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PHUKET, SAMUI & KRABI LOOP

Highlights of the Drive

This drive links Southern Thailand's two premier island destinations, Phuket and Ko Samui. Section 1 of the drive begins in Phuket and goes north to Takua Pa, passing Khao Lak Lamru National Park and the increasingly popular beach resort of Khao Lak.

From the old provincial district town of Takua Pa, section 2 strikes eastwards to Surat Thani through one of the most scenic areas along the drive. The route passes Khao Sok National Park, which offers eco-adventure amidst the stunning karst scenery that characterises the park.

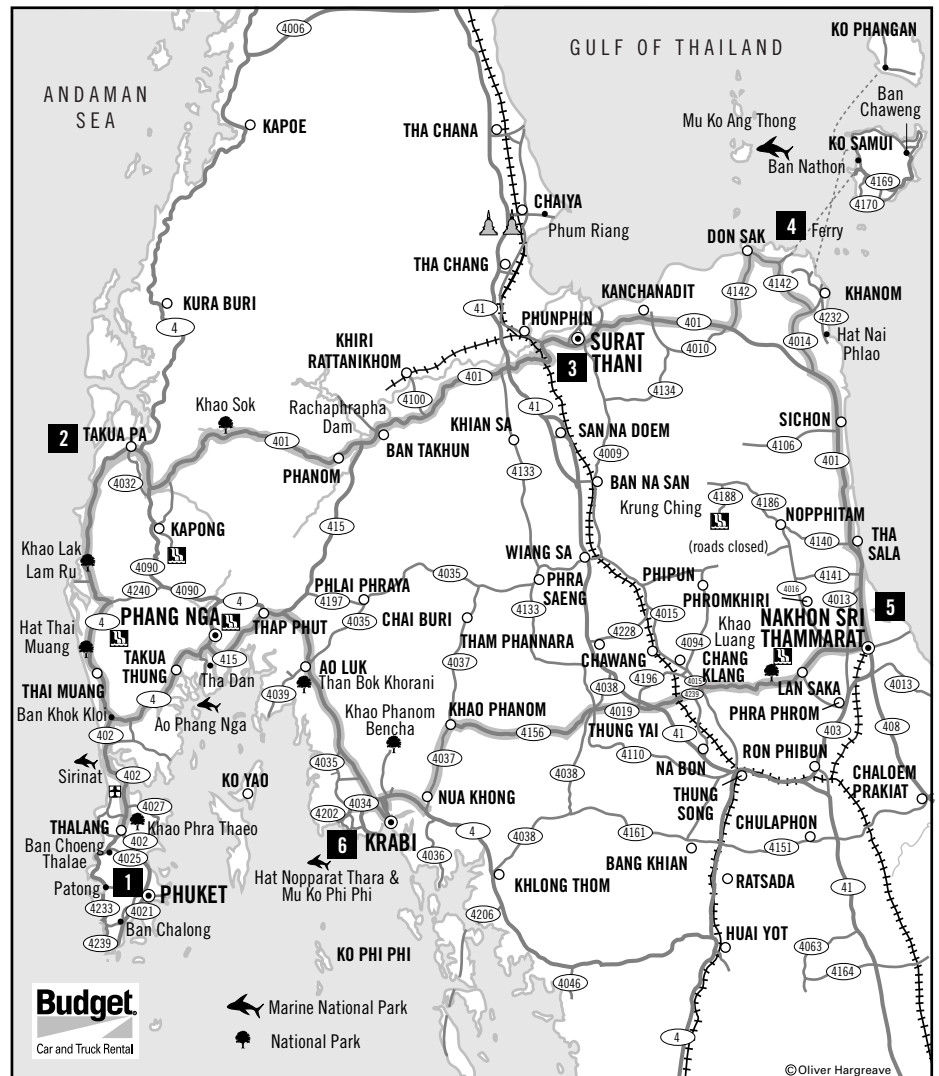
Section 3 begins at Surat Thani, a bustling provincial capital and harbour, and goes to car-ferry ports serving Ko Samui and Ko Phangan.

From the port linking Ko Samui and the mainland, Section 4 of the drive passes beach resorts close to Khanom and Sichon on the route south to Nakhon Sri Thammarat, the ancient Buddhist capital of the south. Formerly known as Ligor, the city has much for visitors interested in culture and cuisine.

Heading west from Nakhon Sri Thammarat to Krabi, section 5 first passes Khao Luang National Park, where impressive waterfalls highlight the influence of the 1835m peak on the geography of the area. The drive then continues through rolling back-country filled with rubber and oil-palm plantations.

The route from Krabi in section 6 once again strikes the march of karst formations which give Phang Nga Bay its spectacular identity. After passing Phang Nga itself, the drive turns south for the final run back to Phuket.

For instructions, please see the back page. Happy trails!



ROADS IN THAILAND

All main and most minor roads are sealed. Signs and reflective markers warn of hazards on major highways, and sodium lighting illuminates major intersections. Bilingual (English/Thai) road signs indicate destinations, highway numbers and distances before and after intersections. Kilometre stones show highway number and distance along the road on the front face, and distances to destinations in the direction of travel on the side. The police and military set up road check-points on highways, especially at night, but there are no security problems.

Please remember to drive on the left!

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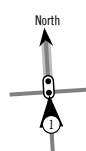
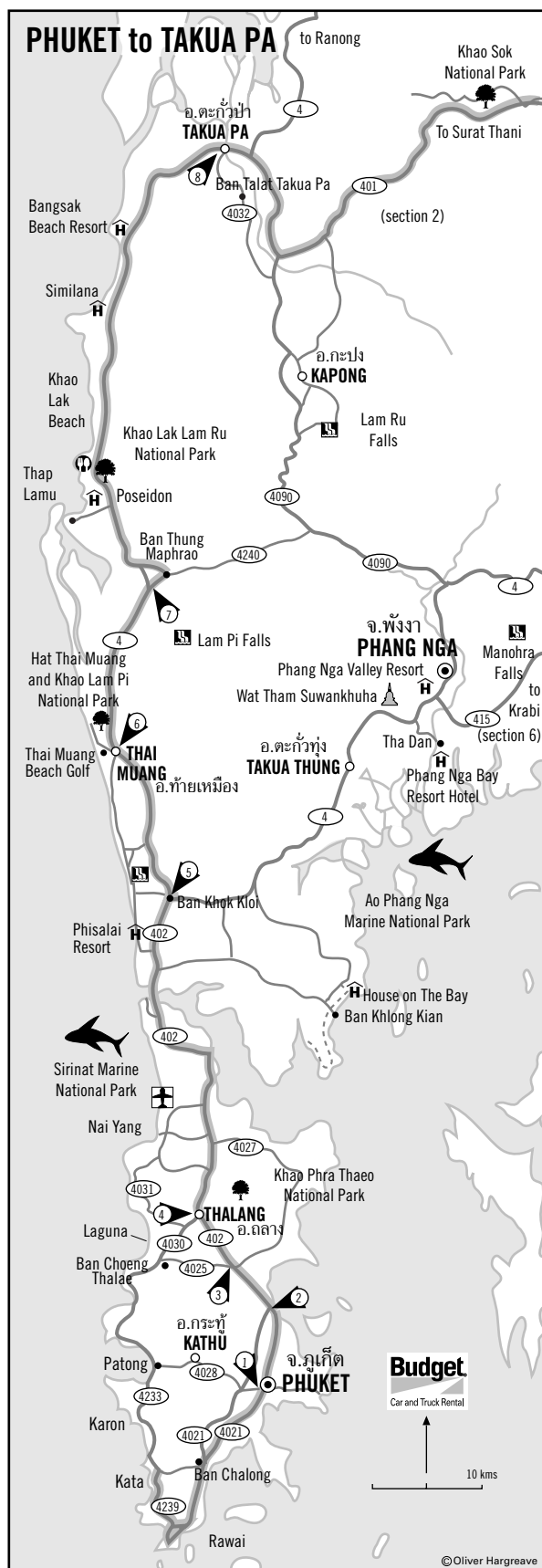
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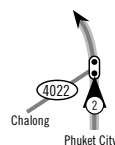


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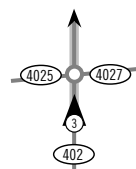
1 POINTER ONE

Intersection of Thung Khra Rd and Thepkrasatri Rd, Phuket Town. Go north on the main route (H402) out of Phuket City. (see *Phuket City detail map*)



2 POINTER TWO

H4022 comes from Ha Yaek Chalong (the fastest route from Kata, Karon, and Rawai beaches) joining H402 from Phuket City. Go North. (see *Phuket Island map*)



3 POINTER THREE

H4025 joins H402 from Ban Choeng Talae at the Heroines Monument. Go north. H4027 east passes the National Museum and the Gibbon project.

