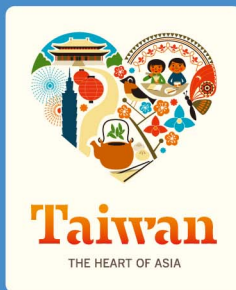


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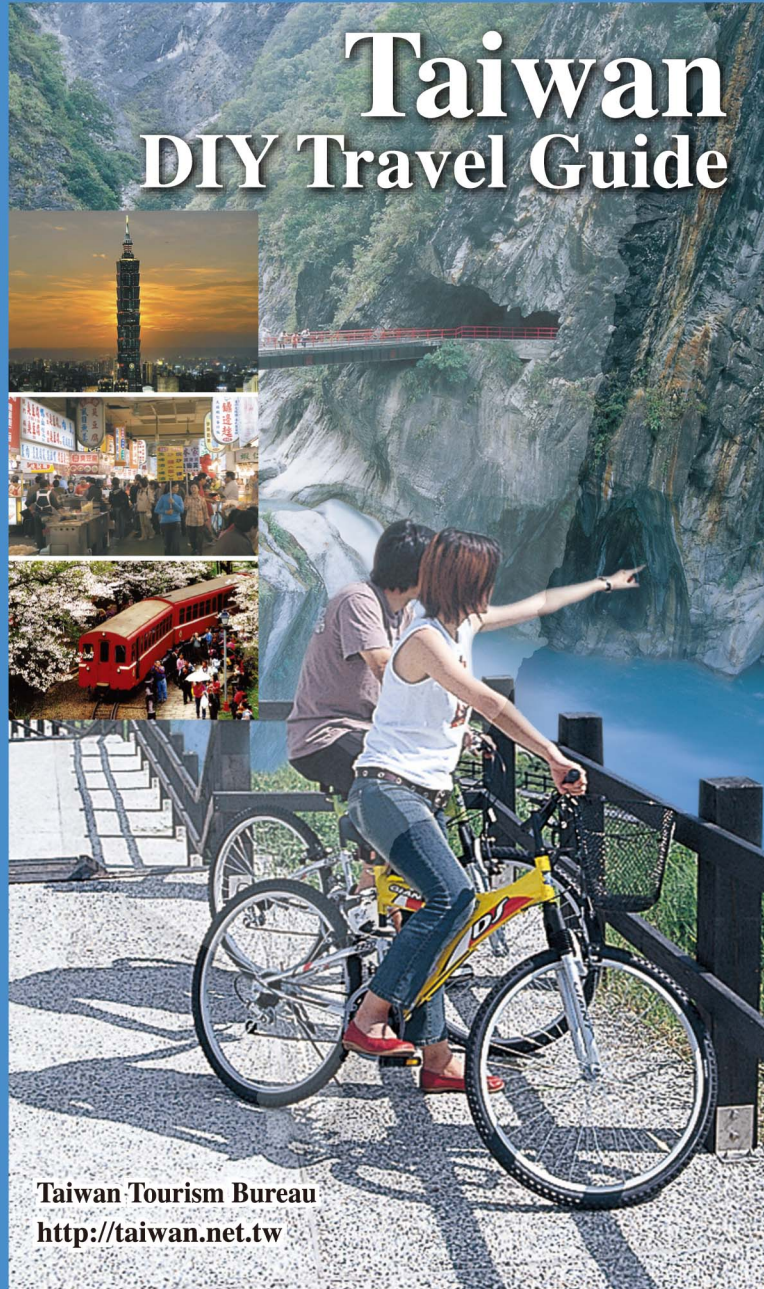


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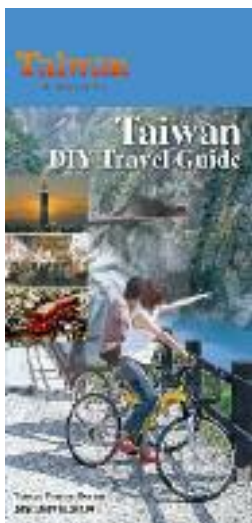
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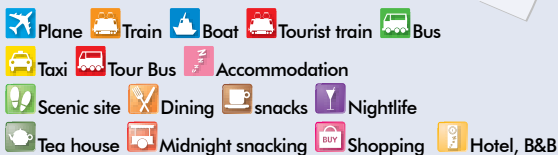
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☑ Address ☎ Telephone number 🕒 Business hours 🚫 Closed

💰 Average cost, Admission, Credit cards accepted/not accepted

🚗 Transportation

※ The information on the places of business included in this booklet is current as of March 2011. In the event of changes, please observe terms offered by the place of business.

Annual Events Calendar

Spring (Mar. ~ May)

- ★ Song-Jiang Battle Array in Neimen, Kaohsiung (March~April)
- ★ Taichung City Mazu International Festival (3/23-4/1)
- ★ Spring Wave Music & Art Festival(April)
- ★ 2013 Dapeng Bay International Regatta(April~May)
- ★ Penghu Ocean Fireworks Festival(April~June)
- ★ Daxueshan International Bird Watching Competition(4/26~27)
- ★ Taiwan Wedding and Honeymoon Photography Activity (May~October)
- ★ 2013 Fulong Sand Sculpting Art Festival(May~June)
- ★ Dragon Boat Festival(Between May 5th. on Dragon Boat Festival as defined in Chinese lunar calendar)

Summer (June ~ Aug.)

- ★ Xiougulan River Rafting Activity(June)
- ★ Tern—Watching Tour, Matsu(June)
- ★ Taiwan Balloon Festival(June~August)
- ★ Summer Solstice at 23.5 North Latitude. (6/21-7/7)
- ★ Hohaiyan Rock Festival in Gongliao(July)
- ★ Chiayi City International Band Festival(July)
- ★ National Yimin Festival(July)
- ★ Toucheng"Clanggu"—Grappling with the Ghost pole-climbing competition(July~August)
- ★ Yilan International Children's Folklore & Folkgames Festival(July~August)
- ★ 2013 Taoyuan International ACG Carnival(July~August)
- ★ Taiwan Culinary Exhibition(August)
- ★ Keelung Ghost Festival (August~September)

Autumn (Sept. ~ Nov.)

- ★ Kinmen Mid-Autumn Moon-cake Gambling Game Festival (September)
- ★ Sanyi International Woodcarving Art Festival(9/15-9/30)
- ★ Sun Moon Lake International Swimming Carnival(September)
- ★ Taiwan Hot Spring & Fine-Cuisine Carnival(October)
- ★ Love in Alishan Wedding under Sacred Tree (October)
- ★ Huashan Living Arts Festival (October)
- ★ LPGA Taiwan Championship(October)
- ★ Yunlin International Puppets Arts Festival(October)
- ★ Taiwan Open of Surfing(October~November)
- ★ International Flower Drum Art Festival(October~December)
- ★ 2013 Taiwan International Festival of Arts(11/8~11/11)
- ★ 2013 Taroko Gorge Marathon(November)
- ★ Miaoli Hakka Food Festival(November)
- ★ Kungshen Wangye's Salt for Peace Festival (November)

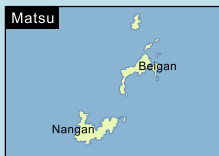
Winter (Dec. ~ Feb.)

- ★ New Year's Eve Celebration (mid- December~1/1)
- ★ Taipei Marathon (December 3rd Sunday)
- ★ Purple Butterfly Watching Activities(December~next March)
- ★ Taiwan Lantern Festival(February)
- ★ Pingxi Sky Lantern Festival(February)
- ★ Taiwan Lantern Festival Yanshui Beehive Rockets Festival(February)

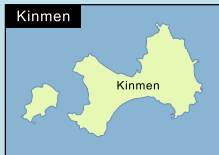


Map of Taiwan

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Kinmen



Map of regions related to Penghu



Information

Transportation

Air Travel

Taiwan's two major international airports—Taoyuan International Airport and Kaohsiung International Airport—offer direct flights between Taiwan and many major cities of the world. From Taoyuan International Airport the trip to downtown Taipei takes under an hour and visitors arriving at Kaohsiung International Airport can get from the airport to Kaohsiung Train Station in about 35 minutes. For domestic air travel, there are five airlines to choose from.

- Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport: Tel (03) 398-2143, <http://www.taoyuan-airport.com>
- Kaohsiung International Airport: Tel (07) 805-7631, <http://www.kia.gov.tw>
- Uni Air: Tel (02) 2518-5166, <http://www.uniair.com.tw>
- Mandarin Airlines: Tel (02) 2717-1230, <http://www.mandarin-airlines.com>
- TransAsia Airways: Tel 449-8123, <http://www.tna.com.tw>
- Daily Air: Tel (07) 801-4711, <http://www.dailyair.com.tw>
- FAT Air: Tel (02) 8770-7999, <http://www.fat.com.tw>

Taiwan High Speed Rail

THSR is one of the main transportation networks that run along Taiwan's west coast. It has train stops at eight stations – Taipei, Banqiao, Taoyuan, Hsinchu, Taichung, Jiayi, Tainan, and Zuoying. Shuttle buses are available at THSR Taoyuan, Taichung, Jiayi, and Tainan, and pick-up reservation services are available at THSR Taichung, Jiayi, Tainan, and Zuoying. Information: 0809-005-006

THSR customer service hotline: 4066-3000

Website: <http://www.thsrc.com.tw>

Train

Taiwan's comprehensive rail system offers a convenient way to get around the island, with links even to some of the more remote towns. Ticket prices vary by train type (Ziqiang Express, Juguang Express, Fuxing Express, Shuttle, and Ordinary Train), with the fastest costing the most. Tickets can be purchased at stations, online or by phone.

- Taiwan Railway Administration: Tel (02) 2381-5226, <http://www.railway.gov.tw>

(English Online Ticketing)

Taiwan Tour Bus

The Taiwan Tour Bus offers guided tours to Taiwan's top travel destinations, with half-day to three-day tours to choose from. Reservations can be made through partner travel agents.

- Taiwan Tour Bus: 0800-011-765 (24-hour free travel information service in Chinese, English, and Japanese), <http://taiwantourbus.com.tw> (Chinese, English, Japanese, and Korean)

Inter-city Bus

Taiwan's inter-city buses are a cheaper, and sometimes faster, alternative to the train for travel between cities and towns, making this a popular choice for budget travelers.

- Kuo-kuang Bus: Tel 0800-010-138, <http://www.kingbus.com.tw>
- Ego Bus: Tel 0800-241-560, <http://www.ubus.com.tw>
- Dragon Bus: Tel 0800-550-599, <http://www.dragonbus.com.tw>
- Aloha Bus: Tel (02) 2550-8488, <http://www.aloha168.com.tw>
- Free Go Bus: Tel 0800-051-519, <http://www.freego.com>

City Bus

Every county and city in Taiwan offers public bus service for in-city travel. You can pay in cash (exact change only), but for travel in Taipei City and County, consider getting a prepaid "EasyCard," which can be used for both city bus and MRT travel.

Metro

Cities currently offering metro services in Taiwan are Taipei and Kaohsiung. The Taipei Rapid Transit system (TRTC) comprises nine routes, and (Kaohsiung Rapid Transit Corp.) has two. You can buy single trip IC tokens, a prepaid EasyCard, or a one-day pass depending on your travel plan.

- TRTC: Tel (02) 2181-2345, website: <http://www.trtc.com.tw>
- KRTC: Tel (07) 793-8888, website: <http://www.krtco.com.tw>

■ Tax & Tipping

Sales tax is included in the listed price. Tipping is not customary, though many hotels and restaurants add a 10% service charge.

■ Electricity

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■ Climate

Taiwan is warm year-round, with an average temperature of 22 degrees centigrade and a lowest temperature range of about 12-17 degrees centigrade.

■ Currency

The New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$) is the currency used in Taiwan. Paper money is available in NT\$100, NT\$200, NT\$500, NT\$1,000, and NT\$2,000 bills. Coins are in NT\$1, NT\$5, NT\$10 and NT\$50 denominations. Currency exchange services are widely available at airports, major hotels, banks, and department stores.

■ Travel Websites

- Taiwan Tourism Bureau: <http://taiwan.net.tw>
- Taiwan Tour Bus: <http://www.taiwantourbus.com.tw/>
- Youth Travel Net: <http://youthtravel.tw/>
- Hotel Information:
<http://www.taiwantravelmap.com/hotel/>
- Information for foreigners: <http://iff.immigration.gov.tw>

■ Taiwan Tourist Bus Information

- International Visitor Service Center: 0800-011-765

■ Useful Telephone Numbers

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| ● Travel Info: 0800-011-765 (24hr) | ● Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport |
| ● Emergencies: 110 | T1 Departure Service Counter: |
| ● English Directory Service: 106 | (03)398-2143 |
| ● Ministry of Foreign Affairs: | T2 Departure Service Counter: |
| (02) 2348-2999 | (03)398-3274 |
| ● Foreign Affairs Section, National | ● Kaohsiung Int'l Airport Service |
| Police Agency: (02) 2321-3175 | Center: (07) 805-7886 |
| ● Immigration Office, National Police | ● NTU Hospital: (02) 2312-3456 |
| Agency: (02) 2389-9983 | ● Mackay Memorial Hospital: |
| | (02) 2543-3535 |



Top-8 Sites

There are countless places to see in Taiwan, but the following eight sites are among the best to experience the island's natural and cultural charms.

1 National Palace Museum

● Scenic Sites Map-P.5

The Palace Museum boasts the world's largest collection of Chinese art and artifacts, some 655,000 pieces in all, from ceramics to curios from imperial collections. The newly renovated museum building is a work of art in itself. Guided tours are provided in English and headsets can be rented for touring the museum at your own pace. Save time to stroll through the traditional Chinese garden in front of the museum.



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📍 221 Zhishan Rd., Sec. 2, Shilin, Taipei 📞 (02)2881-2021 🕒 08:30~18:30. Fri, Sat from 18:30~21:00 Taiwanese Citizens may be admitted for free with proof of identification 💵 NT\$160, Half-fare: NT\$80 🚌 1. For Taiwan Tourist Bus tours to the museum call: 0800-011765; 2. Bus: From downtown Taipei catch the 210, 213 or 267; MRT: Take the Danshui Line to Shilin Station and transfer to buses R30, 255, 304 or minibus 18 or 19.

