

# THE RISE OF The *Female* Traveller

*Welcoming modern women at AKARYN Hotel Group properties*



●● **SINCE EARLY 2014** the number and times of the term “female travel” has been searched for on Google has steadily increased, rising particularly dramatically in the past year. Everywhere you look, from Condé Nast Traveller to Huffington Post, headlines are highlighting the number of female travellers – whether journeying solo or in a women-only group – and the trend doesn’t show any signs of stopping.

What might have once been dismissed as an Eat Pray Love phenomenon is going strong ten years after the bestselling memoir was published. And those people searching for “female travel” online are no longer the stereotypical females of a decade ago. Female travel is now a global phenomenon and independent women travellers represent a significant percentage of this modern segment, spanning multiple age and interest groups.

Fearless females travelling the globe are not only interested in traditionally “female” pursuits either. According to a recent

“*Female travelers are now a global phenomenon*”

study by Mandala Research, an U.S.-based research center specializing in tourism studies, women are taking just as many leisure trips on average as men, and participating in a similar number of business trips. They expect the same level of services as their male counterparts, and broadly enjoy similar activities as men while travelling, although cultural, culinary and wellness pursuits tend to draw more of their interest.

Meeting the needs of modern travellers has always been a priority for AKARYN Hotel Group. The company’s Founder and Managing Director, Anchaliha Kijkanakorn, is a highly successful female Asian entrepreneur, and she makes it a priority to ensure hotel staff members are well trained to be responsive to female travellers’ needs.

“Twenty years ago, independent females travellers were something of an anomaly and certainly not the norm when compared to other demographics such as couples or families,” explains Anchaliha. “Today, woman are not only an important guest segment, but they also help drive the hotel industry to create new trends and provide valuable insights into the essentials of hospitality.”

Reflecting this commitment to female travellers’ interests, all AKARYN Hotel Group properties in Thailand are participating in a new “Deluxe Doyenne” package designed to give them the opportunity to learn some new skills during their stay. The 4-day-3-night offerings vary at different hotels, and each one offers a unique and engaging experience customized for different desires.

## DELUXE *DOYENNE* DELIGHTS

●● **DAY 1: CHECK-IN**  
Upon arrival, female guests enjoy the welcome aroma of a special scent in their room that emanates from an oil burner or candle as they indulge in a refreshing welcome drink and healthy snacks.

●● **DAY 2: THE ART OF HOSPITALITY** Thinking to throw a fun, modern and unique gatherings with friends, colleagues and families back home? AKARYN hotels and resorts offer Savoir-Faire to female travellers via The Art of Hospitality course. The course includes an introduction to flower art led by the in-house florist, along with lessons on how to make canapés and a selection of special cocktails.

●● **DAY 3: DIFFERENT ACTIVITY OPTIONS** are available at different AKARYN hotels and resorts.

- At **Aleenta Hua Hin**, learn about herbs and their benefits at the resort’s own organic farm.
- At **akyra Manor Chiang Mai**, learn the basics of painting from a local artist.
- At **akyra Beach Club Phuket**, learn surfing, stand-up paddle boarding, or develop basic DJ skills with a personal introduction from the resort’s resident DJ using a special smartphone app.
- At **Aleenta Phuket**, learn how to do massage, yoga or Thai boxing on ones own.

To learn more about the **Deluxe Doyenne** packages, as well as the philosophy and personalities behind the hotels and resorts that offer them, visit **aleenta.com** and **theakyra.com**.

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●● **WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF LIFE & TIMES** — our window to share the inspiring ideas, activities, and experiences on offer at each of our distinctive hotels and resorts around Thailand.

I'm delighted to begin with exciting news of a new addition to the Group – our fourth property under the design driven *akyra* brand, and the second in the Thai capital – *akyra* Sukhumvit Bangkok. Just like her sister hotel in trendy Thonglor, this groundbreaking new addition of the city's bespoke luxury accommodation scene will offer a new take on hospitality that extends well beyond a place to sleep, providing our guests with moments to relish and remember.