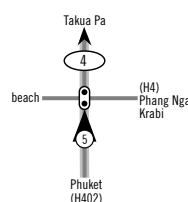


4 POINTER FOUR

H4030 from Laguna, Surin and Patong beaches joins H402 at the intersection with traffic lights in Thalung. Go north. The road east goes to Ton Sai Falls in the Khao Phra Thaeo National Park

KM40 left turn on H402 (old road) to the Sirinat National Park and local restaurants at Mai Kao Beach. Cross the strait on the older Sarasin bridge to rejoin the main highway.

3 kms north of the bridge an east turn offers an *alternative route* to Phang Nga Bay for via Khlong Kian. A west turn takes you to local coastal roads via Dusit Hot Springs, Bo Dan Beach and Thung Sai beaches to the district town (amphoe) of Thai Muang.



5 POINTER FIVE

H4 KM7. H402 joins H4 - the Petchkasem Highway - at Ban Khok Khloi. The highway goes north to Takua Pa and east to Phang Nga. Go north at Ban Khok Khloi if following the route in the order laid out in this guide.

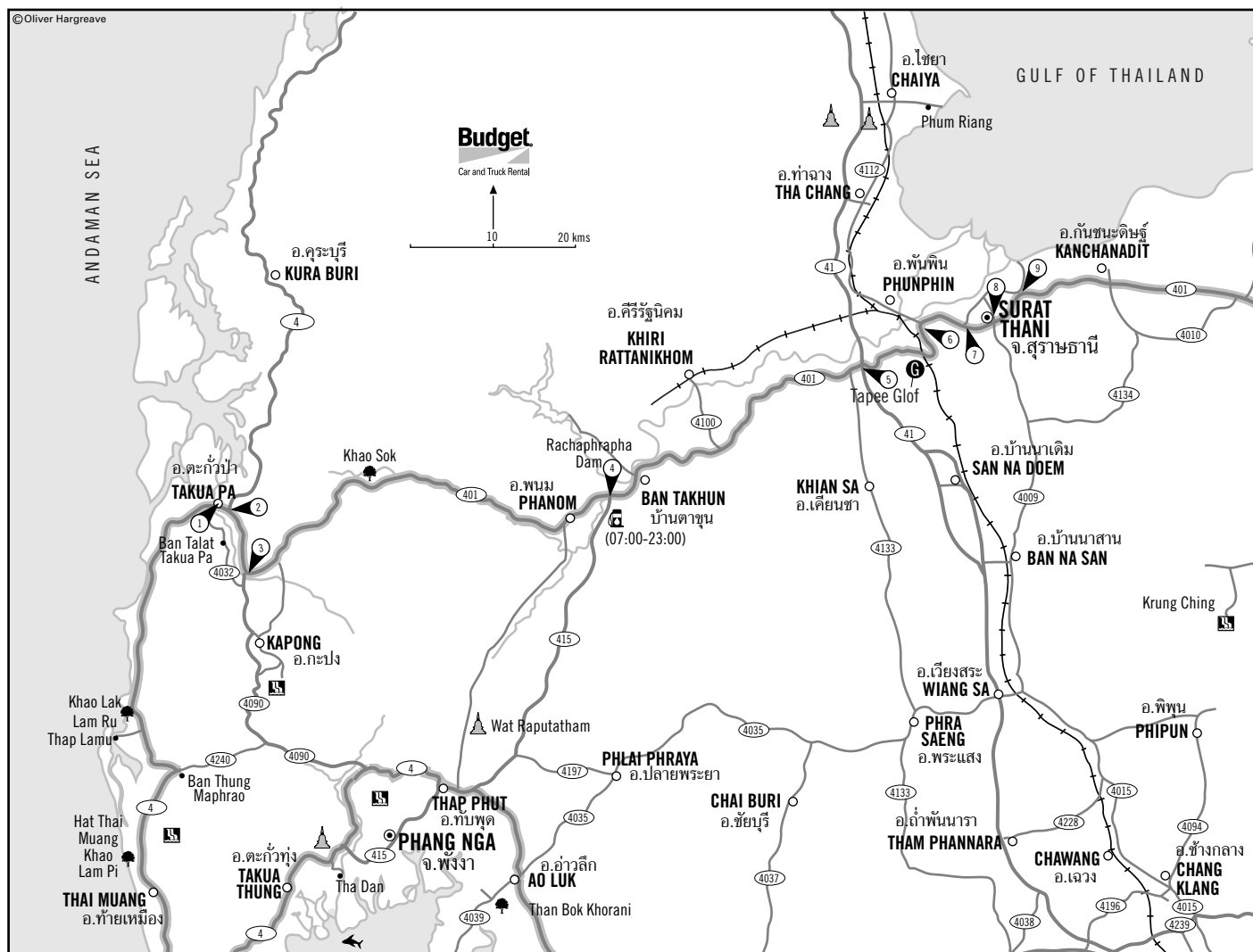


6 POINTER SIX

KM24 Thai Muang. Go north (right) at the lights on main highway. The road west leads to the beach and Hat Thai Muang Lam Phi National Park HQ.

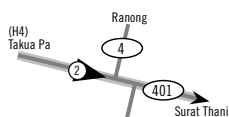
KM32-33 Lamphi Falls. Right turn 2 kms.

TAKUA PA SURAT THANI



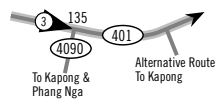
◀ ① POINTER ONE

Cross the bridge taking H4 across Khlong Le just to the north of Takua Pa. *Fill up with petrol before leaving Takua Pa.*



◀ ② POINTER TWO

H4 goes north to Ranong at T junction past KM166. Go straight on H401 to Surat Thani.

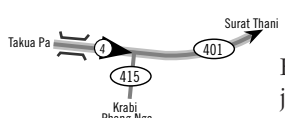


3 POINTER THREE

H401 KM135 Go straight on H401. H4090 South takes an inland route to Phang Nga via Kapong. At KM131-2 approx, an unmarked sealed road south from H401 shorter inland route ending at Pointer 7 (*ong Area map*)

H401 KM110-109 Khao Sok National Park offers trekking, rafting, elephant rides and tree-top bungalows. Book at the National Park Office for rafts on the lake (*see Khao Sok detail map*)

