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A taste of luxury at Kata Rocks

On what seems like the very edge of Phuket, draped over a cliff with unbeatable views of the ocean, Kata Rocks is pure fantasy. Arriving at the hotel, we have high hopes that the stay will be special; hopes that soon prove to be correct.

Kata Rocks is sprawled across the sea-facing hills of the area known as Kata. Consequently, all of the suites, villas and public



Some of the best views in fact can be had from the hotel's stunning 35m infinity pool. We enjoy these while sipping lazily on sparkling water and leaning against the very edge. With eyes full of that gorgeous ocean view, we spot the occasional yacht and witness some of the most beautiful sunsets.





As we settle in and explore Kata Rocks, we find a picture-perfect aspect of the hotel from the rocks underneath it. The white pavilions of its villas dot the landscape, in what seems like a series of sail-like formations.

Although the clean lines and white architecture of the hotel are both evocative of the Mediterranean, the service, climate and landscape are distinctly Thai.



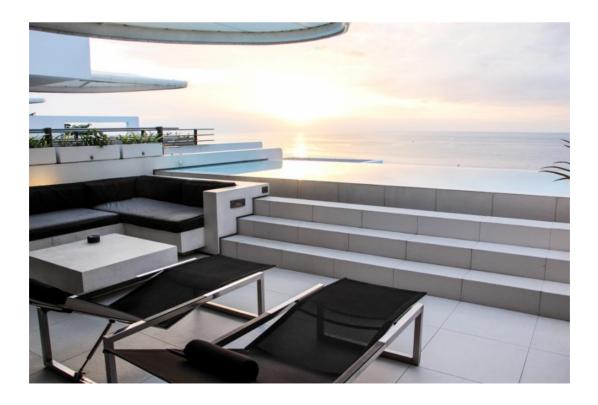
The Location

The journey from Phuket airport to Kata Rocks takes around an hour. We opt for the hotel's transfer service, which can only be described as pure indulgence. We ease our way through the streets in our luxuriously converted van, upholstered in buttery leather and full of snacks! In fact, the ride transforms the hour long journey into an extension of the hotel experience itself.

As well as having a great view, Kata Rocks is also located minutes from soft-sanded public beaches. In addition to the beach and various water sports, the streets are full of shops and restaurants.

The Room – One bedroom Sky Villa at Kata Rocks

Kata Rocks is made up of 43 one to four bedroom apartment-like 'sky villas' that are perched on the hillside. Each has its own outdoor terrace with private infinity pool, and breath-taking sea views.



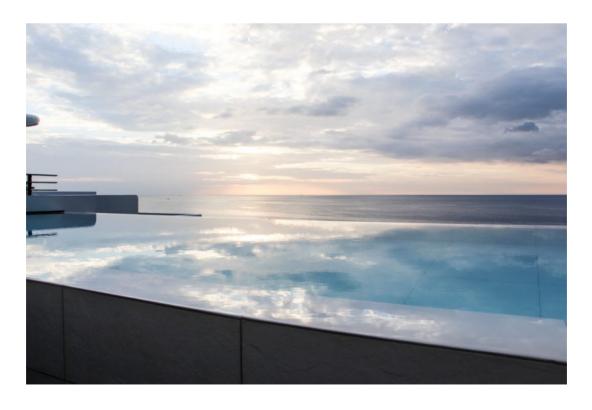


Our 1 bedroom accommodation occupies a spacious 175 square metre, and is a villa in itself. We have a bedroom, kitchen and living area, two bathrooms and a brilliant terrace.



The best feature however is our 7m long private infinity pool...







The fully-fitted kitchen comes equipped with a washing machine, electric stove, dishwasher, microwave, and a full-sized fridge (packed with goodies).

