

THAILAND Phuket International Airport

Sunday, 1st - Friday, 6th March

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.

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The coolest season and hence the best time to visit Phuket is between November and February. The temperature at this time varies at a more ambient 23°C to 30°C and is drier with the monsoon having got over. It's a great time to lounge and relax.

Why not extend your time at Phuket Airport and/or Thailand – just drop us a line with your plans and we will send you a quotation. Currently, extra night, single room, B&B, is £60.00.

Tour price is based on a Land-Only basis. You have the option of flying on the same flights as the Tour Manager (TM) – timings and details below in the itinerary – or you can fly from your local airport to/from Phuket by contacting **Alex** at **H-C Travel** who will book them for you; or booking your own flights to/from the city. His phone number is: **01256 771755**.

We stay at a hotel adjacent the airport with views over part of the ramp, on a B&B basis.

This tour is a perfect beach holiday for 'non-aviation-interested' persons to accompany you!

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: SUNDAY, 1st MARCH

Between 11:00 and 11:55 please check-in with Qatar Airways, who depart from Terminal 4 at London's Heathrow Airport, for the flight to Phuket via Doha. You will receive boarding cards for both flights and your luggage will be checked all the way through to Phuket. Then meet your Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts who will be gathering in the immediate area. Latest recommended check-in time advised by the airline is 3 hours prior to departure: 11:55.

★ Heathrow, Terminal 4 Flight: QR 8 Departs: 14:55

DAY 2: MONDAY, 2nd MARCH

★ Doha Arrives: 00:35

On arrival we follow the signs for Connecting Flights and make our way to the departure gate of the onward service to Phuket. Time to stretch our legs.

★ DohaFlight: QR 840Departs: 02:45★ PhuketArrives: 13:25



After the usual arrival formalities, we transfer via the hotel's courtesy coach – or it's a 7-minute walk - to the nearby "The Sixteenth Naiyang Beach Hotel" for a stay of 3 nights on a B&B basis. Room features include a kettle, fridge, satellite LED 32" TV and telephone. Wi-fi is free throughout the hotel.

There is a bar and swimming pool on the rooftop with a good view over the airport, including most of the stands, ramp, take-offs and landings. Also nice views of the sunset. Website: https://www.the16naiyanghotel.com/.

A 2-minute walk from the hotel is a 7/11 store. There is no restaurant in the hotel, however, there are various, optional, dining options within walking distance including a Starbucks.

With sunrise at 06:30 and sunrise at 18:08 ie, 11.5 hours of daylight, there is time to head for the beach and the runway threshold!



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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.

Flight: QR 847 Phuket Departs: 20:45 Arrives: 23:55 Doha

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

DAY 6: FRIDAY, 6th MARCH

⋆ Doha Flight: QR 11 Departs: 01:50 Heathrow, Terminal 4 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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