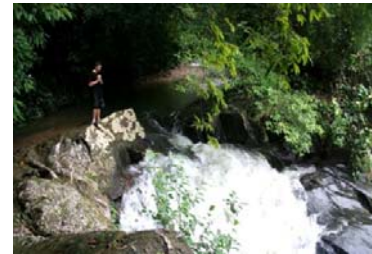




## **WALK ON THE WILD SIDE: AN EXTREME ADVENTURE AT THE SAROJIN**



**10 October 2011** – Luxury boutique resort, The Sarojin, has welcome news for guests seeking more than a romantic retreat yet still keen to get their hearts racing... A new extreme trekking adventure through the jungles of one of Thailand's most spectacular national parks, inclusive of a gourmet lunch atop a mountain summit and a post "Adventure Revival" treatment at the resort's multi-award winning spa, Pathways. This new package now makes it possible for thrill seekers to trek, climb and swim through the wilds of southern Thailand on a trip they'll never forget.

The adventure begins in luxury with a mouth-watering breakfast followed by a 40-minute transfer in one of The Sarojin's exclusive 4 wheel drive Ford Everest's to the base of the Bang Yai National Park, which forms part of the Sri-Phang Nga National Park and occupies over 100 square kilometres of densely forested tropical rainforest. Here, guests will receive a full briefing from their personal English-speaking guide and trek leader before their extreme trekking experience commences.

Not for the faint hearted, the trek will cover 5-8km of wild terrain and will see adrenaline junkies hike past cascading waterfalls, swim through parts of the jungle that are impossible to cross by foot, beat their way through the untamed undergrowth using a bamboo cane, dodge painful black king ants' nests, and climb the summit of a towering mountain where they'll be rewarded with breathtaking views and a special gourmet lunch amidst the incredible surroundings of this natural playground.

Along the way, trekkers can try their hand at fishing in the natural streams as the local guides share their expert tips on how to catch carp, barbell, perch and small catfish by net for their evening meal. There will also be plenty of opportunity to learn about and view the local wildlife, including inquisitive gibbons, monkeys, hornbills, frogs and several species of beautiful butterflies.

At the end of their trek, guests will be transported back to The Sarojin where relaxation and rejuvenation awaits at the resort's outstanding holistic spa, Pathways, which is consistently ranked amongst the best spas in the world. As part of their 120-minute "Adventure Revival" remedy, weary trekkers will enjoy a well-deserved Thai

Herbal compress massage to help relax stiff or sore muscles and increase joint mobility, as well as a luxurious foot massage to relieve tired feet, stress, tension and leave guests feeling fighting fit and fully revitalised for the remainder of their stay.\*

The Sarojin is ideally located and fully equipped for adventure travellers. In addition to offering complimentary use of mountain bikes, sail boats and sea kayaks, the five-star resort has its own excursions team and guides available to facilitate guests' exploration and enjoyment of the local area, including the surrounding five spectacular national parks, world-famous dive sites of the Similan and Surin Islands, and Khao Lak and Phang Nga which is an area of outstanding natural beauty in Thailand. Additional options for thrill seekers staying at the resort include:

### **Rock Climbing – Phang Nga Bay**

The Sarojin's team of guides will transfer guests to Phang Nga Bay via traditional longtail pleat boat, where they'll find many dramatic limestone islands and sheer rock formations that rise dramatically from the emerald green water. Under the careful guidance of a team of highly-trained specialists, rock climbers of all levels – from beginners to advanced climbers – will find exhilarating challenges to suit their individual needs, including the chance to scale a 20-metre rock overlooking the sea gypsy village of Koh Panyee. This rock climbing excursion also includes a tour of the village's rural lanes, charming temples and local schools before dining at a traditional Thai restaurant that hovers over the bay.

### **Mountain Biking – Khao Sok National Park**

An adrenaline enthusiast's dream, Khao Sok National Park covers an area of 739 square kilometres and is famous for its magnificent limestone mountains and tall peaks – the highest of which rests at 960 metres high. The Sarojin can arrange for bikers to explore this mesmerising national park on two wheels, following one of the many trails that winds its way through the wild jungle environment. The resort can also provide experienced guides to identify one of the biggest flowers found on earth, the Rafflesia flower, as they cycle through the challenging terrain. Cyclists will also enjoy a safari-style lunch, wonderfully served by the natural Khao Sok stream, as the sounds of thousands of jungle insects and birds vibrate through the jungle canopy above.

\*The Sarojin's extreme trekking experience is only available for people in good physical and mental condition. From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011, prices start from THB 103,464 (approximately GBP 2,069) for two people and include six nights' accommodation in a luxurious Garden Residence, all package inclusions, all day à la carte breakfast with sparkling wine served daily and private airport transfers to and from Phuket Airport with refreshments and cold towels for two. This package is inclusive of all taxes and excludes international flights.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 26<sup>th</sup> December 2011, guests can enjoy ***Special 20% Savings*** on all room types plus for guests staying from 1<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> December and 11 January – 31 January 2012 enjoy 6 nights for the price of 5 nights. During this period, prices start from THB 13,500 / approximately GBP 270 / approximately EURO 300 / approximately USD 435 / approximately AUD 435 per room per night and are based on two people sharing, inclusive of all day a la carte breakfast with sparkling wine and all taxes and subject to availability.



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*The Sarojin is beautifully set on an 11km stretch of secluded white sand beach in Khao Lak, just a 55 minute drive north of Phuket Airport, and is surrounded by five spectacular national parks and the world-famous dive sites of the Similan and Surin Islands. Designed in a contemporary Asian style, the five-star resort's 56 deluxe residences are nestled within ten acres of tropical grounds leading directly onto the beachfront. Each guest room features its own private garden and "sala" sundeck, couples' baths with waterfall showers, and plunge and relaxation pools that blend into the natural habitat. Other facilities include an attentive "Imagineer" who can create tailor-made experiences for hotel guests and complimentary use of a fully equipped fitness centre, mountain bikes, sailing catamarans, sail boats, sea kayaks and windsurfing boards. Tranquility is guaranteed as no children under the age of 10 are permitted to stay at The Sarojin.*