

# Hainan Island Tour: China's Hawaii



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# Tour Summary

Warm days and sultry nights are the norm on tropical Hainan Island located just off the tip of mainland China in the South China Sea. You'll find white sand beaches, fresh seafood and succulent tropical fruit, along with a distinct island culture. Numerous hot springs bubble up and tropical rain forests cover much of the island. Over a hundred different herbs for traditional Chinese medicine are grown here as well as green tea, coffee, and some rare orchids. Hainan has not been widely discovered here in the west, but hurry up—the secret may not last for long!

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# Introduction





Come to sunny Hainan Island, China's tropical paradise where white sand beaches melt into the azure South China Sea.



Hainan is home to a rich diversity of tropical plants, wild orchids, tea and coffee. Over a hundred varieties of plants used in traditional Chinese medicine grow here.



The island also has a rich history and during the days of China's ancient dynasties, political dissidents were exiled here. You can visit monuments to these early rebels in the city of Haikou.



Hainan's larger capital city, Haikou, sits on the northern tip of the island just across from the mainland. Daily ferries run back and forth, or you can fly into the Meilan International Airport.



Sanya in the southern part of the island is sometimes called China's Hawaii. You'll find everything you need for a beach getaway, including world-class resorts and relaxing spa treatments.



Sanya is also a great place to buy pearls, either at a high-end shop or from the local “pearl ladies” who will approach you on the beaches.



Gourmets will love Hainan's cuisine. It is a fusion of dishes from all over the country as more and more northern Chinese move here for the warm climate and fresh air.



Visitors will also enjoy the many tropical fruits that grow here and are sold in street markets and stores all over the island.



Several indigenous groups live on Hainan such as the Maiu, Hui, and Li people. The Li are known for their exquisite brocade, the oldest know cotton textile art in the country.



The interior of the island is well worth exploring for a unique cultural adventure. You can soak in natural hot springs or hike through dense rain forests.



You might also want to visit Monkey Island near Sanya where the rhesus monkeys have free rein of this small island.



Whether you want to sun bathe, swim, shop or dine, Hainan is sure to offer a unique cultural experience that will stay with you for years to come.

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