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Pathways Spa

Khao Lak, Thailand

The entrance to the Pathways Spa—an elevated wooden walkway snaking through tall swaying grass—makes for a dramatic first impression. Like its host hotel, the [Sarojin](#), the spa continually integrates nature. At the outdoor reception area, stretch out on an expansive daybed for the thorough pretreatment consultation while butterflies flutter past. The air-conditioned facial room and four outdoor teak suites are set along a *klong*, or canal, behind high dunes. In the background, the waves of the Andaman Sea provide a soothing accompaniment to treatments carried out under a thatched roof. The signature Faa Fairt massage (\$125) starts with a shower (best at night under the starry sky) and a 30-minute rose petal bath. Two therapists shift the mood from tropical reverie to top-notch treatment, massaging your limbs in harmony. It's worth a peek to see them pouring the essential oil from exquisite conch shells (massages, \$56–\$135 for 90 minutes).

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Amenities: Resort spa, Water feature, Couples' rooms, Outdoor treatments, Regularly scheduled exercise

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