

Teak it easy:
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Santhiya Koh
Yao Yai are
built on stilts



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EMIRATES' new route to Phuket launches this week just as the Santhiya Koh Yao Yai Resort & Spa opens on the west coast of Koh Yao Yai, sister to Koh Yao Noi, two large

islands in the middle of Phang Nga Bay, between Phuket and Krabi. Surrounded by 38 acres of tropical forest, 30 teakwood pool villas incorporate traditional Thai architectural elements using reclaimed wood and stilts tucked into the hillside. A vast free form swimming pool,

following the curve of the coast, will include a children's pool and three metre high waterfall. Spa details are yet to be released, but the local spa tradition here is good enough to go on while two restaurants will serve seafood and global cuisine. But paradise isn't without its mod-

cons – the now expected free Wi-Fi will be also available. **WEXAS Travel** has seven nights from £1,850pp B&B with return flights on Emirates' new flight to Phuket (via Dubai), and return speedboat transfers to Koh Yao Yai from Phuket. Available from January 16 to March 31, wexas.com