

Best Shopping

Supercheap - *Thepkrasattri Rd - north of Phuket City*
Wines, prescription drugs and whatever else you can find in this labyrinth of a store.

Makro - *Wichitsongkram Rd. (4020)*
Warehouse style shop on the road between Phuket City and Patong near Central.

Dons Mall - *Sai Yon Rd. Rawai*
Great steaks so we are told.

JA Wholesale - *8/124 Vichit Songkran Rd., Kathu*
They deliver a wide range of meat goods that are hard to find here and now are importing J.P. Chenet wines from France.

TOP 5 - Places to Eat

Thai Food

Pan Yaah - *Kalim*
On the road out of Patong towards Kamala past Kalim. Reasonably priced. Good ambience and sea views without the price tag.

Hori Seafood - *Soi Esaan off Bangla Rd. opp Soi Sea Dragon*
Nothing much to look at in a Soi that is hard to find even when you know where it is. Friendly staff and service and the food is very tasty.

Shakers - *Rat-U-Thit 200 Pee Rd. opposite the Patong Merlin.*
A very busy restaurant and we can see why. Their presentation and decent sized meals are to be commended. They would rank highly on their Western menu too. One of the best burgers around.

Lims Restaurant - *Kalim*

Red Onion Restaurant - *Karon*

Live Entertainment

Coyote Bar - *Soi Sea Dragon, Bangla Rd., Patong*
Consistent, play covers, the resident band are a happy bunch and they get a lot guest singers coming in to jam with them.

Jammin - *Phuket City*
Mainly Thai with a sprinkling of Westerners. The place rocks.

Rock City - *Beach Road, Patong*
Opened recently, local and western bands, good venue. They have a tribute band each month and the style is heavy rock.

Saxophone Bar - *Beach Road, Patong*
Jazz, Funk and Soul, and Blues. Another new venue a couple of doors away from Rock City. Capitalise on having a very successful pub by the same name in Bangkok by way of having bands to import on a regular basis.

Two Black Sheep - *172 Rat-U-Thit Rd., Patong*
Some of the new owners are accomplished musicians so it is very focused on music quality. Acoustic music in the early evening followed up by a resident house band.

Top Things TO Do

Phuket Fantasea - *Kamala*
Haven't heard of anyone say this is not a good show. Tickets available through all travel agencies

Gibbon Sanctuary - *Soi Namtok Bang Pae*
Set up in 1992 by zoologist TD Morin but now run by the Wild Animal Rescue Foundation of Thailand, the sanctuary retrains gibbons to live back in the wild. About 70 gibbons onsite, you can't actually go in, defeats the purpose of returning to the wild. Bang Pae waterfall is next door.

Khao Khad Lookout - *Off Pattana Uthit 1 Rd., Panwa*
Great 360 degree views from Phuket City to Panwa Cape

Thalang National Museum - *Pakhlok Rd., 200 metres east of Heroines Monument, Thalang.*
Showcase of Phuket's history and culture.

Phang Nga Bay - *Various travel agencies*
Half Day or day trip to this stunning part of the world. Not to be missed for anyone visiting Phuket.

Kamala Lawn Bowls - *Behind Phuket Fantasea, Kamala*
Probably the last thing you would want to do if here on holiday, but as far as we know it is the only lawn bowls green on the island and if you've never tried it, it is a relaxing way of spending an afternoon. Monday afternoon is a good time to catch a few like minded souls there.

Best brekkies

Geo Guesthouse Restaurant - *Soi Sansabai. Patong*
130 baht or 150 with unlimited tea or coffee.

Tavern on the Hill - *21 Hasipee Rd Patong*
175 baht but you need to be a hearty eater for it has everything.

Surin Bay Inn - *Surin Beach*
Apparently it is only 120 Baht and has attentive and friendly staff. A very comfortable place to while away the morning.

Two Black Sheep - *Rat-U-Thit 200 Pee Rd., Patong*
From 140 Baht, it had slipped for awhile but the new owners are bringing it back to its former glory.

Places to get obscure items

Phuket City Market -
opposite the Thai Airways office, lots of interesting shops

Supercheap - *Thepkrasattri Rd - north of Phuket City*
A real rabbit warren of aisles and alleyways. Started as a small shop and just grew from there, no renovation just added sheds as needed. Can get very hot but the bargains are there.

Agree or disagree with these recommendations, or would you like to add a few more to the list?
Just email us at "info@andamanpost.com" and let us know where you have achieved a great deal or had a fantastic meal.