

5 underrated beach destinations in Southeast Asia (And where you can buy property)

With many countries across the world making plans to reopen travel, people have already begun thinking about the places they wish to visit after nearly two years of being cooped up. And while there is nothing wrong with the usual spots, the most underrated beach destinations in Southeast Asia offer truly unique experiences.

Look, this is no disrespect to places like Phuket and Bali which are wonderful in their own right. But those wanting something new or different would be wise to explore the opportunities on this list.

One thing to note about what we mean by underrated. The focus here is on locations that are reasonably accessible but don't always receive the attention or traffic they deserve. We chose beach destinations where there are developed amenities and infrastructure.

Without further ado, here are five underrated beach destinations in Southeast Asia and a look at buying property in each location. Because once you visit, you may never want to leave.

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Desaru

Desaru has become a go-to weekend getaway location for residents of Singapore and Johor Bahru. It offers beautiful beaches, low-density living and plenty of recreational opportunities. And even though it feels like you're a million miles away, it's actually only a 30-minute ferry ride from Singapore. Its underrated status may not last much longer, however. Time Magazine included the Desaru Coast in its 2021 list of World's Greatest Places.



Desaru offers numerous recreational opportunities in addition to a great beach

Apart from splendid beaches, Desaru is home to a wide range of biodiversity and outdoor excursions as well. There are your traditional options, like golf courses and waterparks. But there are also several interesting nature retreats, such as eco-tours at Belungkor Mangroves, learning more about endangered wildlife in the Sedili Wetlands and trips through Kota Tinggi Firefly Park, a protected firefly habitat.

Where to buy property in Desaru?

Anantara Desaru Coast Residences boast a unique blend of luxury beachfront living and family-friendly activities that allows it stands out when compared to other residential villas in Malaysia.

The project is managed and serviced year-round by the adjacent Anantara Desaru Coast Resort & Villas which provides award-winning services. There are 20 three- and four-bedroom pool villas in total. These residences are set upon an expansive sanctuary with some offering direct access to the pristine South Sea beach.