

# Villa Cortona

**Region:** Koh Samui   **Sleeps:** 10

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## Overview

The remarkable Villa Cortona is cradled amidst awe-inspiring coastal splendour near the sought-after enclave of Plai Laem, Koh Samui. A true masterpiece of contemporary architectural ingenuity and refined luxury designed by the celebrated architect Gary Fell, it is easy to see why Villa Cortona is so popular. The villa stands proudly as one of four spectacular villas within this boutique retreat. This haven is enveloped by lush landscaped gardens that kiss the deep blue sparkling waters of the Gulf of Thailand, an ever-present harmonious serenade during your holiday

Plai Laem, nestled gracefully on the northeastern shores of Koh Samui, exudes an aura of tranquil charm and pristine beauty. This upmarket neighbourhood boasts a harmonious blend of serene beaches, traditional Thai temples, glorious views and modern conveniences. The iconic Big Buddha temple, Wat Plai Laem, symbolises spirituality and grace, while the vibrant Choeng Mon Beach invites relaxation and leisure. The surrounding area is adorned with captivating attractions, from the bustling energy of Chaweng Beach to the vibrant Fisherman's Village in Bophut. Plai Laem offers a gateway to Koh Samui's diverse offerings, encompassing everything from fine dining and shopping to water sports and cultural exploration. Whether seeking solitude by the sea or venturing into the island's pulse, Plai Laem presents a balanced and idyllic slice of Koh Samui's allure.

With its prestigious beachfront perch and sleek, contemporary design, Villa Cortona effortlessly marries grace with tranquillity, making it the ultimate destination for discerning holidaymakers and the perfect abode for a spot of switch-off. The villa accommodates six to ten guests by boasting three spectacular bedroom suites and a versatile cinema room that converts into additional sleeping quarters.

Against the backdrop of the Gulf of Thailand, Villa Cortona commands unhindered 180-degree sea vistas that redefine the very essence of picturesque beauty. The villa's design harmoniously merges modern aesthetics with a profound reverence for the natural splendour surrounding it. Its expansive layout seamlessly melds with the tropical hillside, creating a captivating dialogue between architecture and environment. The villa's awe-inspiring glass architecture ensures your breathtaking sea views remain uninterrupted and you never miss a moment of coastal bliss. Every facet of the design is thoughtfully crafted to synchronise with the concept of indoor-outdoor living.

Upon entering Villa Cortona, you'll be enchanted by its chic and stylish decor. The interiors exude contemporary elegance, adorned with meticulously chosen furnishings that epitomise modern luxury—Italian pieces from the esteemed Meridiani grace the living spaces, exuding sophistication and comfort. Indigenous artworks, textiles and earthenware ground this splendid property and remind you that you are in Thailand. The kitchen, a haven for culinary enthusiasts, boasts top-tier appliances including a wine fridge stocked with exquisite wines and a Nespresso coffee maker. Villa Cortona



presents a convertible cinema room for those inclined towards entertainment and cinematic charm. This innovative space offers a private movie theatre, providing a snug retreat for guests to unwind with their favourite films. It can also be used as an extra sleeping area. The oversized television is equipped with Netflix, complemented by a Playstation and portable sound system for entertainment.

The villa comprises three impeccably designed bedrooms, each a sanctuary of tranquility and comfort, offering respite after a day of exploration and relaxation. The rooms come with cloud-like mattresses and hotel quality linens. The first-rate bathrooms feature trendy fittings, fluffy towels and luxurious Panpuri bath products.

Villa Cortona's outdoor space is sensational. The gorgeous infinity pool offers leisurely swims accompanied by stunning horizon gazing, an experience that evokes pure bliss. Private terraces and well-maintained lawns invite outdoor lounging, dining and pre-dinner drinks in the mesmerising sunsets that grace the Koh Samui skies. A stone's throw away lies the captivating private beach adorned with rocks and sand, where sea kayaks and paddleboards are at your disposal.

