



LAYANA

RESORT & SPA
KOH LANTA YAI

PACKAGE FOR COUPLE ONLY



Layana Resort and Spa

Wedding Package (Western Style)

A wedding is always a sacred ritual, and together with the romance, it will last for a lifetime. We offer a memorable outdoor wedding with your choice of beach, garden or poolside setting.

Includes:

- Outdoor ceremonial furnishing and set-up (Beach, garden or poolside setting)
- Flower arrangements at the ceremonial site and chairs (Arch available on request)
- Baskets of rose petals
- Special wedding bouquet for the bride and corsage for the groom
- Long drum procession
- 2lbs Wedding Cake
- One bottle of French champagne
- Coconut palm for the “Love tree planting”
- Wedding gift from Layana Resort & Spa
- Floral Wedding decoration in the bedroom
- Candle lit dinner for couple
- Manicure and Pedicure for the bride on the wedding day
- 2.5 hour spa package of their choice for bride and groom the following day
- Breakfast in room the following day

The format of the ceremony is as follows:

- A Long Drum procession escorts the wedding couple from their room to the wedding venue (on the beach, in the garden or at the poolside)
- A Christian minister or celebrant conducts the ceremony
- The wedding couple exchange vows and rings
- Wedding registration if required
- The newlyweds plant a love tree in the hotel grounds to commemorate their wedding
- The bridal couple cut the cake and open the bottle of champagne
- The bridal couple has a private luncheon, or private dinner, or reception party of their choice

The Layana Blessing

This informal ceremony involves the blessing by the guests and the hotel management and team.

This option is suggested to take place at their choice of time.



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Wedding Package (Traditional Thai Wedding)

This is a full traditional Thai ceremony, which involves the chanting, and blessing by Buddhist monks.

Includes:

- Thai-style ceremonial furnishing and set-up (beach, garden or poolside setting)
- Flower arrangements at the ceremonial site including flower arch
- Gastrula of blessed water
- Baskets of rose petals
- Flower sets for monks and Buddha Image
- Special wedding garlands for the bride and groom
- Meal, flowers and items for personal use of five monks
- Cash donation to the monks
- Long drum procession
- Wedding Cake 2lbs
- One bottle of French champagne
- Coconut palm for the “Love tree planting”
- Floral Wedding decoration in the bedroom
- Manicure and Pedicure for the bride on the wedding day
- 2.5 hour spa package of their choice for bride and groom the following day
- Breakfast in room the following day

The format of the ceremony is as follows:

- The long drum dance procession arrives at the room of the bridal couple to escort the couple to the ceremonial venue according to Thai traditional culture (on the beach, in the garden or at the poolside)
- The procession arrives at the ceremonial venue
- The bridal couple sits side by side at the bridal table
- Buddhist religious rite begins with the chanting and blessing by 5 monks.
- Lighting the holy candles by the bridal couple
- Sprinkling of holy water by the monks
- Blessing and pouring of holy water by guests and hotel management staff
- The bridal couple exchange rings (if applicable)
- The bridal couple offers alms and food to the monks
- The monks take their leave after lunch
- Wedding registration, if required
- The newlyweds plant a love tree in the hotel grounds to commemorate their wedding
- The bridal couple cut the cake and open the bottle of champagne
- The bridal couple has a private Thai luncheon, or private dinner, or reception party of their choice



Wedding Package

1st May – 31st October Package selling price @ 67,000.- Baht

11th Jan – 30th April Package selling price @ 79,000.- Baht

<u>Optional Services (incl. VAT and Service Charge):</u>	<u>Baht (net)</u>
<u>(Prices may be changed without prior notice)</u>	
Photographer , digital photos presented on CD to music of the wedding ceremony	<u>25,000 (4 hours)</u>
Floating lanterns per piece	<u>300. -</u>
Additional Bouquets (For bridesmaids/flower girls) per bouquet	<u>2,000.-</u>
Private Dinner party for wedding guests (beverage exclude):	<u>1,300.- / person</u>
- Thai Menu	<u>1,500.- / person</u>
- Western Menu	<u>1,500.- / person</u>
Cocktail Reception Canapés and Snacks (beverage exclude):	<u>360.- / person</u>
- Thai Snacks	<u>450.- / person</u>
- Western Snacks	<u>450.- / person</u>
Souvenirs for the Couple's guests	<u>400.-/per person</u>

Accommodation for the wedding party and quests,

* From 01 May to 31 Oct 2017	7,700 Baht net per Garden Pavilion
* From 11 Jan to 31 March 2018	14,000 Baht net per Garden Pavilion
* From 01 – 30 April 2018	8,100 Baht net per Garden Pavilion

The above rates are fully inclusive of service charge, VAT and daily breakfast

***Minimum stay 7 nights maximum 5 Rooms**

The Hotel may not be held responsible for any change in price or fee.



