

## Hide and Seek

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One of Thailand's most upmarket beachside villa complexes, **Evason Hideaway at Hua Hin** is ready for your patronage.

Effortlessly rustic yet intrinsically luxurious, **Evason Hideaway at Hua Hin** offers an opulent, romantic alternative to the Pool Villas and run-of-house guestrooms at the adjacent Evason Hua Hin Resort & Spa. An excellent weekend break option from stress-centric Bangkok (especially as Evason now runs an air shuttle service to save negotiating the three-hour car journey), or a much longer bliss-out sojourn, the Hideaways villas are spread over a huge area of beachfront land: approximately 41,000 square metres.

The 55 villas each possess a personal infinity-edged pool with day sala, outdoor bath surrounded by tropical fish-habituated ponds, all enclosed by a traditional mud-brick wall. There are worse ways to spend the evening than soaking in a huge bath with your partner under the stars.


These self-contained, state-of-the-art hideaways sport an oversized king-size bed draped with insect netting, a day bed that can be made up for family sleeping if required, DVD entertainment system and satellite TV. iPods are available on request, loaded with many hours of music and a great variety of styles. The open-style bathroom offers both inside and outside showers. Villas come on all shapes and sizes, from a very generous 245 square metres for a one-bedroom, to an extravagant 375 square metres for a two-bedroom suite. Other configurations include suites with one bedroom and a living room, and duplex suites.

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With Evason Pool Villa Butlers on hand to anticipate your every need (Evason Hideaway employ a ratio of four hosts per villa), many guests may think twice about leaving the villa, and dine in privacy on their terrace. You can organise a champagne breakfast; a picnic can be arranged in the garden; or, for villa dining with a difference, a Villa BBQ dinner is prepared with private chef and waiter.

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Other facilities here include the indoor-outdoor Six Senses Spa, which includes special treatments designed to be enjoyed by couples. There is also a gymnasium, water sports recreation centre, and a Six Senses Gallery gift shop.

Several daily flights between Bangkok and Hua Hin have been recently introduced to serve guests of Evason, utilising a luxury 12-seat Cessna commuter aircraft. 



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