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Six Senses operates resorts according to a philosophy of Hideaway, which attract frequent guests like Madonna and Angelina Jolie. I took the motor boat with Martin and went from Phuket to Koh Yau Noi, which is inhabited by merely 4,000 aborigines. Following my butler, I passed through the mangrove and listened to the chirrup. Embraced by green trees and red flowers, I felt relaxed with the chirrup and the voice of waves. When I opened the door of my room, I was welcomed by rocks and surprised at the swimming pool connected to the ocean. Switching off the mobile phone, Martin forgot all the trifles and enjoyed his time in the Hideaway.

Retiring from the world is today's trend of travel. Thailand is a lovely country, in which many islands are hideaway paradises. Six Senses developed the Maldives into a luxury resort region 20 years ago and has been exploring good places to develop more Hideaways. Situated between Phuket and Krabi, the resort on Koh Yau Noi has opened for less than one year. With low density of population, the primitive natural environment is still remained.

My private butler took me to a two-storey, 2,000 sq.ft villa with its own private swimming pool. With a primitive façade, the resort's materials are natural palm wood without paint. The door knob is made of jute rope and mineral water is filled in a glass bottle. Focusing on environmental protection, the resort is "intelligently luxurious" and attracts lot of renowned celebrities including Madonna, Angelina Jolie and Designer Jimmy Choo.

On such a large island, guests are suggested to travel by free-provided bicycle, instead of by golf carts. The whole resort village is embraced by the natural mangrove and that is why I enjoyed walking around on foot on the island. On the island with many rare birds, I had wonderful bird-watching lessons every day.

Opposite to Phang Nga Bay, Koh Yau Noi features a ridge of interesting stones which is like a group of aligning dwarfs. Overlooking from the restaurant, different stunning views can be enjoyed in the morning and at sunset. No matter guests are practicing yoga in the mangrove, learning Thai boxing on the beach or enjoying massage in room, they can enjoy the picturesque scenery everywhere.

The Hill Top Reserve, situated at the top of the island, boasts the most spectacular and commanding scenery. Attached to a waterslide, the swimming pool enjoys a hundred percent natural landscape. It is relaxing when swimming, sliding or even doing nothing at the poolside.

The aborigines on the island live on fishing, breeding fish and shrimps as well as planting rubber trees. The resort offers Eco-tours, which take guests to visit grottos, Rubber Plantation and to see the process of rubber. The seafood that we had in the restaurant came from the local fishermen. The resort features a large piece of organic farmland, with its vegetable being cooked in dainty Thai and Italian cuisines. Thailand is a kingdom of seasonings. More than 20 self-made jams are available in

breakfast, including coconut, pineapple, papaya and citronella, etc. There are also more than 20 kinds of self-made ice cream being served all day.

Each villa is 2,000 sq. ft in area and with its indoor swimming pool. Martin invited us to barbeque and enjoyed the full moon in his villa. The butler from Bangkok also told me that he and all the staff had made a wish under the stars which appeared as a smiling face some weeks ago. And finally, the dream does come true. Suggested by the butler, we also made a wish there.

There are many islands in East Thailand which have not yet been explored. Koh Kood, the fourth largest island in Thailand, is inhabited by only 2,000 aborigines and has not yet been explored. Soneva Kiri Resort is under construction and will open its door in summer this year. Situated at the boundary of Cambodia and connected to nearby Angkor Wat, Koh Kood has nearly no traffic network with the outside. The resort has already built a private airport on the Koh Kood. Guests will take a one-hour flight by resort's 8-seat small planes of Cessna Grand Caravan from Bangkok.

The nearly finished space-castle-like architecture is the Children World. Entering a password as a proof of under age, children can enter the world via an automatic door. Inside the world is an outdoor children playground. Without any electronic games, children will play with babysitters and it must be a great facility for parents.

The awe-inspiring bamboo-pavilion is like a nest hanging in the sky. The English designer said that he has lived on the island for two years and walked around the island every day. Sometimes, he climbed on a tree and took a nap over there. He felt like a bird and he was inspired to build this nest-like pavilion for guests.

He also plans to build a 2-seat restaurant on a two-meter-high tree. Having candlelit dinner on a tree must be very romantic. Sitting in the hall of villa, I enjoyed the stunning sea view with Chill Out music prepared by my butler. Behind this striking environment is actually a romantic love story.