○ Zhishan Garden



Located next to the National Palace Museum, Zhishan Garden was designed based on the "Eight Great Scenic Sights" depicted by renowned Chinese calligrapher Wang Xi-Zhi. This is a good place to experience the beauty of classical Chinese landscape design.

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📍 221, Sec. 2, Zhishan Rd., Shilin Dist., Taipei 📞 (02)2881-2021 🕒 07:00~19:00 🗓 Monday 💵 NT\$20 🗺 See directions to the National Palace Museum

2 Taipei 101

● Scenic Sites Map-P.5

At 508 meters, Taipei 101 is the world's tallest building. It is also home to the world's fastest elevators, whisking visitors to the 89th floor observation level in just 37 seconds. The building's distinctive design draws on several auspicious motifs and feng shui principles. Between the 88th to 92nd floors is the world's largest tuned mass damper, designed to reduce earthquake and wind sway. An upscale mall occupies the lower level of the tower, with restaurants, cafes, and an excellent bookstore. The building turns into a dazzle of color during an annual New Year's Eve fireworks show, attracting thousands of spectators.



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☎ 45, Shifu Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)8101-7777
 ☎ Sunday to Thursday: 11:00~21:30 Fri, Sat., and holidays: 11:00~22:00 📶 1. For Taiwan Tour Bus tours to Taipei 101 call: 0800-011-765; 2. MRT: Take the Bannan Line to the Taipei City Hall Station and transfer to bus 32, 537, B5, B10, or the Taipei 101 Shuttle.

3 Sun Moon Lake

● Scenic Sites Map-P.5



Named for its celestial shapes, Sun Moon Lake is Taiwan's biggest natural body of water. It is also one of the most beautiful, with the mountain scenery reflecting picturesquely on the lake surface. The views can be enjoyed by boat or along the various lakeside trails.

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☎ 599, Zhongshan Rd., Yuchi Township, Nantou County ☎ (049)285-5668 📶 1. For Taiwan Tour Bus tours call: 0800-011-765; 2. Green Transit bus provides direct service to Sun Moon Lake from Exit 3 of the Zhongxiao-Fuxing Station on the MRT Bannan Line 3. King Bus offers direct bus service to the lake from the West Station next to Taipei Main Station
 * Green Transit: (049) 299-0407; King Bus: (049) 298-2131

4 Taroko Gorge

● Scenic Sites Map-P.5

Located in Taiwan's second largest national park, Taroko Gorge is a dramatic sight with its sheer and closely set marble faces. The gorge highway through the gorge snakes along a heavily tunneled route and is a wonder itself. The memorial arch spanning the road at the park entrance is a popular spot for snapshots.



● Chungchun Shrine

Situated near the entrance to Taroko Gorge, this Tang-style temple was built in memory of the 212 workers who lost their lives building the Central Cross-Island Highway. The temple is also notable for the waterfall cascading down next to it.

● Tunnel of Nine Turns (Jiuqudong)

This is one of the most impressive and scenic sections of the Central Cross-Island Highway through Taroko Gorge. Above you the rocks tower straight up, while far below the river races forth to complete this thrilling sight.

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📍 291, Fushi Village, Sulin, Hualien County
☎ (03)862-1100 🕒 08:00~16:45 (visitor center)
🚌 1. For Taiwan Tourist Bus tours call: 0800-011765; 2. From Hualien Train Station take the Hualien Bus to Taroko National Park
* Hualien Bus Co.: (03)833-8146





5 Alishan

● Scenic Sites Map-P.5

Situated in the Yushan (Mt. Jade) Range, Alishan is home to one of only three mountain railways of its kind in the world. Apart from the scenic train trip, Alishan is known for its beautiful forests, cloud formations, sunrise views, evening skies and cherry blossoms. Alishan is also home to the Tsou aborigines.

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✉ No. 3-16, Chukou Village, Fanlu Township, Chiayi County (Alishan National Scenic Area) ☎(05)259-3900
 📺 1. For Taiwan Tourist Bus tours call: 0800-011765; 2. From Chiayi Train Station take the Alishan Forest Railway to Alishan Station; or take the Chiayi County Bus to Alishan.

6 Yushan (Jade Mountain)

● Scenic Sites Map-P.5

Rising 3,952 meters, Yushan is Taiwan's tallest peak and one of the island's top mountaineering destinations. Sprawling over five counties, this mountainous area boasts a number of scenic attractions, making it a popular year-round destination. Visitors are especially numerous during the flower season from May to early October.



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✉ 515, Sec. 1, Zhongshan Road, Shuili Township, Nantou County ☎(049)277-3121 🕒 08:30~12:30, 13:00~17:00
 📺 From Shuili Station take the Yuanlin Bus to Dongpu and hire a cab to Yushan National Park.

7 Love River in Kaohsiung

● Scenic Sites Map-P.5



Known locally as the "Seine of Taiwan," Kaohsiung's Love River offers all of the romance its name suggests. There are plenty of riverside cafes and walks to enjoy the view, which is equally beautiful both day and night. You can also take a river tour on the inevitably named "Love Boat."



Love Boat D · A · T · A

☑ Concert Hall Pier on Hedong Rd. ☑
16:00~23:30 (River boats leave about every 15 minutes from the Concert Hall Pier) ☑ NT\$50 ☑ 1. For Taiwan Tourist Bus tours call: 0800-011765; 2. Bus: Take the OS, ON, 2, 11, 14, 25, 33, 50, 56, 60, 76, 77, 78, 88, 91, 93, or 248 to the Bank of Taiwan, Yancheng Traffic Circle, Hebin Elementary School, or Dacheng St. stops.

8 Kending

● Scenic Sites Map-P.5

With its azure coasts and pristine beaches, Kending is southern Taiwan's top beach destination and a byword for summer fun. There are countless activities to enjoy at Kending, from sunbathing to jet skiing. Other attractions include the Kending National Forest Recreation Area and the shop-lined Kending Street.



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☑ 596, Kending Road, Hengchun Township, Pingtung County ☑ (08)886-1321 ☑ 08:00~17:00 (Park Administration) ☑ 1. For Taiwan Tourist Bus tours call: 0800-011765; 2. Chung Nan Bus, Kaohsiung Bus, Pingtung Bus or King Bus, all can go to Kending

Hot Springs

Taiwan is a hot spring heaven, with scenic bathing areas found throughout the island and even a salt-water-fed spring with a seaside view!

Beitou Hot Springs

● Scenic Sites Map P.5



Thanks to its high quality spring water, the Beitou area in northern Taipei has been a favorite hot spring destination since the Japanese occupation era. The slightly acidic springs are said to be good for relieving arthritis, soar muscles and other ailments.

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 Take the MRT Danshui Line to Xinbeitou Station and walk about 5 minutes.

Yangmingshan Hot Springs

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The hot springs at Yangmingshan are clustered at the western foothills of Shamao Mountain between Lieu-ku and Qiku. Lengshueikeng, Macao, and Gengziping are also popular spring destinations here.

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 Take the 260 bus from Taipei Main Station.





Jinshan Hot Springs

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The hot springs in the north coast township of Jinshan are fed by clear and soothing water from the Datun volcanic mountain range. In recent years, this area has grown in popularity to become one of Taiwan's hot spring hot spots.

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🚌 From Keelung Train Station take the Jinshan-bound Keelung Bus.



Wulai Hot Springs

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The hot springs at Wulai in New Taipei City are dotted along the Nanshi and Tonghou rivers in a lush natural setting, complete with cherry blossoms in season. The springs here are clear, odorless and slightly alkaline.

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🚌 Take the MRT Green Line to Xindian Station and catch the Wulai-bound Sindian Bus.



Guguan Hot Springs

● Scenic Sites Map P.5

Situated on the Central Cross-Island Highway, the scenic Guguan hot springs are fed by alkaline carbonic acid waters rich in mineral content. This is one of the most secluded and naturally pristine springs in Taiwan.

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🚌 From Taichung city take the Dongshi- or Guguan-bound Fengyuan Bus.



Guanziling Hot Springs

● Scenic Sites Map P.5

One of the top-four hot spring sites in Taiwan, Guanziling is home to the "Black Springs," so named for their high mudstone and mineral content. Like a natural spa, this is a good place to pamper your skin and restore your spirits.

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Take the train to Chiayi and continue to Guanziling on the Chiayi Bus.



Jiaoxi Hot springs

● Scenic Sites Map P.5

A convenient trip from Taipei, Jiaoxi is known for its clear, odorless and mineral-rich hot springs, which are said to be good for the skin. Make sure to try the delicious spring-irrigated veggies served up at the local eateries.

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Take the train to Jiaoxi Station.





Zhiben Hot Springs

● Scenic Sites Map P.5

The Zhiben hot springs are divided into two spring areas. The outer spring area is where many of the resorts are clustered, while the inner springs are near the Forest Recreation Area. The springs in both areas are fed by alkaline carbonic acid waters.

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☞ Take the train to the old Taitung Station and continue by bus or taxi to the springs.



Sichong River Hot Springs

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The mineral-rich waters of the Sichong River area in Pingtung County are said to be good for treating skin conditions, nerves and other chronic ailments. The water is clear, odorless and potable.

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☞ Take the King Bus to Checheng and then take the Sichong River-bound Hengchun Bus.



Zhaori Hot Springs

● Scenic Sites Map P.5

Situated on beautiful Green Island, the hot springs of Zhaori are fed by saltwater and command a panoramic view of the sea. There are three outdoor pools to choose from.

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☞ Take a plane or boat to Green Island and ride a rental scooter to the springs.





Buddhist Retreats

Buddhism is the dominant faith in Taiwan, as indicated in the wealth of temples and Buddhist organizations around the country.



Chung Tai Chan Monastery

● Scenic sites

Situated in Puli, Nantou County, Chung Tai Chan Monastery counts many notable figures among its followers. The temple fuses western and eastern architectural motifs and is one of the top visitor draws in the region.

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 2 Zhongtai Rd.,
 Puli, Nantou Co-
 untly ☎(049)293-
 0215 🚗 From
 Taipei take the
 Puli-bound King
 Bus.



Dharma Drum Mountain

● Scenic sites

Situated in a tranquil riverside setting, this Buddhist educational foundation took 16 years to establish. The stately monastery buildings and the riverside path here present the perfect setting for spiritual reflection.



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 No. 555, Fagu Road, Sanjia Village,
 Jinshan District, New Taipei City ☎
 (02)2498-7171 🚗 From Taipei, take the
 Jinshan-bound King Bus.



Tzu Chi Taiwan Headquarters

● Scenic sites

Under the guidance of its founder Master Cheng Yen, Tzu Chi has grown into a Buddhist charity organization with operations around the globe. The foundation's headquarters resembles a small Japanese-style garden and invites one into a space of unusual tranquility.

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 1 Lane 88, Jingshe
 St., Kangle Village,
 Xincheng, Hualien
 County ☎(03)826-
 6779 🚗 Take the train
 to Hualien Station and
 continue by taxi.



Fo Guang Shan

● Scenic sites

The top attraction at this monastery in Kaohsiung City is the massive 120-meter-high statue of the Buddha. With his kind smile, the Buddha radiates a feeling of joyful summoning that attracts believers from all around.



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 No. 153, Xingtian Road, Dashu
 District, Kaohsiung City ☎(07)656-
 1921 🚗 Take the train to Kaohsiung
 Train Station and then take the Qishan-
 or Meinong-bound Kaohsiung Bus.



INFORMATION Getting to Taipei from the Airport

Bus



Buses to Taipei depart about every 15~20 minutes from Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport between 05:40 and 01:30. The trip from the airport takes about 50~60 minutes. One-way ticket prices range from NT\$110 to NT\$140. For more details visit the airport website at: <http://www.taoyuan-airport.com>

INFORMATION Getting Around Taipei

MRT



Taipei's mass rapid transit system is one of the best ways to get around the city, with nine lines serving most major areas. The trains run from 06:00~24:00 and arrive every 3~15 minutes depending on the time and day. One-day passes are available at the stations for NT\$200. For details see pages 22~24.

Bus



Taiwan Tour Bus



The Taiwan Tour Bus service is one of the easiest ways to experience the attractions in and around Taipei. Buses pick up passengers directly from major hotels, airports, and train stations and offer tours to most major visitor destinations, including the North and Northeast coasts, Yangmingshan, Sanxia, Yingge, Wulai, and Pinglin, to name just a few. For a complete list of tours and details, visit the Taiwan Tour Bus website at: <http://www.taiwan-tourbus.com.tw/english/index.php>

Introduction to Northern Taiwan

Nestled in a mountain-ringed basin, Taipei is Taiwan's biggest and most international city, offering a dynamic mix of traditional charm and modern energy.