At AKARYN Hotel Group we strive to create unforgettable experiences and we are constantly introducing new concepts for our guests to enjoy and interact with during their stay. As a female traveller myself, I am particularly passionate about catering to women guests, and one of our latest ideas is the “Deluxe Doyenne” package that has been designed specifically for women travellers who want to pick up a few new skills during their travels. Aside from this exciting package, we also host a regular women's surfing event at *akyra* Beach Club Phuket, and have introduced an herbal health discovery program attracting a lot of interests from our female guests at Aleenta Hua Hin where we run our own organic farm.

Another ongoing goal for us is to make sure we give back to the communities where we own and operate hotels and resorts. At *akyra* Manor Chiang Mai, we source as many of the ingredients used at the hotel's Italics restaurant as possible from local producers, and the exquisite meals that result from this approach not only support the rural economy but offer fresh, healthy, delicious cuisine for our guests.

By integrating community initiatives into our growth strategy and seeking new ventures in a range of fantastic locations, AKARYN Hotel Group is constantly evolving. We are proud to share our Life & Times with you in these pages and to turn our vision into an inspiring reality whenever and wherever you stay with us.



*akyra* Sukhumvit Bangkok

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Be part of our boutique community – join the exciting events around the network of hotels and resorts



## HOT OPENING

●● Following the launch of *akyra* Thonglor Bangkok earlier this year – a stylish new property comprising 148 studios and one to three bedroom suites in fashionable Thonglor – AKARYN Hotel Group, has announced further capital expansion with the imminent addition of *akyra* Sukhumvit Bangkok in 1st Quarter 2018.

The 50-room *akyra* Sukhumvit Bangkok is located on Sukhumvit Soi 20, the epicentre of Bangkok's most dynamic tourism area, known for its fine restaurants and buzzing nightlife, upscale lifestyle malls, quality spas and green recreation spaces.

The hotel will offer guests 30-60 square metre rooms with incredible cityscape views, sophisticated rooftop space with a stylish pool bar and sun loungers around the pool, a multi-purpose function room to host memorable gatherings, private dinners and VIP receptions, and an all-day dining restaurant on the ground floor.

## “Follow your passion at AKARYN Hotels & Resorts”

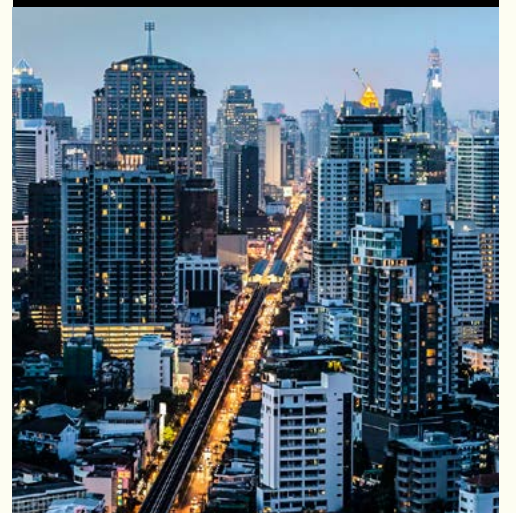
●● *akyra* BEACH CLUB PHUKET — hosts a White Beach Party on the last Friday of every month. Revelers are invited to “paint the night white” as they celebrate the good life with a beach barbecue, spectacular fire dance show and floor fillers spun by resident and guest DJs from around the globe.

●● *akyra* MANOR CHIANG MAI — is adding a local touch for guests during Thailand's famous annual Festival of Light (Loy Krathong) in November with Krathong making classes at the hotel and the chance to release them into the river or launch candle-lit wishes into the sky aboard twinkling lighted lanterns.