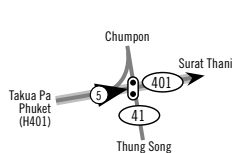
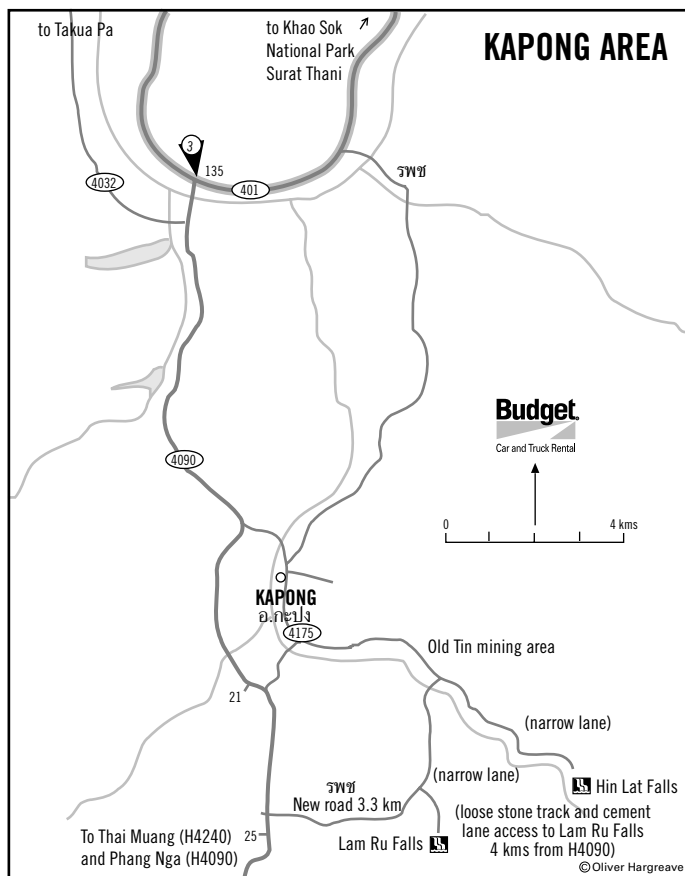
H401 KM72-71 H4118 south from Phanom to Thap Phut District (*see section 6*) offers a rural route to Phang Nga for a shorter tour.



4 POINTER FOUR

H401 KM65-64 Go straight east at T junction with H415 to Thap Phut District (*see section 6*)

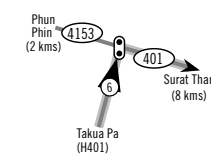
KM58-9 Left turn west for Rachaphrapha Dam and a pretty view over the lake towards limestone ridges. Boat trips are available to rafts (pre-book accommodation on raft at Khao Sok National Park HQ)



5 POINTER FIVE

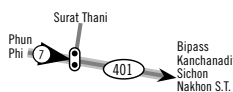
H401 KM19-18. H401 crosses main north-south trunk route H41. Go straight east at traffic lights to Surat Thani and Phun Phin.

Go north on H41 to Chaiya (40 kms) to visit Wat Suan Mokha Palaram (meditation centre), Phra Borromathat Chaiya (A chedi and museum with artefacts dating back to the Srivijaya period) and the weaving village of Phum Rieng. Return to Phun Phin and Surat Thani by the less busy rural route H4112.



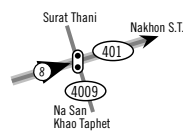
6 POINTER SIX

H401 is joined by H4153, the direct main route from Surat Thani north to H41, at a T junction with lights. Turn right (east) to continue on H401 (N.B. no signs marked this junction in any direction at time of writing).



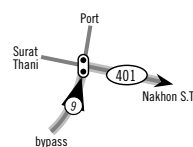
7 POINTER SEVEN

H401 KM8 approx. H401 bypasses Surat Thani. Turn left to enter town at lights (see detail map). go straight to continue on drive.



8 POINTER EIGHT

H401 KM12 approx. crosses H4009 to Na San. Go straight on H401. To visit the Khao Thapet Nature Wildlife Centre go south on H4009 (5kms).

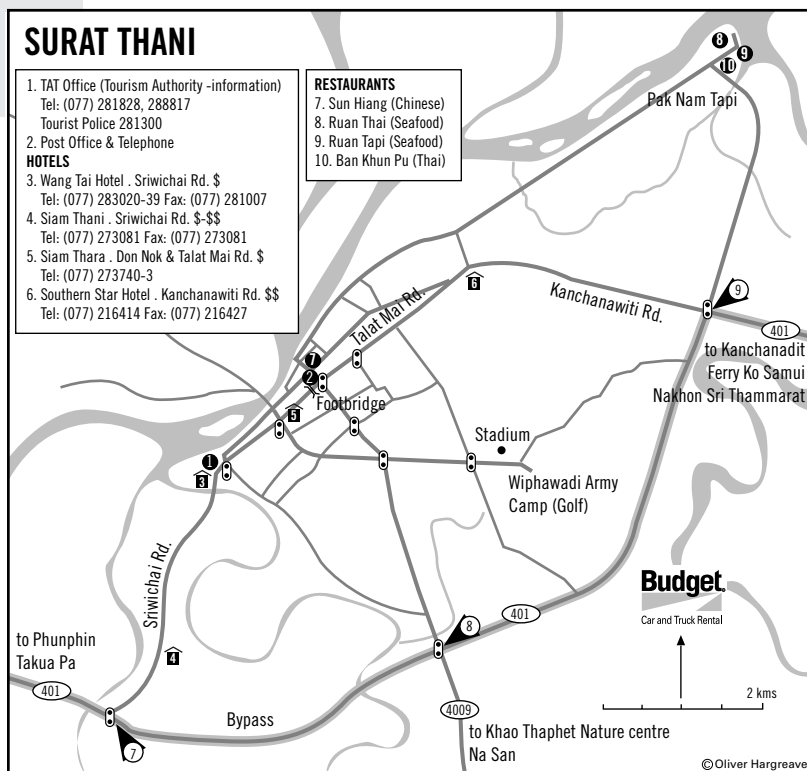
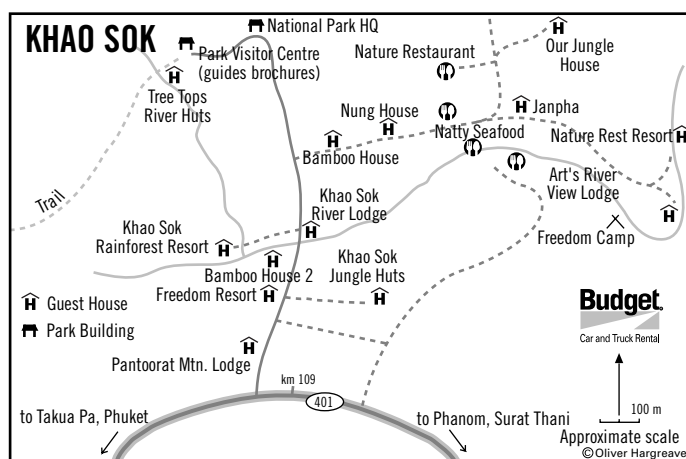


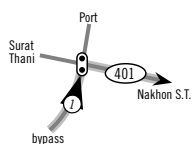
9 POINTER NINE

H401 rejoins the old road through the centre of town at KM19 approx. Go right (east).

ACCOMMODATION

- See detail maps for accommodation details in Khao Sok and Surat Thani. A further 87 kms from pointer 9 takes you to Nai Phlao Beach near Khanom, where several pleasant resorts allow you to enjoy seaside accommodation without crossing over to the islands (see section 3 *Khanom Area map*).



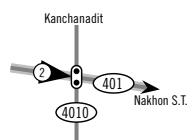


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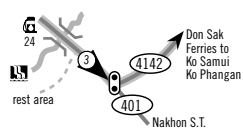
KM22 Monkey Training Centre - south 3 kms.

KM30-1 Wat Tham Khuha - south 1.5 kms



2 POINTER TWO

H401 KM32-33 Go Straight at intersection with H4010 to Kanchanadit. Road becomes single lane highway.

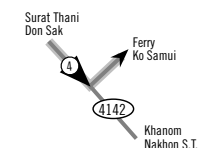


3 POINTER THREE

H401 KM60-61 Go left on H4142 and follow signs to Ferry Pier Samui. (see *Khanom Area map* for rural routes between Don Sak & Khanom).

If going to Hat Nai Phlao, Khanom, go straight on H401 to KM85 and turn left onto H4014 for a *shorter alternative route*.

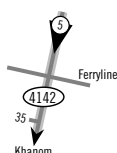
H4142 KM19-20 Follow the signposted short cut right to Ferry Ko Samui and turn right when rejoining H4142 (See *area map*), or keep on original H4142 to visit Don Sak and Wat Khao Suwan Pradit (left turn west at KM22-21).



