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Kata Rocks

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Sleek and contemporary, this boutique five-star hotel is an anomaly in its area and a marked departure from its part-Thai, part-Western competitors. Though portions of Phuket have been heavily commercialised, Kata Rocks sits in its own bubble of calm, built into the cliff face above the outcrop of Kata Rock itself and a strolling distance from the golden sands of Kata Beach. The outlook is jaw-dropping, with every villa, loft or penthouse offering a sweeping ocean vista. Our sky villa, like all of its neighbours, has its own private terrace and infinity pool, its crisp, white-on-white design giving the impression of a superyacht about to set sail across the shimmering Andaman Sea. Everything about the spacious interior is cool, calm and high-spec: an open plan kitchen and living area come complete with state-of-the-art single touch control lighting and sound system, while a cosy bedroom opens into a gleaming en suite bathroom with a roomy tub and walk-in shower.

Outside, the hotel's grounds are characterised by undulating pathways, mirroring the steep inclines and sudden crevices of the cliff and flanked by immaculately maintained patches of greenery. If you don't fancy walking, your personal concierge can arrange for a golf buggy to ferry you around. Don't miss the eight room Infinite Luxury spa, where Thai wellness principles are combined with the latest spa technology, such as water massage beds and sleeping pods. By night, both the pool bar and restaurant boast spectacular sunsets, best enjoyed with a lycheetini laced with palm sugar. But if you can, book the lobster in-villa dining experience: locally sourced, market-fresh lobster, cooked by your own personal chef and served on your terrace, looking out at boats winking against the night sky. *Sky villa, £1,402 per night*

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