●● *akyra* THONGLOR BANGKOK — offers the ideal city stay while you spend time enjoying some of the world's best performances during Bangkok's 19th International Festival of Dance and Music at the Thailand Cultural Centre, featuring Russian ballet, Spanish Flamenco, Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestra and the original West Side Story.

●● ALEENTA HUA HIN — grows vegetables and herbs at its own organic farm and from September to the end of the year guests can learn about the varied benefits of these natural ingredients, as well as how they are used in traditional Thai cuisine and health giving spa treatments.

●● ALEENTA PHUKET — invites guests to experience the annual spectacle of the Phuket Vegetarian Festival in October with trips to see dragon parades and the legendary displays of body piercing in Phuket Old Town. As a reflection of the festival's healthy message, The Edge restaurant at the resort serves exquisite, healthy vegetarian dishes using ingredients like Thai jelly mushrooms, green mango, carrot beans and tofu.





# Astounding Andaman *Experiences*

*Be Sporty, Be Inspired, Be Curious at **akyra** Beach Club Phuket*

## *akyra* IS ALL ABOUT *LIFESTYLE*

●● Our team proudly put together a series of activities that offer you the chance to **Be Sporty**, **Be Inspired**, and **Be Curious** as you make the most of your stay at **akyra** Beach Club Phuket. Similar inspiring and engaging activity programs will be launched at our other hotels and resorts in the coming months.

Whether travelling alone, looking for romance, or heading to the beach with friends, **akyra** Beach Club Experiences offer you the chance to be adventurous, learn new skills, enjoy parties and take home unforgettable memories. The choices are varied and they're all yours.

### BE SPORTY

●● If your beach break is all about great outdoors, make sure you take part of the activities in our Be Sporty schedule.

Flex your muscles with a few physical challenges including introductions to **Surfing**, **Boogie Boarding**, or **Stand-up Paddle Boarding** with our professional instructor right on the beach in front of the resort.

For a more competitive option, work up a sweat by joining a friendly game of **Beach Volleyball** on the soft warm sands, alternating with refreshing dips in the ocean and cool-off sessions under the shade of swaying palm trees.

If you wish to stretch in an easy-going but equally beneficial activities, then join our **morning yoga** or **Tai Chi** sessions by the lapping waves.

### BE INSPIRED

●● **akyra Experiences** also offer the opportunity to try something new to find inspiration along the way as you enjoy unique, fun activities. Guests can take in the sights, smells and sounds of a **local market** and learn about Thai herbs and spices used in traditional Thai cuisine before preparing a meal with guidance from a professional chef.

When the sun sets they can head to Club **akyra** and celebrate the good life with a **beachside BBQ**, and **akyra** signature drinks. On the last Friday of every month, the **White Party** includes enchanting fire shows on the beach and a soundtrack of sweet sounds from guest and resident DJs. Get onto the spirit of the evening, dress in white, and a complimentary sunset cocktail will be served.



