

## A Great Respite

Escape to the next best thing to heaven.

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Ambience by the sea: breath-taking view fronting the modern cubic villas.

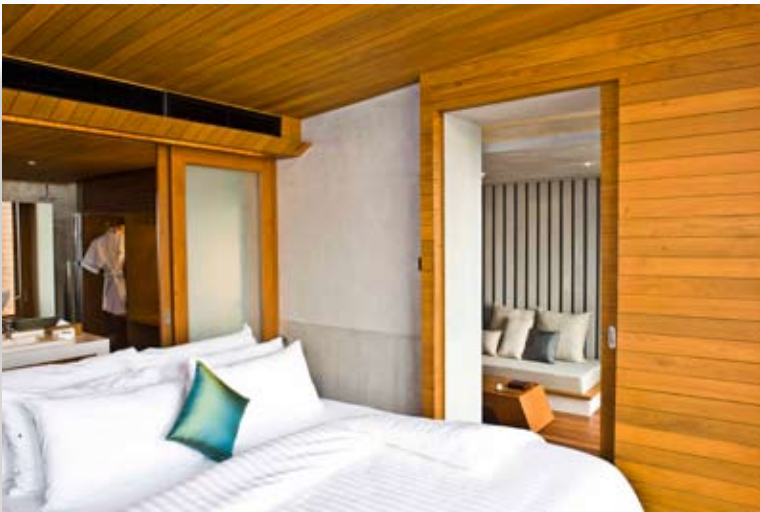


Casa de la Flora on the beautiful unspoilt beach of Khao Lak.

Strolling along the unspoilt coastline of Khao Lak, Thailand, be surprised by a striking complex of buildings situated on the beach.

The recently completed Casa de la Flora hotel comprises 36 contemporary grey cube villas, tiered back from the coastline and set in lush fauna and flora.

Like playful cubes, the chic grey modernist building fronts cascading water and that's just the stunning point of arrival. Upon entering, the large open lobby area provides an airy and relaxing space for guests to sink into holiday mood and meet their friendly hosts. There is even an on-site 'Dream



**Top Left:**  
A tropical lure into paradise with spa treatments for that holiday glow.

**Bottom Left:**  
The rooms are in minimalist elegance.

**Right:**  
Thai and international cuisine awaits you at the La Aranya restaurant

Maker' who gets to know each guest individually and helps to fulfill all their wishes, from a romantic dinner on the beach to helping guests surprise their partners on a special day. So, don't be surprised if you get a cake for your birthday!

The sophisticated resort offers villas with private pools, gardens, terraces, and arresting sea views. Enjoy the 11 Duplex Grand Pool Villas and eight Duplex Pool Suites, set further back from the shoreline with two floors, all with private pools on the ground floor. For some pampering, the

spa, with four rooms and wide variety of spa treatments, is certain to leave guests with a holiday glow. The hotel's warm and friendly team and 24-hour host service ensures all needs are met around-the-clock.

Casa de la Flora, another fine hotel from the Design Hotels™ Group, is eco-friendly too with initiatives like chemical-free pools, water recycling and use of recycled paper and aluminum furniture. This, combined with the range of facilities, including library, restaurant, shop, bar and spa, makes Casa de la Flora a stand-out

addition to the Thai hospitality scene. Hungry? The La Aranya restaurant lures guests with veritable feasts of Thai and international cuisine. There is also a large infinity pool at the heart of the resort with a bar serving smoothies, snacks and tropical cocktails.

Located directly on the beautiful beach of Khao Lak, Casa de la Flora is near the Khao Lak National Park and just an hour drive by car from Phuket International Airport. For more information, visit [designhotels.com/casadelaflorea](http://designhotels.com/casadelaflorea)

## Sails Ahoy!

Maritime pursuits for the yachting enthusiasts.



**Top:**  
Let your yachting dreams set to sea at RSYC ... sails ahoy!

**Bottom:**  
Ambience by the sea: breath-taking view fronting the plunge pool.

**H**ear ye seafairers! Brace yourself for Singapore's luxurious yacht club with absolutely great capacity: a five-storey vertical dry stack in a stylish design and the unfailing sea-spirit of some of the best dining and chill-out spots by the enchanting south-west shorelines.

This refurbishment to redevelop Asia's oldest yacht club, makes yet another milestone in the 185 years of illustrious sailing history. To be completed by 2012, the new dry stack will triple the Republic of Singapore Yacht Club (RSYC) berth amenities to accommodate approximately 300 boats up to 35ft in length, adding to the one hundred twenty-seven damp berths at its present west coast ferry road location.

Slated to be a luxurious maritime hub, the edifice of this S\$9-million development plan of the RSYC is the amazing expansion of the Marina Lodge from 32 guest rooms to about 60, infused with nautical charm and each Sea View Suite features a separate living room that offers a commanding view of the swimming pool and the Marina through a floor-

to-ceiling glass window. There's also a "Jacuzzi with a view" and ceramic floors adorn the spacious bathroom.

Other exciting new additions comprise a gym, games room and a slew of posh bars and restaurants. It is said that everything tastes better by the sea, and all the more so decked out for a scrumptious quiet dinner for two or a small cosy party. Decking out in style has a new meaning too with bookings for wedding shoots and rental of yachts. A nautical wedding celebration by the sea is tailored to suit your needs. From a chic indoor affair to a charming alfresco celebration by the sea at the Foreshore Deck, RSYC has the venues, and the expertise to ensure an unforgettable day.

While RSYC offers a great attraction for organizing parties and events, its amenities for a better luxury sporting and recreation is also and a superb environment for guest to enjoy and relax in the merriment of good food, aromatic drinks and great entertainment. Even if it's just a walk on the boardwalk, the seaview is pretty amazing.

The RSYC has embarked on a major new membership drive in conjunction with these plans and it's Singapore's only members-owned yacht club, a club where decisions on all matters are made by you, the member. With four types of membership to suit your RSYC lifestyle, it's so easy to be part of this rare Singapore heritage.

Experience driving your very own boat or ski jet. With a wide range of courses from the basic to specialty courses, there's something for the seasoned seafarer and the new enthusiasts. Let your yachting dreams set to sea and sail ahoy! More about RSYC at [rsyc.org.sg](http://rsyc.org.sg)