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Snap up one of the few villas that are still on sale at The Estates Samui in tantalising Thailand

Thailand calendar

AUGUST 12: H.M QUEEN SIRIKIT'S BIRTHDAY, THE ROYAL GROUND (SANAM LUANG) BANGKOK

A TRIPLE CELEBRATION, TODAY MARKS THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, MOTHER'S DAY AND A NATIONAL HOLIDAY THAT BEGINS WITH AN ALMS-GIVING CEREMONY OUTSIDE THE ROYAL PALACE. COLOURFUL FLAGS, PORTRAITS AND LIGHTS COAT THE CITY AS MUSIC AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO CONDUCT GOOD DEEDS IN HONOUR OF THE 'MOTHER OF THE LAND'. STAY CLOSE TO THE PALACE IN THE EVENING AND GAZE AT FIREWORKS LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT SKY OR WITNESS THE WARMTH OF THE CANDLE-LIGHTING CEREMONY CONTACT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OFFICE ON +66 2356 0051-2.

THROUGHOUT AUGUST: AMAZING THAILAND GRAND SALE, BANGKOK

THE LEGENDARY GRAND SALE IS A SALE THAT'S ON A GRAND SCALE. YOU'LL SNATCH ALL THE DESIGNER BRANDS YOU'RE AFTER AT A FRACTION OF THEIR USUAL PRICE. FORTUNATELY, THE POPULAR SHOPPING DISTRICTS ARE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF ONE ANOTHER MAKING IT EASY TO SCOUR THE SHELVES FOR THE BEST BUYS IN BANGKOK. WWW.TOURISMTHAILAND.ORG

THROUGHOUT AUGUST: WAT PO, RATTANAKOSIN, BANGKOK

THAILAND'S LARGEST AND OLDEST MONASTERY HOUSES THE ENORMOUS, GOLD-PLATED RECLINING BUDDHA. CHINESE ROCK GIANTS STAND GUARD AT THE SHELTERED GATES OF THE SACRED QUARTER AND TALL SPIRES OF PAGODAS STAND OUT WITH MULTI-COLOURED MOSAICS AS YOU WALK THROUGH THE COMPLEX OPEN-AIR COURTYARDS. AS THE CENTRE OF TRADITIONAL THAI HEALING AND MEDICINE, MASSAGE COURSES ARE OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. PUT YOUR FEET UP AND APPRECIATE THE BENEFITS OF A FOOT MASSAGE WHILE TAKING IN THE PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS OF ITS ANCIENT ARCHITECTURE. WWW.WATPHO.COM



You'll need to be quick as only a handful of the 14 villas in Laem Yai Bay remain up for sale. An exclusive private collection adjacent to the Four Seasons Resort Koh Samui, the stunning properties hover seductively above a private beach. ¶ Owned and developed by Minor International PLC, one of Thailand's largest hospitality and leisure companies, The Estates Samui was recently recognised as the Best Development in Thailand and Best Development in Asia Pacific at the Asia Pacific Property Awards 2010. Employing superior tropical hardwoods, traditional southern Thai meets contemporary luxury with a sunken dining pavilion, an impressive pool deck and a separate living area. A state-of-the-art entertainment and home-management technology system being just some of the estate's defining features. ¶ You'll also gain access to a world of five-star services and facilities, courtesy of the Four Seasons, not to mention your own private housekeeper. ¶ Ranging from two to four bedrooms, and US\$3.2m to US\$4.4m in price, there's no better time to procure your perfect piece of paradise. www.theestates-samui.com ■