Taxi



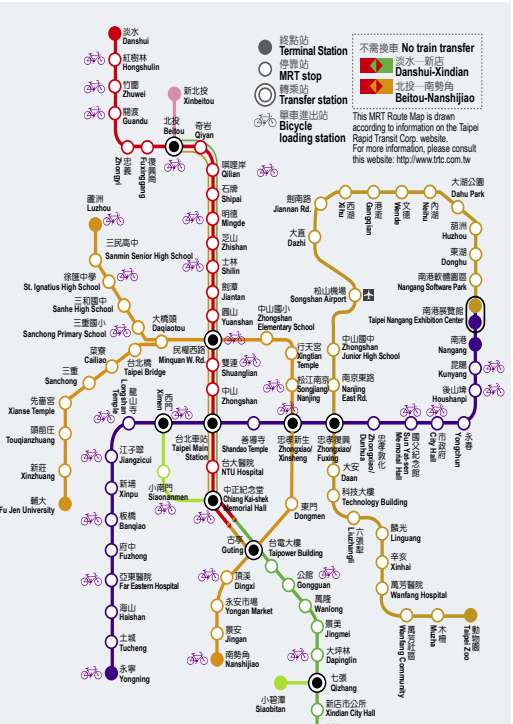
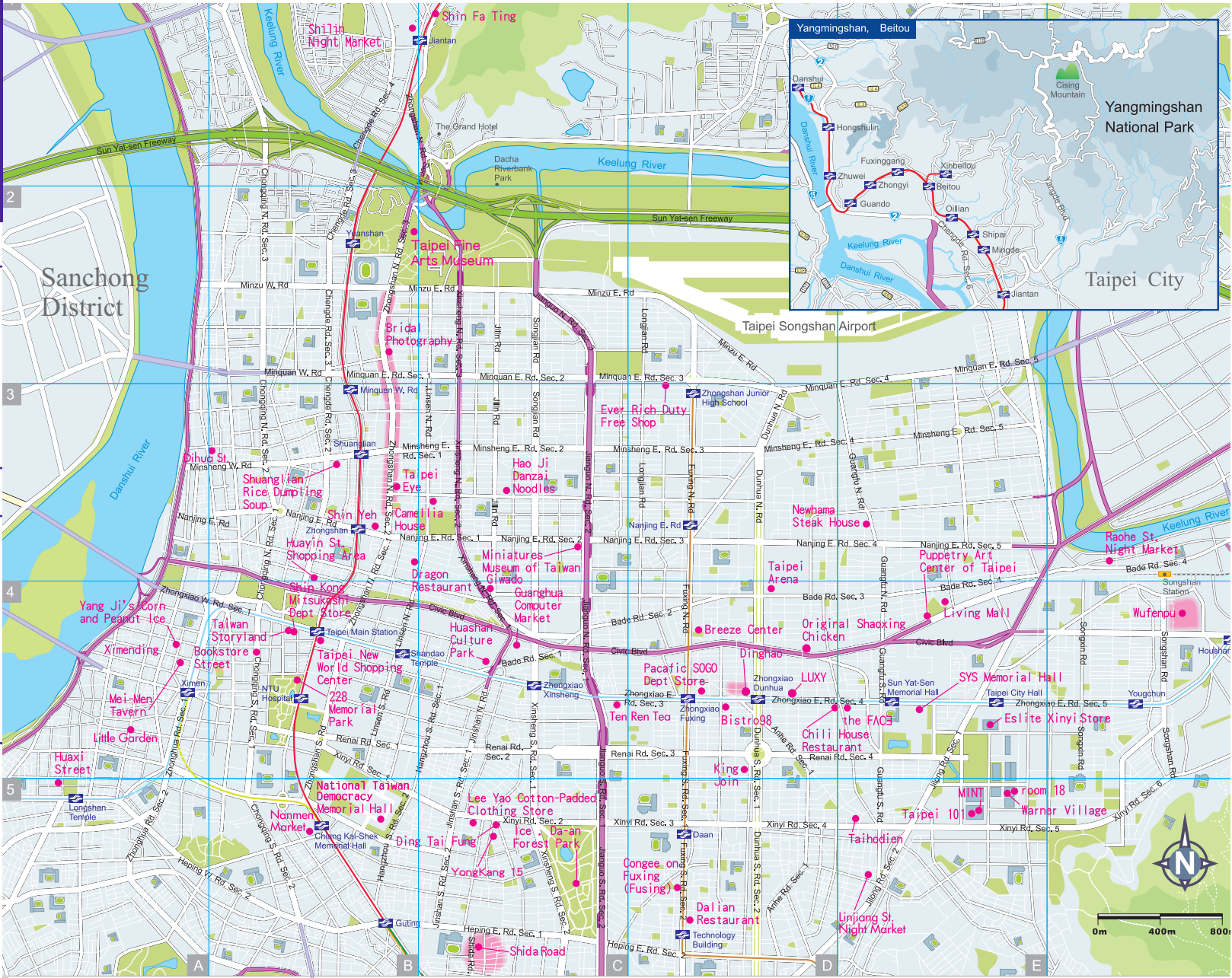
24-hour taxi service is available from the airport. Fares are charged at the meter rate plus 50% and highway tolls. The average fare to the city is about NT\$1,100.

Bus fares in Taipei city are NT\$15 for adults and NT\$8 for kids per zone traveled. You can also pay by EasyCard (available at MRT stations) and get an NT\$7 discount on the bus fare when combined with MRT travel. For route details visit: http://www.taipeibus.taipei.gov.tw/index_e.htm

Taxi



Taxis charge NT\$70 for the first 1.25km and NT\$5 for every 250 meters after. NT\$5 is charged for every two minutes of waiting, and an NT\$20 surcharge is added to fares between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. There is also an NT\$10 fee for trunk-stored luggage.





Guide to the Taipei MRT System

With nine lines accessing most parts of the city, the Taipei Mass Rapid Transit system is one of the easiest ways to get around town. This section briefly introduces the MRT system, and for more information you can visit:

<http://www.trtc.com.tw/e/>



Touring Taipei by MRT

Many of Taipei's top scenic sites and shopping areas are within easy walking distance of an MRT station, making the subway a great way to see the city.

Danshui Line

Opened in 1997, the Danshui (Red) Line runs north from Taipei Main Station to the riverside town of Danshui. Several tourist sites are located near Zhongshan and Jiantan stations.

First train: 06:00
Last train: 24:00
Peak train frequency: ~7 mins.
Off-peak train frequency: ~8 mins.
After 23:00: ~15 mins.

Xindian Line

Opened in 1999, the Xindian (Green) Line provides access to Taipei's southern districts and satellite cities, including Gongguan, Guting, and Xindian District.

First train: 06:00
Last train: 24:00
Peak train frequency: ~7 mins.
Off-peak train frequency: ~8 mins.
After 23:00: ~15 mins.

Banqiao, Nangang, and Tucheng Line

Linking Banqiao City and Taipei's Xinyi District, this line is a recently opened extension of the Bannan Line, with service to Eslite's flagship bookstore and other popular sites.

First train: 06:00 Last train: 24:00
Peak train frequency: Kunyang-Yongning: ~7 mins.
Kunyang-Far Eastern Hospital: ~3 min. 30 sec.
Off-peak train frequency: Kunyang-Yongning: ~8 min.
Kunyang-Far Eastern Hospital: ~4 min.

Wenshan-Neihu Line

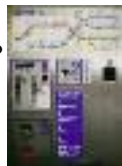
This line runs between the Taipei Zoo in the south and Taipei Nangang Exhibition center in the north.

First train: 06:00
Last train: 24:00
Peak train frequency: ~3 min.
Off-peak train frequency: ~5 min.

Riding the MRT

Ticketing Machines

1. Check the route map for the fare to your destination.
2. Select fare and number of tickets.
3. Pay fare in coins or bills.
5. Retrieve ticket.
6. Retrieve change.



Turnstile Guide (for single trip tickets)

1. Feed ticket face up into the gate slot.
2. The ticket will appear at the top slot and must be retrieved before the gate will open.
3. Tickets will automatically be reclaimed at the gate upon exiting the station.

Wenshan - Neihu Line

Taipei Zoo

● Scenic sites

The spacious Taipei Zoo includes a children's area, Asian tropical rain forest area, and Taiwan animal area. There is also a shuttle bus service within the zoo.



D·A·T·A

30, Sec. 2, Xinguan Rd., Taipei
(02)2938-2300 09:00~17:00
Lunar New Year's Eve Take the MRT Wenshan-Neihu Line (Brown) Line to the Taipei Zoo Station

Maokong

● Scenic sites

This tea-growing area in Muzha is a good place to enjoy Taiwan's world-famous teas. Make sure to try the fragrant local Guanyin tea.



D·A·T·A

Zhinan Rd, Taipei Take the MRT Wenshan-Neihu Line to the Taipei Zoo Station and catch the Minibus 10, or take the Maokong Gondola to Maokong.

Da-an Forest Park

● Scenic sites



D·A·T·A

Area bordered by Sec. 3, Xinyi Rd., Sec. 2, Jianguo S. Rd., Sec. 2, Xinshe (Sinshe) S. Rd., and Sec. 2, Heping E. Rd. Take the MRT Wenshan-Neihu Line to the Technology Building and walk along Heping E. Rd. for about 15 mins.

Bannan Line (Nangang-Banqiao-Tucheng Line)

Ximending

● Scenic sites MA P P19 (4A)



The Ximending shopping area is usually abuzz with young people hunting for the latest in Japanese and western cheap chic. Make sure to try a bowl of flour-rice noodles at Ay-Chung's.

D·A·T·A

Chengdu Rd., Taipei Take the MRT Bannan Line to Ximen Station.



Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall

● Scenic Sites MA P P21 (4E)



Built in memory of R.O.C. founding father Dr. Sun Yat-sen, this memorial hall frequently hosts major art exhibitions and other cultural activities. The hall is situated in a large park with a pond for a scenic in-city stroll.

D·A·T·A

505, Sec. 4, Ren-ai Rd., Taipei (02)2758-8008 09:00~18:00
Lunar New Year's Eve Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall Station.



Huaxi Street

● Scenic Sites Map P.19 (5A)



With its collection of food stalls and foot massage clinics, Huaxi Street Night Market has long been one of Taipei's top attractions for international visitors. Nearly every regional snack is sold here, offering a good sample of the many flavors of Taiwan.

D · A · T · A

📍 1 Huaxi St., Taipei 🚗 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Longshan Temple Station.

The centerpiece at this park is a former winery converted in 1997 into a venue for performance art and other cultural activities. Several other historical buildings can also be enjoyed here.



Huashan Culture Park

● Scenic Sites Map P.20 (4C)



D · A · T · A

📍 1, Sec. 1, Bade Rd., Taipei 📞 (02)2358-1914 🕒 09:00~22:00 🚗 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to Zhongxiao Xinyi Station and walk about 5 mins.



Puppetry Art Center of Taipei

● Scenic Sites Map P.21 (4E)



Located next to the Living Mall, the Puppetry Art Center has breathed new life into the traditional art of puppetry with displays, performances, and classes on this fascinating art form.

D · A · T · A

📍 2-4F, No. 99, Sec. 5, Civic Blvd., Taipei 📞 (02)2528-9553 🕒 10:00~17:00 🗓 Monday 🎟 NT\$50 🚗 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall Station and walk about 10 mins



228 Memorial Peace Park

● Scenic Sites Map P.20 (3B)



Erected in memory of the late R.O.C. president, this stately blue-roofed edifice is flanked in front by the equally impressive National Concert Hall and National Theater. The hourly honor guard display is a popular attraction here.

D • A • T • A

📍 21 Zhongshan S. Rd., Taipei 📞 (02)2343-1100 🕒 CKS Memorial Hall 09:00~18:00, Park 05:00~24:00 🚶 ×
🚇 Take the MRT Xindian Line to Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall Station.

The namesake memorial here was erected in honor of the 228 Incident in 1947. The park is also home to the National Taiwan Museum, two historic memorial arches and two retired steam locomotives.

D • A • T • A

📍 3 Ketagalan Blvd., Taipei 📞 (02)2389-7228 🕒 Memorial Hall 10:00~17:00
🗓 Monday 🧑 Adults NT\$20 🚶 Take MRT to the NTU Hospital Station, then walk for 2 min.



Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall

● Scenic Sites Map P.20 (5B)



Bitan

● Scenic sites



Although its name literally translates as "Green Lake," Bitan is in fact a slow-flowing section of the Xindian River. This is a popular destination for paddle boating, weekend concerts, and river-side strolls. There are several cafes in the scenic area to enhance the view.

D • A • T • A

📍 Xindian, New Taipei City 🚶 Take the MRT Xindian Line to Xindian Station and walk about 5 mins.



Shida Road

● Shopping Map P.20 (5C)



Located near Taiwan Normal University, Shida Rd. and its ten-tatular lanes are often referred to as Shida Night Market. This area is packed with reasonably priced restaurants, snack stalls, trendy cafes, pubs, and fashionable boutiques that attract a largely student clientele.

D · A · T · A

✉ Shida Rd. and Longquan St. area 📍 Take the MRT Xindian Line to the Taipower Building Station.

Restaurants, bookstores, street stalls and a small night market offer bargain eats and fashion for the largely student clientele from nearby Taiwan University. Make sure to save time for a stroll through the leafy university campus.

D · A · T · A

✉ Roosevelt Rd., Xinsheng S. Rd. and Dinzho Rd. 📍 Take the MRT Xindian Line to the Gongguan Station.



Gongguan

● Shopping



Museum of Drinking Water

● Scenic sites



Vintage pumping facilities and a Baroque-style museum building are among the top attractions at this grade-three historic site dedicated to one of Earth's most precious substances. The park is especially attractive lighted at night.

D · A · T · A

✉ 1 Siyuan St., Taipei ☎ (02)8369-5145 🕒 09:00~18:00 (July and August: 09:00~22:00) 📅 Monday 📅 September of June (next year) Full Fare for NT\$50/person and discount fare for NT\$25/person, July ~ August Full fare for NT\$80/person and discount fare for NT\$60/person 📍 Take the MRT Xindian Line to the Gongguan Station.



D • A • T • A

☑ 113, Sec. 2, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2568-2677
☑ Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to the Shuanglian Station or Minquan W. Rd. Station and walk about 10 mins. ☑ Performance on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 20:30, Saturday at 20:00.
<http://www.taipeiye.com>



Taipei Eye

● Scenic Sites Map P.20 (3B)

Amazing acrobatic feats, opera, and other traditional performance arts come dramatically together at Taipei Eye. Prepare to be entertained and amazed. Close on Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday.



Danshui Old Street

● Scenic sites

This street is lined with old-time buildings and shops selling "iron eggs" and other famous local snacks.



D • A • T • A

☑ Danshui District, New Taipei City ☑ Take MRT Danshui (Red) Line and get off at the Danshui Station. ☑ Full ticket NT\$100; discount ticket, NT\$70

Built by the Spanish in 1629, this Danshui landmark opens a window to Taiwan's early colonial history. Also make sure to visit the nearby Red Castle to enjoy Chinese cuisine in a yesteryear ambiance.



Fort San Domingo

● Scenic sites

D • A • T • A

☑ 1, Lane 28, Zhongzheng Rd., Danshui District, New Taipei City ☎ (02)2623-1001
☑ 09:00~18:00 ☑ First Monday of each month ☑ Free ☑ Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to Danshui Station. Across from the station you can take the bus R26 to the Aletheia University stop.



Little White House

● Scenic sites

The Little White House, named for its white exterior, was the former residence of the chief customs officer in the Qing period. It was designated as a historic site in 1997.



