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WEDDING



## THE AQUILA PHUKET, THAILAND

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THE AQUILA LUXURY PRIVATE OCEAN FRONT VILLA SITS CLIFF TOP ABOVE KAMALA BAY, PHUKET. IT IS THE ULTIMATE WEDDING LOCATION; A SLICE OF PARADISE WHERE DREAM WEDDINGS COME TRUE.

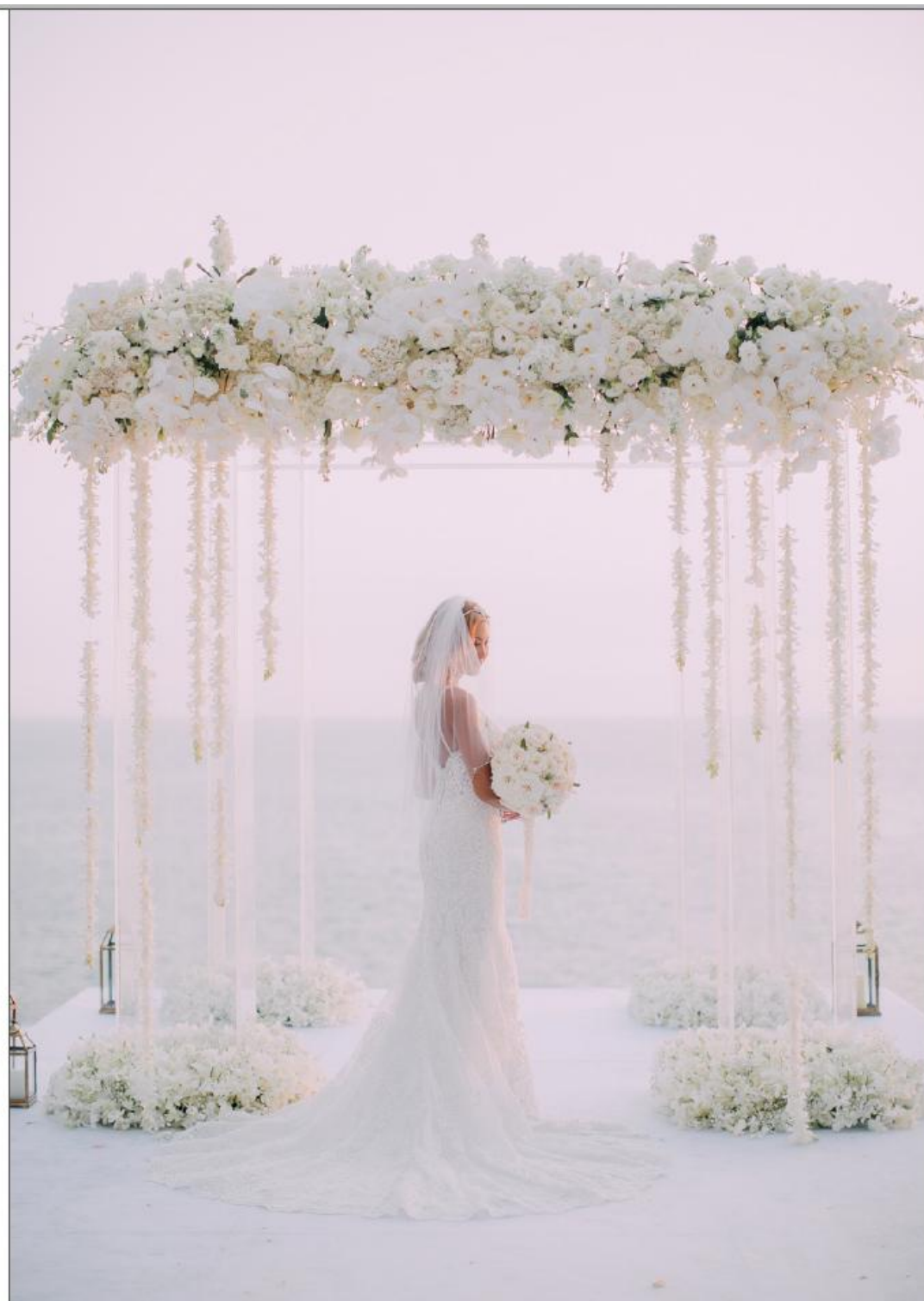
With 165 metres of breathtaking and uninterrupted Andaman Ocean views and a jungle backdrop, it offers a utopia like no other. Its vast 3,500sqm of floor space across three levels presents an adaptable variety of entertaining areas, all with the splendor of remarkable sea views. This unparalleled retreat is ideal for fairytale weddings, spectacular events, intimate soirées, glamorous parties, birthday bashes or high-spirited family get togethers, and can accommodate 80 for a sit down dinner and 100 for a drinks reception.

