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Kata Rocks (by Infinite Luxury) Phuket, Thailand

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Kata Rocks combines the luxury and service of a five-star hotel with the space of a modern villa.

Seamlessly blending concierge-style service with a truly world class location, this sumptuous retreat has, since its 2014 launch, already bagged an impressive 50 international luxury awards.

The Thai hideaway, on a private estate with Ibiza-style décor, is an emblem of design-led luxury. Set directly on the oceanfront at the southern end of the famous Kata Beach, it's minutes away from many of Phuket's most popular spots.

Kata Rocks flaunts its brilliantly white Sky Pool Villas of one to four bedrooms, each equipped with a private infinity pool, expansive living and dining area, and beautifully created bedrooms and bathrooms. Guests often enjoy the sea view from their residence, cocktail in hand, as yachts sail past on the brilliantly blue Andaman Sea.

This most exquisite of resorts is the flagship property of Infinite Luxury, a hospitality management company which owns and operates

the hotel's 34 villas, all with access to 'rock star service' from its 220-strong staff – 94 per cent of whom are local Thais.

With this in mind, guests can completely relax in the Sky Pool Villa Penthouse, the very pinnacle of luxury life in Phuket. This 460 square metre setting features versatile indoor and outdoor living areas with expansive terrace, dining sala with outdoor barbecue and bar, a 14-metre infinity pool with swim-up bar, two identical master bedrooms with private terraces and outdoor Jacuzzis, a third bedroom with ocean view, and two other en-suite bedrooms.

To satisfy guests who want the best of everything, Kata Rocks has fine-tuned the finest facilities, amenities and exemplary service, combined with the intimate feel of a private pool villa. These include Kata Rocks Clubhouse restaurant and trendy Sunset Bar, The Wine Cellar, the award-winning Infinite Luxury Spa and wellness centre (with detox programmes, high-tech fitness centre, infrared sauna and

steam room), lounge and library, fashionable retail boutique, plus Kids' Club and Day Care Centre.

The resort also hosts the Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous (KRSR) each December. Taking place after the illustrious Phuket King's Cup Regatta; the three-day, invitation-only event welcomes leading luxury yachting brands, prestigious shipyards and the most respected brokerage houses. Attracting the crème de la crème of the yachting world, it has helped establish Phuket as the region's superyacht playground.

Kata Rocks recently launched a service that allows guests to book their yacht charter in a few clicks. The katarocks-yachtcharter.com website further strengthens the brand's position as a superyacht player in Asia. In fact, the visual effect of the resort itself is of a superyacht, breaking away from the coast and diving into the Andaman. Kata Rocks is not just 'next' to the sea – but directly on it, while echoing the ocean's twin senses of freedom and calm.

The Legian Seminyak Bali

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Built over 20 years ago, Bali hotel The Legian Seminyak is one of the island's most iconic and best-loved hotels. It offers an unparalleled elevated location on one of Bali's top beaches, with a superb choice of 67 sea-facing suites, spectacular Beach House and 14 private pool villas at The Club, complete with private pools, lounge areas and personal butlers. Gastronomic guests can indulge at fine dining eatery The Restaurant for Asian cuisine, or enjoy light entrees and refreshing cocktails at The Lobby Lounge and The Pool and Ocean Champagne Bar. The hotel is also home to an exquisite fitness suite and spa, which recently launched a new wellness concept, offering a wide range of treatments using products by ila and HOMMAGE.

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