4 POINTER FOUR

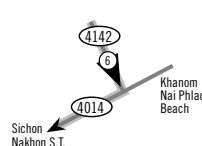
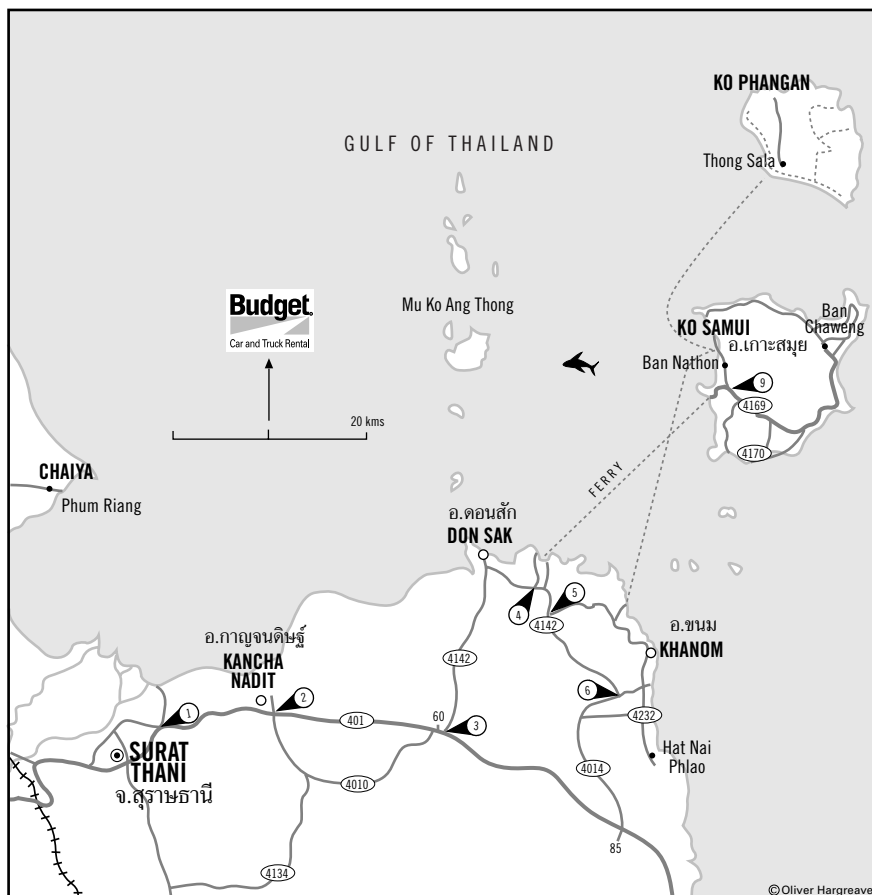
H4142 KM27-28 left turn to Ferry Ko Samui 2kms.

H4142 KM30-31 Left turn to Ban Bo Kam and quiet beach. Local huts available



5 POINTER FIVE

H4142 KM34-35 Intersection with sealed road (built under the accelerated rural development program.). Go straight for Hat Nai Phlao and Sichon, or go left and follow sealed road for approx 9 kms along a circuitous route for Ferryline, which serves Ko Samui and Ko Phangan (4WD only on Ko Phangan).



6 POINTER SIX

H4142 terminates at KM46+ with H4014. Left on H4014 goes to Khanom and Nai Phlao Beach. Go right for Sichon and Nakhon Sri Thammarat to continue on the drive.

FERRY DON SAK - SAMUI

Don Sak Office (0)77 371205-6, 371151

Samui Office (0)77 423190-1, 423026

Vehicle+driver one-way 180Bt Passengers extra

Don Sak-Samui

08:00 (80 min.)

10:00

12:00

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Samui-Don Sak

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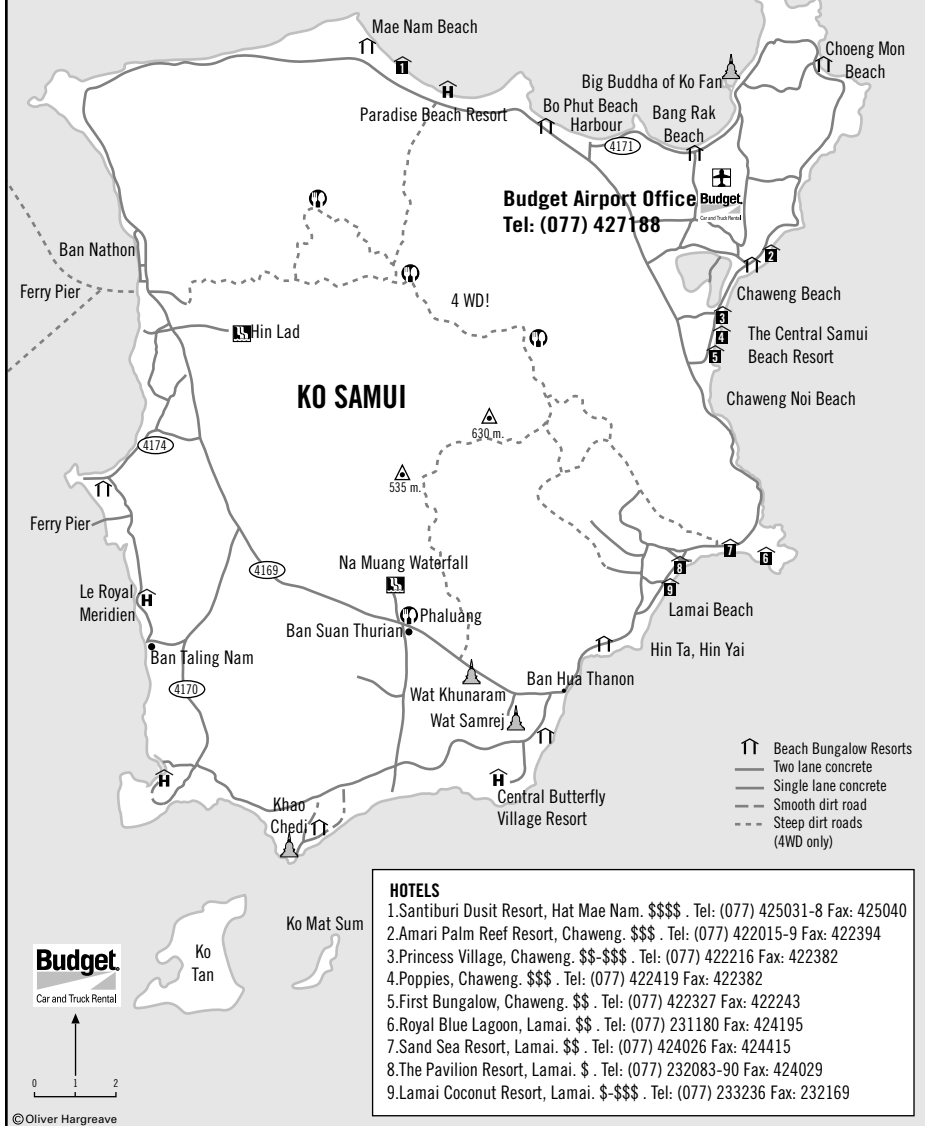
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KO SAMUI



