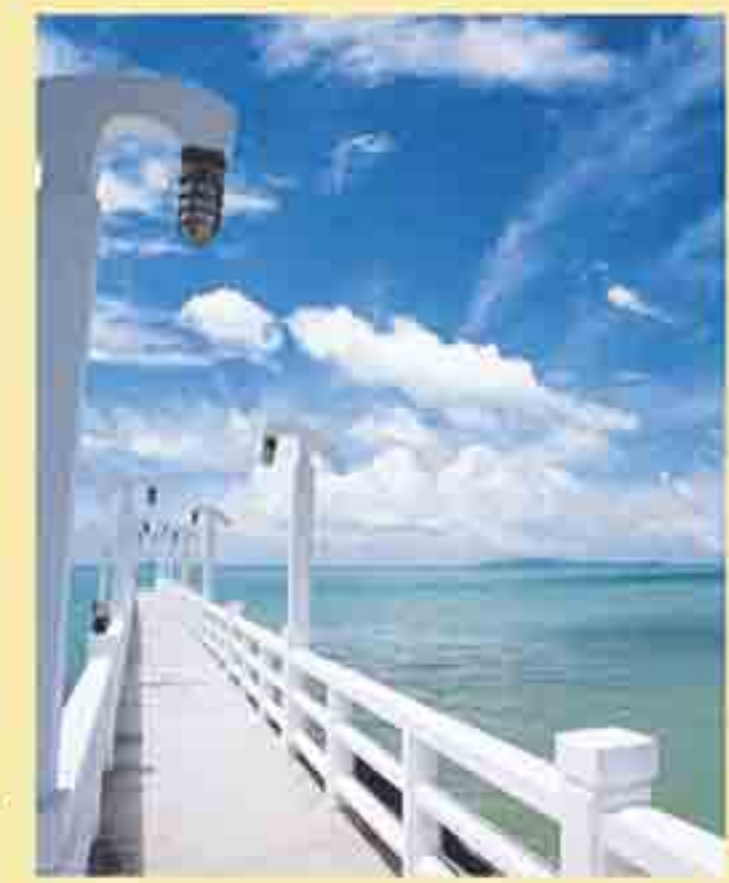




## CAPE PANWA HOTEL & SPA

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There is some rather upscale tourist accommodation to be found on the southeastern tip of Phuket, and the Cape Panwa Hotel is one of the original establishments.

Located on the eastern side of the cape, behind a hill that separates this well-maintained property from the public road, the hotel enjoys privileged access to a peaceful beach that is otherwise only accessible by boat.

Recently, I checked in for a night at one of its six pool villas. I also tried a massage treatment at the hotel's Cape Spa which helped relieve much of the tension in my back caused by the long road trip from Bangkok.

| BEEN THERE CRITERIA             | Level of satisfaction                                                                                                                                                                                                   | As experienced by: PONGPET MEKLOY                                                                                                                                                                                |
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|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Atmosphere                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Nature's calm permeated the air during my stay. The villa, like the rest of the property, was designed in a style that is both casual and comfy.                                                                 |
| Location                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | You have to go over a hill to reach it but this is one of the features that make this place so exclusive. A shuttle bus to the foot of the hill and on to town is available all day.                             |
| Cleanliness                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | From the lobby and walkways to the beachside lawn and the bedroom in my villa, I must say the housekeeping crew does a good job!                                                                                 |
| Service quality                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | It gets this rating only because of the friendly receptionists and therapists at the spa. Smiles were pretty rare among the hotel staff, even from those stationed in the lobby.                                 |
| Facilities                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | The pool villa was equipped with everything you'd expect from accommodation of this calibre. The spa only has a few treatment rooms but, hey! it's the skill of the massage therapists that counts, isn't it?    |
| F & B                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | I had two meals at the hotel: lunch at Cafe Andaman and dinner at Panwa House. The food at both outlets was excellent, so much so that I took in my stride the lack of manners displayed by some of the waiters. |
| Security                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | I felt very safe here. I even went to bed without feeling the need to lock the villa's front door. The property's exclusive location might have something to do with that.                                       |
| Environmental & social concerns |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Most of those on the hotel's payroll are locals. And I was told that the hotel occasionally runs charity projects, including one which provides computers to schools in the area.                                |
| Price                           | Internet rate for a pool villa is 9,600 baht a night. For those who prefer a superior room, until the end of October the hotel is offering a three-day/two night 'Spa Package' which starts from 8,000 baht per person. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

Highly satisfied  
 Satisfied  
 So-so  
 Unsatisfied  
 Deeply dissatisfied