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Weddings at the View - FAQs

First of all, congratulations !

If you are reading this, you are engaged to be married and are thinking about using the View for your wedding celebration.

We are always thrilled and honoured to help couples celebrate such an important time in their lives and we take the responsibility very seriously.

This note tries to answer some of the questions you may have if you are thinking about booking the View for your wedding.

The document has links to websites if you read it on a computer screen.

The View may not suit your requirements. Please check these restrictions first:

- The villa is ideal for weddings with up to **50 guests** and we usually cap at that number.
- If your wedding is going to have more guests, there are ways to increase the capacity up to **80 (max)** but this may involve **extra cost** that you would not have with some other villas (basically because you would need to rent a marquee)
- We require a **minimum rental of 5 days** when the booking includes a wedding reception and we ask that the function is not scheduled for the first or the last night of the booking. If you are looking for a shorter rental then the View is not suitable for you.

To see the wedding page on the View's website [click here](#).

To understand how your wedding might look, [click here to see photos and videos](#) from other weddings at the villa. Let other couples show you what they have done at the villa, using many different zones and set-ups. And there are many more to be discovered yet !

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What the villa will cost to rent

Basic villa rental rates: See the rates currently applying at:

[Rental Rates for the View](#)

Weddings are usually booked a long time in advance. If rates have already been published for the dates, you will usually be able to enjoy a 5% early bird discount on your rates.

Additional charges for events: The villa places no add-on charge on anything consumed at a wedding (no corkage on alcohol brought in, no cover charges for dining etc) but the following other payments are required:

Event charge: For any event that will involve more than 15 adults, there is an event charge (this is currently US\$1,200 for an event of up to 50 guests).

Damage deposit*: We ask for a damage deposit. This is currently THB100,000/US\$3,000 for a wedding arranged by Signature Weddings (which is linked to our management company) and this will be returned after an inspection following the event, subject to deduction for any damage or breakages. We are usually able to return 95-100% of the deposit but this does depend on the situation. (We have more direct recourse to Signature Weddings and if you go with a different planner the deposit is set at THB150,000).

Cleaning deposit: We ask for a cleaning deposit (currently of THB20,000/US\$600). This will be applied towards the costs of cleaning and tidying the villa after an event beyond the work normally required to clean up after the in-villa guests. This will not be needed if the team delivering the event for the wedding planners takes care of this adequately. That does not always happen so this is a charge which will sometimes be levied.

The damage and cleaning deposits are both required when guests arrive (cash or credit card imprint) and are both returned on departure if (or to the extent) not necessary.

The amounts may change and the current rates will be shown on:

[Rental Rates for the View](#)

* The damage deposit can sometimes cause concern. We can say that, out of all the weddings held at the View, this has only been called on once and the wedding couple understood the reasons (and claimed it back from their wedding planner).



Why you need to involve wedding planners for larger weddings

The View is a private villa (not a hotel or a resort).

At full capacity, the villa can comfortably accommodate 10 adults and 6 children. The villa's team and equipment is set up to serve that number of guests attentively during their stay.

Although the extravagant sizing of the buildings and grounds make the property a great venue for large events, we do not have the deep resources of staffing or equipment which hotels have to help with the planning, catering and delivery of wedding events.

So, for larger events (more than 30 guests), things will go more smoothly for you if you involve a wedding organizer to help you with the pre-event planning and to ensure that the event itself is delivered using external manpower and equipment and to ensure a professional tidy-up after the event.

The situation is the same with almost all the private villas on Samui (and there is a strong demand for villa weddings) so the good news is that there is a wide choice of wedding planners to choose from. Because the choice is so wide (and covers a broad spectrum of quality and experience), we do need to approve your choice of wedding planner. In [Some Wedding Planners to Consider](#) below we suggest some choices.

During a wedding event, the resident villa staff will focus on looking after the guests who are actually staying in the villa (and, with all the help usually needed for the bride on the day, we often find that is a sizable operation in

itself !). They will try to support the event team but the event team is expected to handle all of the catering and service using external staff.

For a very small event (up to 20-30 guests, with buffet style food and drink), we may be able to deliver that from within our own resources (see [DIY options for smaller functions](#) below).

Some wedding planners to consider

We have a list of wedding planners that could help you with the organisation of the actual event, and can share their contact details and our thoughts. There is a summary of the list at the end of this section. We do need approve the choice of planner because some operators are more professional and competent than others and we want your big day to go well for you and for us.

