



# Life & TIMES

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Insights INTO THE WORLD OF ASIA'S Barefoot Luxury Pioneer

## LIVE THE CITY, LOVE THE BEACH *two new destinations by akyra Hotels and Resorts*

●● “RIGHT ON cue for the high season in Thailand, *akyra* Hotels & Resorts is building on the success of its much instagrammed and unrelentingly popular five star all-suite luxury hotel, *akyra* Manor Chiang Mai, to offer guests two more distinctive, reliable experiences – one in the heart of the Thai capital, the other right next to the soft sands of one of the Kingdom's best beaches.



*akyra* Thonglor launches in December 2016 in Bangkok's hippest neighbourhood, Thonglor, a cosmopolitan area of the city known for its cool coffee shops, designer fashion outlets, bespoke retail offerings and experimental dining and nightlife experiences. The newest property for the *akyra* brand, this chic urban retreat repositions a former collection of serviced apartments to offer discerning city guests a cool combination of designer luxury and edgy contemporary flair that feels like staying in a downtown art gallery.

Thanks to its former manifestation, *akyra* Thonglor Bangkok boasts generous rooms and suites that provide a true sense of “living in the city”, enhanced by a full line-up of top class facilities and services that includes an executive lounge with sparkling city views, a plush executive lounge, a choice of bright, airy meeting and function spaces, a fully equipped fitness centre that's open 24/7 and which offers the perfect place to relax and rejuvenate after work or play.

If you prefer to kick off your shoes and hit the beach, The *akyra* Beach Club Phuket is open and welcoming guests to a sophisticated new oceanside resort and venue on spectacular Natai beach in Phang-Nga. Situated on Thailand's sunset facing shore with unforgettable Andaman seascape views, the resort's location is a world away from the well-trodden beaches of Phuket. The unspoiled coastline stretches as far as the eye can see, and the resort sits comfortably between million dollar private homes and local fishing communities.

Custom designed to lift the spirit and calm the soul, The *akyra* Beach Club Phuket offers 59 luxurious rooms, suites, and unique villas with generous living spaces, branded amenities and a profusion of high-end inclusions. Leading edge facilities include a beach spa and fully equipped gym – all just steps from Thailand's inspiring Andaman seashore.

The resort's integrated Beach Club offers guests a choice of refined

waterfront dining options as they recline in cushioned cabanas or laze on luxury loungers surrounding an enticing beachfront pool. The venue also hosts exceptional daytime and evening events, romantic weddings, regular theme parties and a sensational Sunday Brunch that sets a new benchmark for foodies, mates escaping to paradise and beach believers.

“In many ways the atmosphere is akin to the coolest summer festival by the beach. It's just a different kind of playground,” says AKARYN Hotel Group's founder and managing director Anchalika Kijkanakorn. “The vision is less about unabashed hedonism, more about the epicurean lifestyle which

features in all our resorts. Good food, good tunes, good vibes with extraordinary people enjoying the good things in life – and looking fabulous while doing it. That's what we are all about.”

*akyra* Beach Club Phuket's breezy beachside bar and open kitchen offers a menu of top notch comfort cuisine including fresh seafood specialties and perfect pizzas from a wood-fired oven, complemented by top shelf beverages. A resident DJ and regular star performers entertain guests throughout the day, with live music and fabulous dance performances from around the globe adding to the good vibes. The Upper Deck serves up panoramic sea views from a choice

of indoor and al fresco dining spots to enhance a range of culinary pleasures that starts with a delightful breakfast buffet and proceeds through the day with a selection of dining options. The entire floor is also available for exceptional private experiences and exclusive events making *akyra* Beach Club Phuket the ideal location for signature celebrations and beachfront weddings.

Whether it's an upscale urban break in the heart of Bangkok, or an all inclusive escape to an Andaman ocean paradise, *akyra* Thonglor Bangkok and The *akyra* Beach Club Phuket tick all the boxes when it comes to innovative luxury and creative hospitality in a tropical oceanside location.



“OFFERING GUESTS TWO MORE DISTINCTIVE, RELISHABLE EXPERIENCES”

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## A Few Words From Our Leader

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS

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●● **LIFE HAS ITS EBBS AND FLOWS**, its ups and downs. It is the same for everyone. For me it is all about staying positive, looking for opportunities to grow – not just the business we are in but personally too. To be more fulfilled, we also need to give back.

We have been fortunate enough to entwine growth and giving over the last few months as we unveil our two latest projects, one in the capital of Laos, The President by AKARYN Vientiane and the *akyra* Beach Club Phuket a few paces along the beach down from our existing resort Aleenta Phuket-Phang Nga.



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Both are quite different. The President by AKARYN is a 30-all suite elegant boutique hotel, steeped in history and located right next to the Presidential palace, overlooking the Mekong River. *akyra* Beach Club Phuket is free-flow freedom, un-bridled, on the beach, with an infinity pool, pool villas, great food and happy vibes. What bonds them is the sense of passion with which they have been created and the communities in which they operate.

