

Keemala

THAILAND



kingfish, ducks, peacocks and two rescued water buffaloes — these are just some of the more permanent residents at Keemala. With its focus on sustainable tourism, the resort's aim is clear: to encourage guests from taking trips or visiting structures that exploit animals.

With wide-open views across Kamala village and to Andaman Sea, Keemala is a modern jungle getaway perched high in the rainforested hills of Phuket. The fictitious stories of ancient settlers are woven into the design of the four types of villa. The iconic Clay Pool Cottages reflect the earthiness of the La-Pea clan, with their tribal patterns and tiles, private pool and rainforest-view terrace. The adventurous Khon-Jom wanderers inspired brown Terr Pool Villas — think wildlife-inspired interiors, monsoon showers and outdoor bathtubs with a view. Elsewhere, the over-two-storey Tree Pool Houses, with their lounge chairs, cocoon-like beds and outdoor showers, bear influences from the We-Ha people's belief that elevated homes boost creativity. Finally, thought Bird's Nest Pool Villas blur the interior

and exterior in a nod to the Bang-Vek community's idea of the replenishing nature of moonlight; here, there are open-sided villas, sea-view pools and alfresco decks.

The award-winning Wala spa is designed to appeal to all five senses, with treatments incorporating traditional healing rituals from around the world. Holistic therapies, including mind-body therapy, neck and cranial sacral therapy, are just a few of the spa offerings, along with yoga, meditation and fitness elements. Four dining destinations offer a fusion of eastern flavours with western influences, and a Healthy Living Labline version of the menus uses dishes prepared with living foods, ie raw, macrobiotic ingredients.

But it's the location that makes Keemala so special: gushing waterfalls, lily-strewn ponds, mature trees and trickling streams punctuate the beautiful grounds. It's almost impossible to know where Keemala stops and the rainforest begins. Keemala is a member of Green Frontiers, a collection of handicapped, sustainable and unique places to stay worldwide.

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KEY FACILITIES

- 6 Clay Pool Cottages; 7 Terr Pool Villas; 7 Tree Pool Houses; 8 Bird's Nest Pool Villas
- Spa
- Private pools and a communal pool
- Gym
- Restaurant and bar
- Beach shuttle services
- Complimentary transfer

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