

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY & GENERAL INFORMATION



Phuket Airport does not feature on the 'radar' of most aviation enthusiasts; mention Phuket and one thinks of the famous holiday resort and nightlife. It's a very popular destination with a busy international airport with 30-40 aircraft movements an hour at peak times. It is especially busy in the high season – and we are going in the high season!

Traffic is returning to pre-Covid levels, with at least 64 airlines currently flying into and out of Phuket, operating long, medium and short-haul aircraft. Especially attractive for UK and EU enthusiasts is the many airlines from around SE Asia – and Russia! Click here for more

info: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phuket_International_Airport

No doubt you have seen videos or read about the famous Saint Maarten Airport in the Caribbean, where landing aircraft pass just a few feet above the beach! Well as you can see from the photo above and at right, Phuket is exactly the same with airliners skimming only feet above the sandy beach seconds before touching down! Pick your spot to get the best photographs - on the beach, under the shade of the trees or standing in the Indian Ocean!



There is also a perfectly located 'spotters café' about midway along the runway, perfect for logging and photography. Hot and cold meals and drinks. And a covered balcony. Getting to and from it is easy – simply talk to the hotel reception who will arrange for their minivan to take you there and back! Note: tip the driver. See Spot 6 on <https://www.spotterguide.net/planespotting/asia/thailand/phuket-hkt-vtsp/>

For the beach, we strongly recommend you take, or purchase locally, a folding stool or chair – unless you want to sit on the sand or a fallen tree.



We fly on the scheduled long-haul services of Qatar Airways from T4 of London's Heathrow Airport to Phuket via Doha; transfers are by the hotel's free shuttle service (or it's a very short walk to the hotel); stay 3 nights at The Sixteenth Naiyang Beach Hotel adjacent the airport, on a bed and breakfast (B&B) basis; and the group is accompanied by one of our well-travelled and experienced Tour Managers.

We have purposely chosen to go in the more expensive 'high season' for 2 reasons: Phuket Airport is at its busiest and, the wind is predominantly blowing from the east: the best direction, ensuring aircraft land over the beach. The 'low season' is less expensive, but not an option as it is during the monsoon period.

DAYS 3 - 4: TUESDAY, 3rd & WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH

Two full days to enjoy as you wish.

It's only a 10-minute walk down the street to the long, sandy, tree and bush lined beach, from where we photograph and/or log landing aircraft.

Depending on how far you stand from the approach path and the runway's threshold, dictates the size of lens, so you have the maximum flexibility. Anything from 100mm to a 400mm – it's your choice.

Access to the beach is through a park and from 08:00 there is an admission charge of 200Baht, about £4.25, per day payable in local currency only.

DAY 5: THURSDAY, 5th MARCH

A third full day.

Before walking to the beach this morning, we first checkout and put our luggage in the hotel's storeroom.

Returning to the hotel no later than 17:15 we collect our luggage and transfer on the hotel's free shuttle to the airport, or walk the short distance, and check in with Qatar Airways for our flight to Doha and connecting service to Heathrow. You will receive boarding cards for both flights and your luggage will be checked all the way through. Latest recommended check-in time stipulated by the airline is 3 hours prior to departure: 17:45.



- ✈️ Phuket
- ✈️ Doha

Flight: QR 847

Departs: 20:45
Arrives: 23:55

Time to stretch our legs before we board the flight to Heathrow, at approximately 17:25.

DAY 6: FRIDAY, 6th MARCH

- ✈️ Doha
- ✈️ Heathrow, Terminal 4

Flight: QR 11

Departs: 01:50
Arrives: 06:25

Whilst waiting for our luggage to appear on the baggage carousel we take the opportunity to bid each other farewell – until we meet again.

PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 602
From £ 770.00	Based on sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities, on a bed and breakfast basis on a Land Only basis
From £ 200.00	Single room supplement

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Airport transfers on arrival and departure (free)



- 3-night's accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast each morning

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to and from Phuket, Thailand. **Quotes available from H-C Travel**
- Visas – not required by UK passport holder
- Meals other than breakfast
- Personal expenditure, e.g. telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.

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