The fishing community next to *akyra* Beach Club Phuket is central to the seafood we sell, and we support them by purchasing their best catches of the day, the grass amphitheatre we have built in the grounds of The President by AKARYN will showcase Lao performing arts as we encourage the learning of ancient cultural art forms.

The President by AKARYN has also been selected by the United Nations-led ASIA Geographical Indication (GI) programme as their main partner and we will give back to local communities through sustainable sources of local income to promote sustainable living and tourism.



It is the spirit of giving that also binds together our other resorts in Hua Hin and Chiang Mai – where we run a community farm and local art projects. The next step will be to bring our passion and belief to Bangkok with the exciting launch of *akyra* Thonglor Bangkok, our first property in the Thai capital.

Our integrity is what drives us and I hope you are able to feel this in your experience with us, whichever location you choose.

Find out more about these stories inside this, the fifth issue of Life & Times.

### MORE VOICES FROM THE AHG TEAM



“Our commitment is to deliver luxury services in an extraordinary location with warm Laotian hospitality”

**CHRIS ADAM**

General Manager, President by AKARYN, Vientiane, Laos



“When guests truly understand our passion and philosophy, they become our best brand ambassadors”

**PATTANA WAITHAYANON**

Senior Director of Sales, AKARYN Hotel Group



“At Italics we already offer something special – my goal is to make it extra special”

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# UNIQUE DISCOVERIES

Experience the best of Thailand while enjoying extra special rates

●● FOR TRAVELLERS keen to delve a little more deeply into their chosen destination and gain a better understanding of Thailand's enduring appeal, AKARYN Hotel Group has come up with the perfect package – one that encourages guests to discover more while enjoying our signature services every step of the way.

The Discover Thailand Offer showcases the Kingdom's most beautiful locations and actually rewards travellers for their desire to discover. Relax on the beautiful beach that fronts Aleenta Phuket – Phang Nga Resort & Spa, indulge in Aleenta Hua Hin – Pranburi Resort & Spa's delicious organic fare or explore the underground art scene in Chiang Mai while staying at the northern capital's coolest design hotel, *akyra* Manor Chiang Mai.

Choosing just two of these hotels for a minimum of two nights each will get you complimentary breakfast every morning and an impressive discount of 40% on the entire stay. You'll be rewarded with a whopping 50% off if you book all three resorts for two nights each.

To help you plan your trip and get the most out of each location we are also offering a choice of signature experiences at special discounted rates. These include spa treatments, cooking classes, photography tours and culture trips – airport transfers are also part of the deal.



*akyra* MANOR CHIANG MAI



ALEENTA HUA HIN



*akyra* BEACH CLUB PHUKET



ALEENTA PHUKET



“*The Discover Thailand Offer rewards travellers for their desire to discover*,”

It's important to us that you have an awesome experience at AKARYN Hotels & Resorts so we are also offering one free activity at each of the properties in the package that reflects our unique style.

At Aleenta Phuket – Phang Nga Resort & Spa you can enjoy a selection of free daily wellness activities, at Aleenta Hua Hin – Pranburi

Resort & Spa we'll take you on a tour of our organic farm and during your stay at the *akyra* Manor Chiang Mai you can use bicycles for free to explore the city's historical streets.

If your spirit of adventure is calling, pack your bags and start the discovery. We are ready to ensure that you enjoy unforgettable experiences in Thailand's most beautiful destinations.

## Learn to go with the flow

*The rich traditions of yoga translated for modern lifestyles*



philosophies with cutting-edge approaches and treatments based on the four pillars of Weight Optimisation, Anti-Aging, Mind Balance and Detoxification,” said Anchalika Kijkanakorn, Founder and Managing Director of AKARYN Hotel Group. “This is mirrored by Patricia's free-spirited, yet body conscious style.”

Inigorating morning and restorative evening yoga classes are cooled by the gentle sea breeze and daily meditation classes help participants focus on these, inspired the serenity of the untouched white sandy beach. During the day, guests can choose to continue this transformative process at the Ayurah Wellness Centre where an extensive series of effective treatments can be undertaken, from integrative detoxifying massage and oxygen therapy, to nano skin cell extracts and Linda Meredith Haute Couture facials, the latter embracing the very latest technology to bring dramatic results based on addressing individual issues.

Patricia will also be offering additional workshops to provide deeper insight into the philosophy of Spirit Yoga, as well as teaching approaches to self-development that enrich daily life. With the support of Patricia and the expert team of therapists and trainers at Ayurah Wellness Centre, Spirit Yoga participants will leave Natai Beach with renewed vigour and lust for living.

A seven-night Spirit Yoga retreat at the Aleenta Phuket Resort & Spa or *akyra* Beach Club Phuket starts from THB 57,700 per person, with programmes starting on the 7th January, 1st March and 1st April 2017, respectively.

