

We've just received the **Best Hotels list for 2006**. The list compiled by the website Trip Advisor dot com covers the world, but also breaks the list down to Asia in several categories.

You have 'Luxury World' of which Thailand received 6 entries out of the top 100; Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit, Bkk (12), Layana Resort, Koh Lanta (18), Tongsai Bay Cottages, Koh Samui (44), Oriental Hotel, Bkk (82), Peninsula Bangkok (85), and the Marriott Bangkok Resort (88).

Not one from Phuket - What's going on here!!

In the 'Hidden Gems' category only one place in Thailand made the top 10 in the world and that was Rabbit Resort on the beachfront in Jomtien, Pattaya.

In the Asia section of 'Hidden Gems', Phuket finally gets a mention with the Holiday Inn Resort in Patong. In the 'Most Romantic' category the Sala Samui Resort comes in as the 5th best in the world, but again nothing from Phuket. The last section of 'Best Service' has only one Thailand hotel in the top 10 list and that is the Oriental Bangkok coming in at number 9.

This list is not put out by those in the trade or by business travellers as appears in Conde Naste Magazine.

No these are everyday tourists and travellers, over 10 million of them who made their views known on what they thought was good value and what was not.

The comments on each of the hotels make for some interesting reading.

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