D • A • T • A

☑ 15 Zhenli St., Danshui, New Taipei City ☎ (02)2628-2865 ☑ 09:30~17:00 (Holidays 09:00~1800) ☑ First Monday of each month and Lunar New Year's Eve.. ☑ Free ☑ Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to Little White House Station. Across from the station you can take the bus R26 to the Police Station stop.



D • A • T • A

☑ 34-1, Lane 6, Sec. 1, Zhongzheng Rd., Danshui District, New Taipei City ☎ 09:00~18:00 **off**
Day after holidays 🆓 Free 🚗 Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to Danshui Station. Across from the station you can take the bus R26 to the Huwei Fort stop.



Fisherman's Wharf

● Scenic sites

This newly developed tourist hot spot is a good place to enjoy the scenic Danshui River. Boat tours depart frequently from the wharf. There are also several decent seafood restaurants here.



Huwei Fort

● Scenic sites

Built in 1886 by Taiwan's first governor, Liu Mingchuan, this grade-two historic site has several old gun emplacements. This is also a good spot to view the Danshui River.



D • A • T • A

☑ 201, Guanhai Road, Danshui District, New Taipei City ☎ (02)2805-8476 ☎ 24hr **off** ×
🚗 Take MRT Danshui (Red) Line to Danshui Station and transfer to the Red 26 bus.



D • A • T • A

☑ Left Bank Park, Bali District, New Taipei City ☎ (02)2960-3456 ☎ 24hr **off** ×
🚗 Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to Danshui Station, then take the boat from the Ferry Pier.



Bali Left Bank

● Scenic sites

A short ferry trip from Danshui, Bali has a nice riverside park with restaurants as well as walking and bike paths.



Shihsanhang Museum of Archaeology

● Scenic sites

Discover Taiwan's prehistoric past at this archaeological site turned museum at the mouth of the Danshui River. Excavated relics up to 1,500 years old are on display here.



D • A • T • A

☑ 200 Museum Rd., Bali District, New Taipei City ☎ (02)2619-1313 ☎ 09:30~17:00 **off**
First Monday of each month 🆓 Adults NT\$100 🚗 Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to Danshui Station. Then take the Red 13 bus to the Ren-ai Rd. stop.

D • A • T • A

☎ 181, Sec. 3, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2595-7656 ☎ Tues.~ Sun. 09:30~17:30, Sat. 09:30~20:30 ☎ Monday ☎ Full fare for NT30/Person and Discount fare for NT15/Person, University or college students presenting student ID and people under 18 years old on Saturdays may be admitted free of charge ☎ Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to Yuanshan Station and walk about 10 mins; or from Taipei Main Station take the 310, 260, 218 or 40 bus to Yuanshan Station and walk about 10 mins. The 247 bus also goes directly to the museum from Taipei Main Station.



Miniatures Museum of Taiwan

● Scenic Sites Map P.20 (3C)



Asia's first and the world's second miniatures museum, MMOT presents the globe's biggest miniature collection. For over a decade, the museum has been acquiring pieces from around the world, from amazingly detailed dollhouses to fairytale scenes.

D • A • T • A

☎ 60 Fulin Rd., Shilin Dist., Taipei ☎ (02)2881-2512 ☎ Jul.~ Aug.: 08:00~19:00; Oct.~Jun.: 08:00~17:00, Holidays: 08:00~ 19:00 ☎ ☎ Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to Shilin Station and walk about 5 mins. Or from Taipei Main Station take the 310, 260 or 220 bus to the Shilin Official Residence stop.



Shilin Official Residence

● Scenic sites

History and flower gardens come together



at the home of late President Chiang Kai-shek, now open to the public.



Mangrove Preserve

● Scenic sites

This is Taiwan's largest mangrove preserve and the world's biggest forest of mangrove of the *Kandelia candel* species.



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☎ 68, Sec. 2, Zhongzheng E. Rd., Danshui District, New Taipei City. MRT Hongshulin Station 2F (Mangrove Ecology Museum) ☎ (02)2808-2995 ☎ 09:00~17:00 ☎ Monday ☎ ☎ Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to the Hongshulin Station.



City Shopping Areas

With dozens of department stores and traditional markets, Taipei is a shopper's paradise for nearly everything under the sun.

Taipei



Fun & Shopping

Tianmu & Zhongxiao - Dunhua Shopping Areas



Zhongshan N. Rd., Sec. 7

● Shopping

D • A • T • A

✉ Zhongshan N. Rd. Sec. 7 ☎ From Zhongshan N. Rd. take the Tianmu-bound 220 or 224 bus and get off at the last stop.

This stretch of road in northern Taipei is lined with a number of specialty shops, restaurants, clothing boutiques and second hand stores, with a heavy emphasis on American-style items.



Tianmu W. Rd. & Tianmu N. Rd.

● Shopping

D • A • T • A

✉ Tianmu W. Rd. and Tianmu N. Rd. ☎ From Zhongshan N. Rd. take the Tianmu-bound 220 or 224 bus and get off at the Tianmu Plaza stop.

This is shopping central as far as Tianmu is concerned. The expat influence in this northern Taipei neighborhood is evident in the internationally geared shops, restaurants and supermarkets.



Pacific SOGO Department Store

● Shopping Map P.20 (4D)

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✉ 45, Sec. 4, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2771-3171 ☎ ☎ Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Zhongxiao-Fuxing Station.

Conveniently located next to an MRT station, SOGO is a popular place for shopping. The huge cuckoo clock in front of the store has also made the store a popular magnet for kids.



Breeze Center

● Shopping Map P.20 (4D)

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✉ 39, Sec. 1, Fuxing S. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)6600-8888 ☎ ☎ Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Zhongxiao-Fuxing Station and walk about 3 mins.

Shopping, dining and entertainment come together at this fashionable shopping mall. Home to many of Taipei's finer boutiques, this is where Taipei's fashionista shops.



Bistro98

● Food Map P.20 (4D)

D · A · T · A

☎ 98, Sec. 4, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Taipei
 🚇 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Zhongxiao-Fuxing Station.

This new eastern Taipei hot spot brings together Chinese and Japanese cuisine, entertainment, and installation art.



Dinghao

● Shopping Map P.20 (4D)

D · A · T · A

☎ Zhongxiao E. Rd., Sec. 4, Taipei 🚇
 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Zhongxiao-Dunhua Station.

Bargain clothes and eats are the main attractions at this trendy area around the Wellcome Supermarket on Zhongxiao E. Rd.



Taipei Arena

● Shopping Map P.20 (4D)

D · A · T · A

☎ 2, Sec. 4, Nanjing E. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2578-3536 ⌚ 11:00~22:00 🚫 Take the MRT Wenshan-Neihu Line (Brown) Line to the Zhongshan Station and then take the 266, 288 or 306 bus to the Nanjing-Dunhua stop.

Major sporting competitions, concerts, and other cultural events are held at this international-class arena.



Living Mall

● Shopping Map P.21 (4E)

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☎ 138, Sec. 4, Bade Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)3762-1888 ⌚ Weekdays 11:00~21:30, Holidays 11:00~22:30 🚇 From Songshan Station take the 203, 205, 276, 605 bus on Bade Rd. to the Living Mall stop; or take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Zhongxiao-Fuxing Station and transfer to the Living Mall shuttle.

This massive and eye-catching unique mall boasts dozens of shops and restaurants, as well as a movie theater and KTV.



Wufenpu

● Shopping Map P.21 (4F)

D · A · T · A

☎ South from Songshan Train Station to Zhongxiao E. Rd. Sec. 5 and east from Songren E. Rd. to Zhongpo (Jhongpo) N. Rd. 🚇 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Houshanpi Station and walk about 3 mins. from Exit 3.

High volume and low cost is the mantra at this wholesale clothing area where one can find Japanese and Korean fashions.



Taipei 101 Mall

● Shopping Map P.21 (5E)

D · A · T · A

☎ 45, Shifu Rd., Taipei ☎ (02) 8101-7777 ⌚ Weekdays 11:00~22:00, Holidays 10:00~22:00 🚫 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Taipei City Hall Station and walk about 10 mins.

Located at the base of the Taipei's newest landmark building, this mall has plenty of upscale boutiques and an excellent bookstore.



Warner Village

● Shopping Map P.21 (5E)

The Warner Village multi-plex/mall bustles with moviegoers and shoppers on weekends.

D • A • T • A

✉ 20 Songshou Rd., Taipei ☎ (02) 8780-5566 🕒 Weekdays 09:00~01:00, Holidays 08:30~02:00 🚗 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Taipei City Hall Station and walk about 5 mins.



Eslite Xinyi Store

● Shopping Map P.21 (5E)

Open to the wee hours, this bookstore/mall is a favorite late-night spot for bibliophiles. Restaurants and shops are also located here.

D • A • T • A

✉ 11, Songgao Rd., Taipei ☎ (02) 8789-3388 🕒 Bookstore 10:00~02:00, Mall 10:00~22:00 🚗 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Taipei City Hall Station and walk about 3 mins.



Miramar

● Shopping

One of Asia's tallest Ferris wheels, an IMAX theater and several restaurants are found at this shopping mecca in Neihu.

D • A • T • A

✉ 20, Jingye 3rd Rd., Taipei ☎ (02) 2175-3456 🕒 Bookstore 11:00~24:00 🚗 At Zhongshan N. Rd. take the 222, 247 or 286 bus to the Miramar stop.



Shin Kong Mitsukoshi Department Store

● Shopping Map P.19 (4B)

Located in the Shin Kong Tower across from Taipei Main Station, this is the biggest department store in west Taipei.

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✉ 66, Sec. 1, Zhongxiao W. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02) 2388-5552 🕒 Weekdays: 11:00~21:30, Weekends: 11:00~22:00 🚗 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line or Danshui (Red) Line to Taipei Main Station.



Taipei New World Shopping Center

● Shopping Map P.20 (4B)

This new addition to Taipei's shopping/ entertainment scene is conveniently accessed by bus, train and MRT. Whether dining, shopping, or playing, there is something here to please everyone.

D • A • T • A

✉ Sec 1, Zhongxiao W. Rd., Taipei 🚗 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line or Danshui (Red) Line to Taipei Main Station.



Huayin St. Shopping Area

● Shopping Map P.20 (3B)

Wholesale-priced accessories and other items fill the shops along this street and Chongqing N. Rd. behind Taipei Main Station.

D • A • T • A

✉ Huayin St. and Chongqing N. Rd. 🚗 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line or Danshui (Red) Line to Taipei Main Station and walk about 10~15 mins.



Around Taipei

From coastal and mountain retreats to quaint historic towns, there is plenty to discover within a few hours of Taipei.

Jiufen



Jiufen Old Street

● Scenic sites

Traditional snacks, antiques, art and more are sold at shops housed in the historic buildings lining the narrow winding roads of Jiufen, with plenty of scenic views along the way.

D · A · T · A

☑ Shuci Rd., Jishan Rd., and Cingbian Rd. in Jiufen, Rueifang District, New Taipei City ☑ From Keelung Train Station take the Jinguashi-bound Keelung Bus to the Jiufen stop. ※ The Taiwan Tour Bus offers both one-day and half-day tours with stops in Jiufen.



Shengping Theater

● Scenic sites

Located on Jishan Rd. since its relocation in 1934, this is the oldest theater in northern Taiwan. It was once a popular entertainment site, but closed when the local mines played out.

D · A · T · A

☑ 141 Qingbian Rd., Rueifang District, New Taipei City (Budai Harbor) ☑ From Keelung Train Station take the Jinguashi-bound Keelung Bus to the Jiufen stop. Follow Shuci Rd. to Qingbian Rd. and turn right.



Gold Ecological Park

● Scenic sites

A museum, environmental education center, Japanese-era chalet, and abandoned mine bring to life Jiufen's former days as a gold rush town.

D · A · T · A

☑ 8 Jinguang Rd., Rueifang District, New Taipei City ☑ (02)2496-2800 ☑ 09:30~17:00, Weekends: 09:30~18:00, First Monday of each month. ☑ Free ☑ From Keelung Train Station take the Jinguashi-bound Keelung Bus to the Jinguashih stop. ※ The Taiwan Tour Bus offers a one-day tour stopping in Jinguashih.



Hakone

● Hot spring

This elegantly appointed Japanese-style hot spring resort offers a choice between group and private baths, with river and mountain views and Kaiseki cuisine to top it all off.



D • A • T • A

☎ 77 Yanti Rd., Wulai District, New Taipei City ☎ (02) 2661-6688 ☑ 08:00~0200 off × \$ 2-person indoor pools: NT\$1,260-up 🚗 Take the MRT Xindian Line to Xindian Station and then take the Sindian Bus to the Jyulong Villa stop.

A mixture of modern and aboriginal design, this riverside hot spring resort is a great place to pamper yourself in nature's embrace.

D • A • T • A

☎ 3 Yanti Rd., Wulai District, New Taipei City ☎ (02) 2661-6555 ☑ 24hr off × \$ Group pool: NT\$850-up; 2-person bath NT\$1200-up 🚗 Take the MRT Xindian Line to the Xindian Station and then take the Xindian Bus to Yanti stop.



D • A • T • A

☎ Wulai St., Wulai District, New Taipei City 🚗 Take the MRT Xindian (Green) Line to the Xindian Station and then take the Xindian Bus to the terminal station.



Yun Xian Holiday Resort

● Scenic sites

Reached by a scenic cable car ride over the Nanshih River, this resort has no shortage of recreational facilities and natural charm.



D • A • T • A

☎ 1-1 Pubu Rd., Wulai District, New Taipei City ☎ (02) 2661-6383 ☑ 08:30~17:00 off Lunar New Year's Eve.. 🚗 Take the MRT Xindian Line to Xindian Station and then take the Xindian Bus to the cable car. \$ Full fare for NT220/Person and Discount fare for NT150/Person



Spring Park Hotel

● Hot spring



Wulai Old Street

● Scenic sites

Sticky rice cakes, millet wine and other Atayal aboriginal delicacies and crafts are sold along this street.



Yeliou

● Scenic sites

The Yeliou Scenic Area is a geological wonder with dozens of fascinating rock formations in a coastal setting.

D • A • T • A

✉ 167-1 Gangdong Road, Yeliou Village, Wanli District, New Taipei City ☎ (02)2492-6516 🕒 07:30~17:00 🚏 × 💰 Adults NT\$50 Concession NT\$25 🚌 From Keelung take the North Coast Bus to Yeliou stop.



