

Base Information

Koh Samui, Gulf of Thailand

Navigation area:

Thailand: Koh Samui, Koh Panagnan, Koh Tao, Ang Tong Marine park.
is SEASONAL ONLY! June, July and August each year.

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Base address

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Business hours

09:00 to 17:00
We can receive clients arrival after hours as required, by previous appointment.

Embarkation time

3:00pm

Disembarkation time

9:00am

Place of embarkation

Meeting point: Hansar Resort security box, Beach Road, Bo Phut Fisherman Village
Koh Samui, Suratthani 84320, Thailand

How to get at base

By Air: Multiple airlines fly direct to Koh Samui International Airport. Bangkok Airways is the most frequent from Bangkok.
Or; Drive+Ferry from anywhere in Thailand.

General Infrastructure of the base

There are no marinas in Koh Samui so we operate off the beach at the BoPhut Fisherman Village. In fact, Fisherman Village is a thriving market street lined with some great beach side restaurants and is a popular tourist attract in its own right, and a delightful place to start your charter. Koh Samui airport is just a 20 minute ride from the base and shopping for provisioning is just 10 minutes away. When clients arrive they are met by the Base Manager outside the Hansar Resort, and our staff will help unload all the gear and send it out to the yacht for them. The area briefing is conducted at a local cafe or on the yacht, depending on weather conditions.

Security Deposit

Security deposits vary depending on the yacht you have chartered. Please note, these Deposits can only be placed by using a block on a credit card issued in the same name of the person signing the charter contract.

Provisioning

When arranging your transfers, simply request to travel via the main shopping area that is enroute to our meeting point, and to make a shopping stop. There are several international supermarkets on the island. We recommend Tesco Lotus or BigC. We don't offer a provisioning service.

Transfer facilities

The Base Manager can make arrangements for a taxi to meet you at the airport (recommended), or you can make arrangements on the spot at the airport via the many services on offer at the airport exit.

Map of the base

The Base Manager will provide details of the meeting point before arrival, or you can see it here on google maps <https://maps.app.goo.gl/pX7K3j62DgTaY9eQA>.

Port authorities

There is no need to contact any authorities in the area.

Weather forecast

Review weather forecasts at <http://www.windguru.cz/int/index.php?sc=30397>

Hotels-restaurants

There are hundreds of resorts and hotels on Koh Samui from beach bungalows to high end spa's. If you are looking for a place to stay closest to the Island Spirit Charters Base, then the area you are looking for is the BoPhut Fisherman Village.

Sailing licence

Each client must demonstrate their ability to captain the yacht they intend to rent. They may do this by presenting relevant skipper qualifications, and/or previous charter experience or boat ownership declared in a Nautical CV in the charter contract..

Currency

Thai Baht is the local currency and please note that no other currency can be exchanged for goods or services, IE clients can not use USD or Euro directly.

Local - navigation taxes

There are no local taxes, however, refer to the above cruising itinerary, there is a 300 baht (9 Euro) per person fee for entering the Ang Thong Marine Park.

Language spoken

Thai and basic English

Doctors-hospital

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Time difference +7 GMT

Marina

There are no public Marina's in the cruising area.

Itinerary

Suggested Only. Always base your itinerary on the current weather conditions and the ability, comfort and safety of your crew and yacht.

Day 1 - Board the Yacht and briefing

You will meet the Base Manager and team, and they will organize to have your luggage and provisions taken out to the yacht. The area briefing will be done either on the yacht or at a local cafe on the beachfront. When you board the yacht you will see that it is located at a beautiful anchorage. Most clients stay on anchor at this location for the first night and visit one of the many great restaurants ashore, or just cruise the markets that line the streets.

Day 2 & 3 - Koh Phangan

Just a short 7nm sail across the passage off Koh Samui takes you to this spectacular Island, the coast offering a full range of opportunities from the nightlife bay of Haad Rin beach to small secluded bays you can have all to yourself, the sand is powdery-white and the water crystal turquoise, you could easily spend a few days along the coast of Koh Phangan.

Day 4 & 5 - Koh Tao

Time for some sailing, this is a 22nm run generally with the wind off the beam!

Famous for its diving and snorkeling Koh Tao offers two small bays on the east side for taking a mooring away from the hustle and bustle of the main town and tourist area; you can have great snorkeling just a swim away from your yacht. If you're a diver then we recommend making arrangements with a local dive company to do some diving. Whale sharks are the big attraction along with a mass of tropical fish.

Day 6 - Ang Thong Marine Park

More sailing, the voyage is approximately 25 nm's and wind is generally off the bow; leave Koh Tao early morning so that you have time to go ashore and look around when you arrive at the primary anchorage at Ang Thong. Just sailing through this area is worth the voyage - this area is a limestone belt, the islands undercut by the tide and waves, leaving stalactites that look to be dripping into the water, bright turquoise from the lime sediment.

The Ang Thong area is a Marine Park, so when you arrive at the anchorage you need to visit the park headquarters and pay the park fee of 200 baht per person (5 Euro) and 100 baht for the boat. Mid-day this area receives many tourists traveling from Koh Samui to visit, but they leave the area about 3pm and from then on you have the area all to yourself. The main Island is host to much wildlife that often come down to the park public area in the late afternoon, from Toucans to Lular monkeys - it is a lovely way to end the day. The most spectacular photos of the Marine Park are taken from the top lookout, we recommend you do this in the cool of the early morning (Day 7). There are 3 levels, and reaching the top is not for the light-hearted but certainly worth the effort.

Day 7 - Voyage back to Koh Samui

Having spent the morning in Ang Thong, more sailing; the voyage back to Koh Samui is approximately 20 nm's and should be down wind all the way. You'll need to depart Ang Thong just after lunch to arrive at the Island Spirit Charters base before sunset, enjoy your last dinner ashore at one of the many restaurants at the BoPhut Fisherman Village.

Day 8 - Check out.