Six Senses' owner Sone and his wife Eva enjoy the way of retiring from the world. 20 years ago, Sone explored a small island and developed it into a paradise for his wife who is 16 years older than him. The unexplored small island is today's the Maldives. Sone has even purchased and operated a seaplane company. The Maldives now becomes a resort paradise. He has then spent two years to look for Koh Kood and developed it into another paradise.

I did not want to leave such a paradise. The butler then told me, "The villas here is open for sale. The villa can be rented at the time you are not in." "The Private Pool Villa with its swimming pool in more than 1,000 sq. ft. of area is priced from HKD20,000,000 and Hill Top Reserve is priced at HKD50,000,000."

Some useful information is included in the coverage. The resort features 55 individual villas with private swimming pools, outdoor shower stalls, living rooms and private butler services. The area of each villa is 1,200 sq. ft. Boasting the most stunning scenery, the Hill Top Reserve is around 20,000 sq. ft. in area. Attached to a waterslide, the outdoor swimming pool enjoys scenery of stones.

The resort offers Thai and Italian cuisines. Chef Table is particularly surprising. Barbeque can be held at the poolside in guests' villas upon request. Picnics will be arranged in the one-day- tours to Phang Nga Bay and James Bond Island.

Cathay Pacific is offering a two-day package including air tickets and two-night accommodation from HKD13,320. For more information, please visit www.cxholidays.com.

Rates of Private pool villas are priced at HKD4,700 per night in off-season and HKD7,000 per night in peak season. Rates of Deluxe private pool villas are priced at HKD7,800 per night in off-season and HKD10,000 per night in peak season. Rate of Hill Top Reserve is priced HKD8,500 per night in off-season and HKD15,000 per night in peak season. Off-season starts from 16 April to 31 October, while peak season starts from 1 November to 27 December. The rates are subject to additional fees from 28 December to 10 January. For more information, please visit www.sixsenses.com.

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泰國瑤諾島
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山頂別墅的泳池水天一色，又擁有一個三米高瞭望台，
在泳池旁的滑水梯跳下去，好像跳進了大自然。

好想避

避世，真的好想避世。

早上七時從香港機場準備乘機前往布吉，同行的Martin憂心忡忡，「下午二時公司就要宣布裁員名單。」

看他不斷查看手提電話忐忑不安，我心裡不禁狐疑：「吓，你仲去旅行。」

雖然我們要去的是Six Senses一系列以Hideaway出走避世為哲學的度假村。連麥當娜、安祖連娜祖莉也是常客。

從布吉再乘快艇抵達這個只有四千原居民，連名字也沒聽過的小島瑤諾島（Koh Yao Noi）。跟着我的管家穿越紅樹林，樹上的大嘴鳥呱呱叫。環顧四周，綠一片樹，紅一片花，聽到的只有鳥和海浪的聲音，靈魂也不禁鬆口氣。

一打開房門，嘩！私人泳池與海連在一起，岩石群整齊排列，彷彿在向我們鞠躬迎迓。

Martin卸下背包，踢走腳上的鞋，大力按一下手提電話的關閉鍵，整個人躺身在臥椅上，瀟灑一句：「回去再算吧！」

越繁忙越要走出繁塵，找個無人煙的小島避世去，賺一刻風流快活，是為上策。



泰

國是個可愛的地方。
看早前的政治

風波，人民佔領機場要推總理下台，被困機場的香港旅客，一回港就感謝泰國人民向他們嘘寒問暖；關懷之情更勝香港政府，陳智思的母親當時也身處曼谷，都盛讚泰國人民是愛好和平的民族，即使政變都只有機場混亂，市中心秩序井然。今日泰國馬英九阿披實成為新總理，風風雨雨宣告平息，微笑之國，笑得更燦爛。

出走遊世，是今日旅遊大潮流，泰國許多小島都是避世天堂。Six Senses集團自廿年前開發馬爾代夫成為豪華度假點後，便四出發掘避世天堂。開業未夠一年的瑤諾島度假村，夾在布吉與喀比中央，原始風貌未被破壞，人煙稀少，大可一頭栽進大自然，不理凡塵俗世。

看的無污染

我被私人

管家引領進二千多呎，樓高兩層，擁有一私人泳池的別墅。從外貌看來建築充滿原始風貌，建材都是來自大自然的棕櫚木，上面不鏽鋼點油漆，門抽是麻繩做的，免費礦泉水都是用玻璃瓶盛載，度假村着重環保，而且是「有智慧地豪華」不要炫耀的浮誇，因此吸引到像麥當娜、安祖蓮娜祖



