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Phuket Weather by Month

Seasons for Property Buyers and Owners

Phuket's dry and rainy seasons by month from Thai Meteorological Department normals, when the sea turns rough, and what each season means for viewing, letting, renovating and maintaining a home.

Phuket weather by month follows two seasons. The dry season runs from about December to March. February is the driest month, with 24 mm of rain on average. The rainy season, often called the green season, runs from about May to October. September is the wettest month, with 350 mm. It stays warm all year: average highs at the Phuket weather station sit between 31.8°C and 34.4°C in every month.

Those figures are the Thai Meteorological Department's 30-year normals for 1991 to 2020. Below is what each season offers if you are buying, letting, building or simply looking after a home here.

What is Phuket weather like by month?

Phuket is warm and humid all year, and rain is what changes. The table shows the Thai Meteorological Department's averages for its Phuket station in Mueang Phuket, 2 metres above sea level.

Month	Rainfall (mm)	Rainy days	Average high (°C)	Average low (°C)	Humidity (%)
January	50	5.6	33.0	25.0	71
February	24	3.4	34.0	25.4	69
March	81	7.5	34.4	25.9	71
April	135	11.7	34.2	26.3	75
May	237	18.9	33.2	26.1	79
June	249	18.6	32.6	25.8	79
July	240	19.1	32.3	25.6	79
August	309	19.5	32.2	25.6	79
September	350	21.7	31.8	25.1	81
October	336	22.7	31.8	24.9	82
November	178	15.9	32.1	25.2	79
December	82	10.3	32.1	25.0	75

Rainfall is rounded to the nearest millimetre. A rainy day is any day with 0.1 mm or more, so a single short shower counts. The station records 2,272 mm a year. The airport station in the north of the island records more, at 2,664 mm, with the same seasonal shape.

April is the hottest month by average temperature, at 29.6°C, and has the most thunderstorm days, at 7.5. October is the coolest, at 27.6°C, just 2°C below April.

When is the dry season in Phuket?

The dry season runs from about December to March. Each of those months averages 82 mm of rain or less at the Phuket station, and February averages just 3.4 rainy days.

Skies are clearer and the sea is calmer. Humidity is at its lowest, around 69 to 71% from January to March. From November to January the prevailing wind at the Phuket station comes from the north-east.

It is also the high season for holiday lets, which the rental section below covers.

When is the rainy season in Phuket?

Thailand's official rainy season runs from mid-May to mid-October, when the southwest monsoon arrives. The Thai Meteorological Department marked the onset of the 2026 rainy season on 15 May. At the Phuket station, every month from May to October averages between 237 mm and 350 mm of rain.

The season eases gradually. Rain in the South continues into December, and November still averages 178 mm in Phuket. April and November are the shoulder months, when the pattern is changing.

The wet season is a normal part of the year here, and heavy rain shows where the water goes. In late October and early November 2026, flash floods hit Patong and part of Karon was declared a flood disaster area. I covered that in Phuket's floods this wet season.

When is the sea rough in Phuket, and what do red flags mean?

The sea on Phuket's west-facing beaches is roughest from about May to October, during the southwest monsoon. From May to October the prevailing wind at the Phuket station blows from the west. The Tourism Authority of Thailand warns that large waves and rip currents can make swimming in Phuket very dangerous then.

Beach flags tell you what the sea is doing on the day. Its guidance on flags is clear: a red flag means do not swim. A yellow flag means swimming is allowed with medium risk, and a green flag means calm conditions.

The same months suit surfers. Kata's surf months run from about May to October. From November to April, the water at Kata Noi is usually calm enough to swim and snorkel. The Tourism Authority of Thailand notes that several Andaman islands close to visitors from May to October each year. They include the Similan and Surin islands.

If you want a daily swim in August, a home with its own pool gives you that whatever the flags say.

When is the best time to view property in Phuket?

Both seasons are worth a visit. The dry months show a home at its best, and the wet months show how it handles water.

In the rainy season you can see whether the driveway drains or ponds, whether the retaining walls weep, and whether the roof holds. None of that appears on a listing. If you are serious about a home, see it once after heavy rain, or drive the road to it on a wet afternoon. The questions to ask about water are in Phuket's floods this wet season.

When is high season for renting out property in Phuket?

In Kata, the holiday market peaks from November to April, when the beach is calm. The twelve-month rental market peaks at a different time. In Bang Tao and Nai Thon, its main window falls around September and October, ahead of the high season.

What a property can earn in those months depends on how it is let. A villa with up to 8 rooms and 30 guests can be let by the night once the operator has notified the registrar. Larger homes need a hotel licence. A condo unit cannot be let by the night, so condo owners let by the month or longer. The detail is in renting out property in Phuket.

For an owner, a villa can follow the holiday calendar if its letting is set up properly. A condo owner does better aiming at the twelve-month tenant, with the unit photographed and listed by September.

When should you build or renovate in Phuket?

Plan the roof, waterproofing, render, pool and landscaping for the drier months, and keep interiors for the wet ones.

Work backwards from that window. Drawings, a permit decision that can take 45 days or more, and a contractor's start date all come first. Outside work in the dry season means starting the drawings in the wet one. The permit rules are in renovating a villa in Phuket.

The first heavy storm after handover is a useful second check, while the work is still inside its defects period. If an off-plan villa is handed over in the dry months, ask to see it again once the rain has come.

How does the climate affect maintenance in Phuket?

Humidity and rain are what age a home here. Average humidity at the Phuket station runs from 69% in February to 82% in October. Set aside a yearly reserve for the roof, waterproofing and pool plant, as the yearly cost of owning property in Phuket explains.

Most of the care is seasonal. Before May, I would want these checked by whoever looks after the house:

- Roof, gutters and downpipes cleared and any cracked tiles or seals replaced
- Drains, channels and the slope above a hillside plot clear of leaves and debris
- Window and door seals, and the falls on terraces, sending water away from the house
- Pool overflow and plant room drainage working, since heavy rain raises the water level quickly

During the wet months, the risk is a closed-up house, where damp air sits and mould can start. Keeping air moving, running air conditioning on a timer and checking ceilings after a storm is the simple routine.

At the end of the season, look at what the rain did while the marks are fresh. A dated note and photos help with repairs now and with a sale later. If you are buying a resale home, a property inspection covers roofs, seals, drainage and the pool.

Phuket weather and seasons: questions buyers and owners ask

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Is it worth viewing property in Phuket in the rainy season?

Yes. Heavy rain shows whether the driveway drains, whether the retaining walls weep and whether the roof holds. None of that appears on a listing, so see a home once after heavy rain if you can.

When is the best time to renovate a villa in Phuket?

Plan the roof, waterproofing, render, pool and landscaping for the drier months, and keep interiors for the wet ones. Drawings and a permit decision that can take 45 days or more come first, so start them in the wet season.

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Each season does a different job. The dry months are for enjoying the island and filling a holiday rental. The wet months are for seeing how a house handles water, planning work and finding a tenant for the year.

I would not let the rain put anyone off. It is part of the year here, and it shows how a home handles water. Just see the home in it once before you buy.

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