

# THAILAND



## New Hotel Openings and Renovations

- I. In Southern Thailand the U Khao Yai opened up in late 2016. U Khao Yai is an impressive French style mansion with 63 boutique rooms and offers guest a variety of luxury wellness programs on the edge of Khao Yai National Park.
- II. In Bangkok Marriott opened its first Marquis branded hotel in the Asia Pacific region and with 1,360 rooms is the largest hotel in the city. Also in Bangkok, the impressive Park Hyatt opens its doors after an almost 3 year delay.

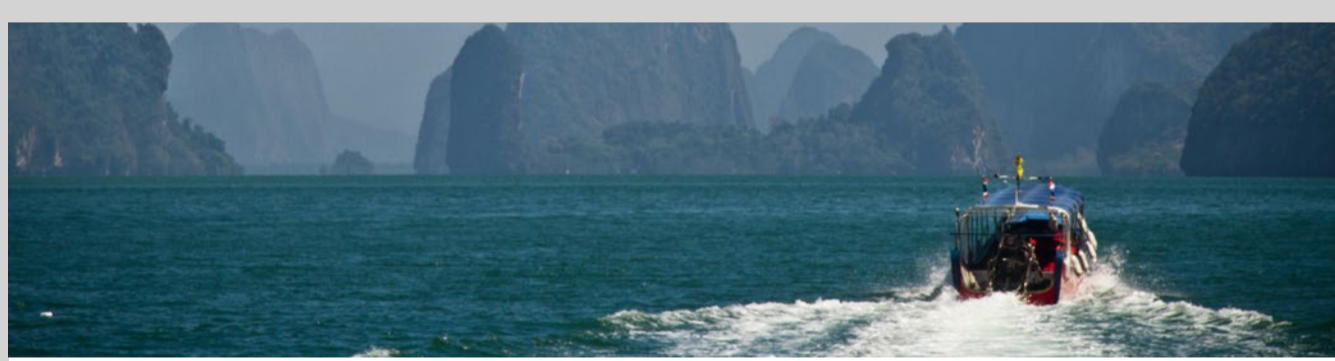


## Product Updates



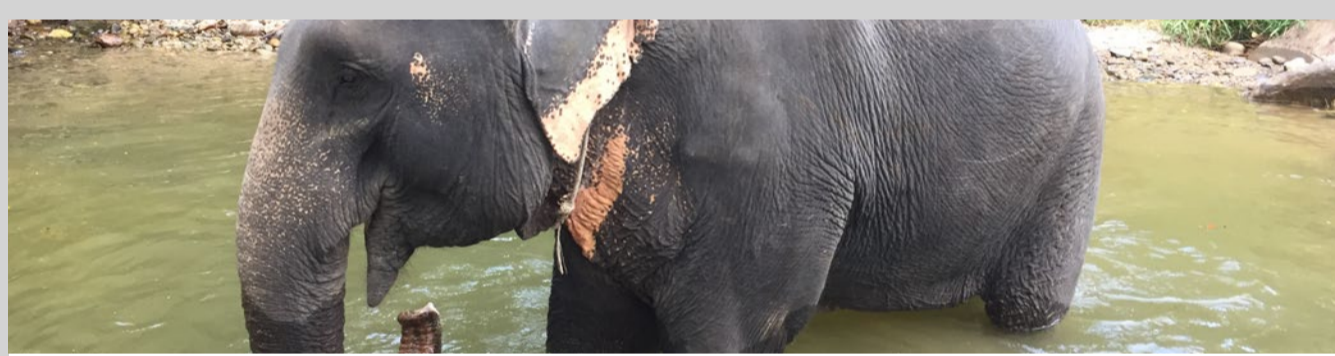
### II. Nanta Cooking Show Bangkok (3 - 4 Hours)

Using kitchen utensils such as knives, pots and cutting boards, the “chefs” perform an acrobatic percussion act that is sure to impress. Cookin’ Nanta is a unique musical cooking show, unlike anything you have ever seen or heard.



### III. Banana Beach by Speedboat from Phuket (Full Day)

A full day of white sand, clear blue sea and fun under the sun at Banana Beach. Enjoy a wide range of activities such as swimming, snorkelling, kayaking, or just relax under a palm tree with a drink. Only 15 minutes from Phuket, a day trip to Banana Beach is the perfect excursion for small groups or families.



### IV. Khao Lak Culture Safari (Full Day)

The Khao Lak Nature Safari offers a great opportunity to immerse yourself in the spectacular wilderness of Thailand, learning about local wildlife, as well as discovering authentic local Thai culture.



### V. Koh Samui to Koh Phangan by Speedboat (Full Day)

Jump in our speedboat and get ready for a fun-filled, activity-packed day. This tour includes snorkeling, archery and Thai cooking classes. Visit the beautiful white sand beaches and discover the natural wonders of Koh Phangan.



## Transport and Infrastructure Updates

- I. **Buffalo Tours Thailand** have acquired 15 new vans in Bangkok and 5 in Phuket for private transfer and touring services.
- II. **HK Express** launched its first twice-weekly direct flight between Hong Kong and Chiang Rai, Thailand’s northernmost province, in November, 2016.
- III. **The Tourism Authority of Thailand** welcomed the launch of Qatar Airways’ first direct flights to the Andaman province of Krabi. The venture will run four-weekly flights via an Airbus A330-200, direct from Doha.



## Further notes

- I. **The Chiang Mai City Art Museum** extended its renovation until next year. An alternative option is the Folk Life Museum.
- II. **This year’s Songkran Festival** dates fall on the 12th-16th April 2017. Remember to book hotels and transport in advance and warn guests about stepping out in fine clothes!