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HEAVENLY VACATION CHINA'S LUXURIOUS ISLAND RESORT

The best designs are those that harmonize interior with exterior in a seemingly effortless flow of shapes, colors and lights. Design must not only respect nature but enhance it. This seemingly paradoxical task has been achieved in Sanya, China, a quickly emerging tourism destination graced with spectacular rivers, mountains and beaches.





The **St. Regis Sanya Yalong Bay Resort** in Sanya, Hainan Island, China is an exciting new project blessed with a collection of fine furnishings and wonderful artifacts that evoke a sense of worldly travel. Every turn and corner is a design masterpiece that demands admiration and inspires a powerful sense of privilege.

DiLeonardo, the global full service architectural firm who is behind this excellent project is headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island and has offices in Dubai, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Malaysia. Their studio work environment, no bureaucracy policies and recruitment of young innovative designers sets them apart from anyone else and ensures that their projects are always fresh and cutting edge. ▶▶



The Drawing Room



A sense of effortless class and prestigious charm is prevalent throughout the entire design. **The Drawing Room** is characterized by gorgeous fixtures that pay homage to maritime lanterns. Beautiful lights dance upon the rich, high gloss finishes, polished metal and yacht-like detailing. The ample free space is made more dramatic by the luxurious marble flooring flowing wooden arches decorating the ceiling. You get a sense of casual sophistication as you sit in the bar looking out into the ocean which is perfectly framed by the architecture of the windows and ceilings to enhance the breath taking view.



Crystal-clear water, white sand beaches and lush green mountains form the back-drop for the elegantly styled architecture of the hotel villas. Little paved pathways lead your way between the villas, gardens and little artificial ponds to the beach. An aura of serenity gently embraces you as you breathe in the fresh sea breeze and enjoy the summer sun on your body.

The resort offers several different restaurants for the visitors sampling pleasure, each offering different cuisines. The western cuisine restaurant is a quaint sun-lit space with a casual, residential open kitchen concept and painted built-in cabinetry. The restaurant proceeds outside into an outdoor terrace with rustic wooden tables and natural stony motif. The pool's isometric shapes create a distinct and cultured environment while at night softly-lit waterfalls dance around the dinners as they sit on elegant wooden chairs in candle light, the atmosphere is simply splendid. ▶▶





The guest rooms are designed with exquisite taste, timeless color schemes and creamy neutral textures. A myriad of majestic silks and comfy fabrics offer a safe haven reminiscent of high class yachts and trans-ocean ships that pass. You will definitely not be in any haste to leave here any time soon!

All along the design a marriage between top notch luxurious interiors and the stunning natural surroundings is maintained. It is a carefully engineered environment that forces you to relax, recuperate and enjoy yourself! **St. Regis Sanya Yalong Bay Resort** is definitely worth our admiration from a designing perspective and is certainly worth a stay if you ever decide to visit China! ■