

# Agoda.com releases list of Asia's top ten hotel spas for a great start to 2013



**SINGAPORE (January 2, 2012)** - Agoda.com, Asia's leading hotel booking site and part of Nasdaq-listed Priceline Group (Nasdaq:PCLN), is celebrating the New Year with the chance to relax, renew and rejuvenate your body and mind with some of Asia's best hotels for relaxation and spa treatments.

The New Year is traditionally thought of as a time to reflect on the past, focus on the future, and head into a new year with a fresh perspective, and there is no better way to do this than at one of Asia's top spa centers. With an emphasis on realigning body and mind, it's almost impossible to emerge without feeling energized and ready to tackle the year ahead.

Indeed, not only do these hotels themselves offer the best options for a world-class spa experience, but they are located in some of the world's most relaxing places as chosen by Agoda.com customers. After hearing back from over 130,000 respondents, the following ten destinations emerged as the top options for seeking out relaxation and tranquility:

- 1) Boracay, The Philippines
- 2) Bali, Indonesia
- 3) Koh Samui, Thailand
- 4) Chiang Mai, Thailand
- 5) Cameron Highlands, Malaysia
- 6) Krabi, Thailand
- 7) Langkawi, Malaysia
- 8) Hua Hin, Thailand
- 9) Phuket, Thailand
- 10) Dubai, UAE

Based on this list, Agoda.com is featuring one hotel in each location that offers superb options for spa and rejuvenation treatments that will allow you to head into 2013 with a clear mind, relaxed body, and energized spirit. Start the New Year right!

## **Boracay, The Philippines**

The idyllic tropical island in the middle of the Philippine archipelago offers everything you would expect in a tropical paradise, especially the **Discovery Shores Hotel**. *"From the pick up at the airport in Caticlan all the way to the foot bath in the room, this was the beginning of a great getaway*

*weekend. The hotel's Mandala Spa made the trip!" Elijah, USA.*

## **Bali, Indonesia**

Legendary vacation spot Bali is blessed with a colorful, artistic culture, lush, green jungle and amazing beaches, not to mention the multi-award winning **AYANA Resort and Spa**. *"The staff were super friendly, the spa was spectacular, and the nine restaurants within the resort itself were also very good."* Peiqiu, China.

## **Koh Samui, Thailand**

Koh Samui's **Banyan Tree** offers one of the best spas around with specially trained staff and a full spa experience that includes a unique hydrothermal program. *"The spa was amazing, and it pleased me that there was great quality control with the masseuse(s), who are all trained at the Banyan Tree's Spa Academy."* Helen, Canada.

## **Chiang Mai, Thailand**

Renowned for its easy access to waterfalls, forests and national parks, Chiang Mai is the perfect setting for the **Panviman Chiangmai Spa Resort**. *"The Panviman is one of the most relaxing hotels we have ever visited. The views are simply astonishing and the spa is more beautiful than the pictures show."* Chanoknan, Thailand.

## **Cameron Highlands, Malaysia**

Long known as a destination for those seeking to relax and unwind amid its cool, clean air and rolling tea plantations, this region is home to the fantastic **Cameron Highlands Resort**. *"The food, both breakfast and dinner, is of the finest quality, and the spa village offers a fantastic array of treatments in a splendid setting."* James, United Kingdom.

## **Krabi**

Krabi's dramatic karst scenery, blue water and hundreds of secluded coves and beaches make it one of Thailand's hottest spots to visit, and even more so because of the **Phulay Bay Ritz Carlton**. *"I strongly recommend the spa. I loved their aroma oil so much that I bought it home as a souvenir!"* Chiaki, Japan.

## **Langkawi**

The island of Langkawi one of only 5 UNESCO World Geoparks due to its unique geological landscapes and rich ecosystem, and is a perfect location for the **Westin Langkawi Resort & Spa**. *“The breakfast buffet is above international standard and we enjoyed the heavenly spa so much, which gave us the most relaxing time during our stay.” Tse, Malaysia.*

## **Hua Hin**

Hua Hin is an easy drive from Bangkok and a popular tourist destination, which is why the **Wora Bura Resort & Spa** is a perfect place to head for some R&R. *“The restaurant on the beach is fantastic and the staff made our stay very pleasant. The spa is just heavenly.” Mds, Norway.*

## **Phuket**

Phuket’s nickname is the “Pearl of the South” and it certainly encapsulates the best of the unique southern Thai culture – not to mention its fantastic beaches and scenery. **The Banyan Tree SPA Sanctuary** takes those elements and uses them to provide a world-class spa experience, with trained staff and a program that draws elements from Asian massage therapies, meditation, and yoga. *No reviews available.*

## **Dubai**

The gleaming city of Dubai rises from the desert as if on a dare, and its stunning architecture and reputation for doing things big is not lost on the award winning **Palace Downtown Dubai**. *“Clean rooms, comfortable surroundings, felt like we were in a 1,001 Arabian Nights fairytale. Great cozy surroundings by the pool with many cafes nearby – fantastic area.” Anne, Denmark.*

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