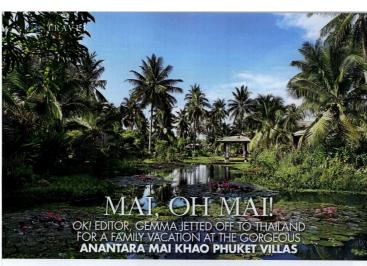


Mai, Oh Mai!

It's no secret among my friends that Phuket is one of my favourite places on earth, and when you pair the destination with one of my all time favorite hotel brands - Anantara - I knew I was in for a great time. A collection of 91 pools villas sandwiched by Mai Khao beach on one side and the Sirinath National Park on the other, a family holiday at the villas guarantees rest, relaxation and really cool things to do.

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glass wall which our two sons – aged four and two – found fascinating, when they took their evening bath under the stars.

Around The Resort

Around The Resort As we have children, the first thing we do when we arrive at a new resort is to check out the kids chub. Weil-staffed and with indoor and outdoor spaces, the chub runs hourly activities, and the water balloon painting session – which is as awesome as its sounds, consisting of the four of us throwing water and paint-filled balloons at a giant sheet of white paper to create our very own Jackson Pollock – was a favourite. Out on the lawn, the resort organises team sports of an evening (including a memorably competitive all-nations game of football one might), and the long, beautiful beach lies beyond the green grass. Staying on-site, there are fun cooking courses, an amazing spa, yoga sessions and holistic exercise classes. While, for those who vertue beyond the resort, you can tee off at the nearby golf course, or enjoy an deplant ride through the national park next door.

Having stayed at Anantara resorts globally, I've always found that the brand's diming options are incredible in their variety and dishes. And it was no different at Ma Khao. The seade barbecue restaurant, Sea. Fire: Salt was a chic favourite, serving up fresh seadood including slow-poached crah, scallops, mussels, oysters and more, while Ia Sala (where we enjoyed breakfast every moring) transforms into the resort's traditional Thai

restaurant, and we were to be found dining affresco by the water's edge, as the kids amused themselves feeding the huge fish. Come sundown, there's only one place to be if you're not Instgramming at the beach, and that's at The Tree House, where you can tuck into Thai-style canapse and cocktuils with a view of the pink sunset Phuke is famous for. Finally, The Tasting Room is the epitome of bespoke, private dining and the perfect place to celebrate a deux ant, and we were to be found

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or mark a sp designed menus and cellar setting. All in all, our stay at Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas was family friendly, welcoming, relaxing and left us with lasting memories – everything you could possibly want Ca

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