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Villa Similan
Layan Residences by Anantara

Layan Residences by Anantara Phuket, Thailand

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There are few brands that can compete with Anantara's Thai hospitality offering, and a visit to Layan Residences by Anantara will show you why. A charming luxury sanctuary in the tropics, the property rests in the tranquil setting on Phuket's western coast, opening into a secluded stretch of Layan Beach. A combination of luxe accommodation and the five-star facilities and services of Anantara Layan Phuket Resort, Layan Residences offer HNWs an assortment of 15 uniquely designed two to eight bedroom pool villas they can call their own. Enjoy the intuitive and personal service of the live-in butler, and the advantage of an indoor spa. It's the high life, hidden in the hills, where guests can experience new heights of luxury in the comfort of a homely setting. A visit to Phuket is incomplete without a taste of its dazzling flavours and guests will be pleased to know that many of the region's best culinary offerings are on-site. The talented chefs are ever-ready to conjure outstanding dining experiences from the freshest and most sought after ingredients. Guests will be pleased that award-winning Japanese culinary brand Zuma's pop-up will be in place until mid-March 2018. Zuma will present a display of izakaya-style sharing plates with a creative interpretation of the elements. Guests are spoilt for choice on the activities front, from lazy days at the pools to watersports. An exploration of Phuket's natural beauty is not to be missed, and staff at Anantara are happy to arrange for a number of land and sea excursions. Visitors are encouraged to relax at Anantara's signature spa. Enjoy the attentive and personalised service of professional therapists trained to the highest international standards. Private treatment suites are available, as are salon services and male and female steam rooms.

Anantara Bazaruto Island Lodge Mozambique

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On the private island of Bazaruto, in the 'jewel-like' archipelago off the coast of Mozambique, lies Anantara's collection of 44 villas, with beach, sea and pool views. Guests will be enchanted by the rustic charm of these properties, built from indigenous materials such as reed and soft fringed thatch to blend in with the unspoiled tropical surroundings. Visitors are spoilt for choice when it comes to food — a range of eateries are available here, from the Mediterranean Golfinho and international flavours at Clube Naval, to beachfront dining at Dining by Design. What this pristine region is most known for is as a scuba diving destination, an opportunity for jet-setters to watch dugongs, turtles and whales in their ocean homes.

Anassa Neo Chorio, Cyprus

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With its reputation as the premier luxury resort on Cyprus, Anassa eschews the word on any of its promotional material. Anassa is not just a hotel, but a great modern five-star hotel. Every room offers a view of the sea, many have their own plunge pools, and every bathroom is complete with Aqua di Parma amenities. There are superb restaurants, a splendid 'Roman style' spa, and a private beach. It extends its comforting hospitality to many discerning holidaymakers from Europe, the Middle East and Russia in search of peace, quiet and privacy: particularly families with children. It is known for its child-friendly facilities, but Anassa is very much not a kindergarten — it would make a blissful honeymoon destination as well.