



If you are staying on or just visiting Phuket, one of the worthwhile things to do is hire a car or motorbike and cruise around the island. There are many picturesque places to visit and they are quite undeveloped considering the size of Phuket's tourist industry. We took a motorbike to get along all those little tracks that lead off the main roads and discovered that Phuket's reputation as a scenic island is not misplaced.



Above Right: A sign you don't see too often, actually this is the only one we saw at Mai Khao Bungalows.
Below: Crystal Bay is a quiet beach near Patong. It used to have a restaurant on the beach but that has been closed. There is another at the other end of the beach with an access road turnoff before you get to the Royal Merlin Resort.



Left: Kata Beach is still a very popular swimming spot.
Below: Before the tides goes out at the south end of Nihan Beach



Although some maps show this spot as a viewpoint, it is basically a restricted area. A shame really as the views, when you get a glimpse through the trees look quite spectacular.



The approach road to Yacht Haven has some serious speed bumps to slow vehicles passing through a local village.



Right: the waters below look very inviting. This is just after Layan Beach heading towards Nai Thon Beach.
Below Right: On top of Rang Hill in Phuket Town are a couple of restaurants where you can see all the surrounding area.



Below Left: Afternoon at the southern end of Chalong.
Below Middle: At the Plub Pla Resort in the middle of the island you can see views of east and west sides of the island. There is a restaurant on top of the hill and you don't need to be a guest to go there.
Below Right: The view from Wat Ko Si-le. A different part of Phuket