There are nearly always good reasons for some planners being not approved. It can simply be because they are untested but it can come from experience. We are happy to have a conversation about new options.

Points to think about

Some planners charge a fixed fee which looks higher but they may apply a lower (or no) add-ons for the other costs (such as the catering and drinks costs) and they may simply pass through the actual costs to you; other planners will charge a smaller fixed fee and offer a price list for most of the components which has a margin built in for them. Both structures are valid and will suit different weddings and couples.

Some planners are based in Samui and some are offshore. Some of the offshore planners have good access to local suppliers (and have great taste style ideas) and they may be a good choice for you if they are based close to you (particularly if you think you will need a lot of hand-holding in the run up). However, you need to consider if they will have some one available on site to support you at the time of the event and to handle any last minute issues.

The list of planners includes these (in some cases, with different strengths for different events):

<p><i>Recommended (and seen in action)</i></p> <p><u>Signature Weddings</u></p> <p><u>Take us to Thailand</u></p> <p><u>Dreamcatcher</u></p>	<p><i>Approved (and seen in action):</i></p> <p><u>Bliss Events</u></p> <p>Partners</p> <p><u>Global Weddings (Australia)</u></p> <p><u>Luxury Events Phuket</u></p>
<p><i>Approved (not yet seen in action)</i></p> <p>Mulberry Blue</p> <p>Samui Wedding</p> <p>Faraway Weddings</p>	<p><i>Others which are not currently approved</i></p> <p>Thai the Knot</p> <p>Beach Affaire</p>

Please note that we do need to approve the wedding planners and reserve the right to refuse an event that is to be organised by someone who is not approved so please let us know your choice early as soon as possible after booking.

DIY Options for smaller functions

For smaller functions (up to 30 guests), it may be possible for our villa managers to help with basic organization of the catering and the set-up, working either with a restaurant or by bringing in additional staff to help the in-villa chef with the preparation and serving.

We can explore this with you but the drawback for the wedding couples is that we have only a limited capacity to deal with advance planning (our staff are focused on the day-to-day service of our guests) and, although our villa manager regularly arranges amazing, large dinners with wonderful set-ups, she has limited time to liaise with guests in advance on all the small details which are often important for brides-to-be. Nor can we handle the advance paperwork involved in the civil ceremonies.

There are some local caterers who have the skills and capacity to provide catering, tableware and some other basic arrangements for the smaller events. If you consider working directly with a local caterer, the key thing is to ensure that the caterer will be able to provide all of the equipment necessary for the event (the villa will not be able to provide any of the catering or dining equipment).

You will also need to be comfortable about who will handle the other features of a normal wedding reception (eg. flowers, entertainment, the celebrant etc). In some cases, the teams we list below can help.

For a wedding event greater than 30 people, we do not think it is feasible to try and arrange it through a caterer without experienced help.

These resorts and restaurants are options to help with catering:

[Island View restaurant](#)

[Anantara resort and restaurant](#)

These also have some internal wedding planning capacity and may be able to help with some of the other arrangements (for example entertainment).

However, these businesses would usually look to make some of their profit margin on selling alcohol at wedding events and, if that is not available to them, they may reprice the food costs.

We stress again that we are keen to ensure that catering and events are not delivered in the villa by less experienced or less professional providers who might put the guests, the villa or the villa staff through unnecessary stress. With that in mind, we must pre-clear any choice of providers.

What will the wedding event cost

We can share with you some examples of pricings for particular wedding events given to us by various wedding organisers.

Please note that these are just samples of the sorts of things that need to be thought about and will always be out of date to some extent.

Of course, much will depend on the specific choices you make.

Although there are some direct additional costs for hosting an event in a villa (eg. the event charges and the cost of hiring tableware), a villa wedding applies no consumption charge at all (we add no charge onto the cost of your food and beverages, you are paying for this directly); for many weddings (particularly where the alcohol consumption is likely to be high !) this can result in the overall cost being lower than hosting a function in a hotel where many costs will be absorbed into overall “per head” pricings but where there will be additional layers of profit added.

As you may know, wine is a little more taxed (and therefore expensive) in Thailand than in some places but beer and spirits is reasonable. This makes cocktails quite an attractive option.