ACCOMMODATION

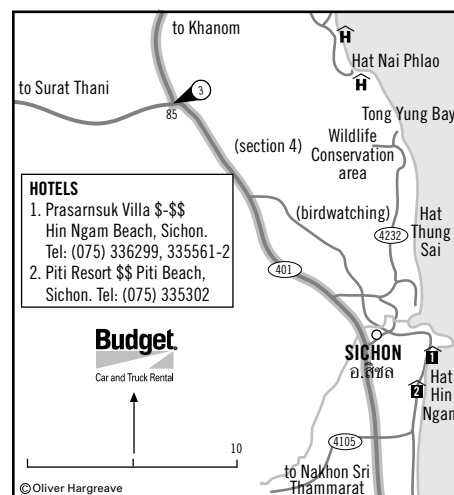
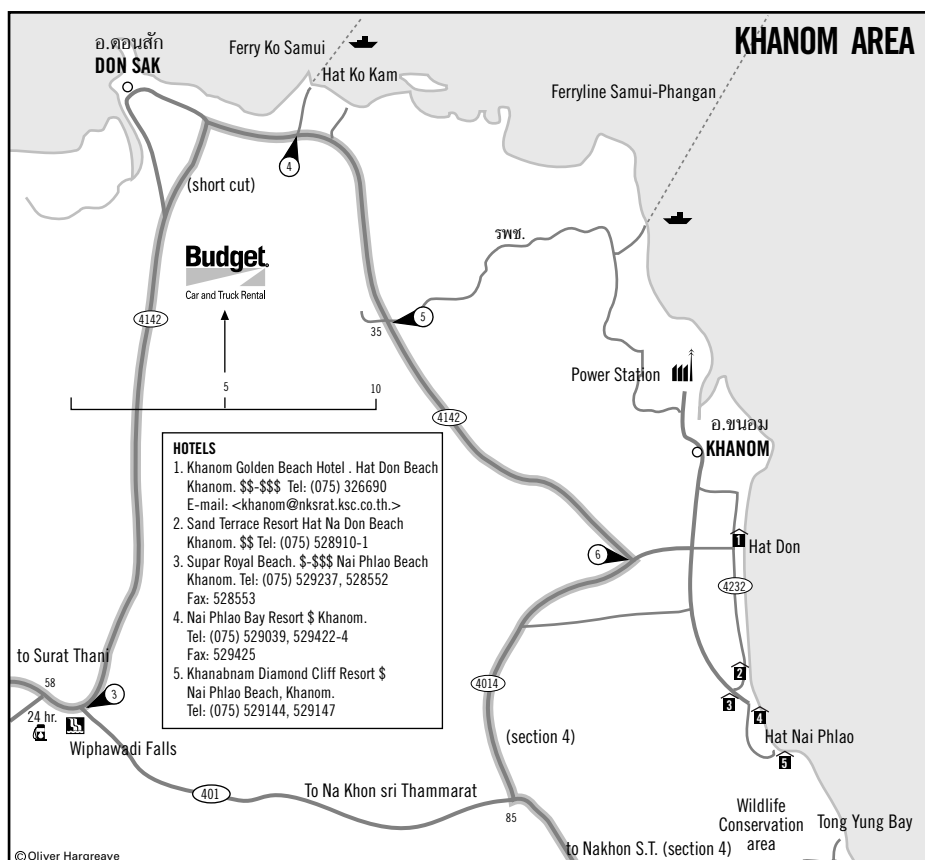
- (see Khanom Area map for locations near Hat Nai Phlao)
- Le Royal Meridien ๑๑๑๑ Ban Taling Ngam, Ko Samui. Tel: (0) 77 423019-22 Fax: 423220
- Paradise Beach Resort ๑๑๑ Hat Mae Nam, Ko Samui. Tel: (0) 77 247227 fax: 425290.
E-mail <paradise@loxinfo.co.th>
- The Central Samui Beach Resort, ๑๑๑ Chaweng, Ko Samui. (0) 77 230500 Fax: 422385
- The Central Butterfly Village Resort, ๑๑๑ Natian, Samui. Tel: (0) 77 424020-1 Fax: 424022.
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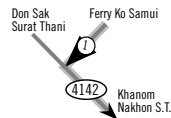
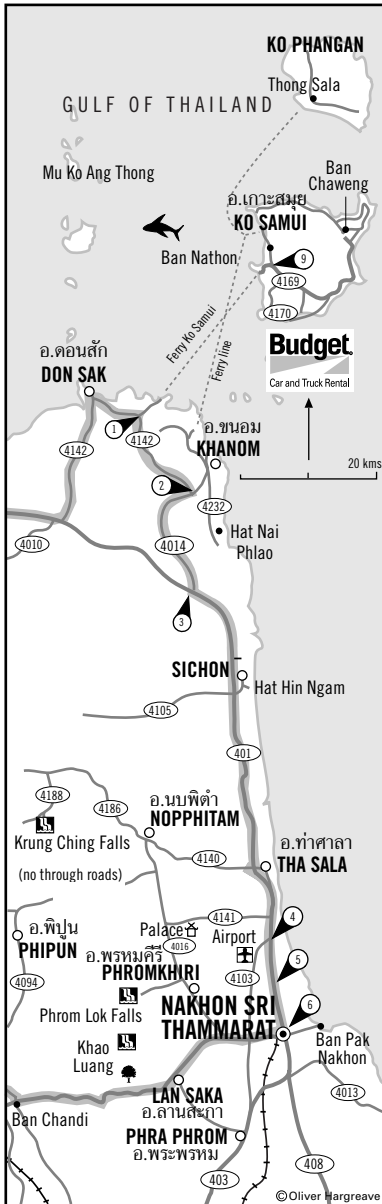
FERRYLINE (SONGSERM TRAVEL) KHANOM-KO SAMUI-KO PHANGAN.

Khanom Tel: 01 4764595
Samui Tel: (01)77 421316-9
Surat Thani Tel: (0)77 285124-6
180 Baht/vehicle+driver Khanom-Samui
360 Baht/vehicle+driver
Khanom-Phangan
Fares one-way only. Passengers extra

Khanom-Samui	Samui-Khanom
08:00 (80 min.)	06:00
10:00*	08:00
16:00	14:00
18:00*	16:00
Samui-Phangan	Phangan-Samui
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19:30	14:00*

*Khanom-Phangan route via Samui. NB
Only Budget 4WD vehicles are recommended for Ko Phangan!



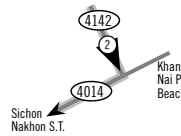


1 POINTER ONE

H4142 KM27-28 Turn left for Khonom, Sichen and Nakhon Sri Thammarat

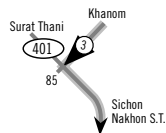
2 POINTER TWO

H4142 terminates at KM46+ with H4014 at KM12. Go right (south) for Sichen and Nakhon Sri Thammarat. (see *Khanom Area map section 3*).



3 POINTER THREE

H4014 terminates at H401 KM85. Go left for Sichen and Nakhon Sri Thammarat

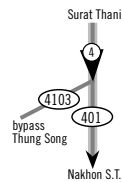


H401 KM104. The road left through Sichen heads for Hat Hin Ngam and the beaches just to the south of Sichen (see *Sichen Area map section 3*).

H401 KM122 bypasses Tha Sala. At KM124-5 H4140 right goes to Nop Phitam and Krung Ching Falls (47 kms).

4 POINTER FOUR

Go straight on H401 at the intersection with H4103. Take H4103 as an *alternative route* to avoid Nakhon Sri Thammarat (see *pointer 2, section 5*).



