

# 坐擁南中國「三亞」麗思卡爾頓

## *At the crown of Southern China The Ritz-Carlton*



——十多年前，從曼谷至芭塔亞，而後單一度假島嶼普吉島、峇里島、馬爾地夫……，東南亞成爲度假住 Resort、Villa 的最佳去處。但可惜，櫛比鱗次的度假天堂，圍牆外，窮苦民家和各式雜陳的攤販街景，現實生活的窘困，破壞了高檔休閒度假的前奏。

沒料到的是，2005 年後，中國成功地利用「東南亞模式」迅速打造出南中國風情的「三亞」奇蹟；但不如同於東南亞的是，奢華的旅店度假中心並不是主角；三亞模式的成敗，是一種整體視覺上的富庶榮景，甚至路邊的民宅也搖身一變成爲高檔別墅小區。一種壯闊的綠化，見證了我一償天堂之旅的想像。

三亞地處熱帶，四季如春，沒有冬季，於是吸引中國華北、東北人士在此置產，每年十一長假，南遷海南島，隔年五月又遷回北方，形成另一種候鳥潮。位處最負盛名風景區「亞龍灣」，鄰近國際級度假旅館一字排開，但又以 2008 年開幕的三亞 (The Ritz-Carlton) 最引人矚目。

全區佔地 15 萬平米，擁有背著紅樹林的 500 公尺海岸線，由金茂集團出資，國際品牌麗思卡爾頓負責營運管理，聘請國際 WAT & G Design 與上海設計院分別設計室內與外觀。斜尖屋頂、深色實木、木雕刻與大量的馬賽克，並隨處佈局大型水景，許多細節上仍能看見來自於北京頤和園經典建築和裝飾的靈感。



中國改良式建築的外觀、簡化細部，室內空間卻是開放中央大廳堂的泰式風格，架構分明，各廳串連視野直通至海域。三層樓高的大廳由空中飛廊連接各處，亭台樓閣，天際線起伏不斷。在對稱的局部當中，兩側延伸卻是不對稱，儘是改良式中國傳統與自然造景的結合。進入這極大尺度的鄰海旅館，一眼望去「無域不水」，第一次入住的房客很難不迷路。

三亞麗思卡爾頓擁有 450 間客房，各有不同海景、山景、園景；陽台往下望去，只見藍與綠，不見地，更往遠眺，深藍的南中國海為景，何其美哉。散落於海邊的 33 間 Villa 別墅，建築空間以各式廊道串連，其間綴以噴泉流水，灌木、樹林、竹林，身在其中，水與樹的迷宮無窮止盡，蔚成奇特觀景。

這裡有許多號稱亞洲第一的設施，包括第一間婚宴禮堂和設施繁多不及備載的超級 SPA 療區。入口處前庭噴水池造

景及兩旁流水，但見中國式門樓建築雄偉佇立，進入是半室內高聳寬闊的穿堂，往前大堂吧，正方形尖頂空間吊著一盞大尺度吊燈，向下望去大片綠意草坪及噴泉水景，這裡正是三亞第一戶外草坪婚禮的場地，一旁還設有婚宴禮堂。鄰著海景沙灘，可供數百人用餐的壯觀景是戶外婚禮 Party 首選。旅館特別貼心安排男女主角的單身派對，成為禮宴旅遊的行程之一。

龐大的旅館設有八處飲食空間，分別有義式料理、中式餐廳和開放式料理台的「鮮坊」；高檔度假不能少的沙灘邊燒烤吧及 SPA 裡的養生品茗區，一應俱全。提供上等雪茄及陳釀干邑的雪茄吧「雪閣」，專業與舒適程度令我這雪茄客，流連忘返；但不敢怠慢老中，特意安排的專業麻將間，一個安靜優閒、一個皆大歡喜，總之奢侈各有所需。

號稱亞洲最大的 SPA 共有 2788 平米自成一體，穿越石橋，經過水景花園錦鯉

池塘，進入水療世界。24 間私人理療室，其中一半配有戶外水柱浴池，體驗在花草天地間的大自然洗禮；或是在空間極大、乾溼分離的淋浴蒸氣室，更衣梳妝。理療室設施齊全且空間之大，亦是首見。各式不同特色的芳療法和敬業態度，只能說同業難以相比。戶外庭園連接著自家種植有機蔬果，並設有可愛家禽飼養區的「馬丁伯伯的菜園」，更有為小朋友設想的「樹屋」樂園，提供有趣的生活體驗。

