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Baba Nest

★★★★☆ 63

Don't wait to make a booking at Baba Nest. It's arguably Phuket's sexiest rooftop bar, featuring 360-degree island views that make an Insta-worthy photo. A wraparound infinity pool is the centerpiece—it reflects the sunset over the Andaman Sea. A floating floor (imagine almost a yoga deck) ties into the optical illusion, with massive cushions and pillows, so you can curl up with your partner. As for the food: The Mexican tacos are a must.



Malika Sky Bar By Kalima Resort

★★★★☆ 467

Clubby and cool is the vibe at Malika Sky Bar. Though you might initially go for the panorama—high on a hilltop overlooking Patong Bay and the Andaman Sea—you'll stay for the poolside daybeds, moody music, and sophisticated cocktails with a tropical twist. Coconut mojito laced with spearmint? Don't mind if I do. The seafood-focussed menu is a nice perk, too. I love the grilled salmon with curry.



Pine Beach Bar

★★★★☆ 510

Shady groves on Kamala Beach, elegant sun loungers, an infinity pool... what's not to love? This breezy barefoot bar is a dreamy spot to while away the day. Linger after dark and dance with your toes in the sand or hang out with your friends on the grass beneath pine trees and market umbrellas. But, whatever you do, don't miss the coconut gelato and sizzling pizza. I'd argue that it's the best slice in Phuket.



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The Cove Phuket

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On the south coast near Cape Panwa, The Cove is the perfect place for a romantic date night or anniversary. The indoor-outdoor space has a warm teak dining area, with retractable walls that lead straight to the water. In the evening, intimate tables are scattered around the sand, or for a more social environment among friends, there are low-slung counters and bean bags on the beach. Trust me, you won't want to leave.



Kee Sky Lounge

★★★★☆ 445

Kee Sky looks like the top deck of a cruise ship. A glass lift whisks you up, opening to an electric blue circle bar. Want to get higher? Climb the staircase to a smaller second level with striped sofas, stadium seating, and a hidden hot bath. This nautical theme is a nod to the sweeping views across Patong Bay. Tip: Come between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. for bottomless cocktails.



Vanilla Sky Bar & Gastro Pub

★★★★☆ 257

Perched on the third floor of Cape Sienna resort, this rooftop lounge feels more like a park than a bar. Artificial grass and plump bean bag chairs lend a laid-back ambience, but stay after sunset when Vanilla Sky really ramps up. Cocktails such as the Mandarin Lemongrass Mojito and Grand Sienna Salad Martini (with Thai sweet basil rum, vodka, rosemary, ginger, cucumber, and fresh lime juice) are a few favourites.



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Rim Talay

★★★★☆ 847

Set within the elegant Amari Phuket resort, Rim Talay is a family-friendly choice. First off: The service is attentive and warm. The atmosphere is relaxed, with tables organised around a waterfront lawn. When hunger strikes, you can choose a buffet (for breakfast and dinner) or à la carte plates. I always crave the authentic Thai dishes and shellfish specials. Try the platter piled with calamari, prawns, and lobsters.