▲何謂貼近大自然的設計？有潺潺流水在腳下流過算不算。

●Chef Table實屬驚喜，生平最怕fusion菜的我，也被泰國半個廚師那些混得不太過分的菜式降服，可順道偷師學做菜。



度假村內吃到的都是有機食材，早餐桌上廿多款鮮製早餐，椰子味、木瓜味、荔枝味，花幾天也吃不完所有款式。

莉、鞋履設計師 Jimmy Choo 這種既崇尚自然，又有身份地位的大人物入住。

偌大的島嶼上須以哥爾夫球車為交通工具，但更鼓勵使用免費提供的單車代步。難得整個度假村都是被天然的紅樹林包圍，我更愛用雙腳。頭上飛來飛去的雀鳥，許多是我一輩子也未見過的，每天都是「堂觀鳥課」。

瑤諾島就在攀牙灣對岸，一整列岩石群好像幾個趣怪的小矮人一字排開，好趣致。吃早餐時從餐廳遠眺，是一種顏色，日落黃昏在酒吧觀看又是另一種景象。幾個小矮人是度假村的主角，無論到樹林做瑜伽，去海灘學泰拳，或是在按摩房按摩，走到哪裡都有這幅美景相伴。

佔據全島最高位置的豪華別墅 IIII Top Reserve 更加擁有全島最美的景致，一打開門幾乎無人不發出驚嘆聲，在泳池前面就是百分之百的天然美景。旁邊有



吃的 是有機

一道連接泳池的滑水梯。從滑水梯而下，有投進大自然的暢快，或者躺在泳池旁什麼也不做，在微風吹拂下，看着風雲幻變，優哉游哉。

島上原居民都是靠捕魚，養殖魚蝦或種植橡膠樹生產橡膠為生。度假村提供生態旅行團，帶遊客去坐舢板遊岩洞，也帶遊客去參觀橡膠園，看橡膠的生產過程。我們在餐廳裡吃到的海鮮都是來自當地漁民的。度假村內一大片有機農田，長出的蔬果都被煮成美味的泰國菜或意大利菜。泰國是香料王國，單是早餐桌上，就有廿多款自製的果醬供選擇，椰子、菠蘿、木瓜、香茅……全日供應的自製雪糕，雪葩也有廿多款，累我們每朝大清早就吃三球，午、晚餐又吃幾球。幾天下來還是試不完所有的味道。

每個別墅都有二千多呎的面積，各有戶外泳池。我們到訪之日剛好是十五年來最完美的月圓夜，月亮特別圓大。人生幾見月當頭，Koh Phi 請我們到他的別墅燒烤去，泳池旁放蕩洋灑，映襯皎潔明月。來自曼谷的管家說，月初曼谷政變，剛好碰上金星、木星、月亮排列成笑臉形狀



度假村內每天提供瑜伽、太極、泰拳等課程。瑜伽課在樹林下大海旁進行，也正好切合瑜伽理念，吸取大自然的靈氣。

度假村設計盡量配合自然，不破壞民風，唯一難以建設的是，位處的小島居民都屬穆斯林，酒店就變成島上唯一能賣酒的地方。



的天文現象，這裡卻平靜如昔。他和全體員工站在哈哈笑臉下許了個願望：祝泰國人早日回復笑臉，願望已實現了。我們也隨管家的建議在難得一見的圓月下各自許願。



▲餐廳用的食材都是在私人有機菜田出品的。

▲瑞諾島一帶有很多名勝島嶼如攀牙、瑞比島、占士邦島，租一艘快艇或舢板便可探索附近岩洞。



泰國的東西有許多島嶼，不少還未被開發，城市人流行避世，再遠離塵囂的島嶼都被發掘出來了。Koh Phi 是泰國第四大島，卻只有二千原居民，完全未被開發，正在興建的 Koh Phi 度假村即將於今年夏季開幕。位處柬埔寨邊境，接壤吳哥窟的小島，幾乎沒有對外交通網絡，這也正好符合避世的要求。度假村已在 Koh Phi 島興建私人機場，旅客要求酒店專用的八座位 Cessna Grand Caravan 小型飛機從曼谷花一小時航程才抵達小島。

