

by traveling artists light up the night.

Regardless of who's singing, the audience is always part of the show, and in fact sometimes spills over onto the stage next to the performers. It's all part of the fun, packed atmosphere.

If you want to cool down, head for the balcony made of rough-hewn logs to sip a cold 100-baht beer while watching the crowds below.

This club attracts many Westerners and English-speaking Thais, so striking up a conversation is never hard, and often unavoidable to squeeze past.

Open until 2 am.

## Surin Beach

The beach at Surin is one of the most relaxing on the island, but making the hour-long tuk-tuk or motorbike ride down to Patong or Phuket

If you have a very long, narrow space, what's better way to fill it than a long bar.

Serving the jet-set of Phuket, Liquid Lounge is likely to be filled with a friendly local guys and their pretty wives drinking cocktails and beer in between games of pool on the red-felt pool table.

Fashion note: you may not fit in wearing your same sweaty clothes from the beach. Slip on a shirt with a collar and a pair of slacks and you will look right at home with the modern art on the walls.

And while the atmosphere is high-class, the prices are geared more toward a night of fun. Bottles of beer and shots are 100 baht each, and from 6 to 7 pm all drinks are buy-one-get-one-free. In a bit of a rarity, pints of Guinness are also available on tap for 250 baht.

What the Lounge lacks in live music, it makes up for with a huge collection

Town for the nightlife often proves daunting, and perhaps not worth the effort and danger.

But thanks to Liquid Lounge there's now a very good reason not to leave.

Set in the bottom floor of a spotless shophouse on Surin Beach Rd, Liquid Lounge's design is based around necessity.

of MP3s stored on the club's computer, ready to change the tunes from alt-rock background music to a '70s singalong party at the push of a button. And that's part of what makes it fun. With a small group of people chatting on the low couches or sitting at the bar gabbing, it becomes a friendly place.

Open from 4 pm to 1 am, Liquid Lounge is a good place to unwind, relax, and forget about that missing luggage. It's not coming back to you anyway.