### BE CURIOUS

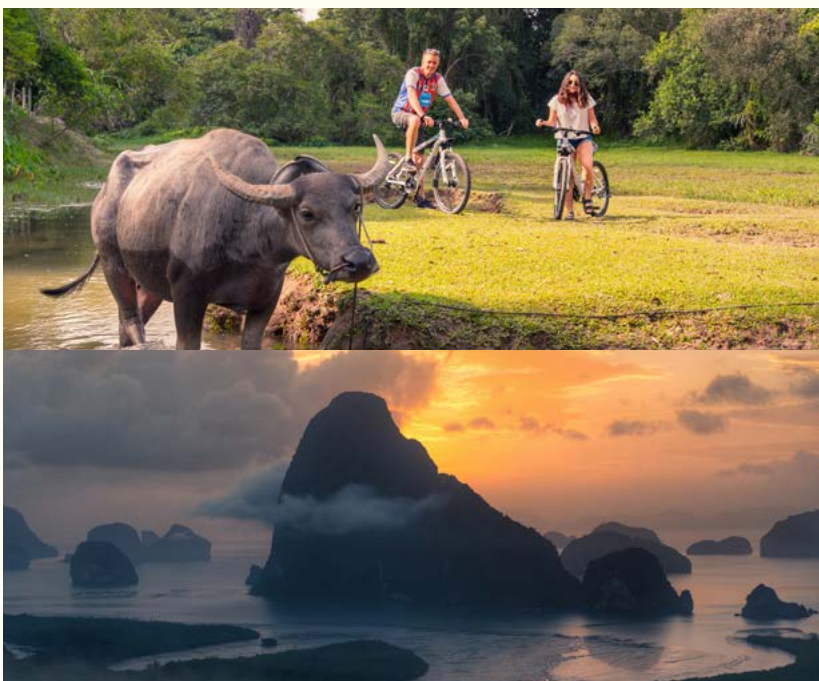
●● **akyra Beach Club Phuket** is located in one of Thailand's most breathtaking natural regions that begs to be explored. The range of adventures on offer is vast and varied with everything from a guided morning walk through a nearby **mangrove forest** to a bike ride through a tranquil **rubber plantation** past rows of towering trees mounted with small coconut shells to collect their prized rubber sap.

Meanwhile, lovers of the salty brine can spend a half-day **island hopping**. You can explore the limestone peaks of James Bond Island, or linger longer to float into a lagoon cave, mangrove cave and crystal cave. You can also try a spot of **fishing** with a walk to Natai pier before sunset. Cast your line and watch the

ocean set ablaze with the fiery colours of dusk. Our fishing guide will show you the best spots.

For an al fresco nature and gourmet treat, you can stroll through the tropical forest to indulge in a picnic set against the backdrop of a waterfall tumbling down into a natural swimming pool. The **akyra** team will prepare the **picnic basket** with canapés, fruit, wine and other gourmet delights, or can even drive you there and have the chef grill up a private feast.

With so many activities ready to enjoy, it's easy to plan a memorable stay at **akyra** Beach Club Phuket. Or be spontaneous, go with the flow and just let the mood take you once you check in and chill out.





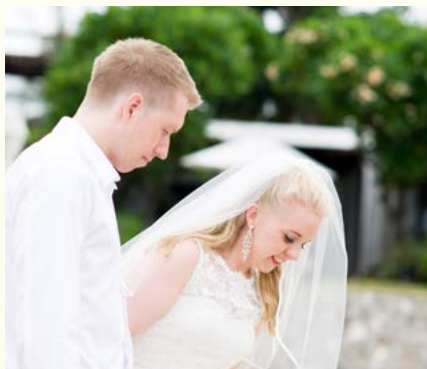
# HONEYMOON HAPPINESS

## The *Secret* to Wedded Bliss

*Insightful activities for couples at AKARYN Hotels and Resorts*



●● For couples embarking on an exciting new lifelong relationship, sometimes the classic honeymoon activities such as a sunset dinner just won't do enough. To keep the flame of romance burning bright, while also looking ahead to the future, AKARYN Hotels and Resorts are offering an intriguing choice of activities for couples.



### Couples' Photo Shoot

*with stunning backdrops*

“*Create picture-perfect memories*”

●● At all AKARYN Hotels and Resorts in Thailand, couples can extend their honeymoon memories with destination photo shoot. Create picture-perfect memories with stunning backdrops of endless ocean, amazing city skyline or with edgy interiors. Whether it is a casual, modern or traditional Thai style, a professional photographer and the hotel team will be with you every step of the way to ensure every photo is a winner.

Couples can either select a classic photo shoot, or opt for a premium shoot with a

choice of up to 4 indoor and outdoor venues. Both options include the use of a dedicated day room at the hotel and a set lunch for two. The premium package adds the option of setting up romantic shots with a professional photographer, in locations around the area. It also includes make up and hairstyling, as well as Thai costume or western wedding dress rental for the couple. This destination photo shoot package is also applicable for occasions such as pre-weddings, family vacations or fun friends gatherings.