To get a sense of base costs for wine and alcohol, you can look at the website for a wine shop that has several branches in Samui (with one branch in Lamai, close to the View):

www.wineconnection.co.th

What is the maximum no. of guests possible for a wedding event ?

The View suits weddings of up to 50 guests very well.

The reason is that we have capacity to seat that number under cover if the weather unexpectedly turns unkind on the day of an event (it is a squeeze under cover for that number but it is doable).

The lawns can take more tables and guests (up to 80, comfortably) but we only permit that if a marquee is pre-booked (and on site, whether put up or not) so that there is guaranteed protection against a change in weather.

This of course involves an extra cost.

Although we think the View is unique for its character and location, there are several other great private villas on Samui which can take larger numbers of guests under cover if necessary and, if you are sure you will have a large guest count, you may want to consider them:

<i>Villa</i>	<i>Capacity</i>
Ban Kilee	60
Baan Suriya	100
Calliana	120
Ban Sairee	120
La Laguna	150

We know, and can recommend, Kilee and Suriya. We do not know the other villas.

There are lots of options for set-ups

The villa has a bewildering number of zones to use in a wedding set up and it is wonderful to see how differently some brides and planners use the spaces.

The main issue is usually whether to have the ceremony:

- at the beachfront, either directly on the sand or up on the beachfront lawn or
- up on the top lawn by the pool, where the view behind is more dramatic.

There are several zones where you can host the dinner, speeches and dancing.

To see some images of the various ways that the villa has been set up for weddings so far, explore around:

[Wedding Photos Gallery](#)

Also, the [View Facebook page](#) has photos posted from weddings by the guests themselves.

Gatherings at the villa on days before and after the wedding

As mentioned above, the villa is fully equipped to comfortably provide full course dining for 20 guests.

However, we do realise how nice it is to collect all your wedding guests together for an additional gathering (eg. a pre-wedding cocktails or a post-wedding BBQ or brunch).

There is a professional kitchen, fully equipped with Western and Thai cooking equipment and large BBQs which can handle BBQ buffets.

The strict position is that any gathering of more than 1.5 times the guest capacity of the villa should be treated as another event (with a repeat of the event charge and cleaning/damage deposits) and we reserve the right to apply this to any situation that has not been discussed in advance (ie. if the villa gets used for another heavy duty party).

However, we are usually happy to help you put on one other relaxed gathering of guests at the villa as an extension of the main event (the night before, or day after usually).

Unless you would intend to bring in external catering and support, you would need to be sympathetic to what we can deliver using the villa's staff and equipment (eg. buffet service, standing or informal seating, light drinks service) and there would be some additional expenses in addition to the cost of the F&B (cost of hiring in some additional serving or cooking staff). Usually, our villa manager is happy to propose a per head price for these types of events so you have some certainty on the budget and can tailor what you are giving to your invitees based on that (king prawns vs chicken; quality wine v beer & cocktails).

What does not work is when every day of a wedding-linked booking turns into a series of large party days at the villa and large numbers of people come along who are not resident guests (which is not permitted without prior agreement). We would prefer to help you have some properly arranged event(s) and avoid the friction and costs that can flow from unauthorized over capacity.

Independent power

A feature worth mentioning is that the villa has a full power automatic generator system. This kicks in seamlessly and provides huge peace of mind for weddings and events.

This is almost a unique feature among the private wedding villas on Samui (and removes the stress of a power outage from the grid – which is not uncommon).

Where your guests could stay

Here's a link to a useful map:

<http://samui.sawadee.com/map/maplarge.htm>

And to help put this in context, here is the link to the interactive location map for the villa:

[Where is the View](#)

Just about every price range and budget imaginable is available very close to the villa, with amazing choices within a 5-minute walking distance.

The options we highlight are:

Headland estate: There are 5 small villas which neighbour onto the View. These are the perfect option for guests you would like to be close to you and you have huge flexibility on how many guests you can place in these villas because they each have 1 or 2 bedroom options. Click the link in this title for more information below.

Intercontinental resort: Recently re-launched and very slinky resort right next door to the View on one side (hotel bedrooms, pool villas, US\$200-US\$600)

Am Samui: Charming, budget resort immediately neighbouring the View on the other side

Sunset beach resort: A mid range privately –owned resort hotel on the other side of the Intercontinental (5 minutes walk from the villa)

Other rental villas: Similar offerings to the View are within a 5 mile radius. We particularly recommend Baan Suriya and Ban Kilee.