Juming Museum

● Scenic sites



This park-like museum in Jinshan displays dozens of sculptural creations by renowned Taiwan artist Zh- Ming.

D • A • T • A

✉ 2 Xishihu Rd., Jinshan District, New Taipei City ☎ (02)2498-9940 🕒 10:00~17:00 🚏 Monday 💰 Adults NT\$250 Student and discount fare at NT\$220 🚌 For bus to Jinshan, take the bus to Art and Senior Activity Center next to the Jinshan District Office, and then transfer to Juming Museum via the free shuttle bus.



Jinshan Temple Duck Meat

● Dining



Customers form long lines all year round for the duck at this 40-year-old shop near Guang-an Temple. The duck here is fragrant, tender and not too oily. The menu also includes a selection of seasonal vegetable dishes.

D • A • T • A

✉ 104 Jinbaoli St., Jinshan District, New Taipei City ☎ (02)2498-1656 🕒 Summer 09:00~19:30 🚏 × 🚌 From Keelung take the Jinshan- or Danshui-bound Keelung Bus to Jinshan and continue by taxi.



Yingge Ceramics Street

● Scenic sites



The area around Wenhua Rd. and Jianshanpu Rd. is lined with numerous ceramic kilns and shops selling both artistic and practical items.

D • A • T • A

- 📍 Wenhua Rd. and Jianshanpu Rd. in Yingge
- 🚌 From Yingge Train Station walk about 1km.
- ✳ The Taiwan Tour Bus offers half-day tours to Sanxia and Yingge.



Taipei County Yingge Ceramic Museum

● Scenic sites

This museum highlights the beauty of ceramic art in Taiwan through displays and educational activities.



D • A • T • A

- 📍 200 Wenhua Rd., Yingge District, New Taipei City 📞 (02)8677-2727 🕒 Weekdays 09:30 ~ 17:00; Weekends/holidays: 09:30 ~ 18:00 🎫 First Monday of each month \$ Adults NT\$100 🚌 From Yingge Train Station follow Wenhua Rd. for about 10 mins; or take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to Yongning Station and then take the 917 bus to the museum stop.



Sanxia Old Street

● Scenic sites

Mincyuan St. is the old commercial area of Sanxia, with many interesting historic buildings to enjoy.



Cingshuei Zushih Temple in Sansia

● Scenic sites

D • A • T • A

- 📍 1 Changfu St., Sanxia District, New Taipei City 📞 (02)2671-4657 🕒 05:00 ~ 22:00 \$ × 🚌 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Xipu Station and then take the Blue 910 to Anxi Elementary School. ✳ The Taiwan Tour Bus offers half-day tours stopping at the temple.

Built over a period of more than 40 years, this temple is adorned with elaborately carved pillars and other art that make it a cultural and artistic treasure.



Badouqi Coastal Park

● Scenic sites



Known for its sunset views over the Pacific Ocean and surrounding peaks, this picturesque park is a popular night-spot for couples.

D · A · T · A

☑ Zhongzheng District, Keelung City ☑ Take the train to Keelung Station and continue by taxi.



Heping Island

● Scenic sites



This geologically rich island at the northern tip of Keelung Harbor is a good place to explore the local geology, go boating and enjoy a seawater pool swim.

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☑ 360, Ping 1st Rd., Zhongzheng District, Keelung City ☑ 08:00~17:00 ☑ NT\$60 ☑ Take Keelung City Bus 101 and get off at the Vocational Training Center Stop. Walk for 5 minutes to arrive at the destination.



Keelung Night Market

● Shopping

Keelung's Miaokou Night Market is known island-wide for its wide variety of tasty snacks, from healthy sandwiches to Taiwanese-style tempura.



D · A · T · A

☑ Ren 3rd Rd. and Ai 4th Rd., Keelung City ☑ From Keelung Train Station follow Zhong 1st Rd. for about 100 meters and turn onto Ai 4th Rd.

**Yangmingshan National Park**

● Scenic sites Map P.21

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☑ No. 1-20, Zhuzihu Road ☎ (02)2861-3601 (Yangmingshan Park Administration)
 🚌 From Taipei Main Station take the 260 bus ※ The Taiwan Tour Bus offers half-day tours to Yangmingshan National Park.

**Xiaoyoukeng**

● Scenic sites Map P.21

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☑ 69, Zhuzihu Rd., Beitou District, Taipei ☎ (02)2861-7024 🚌 From Taipei Main Station take the 260 bus to Yangmingshan Station and then take the 108 park bus to Xiaoyoukeng. (For park bus information call: 0800-053-434)

**Qingtiangang**

● Scenic sites Map P.21

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☑ 246, Lane 101, Jingshan Rd., Shilin District, Taipei 🚌 From Taipei Main Station take the 260 bus to Yangmingshan Station and then take the 108 park bus to Xiaoyoukeng. (For bus information call: 0800-053-434)

**Zhuzihu**

● Scenic sites Map P.21

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☑ Zhuzihu Rd., Taipei 🚌 From Taipei Main Station take the 260 bus to Yangmingshan Station and then take the 108 park bus to Xiaoyoukeng. (For bus information call: 0800-053-434)

**Grass Mountain**

● Dining

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☑ 99, Alley 81, Lane 25, Dongshan Rd., Shilin District, Taipei ☎ (02)2862-3751 🕒 Mon~Thur 17:30~03:00, Fri 17:30~05:00, Sat~Sun 15:00~05:00 ☎ X 🚌 From Taipei Main Station take the 260 bus to Chinese Culture University and walk about 10 mins.

Yangmingshan National Park is a volcanic mountain area in Taipei, providing city dwellers with an escape for hiking and hot spring soaks. The flower blooms are a major attraction here from mid-February to early April.

This geothermally active volcanic area is easily distinguished by the coils of sulfurous white steam rising from fissures in the ground and the sulfur deposits coloring the rock. This is a must-see site on any trip to Yangmingshan.

Situated at the foothills of Cisingshan, this highland prairie commands a sweeping mountain view. There are plenty of trails and picnic areas to enjoy the fresh air and free-roaming cows.

This rustic area has been developed with tourism farms in recent years. The area is well known for its wild veggie cuisine and calla lilies, which come into bloom from November to May.

Situated on a hillside behind Chinese Culture University, this restaurant and teahouse is usually packed after dusk, when diners come to enjoy the evening views.

Designated as a grade two historic site, this is the best place in Taipei to experience the classical beauty of traditional southern Chinese style gardens.

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☑ 9 Ximen St., Banciao District, NEW Taipei City ☎(02)2965-3061 ⌚09:00~17:00 off
First Monday of each month 🆓Free 🚶Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to Longshan Temple Station and then take the Banciao-bound 264 bus to the gardens.



D • A • T • A

☑ Intersection of Nanya S. Rd. and Nanya E. Rd in Banciao District, NEW Taipei City 🚶Take the south exit of Taipei Main Station take the Banciao-bound 265 bus to Nanya Station.

Birding areas, scenic bike paths and expansive views are among the notable attractions at this park along the Dahan River near Huajiang Bridge.

D • A • T • A

☑ Wenhua Rd., Banciao District, NEW Taipei City 🚶Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to Jiangzicui Station, walk about 10 mins along Wenhua Rd., and take the stairs by Huajiang Bridge.



Cihhuei Temple

● Scenic sites



Lin Family Gardens

● Scenic sites



Nanya Night Market

● Shopping

Every self-respecting gourmand should make a trip to Nanya Night Market in Banciao serving up delicious snacks and a taste of Taiwanese culture. Make sure to try the famous oyster omelet and oil rice.



Riverside Park

● Scenic sites



Built during the mid-19th century, this is the oldest temple in Banciao dedicated to the goddess Mazu. The temple has been restored several times over the years with funds donated by adherents.

D • A • T • A

☑ 81, Fuzhong Rd., Banciao District, NEW Taipei City ☎(02)2967-9252 🚶Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to Fuzhong Station.



Itinerary 1

Pingxi Lantern & Train Tour

The train to Pingxi winds through a scenic terrain of mountains, rivers and forests, making the trip as enjoyable as the charms of the destination itself.



Pingxi Train Station

● Scenic sites



Located on the Pingxi Branch Line, Pingxi Station is surrounded by greenery and rustic houses. The leisurely pace of the town infects one as soon as you disembark from the train.

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☑ From Taipei Main Station take the Yilan Line to the Rueifang Station and then take the Pingxi Branch Line to Pingsi.

The tranquil old streets of Pingsi are lined with long narrow townhouses that seem to have been forgotten by time. This scene is completed by the many old homes perched along the riverside and railway that runs through the town.



Pingxi Old Street

● Scenic sites



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☑ Pingxi St. and Shihdi St., Pingxi District, New Taipei City ☑ From Taipei Main Station take the northbound train to Rueifang and continue to Pingxi on the Pingxi Branch Line. Follow Zhonghua Rd. to Pingxi St. or Shihdi St.



Shifen Waterfall

● Scenic sites



Old abandoned mine tracks and vintage equipment take you back to the early days of mining in Taiwan at this museum. Coal car rides are also offered to the mine entrance.

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📍 5, Dingliaozi, Xinliao Village, Pingxi District, New Taipei City 📞 (02)2495-8680 ⌚ 09:00~17:00 🚫 Lunar New Year's Eve and Lunar New Year holiday 🎫 Adults NT\$250, Concession NT\$200 🚗 From Taipei Main Station take the train to Rueifang and transfer to the Pingxi Branch Line. At Shifen Station walk in the direction of the police station.

At 40m wide and 20m high, this is one of Taiwan's biggest and mightiest waterfalls. Rainbows often appear in the mists raised by the water. Make sure to enjoy the cherry blossom trail too.

D · A · T · A

📍 10, Qiankeng Rd., Nanshan Village, Pingxi District, New Taipei City 📞 (02)2495-8531 ⌚ 08:00~17:00 🚫 Adults NT\$180, Students NT\$120-up 🚗 From Taipei Main Station take the train to Rueifang and then take the Pingxi Branch Line to Shifen Station and follow signs to the waterfall.



Coal Mine Museum

● Scenic sites



Ama's Heavenly Lanterns

● Scenic sites



Once used as a signal to warn neighboring villages of bandits, "heavenly lanterns" are the highlight at Pingxi annual lantern festival. Ama's has been selling these artistic lanterns for over a decade. ("Ama" means "grandmother" in Taiwanese.)

D · A · T · A

📍 109 Shifen St., Pingxi District, New Taipei City 📞 (02)2495-8422 ⌚ 09:00~20:00 🚫 From Taipei Main Station take the train to Rueifang and then take the Pingxi Branch Line to Shifen.

Itinerary 2

Hakka Culture in Neiwan & Beipu

Neiwan and Beipu are home to large Hakka communities, the cultural influence of which can be seen in the local architecture and cuisine.



Neiwan Train Station

● Scenic sites



This station welcomes visitors with rustic charm and scenic surroundings. The building is colorfully adorned with illustrations by a well-known local cartoonist. The old part of town is located just across the street.

D • A • T • A

☑ From Taipei Main Station take the train to Hsinchu and then take the Neiwan Branch Line to Neiwan.

This 14.7-meter-long bridge spans the Youluo River in the town of Neiwan. The bridge offers an excellent vantage from which to enjoy the picturesque views of the surrounding mountains and the river passing below. The riverbanks under the bridge are popular fishing spots.



Neiwan Suspension Bridge

● Scenic sites



D • A • T • A

☑ Neiwan Village, Hengshan Township, Hsinchu County ☑ From Taipei Main Station take the train to Hsinchu. Then take the Neiwan Branch Line to Neiwan and walk to the bridge.



Neiwan Theater Hakka Restaurant

● Restaurant



This 50-plus-year-old theater recalls the early logging days of Neiwan. The theater has been repurposed as a restaurant where diners can enjoy old movies while they eat.

D · A · T · A

☑ 227 Zhongzhen Rd., Hengshan Township, Hsinchu County ☎ (03)584-9260 🕒 Weekdays 11:00~18:30 Sat. & Sun. 11:00~20:30 🌕 Lunar New Year's Eve ☑ From Taipei Main Station take the train to Hsinchu. Then take the Neiwan Branch Line to Neiwan.

These glutinous rice tamales are a trademark snack of Hengshan Township, which is known for its fragrant ginger lily blooms. The tamales made at Fan Ama's (Granny Fan's) are considered among the best in town.

D · A · T · A

☑ 45 Zhongzhen Rd., Hengshan Township, Xinzhu County 🕒 Weekdays 09:30 until sold out; Weekends/holidays 08:00 until sold out 🚪 Closed irregularly ☑ From Taipei Main Station take the train to Hsinchu. Then take the Neiwan Branch Line to Neiwan.



Ginger Lily Rice Tamales

● Scenic sites



Beipu Old Street

● Scenic sites



Beipu Township in Xinzhu County is deeply rooted in Hakka culture. It is also a historic town, with several well-preserved old buildings, from the Qiang A-Xin House, Jin Guang Fu Estate to Qi-sen Temple and Tianshui Hall.

D · A · T · A

☑ Beipu Township, Xinzhu County ☑ From Xinzhu Train Station take the Gongguan-bound Xinzhu Bus to Zhudong and then take the Beipu Bus to Beipu.



Itinerary 3

Flower and Orchard Holiday

There are dozens of idyllic flower farms and you-pick orchards in the Taoyuan-Xinzhu-Miaoli area. Most have teahouses to enjoy the rustic setting among the blooms and fruit.



Sun & Green (Guanyin)

● Scenic sites



From May to October, the sunflowers at Sun & Green come into brilliant bloom, turning the farm into an unbroken expanse of yellow. The farm also has an outdoor cafe, BBQ area, and offers DIY classes.

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☒ 52, Lanpu Village, Guanyin Township, Taoyuan County ☎(03)487-0629 ☑ 09:00~18:00 ☒ × ☒ × ☒ Take the train to Zhongli station and transfer to the Guanyin-bound Taoyuan Bus. Get off at the TECO Electric stop and take a taxi to the farm.

The organic strawberries grow big and sweet in the rich soil of this recreation you-pick farm. Throngs of visitors come to pick the berries during the harvest season from Dec. to April.



