

Krawling Around Karon



As I sit here in Bangkok trying to finish this article before our printing deadline, I have come to a realisation, and that is all the notes for this story are sitting in a nice neat pile on the office desk in... Phuket.

Therefore, I'll have to do this from memory. One thing I have found lately though is that memory is relative. Remembering who the relatives are is about as far as the memory goes.

So in all fairness to our hosts for the couple of days we spent in Karon, John and Maurice from O'Tool's, we will follow this up next month with a bit more information

we headed over the hill from Patong on St. Patrick's Day and found that to be a good time to stay over at O'Tool's as well. No trying to get back home after the odd Guinness or two. The rooms above O'Tool's are stylish, comfortable and clean. In fact we slept so soundly there that we wanted to take the bed back home with us. Now I know why I toss and turn all night.

Karon is a lot quieter than Patong, which is a bonus if you don't want the constant pounding of bar beer music. It has arguably the best beach, particularly the northern end, on the island. I say arguably because everyone has their own idea about this, but if you stay in Patong, a quick trip over the hill for a dip is very soothing.

Restaurants form the majority of the evening's entertainment, the exceptions being a few places like O'Tool's and a couple of bar beer sois. If you are staying in Karon then it is the peace and quiet you are looking for and the restaurants, particularly the seafood restaurants do a roaring trade.

The beachfront is getting a lot more money being invested into it and by the next high season expect to see some very classy establishments lining this stretch.

One thing we noticed was the absence of motorbike taxis. It was pointed out that they are just not allowed. I don't know whether

the beach. Hmmmm...

Housing prices are starting to rise due to the fact that there is limited space available, but they haven't hit the dizzying heights that places in Patong are going for.

Despite the place being fairly quiet, we still managed to find plenty to do and awoke the next morning feeling a little dry and definitely hungry.

That's where O'Tool's Big Bhoyo breakfast came in. It was huge and at 190 baht is good value for money. Apparently not too many people get through it. But it did give us plenty of energy for the rest of the day.

So if you need a break, scoot over to Karon, grab a room and explore the place. Like I said, it is not big on the nightlife but there are plenty



this is a good or bad thing because it gives the Tuk-tuks a monopoly on fares around

of good restaurants and the staff at O'Tool's know how to pour a Guinness.

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