Kindly note that we only organize weddings with a maximum of 24 people and we are able to host only two weddings per month. We regret that we are unable to host weddings during the period 1 November to 10th January

Please also note that we accept adults only (18 yrs+) at Layana Resort and Spa, and accordingly we are not able to accommodate any children at our weddings. Additionally, the resort facilities are reserved strictly for guests and outside guests are not permitted to use our beach and swimming pool facilities.

Cancellation & No Show Policy:

- To confirm your booking, the hotel requires 50% non refundable deposit 60 days prior to arrival with the balance to be settled on function day

Additional Arrangements:

Kindly contact your Embassy regarding requirements to legally register your marriage in by our home country.

The fee to obtain an Official Marriage Certificate registered in the Kingdom of Thailand is approximately Baht 24,000 depending on the agency used for this service

A Professional Translation Services and Marriage of Aliens (PTS) is required for an officially registered marriage certificate. Fees may vary from one guest's nationality to another. The PTS fee stated above is recorded at time of issuance of this contract.



Good advice

Start planning early - You'll want to give your guests' at least six months notice to make travel arrangements and schedule vacation time. And many prime dates (July 4, Christmas, etc) and sites (on the beach at sunset) get booked early. Make sure you know all of the routes to the wedding location, and be sure you provide directions from nearby airports and train stations.

Consider the costs to your guests - While a destination wedding may save you money, some of your friends and family may not be able to afford an airfare plus three nights in a posh resort. Call the airlines to request ticket discounts for your wedding guests; arrange a reduced rate at the hotel where you're staying; and make sure to research a few less expensive lodging options as well.

Timing and Weather - It may seem obvious, but make sure you select a month with the most consistent, good weather.

Choose your site, and then choose attire - Be sure to let your guests know about appropriate attire, for both your tastes and the environment. If elegantly relaxed, but not too casual is your desire, tip guests off and include the dress code on the invitation. Don't wear an elaborate wedding dress - keep it simple. If you wear a veil, make sure it's got something to hold it down in a beachside breeze. The groom can wear a white dinner jacket or even khakis and a blazer.

Lastly, don't forget the sunscreen. You want that healthy glow to be your happiness, not sunburn.

Practical Information

The information below addresses the "practical" aspects of the weddings ceremony, the administration, briefing the hotel with your particular requirements and getting ready for the ceremony.

Arrival at the Resort

When you arrive at the resort, you will receive a flower garland, together with cold towels and a welcome drink. A time will be arranged with you to meet the hotel's weddings representative to discuss the arrangements for the ceremony.

Wedding Briefing

A representative from the hotel will reconfirm all the details of the wedding with you. You will be given a short overview of the traditions of the ceremony itself so you know exactly what will happen and what you have to do. Check dresses (at least one day before wedding ceremony)



Wedding day

Wedding Ceremony

For the Thai style ceremony, Bride and Groom, follow the way by lead by the Long Drum Parade. The monks start the ceremony, which consists of prayers and chanting the bride and groom light a candle and 3 incense sticks together - one for Lord Buddha, one for the teachings of Buddha and one for monks. After each prayer the couple bow one time to pay obedience to Lord Buddha and the Buddhist teaching.

A length of twine is then passed from the Buddha statue through the monks' hands and over the shoulders of the couple. And water is poured over the bride and grooms hands to celebrate the wedding. .This signifies the blessing of Buddha to the couple.

The ceremony lasts around 45 minutes.

During the wedding, a photographer will take pictures and your wedding CD will be delivered within 36 hours.

Timings (These are approximate and give for your guidance only. We are flexible, but do note that a Thai style wedding must be conducted before Noon.)

Wedding ceremony

Thai style

07.00 hours Hair dressing, make up, changing dresses

09.00 hours Rehearsal of ceremony

09.30 hours Long Drum Parade

(Must be before

10.00 hours Buddhist Ceremony

Noon for Monks)

10.30 hours Holy Water Pouring & Bonding Ceremony

10.45 hours Cake Cutting Ceremony

11.00 hours Love Tree Planting Ceremony



Western Style

14.00 hours Hair dressing, make up, dressing (Or later if wished)

16.30 hours Wedding Ceremony

16.45 hours Cake Cutting Ceremony

17.00 hours Love Tree Planting Ceremony

Legal issues

If you plan to have a legal marriage that is to be registered in the Kingdom of Thailand, there are a number of legal steps to be followed. A number of companies in Bangkok offer a service to assist you with this (e.g .Creative Events Asia). <http://www.creativeeventsasia.com/>

You will have to provide confirmed and written evidence that your legal civil status allows you to get married.