Great Miaoli Strawberry Farm

● Scenic sites



D · A · T · A

☒ 267-24, Fuxin Village, Gongguan Township, Miaoli County ☎(037)225-259 ☑ 07:00~18:00 ☒ × ☒ Free admission with hourly charge for strawberry picking ☒ From Taipei Main Station take the train to Miaoli. Then take the Dahu- or Zhunan-bound Xinzhu Bus to Shanfuzi stop and walk to the farm.



Wu Zhuo-yang Recreation Farm

● Scenic sites



This multifunctional recreation farm is abloom with lotuses, roses and other flowers throughout the year. Strawberries, golden tomatoes and other produce are also grown here.

D • A • T • A

📍14-2, Shulin Village, Guanyin Township, Taoyuan County ☎(03)483-8510 🕒09:00~17:00 🚗✕ 🚆 From Taipei Main Station take the train to Zhongli and then take the Taoyuan Bus to Daxi Train Station and transfer to the Cihhu-bound bus and get off in Daxi.

Lavender (in April), coreopsis (June), sage, snapdragons, sunflowers and a variety of other blooms and herbs can be enjoyed at this scenic farm in Dasi Township.

D • A • T • A

📍20-1, Piwei, Daxi Township, Taoyuan County ☎(03)387-2540 🕒10:00~20:00 🚗✕ 💰 Admission NT\$50 (good for discount on purchases; min. NT\$50 purchase per person) 🚆 From Taipei Main Station take the train to Zhongli. Then take the Taoyuan Bus to Dasi Train Station and transfer to the Xihu-bound bus and get off in Daxi.



Tomita Farm

● Scenic sites



Ta Shee Blooming Oasis

● Scenic sites

With two hectares of planted lavender, this recreation farm turns into a field of purple in the blossom season. Lavender cuisine and western fare are the specialties at the Van Gogh, a picturesque European styled restaurant.

D • A • T • A

📍27, Alley 1093, Fuxing Road, Daxi Township, Taoyuan County ☎(03)388-0801 🕒 Weekdays 08:30~17:00 Weekends. 08:00~17:30 🚗 Lunar New Year's Eve 💰 Weekdays Adults NT\$100, Concession NT\$60 Weekend Adults NT\$150, Concession NT\$100 🚆 At Gueiyang St. in Taipei City take the Daxi-bound Taipei Bus to Dasi.



Itinerary 4

Beach Holiday at Fulong

From gorgeous beaches to deep blue seas, Fulong is a perfect summer getaway and host of a major annual concert.



Fulong Beach

● Scenic sites

Fulong Beach is a popular spot for swimming, sun-bathing, sailing, canoeing and more. The Hou-Hai-Yiang Rock Festival is a major annual event here.



D • A • T • A

✉ 40 Fulong St., Gongliao District, NEW Taipei City ☎ (02)2499-2381 🕒 08:00~17:30 🚏 Oct.~May 🧑 Adults NT\$100 Concession NT\$80 🚗 From Taipei Main Station take the North Link Line to Fulong and walk to the beach.



Fulong Boxed Lunch

● Scenic sites

The boxed lunches sold in front of Fulong Train Station are an institution at this popular seaside town. At just NT\$55, they are also a tasty and filling bargain.

D • A • T • A

✉ 1 Fulong St., Gongliao District, NEW Taipei City ☎ (02)2499-1417 🕒 07:00~19:00 🚏 Lunar New Year holiday 🚗 From Taipei Main Station take the North Link Line to Fulong.



San Diego Lighthouse

● Scenic sites

This bright white lighthouse is a striking sight against the blue sky. There is also a nice walking trail here.



D • A • T • A

✉ 38 Magang St., Fulian Village, Gongliao District, NEW Taipei City ☎ (02)2499-1300 🕒 09:00~16:00 🚏 Mon., Lunar New Year's Eve and day 🚗 From Taipei Main Station take the Yilan- or Luodong-bound King Bus (Coastal Line) to Magang.



Maoao Fishing Village

● Scenic sites

Maoao in easternmost Taiwan is known for its rock homes, cleverly designed to protect against the elements.

D • A • T • A

✉ Fulian Village, Gongliao District, NEW Taipei City (Near Sandiao Cape) 🚗 From Taipei North Station take the Yilan- or Luodong-bound King Bus to Maoao.



Shopping in Taipei

From traditional stores to chic boutiques, Taipei answers every consumer urge. Make sure to also pamper those shopped-out feet with a soothing massage.



GIWADO

● Shopping Map P.20 (4D)

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☎ No.59, Sec. 1, Xin-Sheng N. Rd., Taipei City ☎ (02)6600-6116 ⌚ 11:00~21:30 🚌 Take bus #248 or #606 on Hsin-Sheng N. Rd. and get off at "Zhang-An Xin-Sheng" stop, walk about 3 minutes.

This government-certified clinic specializes in therapeutic foot massage and meridian massage based on Chinese medical principles.



Xin-Sheng Duty Free Shop

● Shopping Map P.20 (3D)

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☎ B1F, No. 72, Sec. 3, Minyuan E. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2502-8899 ⌚ 08:00~21:00 🚌 MRT Wenshan-Neihu Line to the Zhongshan Jr. High School Station and walk about 3 mins.

This sprawling shopper's mecca sells thousands of duty-free and duty-paid items. There is also a coffee bar to relax before you drop from all that shopping.



Li Yao Cotton-Padded Clothing Store

● Shopping Map P.20 (5C)

D • A • T • A

☎ 2 Lishui St., Taipei ☎ (02)2396-7843 ⌚ 11:00~21:00 🚌 Chinese New Year Holidays 🚌 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the C.K.S. Memorial Hall Station and then go by taxi to the shop.

For 25 years, Lee Yao has been making traditional clothes redolent of fashions of late dynastic times. All of the clothes sold here have patterns and styles with a strong eastern flavor.



Ten Ren Tea

● Shopping Map P.20 (4C)

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☎ 174, Sec. 3, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2773-5713 🚌 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Zhongxiao-Xinsheng Station and walk about 3 mins.

This popular fine tea chain has 126 shops around the world. Their beautifully packaged teas make an excellent gift for home.



Little Garden

● Shopping Map P.19 (4A)

D • A • T • A

☎ 70 Emei St., Taipei ☎ (02)2311-0045 💰 NT\$600-up 🚌 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Ximen Station and walk about 10 mins.

Hailing from Shanghai, this old-time store is the place to go for embroidered Chinese shoes, all reasonably priced between NT\$500~1,500.

**Bridal Photography Street. (Zhongshan N. Rd.)**

● Shopping Map P.20 (2B and 3B)

D • A • T • A

✉ Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei 🚉 Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to the Zhongshan Station and head north on Zhongshan N. Rd.

The dozens of studios clustered along Zhongshan N. Rd. specialize in portrait photography for weddings and other special occasions.

**Guang Hua Digital Plaza**

● Shopping Map P.20 (4C)

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✉ No.8, Sec. 3, Civic Blvd., Da' an Dist., Taipei City (The Guang Hua Digital Plaza is near the intersection of Civic Blvd. and Xinsheng S. Rd.) 🚉 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Zhongxiao-Xinsheng Station and walk about 5 mins.

Guang Hua Digital Plaza was near by National Taipei University of Technology, and links the surrounding districts to become a distribution center for electronic products. It was dismantled in the beginning of 2006, and was officially stationed in Taipei Information Building in 2008, to be a well-planned electronic shopping plaza.

**Dihua Street**

● Shopping Map P.19 (3A)

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✉ Dihua St., Taipei 🚉 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Ximen Station. Then take the 304 bus to Nanjing W. Rd.

Located in the old commercial center of Taipei, Dihua Street is lined with shops selling Lunar New Year goods, Chinese herbal medicine and cloth.

**Nanmen Market**

● Shopping Map P.20 (5B)

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✉ 8, Sec. 1, Roosevelt Rd., Zhongzheng District, Taipei 🚉 Take the MRT Xindian Line to the C.K.S. Memorial Hall Station.

All the ingredients for traditional home cooking and the Lunar New Year celebration are sold at this public market, which was built a century ago and renovated in 1982.

**Bookstore Street Zhongqiang S. Rd.**

● Shopping Map P.20 (4B)

D • A • T • A

✉ Zhongqiang S. Rd., Taipei 🚉 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to Taipei Main Station and walk about 5 mins.

The densest collection of bookstores in Taipei can be found in this area. The selection is wide, though most of the titles are in Chinese.

**Congee on Fuxing S. Rd.**

● Shopping Map P.20 (5D)

D • A • T • A

✉ Fuxing S. Rd., Taipei 🚉 Take the MRT Muzha (Brown) Line to the Daan Station and walk about 5 mins.

Several 24-hour restaurants here sell congee with a wide array of side dishes, making it a popular spot for a late-night snack.



Dining in Taipei



There are thousands of restaurants in Taipei serving up every type of delicious cuisine, with something for every taste and budget.



Specialty Restaurants

DinTaiFung

● Chinese Map P20 (5C)

From humble beginnings, Din-TaiFung has grown into a Taipei institution with the help of a favorable review from the New York Times. It is best known for its juicy and delicately wrapped steamed dumplings.



↑ Steamed dumplings

☎ 194, Sec. 2, Xinyi Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2321-8928 ☑ Sun. thru Thr. : 10:00~21:30, Fri. & Sat. : 10:00~22:00 ☒ NT\$300; Yes ☑ From Taipei Main Station take the 253 (Left) or 237 bus and walk about 5 mins.



↑ Purple rice pudding

☎ 18 Xiwei Rd., Daan District, Taipei ☎ (02)2701-3225 ☑ 11:00~21:30 ☒ NT\$400 ☑ Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Zhongxiao-Dunhua Station. From Exit 10, walk about 8 mins.

King Join

● Chinese Map P20 (4D)

Vegetarian food fit for a king, the dishes served at this popular eatery are made with the finest and healthiest ingredients. Delicious and artistically served, they are a feast for the belly and eyes.

Tsai Wan Hsin

● Cantonese



← Dongpo pork

☎ 16-6, Fujhou St., Taipei ☎ (02)2351-0848 ☑ 11:30~14:00, 17:00~20:45 ☒ Monday NT\$400 ☑ Take the MRT Xindian (Green) Line to the Guting Station.

This Jiangzhe-style restaurant is beloved for its glutinous rice dumplings and other tasty fare. On weekends diners usually form long lines outside the shop.

Xin Ye

● Taiwanese Map P.20 (3B)

Founded in 1977, this is one of the first restaurants in Taipei specializing in banquet-style Taiwanese cuisine, with over 300 menu items to choose from.



← Scallop balls



↓ Danzai noodles

☑ 8F, No. 12, Nanjing W. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2523-6757 🕒 11:30~21:30, Holiday eves 11:30~22:00
 off × 💰 NT\$600 🚗 Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to the Zhongshan Station and walk about a minute from Exit 3. (Near Xin Kong Mitsukoshi Dept. Store)

Hao Ji Danzai Noodles

● Taiwanese Map P.20 (3C)



☑ 79, Jilin Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2521-5999 🕒 11:30~02:00
 off × 💰 Cash or credit card 🚗 From Taipei Main Station take the 307, 652, or 605 bus to the Nanjing-Jilin intersection and walk about 3 mins.

While noodles are in the name, this long-established restaurant also sells a wide selection of delicious Taiwanese fare served up with traditional warmth.

Red Lantern

● Taiwanese

With its home-style Taiwanese cooking and rustic decor, Red Lantern is a popular restaurant for those longing for a taste of the Taiwan of yesteryear.

☑ 97 Tianmu E. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2874-1981 🕒 New Holiday hours 11:30~14:00, 17:00~24:00
 Weekday hours 17:00~24:00 💰 NT\$400 🚗 From Taipei Main Station take the 220 bus to the Taipei School for the Visually Impaired stop and walk about 3 mins.



↑ Shrimp and bamboo shoots



← Steamed taro cake

☑ 18-1, Lane 105, Sec. 1, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2563-9293 🕒 11:30~14:00, 17:45~21:00 off × 💰 NT\$300 🚗 From Taipei Main Station take the 310, 605, 40, or 220 bus to Zhongshan Market and walk about 3 mins.

Dragon Restaurant

● Cantonese Map P.20 (3B)

This popular eatery is known for serving up reasonably priced Cantonese cuisine made with the finest ingredients.

Dalian Restaurant

● Northern Chinese Map P.20 (5D)

This Beijing-style restaurant adheres to the highest standards of authenticity and flavor. The generously portioned steamed dumplings are a particular favorite.

☎ 175-1, Sec. 2, Fuxing S. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2325-4877 ⌚ 11:00~14:00, 17:00~21:00 Ⓜ Monday 📍 NT\$200 🚏 Take the MRT Wenshan-Neihu (Brown) Line to the Technology Building Station and walk about 5 mins. along Fuxing S. Rd. Sec. 2



➡ Vegetarian steamed dumplings



Taihodien

● Chinese Map P.21 (5E)

Made with a thick soup stock and you-pick ingredients, the fiery and tasty hot pots served up at Taihodien will satisfy the most serious of chili lovers.



← Spicy hot pot

☎ 315, Sec. 4, Xinyi Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2705-0909 ⌚ 12:00~03:00 Ⓜ NT\$600 🚏 From Taipei Main Station take the 22 or Xinyi Line bus to the intersection of Xinyi Rd. and Tonghua St. and walk about 3 mins.

Original Shaoxing Chicken (Civic Blvd. Store)

● Taiwanese Map P.21 (4D)



↑ Shaoxing chicken



Also called "drunken chicken," the house specialty here is known for its authentically juicy flavor. The dish is served in both baked and hot pot varieties.

☎ 181, Sec. 4, Civic Blvd., Taipei ☎ (02)2577-2745 ⌚ Sunday to Thursday 17:30~03:00, Friday & Saturday 17:30~05:00 Ⓜ NT\$400 Cash or credit card 🚏 Take the 262 or 630 bus to the Civic Blvd. stop and walk about 7 mins.



↑ Meat dumplings with chili oil

Chili House Restaurant

● Sichuanese Map P.21 (4D)

Spicy meat dumplings, dandan noodles and other Sichuan fare are the specialties at this 40-plus-year-old establishment, with homemade chili oil to spice it all up.

