The land of silk and honey (moons)

Honeymoons come around only once (hopefully), so it's fair to say expectations run high.

TATYANA LEONOV sees if this Thai resort can deliver
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The spatial generosity is enhanced through balanced proportions and a fresh and simple colour palette—soft beige, dusty creams and natural browns. Hardwood floors complement the contemporary feel in the lounge area and the king-sized bed is just the right level of softness for a comfortable sleep and beautifully decorated with an elaborate flower arrangement for our first birthday night. A pebbled floor tiles your through to the modern bathroom where there’s a deep stone bath (that’s scented with rose petals and lit with candles during turn-down service), and a spacious rainfall shower.

The only missing facet, in my opinion, is a door between the bedroom and living room. The free-flowing design works on most levels, but my husband is an early riser, and or holidays I definitely am not. A door would have allowed him to make a bit more noise in the morning.

We spent most of our days lazing by the pool or on the beach, taking leisurely strolls at the appearance of the nearest beach of sun, and returning to our sunbeds to find our water glasses replenished. The staff is always on hand yet not intrusive. Each one looks genuinely happy to be there.

Breakfasts are all-inclusive and la carte with no scheduled times. Whether we dined up at 8am or 2pm, whatever menu item you select is cooked to order, quickly breading that serving size is smaller than I’m used to, although it does use the menu redesigned with the idea of ordering a few dishes. But as with any extended stay, my roommate and I adjusted to the differences, agreeing to eating one egg with one piece of toast on the first morning’s start asking for two on each subsequent order.

The ten on-site restaurants, although expensive by Thai standards, offer quality food. The breakfast restaurant, The Edge, has become the best breakfast food I’ve ever tasted. At the Mediterranean-style dining room, most dishes are a fun, edible fusions using fresh ingredients and some wines (the delicate flavors of the lady on the menu are a burgundy level in a mountain of cheese)

Cheeky note on smooth. There are more bowls, more smiles, an employee who packs full water bottles into the taxi to ensure our return journey is comfortable. Apparently, it’s common for couples to return to the Sarojin for a long time. Perhaps someday we will be back for another welcome drink, our first wedding anniversary perhaps.

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The offer is priced from $1675 per person (for travel 1 – 28 February 2014) and $1418 per person (for travel 1 – 31 March 2014). Early bird discounts of 10% and 15% respectively apply for bookings of 45 or 60 days prior to arrival.

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If you want a Thai holiday with more cultural richness than an authentic laksa, The Sarojin on Phuket is offering guests “Day in the Life of Locals” tours. You can spend the day with an elephant keeper, or sail out with a fisherman on his traditional boat and learn how to catch fish. For a spiritual experience, you can follow a local monk, rising at 4am for meditation, prayers and chanting. Tours start from THB6100 a person ($200). Select Vacations has an accommodation special from $229 a person a night, ph 1300 731 531. See selectvacations.com.au.
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About The Sarojin

The Sarojin is beautifully set on an 11 kilometre stretch of secluded white sand beach in Khao Lak, a 55-minute drive north of Phuket International Airport, and is surrounded by five spectacular national parks and the world famous dive sites of the Similan and Surin Islands.
Travel Indochina’s five-night package for two people at The Sarojin includes accommodation in a Garden Residence, complimentary all-day à la carte breakfast with sparkling wine, and return airport-hotel transfers. This offer is priced from $1679 per person (for travel 1 to 28 February 2014) and $1458 per person (for travel 1 to 31 March 2014). Early bird discounts apply for bookings 45 to 60 days prior to arrival, with 10% and 15% off respectively.

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