



Dream Phuket Hotel & Spa, Phuket, Thailand

It's the kind of joint where #goodvibes would not be out of place—hashtagged right under a picture of your knees together with a lurid cocktail on the bottom half of a beach shot. Having said that, there's no beach mere steps away from your own pool, unless you take one of the pool-attached suites you'll have to share. But there is the affiliated Dream Beach Club, about a five-minute drive away, where the brand really shines in full Ibiza-transplanted glory, complete with pumped-up bronzed denizens whiling the day away on the minimum spend cabanas and loungers. Music is by Hed Kandi and Ministry of Sound, with regular monthly residencies by mainstay names like DJ Eibhlin and DJ Phoebe d'Abo. This normally ornery writer was inspired enough to let the tropical house vibes reach her by osmosis, on hot sand and in the cool, clear waters of Layan Beach. Here, you'll be convinced that you are fabulous and young, and that nothing else matters more than working on your tan. Back at the hotel, the rooftop pool beckons in the afternoon, for a quieter swim, before the night lights up. We skipped the SGD1,185 gold-encrusted wagyu beef foie gras-topped burger, but did indulge in the spa's gold-infused massage. More than one way to shine.

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