☎ 250-3, Sec. 4, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Taipei City ☎ (02)2772-1707 🕒 11:30~14:30, 17:30~21:30 🚫 ☎ NT\$300 Cash or credit card 🚶 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Zhongxiao-Dunhua Station.

Newhama Steak House

● Japanese Map P.21 (3E)

Taiwan's first teppanyaki-style steakhouse, Newhama presents original cuisine fusing Japanese and French culinary styles with expert skill.



☎ B1F, No. 33, Lane 11, Guangfu N. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2761-5616 🕒 11:30~14:00, 17:30~22:00 🚫 Chinese New Year's Eve. ☎ NT\$1,500 Cash or credit card 🚶 Take the 266, 254, 672, 282, or 288 bus to the Po Jen Hospital or Veterans Service Department stop and walk about 5 mins.



Mei-Men Tavern

● Health food Map P.19 (4A)

Fresh ingredients and expert culinary skills prove a delicious combination at this health-food restaurant with a martial arts theme.

☎ 2F, No. 104, Sec. 1, Zhonghua Rd., Taipei ☎ (02) 2703-8220 🕒 11:30~21:30, 14:00~17:00 No food service at teatime 🚫 Monday ☎ NT\$300 Cash or credit card 🚶 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Ximen Station and walk towards Wuchang St.; or from Taipei Main Station take the 212, 218, 253, or 652 bus to Zhonghua Rd. North station.



Sweet

Somethings

Ice Monster

● Iced desserts Map P.20 (5C)

Fresh mangos, strawberries and other seasonal fruits are piled high on the monstrously portioned ice desserts sold at this popular chain.



↑ Fresh Mango Sorbet



☑ No. 297, Sec. 4, Zhongxiao E. Road, Taipei City ☎ (02)8771-3092 ⌚ 10:30~23:30 ⏸ ×
💵 Cash only 🚗 Take MRT and exit from SunYat-Sen Memorial Hall Exit No. 1 and walk towards the direction of Yenji Street.



Yang Ji's Corn and Peanut Ice

● Iced desserts Map P.19 (4A)

Customers line up for the traditional-flavor of this 45-year-old Ximending store's trademark corn and peanut ice, which for many old-timers recalls memories of earlier days.



↑ Corn and peanut ice

☑ 38, Sec. 2, Hankou St., Taipei City ☎ (02)2375-2223 ⌚ 11:30~22:00 ⏸ × 🚗 No 🚗 From Taipei Main Station take the 307, 202, 260, 218, 252, 310, 614 or 18 bus to the MRT Ximen Station and walk 3 mins.

Camellia House

● Iced desserts Map P.20 (3C)

Apart from its namesake tea, this shop sells medicinal sweets said to nourish the body, dispel the summer heat and leave you feeling re-charged.



↑ Lily, lotus seed and adzuki bean soup

☑ 263-3 Linsen N. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2531-2157 🕒 11:00~02:30
🚏 off × 🚗 No 🚇 Take the MRT to the Zhongshan Station or Shuanglian Station and walk about 15 mins.



↑ Shaved milk ice with peanut topping



Shin Fa Ting

● Iced desserts Map P.20 (1C)

This shop is known for its "snowflake" shaved milk ice with more than 20 flavors of topping to choose from. True to its name, this dish really does melt like snowflakes in your mouth.

☑ 1, Anping St., Taipei ☎ (02)2882-0206 🕒 15:00~24:00 🚏 off × 🚗 No 🚇 Take the 310, 203, 277, 279, 220, 260, or 0 East bus to Jiantan Station and walk 5 mins; or take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to the Jiantan Station.

Shuanglian Rice Dumpling Soup

● Iced desserts Map P.20 (3B)

Operated by the same family for three generations this store is known for its chewy rice dumplings made fresh daily and served with a sweet soup or shaved ice.

↓ Rice dumpling soup



☑ 136 Minsheng W. Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)2559-7595 🕒 11:00~23:00 🚏 off × 🚗 No 🚇 From Taipei Main Station take the 40, 310, 220, 274, or 218 bus to the Ambassador Hotel stop and walk 5 mins. Or Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to the Shuanglian Station and walk 1-2 mins.



PUBS

Nightlife in Taipei



LAVA

● Club Map P21 (4E)

“Lava” A Multi-Million Dollar Club Investment located in the heart of Taipei’s 101 Hsin Yi District. The club provides quality music played by live DJs, private booths, comfortable full leather sofa, as well as exceptional customer service to cater to nightlife entertainment need for all it’s visitors.

☑ B1F, No.22, Songshou Rd., Xinyi Dist., Taipei ☎ (02)8780-3867 🕒 Wed to Sun. 10:00pm to 4am 🚇 MRT Taipei City Hall station and Walk about 8 min. (Next to VIESHOW Cinemas) <http://www.lava-club.com.tw/>

room 18

● Club Map P21 (5E)

This capacious nightclub undergoes major annual make-overs to keep it on the edge of cool, attracting the city’s trendy late night revelers.

☑ No. 88, Songren Road, Taipei City ☎ (02)2345-2778 🕒 Wed. & Fri. & Sat. 22:30~04:30
☑ Yes 🚇 From Taipei Main Station take the 212, 235, or 299 bus to the MRT Taipei City Hall Station and walk 8 mins. Or Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Taipei City Hall Station and follow Exit 3. Located in Neo 19.

SPARK

● Bar Map P21 (5E)

Frequented by local celebrities, this upscale lounge bar and club drips with cool indulgence. Both open seating and booths are available.

☑ B1F, No. 45, Shifu Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)8101-8662 🕒 Fri., Sat. & Holidays 22:00~05:00
☑ Yes 🚇 Taipei Main Station take the 212 (Main), 212 (Direct), 232 (Main), or 232 (2nd Line.) to the United Daily News stop and walk about 8 mins. Located in the Taipei 101 Mall.



Riverside Music Cafe

● Club

Rock, jazz, and freestyle jams arrive live from the stage at this intimate music venue, with different performances every night.

☎ B1, Lane 244, Sec. 3, Roosevelt Rd, Taipei ☎ (02)2368-7310 🕒 No food service from 21:00~23:00 💵 over NT\$300~350 (incl. one drink) 🚇 Take the MRT Xindian (Green) Line to the Taipower Building Station and walk for 5 mins.

The Wall Live House

● Club

Rock is king at this live music venue, which also doubles as a record store, tattoo shop and toy store.

☎ B1, 200, Sec. 4, Roosevelt Rd, Taipei ☎ (02)2930-0162 🕒 15:00~23:00 off Monday 💵 No 🚇 Take the MRT Xindian (Green) Line to Gongguan Station and walk for 8-10 mins.

Brown Sugar

● Club Map P21 (4E)

This upscale club and restaurant mixes haute cuisine and cool live jazz to make for a thoroughly relaxing and enjoyable night out.

☎ 101 Songren Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)8780-1110 🕒 12:00~02:00 off × 💵 Yes 🚇 Take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Taipei City Hall Station and walk about 10 mins.

The Tavern

● PUB Map P21 (5E)

This British-style pub shows sports matches on a 240-inch screen with a satellite link to games across the globe. European draft beer is the house specialty.

☎ 415, Sec. 4, Xinyi Rd., Taipei ☎ (02)8780-0892 🕒 15:00~02:00 off Variable new year hours 💵 Yes 🚇 From Taipei Main Station take the 22 bus or from Xinyi Rd. take the 226 or 38 bus to the World Trade Center and walk about 5 mins.



Night Markets



A Boiled salted chicken



A Small roll wrapped in big roll



A Fried chicken



B Marinated assortment

A Shilin Night Market

● Night market snacks Map-P20 (1B)

Taipei's premier night market draws crowds through the night with cheap eats and other abargains.

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✉ Take the MRT Danshui (Red) Line to the Jiantan Station (Exit 2). Or from Taipei Main Station take the 310, 218, or Zhongqing Line bus to the MRT Jiantan Station.



B Shida Night Market

● Night market snacks Map-P20 (5C)

International fare and cheap chic are in abundant supply at this popular student shopping area.

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✉ Take the MRT Xindian (Green) Line to the Taipower Building Station (Exit 3) and walk 8 mins. Or from Taipei Main Station take the 251 or 236 bus to Guting Elementary School station and walk about 5 mins.





© Oyster thin noodles



© Pepper buns



© Taiwanese burger



© Stinky tofu

© Raohe St. Night Market

● Night market snacks Map-P20 (3F)



Clothing, furniture and distinctive snacks are priced to sell at this major night market.

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☑ From Taipei Main Station take the 605 or 276 bus to the Raohe St. intersection. Or take the 307 or 63 to the South Songshan stop.

© Linjiang St. Night Market

● Night market snacks Map-P21 (5E)



Stretching 1km, this expansive night market serves up every type of snack imaginable.

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☑ From Taipei Main Station take the 22 or Xinyi Line bus to the Xinyi -Tonghua intersection. Or take the MRT Bannan (Blue) Line to the Zhongxiao-Xinsheng Station and then take the 226 bus to the Xinyi -Tonghua intersec-



Central Taiwan

Taiwan's third-biggest city, Taichung mixes old and new, with plenty of cultural attractions and a pleasant year-round climate.

INFORMATION

Getting There



● Taiwan High Speed Railway

Taiwan High Speed Railway offers 45 daily runs from Taipei to Taichung between 7:00~22:06.

Tariff: NTD700 for standard car and NTD1,000 for business class. The trip takes about 60 minutes each way.

Please check <http://www.thsrc.com.tw> for details.



● Train

The Zhiqiang Express train to Taichung from Taipei Main Station takes about 2 hours and costs about NT\$375. The slower Ju Kuang Express is NT\$289 and take 2.5 hours; and the Fuxing and commuter trains are about NT\$241 for a three hour voyage. For details visit: http://www.railway.gov.tw/e_index.htm.



● Bus

Several bus companies offer service to Taichung from the Taipei Main Bus Station, including King Bus (about NT\$245~260), Dragon (about NT\$380), Ubus (about NT\$260~290), and Free Go (about NT\$300). The trip takes 2.5~3 hours.

● City Bus

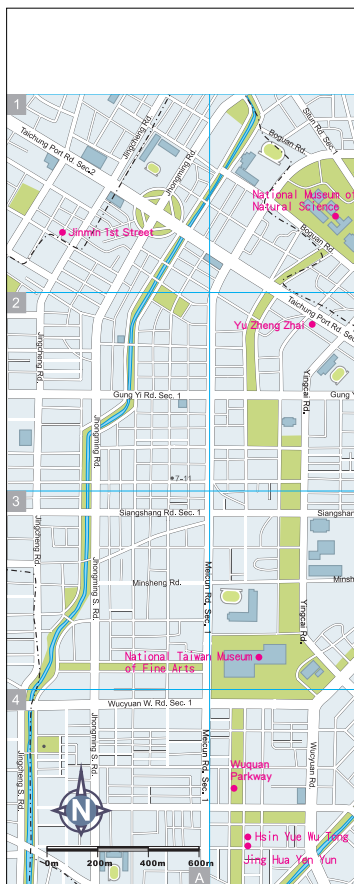
The five bus companies in Taichung charge a basic fare of NT\$20 and half fare of NT\$10, with rates rising for longer trips. Discounts are given to riders using the city's prepaid "e-Card".

(<http://citybus.taichung.gov.tw>)



● Taxi

Taxis in Taichung charge by the meter at a base fare of NT\$75-up for the first 1.5km and NT\$5 for each extra 250m. There is an NT\$5 fee for every 3 minutes the cab is moving at under 5km/hr, as well as nighttime and





holiday surcharges.

● Taiwan Tour Bus

The Taiwan Tour Bus provides tours from the airport, train station and major hotels in Taichung. Buses leave at regular times and visit the main scenic attractions in and near the city. Several different full-day tours are offered, including tours to Miaoli, the Guguan hot spring area, Qingjing Farm in Nantou, and Sun Moon Lake National Scenic Area. There are also tours to scenic Puli, the historic town of Lugang, the Gukeng coffee-growing area and other sites. For details visit: <http://www.taiwantourbus.com.tw/eng/>



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● Tourist Trains

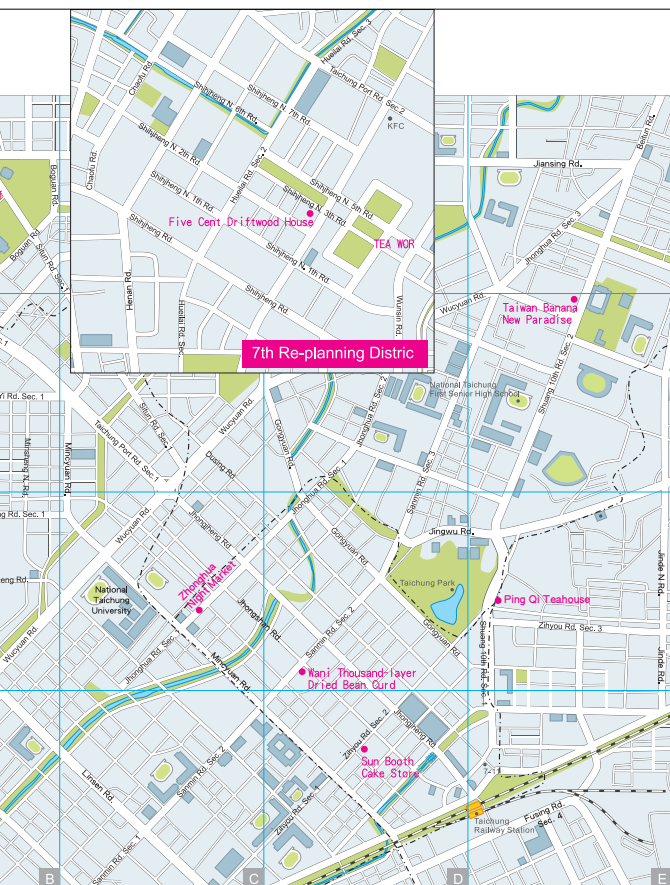
The President One tourist train heads south from Taipei Main Station with stops in several well-known visitor sites along the West Coast. There are seven routes to choose from.



● Hotels

For hotel information visit:

(<http://www.taiwantravelmap.com/hotel/>)



A science center, space theater, tropical rain forest greenhouse, botanical garden and more open a window to the wonders of nature at this expansive and popular museum.