總統套房「麗思軒」共有 347 平米，一進門半透空格柵展風半掩客廳全貌，寬達十米面向海景，透過月洞門連接一旁是五米寬餐廳，另一側設有書房，更裡頭是寬大主臥室，一旁置放著暗紅色鱷魚皮 Fendi Day Bed 躺椅，奢華可見一斑；但體驗麗思卡爾頓，住總統套房卻不如選擇臨海邊三房兩廳的 Villa 別墅。



沿著花草步道來到 Villa 區，最大的金茂居共 367 平米，門屋裡庭院深深，隱密性極佳。兩層式建築，主臥室設於二樓，居高臨下更能攬盡亞龍灣美景。一樓客餐廳軸線相連，往外探出則是 15 米長私人無邊際泳池，海天一色。泳池兩端各設置發泉亭，一處是 Jaguzzi 泡水池，另一處可作 In Villa Service 半戶外 B.B.Q 或燭光晚宴，浪漫程度不在話下。此三居間 Villa 與總統套房價格相差無幾，但

多數人自然選擇 Villa，總統套房招待貴賓升等，可惜錯過了別墅區各自擁有海景庭園造景、舒適自在的無價享受。

全世界已設有 73 家旅館，還有 30 家正在進行中……，綜觀有著英國皇家皇冠與獅子（贊助保險公司）的綜合圖騰的麗思卡爾頓歷史，從首創不可一世的 1898 年巴黎麗池開始，而今至少已獲得 28 次各式獎項的「三亞」麗思卡爾頓旅館接棒，朝向世界極致邁進。

這天巧遇中央草坪上舉行一場戶外婚禮，從陽台伸出頭望過去，穿著正式禮服的佳賓入座，背景是海天一色的藍，當樂音響起，好一個世紀婚禮的畫面，我在想，天地合一的麗思卡爾頓應該是很多人心中「幸福海岸」的首選！但對我來說，它更是「旅館界的勞斯萊斯」的一頁傳奇。📖



Over 20 years ago, from Bangkok to Pattaya, then later the resort islands of Phuket, Bali, Maldives... South Eastern Asia became a resort, villa holiday styled heaven. However, outside the walls of this heavenly paradise, was the scene of the slums, street vendors and chaos, the reality presented, spoiled the high-class holiday atmosphere.

For what wasn't expected, after 2005 China managed to apply South Eastern Asian model to create a southern Chinese "Sanya" scene; unlike S.E. Asia however, the luxurious resort hotels are not the main theme. The Sanya model's success lies in creating a thorough, complete and whole paradise image, even the residential housings have become a villa resort area. The overall prosperity fulfilled my imagination of holiday heaven.

Sanya City is located in the tropical area, the seasons are pleasant and mild and there is no winter. The warm climate has attracted the northern and north eastern Chinese to purchase real estate at this location. During the long holidays like Oct. 1st, they'd come to Hainan Island, and then go back north in May, pretty much like migrators. At the most famous scenic area of "Yalong Bay", a series of international high-end hotels have opened, and among them, the Ritz-Carlton that opened in 2008 gathered most of the attention.

Taking up 150,000 square meters, with a 500 meter coastline rich of mangroves, the hotel is funded by China Jin Mao Group, managed and operated by the international brand of Ritz-Carlton. World renowned WAT&G Design was hired to design the interior, while the Shanghai Design

Institute was in charge of the exterior design. The tilt roof, dark wood, carvings and large amount of mosaics, along with the large water displays, which in details show the origin of their inspiration lies in the classical architecture and decoration of the Summer Palace in Beijing.

With a moderated Chinese style exterior with simplified detailing, the interior lobby is an open space Thai style, with clear interior structures, and the connection of the rooms seamlessly leading the view all the way to the sea. The three-story high lobby is connected via various sky-bridges, with a variety of function rooms. Aside the symmetrical lobby, its extensions on the sides reach out to be asymmetrical, and are both filled with traditional Chinese style structures and natural garden landscapes. When

entering this large seaside resort, with the vision constantly filled with views of the water, it is difficult not to get lost for ones first visit.