●● ALEENTA PHUKET RESORT & SPA AND *akyra* BEACH CLUB PHUKET have launched a new contemporary wellness break for 2017, enabling guests to embrace a transformative approach to recharging their lives.

“*Renewed vigour and lust for living*”

Working with the founder of a revolutionary yoga programme in Germany, a series of seven night retreats by the pristine setting of Natai Beach, situated just 20 minutes north of Phuket International Airport, will leave guests revitalised and rejuvenated.

Guided by the theme “Recharge Your Life”, each retreat will be led by Patricia Thielemann, a renowned yoga master recognised globally for shaping an identity for modern yoga with her Spirit Yoga programmes. “Our ‘wellness that works’ philosophy combines the best of traditional

### TOP OF THE TRIPS



AKARYN HOTEL GROUP is proud to announce that four of its properties: Aleenta Phuket – Phang Nga Resort & Spa, Aleenta Hua Hin – Pranburi Resort & Spa and *akyra* Manor Chiang Mai received the TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence, 2016. Now in its sixth year, the certificate recognises hospitality businesses that have earned great traveller reviews over the past 12 months. Visit one or all of our resorts to see what all the praise is about.



# Home Grown Wellness

*Organic farm-to-spa treatments promote holistic health*

●● **AT ALEENTA HUA HIN-PRANBURI'S AYURAH SPA** the idea of using fresh organic wellness products is taken to the next level in order to offer guests a unique wellness concept that will appeal to even the most discerning spa-goer.

Natural ingredients such as ginger, lemongrass and mint are grown on the spa's own 25-acre farm and used for treatments such as scrubs, wraps and massage therapies. They are picked fresh and immediately used to prepare the necessary spa products for each guest based on their personal needs and aromatherapy selections.

In addition to being an important ingredient in Thai cuisine, ginger can also play a central role in a soothing aromatherapy massage. Warm, spicy and invigorating, ginger oil is found in the root of the plant and has been valued for thousands of years for its medicinal properties. The oil is said to relieve aches and pains, which is perfect after a long haul flight, and its warming qualities are also thought to address digestive problems.

Another key ingredient in many Thai dishes is lemongrass, which is well known for its healing properties. Lemongrass helps relieve pain in muscles and joints, as well as headaches. Its stimulating scent also helps boost your spirits if you're feeling a little low, so even if you don't use lemongrass as a massage oil you can try popping a couple of drops into your green tea in the morning. The flavour is somewhat sweeter than that of a regular lemon, so your brew is guaranteed to taste great.

Though less popular in food, ylang ylang is a firm favourite amongst wellness seekers who indulge regularly in aromatherapy massage treatments. Unlike the more invigorating essential oils like lemongrass and ginger, ylang ylang has a wonderfully soothing effect and is therefore a top choice if you are looking to de-stress. This powerful plant also aids hypertension (high blood pressure) and helps relieve negative emotions. The calming properties of the ylang ylang oil are also great for helping you sleep.



At Ayurah Spa, traditional Asian spa treatments are offered with the added benefits of a luxurious yet natural environment right by the ocean. Highly trained therapists use locally grown ingredients known for their beneficial properties. All of which adds up to an indulgent yet essential sense of well being.

The Aleenta Hua Hin farm also produces enough organic fruit and vegetables to meet 87% of guests' requirements at the resort. The constant availability of these fresh, health-giving ingredients has inspired

