Hainan Island Escape

Sanya - 6 days / 5 nights

Sample itinerary - Subject to availability

Travel style: private group

Overview

Beach, rainforest and Li village crafts on one island.

The journey

Six days on China's tropical island - a beach-resort base on Sanya's best swimming bay, with the Li minority interior and rainforest valleys folded in between. Built for winter-sun departures between November and March, when the rest of the country is doing something else entirely.

Highlights

- Beachfront resort base on Yalong Bay
- Snorkelling or a glass-bottom boat off Wuzhizhou Island
- Yanoda rainforest valley walk
- Li brocade weaving in a village workshop
- Nanshan's seaside Guanyin statue
- First Market seafood night

Day by day



Day 1 - Arrive Sanya

Met at Phoenix airport and driven the half hour to the bay; most flights land with the afternoon still ahead and the sea at swimming temperature whatever the month. The first evening is deliberately unprogrammed - sandals on, the resort's beach grills or a short drive into town, and nothing on the clock. The island starts tomorrow.

Meals: - - Hotel: Sanya, Yalong Bay

Day 2 - Wuzhizhou Island

A boat out to Wuzhizhou for the day: the snorkel set over the coral shallows, or the glass-bottom boat for those who would rather stay dry, with the island's interior walkways between swims. Conditions and minimum ages are set daily by the marine operator, as noted. Back at the resort by late afternoon; the evening is the beach and whatever the tide left.

Meals: B - Hotel: Sanya, Yalong Bay

Day 3 - Rainforest and Li village

Into the green interior: Yanoda's valley walkways, waterfalls and rope bridges at whatever pace the group sets, then a Li village workshop where brocade is still woven on back-strap looms - the patterns carry the island's own grammar, and the weavers will explain it. Lunch is village cooking. The evening belongs to the pool and the sunset.

Meals: B, L - Hotel: Sanya, Yalong Bay

Day 4 - Beach day, market night

A full day of deliberately nothing: kayaks, the pools, sandcastle engineering, a book finished. In the evening the working counterweight - First Market, where the stalls sell the morning's catch by the tray, the upstairs kitchens cook it to order, and the group's dinner is priced off the blackboard in front of everyone. The guide negotiates; the group points.

Meals: B - Hotel: Sanya, Yalong Bay

Day 5 - Nanshan and the slow afternoon

The morning at Nanshan by the sea - the 108-metre Guanyin standing off the coast, temple halls along the water - with the Haitang Bay duty-free complex as an optional stop for the shoppers. The last afternoon is kept for the bay: one more swim, the sand at dusk, and dinner simple. Bags are staged tonight; the flight comes early.

Meals: B - Hotel: Sanya, Yalong Bay

Day 6 - Depart

Transfer to Phoenix airport in good time; Sanya's direct links to the major hubs keep the homeward leg simple, and the coordination team stays reachable until boarding. For groups continuing onwards, this framework connects cleanly to a Guangzhou or Hong Kong leg - many winter itineraries run the two together.

Meals: B - Hotel: -

What makes this journey different

- One beachfront base on Yalong Bay or Haitang Bay for the whole trip - no hotel changes, bags unpacked once.
- The island beyond the resorts: a Li brocade workshop in a village and a rainforest valley walk in the interior.
- Seafood the local way - First Market's pick-your-own stalls, priced by the morning's catch and cooked to order.
- Duty-free shopping at Haitang Bay included for groups who want it, dropped entirely for groups who don't.

Where you stay

Beachfront four- or five-star resort on Yalong Bay or Haitang Bay, the same rooms held throughout; family and connecting rooms quoted on request.

Food & local life

Hainanese chicken rice at its source - Wenchang chicken - Hele crab, coconut in every form, and the choose-your-seafood grills of First Market in the evening.

Included

+ Accommodation in the agreed grade, with breakfast
+ Private guide and private vehicle on touring days
+ All internal transport between cities as stated - high-speed rail, internal flights and transfers
+ Entrance fees for the sites named in the itinerary
+ Meals as stated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)
+ Drinking water in the vehicle, and a 24-hour emergency contact while the group is in China
+ One Wuzhizhou Island boat and snorkel set (or the glass-bottom boat alternative)

Not included

- International flights to and from China
- Chinese visa or visa-application costs
- Travel insurance, including medical and cancellation cover
- Meals not marked in the itinerary, drinks and personal spending
- Anything listed under subject to confirmation until it is confirmed
- Motorised water sports, dive courses and resort spa treatments

To be confirmed with suppliers

- resort room categories and sea-view grades for the dates
- snorkel conditions and minimum age - set daily by the marine operator
- rainforest cableway operation after heavy rain
- internal flight times into Sanya Phoenix

Customisation

Every framework can be re-built around your client's dates, party size, hotel grade, pace and interests - or combined with scheduled small group departures where budget matters. Send us the brief and we will quote in writing.