and news.
- **[www.facebook.com/groups/kohchangetalk](http://www.facebook.com/groups/kohchangetalk)**
  A fast growing Koh Chang group popular with island expat residents.
- **[www.facebook.com/groups/wiparkkohchang](http://www.facebook.com/groups/wiparkkohchang)**
  Koh Chang’s main Thai language group is a hotbed of intrigue, heated debate and information. Wish we could understand more of it. Sadly auto-translation of Thai to English produces rather unusual results.
- **[www.facebook.com/groups/kohchang](http://www.facebook.com/groups/kohchang)**
  The draconian posting rules of this group put some people off but there a many members and it is a decent source of Koh Chang information.
- **[www.facebook.com/iamkohchang](http://www.facebook.com/iamkohchang)**
  A regularly updated page devoted to Koh Chang.
  Home of the koh chang guide mobile app. Nothing to do with us but a good information source nonetheless.
- **[www.facebook.com/groups/keepkohchangclean](http://www.facebook.com/groups/keepkohchangclean)**
  A group devoted to dealing with litter and environmental problems on Koh Chang.
Activities Contacts

Diving & Snorkelling
B.B. Divers 086-155-6212
Dive Supply 039-551-518
Scandinavian Chang Diving 089-401-3927

Shopping
BooksThailand.com 081-919-8219
Koh Chang Photographer 084-727-5413
La Cabra 081-440-4814
Peace Moon 085-068-7139
Wine Gallery 081-668-7035

Massage, Beauty, Saunas & Spas
Bodiwork Spa 039-551-399
Majesty Spa 089-457-0984
Siam Sanctuary 039-510-756
The Spa Koh Chang 083-115-6566

Travel Agencies
Island Net 039-551-215
Jungle Fresh Travel 089-279-0021

Elephant Trekking
Ban Kwan Chang 089-815-9566
Chang Chutiman 089-939-6676

Thai Cooking Schools
Ka-Ti Culinary 081-903-0408
The Happy Turtle 087-132-7668

Gyms
BB Gym 039-558-040

Golf
Siam Royal View Golf 039-555-144

Real Estate
ABC 081-762-6482
Cirz/Island Life 092-357-7169
Siam Royal View 039-555-144
Koh Chang Guide Property 081-919-8219

Trips & Activities
Boonsiri Catamaran 086-333-8560
Natcha Tour 089-099-4030
Sea Adventures 092-801-4369
Siam Royal View Marina 039-555-144
Tiki Tours 092-806-5880
Treetop Adventure Park 084-310-7600
Zip ‘N Zorb Koh Chang 096-280-4298

Tattoo Studios
Jack Tattoo 089-794-5848
**Diving & Snorkelling**

There are some excellent diving and snorkelling opportunities around Koh Chang and the region is rapidly developing into a major centre of diving in Thailand.

The diving in the area is mainly at reasonably shallow depths with good reefs located at 5 to 25 metres. Visibility can reach 30m but is variable. You can dive year round but the best time is between October and the end of May since rougher seas during the rainy season can reduce visibility or make it difficult to reach the dive sites. However there are calmer periods in the rainy season when diving conditions are OK.

There are impressive reefs in the area with a variety of soft and hard corals including Massive, Columnar and Stagshorn Corals. These support a range of tropical reef life including Blue Tipped Rays, Moray Eels, Trigger Fish, Grouper and Batfish. Turtles can be spotted and Whale Sharks are also seen in the area from time to time.

There are a series of dive sites offering good diving at 5-18m around the seamounts and small islands to the West of Koh Chang. These include Koh Man Nok and Hin Sam Sao. The deeper dive sites are located off some of the islands and seamounts to the South of the Archipelago. Hin Luk Bat has a lot of good coral and some good swim-throughs. Hin Raap is a deeper rocky site with good soft corals.

There are also some good dive sites around Koh Rang Island. This is slightly further away from Koh Chang but well worth the journey to dive some interesting pinnacles and see some of the best coral reef in the region.

Koh Chang now has two wreck dives. The first is the HTMS Chang which lies in waters to the South-East of Koh Chang. The 100 metre long vessel provides all kinds of pleasure and technical diving opportunities to those who fancy something a little more adventurous.

The newest wreck is the 30 metre T11. Sunk by the Thai Navy in December 2013 this wreck is in shallower water and divers with an Open Water diving certificate are able to dive the site.
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The price for a two-day Discover Scuba course is 4,500B whilst full PADI certification costs around 14,500B. Pleasure dives cost 2,700-3,000B, depending on site, for two dives with lunch. All other PADI courses are also available.

Koh Chang Dive Supply is a large retailer of all kinds of Diving equipment. They also offer a full repair and servicing workshop for all sorts of Scuba equipment and are the largest equipment dive equipment supplier in Eastern Thailand. Their office is located between White Sand Beach and Chai Chet.

Siam H20 is another dive equipment retailer. Their recently remodelled shop has a huge stock of gear from diving and snorkelling equipment to free diving and spear fishing kit. They also specialise in Technical diving and equipment for Nitrox and Trimix diving.

You can take advantage of Scandinavian Chang Diving Center's Nitrox compressor if you’d like to do some nitrox diving whilst on Koh Chang.

If you fancy taking the effort out of diving it is worth noting that B.B. Divers have six underwater scooters that you can use to make like James Bond as you cruise the reefs.

Whilst the beaches of Koh Chang themselves offer little opportunity for snorkelling other islands in the chain can be reached by boat trips and there is some excellent shallow reef for snorkelling at these sites. On Koh Chang the rocky shoreline at Bang Bao Cliff Cottages offer some good snorkelling.

Additionally most of the dive shops will take snorkellers on their boats. Contact them for prices and details.

Swimming

It is generally fine to swim off all of Koh Chang’s beaches. In the high season conditions are calm and safe and the gradual slope of the beaches makes for good swimming conditions.
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Note, however, that during the monsoon heavy seas with strong rip tides can develop off Koh Chang’s beaches and people drown every year. There is little in the way of lifeguards or safety equipment so if you go out and get into trouble you can't expect any help. Basically, don’t swim beyond your abilities and if the sea looks dangerous it probably is so stay out of the water when it’s too rough.

Gyms and Yoga

If you want to stay in shape while on Koh Chang then you might fancy a workout at BB Gym in Lonely Beach. They have all kinds of weight and cardiac equipment, Yoga classes, WII games and a swimming pool. And thankfully there is also a bar and restaurant in which to recover.

Golf

Yes, there is a golf course on Koh Chang. Opened several years ago at the Siam Royal View Resort on the north of the island five minutes from the ferry ports, this par 3 course has 9 holes with different tee positions so you can play in one direction in the morning and then you can play a different route in the afternoon. They rent clubs and balls for only Baht300 and after your round you are welcome to take a dip in one of the resort's infinity pools or take lunch or dinner at their marina pub or their popular Beach Club.

If you need some practice before you head out on the fairway then a visit to the nearby driving range may be in order. It is located in Klong Son, a couple of kilometres up the road inland from the 7-Eleven in a peaceful and attractive valley.

Boat Trips

A variety of boat trips around the islands are available. These can be used as a means of travel between the islands or simply to go for a day trip of sightseeing or snorkelling.

Note that some of these boat services stop operating during the monsoon when the sea can be rough so check with travel agencies to see what services are currently running.

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"Secret Island Camping" boat trips, currently going out three times a week. Bang Bao Boat and also Nor Nou Kai Bae Hut Speedboat both run a regular speedboat service between Koh Chang, Koh Wai, Koh Maak and Koh Kood. Boonsiri operate a fast service to Koh Kood and Koh Mak from the mainland that links to their bus services to and from Bangkok and Pattaya.

Sea Adventures has a 13m catamaran. Day trips, sunset dinner cruises, party trips and corporate charters are all available departing from Siam Royal View in Klong Son. You can take advantage of some of the best sailing and cruising in SE Asia by berthing your super yacht or dingy at Siam Royal View's 75 berth marina. On your first visit they will give you three nights free berthing with electrical and water hook ups. For more information visit www.siam-royal-view.com or email sales@siam-royal-view.com

Island View resort in Salak Phet offer snorkelling trips, sea kayaking, sailing trips and island cruises on their range of different boats. They are the local base for Gulf Charters Thailand who offer 8 Yachts for charter from 32ft to 52ft, Cats and Keelboats for Bareboat or Skippered Charter.

