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## Phuket's new sunset spot

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**THAILAND** Phuket is one of those islands that has something for every traveller, from beach bungalows and seafood shacks to five-star resorts and fine-dining restaurants. What those in the know will tell you is that you absolutely must stay on the west coast if you want to catch the sunset from your room.

One of the Thai party island's last stretches of unspoilt beach doesn't even have an official name. The secluded patch known locally as Layan Beach is north of long, sandy Bangtao Beach and sheltered by forested Koh Kala out in the Andaman Sea. It is in this quiet spot that **Anantara Phuket Layan Resort & Spa** opens in August.

The resort follows Anantara's signature style: pool villas have pointy roofs and vast bathrooms, and are furnished with dark woods, piles of silk cushions and orchids. You can recreate some of the signature dishes (*tom yum* soup and pad Thai) served at Thai restaurant Dee Plee during cooking classes. Thai massages and pedicures are offered at the spa.

*Anantara Phuket Layan Resort & Spa opens in August 2014. For more information, visit [phuket-layan.anantara.com](http://phuket-layan.anantara.com)*