Beyond its status as a luxurious villa, Villa Cortona offers a holistic experience. An Experience Manager is at your service, dedicated to fulfilling your desires and curating bespoke experiences. Every facet of your stay is meticulously designed to surpass expectations, from delectable culinary creations by a personal chef to aquatic adventures on sea kayaks and paddleboards. Villa Cortona promises an unparalleled experience etched into memory. Guests enjoy access to a well-appointed gym featuring a power cage, free weights, pulleys, a spinning bike, treadmill, and more. Personal trainers and private yoga sessions can be arranged. Every guest is treated to a complimentary hour-long massage within the villa's private confines. Daily housekeeping and a turn-down service ensure a seamless stay. You will also receive a delicious prepared breakfast delivered to your villa every morning.

If you can bring yourselves to leave this private paradise, the enchanting island of Koh Samui beckons with its jungles, sunsets, iconic landmarks and vibrant entertainment.

## Facilities

Surfing • Washing Machine • Villa • Seaview • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Hairdryer • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Waterfront • Romantic • Chef/Cook Available • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Cots (Cribs) • Gym/Fitness Room • Modern • Spa Treatments Available • On-Site Concierge • Transfers Included • Breakfast Included • Ideal for Kids • <1hr to Airport • Dishwasher • Microwave • Satellite TV • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

### Interior

- Fully equipped with kitchen dining table for 10 guests.
- Bedrooms with queen-size bed and ensuite bathroom
- Bedrooms with king-size bed (that can also be converted to sleep 4) and ensuite bathroom
- Bedrooms with king-size bed and ensuite bathroom and a sitting area (the convertible sofa can sleep 2 extra guests)
- Movie room with a convertible sofa that can sleep an extra 2 guests.

### Exterior

- The large terrace has plenty of seating with a combination of massive teak sunbeds and a large outdoor sofa. The L-shaped infinity pool has a shallow area for small children with a gradual slope towards a deep section.
- The pool is 13 meters long providing enough length for morning laps or floating in tranquility. The pool also includes a long bench with jacuzzi jets.
- Beyond the pool is a large waterfront lawn that slopes down to intimate private beach.
- The entire property is enveloped by a well-maintained Zen garden.

### Additional facilities

- Five-burner stovetop
- Oven
- Side by side fridge/freezer
- Fully stocked wine fridge
- Microwave
- Dishwasher





# Location & Local Information

Perched elegantly upon the hillside, alongside three other villas, rests the beachfront splendour of Villa Cortona. This serene and upscale gem finds its home in the coveted neighbourhood of Plai Laem. A mere twenty-minute drive from the airport ensures that your relaxation begins almost as soon as you arrive! The panoramic vista encompasses the petite Koh Samui isle and stretches out to Koh Phang Nga.

Koh Samui boasts superb beaches, vibrant cultural attractions, delectable local cuisine, enchanting islets and a calendar brimming with special events. Temple Fairs, commemorating significant dates in the Buddhist calendar, metamorphose the temple grounds into miniature festivals, complete with fairground amusements and games for all to revel in.

The serene and gilded Big Buddha, reigning from the pinnacle of a ceremonial stairway at Wat Phra Yai, the mummified monks at Wat Khunaram, the captivating Wat Khao Hua Jook temple, the cascading Hin Lat Waterfall, the enigmatic Secret Buddha Garden, the allure of Fisherman's Village in Bophut and the enchanting rock formations of Hin Ta and Hin Yai are within comfortable reach of the villa. The Wat Teepankorn temple, nestled atop a mountain near Lamai, can be accessed via an off-road expedition. The towering Buddha statue and the breathtaking panoramic vistas from the summit are exquisite. The Secret Buddha Garden, crowning the Tar Nim Waterfall peak, offers majestic views along with a splendid assortment of statues. Crafted by Nim Thongsuk, a venerable Samui fruit farmer, the garden's statues and temples dot the family's land, creating a legacy that continued until his passing at the age of 91. Each statue conceals an enthralling tale.