For an altogether more leisurely water experience you could hire the F.M.T (Floating Motorized Table) from Moley’s Resort. Cruise down Klong Prao river with your legs in the water, weigh anchor, dine and drink with a spectacular backdrop. The vessel seats four and is truly unique.

If you are interested to know the tide times in the Koh Chang region then they can be found - for Koh Mak but that's close enough - at: http://easytide.ukho.gov.uk

Kayaking, SUP & Watersports
You can rent Kayaks at Bang Bao Cliff Cottages and explore their sheltered bay or venture further afield.

Tiki tours offer SUP, surfing and other watersports courses and rentals from their base at Tiki Drift at ChangPark in Kai Bae.

Walking
The mountainous jungle interior of the island offers some challenging and enjoyable walking. Several people on the island act as guides and due to the demanding terrain and bad paths it's probably worth taking a guide unless you're an expert. Travel agencies offer jungle trekking.

There is a Mangrove Walkway close to Salak Kok on the East of the island and a second one in nearby Salak Phet. Both of them give you a trip over secluded snaking waterways.

The ten minute riverside walk through the jungle to Klong Plu waterfall in Klong Prao is extremely pleasant and there is a one kilometre circuit path up through the rain forest over a nearby hill back to the ranger station if you fancy something a little more energetic.

Muay Thai
Koh Chang finally has its own centre for Thai boxing in Bailan Beach. The KC Thai Boxing Club offers a range of Muay Thai training courses. You can do a one day introduction to Muay Thai or for the more committed students there are courses ranging from one week to two months.

Cycling
A fun way to see the island whilst reducing your carbon footprint is to rent a bicycle, although you will need to be in good shape to tackle some of the island's bigger hills. There are bikes for hire at various places around the main beaches.

Wildlife
Most of Koh Chang is covered in rain forest that has been largely undisturbed due to the mountainous terrain of the island. There are also good examples of mangrove forest ecosystems where the island’s numerous streams meet the sea. Marine National Park status was awarded to the island chain in 1982 in an effort to preserve the exceptional land and marine environment.

The forests of the island support a large range of wildlife. A survey conducted for Thailand’s National Park Service in 1992 recorded 29 different species of mammal on Koh Chang. These included the Stump-Tailed Macaque, Barking Deer, Wild Pig, Javan Mongoose and Silvered Langur.

Birdwatchers will be pleased to know that 74 bird species were found including the Nightjar, Pacific Swallow, Yellow Vented Bulbul and Oriental Pied Hornbill.
Additionally the survey noted 42 different species of amphibians and reptiles. Snakes that inhabit Koh Chang include the Python, Rat Snake and King Cobra. Malayan Mud Turtles, Monitor Lizards and the ubiquitous Geckoes are also found on the island. There are also a variety of very vocal frogs.

Has there been a survey since 1992 we hear you ask? Apparently not so it is difficult to assess the impact of tourism on local flora and fauna. Perhaps the National Park Service might commission another if they were asked often enough? http://www.dnp.go.th

Waterfalls

The following waterfalls are free to visit and there is usually plenty of water from July to December. They may dry up after this though so ask around for the latest information. Klong Nonsi waterfall is close to Dan Mai on the eastern side of the island. It has several tiers. The first is a ten minute walk into the jungle, and at the top there is an inscription made by King Rama V. There are two waterfalls, Klong Neung and Khiri Phet near to Salak Phet in the southeast of the island. Both are clearly signposted. There are also smaller waterfalls up the valleys behind Klong Son, White Sands Beach and Kai Bae. Ask locals for directions.

There are also national park administered waterfalls at Klong Plu near Klong Prao village and Than Mayom near to Dan Mai village. If you are a foreigner you will be charged an entry fee of 200 Baht. Thais pay 20 Baht.

Elephant Trekking

The word ‘Chang’ means elephant in Thai, so what could be more appropriate than going elephant trekking on Elephant Island. The treks are a good opportunity to sample some of the beautiful scenery of inland Koh Chang. You can go direct to the elephant camps yourselves but since the best ones are hidden away in the jungle it might be easier to call them directly or book at a tour agency to arrange a pick up from your hotel.

Chang Chutiman operate economical and popular elephant trekking to the interior of the island from their new jungle elephant camp about 500M from the main road in Klong Prao village.

Baan Kwan Chang offer elephant treks that take place in another beautiful inland valley to the North of the island. To get there turn inland at Klong Son and proceed for about 3km.

Shopping

You can pick up a surprisingly large range of goods, both souvenirs and necessities in Koh Chang. There are a huge number of shops selling souvenir items on the major beaches. These include carvings, jewellery, ethnic clothing and handicrafts, bags, T-Shirts, CDs etc.

You can buy original artwork and also commission work La Cabra in Chai Chet. They produce the illustrations for our Koh Chang Treasure Map and make some excellent detailed maps of Thailand that are great holiday souvenirs.

Koh Chang Wine Gallery sells a huge range of wines, beers and spirits at reasonable prices. They now have stores in White Sand Beach and Lonely Beach as well as in Kai Bae, so you're never far away from a shop.
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Peace Moon, about halfway down the pier in Bang Bao, sells all kinds of bags, belts and leather products that they make by hand themselves from regular leather as well as Ostrich and crocodile skin. They also have a range of silver jewellery and other souvenirs. They have also just opened a new store in the centre of White Sand Beach.

You can now find hand-crafted jewellery made from all kinds of gemstones at BooksThailand beside the main Post Office at Pearl Beach.

You can find small supermarkets, now including 7-eleven and Tesco-Lotus stores, on all the beaches selling a reasonable range of foods, groceries, hardware and every kind of tourist item and souvenir you can imagine. For Western food products try Anna Store in White Sand Beach and Sing Tong in Klong Prao, both of which offer a good selection.

Reading

Books and local newspapers are available in supermarkets at White Sands and Chai Chet Beaches. Additionally many resorts and several supermarkets offer book sales, rentals
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BooksThailand.com is a used bookshop with a large selection of books in over twenty languages. It is located next to the main Post Office at Pearl Beach between White Sand Beach and Chai Chet Beach. There are more than 4,000 books on display and you can have a coffee and a meal in their cafe whilst you browse. If you return a book bought from them in good condition they will refund 50% of the purchase price.

Cookery

If you want to learn how to make authentic Thai food then why not try Thai cookery classes from the cooking home and restaurant of KA-TI Culinary also in Klong Prao.

Another option at Bailan Beach is to try the Thai cooking course at The Happy Turtle, and in Klong Prao you can study a variety of different cooking styles at the Allez Cuisine Academy.

Massage, Saunas, Spas & Beauty

Why not relax with a traditional Thai massage? The Bodiwork in the centre of Kai Bae, The Bodiwork in Klong Prao and also the Bodiwork & Tea House in Chai Chet all offer a wide range of massage programs and Spa treatments from staff highly trained by Bangkok Bodywork Training Centre, Bangkok. Their large range of programs includes Thai, Swedish, Sport and other full body massages, Reflexology, Steam treatments, Jacuzzi and facial and body treatments. They also offer courses for those who wish to learn the art of massage and spa treatments.

The Spa Koh Chang Resort is at Salak Khok on the east side of the island. They offer a range of fasting, detox and cleansing programs as well as meditation, yoga and massage therapy. They have an herbal steam room and swimming pool. Their websites are www.thespakohchang.com and www.thesparesorts.net.

The new Majesty Spa is located beside Koh Chang Kacha Resort on White Sand Beach. They offer a large selection of relaxing and rejuvenating massage and spa treatments.

Coco Massage, with branches in Chai Chet, Klong Prao and Kai Bae, is another place where you can enjoy many different styles of massage. They also have Coco Fish Spa outside Mac Resort on White Sand Beach where special fish will happily nibble away all the dead skin on your feet.

The new Siam Sanctuary in Klong Prao sits in a delightful location beside a lagoon close to the where it joins the sea. In this relaxing setting you can luxuriate with one of their large variety of spa treatments or enjoy a traditional Thai massage.

Tattooing

There are a number of Tattooists on the island. Standards of artwork are generally good. On White Sands Beach, Jack, who is based at Tantawan Bungalows, does impressive work using traditional tattooing techniques combined with modern cleanliness and sterilised equipment.

Treetop Adventure Park

This place at Bailan beach offers you the opportunity to attempt their two treetop walks. You can walk, swing and tightrope your way through the trees, enjoying some spectacular views along the way.
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Traditionthai, Thai Massage & Spa
The laws and regulations regarding purchase of land and properties in Thailand can be confusing to a foreign investor. The following are a few ideas to get you started in figuring out how things work over here. Remember that this is only a very broad overview and you should do further research.

