

“Resorts World One” Cruises to Sanya, Hainan from 24 September 2023

*Offering cruises to the Greater Bay Area residents and tourists
from the Hong Kong homeport*



Resorts World One new cruise destination to Sanya, featuring the Nanshan Cultural Tourism Zone in the Yazhou District.

Hong Kong, 19 June 2023 – *Resorts World Cruises*, Asia’s latest dynamic lifestyle cruise brand is pleased to announce its new winter season deployment for *Resorts World One*, cruising from Hong Kong to Sanya, Hainan. Sanya is now the most popular winter destination in China for Chinese and overseas tourists, with the largest increase in tourists this year versus 2019 due to its sunshine, beaches, sceneries, culture, food and duty-free as key attractions.

Starting 24 September 2023, passengers can choose a series of exciting cruise itineraries from Hong Kong, which include the: -

- “3-Night Sanya Cruise departing on Sundays
- “2-Night Sanya Cruise departing on Wednesdays
- “2-Night Weekend Getaway Cruise departing on Fridays

For passengers who desire more flexibility, the following cruise packages are offered: -

- “5-Night Hainan Cruise and Land-Stay” from Sundays to Fridays with 3-Night Sanya hotel stay
- “One Week Hainan Cruise and Land-Stay” departing and returning on Wednesdays with 4-Night Sanya hotel stay
- “One-way Sanya Cruise” to and from Sanya for those who wish combine cruising and flights

Resorts World One provides vacationers with the most flexible choice of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7-Night options.



Hong Kong is the most convenient homeport for mainland Chinese residents, especially the Greater Bay Area, due to the excellent air, ferry and land transport links with the rest of China. With the opening of the West Kowloon High Speed Rail and the future Shenzhen-Zhongshan bridge, almost all Guangdong Province residents can reach Hong Kong within two hours. Passengers can stay in Hong Kong pre and post cruise, enjoying the two duty free paradises in Hong Kong and Sanya.

Hainan is also the only Chinese province which can be visited by citizens from 59 countries without the need to apply for a Chinese visa, as the only condition is to register with a local Hainan travel agency, which will be handled by Resorts World Cruises. The 59 countries include citizens of Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and more. This visa free policy will encourage international Fly-Cruise from these 59 countries to join the *Resorts World One* cruises to Sanya.

On 1 April, the China's General Administration of Customs, Ministry of Finance and State Administration of Taxation allows immediate pick-up of purchased duty free goods, which makes it more convenient for shoppers. As such, tourists can immediately enjoy the duty-free goods whilst in Hainan. This is in addition to the previous policy that duty-free goods can also be picked up on departure from Hainan or sent directly to their home addresses.

Resorts World Cruises will also offer Mainland cruise passengers HK \$100 in Onboard Credits per person for Interior and Oceanview Staterooms; and HK \$200 in Onboard Credits for Balcony Staterooms and Palace Suites as a transport subsidy to Hong Kong. As an additional benefit, all guests will have free baggage allowance of 50 kg per person for Interior and Oceanview Staterooms; and 100 kg per person for Balcony Staterooms and Palace Suites so that they can shop to their hearts' content in duty-free Hainan.

During a special visit to the *Resorts World One* on 16 June 2023 by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Radio, Television and Sports of the Hainan Province, its Director General, *Mr. Li huiwei* said, *"We welcome Resorts World One as the first international cruise ship to Hainan since the restart of cruises. This is in line with China's economic policy that is conducive to Hainan's efforts in strengthening its ties and co-operation with the Greater Bay Area; and is vital towards the development of the Hainan Free Trade Port as a main consumption area for the international tourism sector and the high-quality development of Hainan's tourism industry"*.

Mr Kenneth Wong, General Manager, MICE & Cruise of Hong Kong Tourism Board, welcomed the continued use of Hong Kong as a homeport for Resorts World One and the exciting experiences it brings to cruise travellers, "Leveraging Hong Kong's role as a key cruise port in the region, Resorts World One is developing new multi-destination itineraries combining Hong Kong and neighbouring destinations, which are expected to help attract visitors, especially those from the Greater Bay Area, to visit Hong Kong and then move onwards to other destinations via cruise ships, enjoying a diverse experience on board."

"On behalf of Resorts World Cruises, we would like to thank the Hainan, Sanya and Hong Kong authorities for their support that has led us to this deployment," said Mr. Michael Goh, President of Resorts World Cruises."



Yalong Bay is a crescent bay with a 7 kilometer-long silver beach.

Sanya offers memorable experiences that are unique to this province, offering awe-inspiring coastlines and scenic landscape in a mild tropical climate. This wonderful city is also best known as the world's largest duty-free shopping destination and is a haven for foodies with fresh seafood and tropical fruits, including durians that are now being cultivated in Hainan. In addition, the Nanshan Cultural Tourism Zone features the largest area displaying Buddhism culture in China.

The 13-storey *Resorts World One* with a passenger capacity of 1,856 will showcase many of the hallmarks of the *Resorts World Cruises*, a brand extension of *Resorts World*, which has a 50-year global history in hospitality with hotels and resorts in four continents, attracting over 40 million visitors a year. *Resorts World One* has “The Palace”, a signature “luxury ship-within-a ship”, with exclusive amenities and facilities, including European-style butler service. Balcony, Oceanview and Inside Staterooms are also offered, with best-in-class services, Asian and International cuisine, ‘live’ international entertainment, performances and a myriad of exciting offerings and recreational activities.



The 13-deck *Resorts World One* cruise ship

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About Resorts World Cruises

Resorts World Cruises is a newly established luxury and dynamic lifestyle cruise brand that is rich in Asian heritage, offering a personalized cruising lifestyle with diverse international experiences. *Resorts World Cruises* – ‘*Resorts Cruising At Sea*’ aims to redefine the cruising experience altogether by providing exciting and unique offerings, a variety of accommodations, including the world-class luxury accommodation, “The Palace” – a luxury ship-within-a ship private enclave with butler and its own service exclusive restaurant, sundeck, gym, spa and other facilities.

Resorts World Cruises is a brand extension of “Resorts World”, a global brand with over 46 properties in 8 countries and 4 continents. Resorts World properties attract over 80 million visitors a year and has over 30,000 employees. The latest property to open is US\$ 4.3 billion Resorts World Las Vegas in 2021.

Resorts World Cruises debut on 15 June 2022 in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang) with the operations of the luxurious 3,352 passenger and 150,695 gross ton *Genting Dream*. Starting 10 March 2023, the 1,856 passenger and 75,338 gross ton *Resorts World One* commenced her first homeport deployment in Hong Kong. With the inception of *Resorts World Cruises*, the brand aims to position itself as the leading cruise line in the region for Asian sourced markets, providing the highest standards in cruise experience, safety and precautionary measures.

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