### Couples' Numerology & Palm Reading

*The concept of blending two lives while still remaining independent*

●● The ancient science of numerology unlocks the code contained within important numbers such as your date of birth and the letters of your name. It can provide an amazing picture of two people, their purpose in this life and prediction of the way their destiny will unfold. While staying at *akyra* Manor Chiang Mai, couples can learn more about the numbers that reflect and affect them both as individuals and together. Guided by a numerologist and relationship expert Frans Captijn, they learn how to better compromise in the relationship and to appreciate the concept of blending two lives while still remaining independent.

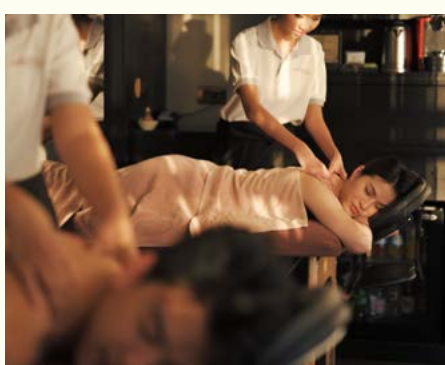
The history of palmistry can be traced back to Aristotle and ancient Greece, although many people believe it originated even earlier in India. What the practice essentially boils



down to is gathering information about someone by reading the lines in their palm. The various lines in the palm tell a palmist about an individual's love life, their mindset, career path, successes and prediction of the challenges they will encounter in the future.

### Couples' Health & Wellness

*The philosophy of "Eat Well, Live Well, Be Well, Look Good"*



●● Even today, most wedding vows include a reference to "sickness and health" but everyone hopes for the latter "as long they both shall live". To help start their lives together on a path to wellness and longevity, Aleenta Phuket Resort & Spa, Aleenta Hua Hin Resort & Spa and *akyra* Beach Club Phuket offer couples an intensive wellness assessment that includes Bio impedance analysis, measurement of fat percentages and body water percentages, muscle mass and

bone mass calculations, BMR, metabolic age, visceral fat levels, blood pressure, blood sugar, skin analysis and Thai element analysis with results provided in a detailed wellness report.

To cleanse away the toxins after an exuberant wedding celebration couples can respond to their wellness needs through a host of holistic treatments and therapies from healing massage to mind balancing and specialised yoga practice.

For full details of the varied honeymoon activities on offer at AKARYN Hotels and Resorts around Thailand

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# HOLISTIC HERBAL HOLIDAYS

*Organic herbs and locally sourced fresh vegetables play an important role in the tantalising tastes and relaxing health experiences on offer at Aleenta Hua Hin Resort & Spa*

●● **AT ALEENTA HUA HIN RESORT AND SPA**, a wide range of herbs are planted, nurtured and cultivated in the resort’s dedicated organic farm. These herbs are not only used by the chef to prepare exquisite Thai dishes, but also in the bar to add infusions to cocktails, and in the Ayurah Spa where fresh ingredients are often integrated into the oils and lotions used during signature treatments, living up to the natural and holistic philosophy of “Eat Well, Live Well, Be Well, Look Good”.

Altogether there are approximately 50 herb varieties grown on the farm, and many of them are famous for Thai flavours and some also well known for their health-giving properties in various body treatments.



