

Koh Lanta, Krabi, Thailand

Koh Lanta moves on island time — long sandy beaches, century-old stilt-house villages, and a rare Buddhist-Muslim-Sea Gypsy culture that makes it unlike any other Thai island.

 Tender port  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Thai Baht (THB)  Thai  Beach day

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Saladan Pier (north tip of island)

Walk to center: Saladan village is steps from the pier; beaches need a tuk-tuk

Best For: Beaches, local culture, cave adventures, animal rescue sanctuary

Don't Miss: Lanta Old Town stilt houses and Long Beach sunset

 Getting around:  Taxi  ฿40–฿450 depending on distance ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Long Beach (Phra Ae) — Best Swimming Beach** — A roughly 3 km stretch of golden sand lined with casuarina trees and casual beach bars — one of the island's longest beaches and a favourite for...
- **Lanta Old Town (Ban Si Raya)** — A beautifully preserved village of century-old Sino-Thai shophouses built on stilts over the eastern sea — once the island's main trading port.
- **Mu Ko Lanta National Park & Lighthouse** — The southern tip of the island is protected parkland with a clifftop lighthouse, a secluded beach, and a short rainforest trail.
- **Khao Mai Kaew Cave** — A genuine adventure cave requiring a local guide — squeeze through tight passages, climb bamboo ladders, and see impressive stalactites by torchlight.
- **Lanta Animal Welfare Sanctuary** — A globally respected non-profit rescue centre for stray dogs and cats, founded in 2005.

BEST WALKS

- **Saladan Village Waterfront Wander** 30–45 min · Flat · Starts at pier — From the tender dock, walk the main strip of Saladan village past dive shops, handicraft stalls, and street-food carts to the small fishing harbour on the east side.
- **Lanta Old Town Heritage Walk** 1–1.5 hrs · Flat · Start: Ban Si Raya — Stroll the single main street of Ban Si Raya (Lanta Old Town) on the east coast, passing Sino-Thai stilt houses, a Chinese shrine, and overwater cafés.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F)			 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Apr 6:15AM–6:32PM · Jun 6:07AM–6:41PM · Aug 6:17AM–6:39PM · Sep 6:14AM–6:23PM · Oct 6:11AM–6:08PM	
Apr	90°	79°		
Jun	88°	78°		
Aug	86°	78°		
Sep	86°	77°		
Oct	87°	77°		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash is essential. ATMs are at Saladan Pier but can run low when ships are in port. Withdraw before leaving the village. Many shops add a 3% surcharge to card payments.
- Agree tuk-tuk fares before boarding. Klong Dao or Long Beach should cost 100–150 THB. Longer runs to the National Park or Old Town: negotiate 400–600 THB return with wait time.
- Time your day carefully. The island is 30 km long. If you have under 6 hours ashore, skip the National Park (35 min each way) and focus on Long Beach, Old Town, or the cave.
- Cover up in town. Koh Lanta is a conservative, predominantly Muslim island. Swimwear is fine at the beach but cover shoulders and knees in Saladan village and Old Town.
- Beware the monkeys at the National Park. The macaques at Mu Ko Lanta are notorious snack thieves. Keep bags closed and food hidden — they are fast and surprisingly strong.
- Sunsets are on the west coast. All the main beaches face west — if your ship stays late, Long Beach and Klong Dao deliver some of Thailand's most dramatic sunset views.

Koh Lanta, Krabi, Thailand — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



P Cruise port / terminal