Legal Representation
Basically the best thing that you can do is get a good lawyer with experience in helping foreign investors purchase property. What may seem a high fee in the short term can save you a fortune and a lot of trouble later on. We recommend that you consult a legal firm in Bangkok or Pattaya: there are many in Pattaya who specialise in foreign real estate deals. Since they have a lot of experience they are probably a good choice. Alternatively if you are dealing with a good real estate agency they should be able to recommend good legal representation to you.

Foreign Ownership of Condominiums
Foreign nationals can purchase and own apartments entirely in their own name as long as Thai nationals own 51% of the remaining floor space by area in the rest of the condominium.

Foreign Ownership of Thai Land
In the case of land, however, foreigners need to establish a Thai company that will purchase and possess the land. By law they must remain a minority shareholder in this company but in reality they can exercise sole control over the company through a variety of directorship appointment clauses and different types of shares and voting rights. The individual investor can then lease the land and buildings from the controlling company as a further level of protection. Consult your lawyer for details.

A common alternative to this approach that is very common in house and condo sales is to purchase a rolling 30 year lease on a property which can be renewed three times giving the buyer a total ninety years of tenure.

Types of Land Title
Chanote
The best and most secure of Thai land title deeds. The boundary markers of this land are measured by GPS and it provides a certificate of ownership of the land.

Nor Sor Sam Gor
The boundaries of land with this title deed are still fairly clear, being defined with reference to aerial surveys.

Nor Sor Sam: The land boundaries for Nor Sor Sam are defined relative to those of neighbouring plots and errors are common. But it is still an assured title of land possession.

Por Bor Tor/Sor Kor
These are effectively squatters land titles. Whilst a lot of land with these title deeds on Koh Chang has in fact been developed the development is all, strictly speaking, illegal.

NB - Occasionally it is possible to apply to have one of these less secure forms of land title upgraded to Chanote. In practice this can take years and may never happen. If someone tells you that ‘their’ land will be upgraded then wait until it has been and you have seen all the paperwork before going any further. It is not uncommon for the ownership of land with Por Bor Tor or Sor Kor title to be disputed. It is probably best to only consider land with Chanote, Nor Sor Sam Gor or, at a pinch, Nor Sor Sam land title.

Thai Land Measures
In Thailand Land is measured in Rai, Ngan and Wah which correspond to the following land measures:

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The Koh Chang Property Market

Times are changing fast in the youthful Koh Chang Property Market. Koh Chang has only recently developed as a tourist destination and so has only experienced large scale growth in hotels and tourist visits over the past fifteen years. Whilst there has been an explosion in the number of hotel beds and related tourist businesses the potential for residential property construction, with a few notable exceptions, has remained untapped.

If you consider the histories of development of Thai resorts like Koh Samui, Phuket and Hua Hin that have been growing for ten or twenty years longer than Koh Chang then the next wave of development is set to see huge demand for housing and condominium development.

There are certain factors unique to Koh Chang that have major effects on how the property market will develop.

The first is the fact that Koh Chang lies within a Thai Marine National Park. Around 70-80% of the land area of the island falls within national park control and, since it is under government ownership, it cannot (at least in principle) be developed.

Also, the Thai Navy own large tracts of land on the island. Add to this the fact that a lot of the remaining land is of tenuous land title (see our section on Thai land types) and the area of land on Koh Chang that is available for development becomes still more limited.

The effect of this is that property prices can seem quite high, obviously as a factor of high demand coupled with limited supply. In the longer term of course this limitation on available land means that an investment in a well-built house or condo on a development with secure land title offers fantastic potential for growth in market value.

There have so far only been a few organised housing and condo developments on Koh Chang and many people have resorted to buying land and arranging construction themselves - no mean feat. But new projects keep coming online and since we represent many of the island’s commercial developments then you are welcome to call into our office or call us on 081-919-8219 to find out what we currently have available, or take a look at the property section of our website: www.koh-chang-guide.com/real-estate where there are many pages of land, property and businesses for sale.

Koh Mak and Koh Kood

The nearby islands of Koh Mak and Koh Kood are also developing as alternative considerations for property and housing investment. The islands are smaller, Koh Mak very much so, but since they lie outside the national park far more of the land can be developed. Koh Mak so far has just a few residential developments and Koh Kood has none so any dream home projects currently have to be built from the ground up. The islands are both remoter and less developed than Koh Chang. Whether this is a good thing or not is a matter of opinion. They are certainly pretty and peaceful but this can come to feel remote and isolated in the low season. It might be a good idea to pay a visit at this time of year to get a feel for things before you buy.

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This unique plot of Chanote land comprises a long thin strip that runs between the road and the sea and offers an amazing 300 metres of waterfront despite being only 3,500 sqm. or 2.2 Rai in area. The land is cleared, landscaped and a house is in place. It has huge development potential.
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White Sand Beach

White Sand Beach is the three kilometre stretch of sand that was the first of Koh Chang’s beaches to offer visitor accommodation in the form of basic bamboo huts. Today things have changed a great deal and White Sands has more hotels, restaurants, bars and other tourist facilities than anywhere else on Koh Chang. Fortunately the steep hill behind the beach limits development to a narrow strip along the road. Since Koh Chang is a national park there are also rules governing the height of buildings so it is refreshing that there aren’t any buildings of greater than three or four storeys to spoil the views.

These factors allow White Sand beach to retain all of its charm and if you look back at the island from the sea you are treated to a glorious vista of rainforest-clad hills rising to the unfeasibly sharp peak of Chom Prasat mountain climbing over 600 metres above. If you are feeling particularly intrepid then local guides will be happy to help you find your way across the dense jungle slopes and lead you to amazing views from the peak.

The beach itself is a long expanse of sand that has a relatively busy southern part and a more secluded northern stretch that is sheltered behind a buttress of rock that bisects the beach and is crowned by the appropriately named Rock Sand Resort. The northern stretch is accessible only by foot along the sand or by driving there down the world’s steepest road (probably).

In terms of accommodation White Sands offers the full range of one to five star options. Obviously you will pay a premium for beachfront but there are some good mid-range bungalows right on the sand and if you are prepared to walk a little way to get to the water then there are some very economical places to stay.

Staying at the island’s most developed beach has advantages; there are scores of restaurants that offer the food of all kinds of nationalities. There are some nice little...
rustic bamboo beach bars, bars that offer live music like the famous Oodie’s, the ‘mini-Pattaya’ section on the main road is home to a bevy of beer bars and there are a couple of nightclubs.

In terms of infrastructure there are plenty of banks and exchange places on the main road as well as several small supermarkets and plenty of gift shops, travel agents, diving businesses, opticians, tailors, jewellers, pharmacies... If you need it it’s here.

**Pearl Beach (Hat Kai Mook)**

Pearl Beach enjoys a great location since it is sandwiched between the two major tourist beaches at White Sands and Chai Chet. That means that it is located close to all the facilities and infrastructure of these places but far enough away for you to be able to experience a bit of peace and quiet.

The beach isn’t sandy – it consists of a stretch of rounded pebbles protected by rock outcrops at either end – but it is quiet and atmospheric and when the sea is calm
there is some good snorkelling here with some corals and reef fishes – a rarity for a Koh Chang Beach.

There are just a handful of smaller bungalow resorts on the beachfront and they are all in the low to mid-range price range. Add to that a few little places beside the road and that is it for accommodation in this area.

There are a few little restaurants in the area that offer good meals at competitive prices and are hence popular with Koh Chang residents.

Amongst the facilities at Pearl Beach is Koh Chang’s main post office which is located here beside the main road. Next to this is Booksthailand.com, a second-hand bookshop.

There are also furniture and electronics shops as well as the office of TOT, a phone and internet provider.

**Chai Chet Beach**

One long beach with two names? That’s what the Klong Prao bay offers. The northernmost couple of kilometres of the beach are known as Chai Chet and the southern half is known as Klong Prao Beach. It’s not really that confusing when you get the hang of it.

Chai Chet beach is sheltered to the North by a rocky outcrop that provides a splendidly atmospheric backdrop for your sunset pictures. This protects a river inlet where a few colourful fishing boats are usually
moored. And then there is a lovely stretch of sand that is at first fronted by some mid-range hotels and then, walking south, you reach an isolated section with just sand, sea and palm trees.

