



Rawi Warin Resort & Spa

Koh Lanta's latest luxury resort

Rawi Warin Resort & Spa is the newest resort on Koh Lanta, having opened its doors only in December. Tucked into the foothills of the Koh Lanta Yai and overlooking the crystal waters of Klong Tob Bay, the resort is sheer five-star luxury in an idyllic setting.

The villas and suites are built on the gently sloping hillside, each of them with ocean views and each providing comfortable and homely accommodation together with high technology to ensure that in this tropical paradise, guests are never lacking for any modern convenience.

As a central visual feature, the resort has its main swimming pool right on the beachfront, with an infinity design that blends the edge of the pool with the blue ocean. Rawi Warin does in fact have a total of 17 swimming pools. The main pool, which includes a children's pool, is 1,000 square metres in area, and there is an 18-metre long lap swimming pool. By the 1st quarter of 2006 there will additionally be a cliff-top pool with views of the island, a mobile ocean swimming pool, and 11 private pools in the seaside

villas.

Designed in an environmentally friendly manner to blend in with its surroundings, the resort has had 10,000 trees planted, which have quickly bloomed and flourished in the fertile ground and will soon add an air of lush cool greenery to the estate. Also adding a cool note are the waterways, with a central stream running through the grounds crossed by a rural wooden bridge.

Guests at Rawi Warin have a choice of restaurants. The Watermark serves Mediterranean style food with the emphasis on fish and shellfish, while Golden Pond has an array of international and Asian dishes that will appeal to all and which are served throughout the day. The Stream Pool Bar and the Wave Bar are two casual outlets serving cooling drinks

and refreshing snacks, while Mo Jo's is a sports bar where you can enjoy great finger-food.

For dining in intimacy, the resort's executive chef will be happy to arrange private dining in any of the Villa accommodations. Lovers of fresh bread and pastries meanwhile will find Auntie Mae's bakery hard to resist with its fragrance of homemade baking.

Over the upcoming year the resort will grow its existing fleet to feature six boats of different sizes, available for romantic sunset cruises, a scuba excursions, trips to nearby islands, crab and squid fishing trips, and incentive boat parties. The boats are also used for transfers to and from Krabi and Phuket.

The spa facilities are housed in a rural Thai cottage-group and there is a herbal

steam room, a floral aromatic bath with Jacuzzi and massage beds in each treatment room. Guests relax in the therapeutic atmosphere to natural aromas, selected light music and the meditative touch of the therapists. For working out, there is also a fitness centre.

Rawi Warin is designed to meet the needs of those on business, and has the facilities for small meetings to be held in exquisite surroundings. The 150-square-metre conference room can accommodate guests for all kinds of purposes. For cocktails, the hall can accommodate up to 100 people, and it can seat up to 80 people in theatre style, 60 guests classroom style and 40 in U-shaped arrangements. The resort has full banqueting facilities and sophisticated audio/visual equipment for presentations are available on request. Broadband internet is provided, and there is a 24-hour business centre that provides a full range of services.

A feature unique to Rawi Warin is the resort's own mini movie theatre, which has seating for up to 20 people and the latest viewing and sound technology. There is a library of cinema blockbuster films and of course the facilities are available for corporate presentations. There is a music room and library, where books and the latest music CDs from top recording artists are available and a selection of gift shops.

Rawi Warin has not forgotten that children have special needs while on holiday, and they are treated as special guests from the moment they arrive until the time to depart. Amongst the facilities for children are Play-stations and indoor and outdoor games, with staff providing selected activities to take care of the youngsters while mom and dad relax.

Koh Lanta has a unique new facility with Rawi Warin Resort & Spa, one that appeals to every sector of the tourism market, and with this resort the island becomes more accessible while still retaining its quiet secluded charm.

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