## HIT LIST OF HEALTHY HERBS

*Below are some of the most powerful herbs used in our food and spa menus, along with insights into their multiple health benefit.*

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| <p><i><b>Basil</b></i></p>  <p>contains disease-fighting anti-oxidants, acts as an anti-inflammatory, fights cancer and promotes cardiovascular health.</p>  | <p><i><b>Thai Coriander</b></i></p>  <p>is very low in calories and contains no cholesterol. However, its deep-green leaves possess beneficial amounts of antioxidants, essential oils, vitamins, and dietary fiber, which can help reduce LDL or “bad cholesterol” levels in the blood.</p> | <p><i><b>Chive</b></i></p>  <p>is a nutrient-dense food source. This means they are low in calories but high in beneficial nutrients like vitamins, minerals and antioxidants.</p>  | <p><i><b>Lemongrass</b></i></p>  <p>is good for digestion and full of anti-oxidants. It also regulates high blood pressure and helps cure cold and flu symptoms.</p>  | <p><i><b>Kaffir Lime Leaf</b></i></p>  <p>contains disease-fighting anti-oxidants, acts as an anti-inflammatory, fights cancer and promotes cardiovascular health.</p>                                     |
| <p><i><b>Mint</b></i></p>  <p>is a great appetizer or palate cleanser, and it promotes good digestion. It also soothes the stomach in cases of indigestion or inflammation. When your stomach is upset, drinking a cup of mint tea can give you swift relief.</p>  | <p><i><b>Galangal</b></i></p>  <p>is a potentially revolutionary cancer-fighting agent. It also acts as an anti-inflammatory, is high in anti-oxidants, and supports good brain health.</p>  | <p><i><b>Tumeric</b></i></p>  <p>contains bioactive compounds with powerful medicinal properties and is a natural anti-inflammatory compound that improves brain function whilst reducing the risk of heart disease</p>   | <p><i><b>Ginger</b></i></p>  <p>contains gingerol, a substance with powerful medicinal properties that can treat many forms of nausea, especially morning sickness, whilst reducing muscle pain and lowering cholesterol.</p>   | <p><i><b>Bitter Leaf</b></i></p>  <p>lowers hypertension and is very effective in treating malaria, typhus and appendicitis. The rich nutritious bitter leaf can reduce fever and help prevent cancer.</p> |
| <p><i><b>Chilli</b></i></p>  <p>contains up to seven times the vitamin C levels of an orange and has a range of health benefits including clearing sinus congestion, aiding digestion, and helping relieve migraines, muscle and joint pain. It is also a good source of vitamin A and E, beta-carotene, folic acid and potassium.</p> | <p><i><b>Dill</b></i></p>  <p>weed is an excellent source of calcium, manganese and iron. It acts as anti-inflammatory and its antiviral properties give a whole host of incredible health benefits.</p>   | <p><i><b>Lime</b></i></p>  <p>offers various benefits including weight loss, skin care, eye care and digestion improvement. It is also helpful in treating respiratory disorders, urinary disorders and relief from constipation, as well as in the treatment of scurvy, piles, peptic ulcers and gout.</p> | <p>●● This impressive list of health benefits and curative properties makes herbs an essential part of any healthy diet or wellness schedule. Get to know the herbs while staying at Aleenta Hua Hin, and be armed with your new herbal knowledge to continue enjoying the beneficial effects of these miraculous natural protectors and healers when you return home.</p> <p>To discover the wealth of herbal-infused dishes, drinks and spa treatments on offer at Aleenta Hua Hin Resort and spa, visit <a href="http://aleenta.com/huahin">aleenta.com/huahin</a>.</p> |   |



# Farm to *Fork* Favourites

*Helping the local community with healthy cuisine*

●● **TAKING ADVANTAGE** of the bounty of locally produced meat, vegetables and fruit available in and around the northern Thai capital, **akyra** Manor Chiang Mai's Italics restaurant is using the freshest ingredients to re-imagine high quality global cuisine.

From organic cherry tomatoes bursting with sweetness to French cheeses made in Chiang Mai and 100% Thai Arabica coffee handpicked in the nearby hills, Italics' menu features a fusion of flavours while focusing on the freshest local produce.

Indulge in a perfectly prepared margarita pizza, or tantalise your taste buds with a Thai-inspired Chiang Mai Pizza topped with sour pork – the famous northern Thai sausage known as sai oua– and garnished with arugula and pickles, all the while knowing your meal has come straight from the farm to the fork.