Chai Chet is a pretty spot and it is a good place to stay if you want a reasonable selection of facilities together with the opportunity to quickly escape from the crowds. There is a small village up on the road which has several mini-marts, a bank and two pharmacies as well as the usual selection of gift shops, tailors and the like. There are a couple of little shopping plazas here that have some nice places to eat. Then as you head up the hill out of Chai Chet towards White Sand Beach you will find a cluster of beer bars that are far away enough to easily ignore but close enough to get to if you so desire.

Chai Chet beach is separated from the Klong Prao section at the point where the stream that feeds Klong Plu waterfall meets the sea. Usually it isn’t a problem to wade across the water but watch out for your wallets, cameras and the like getting wet. There are some good seafood restaurants here and some nice wooden guesthouses that look out over the lagoon. If you are around here after dark then you can take a boat trip into the mangroves to see the colonies of fireflies that form bright little communities amongst the trees. The West Coast’s best growth of mangrove forest is also located in and around the waterways here.

**Klong Prao Beach**

Klong Prao beach is a wide expanse of fine sand that is home to quite a few higher end resorts like the well-known Amari Emerald Cove and also to a handful of the more traditional bamboo hut bungalows.

Thankfully tasteful resort design and undeveloped stretches of jungle still allow the beach to retain a spacious and natural atmosphere.
Koh Chang Beaches

Just before you reach Klong Prao village a riverside road leads a couple of kilometres inland to the picturesque Klong Plu waterfall which is well worth a visit and a swim in the natural pool below is a great way to cool down.

Klong Prao village lies on one of the few flat areas of land on the West Coast and so the village extends quite a way inland and the road veers further from the sea here than at the other beaches. A walk of a few minutes from the beach to the village brings you access to a bank and a couple of supermarkets as well as plenty of roadside bars and restaurants. There are fewer gift shops around here but that’s not necessarily a bad thing. In and around the village there are also quite a few little resorts and places to stay.

Klong Prao Temple is in the centre of the village and is occasionally host to local fairs and festivals. Just down the road from here is a regular little local market that sells clothes, household wares and has a few food stalls that bridge the tasty/scary divide. Other businesses of note here include an excellent dental studio, a shooting range and a tiny tennis court next to a larger builders merchant cum home store.

Several elephant trekking businesses are based in Klong Prao and long-nosed grey giants pacing through the trees are a regular sight. The West coast’s main school perches on top a small hill near the village and on schooldays an eruption of kids flows down to all but close the road at the end of class.

Kai Bae Beach

South of Klong Prao lies Kai Bae Beach and village. The beach is a kilometre long strand notable for the fact that it overlooks a bay filled with several little islands. This makes for very attractive surroundings and a visit to the viewpoint on a hill just south of the village, especially around sunset, is a must-do for visitors hoping to snap what is probably the definitive Koh Chang scene overlooking the bay. The islands also offer more in the way of activity based entertainment since you can hire canoes and head out into the bay to explore them. A paddle to the closest, which has a nice beach, takes just a few minutes.

At the north end of the beach is a jetty from which boat trips and a speedboat service to the islands South of Koh Chang depart. A couple of restaurants here offer commanding views up and down the coastline.

Kai Bae village itself stretches out along the road a couple of minutes’ walk behind the beach. The road is narrower here than elsewhere on the island and drivers and pedestrians co-exist nervously. But the village has a very good selection of shops, restaurants and bars. There are lots of ATM’s and a foreign exchange booth, as well as several little supermarkets.

As well as the almost obligatory beachside seafood restaurants Kai Bae has several Italian restaurants, a bakery and restaurants offering international menus that include Russian, Dutch, Indian, English and more. If you choose to make Kai Bae your base you can spend a little or a lot on accommodation depending on your budget and requirements. There are a string of hotels and mid-range bungalow resorts running along the beach and also some nice little hotels as well as some more good options in the village.

Lonely Beach

Originally known by locals as Hat Ta Nam Lonely Beach was given its English title by an enterprising resort owner and now that’s what everyone calls it. So does it live up to its name? Well kind of. Lonely Beach developed as a backpacker’s haven and whilst it certainly has more to offer than that these days it is still the first stop for many travellers. Having said that there are also an increasing number of upscale places to stay. There is less infrastructure
here than at the more northerly beaches but there is still plenty to do and indeed there are lots of restaurants and bars and a party scene that is probably the liveliest on Koh Chang.

The beach itself isn’t the longest on the island but it makes up for that by being extremely pretty. A thick strip of sand stretches for a few hundred metres and then gives way to pebbles at the Southern end where a mountain stream flows into the sea. There are only four or five resorts actually beside the beach and no development at all on this part of the road so it is possible to get that feeling of being away from it all.

However as you follow the road over the little bridge to the south of the beach you hit the Lonely Beach village. There is a cluster of bungalows, businesses, bars and restaurants that runs along the main road and down a couple of side roads both to the left and right. There are a couple of minimarts and lots of little shops. There are ATM’s but no bank or foreign exchange places.

Lots of restaurants put out a huge variety of food and drink, often at budget rates. There is an excellent Mexican restaurant as well as places offering good pizzas, western breakfasts and, of course that backpackers staple – the banana pancake.

**Bailan Beach**

As Lonely Beach has become somewhat less lonely Bailan Beach has become a haven of peace and quiet for people who like things to be even calmer. There are a few simple backpacker spots but also some more luxurious places and even one five star hotel. Bailan’s beach is quite short and fairly rocky although there is some sand protected by a breakwater on the stretch in front of the Mercure Resort and, as is usually the case with Koh Chang, the views are great.

There isn’t much infrastructure although there are bars and restaurants at the resorts and also a few good places to eat and drink.
on the road. There is an internet café and bookshop near the bridge and a Thai cooking school nearby.

In and amongst the jungle rising from the South end of Bailan beach is the Treetop Adventure Park. Here you can climb along specially constructed walkways between the forest trees negotiating rope slides and other challenges. You can try either the easy or the expert route depending on how you’re equipped with regard to fitness and/or vertigo.

**Bang Bao Beach**

Bang Bao is an old fishing village that has now largely been redeveloped for visitors to Koh Chang. It has spread out on a long pier that juts out into a large bay and which has now sprouted any number of side arms and sub-piers. There are lots of shops selling everything from T-shirts, paintings and sunglasses to fresh fish and the pungent but precious locally made “Nam-Prik” fish paste – definitely an acquired taste. There are also some excellent seafood restaurants here that come into their own as the sun sets over the bay. The pier is also home to several dive shops, a police station, a health centre and of course the inevitable 7-Eleven store. Many of the island’s boat tours depart from here as well as ferries to Koh Mak, Koh Wai and Koh Kood. If you walk all the way to the end of the pier you will find an ornamental lighthouse that offers some great views to those that climb it.

Bang Bao doesn’t have any banks but there are several ATM’s at the start of the pier as well as a small post office. There are also a Temple and a school next to the main road at the turn off point to the pier.

Bang Bao Bay also has a nice beach called Khong Koi along its Eastern shore. The beach has two or three restaurants and beach bars and is a great place to lounge on the sand and enjoy the views out across the neighbouring islands to the south.

There are some good places to stay around Bang Bao. It is fun to stay over the water on the pier itself in one of several guesthouses and small resorts. There are also several resorts that encircle the waterfront of Bang Bao Bay that range from luxurious places like Nirvana to the backpacker-friendly Bang Bao Cliff Cottages.

And if camping is more your style then you will be interested to learn that at The Beach there is a new campsite right on the sand of Kong Goi Beach in Bang Bao Bay where you can pitch your own tent or rent one.

**Koh Chang’s Other Beaches**

In addition to the main tourist beaches on the island’s West Coast you can find some other nice and less explored beaches if you are prepared to venture a little further off the well-trodden path.

**Wai Check Beach**

You’re most likely to see Wai Check Beach from a boat since there is no road that leads to it, and no development of any kind on it (apart from a little hut). It lies
on the South Coast of Koh Chang in the middle of a section of island with no road access. If you want a Robinson Crusoe experience then hire a boat and ask them to take you there. Make sure that you arrange for them to take you back as well.

Long Beach
Long Beach is almost as far as you can go by road on Koh Chang. It lies near the end of the road that heads to the far southeast point of the island. There is almost nothing in the way of facilities on the beach, just one small backpackers place with simple bamboo huts. It is a very nice beach though and looks out over Salak Phet Bay and the islands to the South of Koh Chang. The road to get there is in poor condition in places and is only safely accessible by motorbike or 4x4 vehicles.