The Ritz-Carlton has 450 rooms, each with different views of the sea, hills or the garden; when looking down from the balcony, all in one's view is blue and green, no landscapes at all. If you look further, the dark blue of South China Sea comes into view, the beauty is indescribable. With an additional 33 villas along the coast, each connected via various archways and hallways, decorated with water fountains, creeks, bushes, woods and bamboos, it is like walking in a maze of water and trees, a spectacular sight!

There are many facilities that can be considered best of Asia, including the first wedding chapel as well as a deluxe SPA area with too many equipments to be

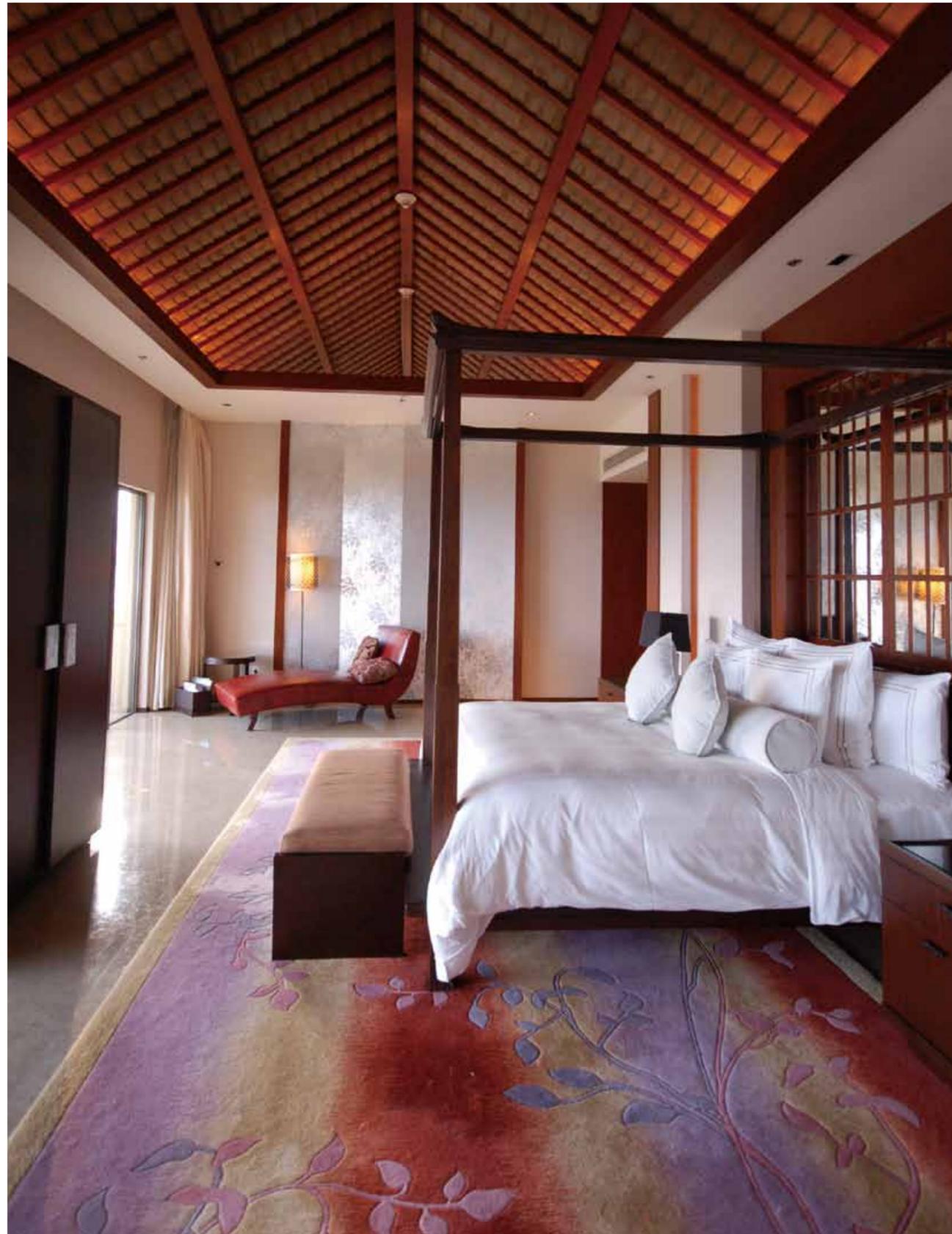
mentioned. There is a water fountain and some water scenes at the entrance area, and the Chinese styled doorway stands tall; after entering, a high ceilinged, large lobby leads to the hall, and at the center of the square tall roof hangs a large chandelier, with miles of green grass and water fountains surrounding it. This is the first outdoor wedding facility of Ritz-Carlton, located next to the wedding chapel. This area is located next to the beach, with an area suitable for hundreds of guests to be entertained and dine, the prime location for an outdoor wedding. The hotel offers hen and stag nights for the happy couples prior to their big event, leading this to be part of the wedding package.

