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DHAWA CAYO SANTA MARIA OPENS IN CUBA **First Dhawa by Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts**



Singapore, January 2017 - Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts welcomes its first Dhawa in Cayo Santa Maria, Cuba on 24 December 2016. Located in Cayo Santa Maria, a province of Villa Clara, Dhawa Cayo Santa Maria presents white sandy beaches, stunning landscapes along the Caribbean Ocean, warm beautiful people coupled with Cuba's musicality of African and Spanish beats that will make for a wonderfully intriguing visit. Edgy, cool and sassy, Dhawa Cayo Santa Maria will be the first and only all-inclusive lifestyle resort with a private beach in the area.

As the first Asian hospitality group to enter Cuba, guests can look forward to the Group's signature hospitality and a fun and memorable stay where they call the shots. With chic comfortable rooms, all-inclusive dining experiences that range from French, Italian to local Cuban specialities – not forgetting the iconic mojito, and a wide array of complimentary activities along a pristine ½ km of beach, guests can get out or stay in, chill or just have an awesome adventure under the warm Caribbean sun.

Dhawa Cayo Santa Maria makes it cool to care by being the only resort in the area to offer environmental conservation activities with a focus on caring for flamingo birds which gather near a small lake by the hotel's Fuego Del Mar restaurant. This is aligned to the Group's emphasis of placing sustainable tourism at the heart of everything it does, while discovering new fantastic destinations.

So step in, discover and make Dhawa your own.

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Dhawa Cayo Santa Maria is the first of four hotels in Cuba by the Group and marks Banyan Tree's second venture into Latin America after two successful hotel openings in Mexico.

Opening Offer

From 15 January 2017, book a minimum of 5 nights on www.dhawa-cuba.com and enjoy a complimentary room upgrade. Reservations must be made 30 days in advance prior to arrival.

About Dhawa Cayo Santa Maria

The Resort has stunning ocean views from half of its 516 stylish room inventory (246 Superior Rooms, 122 Deluxe Ocean View Rooms, 120 Premium Ocean Front View Rooms, 16 Junior Ocean Front View Suites and 12 Premium Ocean Front View Suites), five restaurants and four bars, two swimming pools, fitness centre, Kids Club and a 545-seat theatre with complimentary daily 'live' entertainment.

For those seeking an adrenaline rush, two tennis courts and a basketball court are available for use. Guests can also take part in a wide array of complimentary beach and pool activities including aqua-aerobics, dance classes, beach volleyball and kayaking. The resort also connects guests to Gaviota, a local tour operator which offers adventurous land and sea excursions to the local area and Havana. Dive into crystal clear sea waters and explore the rich coral and marine life that Cuba has to offer, or visit nearby colonial cities and cultural activities as well as lush forests with rivers and waterfalls.

Dhawa Cayo Santa Maria is a 90-minute drive from Santa Clara International Airport. It receives flights from Havana, Toronto, Montreal, Panama City and seasonal flights from Frankfurt, Munich and Milan.

Dhawa, No Room for the Ordinary

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For images of Dhawa Cayo Santa Maria, click [here](#).

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About Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts

Banyan Tree Group is a leading international operator and developer of premium resorts, hotels, residences and spas, with a collection of award-winning brands. **Banyan Tree** offers a Sanctuary to rejuvenate the mind, body and soul in awe-inspiring locations around the globe. Rediscover the romance of travel as you journey to iconic destinations where authentic, memorable experiences await. **Angsana** brings the adventure back into travel whatever your age or reason to visit. Intertwining local chic and a vibrant fun-filled atmosphere, Angsana offers amazing destination playgrounds across the world. **Cassia** is a bold new proposition in the extended stay sector, offering stylish, cutting edge hotel residences for holidays and business travel. It offers incredible choice for families, friends and couples. **Dhawa** is a casual and contemporary full-service hotel that fuses imaginative design, absolute comfort and seamless technology into a single stay experience. It curates a plethora of choices to achieve a truly customised stay.

To date, the Banyan Tree Group manages and/or has ownership interests in over 43 hotels and resorts, 66 spas, 80 retail galleries; as well as three golf courses.

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