



Sanya: Hainan's glorious sub-tropical climate makes it one of the most popular tourist destinations in Asia. An island of such exceptional beauty demands a particularly special resort town - and Sanya is that. Sanya is situated on the southernmost tip of Hainan Province, lying between 18°09' and 18°37' latitude giving it the tropical monsoon climate of this region. Covering an area of 1919.58 square kilometers (about 741 square miles) with 209.1 kilometers (about 130 miles) long coastline, Sanya has many natural advantages. Possessing a number of excellent harbors, Sanya is an important port for import and export of trade with foreign countries. Therefore, Sanya is also named the 'South Gate of China' to stress its importance while it plays a vital role in the life of the southern part of China in areas of the economy and politics to transportation.

However, for most visitors, Sanya is a noted tourist resort with mountains, sea, river and city. The favorable climate is hot in summer but warm in the three other seasons so attracting large numbers of followers from both home and abroad every year. The whole of Sanya is related to the sea. Here you can enjoy a unique tropical oceanic landscape that is totally different from the other provinces of China. Sanya Bay, Yalong Bay and Dadonghai, all golden seaboards of Sanya, are some of the first choices for visitors to spend their holidays. Instead of a busy and exhausting journey, you can relax totally here by strolling along the beaches and breathing the fresh air. If you are an enthusiast of exciting water activities, Wuzhizhou Island is your place to challenge the mysterious and changing sea. Additionally more than 20 ethnic groups including Han, Li, Miao, Hui inhabit Sanya becoming a wonderful place to appreciate the various cultures of China.

Tasting the local dishes is a must on your journey. Sanya never shirks in its efforts to entertain its guests with a variety of seafood and delicious tropical fruits all the year round. Both of the star-rated hotels and a number of roadside booths serve the freshest seafood. Shopping is also a must on your journey, so don't forget to choose some sea products and beautiful decorations for you or your friends and relatives back home.

Along with the developing economy of this region, Sanya has become much easier for visitors to reach where domestic and international flights can take you in the shortest time. A journey by train and ship will take you a little more time but give you more opportunity to enjoy the natural

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beauty around you. With good quality, star-rated hotels and reasonable hostels distributed everywhere in Sanya and waiting for you, there is no need to worry about accommodation.

### Must-see Attractions:

#### Asian Dragon Bay (Yalong Wan) 亚龙湾

Yalong Bay is a 7.5-kilometer (4.7-mile) long, crescent-shaped bay that is considered one of Asia's most beautiful scenic spots. It is located on Hainan's southernmost coast, 25 km from the bustling resort town of Sanya.

#### Dadonghai 大东海

Dadonghai, located 3 kilometers (about 1.9 miles) southeast of downtown Sanya, between Mt. Tuziwei and Mt. Luhuitou, is one of the most popular tropical seaside vacation areas of Hainan Province.

#### Nanshan Temple 南山寺

Nanshan Temple, located 40 kilometers west of Sanya is the most famous temple in Hainan. It occupies nearly 400 acres on a mountain over 500 meters tall.

#### Tianya Haijiao 天涯海角

Tianya Haijiao, located at the foot of Xiyama Hill in the town of Tianya about 24 km west of Sanya, is this beautiful and unique place that has attracted endless tourists from all over the world.

#### Luhuitou Peninsula 鹿回头

Luhuitou, located about 5 kilometers away from the city, is a peninsula in the Sanya Bay. Luhuitou Park is located on a hill near the seashore about 3 kilometers south of Sanya.

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