

# Than Sadet- Ko Pha-ngan National Park



*Situated on Ko Pha-ngan, an island 100 kilometres away from Surat Thani's coast. Total area 65.93 square kilometres.*

## Geography

The park has maintained the wilderness of the island on its rugged and steep mountains. Khao Ra is its highest peak at 627 metres.

## Climate

Nice year round weather and small difference in temperature in each season all tourists to visit the park comfortably.

## Flora and fauna

Tropical rain forest dominates the island. Its major plants include *Dipterocarpus alatus*, *D. grandiflorus*, *Hopea odorata*, *Ternstroemia wallichiana*, *Mesua nervosa*, *Parkia timoriana*, *Calamus* sp. and *Salacca wallichiana*.

According to the native and field trip, Ko Pha-ngan is habitat of various birds and mammals such as Palm Civet, Squirrel, Macaque and Emerald Dove.

## Attractions

◆ **Than Sadet Waterfall.** The local people honour the island's biggest waterfall on Ko Pha-ngan.

◆ **Ao Than Sadet.** Connecting to the waterfall, the bay has beautiful beach with white sand and crystal clear water.

◆ **Than Praphat and Than Prawet Waterfall,** to be named by King Rama V when he visited Ao Ban Don in 1889. Phaeng Waterfall, falls from the high cliff.

◆ **Khao Ra.** The highest peak in national park at 627 metres above sea level, offers picturesque panoramic view of the whole island.

◆ **Ko Tung Ku and Tung Ka.** The islands are favoured nesting places for Tern.

◆ **Ko Wao Noi, Ko Wao Yai, and Ko Tao.** These islands are favoured dive sites.



## Getting there

- Ko Pha Ngan is around 1 hours boat ride from Ko Samui.
- Some 80 kilometres from Surat Thani Pier, it takes 4 hours. The Night boat takes 6 hours.
- The Ferry is available from Don Sak Pier.
- Most roads are soil roads, trekking are probably requires for getting around and trekking is a good-way of getting around.