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1 NOVEMBER

Travel fair @ Patong beach

Phuket Travel Fair welcomes in the tourist season. Many colourful activities are organised, including a merit-making ceremony, water sports contests and a 'Miss Visitor' contest. www.phuket.go.th

3 NOVEMBER

Festival @ All locations

Loy Krathong is a peaceful and significant festival of lights. Participants release – into the sea, a river or a lake – pre-prepared candlelit floating vessels, made from sliced banana-tree trunk, that they have filled with symbolic emblems, such as coins, hair snippets and nail clippings. The festival's purposes are (1) to thank the Goddess of water, Phra Mae Khongkha, for the use water and to apologise for polluting it, (2) to pay respect to the Buddha footprints on Nammatanati river bank in India and (3) to symbolically let go of unhappiness and sickness



12 NOVEMBER

Classic cycling @ Thanyapura Phuket

The 4th Thanyapura Phuket Classic Cycling 2017. The largest cycling competition on the island! The exciting and competitive race takes riders to two different distances: the 45km and the advanced 106km. Cycle through Northern Phuket's lush jungles, mountains, scenic roads, and exotic coastlines. www.thanyapura.com

19 NOVEMBER

Triathlon @ Laguna Phuket

The Laguna Phuket Triathlon features a 1.8km swim, 55km bike and 12km run. Over the past 20 years this race has attracted thousands of athletes from all age-groups, as well as several triathlon legends. www.lagunaphukettriathlon.com

3-26 NOVEMBER - OFF PHUKET

Boat Show @ Ocean Marina Yacht Club

Ocean Marina Pattaya Boat Show 2017. Highlights & activities: free yacht cruises, trial kayak, paddle boat. Food & drinks festival and live band. www.oceanmarinapattayaboatshow.com



3-9 DECEMBER

Regatta @ Kata Beach Resort

Kings Cup Regatta. Asia's biggest regatta, inaugurated in 1987 to celebrate the 60th birthday of the late King Rama IX of Thailand, the event has been held every year in December. www.kingscup.com

8-9 DECEMBER

Fair @ Phuket Boat Lagoon

Beats & Bites & Music & Food & Fun. Visit Phuket Boat Lagoon this December 8th & 9th and January 5th & 7th for the Boat Lagoon Weekend. A weekend of Beats & Bites with lots of food, fun and music starts from 6pm until 10am at Lagoon Quay. +66 76 239888 ext 618.



8-10 DECEMBER

Superyacht show @ Kata Rocks

Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous (KRSR) 2017 returns for the second year. Infinite Luxury in collaboration with Kata Rocks again hosts the KRSR and brings back some of the world's most iconic superyacht brands to Phuket, Southeast Asia's leading luxury destination and superyacht hot spot. www.katarockssuperyachtrendezvous.com

8-10 DECEMBER

Marathon @ Saphan Hin, Phuket

Phukethon 2017. Asia's major international marathon festival, first time ever in Phuket, the running paradise island & the pearl of the Andaman. Registration is now open. Experience the 3-day festival December 8-10! See you at Phukethon 2017! www.phukethon.com



9 DECEMBER

Fun Run @ Saphan Hin, Phuket

Thanyapura's Colour Fun Run returns to Phuket! Gather your friends or gear up solo for the race through the jungle. We'll see you "Colour Runners" all coloured up at the finish line! The race is open to all age groups and limited to 1,000 participants. Medals and complimentary meals are awarded to all finishers. For more details facebook.com/Thanyapura

INFINITE LUXURY FOUNDER & CEO RICHARD POPE



How did you first get involved in property development?

A: I started out at 24 years old with an engineering degree and lots of ambition. Eventually, I was able to do my own developments, focused mainly in Notting Hill in London. I still have several properties there. I first came to Phuket for the King's Cup Regatta in 2006. Then on one of my trips to Phuket in 2007, I inspected the Kata Rocks site and knew as a developer, that I needed to buy straight away. It checked all the right boxes: oceanfront, west facing for sunsets, perfect slope, huge rocks placed like ornaments in front of a resort that looks out at the majestic Koh Pu island.

What makes Kata Rocks so special?

A: I think Kata Rocks stands out for many reasons: Prime oceanfront site, all Sky Pool Villas with private infinity pools, great sea views, 460 sqm penthouses, outstanding resort facilities and signature Thai hospitality. Since its inception, Kata Rocks has won more international property awards than any other single development in the world including the title 'Best Apartment in the World' at the London finals, beating entries from 110 countries. Since then we've won over 50 international property and hospitality awards.

What was the inspiration for the Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous?

A: We now have a truly iconic resort with this amazing futuristic superyacht inspired design with its wrap around glass and louvers. The Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous (KRSR) brings together Kata Rocks villa owners, superyacht owners and those interested in yachting and luxury lifestyle, industry professionals plus international lifestyle, luxury travel and yachting media. Now in its second year, the KRSR has firmly established Phuket as the new superyacht hotspot and elevated the destination's image. Together this attracts more discerning travellers to the island who are willing to pay for the best things in life.

What is your vision for Infinite Luxury? Are you considering any other projects?

A: Infinite Luxury has ambitions to be a global management company specialising in luxury hotel management and property development of both real estate and hotels. Being a 100% private and independent company, we have the

flexibility to meet and exceed the demands and expectations of our clients, investors, co-developers and brands. We are very proud of the great team we have in Phuket, including in-house design, project and construction management and resort management teams. Kata Rocks stands out as the signature development for Infinite Luxury, and we intend to seek similar projects worldwide that offer the space of a luxury villa and the service of a five-star hotel.

What do you believe is the future of Phuket?

A: Phuket's future looks very bright as it is based on sound fundamentals being the key holiday island in Asia, located within a 5-hour flight of half the population of the world, having a consistent 30°C climate throughout the year, great beaches, amazing food, the best spas and friendly people. There is still room for further improvement, however, in both tourism and the local infrastructure development needed to attract and retain high end travellers but that is happening with the road improvement scheme in particular. Events like the KRSR also play an important role in elevating what Phuket has to offer and it's beginning to give the island the glamour that one comes to expect from the French Riviera or the Caribbean, whilst maintaining its Thai charm and cultural heritage.

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