Celebrating 20 years of creating unique Guest Experiences, Banyan Tree presents the World’s Best Sundowner Destinations

Singapore: September, 2014: As the day turns into night, a favourite holiday past-time is best served at dusk, where a signature cocktail or cool drink provides a fitting farewell to the setting sun. To celebrate their 20th Anniversary, Banyan Tree and sister resort brand, Angsana have selected ten of their favourite places across the world to relax over a sundowner or two.

Sun sets are forever at Angsana Balaclava Mauritius
Designed with romantic couples in mind, the resort of Angsana Balaclava Mauritius on the north-west coast of the island guarantees a view of the sun setting over the Indian Ocean each evening. Serenaded by a cool ocean breeze, the resort’s signature cocktail, Angsana Balaclava combines Tequila with peach and tamarind, lemonade and grenadine, best served chilled at the aptly-named Passion Bar on the beach, or on the jetty where the ocean is framed by a backdrop of verdant mountain peaks.

The feeling is easy at Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru
Being a small, private island in the Maldives; the sun cocoons guests from east to west at the all-pool villa resort of Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru. Come evening, there is an array of possibilities to salute the sun, whether it be the Naiboli Bar; dining on relaxed cushions at the Sunset Jetty; during a private dinner on a sandbank in the middle of the Indian Ocean; or on a sunset cruise on board the resort’s yacht, Banyan Velaa. A telescope at the Naiboli Bar makes for some impressive star spotting of the planetary kind, as guests enjoy the resort’s signature cocktail, Vabbinfaru, a tropical mix of Vodka, Midori, Honey Melon Juice and Blue Curacao.

Shaken and stirred at Banyan Tree Shanghai on the Bund
Offering panoramic views of the iconic Lujiazui skyline across the HuangPu River, Tops roof top bar at Banyan Tree Shanghai on the Bund is as stylish as it is inspiring. Renowned as the premier open-rooftop bar in Shanghai, the laidback ambience is enhanced by modern cocktails such as the Cucumber Mule or Banyantini, shaken and stirred by the resort’s mixologists. Enjoyed with tapas including Bloody Mary Oysters and Mini Burgers, Tops sets the scene for the night ahead in one of the most exciting cities on Earth.
Relax with the jet set at Banyan Tree Cabo Marques

Overlooking the Pacific Ocean and the Bay of Acapulco in Mexico, Banyan Tree Cabo Marques is discreetly nestled in mountain cliffs far from the crowds. Perfectly positioned for guests to enjoy an impressive sunset performance, Las Vistas Bar is the place to be for a cocktail or two, popular favourites being the Lychee Martini or the resort’s signature tipple, Mojito Acapulco bursting with mango, mint and a splash of tequila; or Reflections, where guests can admire the infinity pool with its gold-laced ripples reflecting the setting sun.

Special brew with a sea view at Angsana Bintan

With a spectacular view of the South China Sea, an early evening cocktail at Angsana Bintan is best enjoyed at sunset. The resort’s refreshing signature cocktail Lychee Mojito, a mixture of light rum, lychee liqueur, mint leaves, lime and sugar, can be tasted at the Pantai Grill or Dinner at Eight overlooking the beach, a cool sea breeze heralding the setting sun, powdery sand between your toes.

A sundowner with a twist at Angsana Laguna Phuket

Grab a front row seat at XANA Beach Club for a first-class sunset over the Andaman Sea. Enjoy the laid back vibes of this chic beach club on Bang Tao Bay as you sip on signature cocktails such as the King Cobra, a unique combination of rum and vodka mixed with sweet mango, zesty lime and a twist of chilli. It’s the perfect way to start an evening listening to cool tunes culminating with dancing on the sand with the club’s resident DJ.

Play amongst angels at Banyan Tree Bangkok

The Moon Bar at Banyan Tree Bangkok has become synonymous as one of the best rooftop bars in the City of Angels. The cocktails are rivalled only by the panoramic views of Bangkok from the 61st floor. Sip on one of the bar’s favourite cocktails Vertigo Sunset, a concoction of Malibu, pineapple, cranberry and lime juice, before being captivated by the celestial lights above and the bright lights of the cityscape below.

East meets West at Angsana Lang Co

Along the coast of Central Vietnam, atop Angsana Lang Co’s beachfront restaurant, Moomba serves up tropical sundowners complemented by lush mountains behind and rolling waves in front. A testament to the east with a nod to the west, a stylish cocktail to enjoy here fuses Vietnam’s main staple of rice to create a sparkling fusion of rice liquor, raspberry vodka and passion fruit topped with Champagne: Sunset Fizz is a perfect balance of tropical flavours and bubbles.

Rock the Kasbah at Banyan Tree Ungasan

Perched high above the Indian Ocean, the Ju-Ma-Na Bar at Banyan Tree Ungasan in Bali is the ideal spot to settle in and watch the sun set over the horizon. The bar permeates a relaxed, Moroccan charm and tropical, cosmopolitan cocktails such as the vodka-based, vanilla-infused Rock the Kasbah can be enjoyed with Arabian-influenced snacks, perfect after a busy day exploring the island.
Your Private Club at Banyan Tree Club & Spa Seoul

From its vantage point on the 20th and 21st floor, The Moon Bar at Banyan Tree Club & Spa Seoul offers a stunning panoramic view of the City. With twinkling lights as a backdrop, guests can enjoy sophisticated Japanese cuisine and nibbles, or retreat to the single malt whisky bar for some serious tasting. As the evening turns into night, premium wines, champagne and cocktails are accompanied by the beats of resident and visiting DJs, creating a distinctly chic venue for night owls in Seoul. Whatever the weather outside, inside guests can test the signature cocktail Midsummer, a cooling gin-based drink infused with sweet melon, apple mint, Midori, tonic water and fresh cucumber.

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About Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts

The leading international operator in the premium resort, hotel and spa industry, Banyan Tree offers a signature blend of romance and travel with a green conscience. The philosophy behind the hotels, resorts and spa is based on rejuvenation of the body, mind and soul – a Sanctuary for the Senses. Angsana is the ideal complement to Banyan Tree, comprising contemporary, chic and ecologically sensitive resorts. Based in areas of outstanding natural beauty and exciting city hubs, Angsana hotels, resorts and spas reflect the spirit and communities of their environment.

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