

# IRONMAN 70.3 ASIA-PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP: *KONA BOUND*



**QUALIFY FOR KONA 2012 IN PHUKET AND HAVE YOURSELF AN EARLY CHRISTMAS!**

In 7 days time all eyes of the triathlon world will be focused on the Big Island, Kona, Hawaii for the Ford Ironman World Championship.

It is the Holy Grail among not just professionals but age groupers around the world. Everyone who has ever completed an Ironman WANTS to ride the Queen K and put his or her self in the torture chamber of the Science Lab.

**Why? Because it is Ironman.**

There are reportedly almost 3 million triathletes in the world today. So earning a ticket to Kona has never been harder. When opportunity knocks you take it.

**Are you ready to take your opportunity?**

This year at the 2nd [Ironman 70.3 Asia-Pacific Championship](#) there are Kona slots up for grabs.

**30 Golden slots to be precise.**

Chances of qualifying for the World Championships via a 70.3 event these days are few and far between.



*Timothy O'Donnell, 2010 70.3 Ironman Asia-Pacific Champion*

## This may not happen again.

If Kona is not your agenda, 45 Ironman 70.3 World Championship Vegas slots are also on the table.

### Does your calendar have space on the weekend of December the 4th?

If it does then you would be wise to sign up and tackle the championship course that has been earmarked as one of the toughest and most definitely unique bike courses in the world.



2011 Ironman 70.3 World Champions Craig Alexander and Mellissa Rollison, have both announced intentions to race at Laguna Phuket after winning their titles recently in Las Vegas.



Last years winners, Caroline Steffen and Timothy O'Donnell are also rumoured to return and defend their titles.

If a Kona or Vegas slot is not on your agenda, Laguna Phuket is still the destination you should be ear marking for your year-end triathlon finale. Why?

The Laguna Phuket has a rich history of triathlon success that started with the [Laguna Phuket Triathlon](#) – the race of legends. Now the historic LPT event is paired with the prestigious 70.3 Asia-Pacific Championship on back-to-back weekends giving triathletes 10 days to train, bask and enjoy all the sights and sounds of Phuket, Thailand, in the luxurious comfort of Laguna Phuket hotels.



*The Banyan Tree at Laguna Phuket*

[Laguna Phuket](#) has announced provisional details of its [Tri-Fest](#) spectacular to be staged at the destination resort around the Laguna Phuket Triathlon on 27 November and Ironman 70.3 Asia-Pacific Championship on 4 December.

The provisional schedule is pending final dates for a number of additional events, including the official launch of Laguna Phuket's Survival Swim Programme to provide swimming lessons for thousands of local youngsters through athlete sponsorships in both triathlons.

The 10-day Tri-Fest programme of training and social activities will give age-group competitors chances to train with and learn from some of the world's top professionals.

The grand finale will be the [70.3 Ironman Asia-Pacific Championship](#) on December 4th where 30 age groupers will be walking away with a ticket for the big show in 2012.

It's the perfect way to end your season. Racing on a tropical island, enjoying the beautiful surrounds of the [Laguna Phuket hotels](#) and a chance at putting a 2012 Kona slot in your transition bag. What are you waiting for?

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*Note: In a further boost, event sponsor Thai Airways International has announced special fares for athletes travelling to both events as well as additional 15Kg baggage allowance for bikes. Fares and information can be found at Thai Airways offices.*

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