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LAGUNA PHUKET PRODUCT UPDATE

Banyan Tree Phuket New Double Pool Villa

The Banyan Tree Phuket unveils its latest innovation, the Double Pool Villa. To be launched in July 2006, 22 Double Pool Villas featuring 13-metre long private infinity pools will be built along and into the lagoon that runs through the property. Each spacious villa has a large exclusive and private compound, surrounded by a lush tropical garden. The living area, bedroom and bathroom feature full-length glass windows, with the bedroom's glass doors allowing direct access into the wading pool surrounding the "floating" bedroom. Rates will start from US\$2,100++ per night per villa.

Spa Ryokan

Banyan Tree has also introduced a special programme comprising a combination of spa treatments, dining delights and holistic yoga under one roof – the one-night Spa Ryokan programme. The experience is inspired by the classical Japanese inns called *ryokan*, which offer accommodation steeped in aesthetic, social and emotional principles of rustic purity and retreat. At Banyan Tree Phuket the Ryokan retreat takes place in a specially designed Spa Pavilion Villa, redolent with the scent of tropical incense and screened from worldly cares by a vibrant green garden.

The Ryokan retreat designed for couples starts at 6:30pm with a welcome foot bath followed by a signature Rainmist Tropical Shower offering a luxurious full-body scrub and body conditioning treatment before a 4-course spa cuisine dinner and a flower-petal bath. The next morning at 8:30am jumpstarts the day through a series of personalised yoga asanas (postures) before a healthy breakfast. Then, enjoy a facial treatment, foot massage and a signature full body massage in one decadent session conducted on side-by-side silk draped treatment beds. After the last treatment, guests are free to luxuriate with light refreshments, before packing and checking out.

Dusit Laguna Resort

The newly renovated and upgraded Recreation Centre of the Dusit Laguna Resort welcomes guests to utilize its new fully-equipped recreation facilities. The refurbishment includes a spacious Fitness Centre, Busy Bee Kids Club, arts & crafts room, Internet and PlayStation room, Library and DVD rentals facility and water sports centre. The centre also provides an extensive variety of exercise classes ranging from body and mind training, such as, Pilates to calorie burning courses and much more.

Dusit Laguna Resort also reopened two of the Island's better known restaurants: Casuarina Beach Restaurant & Bar and La Trattoria. The new Casuarina Restaurant & Bar, previously named Casuarina Hut, is an informal restaurant which is split into an outdoor area on the beach, a cosy lounge, and indoor air-conditioned dining and bar areas, while La Trattoria restaurant serves the finest Italian cuisine firmly rooted in the best Italian traditions, but delivered with a new twist.

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Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket

Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket recently announced the opening of two brand new additions to the resort's inventory of rooms: Golf Pool Villas (starting at US\$910) and Golf Pool Residences (Starting at US\$1075). Moreover, the resort has also unveiled 36 newly-renovated Lagoon Villas after a major enhancement project, with rates starting from US\$425++ per night. An estimated US\$10 million has been invested to renovate all guest rooms at the Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket.

Both the two-storey Golf Pool Villas (422 m² total space) and the one-storey and two-storey Golf Pool Residences (starting from 357 m² of total space) are fully furnished homes featuring extensive facilities with the added benefit of being fully-integrated with a five-star hotel. Situated within a minutes drive from the main hotel and within the Laguna Phuket complex, the Golf Villas and Residences are built adjacent to the 18-hole Laguna Phuket Golf Course. Alongside the Golf Villa's private swimming pool is a garden terrace with Thai Sala and covered parking for two vehicles. Similar to the Golf Villas, the Residences offer a total of three bedrooms which are available together with en-suite bathrooms. Adjacent to the spacious living area is a dining room and a kitchen, fully stocked with modern appliances and utensils.

The 36 renovated two-storey one-bedroom Lagoon Villas, built on stilts directly above the lagoon, offer a spacious living area on the first floor which now features white marble flooring and new furnishings in vividly-contrasting dark and light colours. Both bedroom and living area open out onto spacious balconies with the lower level featuring sun-loungers and access to a private boat jetty allowing for personalized check-in by boat. A key feature of the large upper-floor bathroom is an open-air rain shower and Jacuzzi bath.

The resort has also added 45 brand new Grande Rooms to its inventory bringing the resort's total number of rooms and villas to 407. These rooms, located in the hotel's new North Wing, boast a panoramic lagoon view and private balconies featuring a modern black, red and gold colour scheme decoration. The highlights are glass bathroom walls, full-length mirror cabinets, terracotta tiles and mirrored head boards.

Laguna Wedding Chapel

The Laguna Wedding Chapel, managed by South Pacific Bridal (SPB Thailand), began its operations in 2005. The Thai-styled chapel is flooded by natural sunlight, with the chapel's side walls comprising sliding glass doors that can be opened for an *al fresco* ambience or closed to enjoy air-conditioned comfort. With its lofty ceiling, glass walls, watery backdrop, lush tropical gardens, and nearby beach, the Chapel offers a variety of memorable photo opportunities. Two private boat jetties allow arrival to the reception area and departure after the celebration from the chapel deck, providing access to the chapel by boat as a special touch. SPB Thailand opened a bridal showroom at Canal Village in the first quarter of 2005.

Note to the Editor

Laguna Phuket is Asia's finest destination resort comprising five deluxe hotels: Banyan Tree Phuket, Dusit Laguna Resort, Laguna Beach Resort, Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket and Allamanda Laguna Phuket, which all share 600 acres of tropical parkland and three kilometres of beach frontage with the Laguna Phuket Golf Club, Canal Shopping Village, Banyan Tree Spa, four Angsana Spas, Laguna Wedding Chapel and Quest Laguna Phuket Adventure, a leading corporate training and outdoor recreation facility.