

TOP 10 LUXURY PROPERTIES

From grandiose penthouse apartments in downtown Bangkok to sumptuous tropical villas overlooking the Andaman Sea: Property Report Thailand selects 10 of Thailand's most luxurious properties.



AKA Resort Hua Hin

In a peaceful hillside setting just 15 minutes from the seaside town of Hua Hin, the monastery styled AKA Resort is one of Hua Hin's most exclusive hotels, but it also offers a limited number of private villas for sale, dotted around the 25 acres of verdant tropical landscape. Sheltered by the surrounding mountains, the 255sqm villas come with their own infinity plunge pools, and offer panoramic views across the countryside towards Hua Hin. Elegant design blends traditional Thai and monastic styled architecture, resulting in a rare sense of tranquility and well being. The resort's villa rental program allows owners to benefit from recurring rental income and enjoy 30 nights free stay per year.

Prices start at Bt8 million.
www.akaresorts.com



The Estates Samui

Set around a secluded, palm-fringed cove with a private beach adjacent to the Four Seasons hotel, The Estates Samui is a collection of 14 tropical hardwood villas designed by renowned architect and landscape guru Bill Bensley. The 2-5 bedroom villas combine traditional Southern Thai style with contemporary comforts and custom-crafted interiors, and have full access to the services of the Four Seasons. Each villa offers luxurious features including thick teakwood interiors and flooring with terrazzo borders, 4 metre high ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows, private infinity pool with unique customized water sculptures, personal butler and dramatic vistas over the Gulf of Thailand. Residents have the option of putting their entire villa, or just a locked-off unit, into the resort's rental program, with a flexible yearly contract allowing owners to reside in the villas for as long as they choose.

Prices start at Bt100m.
www.theestates-samui.com



Istana Phuket

Located on Phuket's North West coast overlooking Naithon Beach, Istana's 19 individually designed villas sit on a 24 acre plot. Designed by Gary Fell of GFAB Architects, each villa has been conceived to merge with the surrounding rainforest. Low density planning allows for spectacular, uninterrupted ocean views and the landscaping is integrated into the topography of each villa guaranteeing abundant space and privacy. In addition to interior features such as Italian Varenna kitchens, Travertine flooring and polished terrazzo floor surfaces, each Istana Villa will have a bespoke cocktail station and bar, catering for up to 150 guests, complete with hand-crafted bar equipment and a unique signature cocktail list.

Prices start at Bt110m.
www.istanaphuket.com



Le Raffine 'Jambu Dvipa'

Themed after a mythological paradise depicted in an ancient Thai manuscript, Jambu Dvipa's 59 one- and two-storey 'villas in the sky' all feature a private infinity plunge pool, offering an urban oasis in the heart of the capital's busy Sukhumvit district. In keeping with the development's luxurious character, all units offer top quality quality specifications including premium materials and high ceilings throughout. No more than four units are found on each floor, ensuring privacy for the individual pools and adding to the feeling of space afforded by the 3.4 metre ceiling height. A blend of aristocratic sophistication and style with contemporary design reinforces the building's sybaritic character.

Prices start at Bt37m.
www.leraffine.com



The Met

Situated on 7 rai of land in the heart of Bangkok's central business district, The Met houses 370 condominium units, ranging from 92sqm 2-bedroom apartments to 408sqm 4-bedroom penthouses. The 66 storey building provides a full range of luxury facilities, including large landscaped garden, 50-metre swimming pool, sky terrace, library, BBQ area and 2 tennis courts. Privacy is maintained throughout, with most units enjoying a private lift lobby. The architectural and interior designs allow for natural ventilation throughout every room of each condo unit. Every apartment is equipped with premium materials and equipment, and comes with a ceiling height of 2.9 metres. The property is on track to be completed later this year.

Prices start at Bt125,000psm.
www.met-bangkok.com



Royal Phuket Marina

A collection of 6 palatial waterfront properties, Royal Phuket Marina's 'Royal Villas' are among Phuket's most prestigious properties, and the only residences on the island to feature private yacht berths. Situated at the foot of each waterfront estate, the berths accommodate vessels of up to 25 metres. The Villas themselves are grand residences offering an abundance of space and light, open to the sweeping panoramas of the marina. Outwardly, the distinct lines of classic Thai architecture position the structures seamlessly within their natural surroundings, while the 748sqm of inside space exudes luxury with features including the third floor spa bedroom's roof jacuzzi and terrace.

Prices start at Bt105m.
www.royalphuketmarina.com



The Sathu Residences

The Sathu Residences consists of 22 freehold units each designed with a lavish use of space and bespoke finishes in an exclusive development surrounded by private landscaped gardens. Located in the Rama 3-Sathupradit area, there is easy access to Bangkok's business and shopping districts and its two expressways. The emphasis is on space and privacy, with unit sizes starting from 270sqm and no more than two residences per floor, each accessed through its own private lift lobby. Custom oversized windows on three sides give panoramic views across the city and the Bang Kra Jao nature reserve while exceptionally high ceilings and large open living spaces enhance the sense of luxury and tranquility.

Prices start at Bt32m.
www.thesathuresidence.com



Soneva Kiri Private Residences by Six Senses

Set to open later this year on the island of Koh Kood, Soneva Kiri is the latest resort from eco-chic pioneers Six Senses. In addition to the resort there are 21 beach and hilltop villas for sale, each occupying a built up area of up to 1,600sqm, and set on up to 6,200sqm of land to ensure maximum privacy. Purchasers can choose between four and six-bedroom Beach, Hill or Cliff villas, for which each individual site has been selected to achieve a combination of seclusion and stunning panoramic views. In-villa amenities include steam room spa suite, gym, pool with water slide, fully fitted Smeg kitchen and integrated Bose sound system.

Prices start at US\$4.5m.
www.sixsenses.com/privateresidences/kiri



Sri panwa

Situated in a prime location on Phuket's tranquil east coast, Sri panwa offers stunning views, ocean breezes and exclusive access to a secluded private beach. The resort's private residences are custom designed to blend perfectly with the contours of the land, and offer up to 1,000sqm of indulgent living space. Interior and outdoor areas merge effortlessly, and all villas offer views over the Andaman Sea and outlying islands. The 21 residences have 3-5 bedrooms, complete with service areas and maids' quarters. Amenities include a swimming pool with jet stream system wrapped seamlessly around the glass-enclosed master bedroom, an outdoor soaking tub, indoor and outdoor rain showers as well as a state-of-the-art home entertainment system. The villas are just a short walk to the private beach, Baba dining lounge & Sai Spa.

Prices start at around Bt25m.
www.sripanwa.com



Trisara

Set above a private bay along Phuket's undeveloped northwestern coastline, Trisara has gained a reputation as one of South East Asia's most intimate and exclusive resorts. In addition to the hotel's pool villas, Trisara also offers a selection of larger private residential villas as an integral part of the resort. The villas feature between 2-5 bedrooms, either directly above the oceanfront or with spectacular sea views. Dedicated staff cater to guests' cooking and housekeeping needs and residents have full use of the resort's facilities. Designed with high quality materials and specifications, the villas are sold on a completely finished, turn-key basis. Furniture, linen, kitchen and electrical appliances, glassware, flat screen TV's, BOSE stereos and fast broadband WIFI are all provided.

Prices for the few remaining villas start at Bt118m.
www.trisara.com