“ *Sourcing our ingredients from nearby producers helps support the local economy* ”



Chef Phubase who runs the kitchens at **akyra** Manor Chiang Mai says, “Thai cuisine is famous around the world and we're fortunate that Chiang Mai not only enjoys a strong culinary tradition, but also has a plethora of high-quality produce and artisanal food products available locally.”

“Sourcing our ingredients from nearby producers helps support the local economy. It also provides our guests with unparalleled quality and the best possible taste,” he adds.



In addition to showcasing local suppliers in its menu, **akyra** Manor Chiang Mai is also dedicated to supporting the local community in Thailand's northern capital, particularly through education to help future generations.

Throughout 2017, the hotel is working closely with nearby Panghai School, where the **akyra** team recently helped paint the kitchens and also provided much-needed utensils. The hotel team regularly joins fundraising efforts to create a better learning environment for the pupils and also helps plant vegetables in the school's organic garden.

This ongoing support, with an emphasis on giving back, is a pillar of the hotel's parent company, **AKARYN** Hotel Group, and plays a strong role in **akyra** Manor Chiang Mai's corporate culture.

**AKARYN** Hotel Group's Founder and Managing Director, Anchalika Kijkanakorn, who has been previously named a Hero of Philanthropy by Forbes Asia, says, “One major aspect that draws people to Chiang Mai, both to visit and to live, is its strong sense of community. At **akyra** Manor Chiang Mai we love being actively involved in that community and we are pleased to give back in every way we can.”





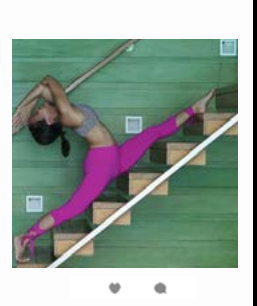
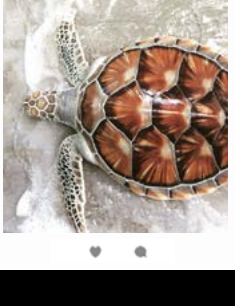
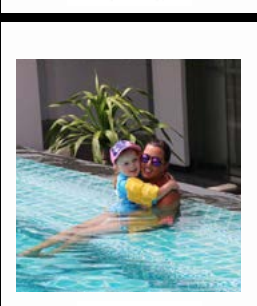
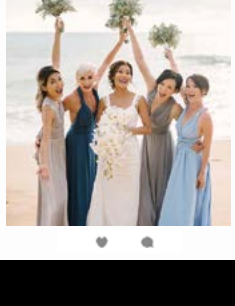
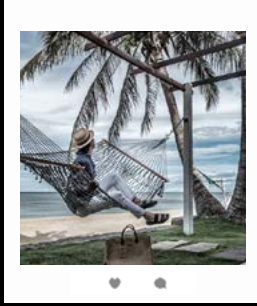
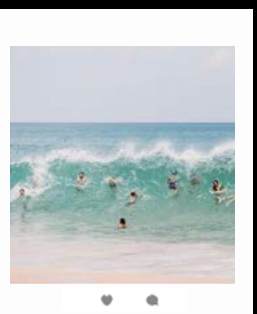
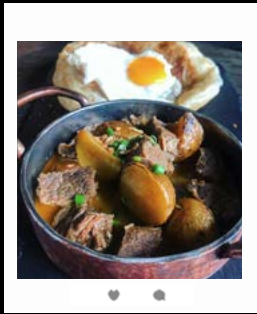
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## HUA HIN MARVELLOUS



● ● **AKARYN HOTEL GROUP'S** award-winning boutique luxury resort, Aleenta Hua Hin Resort and Spa in Pranburi, was the first property in what is now an expanding portfolio of luxury boutique hotels and resorts across Thailand. **General Manager, Graeme Freeman**, explains why

the Group's original boutique resort still offers a smart, chic and elegant choice for independent travellers looking for a luxury escape in one of Thailand's most diverse and attractive beach destinations.

