Outrigger Koh Samui Beach Resort Opens Blue Fire Thai Cooking School





Learn how to make exquisite Thai cuisine under guidance of a master chef in an intimate resort setting next to the beach in the Gulf of Thailand

KOH SAMUI, THAILAND – The Outrigger Koh Samui Beach Resort has launched its Blue Fire Cooking School, specialising in Thai cuisine. Head chef Teerathep 'Tor' Tishabhiromya will conduct the classes.

The Outrigger, renowned as a couple-friendly all-pool villa hideaway with a de facto private beach in a quiet corner of Samui, is already acclaimed for its Signature Experiences that reflect local Thai culture. These include fruit carving, batik making, kick boxing, leather etching – and now authentic Thai cooking.

As head chef, Khun Tor has served with distinction in the kitchens of three Outrigger resorts in southern Thailand over the last six years. Before joining Outrigger in 2012, Tor was Chef de Cuisine at Tom Yum Thai Cuisine and Sous Chef at Chilli Padi Asian restaurant, both in Melbourne. Tor has an Advanced Diploma of Hospitality in Commercial Cookery from AMI Education, Australia.

"My passion for gastronomy is to create delicious and beautiful food on a plate," says Tor. "I take real pleasure when I see guests enjoying my food. And with Blue Fire opening, now is my chance to pass on those skills to other people with a love of Thai food."

Guests can learn how to make mouth-watering Thai classics such as Som Tum (Thai papaya salad), Tom Yum Goong (spicy and sour prawn herb soup), Tom Kha Gai (coconut chicken soup with galangal and lemongrass), and Goong Makham (prawns in tamarind sauce).

Curry lovers can learn the art of Beef Massaman, Chicken Panaeng, Red Duck, Thai Green curry, and more.

Each class, which is limited to a maximum of six participants, starts with guests selecting herbs and vegetables from the chef's garden at the Outrigger.

Guests can choose from a morning session, which culminates in a lunch, or an afternoon lesson, which finishes with dinner.

At the end, each student will receive the Blue Fire recipe cook book signed by Chef Tor, a souvenir certificate, and an Outrigger Resort apron.

Each cooking lesson in the Blue Fire costs THB2,340 (US$74/ €60/£53) per person or THB4,560 (US$144/ €116/£103) per couple including tax and service. Guests from outside the resort are welcome.

Tony Pedroni, Outrigger's Area General Manager for Thailand, says that due to the intimate layout of the Blue Fire overlooking the resort gardens and the sea, he expects there will soon be demand for Chef's tables and other events at Blue Fire.

“It’s a very communal kitchen-dining space allowing guests to interact and share experiences, all borne from a common love of food,” says Pedroni.

For Blue Fire Cooking School bookings and information email wedding.kohsamui@outrigger.co.th. Or call +66-77-914700. A full list of activities at the resort, including Blue Fire Cooking School details is available here.

To see the spacious and intimate private pool villas at the Outrigger Koh Samui beach Resort, and for villa bookings, visit Outrigger.com. (The Outrigger in Samui is offering 30% off as part of Outrigger’s 70th anniversary celebrations).

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ABOUT THE OUTRIGGER KOH SAMUI BEACH RESORT
Your own private sanctuary to rejuvenate and reconnect with your loved one, the Outrigger Koh Samui Beach Resort offers an absolute beachfront experience for couples. The property is located on secluded 300-metre Hanuman Bay in the northeast of the island 10-minutes from Samui airport (but away from its flight path).
Surrounded by spectacular granite headlands and swaying palms, the soft sands create an atmosphere where you can find true serenity. The property is a unique mixture of traditional Thai aesthetics and modern architecture. With only 52 villas and suites on the property, all with a private plunge pool and sundeck, each feels like your own personal refuge. Delight in an enchanted tropical landscape that feels as though it’s yours alone. The resort is the perfect place to rekindle your love in the most intimate imaginable destination. Choose from suites and villas including Garden Pool Suite, Ocean View Pool Suite, Oceanfront Pool Suite, and Garden Pool Villa. For mouth-watering culinary fare, Edgewater, the Blue Fire Cooking School and the (swim up) Wet Bar offer the best of informal holiday dining. The Navasana Spa is designed for pure relaxation. Discover Thai culture through Signature Experiences such as Thai cooking lessons, fruit carving, batik making, leather etching and a Thai kick-boxing lesson. More at Outrigger.com

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