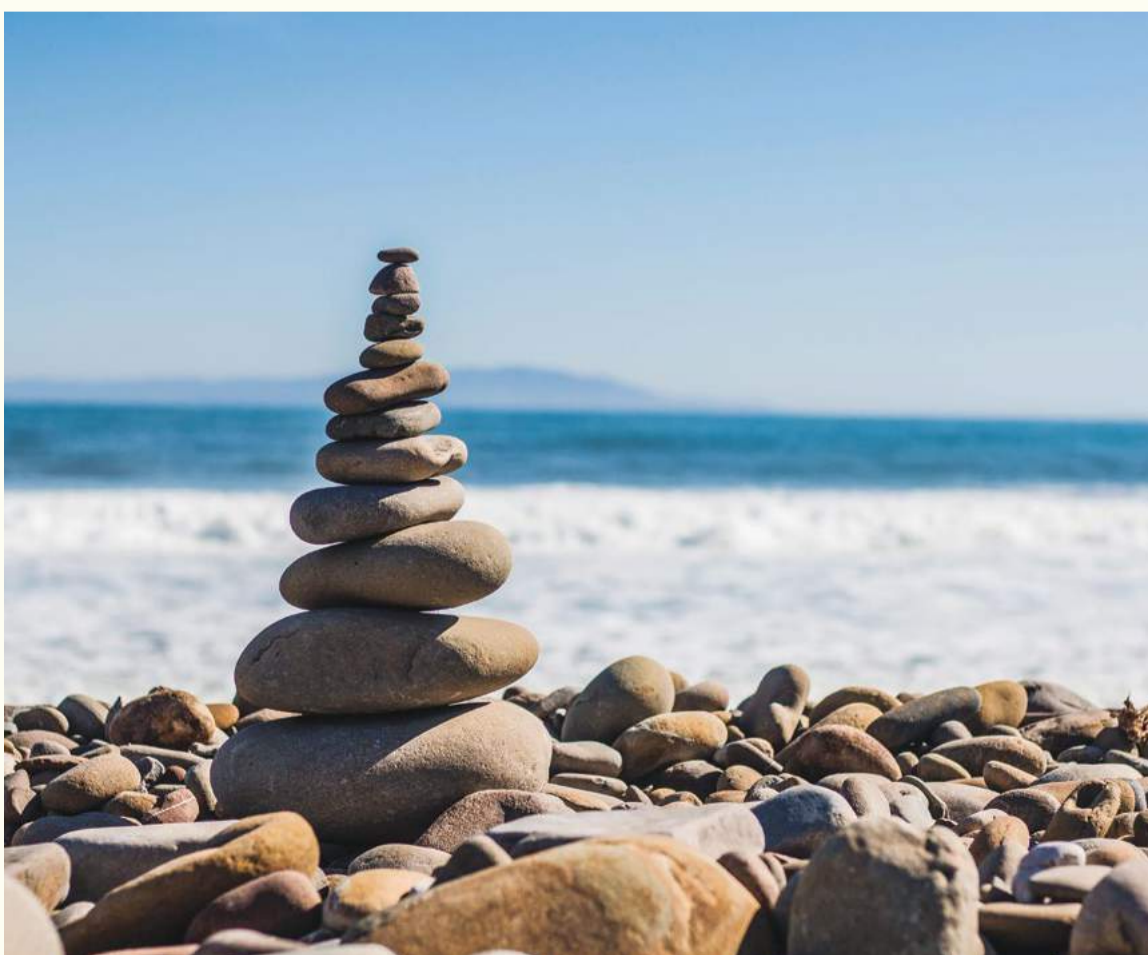
the chef, to create a simple yet delicious range of raw food dishes that enhance the spa experience.

The spa dishes are all prepared using home-grown fruit and veggies, providing guests with a strong and healthy connection to the natural surroundings. The "Raw on the Lawn" delights offer nutritious and flavourful dishes that perfectly complement the body and mind programmes at Ayurah Spa, where Aleenta's core philosophy of "Eat Well, Live Well, Be Well, Look Good" informs all the treatments and services on offer.

Featuring just 23 unique residences, many with private pools, Aleenta Hua Hin-Pranburi Resort and Spa is designed as a place to relax and release. Guests are cocooned from the stresses of the outside world and the spa treatments on offer are based on the four pillars of Ayurah Wellness: Weight Optimisation, Anti-Aging, Mind Balance and Detoxification, recognising that personal wellness should nurture the body, mind and spirit, while also raising consciousness through meditation and a relaxed approach to healthy living.



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*Ingredients  
are grown at  
the resort's own  
25-acre farm*  
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## Spa on the Road

*Enjoy relaxing treatments on the journey to Aleenta Hua Hin-Pranburi Resort and Spa*

●● **ALEENTA HUA HIN-PRANBURI** recently introduced an original concept to guarantee that your stay feels truly magical from the moment you set foot in Thailand.

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*Relaxation begins  
the moment you leave  
the airport*  
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Guests that want to arrive at the resort feeling relaxed, refreshed, and ready to enjoy its breathtaking oceanside beauty can choose to indulge in a massage on the two-and-a-half-hour drive from Bangkok to Hua Hin.

Let our skilled therapists relieve the tensions caused by long-haul flights



and get your circulation back up to speed. Organic essential oils and treatment products produced from herbs grown on the resort's own organic farm, will leave you feeling re-energized and help you release the strain of travel.

On the trip to Aleenta's Hua Hin-Pranburi resort and spa, guest can also enjoy delicious fresh juices or a glass of bubbly to celebrate their great escape and set the mood for an unforgettable stay in paradise.



# GOOD TASTE TRAVELS FAST

*Aleenta knows how to cater to a wider audience*

●● **ALEENTA PHUKET RESORT AND SPA** recently launched a new outside catering service to introduce the chefs' delightful creations to the tables at events around Thailand. Aleenta's bespoke catering services can be adapted to suit a range of business or family events, and guests will be thrilled by the cuisine, which is a feast for the eyes as well as the palate.

Aleenta Phuket offers a one-stop food and beverage solution for events, taking care of everything from the planning to the post-party clean-up. The team handles the details so that all the host needs to do is focus on having a great time with their guests.