Klong Son Beach
Only 5 minutes from the ferries is one of the islands secret gems, the horse-shoe shaped bay known as Klong Son. Over 2kms of secluded sandy beaches form part of one of the island's largest resorts called Siam Royal View. Apart from buying or renting a villa or condo here, you can enjoy also a day out at the resort with two beachside infinity pools, watersports, marina, a par 3 golf course, pub and their popular Beach Club for lunch and sunset dinners.

East Coast Beaches
As you drive down the road beside the east coast of Koh Chang you will notice a few sandy beaches. Typically the beaches here are narrower than on the West coast and the sand is a redder colour. Having said that they are all isolated and are nice places to stop, especially if you like a bit of peace and quiet. The small but perfectly formed beach that plays host to Amber Sands Resort and the new Serenity Resort is a good example of a tranquil and pretty east coast beach.
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Koh Chang now has two wrecks to dive! The first is the HTMS Chang, formerly the US Tank Landing Ship LST-542, was decommissioned by the Thai navy, stripped and sunk on November 22nd 2012 in 33 metres of water off the South-East coast of Koh Chang.

The Chang is 100 metres long and is Thailand’s longest wreck dive so you will find plenty of ship to explore under the waters, and it is an interesting and challenging dive site for divers with advanced qualification. The undersea flora and fauna has now had time to develop and you can expect to see all kinds of larger pelagic fish in and around the wreck.

For the ship it is the end of a long life of service that started with its construction in Pittsburgh USA, and included World War 2 service in the Asia Pacific Theatre, with notable involvement in the occupation of Okinawa 1945. Subsequently it was put into use as a sea transport by the US Navy and saw extensive service during the Korean War including involvement in the Inchon Landing of 1950.

The ship must have performed well since in 1955 it was finally given a name rather than a number and continued to serve as the USS Lincoln County until it was decommissioned and transferred to the Royal Thai Navy in 1962.

And now there is a second wreck to visit. The Thai Navy sank another decommissioned vessel off the island in December 2013. The whole process happened very quickly and with little of the fanfare and long delays that accompanied the sinking of the first wreck. The boat was the USS PGM-71, renamed the T11 by Thailand’s Navy. It is a 30 metre long gunboat and has been sunk in shallower waters than the first wreck so it can be dived by divers with just an open water diving certificate. You can expect to see a good range and variety of undersea plants and animals that now call the wreck home. It’s another great reason to come and dive Koh Chang.

All of the dive shops listed in the Koh Chang Guide will be happy to give you further information about diving the wrecks.
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If you fancy a break from the beach or from the tourist centres of the West side of Koh Chang then you will be well rewarded by a day or more exploring the 'undiscovered' East Coast of the island. This side of the island is far less developed than the other and you will be treated to a view of a more traditional Thai way of life as you watch local farmers and fishermen go about their business. Additionally there is some great scenery and plenty of interesting stops to make. And don't worry; there are some quality restaurants and places to stay so you don't need to stock provisions.

There are no less than four waterfalls for you to visit. Heading south these are; Klong Nonsi just before Dan Mai village, Than Mayom a few kilometres further South and then Klong Nung and Khiri Phet waterfalls in the foothills of Salak Phet Mountain in the far south. Than Mayom is a six level cataract and retains the most water of the four in the dry season.

Salak Khok Bay is a charming spot with large areas of mangrove forest and a small fishing village. You can view the mangroves from the Mangrove Forest Walkway but perhaps a better way to sample the atmosphere is on a guided kayak tour through the trees with Salak Khok Kayak Station, perhaps the only project on Koh Chang that is owned and operated by the local community.

The intrepid can continue to the far South and visit the lovely Long Beach. This isolated strand is deserted except for two backpacker places. The next bay to the South contains a memorial to the Thai soldiers who lost their lives in the Thai Naval encounter with the French in 1941.

The largest settlement in the South East of the island is Salak Phet. This waterside fishing village is at the mouth of a large bay dotted with islands. A great place to take in the atmosphere is the long pier that juts out deep into the bay. There is an observation tower at the end which offers great photo opportunities.
Trat & The Mainland

The small town of Trat is the administrative and trading centre of Trat province. It is located 26km and 32km away from the two departure points for passenger ferries to Koh Chang. Trat only has a population of 20,000 but bustles with activity due to the fact that it is the main market town of the province.

There is an open-air market on the main street - Thanon Sukhumvit - that offers interesting Thai food and drinks late into the night. There is also a large covered day market selling all manner of foods and household goods.

Good things to shop for include the huge range of fruits that are available year round, many of which you may not have seen before. Trat province is famous for the Rakham which is a rich sweet fruit that looks a bit like a strawberry. Or there is the Durian with its spiky shell, pungent smell and unique love-it-or-hate-it flavour. Try whatever looks interesting. You can also buy good fresh seafood and vegetables in the market.

Local handicrafts include elaborately woven wicker products, especially hats. These can be found in Ban Nam Chieo, a largely Muslim village between Trat and Laem Ngop.

Trat has a big Tesco Lotus supermarket with accompanying shops and restaurants and a food hall. And now also a Makro supermarket and huge Global Home store 4 km out of town.

Wat Buppharam is a 17th Century temple with some interesting architecture. It lies 2km out of town (see map). There are several other
Trat & The Mainland

There are a multitude of local Thai restaurants around the town - the one opposite Trat Hospital is our favourite. Also Joy’s Pizza, and Kruarimklong do good food.

You can find many other small restaurants and bars scattered around the town centre. The large bar next to Tesco has live music and so does Knight which is a large club about 1km out of town on the Bangkok Road.

There is a guesthouse area just south of the town centre with many backpacker style guesthouses and accompanying restaurants, internet cafes etc. There is little to choose between the different guesthouses that all offer clean and inexpensive rooms together with good information and a friendly welcome.

About 10 minutes from the centre of Trat is an attractive reservoir that is a pleasant spot for an afternoon stroll. There are several restaurants in scenic locations on the shoreside. You can often see fireflies by the canal that begins here and flows through town.

Laem Ngop

Laem Ngop is a fishing village on the coast and is the departure point for passenger ferries to Koh Chang and the other islands.

Places worthy of note are the Immigration Office that serves the Eastern region of Thailand and the Tourist Authority of Thailand office.

By the ferry pier there is a large monument commemorating two Thai boats that were sunk in a naval battle of 1942 off Koh Chang in which Thai forces repelled the French Navy.

Klong Yai & Hat Lek

Klong Yai is a small fishing town on the road to the Cambodian border at Hat Lek. It is the closest mainland town to Koh Kood and whilst there is, as yet, no regular ferry service you ask around if you are feeling intrepid and maybe find a boat on its way to the island.

Heading on to the border itself at Hat Lek you will find a couple of hotels on the Thai side as well as thriving market selling all manner of weird and wonderful imports and exports.

Mainland Beaches

There is a long thin coastal section of Trat province that heads southeast towards the Cambodian border at Hat Lek, 90 kilometres from Trat. For detailed information take a look at our new map of the region on the facing page.

At the moment the area is not much visited by foreign tourists but this is slowly changing. There are a string of really attractive beaches on the long sandy coastline with a few accommodation options including the Centara Chaan Talay Resort which is a quality beachside resort located in a lovely beach of powder sand 46 kilometres from Trat Town. If you are looking for the peace and quiet of a deserted tropical beach then this is the place for you.

Heading away from Trat on highway 318 these beaches include Sai Ngern Beach, Sai Kiew Beach, Tap Tim Beach, Mai Root Beach and Ban Chuen Beach, all of which offer rewards to the intrepid explorer.

Saphan Hin waterfall is located 31 kilometres from Trat and is an attractive cataract located at the end of a ten minute walk along a riverside path through an attractive forested valley.
Other Islands

**Koh Mak**

This is an attractive, low-lying island of 16 square kilometres in size. Unlike Koh Chang there are few mountains and so the island is widely cultivated with coconut and rubber plantations.

The population is only around 800 and there is little infrastructure outside the resorts. It is a sleepy place where life moves slowly and a visit to the island is the perfect choice for visitors who want to relax by the beach and unwind from the stresses of modern life.

Since there are very few motor vehicles and the island is well covered by roads and tracks Koh Mak is perfect for exploring on foot or by bicycle. Although if you like to expend less effort getting around then many of the resorts now hire motorbikes out at around 400 Baht per day.

