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WE ♥ TO TRAVEL

Take a break from the
hustle and bustle of life
at the Sarojin hotel

The Far East isn't just a backpacker's
paradise - discover the beautiful,
chic hotels where you can relax in
style, without breaking the bank



Treat yourself in Thailand



Get back to nature
with an elephant ride
through the jungle

BEST FOR LUXURY LOVERS

The hot hotel The Sarojin,
Khao Lak.

Where The small coastal village
of Khao Lak has been completely
rebuilt after the tsunami of 2004,
and the locals couldn't be more
welcoming to returning tourists.

What's it like? The hotel is
ultra-classy and its open-plan
lobby overlooks 10 acres of
stunning gardens. Some suites
have their own pool and terrace,
while those in the grounds have
outdoor and indoor gardens! All
rooms have king-size beds, two-
person baths and "rain" showers,
as well as little extras like citronella
oil to dab on your skin to repel
the mozzies. There's a gorgeous
infinity pool, with its own floating
loungers, and you're only a few
minutes' walk from the white
sandy beach.

Start the day with a breakfast

of vanilla bean pancakes and
tropical fruit and then head to the
Pathways spa for a herbal body
scrub, massage or facial (prices
from £30). The hotel even has its
own boat - a sunset cruise with
cocktails costs around £50.

Do something different
Don't miss out on the jungle
trek, where you can see the
amazing scenery while riding on
an elephant (£45 for a half-day
trip). It's a 40-minute drive to
the camp where, in exchange for
bananas, the elephants will carry
you through jungle to a beautiful
waterfall. The trek also includes a
leisurely bamboo-rafting trip - you
can spot snakes hanging from
trees as you drift along.

How much? Doubles start
from £197 per night. For more
information, visit www.saroin.com
or call 00 66 76 427900.

BEST FOR CITY COOL

The hot hotel Marriott Resort
& Spa, Bangkok.

Where The resort is on the banks
of the Chao Phraya River, which
snakes through the capital city,
and is just a 10-minute boat ride
from the main shopping malls.

What's it like? With its huge
outdoor pool and shady trees, the

Marriott resort is a welcome quiet
spot in the heart of Thailand's
buzzy capital. Fill up on breakfast
at the hotel - it's allegedly the
best in town - and in the evening,
sample the amazing seafood
barbecues by the river.

The hotel runs complimentary
boats to and from Central station.



Practise bartering
at the river
market