“*A one-stop food and beverage solution for special events*”

Whether you prefer spicy Asian dishes, thick Thai curries or classic western food, Aleenta's mobile kitchens offer the full gamut of gourmet delights. For hosts that want to make sure their guests are inspired, the chefs can work live cooking stations and Aleenta's mixologists will put on a mini-show just about every time they serve a drink.

For more information on this unique catering service check out the website [www.aleenta.com/phuket](http://www.aleenta.com/phuket) or email [rsvn.aph@aleenta.com](mailto:rsvn.aph@aleenta.com).



## Perfect Stays For Festive Days

*Exclusive celebrations in memorable locations*



●● **FESTIVE EVENTS AT AKARYN HOTELS AND RESORTS** A range of enticing tastes and diversions have been planned to toast the end of a successful year.

### Aleenta Phuket – Phang Nga Resort & Spa

Start the celebrations on Christmas Eve with an elaborate dinner buffet featuring diverse festive Christmas dishes from around the world (THB 4,100++ p.p) with a classic line-up of live entertainment including Christmas on Piano, The Best Christmas Carols of All Time and Evergreens of Love with a Touch of Christmas, performed by Ritchie Newton – perfect to get you in the festive mood. Gather with friends and family on **Christmas Day** over a jovial BBQ luncheon (TH 1,500++ p.p) plus special guest DJ, or enjoy an a la carte dinner featuring a selection of traditional Christmas favourites.

To end another year in style, Aleenta Phuket is putting on a lavish **New Year's Eve** dinner buffet (THB 6,100++) with specially crafted cocktails and a thrilling entertainment programme featuring a fantastic Evening with Elton John by Bert Neri, the Divas of Pop Live show with Edeliza Delos Santos, then Ritchie Newton returns with a Touch of Elvis before DJ Kingritch takes over with the best of the 60s, 70s & 80s to welcome the arrival of 2017.

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### Aleenta Hua Hin – Pranburi Resort & Spa

Celebrate **Christmas Eve** with a “Best of Thailand” buffet dinner, accompanied by modern Thai acoustic music and traditional Thai performances. The evening ends on a sweet note with a beach screening of “A Christmas Carol” with mulled wine and cookies. (THB 2,016 ++ p.p)

On **Christmas Day**, get into the giving spirit of the season with a visit to Mercy House Children's Home in Pranburi, where the Aleenta Hua Hin team will be handing out gifts and amenities to underprivileged children. The best gift is the smiles on children's faces as they see Santa arrive by motorbike.

On **New Year's Eve**, ring in the new at an all-out fun pyjama party and funky canapé-and-cocktail party on the sand complete with chill-out beds, premium canapés passed around all night, and candles mirroring the twinkles above. Midnight fireworks mark the arrival of the new year, followed by the launch of paper lanterns skywards to symbolically release the old (THB 5,555++ p.p, incl. midnight Champagne).

For more information visit: <http://www.aleenta.com/huahin> or email us at [fb.hhq@aleenta.com](mailto:fb.hhq@aleenta.com).

### akya Manor Chiang Mai

In the true spirit of Christmas, **akya** Manor is partnering with a local orphanage to have the kids join the Christmas Eve entertainment in a Christmas carols choir and Santa Claus escort. Guests will enjoy Christmas martinis & festive canapés at Rise bar, overlooking the iconic Doi Suthep Mountain, followed by a delicious a five-course dinner featuring Hokkaido scallop, smoked trout, cioppino with Andaman Sea tiger prawn, slow-baked lemon snow fish with Andaman blue crab, and an indulgent yule log for the holiday. Italics restaurant is celebrating the bounty

of the ocean this year by putting on a Seven Fishes traditional Italian Christmas menu (THB 2,500 net p.p). On the last night of the year, guests are invited to join the Jazz Night at Italics from 8 p.m. onwards, where international saxophonist Jimmy Rougerie will have you dancing on the rooftop under the fireworks that light up the Chiang Mai skyline.

For more information visit: <http://www.theakya.com/chiang-mai/> or email us at [fb.akmc@theakya.com](mailto:fb.akmc@theakya.com).

“*The best gift we can give this festive season*”

### New Festive Destinations

Looking for a new destination to celebrate the holidays? Final preparations are being tied up with ribbon at our two brand new properties.

At Akaryn Hotel Group's first property outside Thailand, **President by AKARYN** in Laos, Christmas celebrations begin on 24th December with delicious tapas and bubbles at the stylish President Bar (LAK 180,000 ++ p.p), before guests move either to The Diplomat for a lavish turkey and seafood barbecue buffet (LAK 600,000 ++ p.p) or La Boqueria for sumptuous six-course set menu (LAK 1,300,000 ++ p.p). To continue celebrations on the next day, guests can partake in a Christmas Sunday Brunch at The Diplomat where tasty international and local dishes, a carving station and many more treats will please every palate (LAK 600,000 ++ p.p). The evening of Christmas Day brings Oyster Night at The President Bar, where guests can indulge in delectable oysters, fresh seafood and a variety of fine Italian cold cuts (LAK 210,000 ++ p.p).