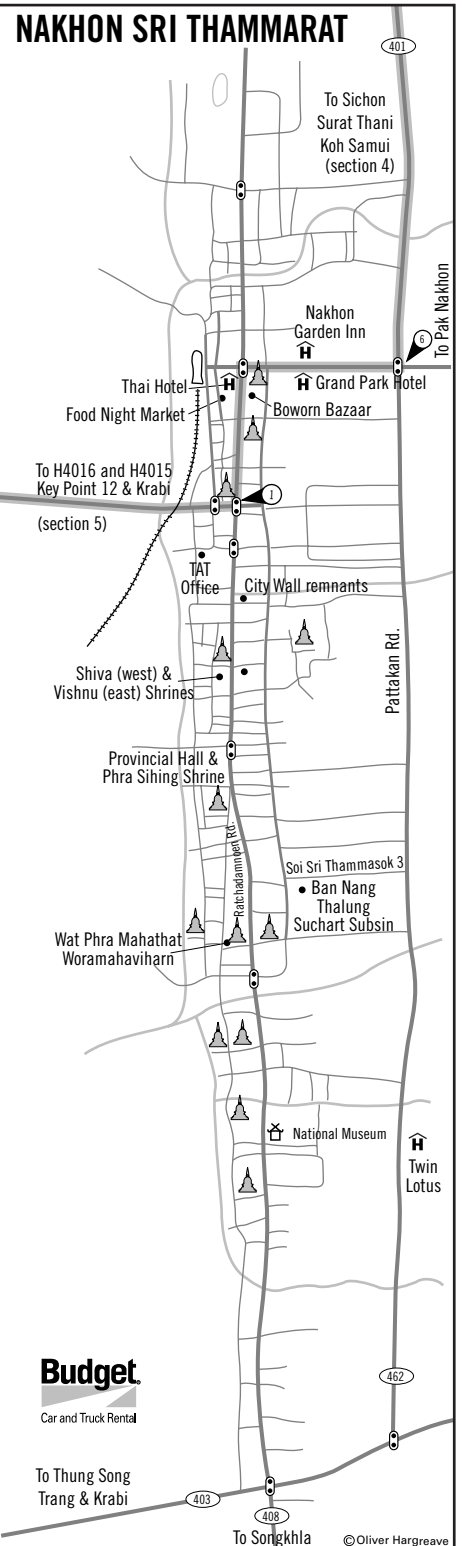
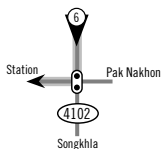
5 POINTER FIVE

H401 terminates at Fort Vachirawut, Tha Phae. Follow H4012 south.



6 POINTER SIX

H4012. KM 11 Approx. Turn right for 'Station' at sign above traffic lights. (See *Nakhon Sri Thammarat detail map*)



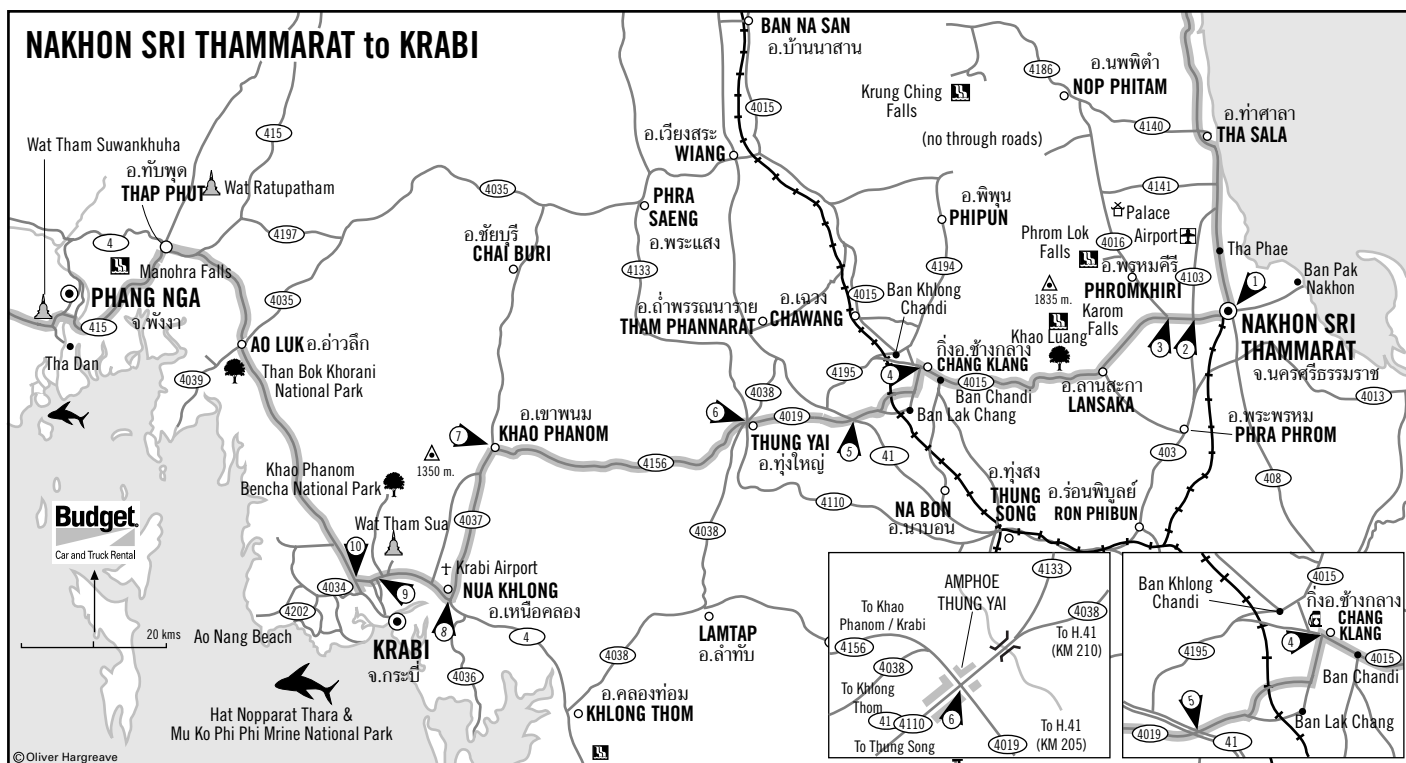
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- Grand Park Hotel, Pak Nakhon Rd. \$-\$\$
Tel: (075) 317666-73 Fax: 317674
- Nakhon Garden Inn, Pak Nakhon Rd. \$
Tel: (075) 344831-5 Fax: 342926
- Thai Hotel (new wing), Ratchadamnoen Rd. \$-\$\$
Tel: (755) 341509 Fax: 344858
- The Twin Lotus Hotel, Pattanakon Rd. \$\$
Tel: (075) 323777 Fax: 323821

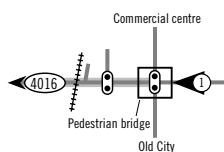
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KRABI

SECTION 5 : 176 kms.

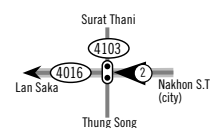


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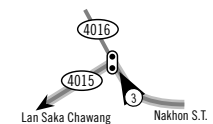
This intersection is marked by lights and overhead pedestrian crossings. Turn west onto Karom Rd (H4016) from Ratchadamnoen Rd. and go west across the railway.

2 POINTER TWO



From Thung Song, go to Thung Yai on H4110.

3 POINTER THREE



H4016 goes north to Ban Na Raeng, Nop Phitam and Krung Ching (H4186), passing side roads to Phrom Lok Falls (KM21-2 west 5kms.) and Muang Nakhon Palace (KM24-5 east 2 kms. Palace opens 08:00-17:00 and closes on Wednesdays and for lunch 12:00-13:00).

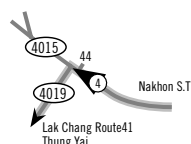
The nature trail to Krung Ching Falls (61 kms. from pointer 3 to Park Office and start of nature trail) is 4kms

long. A wire cable serves as a handrail for the final very steep 400m. trail to the main falls. Take food with you for the trip — very basic supplies only at the small park site.

H4015 KM20. Right turn to Khao Luang National Park and Karom Falls (3 kms)

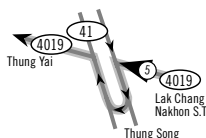
H4015 KM27-8 Tha Phae Falls right (2kms.)

4 POINTER FOUR



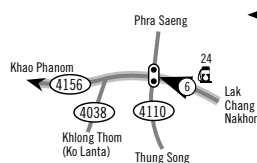
H4015 to Chawang and Na San is an *alternative inland route* to Ko Samui.