Recently Jamie and Jub Winter chose The Aquila seven bedroom beachfront villa after searching Phuket for the ideal wedding venue. Planning a wedding at a villa compared to a hotel offered the couple complete control over style, budget, guest numbers and guest requirements, food and drink, as well as providing total privacy. This seven bedroom villa can sleep up to 14 adults and 4 children, allowing the bride and groom and close friends and family to celebrate together over a few days, all in the luxury of one villa with an on-site chef and team of private staff to pamper and pander to all their needs.

Jamie from America and Jub originally from Thailand wanted to create a Western wedding that would impress their Thai family. They decided to host the wedding on Phuket as this mystical and spiritual tropical island has it all: sunshine, beaches, sunsets, nightlife, culture and, most importantly, romance.

After much searching for the perfect wedding planner, the couple chose to work with Unique Phuket Wedding Planners who offered a complete hands-on wedding planning service. The company is based in Phuket and has extensive knowledge of the island and, with years of experience, the team were able to cherry pick the perfect suppliers for Jamie and Jub, and all within their budget. Nothing was compromised.

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## SETTING THE SCENE

Once the venue had been chosen and the planners selected, Jub then chose her wedding theme as 'magical'. She worked closely with the planners to ensure this theme was threaded throughout the whole wedding, from flowers and décor, to the aisle, the wedding attire and the music. The planners created this magical theme by using twinkling fairy lights, mesmerising flower displays and garlands by Phuket Flowers by Toom. The garlands were made from white orchids. Confetti was scattered across the aisle and the wedding arch decorated with white orchids and Phalaenopsis sourced from the high mountainous region of Chiang Mai. The arch was adorned with different sizes of antique brass lanterns at its base. The decoration of this ceremonial area was nothing short of magical – with the lights flickering above the pool, the effect was elegant, enchanting and memorable.

A hand-made deck was built over the pool where the bride and groom would take their marriage vows, with the breath-taking uninterrupted view stretching endlessly to the horizon being symbolic of infinite possibilities. To best present these views, the guests were seated theatre-style, looking directly out at the Andaman Ocean across the 30-metre infinity pool.

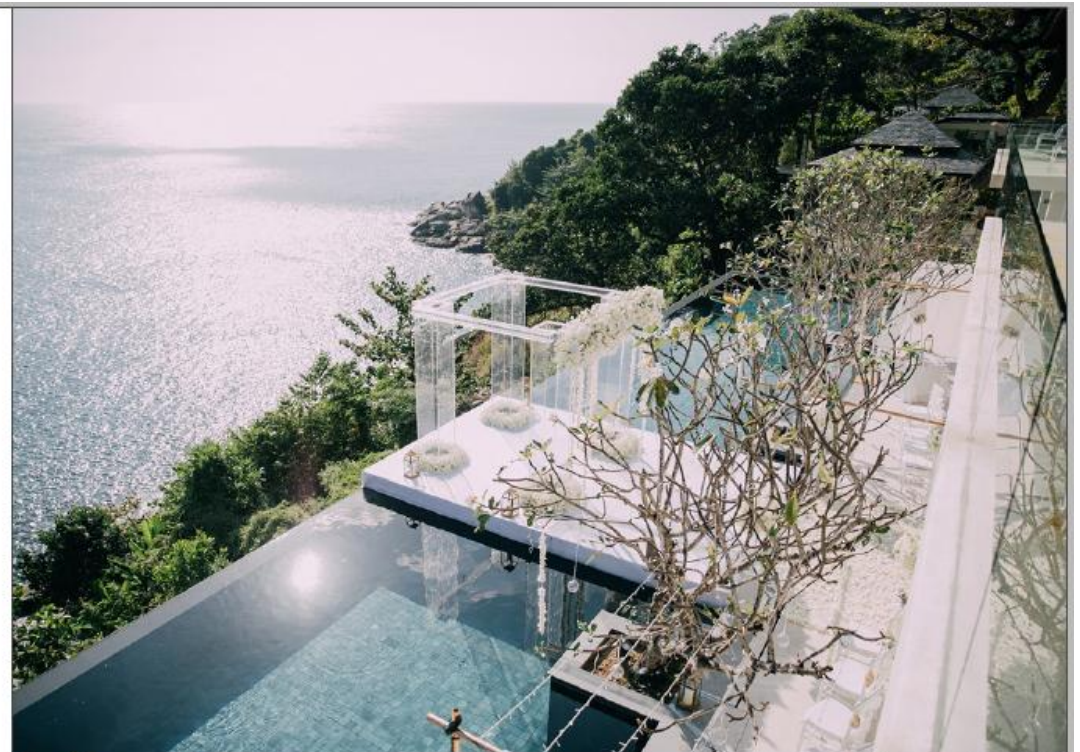
On the day of the wedding, the bride was accompanied up the aisle by four adorable little girls, all dressed in white dresses wearing cute garland headdresses that matched perfectly with the bride's bouquet of David Austin white roses from the UK. They arrived to the backdrop of the song 1000 Years by Christina Aguilera. The bride and groom said their vows hosted by celebrant Paul Cunliffe.