To end the year on an elegant note, The Diplomat and its garden will host a buffet featuring Asia's finest foods and sending guests on a culinary journey around the continent (LAK 600,000 ++ p.p). Next door at La Boqueria, guests can enjoy a seven-course gourmet set menu that was designed by the master chef to make this evening especially memorable. The fine dishes on offer include local and international specialties that will make guests want to linger in 2016 a little longer (LAK 1,500,000 ++ p.p). With a Countdown Party at the Republic Bar, 2016 will end with a bang and 2017 will be welcomed with a roaring celebration fuelled by gourmet bites (LAK 15,000 ++ per item).

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Last, but by no means least, the newest member of the akya family will host a selection of inspired celebrations on the Andaman seashore to fire-up the festive season right after the property's official launch. At **akya** Beach Club Phuket the fun and flavours will include a blue-themed evening of traditional Mediterranean dishes presented at a lavish

buffet on Christmas eve (THB 3,200++ p.p) and a jungle-themed party and sumptuous Sunday brunch on Christmas Day (THB 2,200++ per person). The eclectic line-up of festive musical delights includes performances by songstress Malika K from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan who blends local classical, ethnic music with modern Western and Asian influences, including Jazz, Lounge, Blues, Soul, House and Pop. Saxophonist Yu Ceo will add more swoon to the Christmas vibe then DJ Tazz will mix in a magic touch of chill, deep, soulful house music.

As one year becomes the next on 31 January, guests can indulge in a “best of” buffet including a Piccolo bottle of Moët for everyone (THB3,800++ p.p) then build up to the big 12 with star DJ Wii on the decks, who learned his art in top dance venues and at parties across Thailand, Myanmar and Australia. The deep house, soul and tech-house beats will get even more intense when Frank Nastro joins the party. Whenever the former percussionist with the popular U.S band, “JESTO FUNK” performs, the intensity of the music and lights transforms the night into one great tribal dance, and his rhythms are given a tropical edge courtesy of two fire twirling mermaids. To promote a fast recovery, New Year's Day will be marked with a brunch that includes plenty of healthy injections (THB 2,200++ p.p).

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The best gift we can get this festive season will be the smiles on our guests' faces – we look forward to celebrating with you.

**CELEBRATE THE GRAPE**

*Italics* **WINE NIGHT STAND**

6.00 - 9.00 pm.  
EVERY  
Wednesday

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●● Italics Bangkok, one of the capital's leading purveyors of Innovative Italian cuisine on Soi Ruamrudee is now hosting regular exclusive wine-tasting events featuring a variety of Old and New World vintage accompanied by complimentary tapas selections and a live DJ to add another sense to the pleasure of good taste. With a modern, fresh style, and a creative approach to fine cuisine, Italics and its recently appointed manager, Pierre Leuzy, are dedicated to the pairing of exquisite modern Italian flavours with warm, welcoming hospitality.



# BEST OF CHIANG MAI

*akyra Manor Chiang Mai offers tailored activities to enrich rich your stay*

●● **BOREDOM IS NOT AN OPTION** for guests at *akyra* Manor Chiang Mai, there are simply too many fascinating things to explore in and around the hotel. From a lively local art scene to beautiful temples and pristine mountain scenery, Chiang Mai has something for everyone and the resort has curated a list of experiences to help guests make the most of their stay.

## PACHYDERM PURSUITS

Becoming an “*Elephant Owner for a Day*” is a truly special experience that is only possible in Chiang Mai. You spend an entire day with these magnificent creatures, learning how to approach and communicate with “your” elephant, caring for him or her then trekking off together to explore hidden waterfalls and secret forest temples.

THB 5,500 Net/Person

## FLY LIKE A GIBBON

See the rainforest from a whole new perspective as you explore the tree tops via a series of zip-lines. Enjoy the lush green vistas as you “fly” you go from station to station high above the ground and learn about the unique eco-system that surrounds you. This full-day activity is action-packed, fun and safe for the entire family.

THB 3,999 Net/Person

## PEDAL POWER

Hop on a bicycle and cruise around the streets of Chiang Mai accompanied by a knowledgeable “guide on two wheels” to explore new places and delve into the secret corners of the city. Discover new areas and enjoy the cool breeze while cycling over bridges, past gardens and down narrow alleys. A positive side-effect is that you’ll have extra appetite for Chiang Mai’s delicious cuisine after all this exercise.

THB 1,200 Net/Person/Half day

THB 2,200 Net/Person/Full day

## STRETCH & TONE

Relax and re-energize with one of our mindful yoga classes. Leave stress behind, embrace your inner peace and get up from the mat feeling rested and restored. If you’re in the mood for



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Enjoy a hand-picked  
selection of memorable  
experiences  
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something more energetic, hop into the pool and join one of our fun water aerobics classes. Even if you don’t want to lose weight, they are great to work up an appetite for dinner or spice up a lazy afternoon.