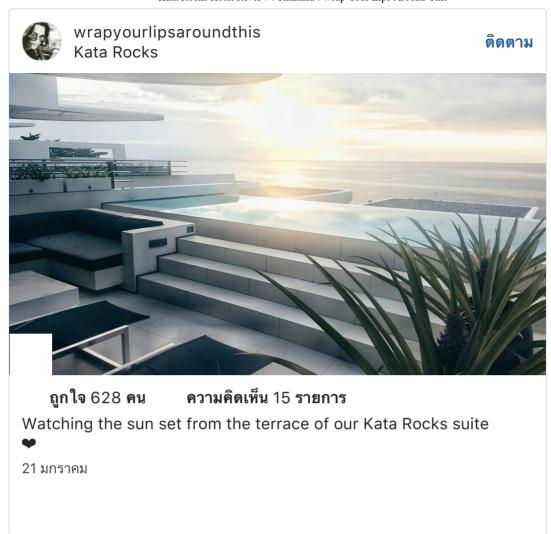




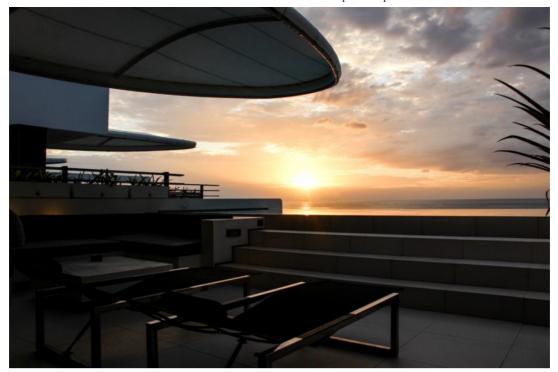




Hi-tech gadgets extend the overall feeling of comfort, and enable us to control the ambiance of every area. There are various settings for mood lighting and area-specific temperature control. A smart sound system is also available, enabling us to play music from our phones in any of the areas. This also includes the outdoors terrace and pool. Believe me when I say, I make myself completely at home;)



Although I'm not one to linger in a hotel room, at Kata Rocks I never want to leave the luxury of the suite. Indeed, the hotel is one of the best things about the area. I don't mind admitting to spending most of the stay taking turns between lounging on the terrace and private pool, or eating at the hotel restaurant.



Oceanfront Eating & Drinking at Kata Rocks

Lychee smoothies beckon from the oceanfront buffet at breakfast. Dragon fruit glistens and banana bread wafts its fragrance on the tropical air. There are cloches that, when lifted, reveal platters of smoked salmon, cheese, croissants and pain au chocolate beside jars of jams and honey.



So begins a morning at Kata Rocks, where guests enjoy breakfast from a part buffet and part a la carte menu. After tasting the buffet treats we range the a la carte menu, choosing fluffy omelettes one day, and lobster Benedict the next.













Later, at lunch, we try out the Thai side of the menu with fistsized prawns and stir fried blue swimmer crab – both, incredible.











At dinner we explore the Mediterranean side of the menu with a deeply fragrant wild mushroom soup, topped with a truffle emulsion. We ask for the recipe but, with a wink and a nod, are told that it's top secret. Afterwards we enjoy the charms of a Wagyu beef fillet with foie gras, whilst witnessing a beautifully picturesque storm rage on the horizon.



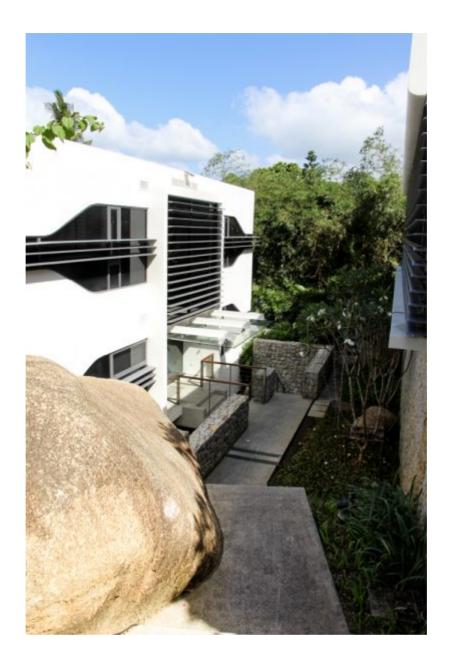


A little bit extra...

Although the sloping site of Kata Rocks ensures every room has its own view, it also means that pathways between the sky villas and common areas are steep. Not to worry though – luxury does not demand a hike. As such, the staff-driven hotel buggies are the preferred mode of transport when moving around the premises.



area, so definitely ask for any available slots.



Best time to visit

The best time to visit Phuket is between November and April as these months typically have the least rainfall. Temperatures are also at their most comfortable.

Have you been to Kata Rocks? Where is your favourite place to stay in Phuket? Feel free to ask any questions or let me know any tips in the comments section!

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In the interest of full disclosure please be advised that the accommodation was provided on a complimentary basis. With thanks to Kata Rocks for having us in.