5 POINTER FIVE

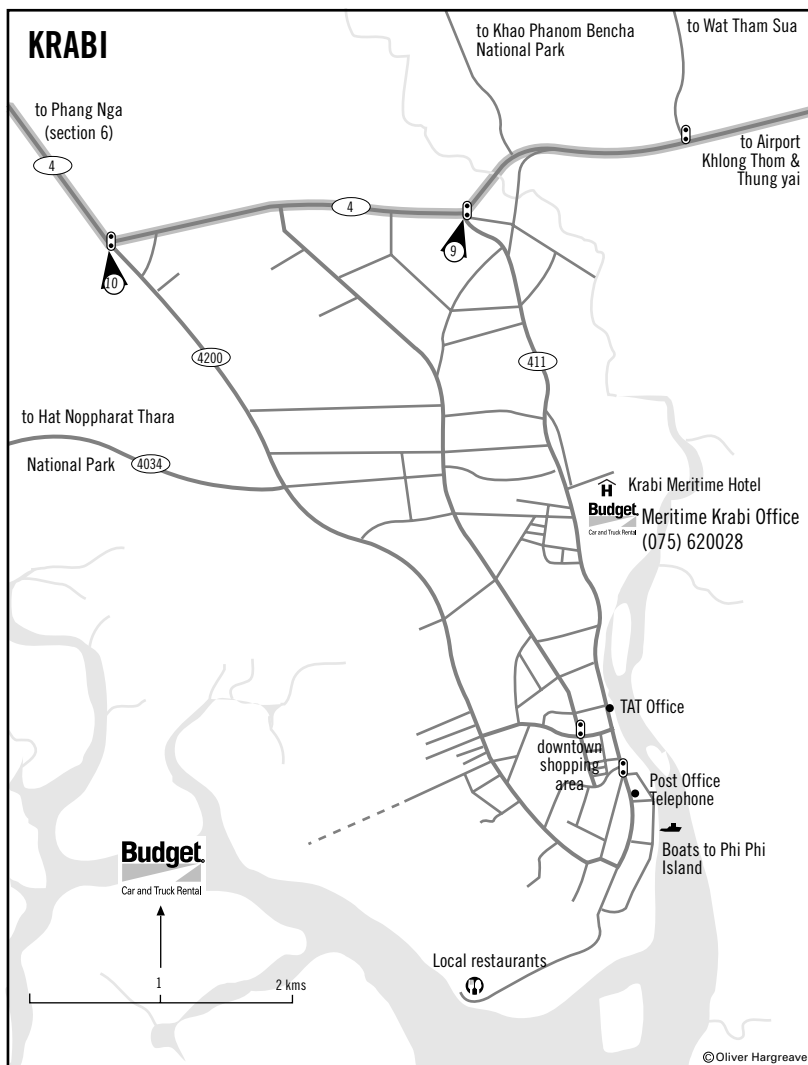


H41 turn left (south) and do U-turn to return on northbound lane. *Take care!* Go on H 4019 left (west) to Thung Yai.

6 POINTER SIX



H4019 intersects with H4110. Go straight west on H4156 to Khao Phanom. *Check petrol and fill up if nearing empty at Thung Yai!*



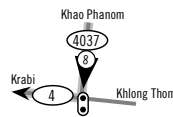
7 POINTER SEVEN

H4156 joins H4037 KM20-21 at T-junction with lights. Turn left (south) onto H4037.



8 POINTER EIGHT

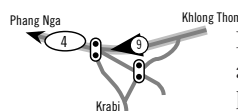
H4037 joins H4 KM98-7 at a T junction with lights. Turn right (west) for Krabi.



H4 KM99-100 Krabi Airport right (north)
H4 KM106-7 Wat Tham Sua right turn 2 kms. Climb 1,272 steps to the top of a karst and an impressive view.
H4 KM108 approx. Right turn to Khao Phanom Bencha National Park (20 kms) and Huai To Falls.

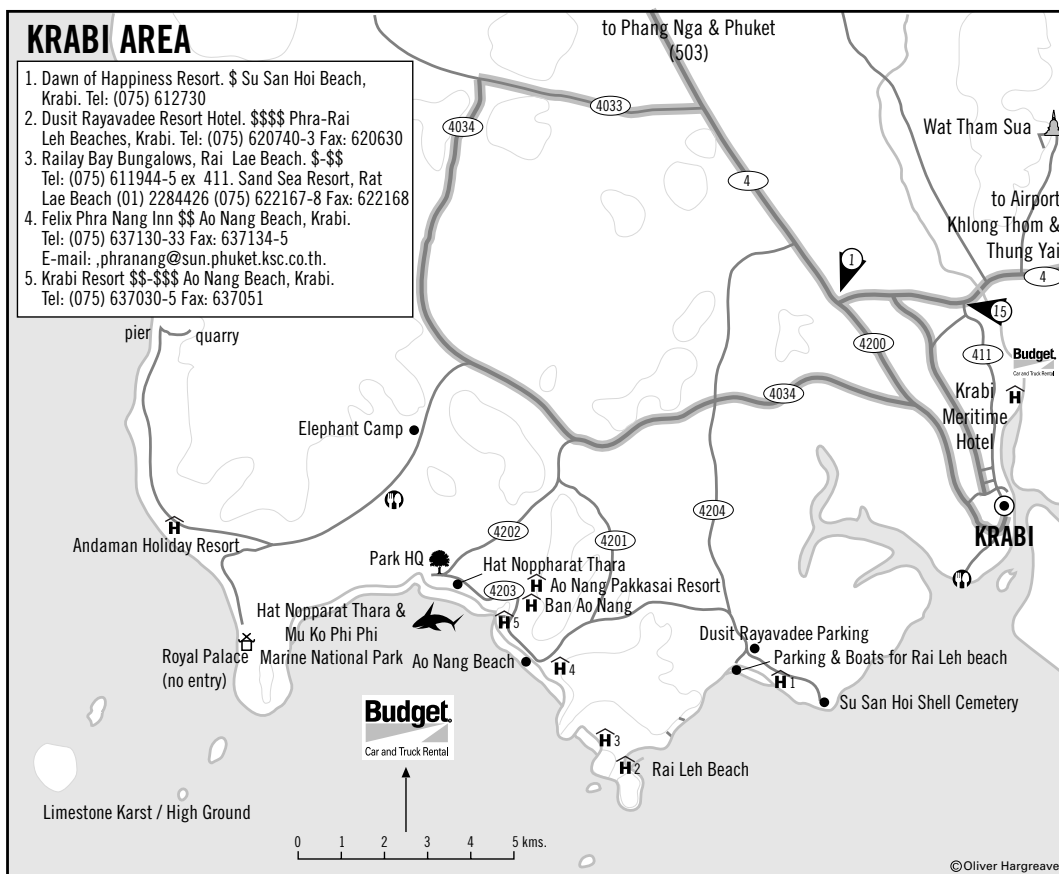
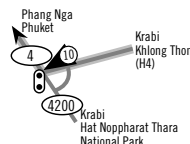
9 POINTER NINE

H4 KM108-9 left turn for main access road to Krabi Town 4 kms.



10 POINTER TEN

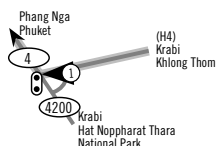
H4 KM110-111 turns sharply north at junction with H4200. Turn right for Phang Nga & Phuket and left for Hat Noppharat Thara National Park (see Krabi Area map)



ACCOMMODATION

- Krabi Meritime Hotel. \$\$\$-\$\$\$ Tungfah Rd, Krabi. Tel: (0)75 611474-6 Fax: 612992
- Ban Ao Nang \$\$\$ Ao Nang Beach, Krabi. Tel&Fax: (0)75 637071-4
- Ao Nang Pakkasai Resort \$\$\$ Ao Nang Beach, Krabi. Tel: (0)75 637777 Fax: 637637
- Andaman Holiday Resort \$\$\$ Khlong Muang Beach, Krabi. Tel: (0)75 644321-3 Fax: 644320 E-mail<ahr@loxinfo.co.th>

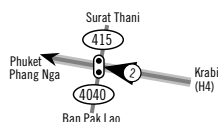
1 POINTER ONE



H4 KM110-111 turns sharply north at junction with H4200. Go north for Phang Nga & Phuket