Forms are available from your country's embassy in Bangkok or we can fax a copy as an example.

Once in Thailand, you will have to present yourself at your embassy in Bangkok, together with your passport for the form to be stamped.

The form then has to be translated into Thai by an authorized translator who will use a stamp that the Thai authorities will accept.

You will then have to take this form in Thai to the Legalization and Naturalization Dept in Bangkok; they will need three full working days to process it.

Things for Bride & Groom to Prepare

- Wedding dresses and Groom's outfit
- Passports
- Certifying letter or document from their embassy indicating their wish to get married in Thailand with their personal details such their names and address, nationality, their parents' names and nationality if they wish to have a their marriage legally registered in Thailand
- Divorce document if married before
- All documents need to be translated to the Thai language
- All documents need to be endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangkok



Thai Marriage Certificate (Issue at Koh Lanta District)

Document reference:

The District Office of Koh Lanta (Ampur) will not issue a Thai marriage registration certificate without a letter to prove the couple have not been married before. The original official confirmation letter/document issued by embassy in Bangkok must be on hand.

Procedure:

The resort must submit a written request to the Chief Official of Koh Lanta district, specifying date, time and place of wedding ceremony include itinerary. Chief of District will handover to his assistant (Palad Amphur) who will handle the wedding registration on his behalf and witness the ceremony.

Additional Information about Thai weddings

Hae Khaan Maak

On the wedding day, early in the morning, friends and relatives meet at the groom's house. This group called "Hae" are ready for a party.

Together they walk to the bride's home in a parade with dancing and long drums. This ceremony means that the family and relatives agree to the wedding and now bring the groom to the bride's house in order to celebrate with the future couple. They carry food and fruits, artistically arranged on trays. Four married women carry three special trays covered with clothes in different colours. These three gifts are for the first, second and third night after being married.

The crowd who escorted the groom will stop in front of the bride's house and will not let the groom enter before he has paid a suitable amount of money. In the hotel, our staff will act as the family and join the parade around the hotel grounds.

Pook Mue

(Symbolic good wishes around your wrist)

The newly married couple kneel on the floor resting their arms on large pillows. The most senior and respected person in the family will start to tie each wrist of the couple with strings of white cotton. As they do this, they wish the couple much happiness, prosperity and healthy children. This ritual involves family members and close friends only.

For guests who do not bring family, several members of the hotel staff will be present to offer best wishes.



Rod Nam Sang

(Pouring of holy water)

The bride and groom sit close together. Flower garlands are placed around their necks and two circles of connected twine are placed on their heads. Starting with the senior members of the family - each person in turn approaches the couple - makes a blessing for lifelong happiness as they pour water on the couple's hands from a conch shell called "Sang".

Small ornamented silver bowls, called "Khan" are placed on small pedestals to collect the water poured over the hands of the newlyweds. These bowls are filled with the petals of the lotus (the blossom of fertility) and other flowers in elaborate patterns to symbolise the happy union.

After all the guests have blessed the couple, the water from the bowls will be poured into the garden.

Layana Thai Wedding Ceremony

Taking place in the gardens of Layana Resort and Spa, the wedding ceremony starts with the *Hae Khan Mark* or Groom's Procession. Musicians, drummers with Thai long drums, dancers, and attendants accompany the groom to the *sala*, where the bride is waiting.

The groom bears the *Sin-sord* or dowry - a selection of *Khan Mark* bowls containing an engagement ring and trays containing auspicious items such as beans, sesame, and rice, together with flowers with lucky names to ensure a long and happy marriage. (Takes about 15 minutes)

The Gate Passing Ceremony sees the Groom's Procession approach the bride, followed by the Engagement Ceremony, when the groom presents the engagement ring and dowry. Dressed in traditional Thai silk outfits, bride and groom sit side by side, joined by sacred white cords around their heads, with their forearms resting on special cushions, palms together. Two groomsmen and two bride maids, also dressed in traditional Thai silk costumes, stand behind the couple. (Takes about 20 minutes)

The most vital element of the Thai Wedding Ceremony is the *Rot Naam* or pouring of the "lustral water" (which has been blessed by a Buddhist priest) from a holy conch shell. The most senior guest will commence the ceremony, followed by the wedding guests lining up to give blessings for a long and happy married life while pouring lustral water over the hands of the couple. (Takes about 10 minutes)

The ceremony is followed by a reception of the couple's choice.