天堂 當禮物

▲每幢別墅都擁有私家泳池，有些更有私人按摩室，又可吩咐管家安排池畔燒烤。

▲全度假村內最美麗的景色就是擁有四個房間、私人桑拿、酒窖、健身室的山頂別墅，一打開門就是這個絕色美景，躺在半露天的大麻裡黃昏日落美得不似在人間。



看到一個半完工，形狀看來像太空堡壘的建築，原來是兒童天地，小孩要輸入密碼確認未成年的身份，機關門才會自動打開，裡面有露天兒童遊樂場，有保母陪伴小孩玩樂，卻不設任何電子遊戲；對父母而言，肯定是個偉大的設施。

那個用竹製，懸在半空有如鳥巢的涼亭與大自然渾然天成，令人讚嘆。來自英



▲興建度假村的設計師愛爬樹，想到興建一個懸空像鳥巢的休憩地。

▼盡量取諸天然，石窟酒窖是最佳典範。



國的設計師說那是因他住在島上兩年，天天往山林跑，有時貪玩爬上樹梢睡個午覺，自由得以為自己是隻小鳥，便想建一個像鳥巢的涼亭來，讓旅客可感受睡在樹上的快活。

他還打算在兩米高的樹上，建一間只容得下兩個人的餐廳，樹上燭光晚餐，沒有比這個更浪漫吧。坐在興建好的別墅大廳裡，望著一片海，聽著管家為我準備的Chill Out音樂，呷一口香檳。

心裡不禁嘆句：「What a life!」一幅如夢幻一樣的悠閒畫面，如今實現得如此完美，全靠背後那個動人的愛情故事。

Six Senses集團的老闆印度籍Soni與瑞士籍太太Sara都喜愛避世式旅遊。廿年前Soni要發掘一個小島打造成天堂，送給比他年長十六年的Sara，天涯海角找到了當時與世隔絕，完全未被開發的馬爾代夫，當時水上飛機公司也不願在當地開創航線，他索性購一問水上飛機公司



▲Six Senses集團即將建成的Soneva Kiri是唯一一間在泰國擁有私人機場和八座位私人飛機的度假村。

▲回收舊電池、鋁罐台，用玻璃水瓶取代膠水瓶，只想為地球做點事。



自己營運。今日馬爾代夫已變成熱門的度假天堂，他又花兩年時間在泰國東部找到這個擁有水晶藍色海水、白得如沙的Koh Noi島，正要建另一個天堂。

天堂都是叫人不想離去的地方，管家見我們如此迷戀這刻的和平，說：「這裡的別墅，全部可以出售。不居住的日子，由度假村代為出租。」

我們搶問售價。

「你居住的泳池別墅最便宜，千多呎一幢，由港幣二千多萬起，萬多呎的Hill Top Reserve五千多萬港幣。」

在天堂裡聽到了「噩耗」，我和Marta相視苦笑。無奈要回地獄拼搏，才買得起一座天堂。

實用資料

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香港不設直航機前往瑤諾島，必須乘機前往普吉，由酒店安排接送再轉乘快艇約四十分鐘到達酒店。

港龍航空提供機票及二晚住宿套票，價錢由港幣\$13,320起，詳情可於網上查詢：www.cxholidays.com



度假村內共有五十五幢私人別墅，每幢別墅內部附設一個私人泳池、戶外花灑浴室、起居室及私人管家服務。每幢別墅面積約有千二呎。另有一間叫Hill Top Reserve的山頂別墅，總面積約二萬呎，擁全度假村內最美的景色，一打開大門保證嘆聲不絕，戶外泳池面對一片岩石林景致，旁邊還有一道滑水梯。

度假村內提供的泰國菜、意大利菜相當不俗，Chef Table更加是意外驚喜。還可要求酒店安排到自己的別墅內進行池畔燒烤。去攀牙島、占士邦島一日遊也可要求酒店安排野餐。吃的天天不同花款，住一星期也不覺膩。

泳池別墅：淡季每晚港幣\$4,700；旺季每晚港幣\$7,000；豪華泳池海景別墅：淡季每晚港幣\$7,800；旺季每晚港幣\$10,000

山頂別墅：淡季每晚約港幣\$8,500；旺季每晚約港幣\$15,000

*淡季為每年4月16日至10月31日 旺季為每年11月1日至12月27日
12月28日至1月10日需附加費

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度假集團不斷尋找隱世小島發展成度假天堂，終於找到了泰國四大島嶼Kood，工程密鑼緊鼓，明年六月島上唯一的度假村又建成了。