The large hotel has 8 different eateries, including Italian, Chinese and a show kitchen called "Fresh 8", a must visit beachside barbeque bar and a tea house in

the SPA area. A special cigar and cognacs "Zig", the comfort and professionalism thoroughly enthralling the cigar enthusiast in me; not leave out the Chinese guests, a special Mahjong room is set up, a luxurious combination of calm relaxation and cheerful bustling, fulfilling the need of everyone.

The SPA area is said to be the biggest in Asia, separated from the main structure, consisting of a total of 2788 square meters. Pass through the stone bridge, then the water-scenic garden with a Koi pond, and last enter the SPA. With 24 private therapeutic rooms, half of them equipped with outdoor waterfall pools, allowing the guests to experience a natural enlightening around the flora; or you may choose to get changed and enjoy yourself in the large shower and sauna room. The equipment filled therapeutic room and





extent space with rich available treatments and professionalism makes this SPA got no others can compete. The outdoor garden connects to the organic fruit and vegetable fields, in which you may find an area for poultry called “Uncle Martin’s Garden”, it also has a special playing area for children called “The Tree House”, offering visiting children a special experience.

The presidential suite “The Ritz-Carlton Suite” is an area of 347 square meters, at the door a semi-transparent screen hides away the full view of the living room, a 10 meter wide sea view comes to light; through the Yue Dong Door (moon-shaped door), a 5-meter wide dining area comes into view, while on the other side there is a study room, further inside would be the spacious bedroom, with a dark maroon Fendi Day Bed at the side, the luxury showing through subtly. However, when staying with Ritz-Carlton, the presidential suite is not as good a choice as the seaside

Villa that has three bedrooms, one living room and a kitchen.

Entering the Villa area along the garden path, the largest of them is named “Qing-Mao Villa”, has a total space of 367 square meters, with a private setting. A two-story building, with the master bedroom set on the second floor, providing an even better view of the scenic bay. The first floor dining room is well connected, extending into a 15-meter wide private pool that seems to be connected with the sky and ocean. On both sides of the pool are pavilions, one of them offers a Jacuzzi, while the other offers a In Villa Service, semi-outdoor barbeque or candlelit dining area, with all the romance there is to offer. This villa is set at almost the same price as the presidential suite, but most people would naturally opt for the villa; while the presidential area does offer a VIP service, it would be a regret to miss the Villa’s individual seaside garden view, and the

priceless feeling they accompany.

Owning 73 hotels in the world, with 30 more on the way... when we look at the Ritz-Carlton’s history, with their logo combining the British royal crown and lion (which is, their sponsoring insurance company), we’d see they first started of creating the Ritz in Paris in 1898, and now, the Ritz-Carlton at Sanya has already received over 28 awards worldwide, taking over the crown of world class excellence.

Today, there is an outdoor wedding at the central garden, when looking out from the balcony, the guests all formally dressed, with a backdrop of blue filled with the sky and sea. When the music starts, a wedding to remembered for a life long, and I was thinking for many people the Ritz-Carlton is probably to be considered the “beach of happiness”. For me, however, it stands as the legend of a Rolls Royce in the Hotel Industry. ▶

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