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**ENJOY A TASTE OF THAILAND IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS AUTUMN  
The Tong sai Bay and Linthwaite House Hotel to host culinary extravaganza**



In early October 2010, visitors enjoying the autumn colours of the Lake District will find themselves transported to the Far East as Linthwaite House, the award-winning luxury hotel overlooking Windermere opens up its kitchen to a team of experts in southern Thai cuisine, from Koh Samui's original boutique hotel, The Tong sai Bay.

For a two week period from the beginning of October, Tong sai Bay's culinary team comprising executive chef Alvin Tan Kian Chee and sous chef Jaturan Ounnahasuwan, will visit the Lake District to join forces with Richard Kearsley, head chef at Linthwaite House Hotel and his experienced team. Together they will fuse the exotic flavours of southern Thailand with the highest quality produce from Cumbria, creating exclusive menus and sharing their knowledge of their respective cuisines.

Both hotels have a long tradition of culinary excellence. At Tong sai Bay, the cuisine was overseen for many years by chef Piengchom Darbanand (known as 'Chom'), a former chef to the Thai Royal household, now almost retired. Whilst new dishes are introduced regularly, her exacting standards are still strictly maintained and her occasional visits to the hotel are much anticipated. Linthwaite House is renowned for imaginative cuisine, using the best local produce; previously of The Waterside Inn, Mallory Court and Lords of the Manor, Richard Kearsley learnt his trade alongside stars of the culinary world. Both hotels also have a strong connection to the late Keith Floyd, who worked on his legendary 'Far Flung Floyd' series with the team at Tong sai Bay, and more recently hosted cookery theatres at Linthwaite House.

In addition to hosting mouth-watering dinners at Linthwaite House, the Thai chefs will share their knowledge with the students at the nearby Kendal College, the region's leading destination for hospitality and catering training. The chefs will work with the College's culinary team in first class facilities, to provide an introduction to Thai cuisine, and prepare a special dinner for guests from the local area.

Taking time out from their visit to the Lake District, the chefs will also head north to Scotland to host a series of exclusive cookery classes at the renowned Cook School at Braehead Foods, near Kilmarnock, Ayrshire. Here they will work alongside chef director Steven Doherty, who began his career at The Savoy in London before working with the legendary Roux brothers at Le Gavroche.

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The chefs' visit will culminate in a series of events at Linthwaite House Hotel, at which the chefs will present their dishes through cookery demonstrations and exclusive menus. Guests will be able to purchase a special two night dinner, bed and breakfast package on 13 and 14 October, priced from £256 per person (including VAT), this will include a special afternoon tea including a demonstration of traditional Thai fruit carving. For more information and reservations contact Linthwaite House Hotel on 01539 488600, e-mail [stay@linthwaite.com](mailto:stay@linthwaite.com) or visit [www.linthwaite.com](http://www.linthwaite.com).

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##### The Tong sai Bay

The Tong sai Bay ([www.tongsai bay.co.th](http://www.tongsai bay.co.th)) is an idyllic 83-room resort built in tropical gardens overlooking a secluded bay on the exclusive northern coast of Koh Samui in Thailand. The combination of beachfront suites, cottage suites and villas all feature screened outdoor bathtubs for alfresco bathing and command spectacular views over the bay. The beautiful Prana Spa at The Tong sai Bay offers guests the ultimate privacy with its secluded spa cottages uniquely designed for two people, complete with herbal steam room and open-air floral bath. The Tong sai Bay is a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World and Summit Hotels and Resorts.

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##### Linthwaite House Hotel

Linthwaite House Hotel is one of the finest luxury Lake District Hotels, with a sublime 14 acre hilltop setting and panoramic views over Lake Windermere. Comfy indoors; eclectic interior design "where Raffles meets Ralph Lauren". Friendly attentive staff will attend to your every need. Enjoy beautifully cooked, locally sourced food and an eclectic wine list. [www.linthwaite.com](http://www.linthwaite.com)

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