THB 1,488 Net/Person/Hour

## CAST A LINE

Get out into nature and breathe in the beauty, glide to the centre of a serene lake surrounded by tropical forests and come home with a tale of

your first big catch in Thailand. Whether you’re already experienced with a rod or trying your hand at fishing for the first time, with the help of a skilled local instructor you can either learn or improve your technique while floating in the best spot to catch your lunch and dinner.

THB 1,600 Net/Person/Half day

THB 1,900 Net/Person/Full day

## REACH FOR THE PEAK

Climb Thailand’s highest peak, Doi Inthanon, and take in the spectacular views from 2,500 metres up. The mountain is a cool spot to escape the Chiang Mai heat and an rewarding adventure for those ready to follow a winding path through seemingly impenetrable jungle. You should leave early so that once you reach the peak there’s time to reward yourself with a

break and absorb the stunning panoramas.

THB 3,300 Net/Person (2-3 persons max.)

## SPIRIT IN THE SKY

Discover one of Thailand’s most historical and religiously significant temples, Wat Phra That Doi Suthep. Every day, Thais and foreigners head for this special place of reverence to experience its sense of spirituality. The beautiful shrines and gleaming Buddha statues create an atmosphere of total serenity with views over the city adding to the uplifting experience.

THB 1,400 Net/Person (2-3 persons max.)

For more information about our engaging activities check out our website at <http://www.theakya.com/chiang-mai/activities/memorable-experiences/> or email us at [rsvn.akmc@theakya.com](mailto:rsvn.akmc@theakya.com)

## Three exhibitions in one

*The fine art of living on display at akyra Manor Chang Mai*



●● *akyra* Manor Chiang Mai is hosting a three month exhibition of paintings, handicrafts and green products for the home, from November 2016 through February 2017. All of the pieces and products were created by local Chiang Mai artists and craftspeople and offer a fascinating insight into Chiang Mai’s sophisticated artistic community – not to mention great gifts to take home.

**Vichit Chaiwong** – an artist made in Chiang Mai  
Born in Chiang Mai, Khun Vichit is an accomplished artist whose two keen interests include the Poy Sang Long novice monks ordination of the Shan people, and the colourful natural beauty of Chiang Mai in different seasons. These interests are beautifully featured in his own selection of 11 artworks for the *akyra* Manor Chiang Mai

### Bua Bhat – the art of green living

Its unique design and eco-friendly, local handmade production make Bua Bhat (Sunflower in the Northern dialect) one of the contemporary handicrafts highlights in Chiang Mai and nationwide. Inspired both by nature

and Buddhism, these exquisite and fun-loving home decorative items also enable village women to keep their traditional art de vivre with an up-cycling solution that also helps solve the waste issue in Thailand’s textile industry.

“  
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and Buddhism”  
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### Cotton Farm – refined natural cotton items with a contemporary twist

Premruedee Kullasu is an expert in the art of hand-woven cotton, a tradition often overlooked in Thailand’s rush to industrialise, but one that is highly regarded in Japan. Her research resulted in the birth of intricate handmade cotton clothing and home-decor accessories that Premruedee affectionately named “Cotton Farm”. The handicrafts are 100% made in Chiang Mai, from cotton-harvested by hand. They are also 100% non toxic as the colours are all natural – utilising everything from indigo to cumin – and hence eco-friendly.



# SPECIAL DAY, YOUR WAY

*A perfect wedding requires more than just a wonderful location, it also needs careful planning and skilled preparation.*

●● **THE SOOTHING SOUND** of lapping waves and the rustling of palm fronds provide a natural backing track as the beautiful bride walks down the oceanside aisle. Tropical flower decorations line the walkway and an endless stretch of beach creates the ultimate stunning backdrop.

Everybody wants their wedding to be this special, but bringing together all the components for a perfect ceremony and celebration can be a challenge, especially in a far off destination.

At the new **akyra** Beach Club Phuket on stunning Natai Beach our team of professional wedding curators help couples in every way possible to make sure their day is as unique and memorable as they always dreamed it would be.

With 59 rooms, suites and unique villas, Phang Nga's coolest beach club is far more than just a wedding venue – its your second home in paradise. With a wide choice of unique design styles and culinary concepts to choose from, you might just decide to make your wedding day a wedding week.

For couples keen to hold a traditional Thai wedding ceremony, **akyra** Beach Club Phuket provides a tailored package that includes traditional Thai costumes for the bride and groom, inviting Buddhist monks to perform a blessing ceremony and preparing everything necessary for the beautiful holy water ritual that allows guests to join the ceremony and offer their best wishes to the bride and groom.