Boat escapades to the Ang Thong National Marine Park or to Koh Nang Yuan, picturesque islands adorned with expansive sandbars and vibrant coral reefs are exceedingly popular. These excursions present hiking, snorkelling, kayaking, and diving opportunities, unveiling the islands' awe-inspiring scenic magnificence. Dusky leaf monkeys, long-tailed macaques, leopard cats, wild boar, and otters, alongside flocks of exotic avian species and kaleidoscopic schools of fish, may grace your sightings. A trip to Koh Phangan, Thailand's fifth largest island, allures party enthusiasts with its legendary half-moon and full-moon revelries. The island's pristine character features expansive, ivory-sand beaches, a hilly and luxuriant tropical jungle interior, and remarkable dive sites.

For those inclined towards revelry, the neon-adorned heart of central Chewang, a brief drive south from the villa, awaits. Many exotic bars host a carnival of inexpensive drinks, pulsating music and even risqué go-go bars and ladyboy shows. The six-kilometer-long Chaweng Beach hosts vibrant beach parties, water parks, mini-golf, cocktail establishments and dining venues. Cheweng stands as the island's bustling epicentre.

The golden sands of Choeng Mon Beach and the endless expanse of Bangrak Beach lure visitors as well. Bangrak, adorned with trendy beach clubs such as Chi, Tembo and The Prestige, offers a peaceful ambience alongside active fishermen, dog walkers, and sunset admirers.

Bophut's Fisherman's Village is an absolute must-see. The rustic buildings have morphed into chic eateries, boutiques, gift shops, coffee havens, art galleries and dive centers. On Fridays, the village transforms into a vivacious



Walking Street market, a splendid locale for buying souvenirs and savoring street fare. This village stands as the neon-lit nucleus of the island, alive with nightlife, shopping, massages and charming boho cafés.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Samui International Airport (7.5 km)
Nearest Town/City	Samui Town (8.7 km)
Nearest Village	Fisherman's Village (7.9 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Dining on the Hill (400 m)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Again Beach Bar (600 m)
Nearest Supermarket	Tops daily Thanon Thongsai (1.7 km)
Nearest Beach	Beach Front

## What we love

- The magnificent Villa Cortona, gracefully situated next to the beach, stands as a modernist masterpiece designed by the esteemed architect Gary Fell. Its aesthetic allure is simply breathtaking
- Those fortunate enough to stay within its walls are treated to spellbinding 180-degree vistas of the sea, forging an unparalleled celestial canvas
- The villa boasts an exclusive infinity pool, a private cinema room, opulent Italian furnishings, premium fittings and a dedicated experience manager, collectively redefining the concept of lavishness
- Serving as a serene sanctuary, Villa Cortona is an ideal retreat for families and groups of friends, seamlessly harmonizing the beauty of nature with the sophistication of contemporary elegance

## What you should know...

- Children are warmly welcomed at Villa Cortona. Babysitting can be arranged with a 24-hour notice and nannies are available with a week's prior notification. The pool features a shallow area, along with toys and inflatables for young ones to enjoy
- A delightful breakfast is included in the villa rental and will be delivered each morning. You have the choice between a classic Western breakfast featuring freshly baked bread, jams, yoghurt, fruits and beverages or a Thai option with congee or soup, accompanied by juices, coffee and tea. Private chefs can be arranged in advance for special culinary experiences like poolside barbecues or bespoke feasts. Room service is also at your disposal
- The villa boasts a dedicated wine fridge. If you have specific preferences for your regular fridge, it can be stocked for an additional charge upon request. The locally distilled rum is particularly popular!
- Nestled into the hillside with multiple levels, the villa might not be suitable for those with limited mobility
- The cinema room can serve as an extra sleeping area if needed

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** \$3000 charged to client's credit card by owner upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to a full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 14:00 - 20:00
- **Departure time:** 11:00
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in the rental price
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Do not accept parties where all guests are under the age of 25
- **Changeover day:** Flexible
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Smoking & Vaping are not permitted
- **Internet access?:** Yes, wi-fi internet connection is included in the rental price