### What makes a holiday at Aleenta Hua Hin Resort & Spa unique?

We offer just 25 unique luxury residences. Each suite or villa is located just steps away from the beach, with commanding views of the stunning Gulf of Siam. The pristine golden sand in Pak Nampran Bay provides a rare chance to experience Thailand's best beaches without the crowds, but Pranburi is a mere 2.5 hour drive south of Bangkok and therefore offers a perfect location for a romantic escape, a memorable beach wedding, an idyllic honeymoon or a private family holiday. In addition to the beautiful setting, our resort is also known for the special concept of food & beverage.

### Could you elaborate more about the food concept?

Our onsite Aleenta Restaurant serves an eclectic mix of delicious traditional and modern Thai dishes, as well as international cuisine created using the freshest ingredients, organic herbs and vegetables. Many of them are sourced from our very own organic farm, or from local producers located within 30km of the resort. We also have a bakery to produce the freshest breads and pastries, available for delivery and Grab-and-Go. Guests can arrange for private dining experiences on the terrace of their suite or villa. The chef can even set up a private barbecue party for special social gatherings.



### Anything special on beverage concept?

Gin! The gin trend is travelling around the planet and it has also reached Thailand. We therefore offer a secret abode for lovers of some of the best gin from around the world in sumptuous comfort of the Aleenta Restaurant, accompanied by an array of delicious tapas. Our mixologist sources ingredients from the resort's organic farm and other local farms to infuse botanicals and develop the aromas of the premium gin & tonics. Have you even seen Pink Butterfly pea? They are usually in blue but ours are pink. Cherry Oranges normally grow in China and Japan but we also have them here with the same quality and taste, a must try! The exceptional gin options include Hendrick's, G'Vine Floraison, G'Vine Nouaison, Bitter Truth Pink, Ungava Premium, Martin Miller's and Kristall G #13 Gin. Guests can mix and match the eight premium gins with three exotic tonics to create their own signature cocktail.

### You mentioned about wedding earlier, tell us more.

Aleenta Hua Hin has a reputation as a top choice destination for beach wedding because of its premium location on the unspoiled beach and the large villas that easily accommodate wedding couples, families and guests. The best weddings need personal touch, and our team makes every big day, and the lead up to it, all about the couple. We are on hand to help before, during and after the wedding, and our resort boasts an inviting, cozy atmosphere surrounded by nature. Its unique character comes from a former life as a luxury family beach residence. We are extremely lucky

to be located on a wide unspoiled beach so close to Bangkok, which really makes Aleenta Hua Hin a convenient and exclusive wedding venue that's hard to beat.

### What are the main attractions and activities in Pranburi that you recommend to your guests?

Khao Sam Roi Yot National Park is located off the coast of Prachuap Khiri Khan Province, it was the first marine national park of Thailand and the name means "The Mountain with three hundred peaks", which refers to a series of limestone hills peppered through the Gulf of Thailand. The most famous attraction of the national park is Phraya Nakhon Cave with its iconic royal pavilion and huge chambers. The park is also an attractive destination to spot wildlife in mangrove forests, along its trails and from viewpoints. The park is home to a great diversity of bird species - around 300 species, half of them migratory birds. The forest areas in the nearby mountains also provide a habitat for some rare mammals such as the dusky leaf monkey, crab-eating macaque, Malayan porcupine, mainland serow, slow loris, barking deer, fishing cat and Malayan pangolin. Dolphins are regularly seen along this stretch of coast, although it is not guaranteed, there is a good chance to spot some on boat trips. I also recommend the wild elephant watching area in nearby Kui Buri National Park. It is the best place in Thailand to see herds of elephants and gaurs. For guests who would like to plan their trips in advance, stay tuned for the upcoming signature Aleenta experience program on [aleenta.com/huahin](http://aleenta.com/huahin).

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