For those who prefer a western-style beach wedding, the packages include the



set-up of an attractive flower altar by the sea, a professional celebrant to perform the ceremony and a delicious wedding cake. Once the festivities begin, **akyra** Beach Club Phuket comes into its own as the ultimate place to celebrate in style.

Whether you choose to hold the ceremony on the beautiful private beach that fronts the beach club or in its lush tropical gardens, to ensure that you and your guests lack nothing, professional wedding planners will help you choose from our large selection of food and beverage options, including an international or Thai buffet, a sit-down banquet or a cocktail-style pass-around. **akyra** Beach Club also offers various open bar options for those looking to make the celebration a big one.

Bespoke planning is a speciality for the team at **akyra** Beach Club Phuket, even when it comes to the music. You can choose from a variety of classical ensembles, for example, or opt for a more modern party with DJs for your reception then bring on the fire dancers to surprise and entertain your guests. End the evening in style with fireworks or by releasing beautiful floating lanterns into the sky.

Whatever you desire, **akyra** can make it happen and the options here are just a small snapshot of the wonderful possibilities on offer. Get in touch with our team to learn more and start planning your wedding day at the **akyra** Beach Club Phuket.

*For more information about the wedding packages visit the website [www.theakyra.com](http://www.theakyra.com)*

“ *Enjoy a hand-picked selection of*  
**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES** ”



“ *Enjoy Aleenta resorts the way they are meant to be experienced – without limits* ”

## Honeymoon Heaven

*Immerse yourself in our fantastic facilities and services*

●● **FOR NEWLYWEDS** looking to extend their happy day and linger longer by Thailand's beautiful blue seas, two newly launched all inclusive packages – one at Aleenta Phuket Resort and Spa, one at Aleenta HuaHin-Pranburi Resort and Spa – offer guests the opportunity to immerse themselves in epicurean luxury and truly make the most of an upscale escape to the beach.

At either of these two unique and popular beachfront resorts, guests in search of endless pleasures can enjoy unlimited food and beverages served 24 hours a day, with choices from three varied menus expertly created by the skilled culinary team. “Our all inclusive packages are designed to allow guests to enjoy Aleenta resorts the way they are meant to be experienced – without limits,” says the Resident Manager of Aleenta

Hua Hin Pranburi Resort and Spa “We want people to lose themselves in every memorable moment and this is the best way to achieve total satisfaction.” The packages also include a fully stocked minibar in the room which is replenished daily, plus an exquisite spa treatment at the Ayurah Spa, which offers a range of indulgent options.

“Aleenta is all about immersing yourself in our fantastic facilities and services, as well as the stunning destination. When you choose an all inclusive package you can forget about the mundane details and simply enjoy the experience,” said Matthias Jaekel, Resident Manager of Aleenta Phuket Resort & Spa in Phang Nga.

The ultimate all inclusive packages are available with or without alcohol for the following rates:

*Aleenta Phuket Resort and Spa*  
THB 6,500++ per person with alcohol included.  
THB 5,000++ per person without alcohol.

*Aleenta HuaHin Pranburi Resort and Spa*  
THB 6,000++ per person with alcohol included.  
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## Presidential Perspectives

*The GM of The President by AKARYN shares his insights on the hotel and its environs*

●● **THE PRESIDENT BY AKARYN** offers discerning travellers an unrivalled luxury experience in the Laotian capital, Vientiane. A member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, the hotel combines refined hospitality reminiscent of the colonial era with a choice of contemporary facilities and also features the first outdoor amphitheatre in Asia, specially designed to host regular cultural performances. The President by AKARYN is set to become a new landmark for the “Walled City of Sandalwood” and enjoys an ideal location right opposite the green expanse of Chou Anouvong Park which reaches to the banks of the mighty Mekong River.

Chris Adam is General Manager at The President by AKARYN, a veteran of hotel management professional with decades of industry experience in locations around the globe. We asked him for his insights on what makes the hotel and Vientiane so special.

“ *Guests enjoy a true oasis of luxury and fine taste with carefully crafted services* ”

### What makes The President by AKARYN unique in terms of guest experience?

Vientiane has never before offered visitors such a special international upscale luxury offering. The hotel boasts six distinct food and beverage outlets, including an exclusive whiskey, wine, and cigar bar as well as a fresh oysters and champagne bar and live cooking sessions.

### What are the hotel's key design influences?

Although there are clear French colonial influences, the design remains distinctively contemporary with more than a hint of traditional Laotian charm.

### What are the best reasons to stay?

The hotel occupies a prime spot close to the main cultural sites, shopping areas and government buildings, while inside, guests enjoy a true oasis of luxury and fine taste with carefully crafted services that cater to their every need.

### What is the hotel's service philosophy?

Personalised services are an important part of the pleasure when you stay at The President by AKARYN, provided by well-trained butlers and concierge staff. Our service centre also ensures that one call does it all.

### What three phrases best describe Vientiane's atmosphere?

Culture-oriented, diversely populated, architecturally appealing.



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