



Intimate dining at Rivet Grill



There are six room categories in the resort including the top of the line Bensley Suite. But the Private Pool Pavilion offers the best value in our books.

that surround the resort is the lush but not overly manicured landscaping. But if you need another reason to seal the deal, it's the intimately luxurious Private Pool Pavilion. There are 35 such villas and each 112 sq m retreat is as big as a five-room HDB flat with its own courtyard, plunge pool, outdoor bath and day bed. At 13,900 baht (S\$595) per night including breakfast for two, it's good value. Even the smallest room category, the Kelly Quarters, at 8,900 baht per night (5,400 baht during low season), comes with 38 sq m of space that includes a terrace with lush garden views.

With eight restaurants and bars to choose from, you won't be having the same meal twice. Head to the funky and lounge-y Rebar or rustic Tongkah Bar for some post-dinner cocktails. Stay over on Sunday when its fine dining restaurant Rivet Grill serves a lavish brunch of sashimi, barbecued seafood and a free flow of wines and martinis that will leave you "shaken not stirred". But if you have only time to visit one restaurant, dine at Black Ginger. The Thai restaurant is pleasantly sleek with an all-black interior and dramatic indigo chandeliers. I enjoyed my meal inside a traditional Siamese building on stilts surrounded by views of the lake.

There's also plenty to do if you do not wish to be holed up in the resort. Nai Yang Beach which fringes the resort is a mere two-minute walk away. Tip: Skip the resort spa and stretch your dollar at the massage shops along the beach where a full body massage is priced from a low of 300 baht. Or go game fishing or snorkelling in the Andaman Sea in a yacht. A 4D3N package including Kelly Quarter room accommodation, daily breakfast, two spa massages and private charter game fishing starts from US\$1,460 (S\$2,231).

With such indulgences, you'll be recharged and ready to face the big boys in the office again.



The traditional Siamese building that Black Ginger is housed in belies its sleek modern interior.