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**5 Bampot**

The Urban Dictionary defines 'bampot' as a Scottish term for hooligan or troublemaker. While chef Jamie Wakeford definitely has some attitude, his restaurant – a stylish affair just off one of Bangtao's main thoroughfares – serves refined European dishes that make good use of local ingredients. Also check out the delicious cocktails such as the unexpectedly tasty Beetpot, a mix of rum, beetroot, vanilla and cinnamon. **19/1 Moo 1, Lagoon Rd; +66 93 586 9828; bampot.co**



**6 The Siam Supper Club**

There's nowhere else on the island like this prohibition speakeasy-themed joint where the dark wood interiors and black-and-white portraits of classic jazz singers are matched by a grand menu of grilled grain-fed steaks and herb-crusted lamb racks – plus an amazing selection of fine wine. Look out for the regular outstanding lively jazz nights. **36–40 Lagoon Rd; +66 76 270 936; siamsupperclub.com**

# Life's beachy

On an island full of beaches, Phuket's Bangtao stands out from the rest for its unique mixture of fine dining, great coffee, boutique shopping and, of course, sun, surf and sand



**1 Skyla's Surf & SUP Club**

For expat Australian Tim Campbell, there's surf season and SUP (stand-up paddle-boarding) season. From May through to October, Campbell and his crew can be found carving up the waves and renting out boards to adventurous tourists. When the water calms down by November, he pulls out his SUP boards and instead takes visitors on paddles around the bay. **202/88 Moo 2, Soi Cherngtalay 12; +66 82 5193 282; surf-sup.asia**



**2 Catch Beach Club**

For years, Catch was known as Phuket's best beach club. In many ways, though, it was much more than that: a magnet for the rich and famous, a stage for the island's beautiful people – and the setting for the legendary White Party. Previously based on Surin beach, Catch closed and then reopened in this new location with a huge party on Christmas Eve. **202/88 Moo 2, Soi Cherngtalay 12, +66 76 314 212; catchbeachclub.com**



**3 Phuket Adventure Mini Golf**

Don't expect any windmills or clowns on this challenging miniature course, which takes you on 18 holes of intense putting competition, complete with water hazards, bunkers and plenty of (artificial) rough. Afterwards, reward yourself with an ice-cold beer and burger at the in-house Off Course restaurant. **72/44 Moo 3, Bangtao Beach Rd, Soi 2; +66 76 314 345; phuketadventureminigolf.com**

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**4 Phuket Coffee Lab**

When expat Australian lawyer Danny Hyams arrived on the island in 2008, he had difficulty finding decent coffee beyond the sweetened Thai iced variety, so bought his own roasting machine and set himself the challenge of bringing 'proper' coffee to Phuket. He now sells both retail and wholesale, makes his own cold-brew coffee and serves sandwiches and cakes. **59/2 Moo 2, Srisoonthorn Rd; +66 80 534 5512; phuketcoffeelab.com**



**7 Lemongrass House**

When movie producer Bobby Duchowny decided he was finished with Hollywood in 1996, he turned his passion for aromatherapy into a thriving business that supplies handmade, eco-friendly spa products to hotels around the world. While there are now more than 40 outlets in 12 countries, everything is made at this flagship Phuket store. **10/2 Moo 1, Soi Cherngtalay 1; +66 76 325 501; lemongrasshousethailand.com**