

Preparing your trip to the  
CEOS WGCV/WGISS Joint  
Meeting in  
Sanya, Hainan Island, China  
Feb. 25-29

# Where is Sanya ?

- Sanya is at the Southern Tip of China on the subtropical Hainan island (Location: 18° 18' 10" N, 109° 24' 44" E), with a similar latitude as that of Hawaii.
- Time Zone: Beijing Time (UTC+8)
- Temperature in February: 18~25 °C (64-77 F)
- Language: Chinese; Dialects: Madarin and Catonese, Hotel staff speak some simple English
- Cell phone: unlocked GSM SIM card can be purchased for about \$15 plus airtime (China Mobile).
- Currency: Chinese RMB or CNY ( $\$1 \leq \text{¥} 7.2 \text{ RMB}$ )
  - The Hotel offers exchange for major currencies. Recent rate is about \$1 to 7.1 RMB.
  - Bank of China Sanya Branch also offers currency exchange services. Address: No.35, Jiefang Road 4th
  - Note that unofficial exchange of currency is illegal in China. Try to use small bills (10,20,50 RMB) to pay for taxi, and small purchases.
  - In China tips are usually not necessary when paying
- Emergency phone number: Police: 110; Ambulance: 120



The Hainan Space Base, only 19 degrees north of the equator, is used for low-latitude, low-altitude space research launches. Ground stations and cal/val sites are also being developed in Sanya

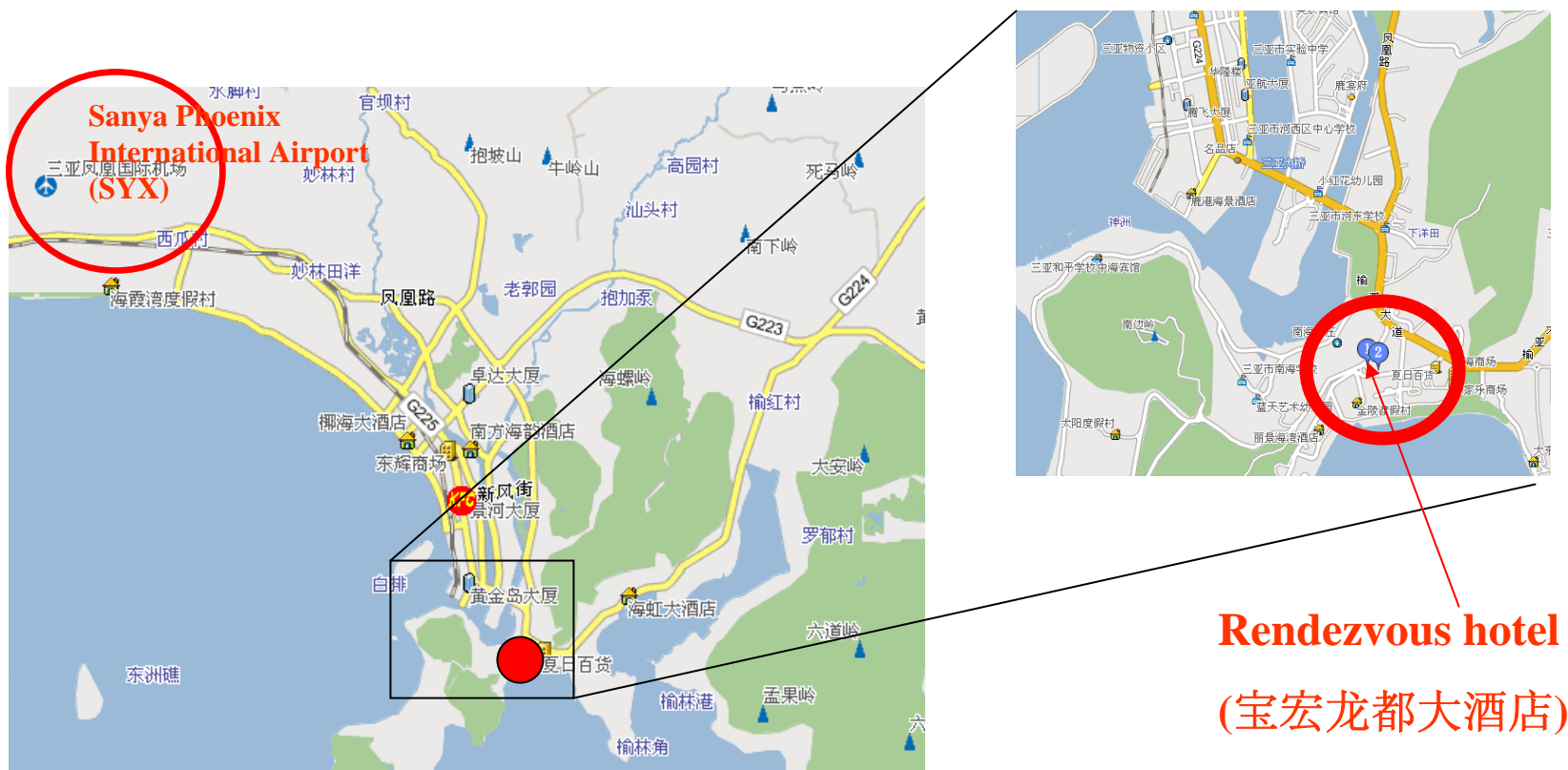
# How to get to Sanya ?



