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# Isle of PLENTY

Nestled next to the turquoise waters of Koh Samui's Bophut Bay and overlooking the Indian Ocean, Hansar Samui is the perfect combination of a stunning development, quality service and a pristine location. By **Maina A. Harjani**





**HANSAR SAMUI**, which is a mere 10-minute drive from Koh Samui's international airport, offers a front seat to a tropical island lifestyle. Outdoor living spaces with a buzz flow into stylish interiors that embrace guests in absolute luxury. Combine these with cocktails on daybeds perched above the beach and the property simply invites all its visitors to dive into a vacation filled with magical experiences and fantasies.

A short stroll down the quaint cobblestone road fronting the resort is the vibrant Fisherman's Village, with its antique wooden shopfronts housing some of the island's most extraordinary cafés and

For those who prefer to take life easy and indulge in some of the island's most exotic local delicacies, Fisherman's Village is the place to be. This casual street is packed with charming boutiques, cozy cafés, beachfront restaurants and laid-back pubs and bars, as well as sizzling street-food stalls.

Those wishing to spend a clear night on the beach can lounge on one of the many beanbags laid out on the white sandy beaches at Hansar Samui to enjoy nights spent under the stars. Guests can also enjoy scenic views of the Indian Ocean from the resort's salt-water swimming pool and Jacuzzi while sipping on a cocktail or two from the poolside bar.

beachside bars. And every Friday night, Fisherman's Village turns into a vibrant night market destination.

And just a few metres away from the resort, guests are able to explore their adventurous sides with an array of water sports, such as jet skiing and parasailing. For calmer souls, there are sailing and yachting options, too. Further afield sits one of southern Thailand's world-renowned reefs, which boasts exotic marine life and kaleidoscopic corals. Helpful staff members at Hansar Samui are always on hand to assist guests in planning day trips and other excursions.

Located at the front of the resort, overlooking the swimming pool and ocean, is Hansar's H Bistro, an all-day dining restaurant serving guests a dazzling array of flavours, ingredients and textures in impeccable dishes. H Bistro is well known for inventive cuisine that blends the old and new worlds, as well as Thai staples with a contemporary twist and fresh, exquisite seafood scooped from the emerald waters that surround the island.

For a more satisfying stay and to wholly immerse in the local culture, guests are also encouraged to try the resort's Thai cooking lessons offered by the experienced chefs at H Bistro.

Later, as the sunset paints the sky red, The Chill Lounge, located above H Bistro, presents a selection of lounge and live music depending on the



day. This open-air lounge is simply the place to be to enjoy cool breezes, panoramic sea views and mellow vibes.

Yet amid the pulsing island rhythms, Hansar Samui's LUXSA Spa offers guests moments of tranquility with soothing settings finished off by organic materials that complement the natural herbs and extracts used in its treatments. Guests are encouraged to indulge in revitalising facials and scrubs with Thai or Western origins, courtesy of the resort's qualified masseuses. The energising treatments are sure to leave guests eager to dive back into the Samui scene or enjoy a peaceful night's rest.

In terms of accommodation, contemporary simplicity meets luxurious comfort at Hansar Samui with each room boasting spectacular sea views and tropical greenery, with the world-renowned party island of Koh Phangan dotting the horizon.

Spacious yet intimate, a wonderful palette of creams and chocolate makes for an intimate setting in each room, all of which are finished with teak flooring, stone

bathroom fittings and textiles that reflect local culture. Meanwhile, chic custom furniture and state-of-the-art technology, including flat-screen TVs and surround sound systems, balance the design with modern flair.

The resort's Sea View rooms sprawl across 50 square metres of airy living space with fluffy king-size beds, huge outdoor rain showers, and inviting living room balconies equipped with rocking chairs and daybeds, ideal for basking in the sunset with a bottle of wine. Meanwhile, the Sea View XL rooms offer additional space for bathtubs, a double vanity, 50-inch LCD TVs and four-poster beds that guests can indulgently sink into after a fruitful day.

The exclusive beachfront rooms have been designed to literally bring the beach to its doorstep. The highlights of these rooms include a fronting cobblestone boardwalk: a window into island life, just steps away from the sand and sea. Who could ask for a more appropriate way to enjoy the magic of Samui?