Description of Headland estate

The Headland is an estate of 5 villas right next to the View. The estate occupies the whole of a small headland with private access to world class beaches on both sides.

They are all of a similar design style. Villas 1 to 3 have only two bedrooms each which is unusual for private villas and makes them a great choice for two couples or one family; Villa 4 has 3 bedrooms and sits closest to the View. Villa 5 is a nicely sized family villa with a small garden and 4 bedrooms.

By adding rooms from the Headland, you have access to 4/5 double rooms at the View and up to another 13 double rooms in the Headland estate (or any combination in between).

These villas can be rented with a 5% discount (in addition to any other promotional deals) when linked to a wedding at the View.

These can be rented through:

Website: www.theheadlandsamui.com

Email: theheadlandsamui@me.com

The villas are offered as “Boutique” villas. This means that guests get breakfast provided and a maid service which includes chamber-maiding and a general tidy up in the mornings and evenings but the villas are otherwise self-catering (not with a constant butler presence).

This is different to the View, which is a “Signature” villa that comes with full butler and chef service.

The villas at the Headland are unusual for their size. On Samui, there are very few smaller (2/3 bedroom) villas on waterfront land except within the branded hotel chains so this is a unique location for being able to increase the size of a very large booking in increments of two bedrooms at a time.

The Headland villas are perfect for accommodating a single family or two couples (are rare option on Samui where villas usually need large groups or families staying in order to be economical).

Hosting Headland guests in the View during a wedding week

The View offers a full butler service with a chef and dedicated villa team who prepare meals and look after the guests during the day times and evenings (with drinks, snacks etc); the "Signature" villa service. Accordingly, the villa is

set up with the staff and equipment to cater for, and serve, the guests staying in the villa.

This is different to the smaller villas in the adjoining Headland estate. These villas operate with a "Boutique" villa service. Continental breakfast is set up for the guests, the rooms are made up in the mornings (and checked once again in the evenings) and there is a villa manager for all the villas who can help with concierge-type requests. But the Headland villas give more privacy to the guests: there is no in-villa chef and no staff dedicated to serving food or drink during the day.

There will be times when a large group wishes to book the View and also some of the other Headland villas in order to have a large gathering. And the View is the ideal place to base all of the hospitality and to host the guests from the other Headland villas so everyone can hang out together and occasionally eat and drink together.

However, hosting the extra people will put a strain on the capacity of the staff and the resources of the villa.

Strictly, villas should only be used by the guests booked to stay in them (with restrictions on having more than 15 adults using the villa).

We are happy to talk through options for having more guests around to the View in the lead up to a wedding (or for "morning after brunches"). We appreciate what a nice thing it is to use the villa as a base for some other entertaining and meeting around a wedding event and we can suggest some ways to do this.

In particular, we can suggest arrangements so that guests staying in the other Headland villas can spend more time at the View (by re-arranging some of the staffing, bringing in some additional labour to help and increasing the provisioning).

However, we do need to talk through your specific needs to work out the best solutions to address the staffing, catering and safety issues. Accordingly, please note that the villa is strictly available for use only by the guests booked to stay there, except for the times when an event has been pre-arranged and we reserve the right to either refuse entry to excessive numbers of additional visitors or to treat a situation as an additional event (with the consequent fees and charges).

The regular dining capacity for the View is for 18 adults and children.

Arrangements can be made to cater for larger groups and to have meals within the View that cater not only for the villas' guests but also the guests staying in the other headland villas. However, this will need to be worked through on a case-by-case basis (depending on the numbers and the mix of adults and children). There may need to be some flexibility on the dining

arrangements (split tables for adults and children, buffets rather than table d'hote etc).

So, please talk with us if you are wanting to use the View to have more people around than just the resident guests and we can discuss some options for how to cope with that and how to pass on the additional costs. We have used options where a levy is added to the rates for the Headland villas and we have also added an additional charge to the View rates and we have looked at charging the non-resident guests effectively a cover charge. All options are possible but what would not be good is to have awkwardness at the time of your stay because this had not been worked out in advance.

Also, this is harder for us to support when the extra invitees are staying outside the Headland estate.