Most people will likely fly to Sanya through Beijing, Hongkong, Guangzhou, or Shanghai.

After arriving at Sanya Phoenix International Airport (SYX), take a taxi to the Rendezvous Hotel.

It takes about 25 minutes from the airport to the hotel by taxi. Cost is about \$5-8 (35-50 RMB).



# Notes

1) If you transfer in Beijing, please note that in Beijing airport you will likely go through customs, then change to the airline that will take you to Sanya. If you take Air China to Sanya, it will probably be in the same terminal as the international airlines, otherwise, if you take China Southern (CZ), you may need to go to another terminal. *Please allow plenty of time for transfer in Beijing.*

2) According to the Chinese Lunar calendar, the new year starts on Feb. 7, 2008, and the busiest holiday season ends after the first full Moon day on Feb. 21, 2008, a few days ahead of our WGCV/WGISS joint meeting.

3). Electrical power outlet in China: 220V, although the plugs may look similar to those used in the US, their plugs are not polarized (**you will need a travel adaptor**).

4). Stay healthy:

**Things to avoid:**

- Avoid drinking **faucet water** - drink **bottled water**, hot boiled water, or hot tea/coffee!
- Avoid eating **raw** vegetables/meat/seafood - eat fresh cooked food

**Things might be helpful:**

-Vitamin C, Melatonin (for jet lag), ear plugs (for long flight), small bottles of antibacterial hand soap/Germ-X, and sunscreen

5). Common sense to protect yourself against petty theft:

Keep your luggage within view or touch at all times.

When waiting on a line: place your briefcase/purse in front of you, on the counter, and lean your luggage against your leg.

Be ware of distractions, which could be used by a pickpocket or thief.

6) Please print and bring the following page, so you will be able to communicate some of the important information, if needed, in Chinese.

# Some basic Chinese

Hello

Excuse me, please help.

What time is it?

Where is the bathroom?

I need a bottle of water (or a cup of hot tea/coffee).

(矿泉 literally translates to mineral spring water but in reality it's likely just filtered water (水) in a bottle)

I need to fly to Sanya, Hainan Island.

I am going to Sanya for a international meeting.

The meeting is CEOS WGCV/WGISS.

Here is my passport and visa

I need a taxi to the Rendezvous Hotel in Sanya.

Hotel address (旅馆地址是)

Hotel phone number (旅馆电话是)

你好

对不起，请帮我一下。

现在是什么时间？

厕所在哪里？

我要一瓶矿泉水 (茶/咖啡)

我要飞到海南岛的三亚市。

我到三亚去开国际会议。

会议名字叫 CEOS WGCV/WGISS

这是我的护照和签证

我需要个出租车到三亚宝宏龙都大酒店

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