Sanya Introduction

Bringing with the official city-card of “Forever Tropical Paradise”, Sanya is a tropical paradise featuring great beaches and lots of sunshine. This leisurely holiday destination is worth visiting any time of the year.

1 Sanya Geographic

1.1 Location

Lying in the southernmost tip of Hannan Island, Sanya is a beachfront tropical city in China. It also lies at 18° north latitude, the most romantic sunshine coast on the planet.
1.2 Landform

The city is ringed by continuous and rugged mountains on three sides. These expansive mountains topography divides Sanya into many parts, all surrounded by green hills and characterized by multi-featured landscapes of many different styles. The city also has two quiet rivers running through it. Luhuitou Peak overlooks the city and is Sanya's highest point.

![Luhuitou Peak](image)

1.3 Beautiful Beach

It covers 1919.6 km² with 209.1 km coastline and 19 ports and bays as well as over 40 islands. The typical tropical climate, sugar-white beach and fresh air have granted it the title of "the Hawaii in China".

Sanya is a wonderful tourist destination featuring blue sea, graceful rivers, serene islands and beautiful bays. Facing the South China Sea, there are a multitude of bays, each endowed with wonderful scenery. Beside the irresistible combination of a world-class beach—Yalong Bay, the Dadonghai, Xiaodonghai and Sanya bay in the urban area have the closest connection with the local citizens, while the Eastern and Western Islands serve as a gate to the South China Sea.

Yalong Bay is one of China's most beautiful beaches. It is a private, secluded 7 km strip of white sand and translucent ocean. Many international and
domestic hotels have found their positions here, offering a haven of peace and luxury. Romantic Tianya Haijiao means the end of Heaven and Earth. More scenery is waiting for you to explore.

![White Beach of Yalong Bay](image)

3 Population

The number of permanent residents reached 570,100 by the end of 2010. Of those, 182,272 live in the downtown area. Tourism peaks during the winter when many people come for the warm weather. Travelers from northern China are most common in the winter.

Most of the local people speak mandarin. Few local people speak English fluently except for those working in luxury hotels. The minority Li, Miao and Hui peoples have their own customs and languages.

![Tianya Haijiao](image)
4 Climate

4.1 Temperature and Rainfall

Sanya has endless summer with an average temperature of 26° C, July being the hottest and January being the coldest. The climate is pleasant all the year around, and people can enjoy their holiday here any time.

The yearly sunshine time totals 2,563 hours and the yearly average rainfall is up to 1,279 mm. The monsoon season is in the summer, when there is also a chance of typhoons.

It is the most suitable city for people to live in. Sanya people enjoy and average life-span of 80 years, ranking the highest in China.

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4.3 Clear Water for Swimming and Diving

Sanya is China’s only tropical city and has unforgettable charm. This rich, tropical paradise has a unique ethnic culture, a mild climate and has lush tropical scenery. These wonderful natural features are just some of the precious gifts that Sanya must offer. In this beautiful and peaceful resort, you can dive into the clear blue ocean and play in the waves, swim amongst the coral reefs and the vibrantly colored fish.
5 Big Events Held in Sanya

Sanya’s pleasant climate, convenient transportation and robust tourism development make the city an ideal spot for all kinds of meetings and contests. In recent years, Sanya has witnessed an array of internationally reputed events:

2010
Chinese government released statement on Jan. 2010, which said that Hainan island is going to build into a top International Resort.

2009
Opening Ceremony of 2009 China Eco-Tourism Year
World Beach Volleyball Tournament 2009 - Sanya Open

2008
The unveiling ceremony of Sanya International Sister Cities Model Look 25th world final Sanya
Hongta 2008 Tour of Hainan
The initial relay activities of Olympic Torch on mainland China for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games
World Beach Volleyball Tournament 2008 - Sanya Open

2007
The 1st Mr. World Final
The 1st Sanya International Beach Music Festival
2007 Global Forum hotel
The 57th Miss World Final

2006
World’s Strongest Man Contest

2005
The 55th Miss World Final
The 14th Golden Rooster & Full Blossom Film Festival and Centennial Celebration of China Movie Industry

2004
The 54th Miss World Final
Asia Professional Golf Tournament-Sanya Tournament 2004

2003
The 53nd Miss World Final
World Beach Volleyball Tournament 2009 - Sanya Open

The 55th Miss World Finals

Sanya is the first city of China consecutively holding the 53rd, 54th, 55th, 57th Miss World Finals, the 1st Mr. World Final.
6 Economy

Sanya is a coastal city with tourism and real estate as the two pillar industries. Service industries, transportation, hotel, catering and related industries play an important role in Sanya’s economy. In recent years due to an increasing flow of tourism, Sanya City now has over one hundred luxury hotels, with an annual reception capacity over 10 million people. Sheraton, Hilton, Marriott, Ritz-Carlton and Yue Yong Zhuang are just some of the names of Intercontinental hotel chains that have settled in Sanya’s tourist resort area. It has become the most important destination for golf and meetings in China.

Sanya Duty-free Shop

A Golf Course in Sanya

There are 27 golf courses in Hainan Island, 7 of them situated within only 1-hour drive from Sanya downtown.
7 Food

Sanya is famous for its fresh seafood. The amazing variety of flavors, aromas and textures of Chinese cuisine are a pleasure to the palate. Sea cucumber and abalone are common in restaurants while crab, lobster, mussels and all kinds of fish are readily available. Try coconut rice or coconut soup. Due to its tropical weather, Hainan is also great for a variety of exotic fruit including banana, lychee, coconut, dragon fruit, guava, pineapple, mango, papaya and longan.

Delicious Fruits in Sanya

Hainan cuisine is neither spicy nor sweet. Local chefs like to accentuate the original flavor of all ingredients; thus, the cuisine is known for being light and fresh. Chinese wines go well with Hainan dishes. These wines are subtly different from each other and are worth sampling.

The four most famous dishes in Sanya are Wenchang Chicken from Wenchang city which is known for its tender meat and succulent bone marrow; Dongshan Lamb or mutton; Jiaji Duck from Qionghai city with a special ginger, soy and pepper sauce; and festive crab, also from Wenchang city, which is best served steamed to retain its fresh flavor.
8 Transportation

8.1 Sea

Each year Sanya Phoenix Island International Cruise Marina receives about 120 international cruise ships from all over the world.

Sanya Phoenix Island International Cruise Marina

8.2 Air

Sanya Phoenix International Airport is 11 kilometers northwest of Sanya city center, only a 20-minute drive from the downtown area. There are 32 international destinations available including cities in Japan and South Korea. It is only one-hour flight from Hong Kong and Guangzhou, 2.5 hours flight from Shanghai, 3.5 hours flight from Beijing and 6 hours flight from Japan and South Korea.

8.3 Railway

Hainan East Ring Express Railway:
Taking an express train from Haikou East Railway Station to Sanya takes only 120 minutes. Visitors can jump on a train at Meilan Railway Station (300m from the airport). The ring connects Sanya with Wenchang, Qionghai, Bo’ao, Wanning and Lingshui in Hainan.

Hainan West Ring Express Railway:
Hainan West Ring Railway connects Sanya with Haikou, then connects to the
mainland. Direct trains have been opened from Sanya to Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and other places.