There are pretty beaches in the bays to the northwest and southwest of the island and this is where most of the resorts are located, although there are now some new resorts in the other bays.

Here there are still long stretches of beach with no development at all and on Koh Mak you always feel a long way from the worst excesses of tourist development.

In the monsoon season from June to October there is no public transport between Koh Chang and Koh Mak but there are still four daily ferries to the mainland and most of the resorts now open year round.

Internet access has now improved and you can now get WiFi at all the resorts and most restaurants. Work is also nearing completion on an undersea cable that will greatly improve the electricity service to the whole island.

There are a few smaller islands off Koh Mak, some of which have resorts and can be reached fairly easily from Koh Mak itself. They are Koh Kham, Koh Rayang Nok and Koh Kra Dad. To arrange a visit to these islands contact the resorts or ask around on Koh Mak.

Activities on the island revolve largely around the beaches; all the resorts have restaurants and bars and as you would expect you can find some good Thai food as well as a smattering of places that offer international fare.

It is easy to combine a trip to Koh Mak with visits to Koh Chang or some of the other islands in the archipelago. Refer to the transport section for details of the various ferries to the island that operate from the
mainland, Koh Chang and the other islands. Alternatively some of the Koh Chang boat trip services can drop you off on the island. Enquire for details.

When you arrive on Koh Mak representatives from many of the resorts will meet the ferry and offer free pick up and drop off to visitors.

**Koh Kood**

Koh Kood is the second largest and southernmost island in the Koh Chang archipelago. Its topography is similar to that of Koh Chang; it is also mountainous and largely covered in rain forest. The highest hill on Koh Kood, at 315 metres, is Khao Phaentee in the southeast of the island.

Another significant scenic feature is Klong Chao waterfall. The waterfall itself is not particularly high but falls into a huge plunge pool in a very beautiful jungle setting, a good place for a cooling swim. Various boat operators on Koh Chang or Koh Mak offer trips to the waterfall.

The sea here is extremely clear and a brilliant blue colour. This makes the many beaches that run down the West coast of the island extremely pleasant places to be. Also there are some excellent corals at shallow depths on many of the beaches.

Despite the fact that Koh Kood is Thailand’s fourth biggest island the population is only around two or three thousand. Infrastructure is improving and there are now decent roads between many points of interest on the island but the resorts to the extreme north and south of the island are still only accessible by boat. There is also a small hospital.

The largest settlement is the fishing village of Ao Salat in the northeast. This is worth a visit just to see the wide range of seafood brought in and sold on the rickety wooden pier.

Unfortunately there isn’t yet any organised public transport on the island. In fact there aren’t many vehicles at all. If you want to have a look around ask at your resort to see if you can hire a motorbike or get a car to take you around. Alternatively you might be able to get around in a motor boat or canoe.

Traditionally the resorts on the island have been luxury developments catering mainly to Thai package tourism. Transport to these resorts is arranged as part of the package deal.
There are now, however, some new low, medium and high end options which cater more to foreign visitors. Rooms at these places range from 400-500 Baht per night up to around 100,000 (not a typo!) Baht per night at the super upscale Six Senses Resort on the island.

From the mainland the easiest way to reach the island independently is with a daily ferry leaving from Laem Ngop and Koh Chang or by taking the local ferry from Dan Khao close to Trat (see transport section). From Koh Chang look out for ferry services operated by Bang Bao Boat.

If you want a beautiful sandy beach virtually to yourself and don’t expect anything by way of nightlife other than listening to the waves lap then Koh Kood is the place for you. If you expect a party you will be disappointed but if peace and quiet is your thing then the island is a good choice of destination. The water around Koh Kood is famed for its blueness and clarity and you can find some pretty good corals off the beaches if you like to snorkel. You can dive off Koh Kood with B.B. Divers at away Resort.

Koh Wai
Koh Wai is a small crescent-shaped island with two small, pleasant beaches. There are two resorts on the island with rooms that range from simple huts to larger air-conditioned beach bungalows. There is some good snorkelling on the shallow reefs off the beach. The lack of development makes the island an ideal place for a peaceful beach trip and it’s a good place to kick back after some strenuous travelling.

Other Islands
Whilst there are plenty of uninhabited islands in the Koh Chang archipelago a couple of the other islands have resorts on them.
Koh Lao Ya is actually two separate islands linked by a bridge and is a pretty place that has had a resort on it for over ten years.
Koh Ngam is another island just off the South Eastern tip of Koh Chang. This island has a picturesque beach and a single resort. Some of the Koh Chang boat trip services can drop you off on the island. Enquire at local travel agents for more information.
Loy Kratong

Loy Kratong is celebrated on the full moon night of the twelfth lunar month every year. This year it falls on November 25th. People all over the country prepare elaborately decorated kratongs. These are small banana tree platforms decorated with banana and coconut leaves and flowers and containing a combination of food, nuts, incense sticks, coins and a lighted candle.

These Kratongs are floated - ‘Loy’ means float in Thai - on pretty much any body of water that comes to hand. The festival originates from Sukhothai, Thailand’s original capital, in the 13th Century. Nang Nopamas, a royal consort of King Ramkhamhaeng (the founder of Sukhothai), is said to have made the first kratong and set it adrift so that it would float past the king. The king was delighted with the creation and Loy Kratong was instituted as an annual festival. For this reason Loy Kratong is a romantic evening and couples make wishes as they launch their Kratongs and a Kratong that floats a long way with a lit candle is seen as a good omen for relationships. If it sinks then Thais just shrug their shoulders and wait for the next year.

The festival has several religious interpretations. The kratong is seen by some as an offering in thanks to ‘Phra Mae Kongka’ the goddess of water for a plentiful supply of water. Others find Buddhist interpretations of the festival, the kratong being a tribute of respect to Lord Buddha or a means of paying respect to one’s ancestors. The festival may have originated as a Hindu festival paying homage to the god Vishnu.

Whatever its origin it is an atmospheric occasion. You are welcome to participate. Kratong materials will be available all over the island and the locals will be happy to assist in showing you how to assemble your Kratong.
### Koh Chang - White Sands Beach

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<td>B-C</td>
<td>Aircon rooms with TV at this popular restaurant.</td>
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<td>Buffalo Bills Hotel</td>
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<td>There are 13 fully featured rooms in this luxury boutique hotel above a popular steak restaurant.</td>
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<td>K.C. Grande Resort &amp; Spa</td>
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<td>This large luxury resort occupies a long stretch of sandy beach and offers bungalows &amp; 2 hotels.</td>
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<td>Paddy's Palms</td>
<td>B-C</td>
<td>Fully furnished A/C rooms behind and large suites above this Irish Pub. Nice swimming pool.</td>
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<td>Palm Garden Hotel</td>
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<td>8 air-conditioned rooms with TV, fridge &amp; hot water. Reception is in 15 Palms.</td>
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<td>Plaloma Resort</td>
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<td>80 room Resort in tropical gardens with a pool, fan and A/C rooms. <a href="http://www.plaloma-cliff.com">www.plaloma-cliff.com</a></td>
<td>Tel: 039-551-119, Fax: 039-551-118</td>
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<td>Rock Sand Resort</td>
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<td>Hillside resort with &quot;Flashpacker&quot; and luxury rooms with amazing views over the sea.</td>
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<td>Tantawan Bungalow</td>
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<td>Basic beach huts and luxury bungalows as well as a bar and restaurant right on a sandy beach.</td>
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Koh Chang - Klong Prao

