



When we asked some local residents where the best breakfast was in Phuket we received many and varied replies about places all over the island. As it was going to be quite a task to cover them all, we decided to stick to Patong for this month and we will get around to the others in coming months.

If you think you know a good place for breakfast call us on **06 151 1600** or Email **info@thainews.com.au** and let us know. We will be sure to check them out and see how they rate.

As any form of eating is a personal experience, we're not going to say definitively which place is the best, but will give our opinion based on certain criteria. The rest is up to you. If you disagree with

us strongly enough to let us know we will be more than happy to know why.

We've broken it down into five areas:

- 1. Food quality** - Some say that eggs are eggs and sausages are sausages, but not so, some places go to great lengths to secure the right ingredients;
- 2. Preparation and Display** - It can be the greatest food in the world, but if it looks like slop when it arrives on the table it tends to turn you off - just ask the Japanese about how they value display;
- 3. Value for money** - Some places knock out cheap breakfasts that you wouldn't feed to a soi dog, others go for the extra effort at a slightly higher price and should be rewarded for the fact;
- 4. Service** - It's not as prevalent as you

might think;

**5. Ambience** - There is not necessarily much an establishment can do about this, but it does save some places from deficiencies in other areas.

For the star system:

- ★ Not worth getting out of bed for
- ★★ Lucky it's cheap
- ★★★ Adequate and gets the job done.
- ★★★★ Worth the journey - A cut above.
- ★★★★★ If the cook isn't there, go and find them and demand to be fed - Highly recommended.
- ★★★★★★ Marry the cook, it doesn't matter if they're male or female, your stomach won't care.

We tried approximately a dozen establishments around Patong that were recommended and offered breakfasts for most of the day. We won't mention their names but have come up with a few that are worth trying. *More on Page 11*

## Clarets

68 Nanai Road, Patong

This is a great place for breakfast while watching the world go by outside the door. Air conditioned comfort and the ample portions are designed to recharge you, particularly if you had a big night out the night before.

Several different breakfasts to choose from, or if they aren't acceptable, they will cook to order. They come with bottomless tea or coffee which is rare and much appreciated.

Price range - 100 to 130 baht.

### RATINGS

Quality.	★★★★★
Display.	★★★★
Value.	★★★★★
Service.	★★★★
Ambience.	★★★★★

## Fiddy's

Soi Sensabai, Patong

Was recommended as the best around, but didn't live up to it. Maybe the others just got better. No real choice here, a case of take it or leave it. Single cup of coffee or tea, small juice, but real bread which is a bonus and the sausage was very tasty. The presentation of the breakfast was commendable and the staff friendly. Another one of those places where it's comfortable to sit and watch the world go by.

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