Photographers

We will try to update this list with details of photographers we have seen in action. Here are suggestions:

Samui Pics/ Anne Sophie Maestracci

annesophiemaestracci.com
Telephone: +66 (0)801-02-9791

Anne Sophie, who is French, produced most of the photographs you see on the View website.

She is very thorough and puts a lot of thought into the composition of photographs.

Anne Sophie is easy to deal with and we recommend her highly.

Donudes/Chusakun

www.donudes.com

A Thai photographer locally based on the island. He can also arrange videos.

Julian Wainwright

julianwainwright@gmail.com
www.julianwainwrightweddings.com
www.julianwainwright.net

Julian is gifted.

Julian is based in Asia (though not Samui) and does spells on the island in the wedding season.

Tony Potts

www.tonypotts.com

Tony comes over from Australia and may do bursts of time on the island going forwards.

Other FAQs

Below are answers to other frequently asked questions (click the questions to see the answers).

We encourage you to raise new questions !

[Can adults stay in the dorm](#)

[What time is check-in and check-out and is there any flexibility ?](#)

[How late can we have music and dancing](#)

[Can we have fireworks](#)

[How does it work with the minibus](#)

[Is the villa close to....?](#)

Can adults stay in the dorm

The standard offering for the villa is for 4 main double bedrooms and a twin/double room (which gives capacity for 10 adults) plus the dorm which can hold 6 children comfortably (aged no older than 12) and a further 2 children less conveniently on pull-out beds.

This is what is secured by paying the standard published rate (advertised by different agents as “5 bedrooms plus dorm” or “sleeps 10 adults and up to 8 children” or maybe “5 bedrooms”).

The aim with the dorm was to make the villa a value proposition for families with younger children. By providing a dorm for all the children to sleep together in, it releases valuable pillow space in the main bedrooms which freight-paying parents can use (and the children have the fun of a communal experience bunking up together).

The dorm is not intended to be a way of increasing the number of adults that can stay in the villa to greater than 10 or for inappropriate purposes. For that reason, we have a default policy of the dorm only being usable by children aged up to 12.

If a group has older children who they wish to put in the dorm, that needs to be cleared with us on a case by case basis (the concern coming from the dorm being used by mixed sex groups of teenagers). Also, we are usually happy to see nannies or baby-sitters staying in the dorm with younger children.

Also, we have been prepared to consider some situations where a few adults may use the dorm. For example, when the villa has been used for a boot camp and it would be expensive for the participants to use the main bedrooms for the trainers or where there is a nanny or granny who will sleep with small children. We can only consider this on a case-by-case basis.

Unfortunately, there have been times when some wedding hosts have offered the dorm for accommodation to non-resident guests. For a host of reasons, we cannot allow that and need to be asked before the dorm can be used for any purpose when there are no children billeted there with a group.

What time is check-in and check-out and is there any flexibility ?

The earliest check-in time is 3.00pm.

The latest check-out time is 10.30am.

The villa has a lot of same-day changeovers so it is quite often genuinely difficult to be flexible around this (the staff need 3-4 hours to thoroughly change the villa over and have some respite) so guests do need to know this and understand we are not being awkward.

When there is no one checking out on the arrival day, unless we are finishing up some critical maintenance work, it is usually possible to have an early check in (for no extra charge).

If there are no new guests arriving on the check-out date, then there are several ways to guarantee that you will get a late check-outs:

- Up to 3pm – complimentary (but not guaranteed)
- Up to 6pm – 50% of the daily rate (guaranteed)
- After 6pm – 100% of the daily rate (guaranteed).

Wherever possible, when guests turn up to Samui and the villa much earlier than the changeover time we will try to offer you somewhere to hang out for a few hours in one of the neighbouring Headland villas. However, this cannot be guaranteed if all of them are occupied or being changed over. Having said all this, things usually work out with one solution or another.

How late can we have music and dancing

Of course, you will want the option for your party to roll on onto the small hours of the morning.

Strictly speaking (under the local laws and also the villa management rules for all villas) the live music and other loud music should stop from midnight.

Accordingly, we would expect all live music and DJ sessions to end around midnight.

Beyond that time, there are plenty of ways to keep the party going and to continue having music and dancing but the key from that time onwards is to respect that there may be people in neighbouring properties who may not enjoy listening to loud music into the night.