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**Moley’s Place**  B  Large, modern, comfortable new air-con rooms with Wi-Fi and fantastic views right on the waterfront.
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**V.J. Searenity Koh Chang**  D  Large beachfront resort with over seventy rooms. Also has a spa and a swimming pool.
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| **Koh Chang - Kai Bae** |
| **ChangPark** C-D | A large beachfront resort in extensive landscaped gardens complete with peacocks. |
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**Tel:** 083-098-0486 |
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**Tel:** 039-557-132 |
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**Tel:** 086-145-9529 |
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**Tel:** 039 557 151/2 |
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<td>Neat, affordable hillside bungalows and a good restaurant. English, German and Thai spoken.</td>
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<td>Siam Beach Resort</td>
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<td>A lively backpackers place with lots of economical rooms by the beach and a popular bar.</td>
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<td>Warapura Resort</td>
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<td>This bungalow resort is in a great spot with the sea on both sides and rooms with great views</td>
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<td>Delightful serviced rooms, all with fan and Aircon, in a beautiful setting.</td>
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<td>First class resort with condos, bungalows, villas to rent. Water sports, 2km of sandy beach, pub, marina, two pools and Beach Club Restaurant.</td>
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<td>Parama Koh Chang</td>
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<td>This attractive and opulently finished waterfront resort is in the idyllic and peaceful Check Bae.</td>
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<td>New boutique resort with just seven beachside bungalows and a large sun-deck and shady bar.</td>
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<td>Buffalo Bill Steak House</td>
<td>Steak</td>
<td>This themed steakhouse and hotel offers a choice of different steaks using imported beef. And you get a 10% food discount with this guide.</td>
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<td>Chang Buri Resort &amp; Spa</td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>Balcony restaurant at this luxury hotel offering Thai and Western cuisine</td>
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<td>Ciao Koh Chang</td>
<td>Italian/Thai</td>
<td>This well-established Koh Chang favourite is located in a stylish restaurant half way up the hill out of White Sand Beach.</td>
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<td>Decompression Cafe</td>
<td>Cafe</td>
<td>This cafe is located in the Siam H20 diving shop beside Grand View Resort. They serve fresh coffee, snacks and ice cream.</td>
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<td>Home Bar</td>
<td>Bar/Thai/Western</td>
<td>This friendly bar and restaurant features pizza, curries and Thai food, wines and cheeses and draught beer. They also do cooking lessons.</td>
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<td>K.C. Grande Resort &amp; Spa</td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>Choose from no less than seven places to eat and drink here including: K.C. Bar, beachfront &amp; rooftop restaurants, pool bars, and a coffee lounge.</td>
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<td>Monkey's</td>
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<td>Some interesting menu selections at this stylish restaurant and bar. Lounge area with comfy sofas, a pool table and sport on a big screen.</td>
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<td>Norng Bua</td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>Thai food, snacks and noodle soup in this inexpensive roadside eatery</td>
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<td><strong>Oodie’s Place</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thai/French</strong></td>
<td>Blues/Thai/Folk/Rock live music bar. Popular island hangout. Food includes Mongolian barbecue and Steak Lao. French Menu and Pizzas</td>
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<td><strong>Paddy’s Palms</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thai/Western</strong></td>
<td>Koh Chang’s original Irish Pub has an extensive Western menu. Families welcome. Special roast dinners on Sundays. Draft Guinness and free Wi-Fi.</td>
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<td><strong>Piatto Ricco</strong></td>
<td><strong>Italian/Thai</strong></td>
<td>Pizzas, Pastas and all kinds of Italian specialities offer at this roadside restaurant in central White Sand Beach. They have imported steaks.</td>
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<td><strong>Plaloma</strong></td>
<td><strong>Western</strong></td>
<td>Attractive sea views in this restaurant on the first floor of Plaloma Resort</td>
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<td><strong>Rock Sand</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thai/Western</strong></td>
<td>Beachside restaurant/bar with fantastic views over the beach and bay. A good spot for watching the sunset. Now Italian Gelato ice cream.</td>
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<td><strong>Siam Kitchen</strong></td>
<td><strong>Chinese/Thai</strong></td>
<td>Restaurant offering Western and Chinese specialities in addition to a full Thai menu. Cocktails are also available.</td>
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<td><strong>Sun &amp; Soul</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thai/Western</strong></td>
<td>This stylishly modern restaurant and bar is located beachside at Cookies Resort and has good food and drink with great tunes.</td>
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<td><strong>Tantawan</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thai/Western</strong></td>
<td>This bar and restaurant is in a great location right by the beach. They have a well-priced menu and fresh seafood is a popular choice.</td>
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<td><strong>Taste of India</strong></td>
<td><strong>Indian</strong></td>
<td>This new Indian restaurant has a large menu of authentic, home-cooked Indian classic cuisine from spicy starters to delicious desserts</td>
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<td><strong>Thai/Danish Restaurant</strong></td>
<td><strong>European</strong></td>
<td>Lots of tempting selections on the eclectic menu in this interesting Danish and European restaurant</td>
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<td><strong>The Rockbar</strong></td>
<td><strong>Bar</strong></td>
<td>This popular nightspot in Grand View Plaza has live music every night, free pool and Wi-Fi and plays rock music until very, very late.</td>
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<td><strong>The White Elephant</strong></td>
<td><strong>Bar/European</strong></td>
<td>This large and lively bar has 3 flatscreen TVs with local and Scandinavian channels, Carlsberg on draft, an electronic jukebox and opens until late.</td>
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<td><strong>Thor’s Palace</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thai/Western</strong></td>
<td>Comfortable beachside restaurant/bar at Alina Resort run by the colourful Thor. Excellent Thai curries. Good music. Try their tasty cocktails.</td>
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<td><strong>Tiger’s Den</strong></td>
<td><strong>Bar</strong></td>
<td>Friendly and popular beach bar. Cocktails and a happy hour as well as live sport.</td>
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<td><strong>Koh Chang Wine Gallery</strong></td>
<td><strong>Wine/Tea</strong></td>
<td>This new place with Thai coffee and a large range of wines is centrally located opposite Lagoon Resort close to the Bangkok Bank.</td>
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### Hat Kai Mook (Pearl Beach)

| **Books Thailand.com** | **Cafe** | Now Koh Chang’s bookshop serves a selection of breakfasts and full meals as well as sandwiches, fresh coffees and drinks. |
| **Elephant & Castle** | **Western** | Friendly cafe on an attractive jungle hillside. English breakfasts, roast dinners, pies, curries, casseroles. Banter. |
| **Kai Mook Resort** | **Thai** | The restaurant at this beachside resort has a menu consisting of all the classic Thai dishes. |
| **Pennys Resort** | **Thai/Western** | Restaurant and beach cocktail bar offering Thai and Western dishes. They have a beachside barbecue on Saturday nights. |
| **Saffron on The Sea** | **Thai/Western** | Scenic restaurant & bar by the sea. Offers breakfasts, lunches & dinners in a shady and secluded garden setting |
| **Sanae’s** | **Thai/Western** | The good food here includes home-made sausages and all day breakfasts as well as one of Koh Chang’s best Pat Gapows. |

### Chai Chet

| **Bodiwork & Tea House** | **Spa/Tea House** | This new place in front of Coconut resort offers all kinds of spa treatments and training courses as well as having a Tea House. |
**Chinese Restaurant**  
This restaurant in V.J. Plaza serves all kinds of authentic Chinese and Chinese-Thai specialities.

**La Cabra Gallery/Bar**  
Cold drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic are available to visitors perusing the original paintings in this art gallery.

**Marco & Jo Ristorante Italiano**  
One of Koh Chang's top ranked restaurants on Tripadvisor and it deserves the praise. Two Italian chefs prepare excellent pizzas, home-made pastas and authentic Italian dishes in V.J. Plaza.

**Nong Bua Seafood**  
This sleek and stylish new seafood restaurant next to Klong Prao Resort offers all kinds of Thai meals, fresh seafood and BBQ.

**Zip 'n Zorb Koh Chang**  
There is a nice beer garden at this new zorbing and activity centre at the top of Chai Chet Hill.

