

## Awards 2017

### INTRODUCTION OF THE EVENT

The FINA World Aquatics Gala - “Soirée des Etoiles” will be celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2017, in the city of Sanya (CHN).

### LOCATION

Sanya is the southernmost city in Hainan province, China. With six gorgeous bays, it boasts the best white-sand beach and turquoise sea water in Asia. This coastal city is nestling among hills, with two quiet rivers running through it. Being one of the most popular tourist destinations in China during this period, the city was selected to host the FINA World Aquatics Gala and Awards Dinner “Soirée des Etoiles”.

Found out more about this attractive destination by following the links of the official websites of the region:

<http://www.sanya.gov.cn> [1]

<http://en.sanyatour.com> [2]

### KEY DATES

The event will be held on December 1-2, providing excellent opportunities to network with Aquatic Sports representatives from all around the world, meeting with distinguished guests of our annual celebration. The programme will provide a mix of presentations, social events and evening receptions with traditional Chinese hospitality.

- 30-Nov Arrival of the guests and attendees
  
- 1-Dec 10:00-14:00 Sight Seeing and Social Activities (Program to be confirmed)
- 1-Dec 15:00-17:00 Celebrities Charity Walk
- 1-Dec 18:30-21:00 Official Welcome Dinner
  
- 2-Dec 09:00-12:05 Global Aquatics Sports and City Tourism Forum
- 2-Dec 14:00-16:00 Open Class with the Aquatic Stars
- 2-Dec 19:30-20:10 FINA Gala - Red Carpet Show
- 2-Dec 20:30-22:30 FINA Gala - Award Ceremony

- 3-Dec Departure

Further information about the programme with detailed schedule of the daily event will be communicated upon arrival.

## **TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION**

Airport of arrival: - Sanya Phoenix International Airport (SYX)

Sanya Phoenix International Airport Ltd., (Sometimes referred to as "Phoenix Airport") is located 11km southwest of Sanya city. The airport is rated as a modern civilian airport at a Four-E level.

From 2016 to today, 42 airlines operate at Phoenix Airport, 28 of them are domestic airlines, 16 international and regional airlines, which open to 148 routes worldwide.

[http://www.sanyaairport.com/autoweb/autoweb/syindex\\_en.html](http://www.sanyaairport.com/autoweb/autoweb/syindex_en.html) [3]

Guests accommodation for the FINA World Aquatics Gala will be organised in the event official hotel based on the dates and request submitted through the FINA General Management System ([FINA GMS](#) [4]).

## **HOTEL**

Accommodation for the guests and attendees of the FINA World Aquatics Gala will be organised in the five star resort complex, **Mangrove Tree Resort World Sanya Bay**.

**Address** [5]: No.155 Fenghuang Road, Sanya, Hainan, China, 572000

Mangrove Tree Resort World Sanya Bay is located just a stone's away to the city center, 9.8 kilometers to the Phoenix International Airport and 2.5 kilometers to the railway station.

Mangrove Tree Resort World Sanya Bay integrates Fashion, Art, Leisure, Entertainment and other elements into a five-star resort complex, leading a new lifestyle.

Resort World adjacent to the Sanya Bay, the well-known "Coconut Dream Corridor", is inclusive of six towers (Kapok Tower, Buddha Tower, Coconut Tower, Grand Palm Tower, King Palm Tower and Queen Palm Tower). More than 3,700 fine designed rooms, feature a cozy holiday atmosphere. Signature restaurants, Southeast Asian style shopping street, Today Art Galleria, Panviman SPA, and upcoming 71 restaurants and bars.

There are more than 20,000 square meter Conference and Exhibition Center, 33,000 square meters Water Park, movie studio, as well as 40,000 square meters shopping street.

Mangrove Tree Resort World Sanya Bay integrates fashion, art, recreation, entertainment, shopping and other elements into one five-star resort complex. Choose Mangrove Tree Resort World Sanya Bay, choose a brand new life style.

<http://sanyawan.mymhotel.com> [6]

[http://www.mangrovetreeresort.com/introduce\\_en-us.php](http://www.mangrovetreeresort.com/introduce_en-us.php) [7]

## **LOCAL TRANSPORT**

Local transportation from airport to the hotel and back will be provided to all the guests of the FINA World Aquatics Gala. The service will be organised and provided strictly based on travel details reported through your registration. For this purpose, we advise you to keep updated your travel schedule details through the [FINA GMS](#) [4].

## **REGISTRATION**

All registrations shall be done via FINA General Management System ([FINA GMS](#) [4]) which can be accessed at <https://www.fina.org/content/gms-general-management-system> [4]

The deadline to submit details for registration, accommodation, visa and travel itineraries is Thursday October 19, 2017 at 23:59 (GMT).

## **ENTERING CHINA - VISA ASSISTANCE**

All foreign participants of the FINA World Aquatics Gala requiring an entry visa to China need to apply for a visa before travelling. Please note that for your travel to China you should have a valid passport or other appropriate identification document with an expiry date not less than six months after the expected departure.

FINA in collaboration with the Local Organising Committee will facilitate assistance in obtaining entry visas to China for the attendees of the FINA World Aquatics Gala. Request for visa assistance will be accepted only if placed through the FINA General Management System ([FINA GMS](#) [4]) with fully submitted registrations.

Depending upon your citizenship you will need to meet certain entry requirements to visit China. Detailed requirements can be found at <https://www.visaforchina.org/> [8]

Deadline for Visa Assistance is October 19, 2017 at 23:59 (GMT)

Please note that this letter of invitation shall not in itself constitute an entitlement to enter the territory of

China. We kindly advise to take into consideration when applying for a visa that the processing of visa requests may take up to 30 calendar days.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Should you have any questions, require further information or need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail: [gala@fina.org](mailto:gala@fina.org) [9].

---