The guests were served elegant fusion Thai food, presented family style, created by Chef Daniel from CDI. They toasted the happy couple with sparkling Moët champagne. The white dining table was decorated with white candles, silver candlesticks and beautiful vases of white orchids, white roses and white lisainthus. The white theme flowed with white tablecloths and white Tiffany chairs.

The bride's beautiful hair and makeup was the clever creation of Khun Gift and Phuket Wedding Studio, and the bride's dress was made by designer Auller Couture. The guests danced to tunes mixed by DJ Shane of Phuket Sessions. Photography was by Madiow Photography and the wedding cake by Ilona Cakes Phuket.

After watching a beautiful sunset and the fairytale wedding ceremony and sumptuous dinner, the guests settled into lounge mode, playing games of pool in the Games Room, sampling the selection of draught beer and cocktails in the bar, and hanging out listening to Café Del Mar tunes accompanied by the sounds of the waves in the private cove below, enjoying the ambience of tropical warmth on the deck overlooking the pool.

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Unique Phuket Wedding Planners was set up in 2012 and is one of the most highly recommended and reputable wedding planning companies in Phuket. Unique Phuket Wedding Planners, Wedding Flowers Phuket and Wedding Celebrant Asia are owned and operated by Supparin and Paul. They and their team work closely with each bride and groom to create their unique and outstanding weddings.

They recently organised a complete wedding ceremony on a deserted and isolated island, Koh Pak Bia. Nothing is too much for this team of experts. With the three wedding company services under one roof, they provide a full wedding solution. They can organise a wedding on a Cinderella shoestring budget, a barefoot luxury beach wedding, a fully glam extravaganza or a Gretna Green style intimate event. They are the registered event planners for all major event villas in Phuket and Nati Beach Phang Nga.

#### THE PROPERTY

The Aquila villa itself oozes all the charm, style and amenities of a modern-day castle, mounted high up on soaring cliff with 165m of ocean frontage. One of its unique qualities is the large amount of roofed space covering the floorplan – making it one of the few local venues to promise indoor space and comfort in the event of inclement weather.

The beautiful estate, with verdant tropical landscaped gardens and natural canopied shade, has a jaw dropping 30-metre infinity private pool stretching to the horizon surrounded by luxurious sun lounges. The pool is edged in gorgeous black African granite that features islands of Frangipani trees. Twin Thai salas (roofed structures with no walls) located at each end of the pool offer shaded dining and sumptuous lounging spaces.

Guests can enjoy unique access to the glittering Andaman waters via a secluded cove. From here the more adventurous can explore the breathtaking underwater wonderland with its luminous coral and exotic sea-life. A beautiful natural waterfall flows along the border of the estate into the sea below. All the while this villa estate offers complete privacy and seclusion for all its guests.

The three-storey Main Pavilion (1,100sqm) is the centrepiece of the property, stretching from north to south along the cliff-face, with uninterrupted ocean views from the westerly sunset aspect. It features an exceptional spiral staircase, inspired by Bond classics, and creates the wow factor for this fabulous building. The sumptuous living areas include an enormous recreation room with a 65-inch flat-screen TV, a wet-bar with beer on tap and an elegant red felt pool table. There is also a private movie space boasting a 75-inch wall-mounted screen. An impressive Reception Room leads to a stylish well-stocked library; both have sun decks with uninterrupted ocean views.

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On the second floor, an additional living room and a formal dining room seating up to 16 guests looks out onto the sun-kissed deck and pool. The Main Pavilion also houses a gym, complete with punching bags, weights, a rowing machine and treadmill with a million dollar view. The villa also boasts a comprehensive spa, providing in-house treatments and services to revitalise the body and mind.

The Aquila has seven stunning luxurious bedroom suites with vast ensuite bathrooms across three pavilions. It is located in the 'Millionaire's Mile' of Kamala, 45-minutes drive from Phuket International Airport.

#### Event fees

45 – 80 guest total US\$2,150\*

25 – 45 guests total US\$1,450\*

Event fees are subject to an additional 10% Service Charge and thereafter a 7% tax (total 17.7%)

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