### Klong Prao

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<td>Thai/European</td>
<td>This large restaurant has a nice garden setting as well as indoor seating and offers a wide variety of Thai, European and seafood specialities.</td>
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<td>Boom Bar</td>
<td>Bar/Snacks</td>
<td>Open 5pm - 2am this place has DJ, dancefloor, big screen movies, Pool table. Cocktails, Rhum Arranges, Shots, Paninis and Snacks.</td>
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<td>Breezes Bar</td>
<td>Bar</td>
<td>This bar at Amari Emerald Cove has live music. They currently have a &quot;buy one get one free&quot; happy hour from 9pm to 11pm nightly.</td>
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<td>Burger Station</td>
<td>Burgers</td>
<td>Real 100% home-made burgers are the order of the day here. What's more - they will deliver free in the Kai Bae area.</td>
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<td>Cheap Thrills</td>
<td>Bar/Western</td>
<td>There is live music every night at this attractive bar, restaurant and guest house. They also serve Mediterranean and Thai cuisine.</td>
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<td>Bakery/Deli</td>
<td>This popular bakery/Deli has all kinds of breads, sandwiches and cakes as well as a European deli with all kinds of hard to find treats.</td>
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<td><strong>Iyara Seafood</strong></td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>Seafood restaurant in a picturesque setting on the lagoon with terrific views of the beach and the mountain.</td>
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<td><strong>Just Thai</strong></td>
<td>Thai</td>
<td>Quality Thai cuisine served in the pleasant surroundings of this well-presented Thai restaurant at Amari Emerald Cove.</td>
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<td><strong>KA-TI Culinary</strong></td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>You can taste a wide range of authentic Thai dishes in this restaurant. If you like you can take a course to learn how to cook them yourself.</td>
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<td><strong>Klong Prao Resort</strong></td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>The restaurant at this popular beachfront resort has a full Thai and International menu as well as a nightly seafood barbeque.</td>
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<td><strong>Moley's</strong></td>
<td>Western/Bar</td>
<td>Home-made farang food: full English breakfasts, burgers, steaks, chicken, spag’ bol’ &amp; cold beers all in a lovely waterfront bar setting.</td>
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<td><strong>Royal India</strong></td>
<td>Indian</td>
<td>This new Indian Restaurant offers all the classic Indian dishes, tastes and flavours at Coconut Plaza in Chai Chet.</td>
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<td><strong>Sapparot Bar</strong></td>
<td>Bar/Thai</td>
<td>This wooden bar leans out over the river where it meets the sea. They have live sports, Thai and Issan food and great sunsets.</td>
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<td><strong>The Cove Terrace</strong></td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>This international restaurant on the beachfront at Amari Emerald Cove Koh Chang is open from 6 am to 11 pm daily.</td>
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<td><strong>V.J. Searenity</strong></td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>There is a scenic restaurant and bar beside the sea at this hotel on Klong Prao beach.</td>
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<td><strong>Kai Bae</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Backstage</strong></td>
<td>Bar</td>
<td>A bar in the centre of Kai Bae with a rock theme: large screens showing classic concerts, regular live music, Pizza, Burgers and all kinds of drinks.</td>
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<td><strong>Barrio Bonito</strong></td>
<td>Mexican</td>
<td>This popular Mexican restaurant has recently moved from Lonely Beach. They serve authentic Mexican food prepared by a Mexican chef.</td>
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<td><strong>Ciao Italian: Kai Bae</strong></td>
<td>Italian/Thai</td>
<td>Excellent authentic Italian food at this smart restaurant just as you enter Kai Bae. Freshly made pasta, pizza, lasagne and desserts. Kept clean to European standards.</td>
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<td><strong>Filou Cocktail Lounge</strong></td>
<td>Bar</td>
<td>This is a popular Kai Bae nightspot. They have free Wi-Fi, pool and table football as well as special offers on drinks every night.</td>
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<td><strong>Kai Bae Beach Resort</strong></td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>The beachfront restaurant at this hotel serves breakfasts, then has a full Thai and Western menu throughout the day and evening.</td>
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<td><strong>Kai Bae Hut</strong></td>
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<td>Thai food, breakfasts and western dishes at this restaurant at Kai Bae Hut Resort beside the jetty.</td>
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<td><strong>Papa</strong></td>
<td>Bakery</td>
<td>Cakes, Sandwiches, fresh coffee and good freshly-baked bread.</td>
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<td><strong>Sea Breeze Cocktails</strong></td>
<td>Music Bar</td>
<td>Wooden bar at the front of Kai Bae Plaza. There is a live band playing nightly and audience participation is encouraged.</td>
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<td><strong>The Garden</strong></td>
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<td>Restaurant and Bar with pool table at this comfortable and centrally placed hotel in the middle of Kai Bae village.</td>
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<td><strong>Tiki Drift</strong></td>
<td>Bar</td>
<td>There’s a cool sunset beach bar here if you’d like to chill or for the actively minded there is a watersports centre offering all kinds of aquatic action.</td>
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<td><strong>Wine Gallery</strong></td>
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<td>Koh Chang’s only bar offering a large range of beers and spirits at wholesale prices. They have fresh Arabica coffees from North Thailand.</td>
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<td>This place has a large variety of different tapas as well as a huge selection of imported Belgian beers. And a swimming pool!</td>
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<td>Little Eden</td>
<td>Thai/International</td>
<td>Good Thai and International food at the restaurant of this hillside bungalow resort. Try their tasty house specialities. English German and Thai Spoken.</td>
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<td>Lonely Beach Resort</td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>This place has just doubled their seating capacity due to the popularity of their breakfasts, pizzas and western and Thai menu and busy bar.</td>
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<td>Magic Garden</td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>A bar and restaurant with regular live music and an extensive Thai and Western menu as well as a daily &quot;Magic BBQ&quot;.</td>
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<td>Oasis Resort</td>
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<td>This hillside restaurant has a great sea view. Enjoy the sunset with a cold beer or try one of their delicious sandwiches.</td>
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<td>Paradise Cottages</td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>Thai and Western meals are available in the bar/restaurant of this modern looking resort.</td>
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<td>Q</td>
<td>Thai/Western</td>
<td>A nice place where underground house grooves fuse with international food. They also have Carlsberg draught, free Wi-Fi and pool.</td>
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<td>Siam Beach Resort</td>
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<td>The beachside restaurant at Siam Beach is a pleasant place to enjoy a meal or a sunset cocktail.</td>
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<td>Siam Hut</td>
<td>Bar/Thai</td>
<td>Every Friday sees is a huge beach party until late at this popular backpacker resort and other nights are also lively.</td>
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An exclusive new beachfront community in the village of Kai Bae Beach, Koh Chang

Live in the sunshine.
Swim in the sea.
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| **The Hangover** | Bar/European | This new bar and restaurant prides itself on having great steaks and classic European and Russian dishes. And they open until very late. |
| **The Sunflower** | Thai/Western | Authentic Thai & Western Food. Extensive breakfast menu. Laid back atmosphere. |
| **Wine Gallery** | Coffee/Wine | The Lonely Breach branch of this Koh Chang chain of wine and coffee shops is down the side road next to Himmel Bar. |

### Bailan Beach

| **Bailan Bay Resort** | Thai/Seafood | This resort has a Thai and Seafood restaurant at the top of a hill with great views over Bailan Bay. |
| **The Happy Turtle** | Thai/Western | Good Thai food (they have a cooking school), ice cream, milkshakes and coffee served by a barrista as well as a bar with a good pool table. |

### Bang Bao

| **Bang Bao Cliff Cottages** | Thai/Western | This relaxed bungalow resort offers meals in the lovely setting of their waterfront bar and restaurant area. |
| **The Beach Club** | Thai/Western | This beach bar and restaurant is in a great location on the beach 500m past Bang Bao. They also have new beachside rooms. |
| **Buddha View** | Thai/Western | Relax in tropical surroundings with panoramic view of the ocean while enjoying authentic Traditional Thai cuisine or excellent European food. |
| **El Greco** | Greek | Authentic Greek food and great cocktails are served at this nice little guesthouse and restaurant with a great location on Bang Bao pier. |
| **Ido Ido Bar & Restaurant** | Thai/Bar/European | This charming little beach bar is on its own beach called Sai Noi about 500m after Bang Bao village. Breakfasts from 8am, food and drinks ’til late. |
| **Sunny Inn** | Bar | There is a cocktail bar at this new guesthouse in Bang Bao village with both indoor and outdoor seating areas. |

### Klong Son

| **Shambhala Beach Bar** | Bar | This swim up pool bar beside the beach at Siam Royal View (Marina) specialises in cocktails, mocktails and fruit shakes from 11am-10pm Thu-Tue |
| **The Beach Club** | Thai/Continental | Enjoy a meal, take a dip in the swimming pool or simply enjoy a drink in the great surroundings of this beachside place at Siam Royal View. |
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<td>This is a great place to stop off for generous servings of tasty, wholesome food whilst exploring Koh Chang’s unspoilt east coast.</td>
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<td><strong>Island View Resort &amp; Spa</strong></td>
<td>Thai/Seafood</td>
<td>Delicious fresh seafood over the water at this restaurant sitting at the end of a pier offering fantastic views of Salak Phet bay.</td>
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<td><strong>Serenity Resort</strong></td>
<td>Bar/Snacks</td>
<td>This place is worth a stop as you tour the island. They have drinks and snacks at their beachside bar and offer free use of watersports gear.</td>
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<td><strong>The Spa Koh Chang Resort</strong></td>
<td>Vegetarian</td>
<td>This resort offers a comprehensive vegetarian menu. The Koh Samui branch is very highly praised so this place is well worth a try.</td>
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<td>The restaurant at this resort is located between the pool and the seaside and offers breakfasts and a Thai and seafood menu.</td>
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