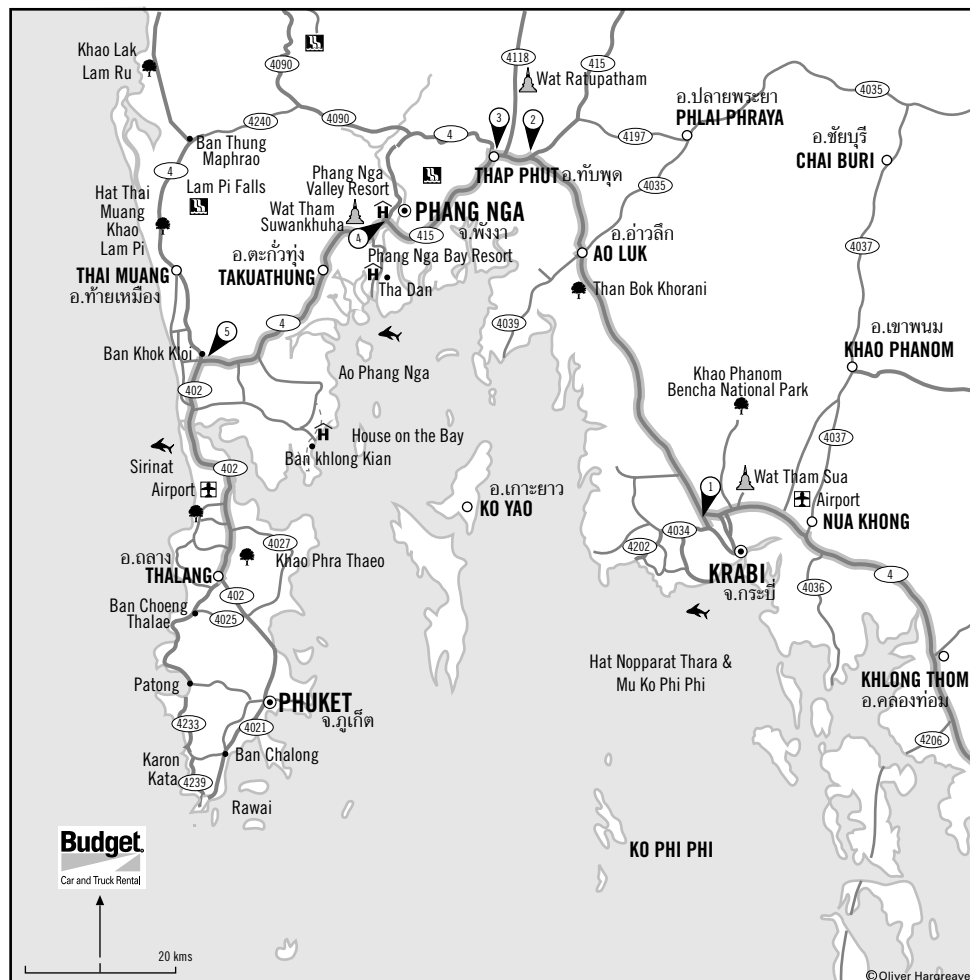
H4 KM148-9 Ao Luk intersection. Left turn on H4039 for Tham Bok Khorani National Park 4 kms.

2 POINTER TWO

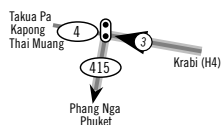


H4 KM164-5 Intersection with H415. Go straight for Phang Nga and Phuket. North on H415 is the fastest route from Phang Nga and Phuket to Surat Thani, Ko Samui, Chumphon and Bangkok.

H4 KM168-9 Right on H4118 to Wat Ratupatham, a temple with Buddhist sculpture and architecture on a monumental scale (11 kms)

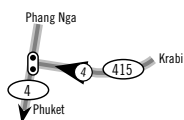


3 POINTER THREE



H4 KM169 Turn left onto H415 to Phang Nga. H4 follows the original route to Phang Nga over an inland pass and is the fastest way to Thai Muang, Khao Lak and Takua Pa via H4090 (see section 1)

4 POINTER FOUR



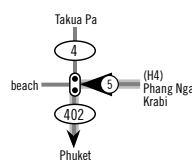
H415 rejoins H4 at a T junction. Turn left (south) for Phuket. (NB. Kilometre stones were removed for road improvements at time of research. Distance readings are estimated by vehicle odometer—OdKM—south from this junction)

OdKM2-3 left for Phang Nga bay at Tha Dan (3kms), the first of several small harbours which offer boat trips around Phang Nga Bay.

OdKM4 right turn to Wat Tham Suwan Khuha 2 kms.

OdKM9-10 Takua Tung District - left turn at corner for boat services around Phang Nga Bay. A new cut on the road (once completed) bypasses this town.

OdKM 28 kms. left turn for back route to Khlong Kian.



5 POINTER FIVE

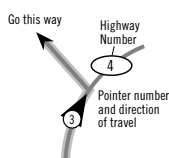
H4 KM7 Bang Khok Kloi. H4 turns sharply north. Go left (south) at T junction with H402 and drive south to Phuket (see section 1)

Welcome to Phuket!

ACCOMMODATION

- Phang Nga Valley Resort. ☎-☎☎ Just south of Phang Nga Town. Tel: (0)76 411353 Fax: 411393.
- Phang Nga Bay Resort Hotel. ☎-☎☎ Tha Dan, Pang Nga Tel: Tel: (0)76 412067 Fax: 412057
- House on the Bay Resort ☎, Khlong Kian, Phang Nga. Tel & Fax: (0)76 351326 Mobile: (0)1 4903449

INSTRUCTIONS



Numbered pointers listed in sequence in the direction of travel show you when you have to make a turn at important junctions along the recommended route (reverse these if travelling in the opposite direction). Some inter-sections and turns where English language signs are absent may also include descriptions to help you visually check you have the correct turning.

Kilometre references are noted in two ways:

H4 KM13 = Highway 4 kilometre stone 13 is close to the point of focus
 H4 KM98-9 = The point of focus lies between kilometre stones 98&99. Where kilometre stones were absent at time of research, kilometres are referenced by odometer (OdKM).

KM99 A point of interest or side trip off the recommended route is located near this kilometre stone. Regular guide-books for the area will give further information.

Alternative route The direction pointers follow recommended routes that aim to give you a variety of roads and scenery where possible. Alterna-

tive route directions show you where you may take your own route using information found only on the maps.

4 WD Only! If you are driving a vehicle that does not have 4 four wheel drive, please do not take this road. When driving driving off-road, please drive slowly to avoid mechanical problems and to keep the dust down when passing people and communities.

Remember to always take enough drinking water - allow for emergencies

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ACCOMMODATION

This guide lists selected upper and mid-level places to stay. Guest House/local style accommodation is plentiful in main destinations and more places to stay are shown on the maps. Prices are indicated as follows:

฿฿฿฿ 5000 Baht +
 ฿฿฿ 3000-5000 Baht
 ฿฿ 1000-3000 Baht
 ฿ less than 1000 Baht

Pre-booking accommodation for the high season and during festivals is recommended. Further suggestions for places to stay as well as images of suggested accommodation can be found on the internet:

<www.phuket.com>, <www.samuihotels.com>,
 <www.krabihotels.com>, <www.asiatravel.com>,
 <www.hotelthai.com>, <www.sawadee.com>,
 <www.tiscoversasia.com>



STOP



NO PASSING



STOP (POLICE) CHECK



SLIPPERY ROAD



STEEP HILL



FALLING ROCKS
(LAND SLIDE)

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SYMBOL LIST

- Main Road
- Minor Road
- Unsealed Road
- Suggested Routes
- ~ River
- ⦿ Provincial Capital
- District
- 📍 Pointer
- 🚦 Traffic Lights
- 100 Kilometre 100
- 🏛 Temple
- 🌳 Park
- 🌊 Water Fall
- ♨ Hot Springs.
- 🏠 Hotel/Resort/Guest House
- 🏥 Hospital
- ⛽ Gas Station
- 🍽 Restaurant
- ⌂ Golf Club