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Jan. 22, 2009 - [PRLog](#) -- Aiyapura Ko Chang is a 5-star hotel and resort is situated in Ko Chang, not far from the border with Cambodia. Around 85% of Ko Chang is part of the Ko Chang Marine National Park.

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Ko Chang is in the Gulf of Thailand and is a tropical island paradise. It is the second largest island in Thailand after Phuket. It is a picturesque island of virgin rainforest, jungles, high mountains, spectacular coastlines, fine white sandy beaches, clear blue sea, colourful corals, breathtaking waterfalls and an abundance of marine life.

The Aiya Spa is the finest pavilion with traditional Thai decoration and tranquility, providing exotic and invigorating spa treatments. Aiyapura Resort and Spa offers a variety of recreational and cultural activities such as private yoga, Pilates, meditation, Thai boxing and cooking classes and is accessible to many nearby tourist spots of waterfall and outerislands that provide the tourist with some of the best scuba diving and snorkelling in Asia.

The resort has 19 superior rooms, all designed for maximum space and comfort, with views of its tropical garden and ocean. And should you want to take a break from beach life there are a wide range of activities.

One of the many aspects of life at the Aiyapura is its Thai cuisine. It also offers Thai cooking classes in the resort, which teach you classic Thai dishes.

The best diving season is between October and April, with the best sites on the paradise island of Ko Kood. There you can see soft corals, anemones, a myriad reef fish, and sometimes eel. In addition, there are two wreck dive sites. The Ko Chang Wreck is a Thai warship sunk by the French navy in 1941. The wreck is only 15 metres deep in the Salakphet Bay on the southern tip of the island. The other wreck is the Pak One Wreck which sank after hitting a coral reef in August 1996 on its way to Vietnam. It resurfaced almost 8 years later. The 900-ton sunken tanker posed a danger to ships in international waters. There are also a few dive centres on Ko Chang such as the Ploy Scuba Diving in Bang Bao. They provide free transfer to and from the resort.

Ko Chang is famous for its waterfalls and mangrove swamps. During the cooler months on Ko Chang, you can rent a boat to slowly cruise along the waters at night to see fireflies in the mangroves. Thousands of fireflies send out mating signals as they settle into the mangrove forest, lighting up the whole tree with their simultaneous flashing in the dark. Guests can also visit waterfalls in the National Park, or take a relaxing punt in the mangroves at Salak Kok, followed by a seafood lunch in a floating fishing village. Aiyapura has a new Muay Thai (Thai kick-boxing) training arena, and the Thai National Team has already made use of the fantastic facilities for a training retreat.

As far as cuisine is concerned, the Aiyapura Ko Chang has the Vimarn Kaew, their signature indoor restaurant located only few steps away from the beach, where you can enjoy sunrise breakfast with ocean

views in the morning and candle-lit a la carte of Mediterranean dinner in the evening. The Ruen Plub Plung is a traditional Thai restaurant overlooking the tropical gardens, serving authentic Royal Thai cuisines with secret recipes of the chef. The Pool Bar is a delightful and informal open-air hideaway, with a poolside dining with ocean views and a bar right in the pool where you can cool off with a cocktail. The Ruen Plub Plung Terrace and Bar offers coffee, tea and bakery selections at any time of the day, whether overlooking the ocean or reading a book on one of their cozy sofas. Catch the cool evening.

Prices start from as low as Bt3,400 (\$100) a night and discounted bookings can be made via <http://www.r24.org/kochangisland.com/kohchang/aiyapura/>.

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