



Superlative scenic splendour

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LOCATED on the West Coast lies fashionable Surin Beach. Back in 1928, King Prajadhipok Rama VII - ruler of Thailand from 1925-35 - created a golf course north of the beach, which is still here to this day, but is now a public park enjoyed by locals and tourists alike.

The beach is one of the best in Phuket and the surrounding restaurants, bars and hotels are all high quality, giving the whole area a real up market feel.

This week's pick of the crop is a huge amazing property, which the present owners have spent a lot of time and money in making it into a very special home. Positioned at the very top of a hill in a luxurious resort style villa development, it provides stunning views over both Surin & Bang Tao beaches.

The villa is designed Thai pavilion style and is spread out over 3 levels, all with the emphasis on allowing plenty of open space, natural light and calming breezes to flow throughout.

On level 3 is the entrance courtyard, with lots of parking spaces, ornamental ponds and the grand front door. Inside is a huge entertainment area, which overlooks the large infinity swimming pool, as well as two bedrooms, huge open terraces and two maid's rooms.

As you walk down the wide impressive central stair case to level 2 you then enter the main living areas. The layout curves around the swimming pool, with each area having its own unique appeal. The living area is dressed in stone tiles, lots of expertly crafted wood, tasteful ornaments and well selected furniture and fittings.

On the left wing is the master bedroom,

which I can only sum up in one word, **wow!**

It is perched out on its own with 180 degree sea and inland views. A beautiful wooden floor and ornate raised ceiling, along with subtle Thai furnishings and paintings, makes this a room a place you 'd never want to leave. It comes with an en-suite bathroom, which incorporates a huge bath to enjoy and relax in.

In the kitchen, the cabinets are finished in high quality wood, with black granite work tops and stainless steel handles. All the appliances are imported and are complemented by lots of various kitchenwares.

The floor is black granite which gives the kitchen an overall luxurious and hard wearing feel.

Over on the right wing is a large lounge area with wrap around terrace. It's a quiet area in which you can escape to and again enjoy the vista beyond. On level 3 lies a

fitness room, games room, various storage areas and laundry room.

Throughout the villa the standard of workmanship, finish and selection of artwork really shows this is a magnificent home which the owners have taken great care in lovingly creating. This really is a dream house and buying it would probably be one of the best investments you'll ever make!

In total it has five bedrooms, nine bathrooms, office, fitness room, games room, maids' rooms, laundry room and lots of storage and back of house areas. The total living area is 1,500sqm and its set in a land area of 2,760sqm. Available freehold, the price is 115 million baht.

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