



Phuket Smart Bus: Plan the Airport-to-Beach Route

Description

The Phuket Smart Bus runs from the airport along the west coast through Bang Tao, Surin, Kamala, Patong, Karon and Kata towards Rawai.

Check the live operator timetable, stop and accepted payment immediately before travel because road traffic and operating details can change.

Map the correct corridor

The bus follows the west-coast beach corridor rather than serving every Phuket district. Pin the nearest official stop and the hotel entrance separately. ([Tourism Authority of Thailand Phuket OneMap guide](#))

TAT's OneMap consolidates Phuket public routes and reported real-time information, while the operator controls the current Smart Bus service. Cross-check both on the travel day.

Situation	What changes
Hotel is near a listed west-coast stop	Compare walking distance and last-bus time
Hotel is inland or far from the route	Plan a feeder taxi or another airport service
Flight arrives late	Confirm the final departure and a safe backup before landing
Travelling with bulky luggage or mobility needs	Check boarding practicality and stop conditions with the operator

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Treat fares as current data

TAT published fares across Phuket public buses ranging from 50 to 170 baht in its 2025 guide. Confirm the Smart Bus fare and payment method on the operator page before boarding. ([Phuket Smart Bus](#))

[operator](#))

Patong, Karon and Kata road congestion can make scheduled times unreliable. Do not connect to a timed ferry or tour using the timetable alone.

Example: A traveller saving 300 baht but adding a 25-minute uphill walk in rain may prefer a bus-plus-short-taxi plan. Compare whole-party cost and effort, not fare alone.

Plan the last kilometre

A stop that looks close on a map may involve hills, heat, rain or a road without a comfortable footpath. Measure walking route, not straight-line distance.

Save an official airport transport counter or app-based option and the hotel contact. Avoid accepting an unmetered offer only because the bus has ended.

- Confirm the arrival terminal and time
- Pin the official bus stop
- Open the live timetable
- Verify fare and payment
- Measure the walk with luggage
- Add traffic buffer
- Save a safe fallback

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