Usual fixes:

- Keep the party going in the areas where noise will have the least effect on neighbours (this would usually be on the beach front lawn or by the pool (and since these are the best places to keep the party going, that is not usually a problem !)
- Switch to the villa's AV system and keep the volume to a sympathetic level

Killer fix: you are guaranteed to have no disgruntled neighbours if they are all guests at your party. If you billet your guests in the Headland villas (our neighbours to the North) and the Am Samui resort (our neighbor to the South) the risk of keeping anyone awake evaporates.

The bottom line is that wedding events usually start sufficiently early that this is not a problem and there are usually ways to keep a party going as long as everyone wants but, from midnight, there needs to be some respect for noise levels.

Can we have fireworks ?

Fireworks are magical and widely available in Samui. However, it is not always possible to put fireworks on at the villa. They are now quite restricted on Samui and local restrictions apply sometimes (for example when there is a religious festival or when there is prize fighting for the buffaloes nearby). This applies all over the island (whatever people might tell you) and is very hard to predict until close to your event.

But we have some magical alternatives as backups if necessary.

Our favourite is fire-dancing. We can arrange for one or two fire dancers to put on a show either on the villa lawn or (even more magical) down in the water on the beachfront. Watch this for a taste. These shows can be awe-inspiring.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbN6abSDfY0>

For a very alternative show, and a quirkier option, you could have a cabaret show from one of the top “lady boy” acts on the island. These can be great fun and are guaranteed to kick the party off.



How does it work with the minibus

To summarise:

The minibus is there to take our resident villa guests out on excursions; it is not there to be a shuttle bus for people who are not staying in the villa and strictly non-residents should not be travelling in the minibus.

We do not have a dedicated driver; one of the staff members will be driving you around; so please be mindful of their time (including giving them adequate notice).

The service will be withdrawn if there is any behavior which is disrespectful of the staff or a risk to safety.

If it will make the experience for you and your broader wedding guests smoother to have shuttle buses operating between all the places they are staying, we are happy to organise this for you (and we can usually find a man-with-van for reasonable costs).

This is what we say more formally in the rental terms and conditions:

We have a minibus and two members of staff who, as well as their regular duties, are also qualified to drive the minibus. The minibus seats 10 passengers. We retain a booster seat at the Villa for use in the minibus but we do not have any safety seats for infants (you will need to bring your own).

The minibus will make one complimentary transfer to the airport on departure. For groups that need more drop-off runs or have more people than the minibus can carry, further airport transfers will be at the guests' cost. Unfortunately, we cannot use the minibus to collect and transfer guests on arrival because our staff need to be at the villa, making it ready for the guests' arrival. We are happy to arrange an arrival transfer at the guests' cost.

The minibus will also be available during the guests' stay for daily excursions, based on the following understanding:

Somewhat like a rental car, the petrol tank will be filled before guests are first picked up and will be refilled at the guests' cost either when necessary during a stay or prior to departure.

The minibus is only available to transport guests of the Villa (ie. not to run errands or to ferry non-guests).

The minibus should return to the Villa by 11pm.

Guests need to recognise that the staff allocated to drive the minibus have other regular duties at the Villa so excursions should be arranged with reasonable notice in advance and, if guests use one of the staff to drive for them, this will reduce our ability to serve guests who may remain at the villa. Also, there will be days when staff are on leave or ill and this may reduce our ability to allocate staff for driving.

We may refuse to transport any passengers who are abusive or unduly intoxicated.

Inevitably, there will be times when the minibus is out of service for maintenance. In those situations, we can replace it with a 7-seater vehicle for daily excursions and will still provide a minibus for the airport transfers but we are not otherwise under any liability to provide transportation.

We have insurance cover for injuries caused while travelling in the minibus and are happy to send you details on request. However, this may not be adequate for your own purposes and we encourage you to have your own insurance cover.

Is the Villa close to.....?

To see the villa's location [click here](#).

The View sits in its own grounds on a West-facing headland (so it enjoys wonderful sunsets).

The villa is on the West coast of the island in the Taling Ngam area (right next to the Intercontinental resort).

The villa is close to Lamai (20 minutes) and Nathon (15 minutes).

Most of the large rental villas are in this area of the island or in the North (near Maenam) and also most of the tourist attractions (rain forest, elephants, zoo, ziplining etc).

Chaweng, the largest tourist town, is about 45 minutes away.

The airport is also about 45 minutes away.

The golf courses are about 25 minutes away.