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# A PLACE THAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF

SEA, SAND, SUN, SPECTACULAR VIEWS,  
INFINITY-EDGE POOL, AND A PRIVATE  
BUTLER ... WHAT MORE COULD YOU  
ASK FOR ON A PERFECT HOLIDAY? *By T&CTEAM*

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**T**OWN & COUNTRY WAS DELIGHTED to have the opportunity to visit The Residences by Anantara—a luxury residential villa development overlooking breathtaking Layan Beach, Phuket's serene sunset coast. From start to finish, our stay at The Residences by Anantara was nothing short of sensational. After our smooth-as-silk flight to reach the Pearl of the Andaman, we were brought to The Residences by Anantara, which is situated just 20 minutes from Phuket International Airport. Words cannot express how excited we were with the standard of accommodation, breathtaking scenery, wide range of facilities as well as attentive services.

Ideally located on the northwest coast of Phuket, The Residences by Anantara overlook Layan Beach, one of the most sought-after locations on Phuket. While other areas of the island have evolved into bustling and densely populated vacation towns, Layan remains a serene favorite amongst savvy overseas visitors seeking a quieter style of island life, blessed by pristine white sands, turquoise water and mesmerizing sunsets. Laguna area's shops and restaurants, and Phuket's diverse attractions are all in close proximity.

The Residences by Anantara features a boutique collection of fifteen spacious and uniquely designed private pool residences from three to eight bedrooms, with sizes ranging from 1,700 to 2,600 square meters. The project is surrounded by a canopy of rainforest on a tree-lined hillside with stunning panoramic views of the Andaman Sea.

For this trip, we were offered the Three Bedroom Sea View Residence and it was simply amazing. The first thing that impressed us about the accommodation was its generous size. Every room is spacious and specially designed for an exceptional island lifestyle. In fact, the luxury villa affords every comfort and indulgence imaginable. Rooftop decks offer the perfect ambience for sunset relaxation. Upstairs in the villa, a master bedroom and the chic modern lounge and dining rooms all open onto the sweeping outdoor deck with a stunning infinity-edge pool and outdoor Thai Sala with a dining table for 6 to 8 guests, offering tropical pleasures in exclusive privacy, day and



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night. Downstairs, two bedrooms are joined by a well-appointed study room, alongside a spacious and fully equipped kitchen, making us feel truly at home. We can't help but thinking that it is such a perfect venue for private party!

As far as the design is concerned, The Residences by Anantara's contemporary Thai-inspired design was recognized as the 'Best Residential Interior Design' at both the Thailand Property Awards 2015 and the South East Asia Property Awards 2015. Incorporating authentic luxury in a modern interpretation of classic Asian design, each two-storey residence features exceptional living spaces, enhanced by high ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows that showcase expansive coastal vistas. Indeed, these residences are ideal for global leisure family travellers or couples looking for a different vacation option, away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

The Residences by Anantara's ultimate resort lifestyle, which includes a live-in butler, along with a chef and spa therapists on call, enable residence guests to enjoy discerning resort pleasures without having to leave their private retreat. Alternatively, all residence guests may also enjoy the five-star facilities and services of Anantara Layan Phuket Resort, which is situated within the same premises. As such, those who desire more than just the tranquility and natural beauty of Layan Beach will be satisfied with daily resort activities, as well as opportunities for exciting land and sea excursions.

The hotel's top-notch facilities and services that can be enjoyed by guests of The Residences by Anantara include Muay Thai kick boxing, swimming pool, fitness center, yoga classes, Chang Club for children, library with internet access, boardroom, Spice Spoons (Anantara cooking school), Slumber Guru, Siam Seas (36-foot speedboat), Major Affair (luxury chartered yacht 90-foot Sunseeker), extensive water sports—such as scuba diving, snorkeling, canoeing, kayaking, catamaran sailing—and Anantara Spa that offers the perfect setting for rejuvenating wellness and pampering relaxation from the skilled hands of therapists who are trained to the highest international standards. Last but not least, there are regular wine tasting sessions with a wide variety of wine and food. Actually, it is one of the most fully equipped wine tastings that we've ever joined!

In addition, residence guests can also

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enjoy superb dining options at Anantara Layan Phuket Resort's variety of restaurants and bars, including:

**SALA LAYAN** – Serves a boutique breakfast in the morning. After 11 a.m. the restaurant transforms to offer Mediterranean specials with an emphasis on fresh ingredients and exceptional execution.

**DEE PLEE** – The resort's signature restaurant offers authentic Thai dishes with divine flavor pairings. These intricate creations have been perfected to flawlessly blend spice and zest by experienced chefs. There is also a wine guru who can expertly match a fine wine with your meal.

**BREEZE BAR** – Features refreshing cocktails and revitalizing juices, accompanied by light snacks, to keep you replenished while lounging in the sun.

Additionally, if you are in the mood for a private dinner with someone special, you can opt for "Tailored private Dining by Design" which features an indulgent dining journey like no other. You can choose your dream location and they will create a picturesque dining setting under the stars especially for you. Just browse a collection of fine dining menus, or customize a menu with the chef to perfectly suit your tastes and preferences.

All of these blessings plus breathtaking Andaman views make The Residences by Anantara a heaven on earth. The good news is that you are able not only to stay in this perfect hideaway, but also own this piece of paradise! The Residences by Anantara offers both freehold and leasehold structures, depending on the eligibility of the buyer. Under the present law, freehold ownership is available to Thai nationals or Thai registered companies. For non-residents, the project provides 90-year leasehold ownership, comprising three successive 30-year terms. After the purchase, owners have the option of putting their whole villa or just a lock-off unit into a rental program. The rental program is a three-year contract with an option to renew. Upon signing the rental agreement, the owner will be asked to provide a schedule of when they plan to use their villa over the next 12 months. As such, owners are free to reside in the villa for as long as they like. Owners can always choose to opt out of the program with advance written notice, but any reservation made prior to the termination must be honored.

So, don't miss this wonderful chance! Come and create a compelling new chapter in your tropical island escape today at The Residences by Anantara and you will know that heaven truly exists! •

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