

Samui is one of the most popular island destinations in the world for weddings. And if you know the island it's easy to understand why. There's quite a number of beachside resorts who now specialize in hosting weddings, and one of the most successful is the highly-acclaimed *Six Senses Hideaway Samui*. It's set around a gently sloping headland on the north-eastern tip of the island amongst 20 acres of indigenous vegetation that ensures maximum privacy whilst offering uninterrupted, breathtaking panoramas of the Gulf of Siam and outlying islands.

Not only was the resort voted 'The Best in the World' by *Conde Nast Traveller* magazine in 2008, their *Dining on the Rocks* restaurant has received accolades and awards from all around the world. It's a place that International Wedding Planners, *Natalie Doherty* and *Anna Robinson*, of *Take us to Thailand* constantly recommend to their clients. "We love hosting weddings at Six Senses. Highlights are the spectacular sunset views for both ceremony and reception celebrations and creative, high quality food and beverage menus. Our wedding couples and their guests can't wait to return to Six Senses for their next holiday after visiting the property for our events. The spectacular infinity pool and luxurious day spa make it the idyllic honeymoon destination!"

Australians *Renee* and *Danny* were married there in September 2009 and had this to say, "Anna and Natalie's suggestion to hold our wedding at Six Senses Hideaway turned out to be one that we can't thank them enough for. The resort is absolutely amazing! The scenery is spectacular and the setting for both our ceremony and reception were breathtaking. The staff were so friendly and happy to accommodate all our requests. And the food – wow! It is no surprise to hear that 'Dining on the Rocks' was voted the best restaurant in Thailand this year."

The Six Senses' events team is more than happy to design any wedding to a couple's specific needs but it's also put together six special packages that can at least be a starting point. Three of these are 'Western Weddings' and three are 'Thai Weddings'. They do differ to some degree and it depends on what suits you best. Their first 'Western Wedding' package costs 85,000 baht and is for the ceremony only. On the day, there are four venues at the resort to choose from; On the Beach, Chill on the Hill, Spa Sala and Cool by the Pool. The cost includes tropical flower arrangements, hair and make-up for the bride, bridal bouquet and boutonhole for the groom, a professional photographer, a wedding cake, a wedding certificate from Six Senses and a bottle of Cuvee Rose Champagne.

Their second 'Western' package includes all of the above, plus three nights accommodation in a Pool Villa with breakfast, a personal butler to pick you up from the airport and a bottle of sparkling wine on arrival, and this costs 140,000 baht. And the final package has the additional benefits of a private discovery tour of the island, in-villa champagne breakfast and spa treatments, which bring the price up to 170,000 baht.

Should you prefer, you can opt for one of the traditional Thai ceremonies. Each of these packages is 10,000 baht more than the corresponding Western package; however, they include all of the aforementioned details plus a traditional Thai Long Drum Parade, a *Rot Naam Sang Ceremony* where holy water is poured over the hands of the bridal couple, a Buddhist Monk Blessing Ceremony and food offerings for the monks.

You can also add in further spa and beauty treatments, have your ceremony recorded by a videographer and have your very own personal butler and chef on hand 24 hours a day. For your evening reception there's a whole host of entertainment options, from a Human Puppet Show to a Sabai Drum Show, a Four Era Story Telling Show, Traditional Thai Dance Show, a Polynesian Dance Show, a Modern Dance Show, live musicians and DJs.

As for food options, well you really are spoiled. Executive Chef, *Mark Krueger*, and his team are exceptional and can provide anything your heart desires. The award-winning restaurant 'Dining on the Rocks', established its reputation and fame by offering 'New Asian Cuisine'. Raising the bar even higher, the latest innovation to come out of the kitchen is called 'Modern Interpretive Cuisine'. Tried and trusted original recipes are given a new slant in imaginative ways; so what you think you are getting is not that at all. Dishes are reconstructed to be both visually and

texturally appealing. Taste and a focus on fresh, wholesome, local ingredients are tantamount in importance. You can download their menus from the website (www.sixsenses.com) to get a flavour of some of their creations but Mark and his team are more than happy to arrange any kind of celebratory food that you wish whether that be canapés, a barbecue on the beach, regional Thai cuisine, seafood buffets or International favourites.

Architecturally, the restaurant is unique in that it consists of nine terraced decks of weathered teak and bamboo, combining open air and covered seating areas. And the view is an uninterrupted 270-degree panorama of the surrounding islands and ocean. Wine lovers will also be delighted to know that their wine cellar boasts the largest selection on Samui with around 300 different labels available, ranging from Bordeaux classics, such as Chateau Palmer and Chateau Mouton Rothschild, to New World favourites like Cloudy Bay from New Zealand and Cape Mentelle from Australia. You can also try a few wines you may not have seen before as they also stock wines from South Africa, Spain, Italy, Germany, Chile, Argentina, United States of America and Mexico.

Getting married is clearly a very special time in a couple's life and having the wedding at Six Senses Hideaway on this lovely tropical island just adds that truly magical touch to it. I really don't know what you're waiting for!

Johnny Paterson

For further information, telephone Six Senses Hideaway Samui on 0 7724 5678.



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Dreams really can come true, especially here on Samui at **Six Senses Hideaway**.

SAMUI DINING GUIDE RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS



Samui Dining Guide is a compilation of reviews of the island's most highly-recommended fine-dining restaurants, and is available free-of-charge at all the finest hotels, restaurants and spas. It can also be found at Bangkok Airways' departure lounge in Bangkok Airport.



Ad Hoc Beach Café

Italian & Mediterranean Cuisine
A charming beach restaurant set on expansive decking with panoramic views, serving quality cuisine. It's a great stopping off spot for lunch, too.

The restaurant is open for lunch from 12:00 pm till late (kitchen closes at 10:30 pm). For reservations and further information, telephone 0 7742 5380.

Bo Phut, between Fisherman's Village and Big Buddha



Au Café des Arts

French, International & Thai Cuisine
Chaweng's finest beachside French restaurant. Relaxed atmosphere capturing a tropical bistro feel, amidst some beautiful pieces of art.

The restaurant is open from 6:00 am until late (kitchen closes at 10:30 pm). For reservations and further information, telephone 0 7723 1169.

Chaweng Beach (North)



Baan Boran

Thai Cuisine
Unlike any other restaurant on Samui, this place offers wonderful food in a marvelous setting accompanied by spectacular traditional Thai 'puppet' entertainment.

Baan Boran is open from 6:30 pm until midnight. For reservations, transportation (free within the Lamai, Chaweng, Maenam area) and further information, telephone 0 7796 2001-5.

Chaweng (off the Chaweng Lake Road)

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