

Koh Samui, Surat Thani, Thailand

Thailand's laid-back island paradise — golden Buddhas, palm-fringed beaches, and one of the Gulf's most dazzling marine parks, all within a single shore day.

 Tender port (Nathon Pier)

 Typical call: 8–10 hrs

 Thai Baht (THB)

 Thai (English widely spoken in tourist areas)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Nathon Pier (~15–20 min ride)

Best For: Temples, beaches, ethical elephant encounters

Walk to Center: Immediate — Nathon town begins at the pier

Don't Miss: Big Buddha (Wat Phra Yai) and Ang Thong Marine Park

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  600–1,000 THB (~\$18–30 USD) ·  **Rideshare**  Grab, inDrive

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ang Thong National Marine Park** — Speed-boat day trip to a 42-island archipelago of limestone cliffs, emerald lagoons, and pristine reefs.
 - **Big Buddha & Wat Plai Laem Temple Tour** — Visit the iconic 12-meter golden Big Buddha (Wat Phra Yai) on its rocky causeway island, then walk to nearby Wat Plai...
- **Samui Elephant Sanctuary** — An award-winning ethical sanctuary where rescued elephants roam freely — no riding.
 - **Chaweng or Lamai Beach Day** — Koh Samui's two flagship beaches.
 - **Koh Tao Snorkel Day Trip** — Speed-boat to Koh Tao and Koh Nang Yuan — two of the Gulf's top dive destinations.

BEST WALKS

- **Nathon Pier Stroll** 15–20 min | Flat | Free — From the pier, walk north along the main street past souvenir stalls, local cafes, and 7-Elevens.
- **Bophut Fisherman's Village** Walk the village: 20 min | Flat | Free to wander — Taxi 30 min north to Bophut Beach, then walk the charming lane of preserved wooden Chinese shop-houses filled with art galleries...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	87°	80°	14d
Jun	87°	80°	16d
Aug	87°	79°	17d
Sep	85°	78°	20d
Oct	83°	77°	27d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:09AM–6:29PM · Jun 6:00AM–6:40PM · Aug 6:11AM–6:37PM · Sep 6:09AM–6:20PM · Oct 6:08AM–6:02PM

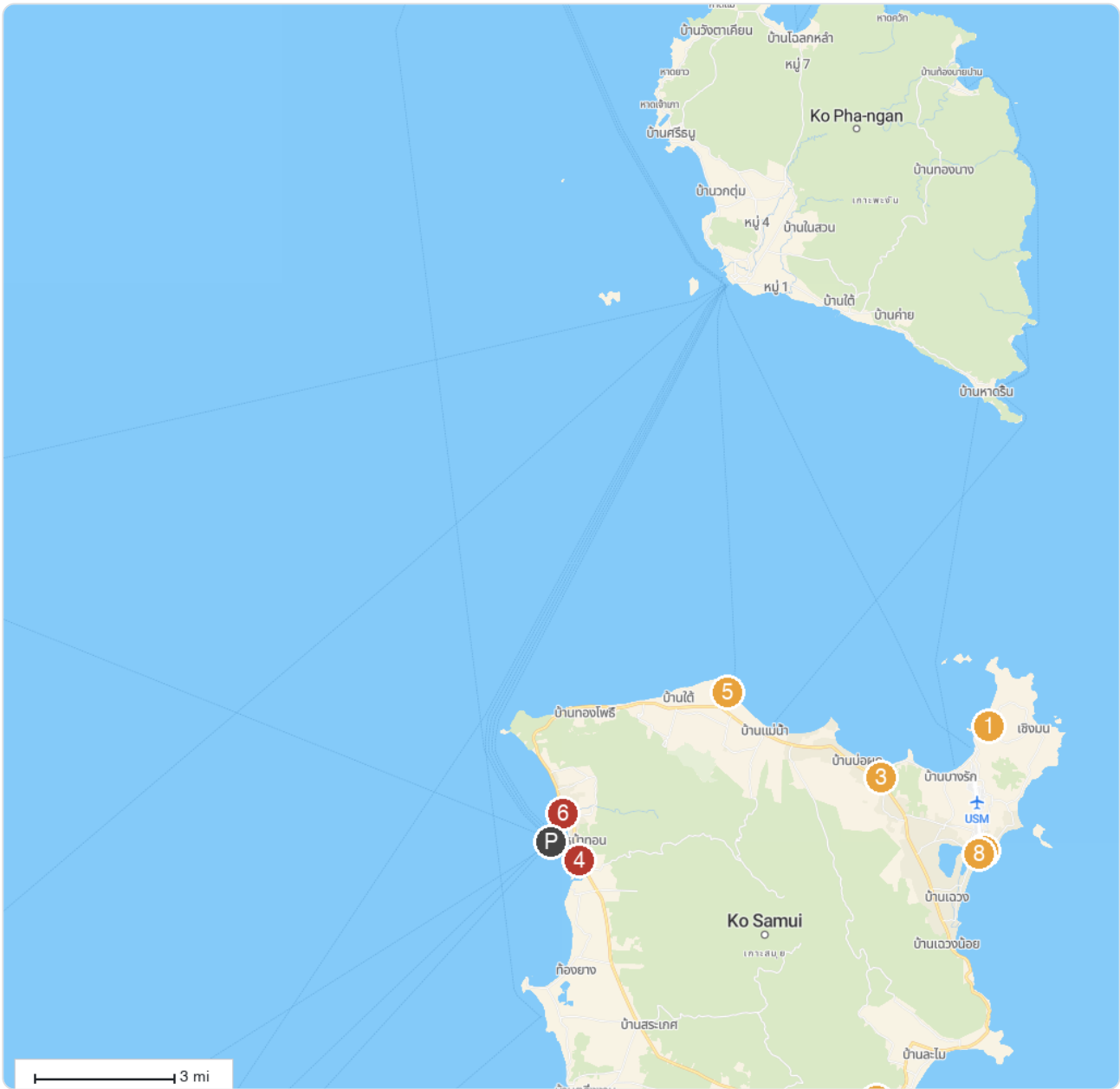
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry Thai Baht cash. Taxis, songthaews, street food stalls, and temple donations are cash-only. ATMs are steps from Nathon Pier. Avoid exchanging on the ship.
- Negotiate taxi fares upfront — or use Grab. Metered taxis are rare. Flat-rate fares to Chaweng run 800–1,000 THB each way. Download Grab or Bolt before arrival for transparent...
- Cover up for temples. Shoulders and knees must be covered at Wat Phra Yai and Wat Plai Laem. Pack a light sarong or scarf —

Koh Samui, Surat Thani, Thailand — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Wat Laem Suwannaram

A serene local Buddhist temple.
- 2

Chedi Phra That Sila Ngu

A golden seaside chedi with a snake legend.
- 3

Wat Bo Phuttharam

A temple housing a large reclining Buddha statue.
- 4

Wat Chaeng

A historic Buddhist temple with traditional architecture.
- 5

Wat Na Phra Lan

A peaceful local temple with intricate details.
- 6

Wat Si Thaweeep

A charming local temple known for its tranquility.
- 7

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A local tour agency for excursions.
- 8

Ice Bar Samui

A unique bar made entirely of ice.
- P

Cruise port / terminal