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☎ 1 Guangquan Rd., Taichung ☎ (04)2322-6940 🕒 09:00~17:00 off Monday 🎫 Adult NT100; Student and discount fare at NT70 🚌 From Taichung Train Station take the Ren You Bus 22, 38, 45, 72, 125, or 777; the Taichung Bus 27, 35, 70, 71, 88, 103, 106, 146, or 147; or the Ubus 77 or 83 to the museum stop.



National Museum of Natural Science

● Scenic sites Map P.62



National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts

● Scenic sites Map P.62



Works by masters from the Ming period onwards form the bulk of the collection at this museum. Apart from the indoor exhibits, visitors can enjoy the installation pieces adorning the museum's park-like grounds.

D • A • T • A

☎ 2, Sec. 1, Wuquan W. Rd., Taichung ☎ (04)2372-3552 🕒 Tues.~Fri. 09:00~17:00, Weekends 09:00~18:00 Closed on Monday off Monday 🎫 Free; tickets required for special exhibitions 🚌 From Taichung Train Station take the Ren You Bus 59 or 89, Taichung Bus 71, or Ubus 75 to the museum.

This scenic area has eight trails to bring visitors up close to the many natural attractions here. Hiking aside, there is also an amusement park.

D • A • T • A

🚌 Across from the First Plaza at Taichung Train Station take the Ren You Bus 21 or 31. You can also take the Zhongxinglin-bound Fongyuan Bus from the electronics mall left of the train station.



Dakeng Scenic Area

● Scenic sites



Established in 1937 as a horse pasture for the Japanese occupation government, this recreational farm offers horse rides, lessons in horsemanship, archery and other activities. There is also a BBQ area for picnics.



Houli Horse Farm

● Scenic sites



D • A • T • A

✉ 41 Xishan Rd., Houli District, Taichung City ☎ (04)2556-2531 🕒 08:00~17:00
 🗓 Monday 📄 Horse ride NT\$400/30 mins, pony ride NT\$100 for two loops
 🚗 From Fongyuan or Houli train station take the Dajia-bound Fongyuan Bus to the farm.



Lihpao Land

● Scenic sites



Central Taiwan's premier amusement park will satisfy your craving for fun, with dozens of rides and other fun recreations and performances sprawling over six theme areas.

D • A • T • A

✉ No. 8, Furong Road, Houli District, Taichung City ☎ 04-2558-2459 🕒 09:00~17:00
 Summer & Winter vacation 09:00~21:00 🗓
 ✕ 📄 Adults NT\$800 🚗 From Fongyuan or Houli train station take the Dajia-bound Fongyuan Bus..

Experience the rich and diverse cultures of Taiwan's major aboriginal tribes at this theme park. There are also plenty of rides and other attractions for a fun family outing.



Formosan Aboriginal Culture Village

● Scenic sites



D • A • T • A

✉ 45, Jintian Lane, Yuqi Toenship, Nantou County ☎ (049)289-5361 🕒 09:00~17:00; Weekends 09:00~17:30
 🗓 ✕ 📄 Adults NT\$780; Student and discount fare at NT680 🚗 From Taichung Train Station take the Ren You Bus at the Lyuchuan N. Station to the village; or take the King Bus to Puli and transfer to the Nantou Bus or Puli minibus.

Despite the name, the cows here are firmly grounded, along with the sheep and horses, on an expanse of green pasture. With the quaint barns and farmhouses, the ranch approximates a vision of a storybook farm, with a number of scenic attractions to enjoy.

D • A • T • A

📍 166, Nanhe Village, Tongxiao Township, Miaoli County ☎ (037) 782-999 🕒 07:00~22:00 🚗 × 💰 NT\$220; No 🚗 From Tongxiao Train Station take the Miaoli Bus Dakeng Line to Xixia and go by taxi to the ranch.



Flying Cow Ranch

● Scenic sites



Photo by Flying Cow Ranch



Guguan

● Scenic sites



The scenic hot springs of Guguan are fed by slightly alkaline carbonic acid waters. There are both Japanese and western-style spa hotels here, many of them long established.

D • A • T • A

🚗 From the department store kitty-corner from Taizhong Train Station take the Dongshih-bound Fongyuan Bus to Guguan.

One of Taiwan's three main cities in the Qing period, Lugang has preserved its historic roots in both architecture and traditional shops selling specialty foods made the old-fashioned way. Make sure to try the bakery items sold at Yu Zheng Zhai and the meatballs at A Zheng's.

D • A • T • A

🚗 From Zhanghua Train Station take the Lugang-bound Zhanghua or Yunlin bus.



Lugang

● Scenic sites



Window-shopping and afternoon tea in Taichung

Taichong has a leisurely pace, far different from other large cities; set your cares aside, and come have some tea or stroll the streets.



Jinming 1st Street

● Scenic sites Map P.64



This area is characterized by shaded sidewalks that provide an atmosphere of nature within the city. The beautiful street extends from the National Museum of Fine Arts and offers a plethora of dining and drinking choices.

D • A • T • A

☑ Next to Wujian and Meicun roads in Taichung ☑ From Taichung Railway Station take a Taichung bus 71, Ren Yeou bus 89, or Ubus 75.

The streets around Sogo feature Taichong's first demonstration shopping district, with a pedestrian mall and plenty of shops. The most unique feature of this area is its sale of a huge variety of exquisite jewelry and popular goods.

D • A • T • A

☑ From Taichong Railway Station, take a Ren Yeou bus 10, 30, or 40, get off at the intersection of Wenxin and Nantun roads, and walk about 10 minutes.



Wucyuan Parkway

● Scenic sites Map P.62



This shopping area centered on Fong Jia University attracts crowds of students to its diversity of inexpensive boutiques. A newly renovated "Flagship Area" at the indoor night market is also a sight to enjoy on your trip to Taiwan.

D • A • T • A

☑ From Taichong Railway Station take Taichung bus 27, 35, or 135, or Ren Yeou bus 22, 25, 37, 45, or 46.



Around Fong Jia

● Scenic sites



Itinerary 1

Jiji Branch Railway Tour

Experience the romance of the sleepy town of Jiji in Nantou County, with its mountain beauties and famous "green tunnel."



Jiji Station

● Scenic sites

This nostalgic station is a symbol of the Jiji Branch Railway, vital for shipping logs and produce 70 years ago and now a popular tourist line.



D • A • T • A

☎ 75, Minsheng Rd., Jiji Township, Nantou County ☎ (049)276-2546 📶 From Ershuei Railway Station in Changhua County, switch to a train on the Jiji line and get off at Jiji Station.

This is the oldest wood-fired kiln in Taiwan. Built up a slope so that, from a distance, it resembles a snake. Now a cultural park with pottery decor and artifacts.

D • A • T • A

☎ No. 21, LN 512, Sect. 1, Shuixin Road, Shuili Township, Nantou County ☎ (049)277-0967 🕒 08:00~17:30 📶 From Ershui Railway Station in Changhua County take a train on the Jiji Line and get off at Shueili Station, then switch to a Yuanlin or Fengrong bus to the Snake Kiln stop.



Green Tunnel

● Scenic sites

The beautiful "green tunnel" is comprised of trees that thickly line the highway from Mingjian to Jiji. A famous natural scene of Nantou County.



Photo by/ CTIN Taiwan Travel Net, Xiao guang
<http://travel.network.com.tw>

D • A • T • A

☎ Nantou County Highway 152 between Mingjian and Jiji. 📶 From Ershui Station in Zhanghua County, switch to a train on the Jiji Line and get off at Jiji Station.



Shui-li Snake Kiln Ceramics Cultural Park

● Scenic sites





Taiwan Endemic Species Research Institute

● Scenic sites



This is the terminal station of the Jiji Line, where the old facilities for loading water and coal are still preserved. Once a hub for the logging industry, it now offers a DIY woodworking classroom.

D·A·T·A

📍 2, Mingqian Lane, Shueili Township, Nantou County ☎(049)277-4749 🚗 From Ershuei Railway Station in Zhanghua County, take a train on the Jiji Line and get off at Checheng Station.



Laowu Pig's-foot King

● Dining



This Institute, established in 1992, focuses on Taiwan's endemic ecologies and organisms. Virtual environments together with multimedia games offer a fascinating tour of the island's ecologies.

D·A·T·A

📍 1, Minsheng E. Rd., Jiji Township, Nantou County ☎(049)276-1331#605 🕒 09:00~16:30 🗓 Monday 💰 NT\$50 🚗 From Ershuei Railway Station in Changhua County take a train on the Jiji Line to Jiji Station, then walk or ride a bicycle for about 1.5 kilometers.



Checheng Station

● Scenic sites



Mouth-watering pig's-feet made fresh every day by frying, stewing in soy sauce, and drying, with the addition of apple cider, powdered plum, and other secret ingredients.

D·A·T·A

📍 285, Mingqian Rd., Jiji Township, Nantou County ☎(049)276-0034 🕒 09:00~18:00 🗓 Closed on Wednesday 🚗 From Ershuei Railway Station in Zhanghua County, take a train on the Jiji Line and get off at Jiji Station. Follow Mingqian Road to Lao Wu's.

Itinerary 2

Breathe the Fresh Air of Qing Jing Farm

At 1,748 meters above sea level, Qing Jing is a "Shangri-la above the clouds." With vast green pastures and shady trees, this is the place for rural relaxation.



Puli Winery

● Scenic sites

The Puli Winery started out making Shaoxing wine and later introduced white distilled spirits, sake, aged Shaohsing, and Ailan wine, as well as cakes, popsicles, and other products made from Shaoxing.



D • A • T • A

☎ 219, Sec. 3, Jhongshan Rd., Puli Township, Nantou County ☎ (049)298-4006 🕒 08:30~17:00; Weekends and holidays: to 17:30 🚗 × 🚗 From Taichung Railway Station, go to the Kancheng Bus Station and take a United bus 999, or Puli Rapid Transit, Chuan Hang, or Jili Hang bus to Puli; alternatively, take a King bus from the Taipei highway terminal directly to Puli. --- Take a one-day Nantou Qingjing Farm & Lushan Hot Spring Tour or Puli & Sun Moon Lake Tour on a Taiwan Tour Bus.



Aowanda Forest Recreation Area

● Scenic sites



Every year, between November and February, turning leaves gradually paint the mountainsides red. Renew yourself by breathing the forest's refreshing phytoncides.



D • A • T • A

☎ 153, Da-an Rd., Ren-ai Township, Nantou County ☎ (049)297-4511 🕒 08:00~17:00 🚗 × 🚗 Holidays: Full ticket, NT\$200; discount ticket, NT\$100. Non-holidays: full ticket, NT\$150; discount ticket, NT\$100 🚗 Take a train to Taichung or Nantou, then switch to a Nantou bus on the Puli route and get off at the Aowanda Forest Recreation Area. --- Take a one-day Nantou Qingjing Farm & Lushan Hot Springs Tour on the Taiwan Tour Bus.



Inako scenic restaurant

● Restaurant

The owner of Inako restaurant has devoted himself in food industry for years. He realized that good dishes are more attractive than various ones. Since he opened Inako, he uses wong gang chicken (roasted chicken in an earthen jar) and alpine trout as features in his restaurant. With local ingredients like crystal shrimps, aralia decaisneana hance, bird's nest fern and cabbage to make characteristic aboriginal cuisine. When enjoying the food, beautiful view is around. Layered terraced fields and tranquil villages surrounded by mountains seemed peaceful and carefree, gives you another kind of joy alongside the savor or great food.



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☑ No.36-1-1, Xinyi Lane, Renhe Rd., Ren' ai Township, Nantou County ☎ (049) 280-3710
 ☑ Opening Hour: 10:00-20:00 ☑ Highway no. 3 to Wufen system access road and change to highway no. 6, at the end of highway 6, turn left to provincial highway no. 14 bounds for Wufon, or Bogai, Acan Qaquaz, along county highway no.83 to Wushe, then take provincial highway no. 1 bounds for Qingjing.

Vast green slopeland pastures, perfect for walking among flocks of sheep. Relax as you stroll along livestock and cryptomeria pathways.



Cing Jing Farm

● Scenic sites

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☑ 25, Tingyuan Lane, Datong Village, Ren-ai Township, Nantou County ☎ (049)280-2748 ☑
 Cingjing Pasture: 08:00~17:00 ☑ × ☑ NT\$200
 ☑ From Puli, take a Nantou bus on the Songgang or Cueifong route and get off at Qing Jing Farm --- Take a one-day Nantou Qingjing Farm & Lushan Hot Spring Tour on the Taiwan Tour Bus.



Cing Jing European Homestays

● Accommodations

European-style homestays abound in the area of Qing Jing Farm, offering quality overnight accommodation.

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● Europe Villa ☑ 35 Shouting New Ln., Datong Village, Ren-ai Township, Nantou County ☎ (049)280-3008 ☑ NT\$3,300-up
 ● Provence Rose Lodge in Qing Jing Farm ☑ 24-1, Dingyuan New Hamlet, Datong Village, Ren-Ai Township, Nantou County ☎ (049)280-3990 ☑ Double room: NT\$4,000 — NT\$6,000; prices vary on holidays



Itinerary 3

Touring by Bicycle

The Tanyashen Green Parkway, built along the route of an abandoned railroad, and the bikeway in the Mt. Bagua Scenic Area, are lined with beautiful scenery that is best enjoyed from the seat of a rented bicycle.



Tanyashen Green Parkway

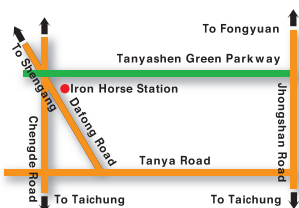
● Scenic sites



Photo by Angela

Built along the route of the abandoned Shengang branch railroad, this bikeway runs 11.8 kilometers through Tanzih, Daya, and Shengang townships. Trees of different colors line the route, which also offers scenic spots and coffee shops.

Cycling Map



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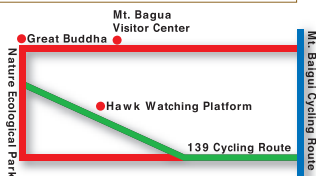
☑ Take Fongyuan Bus from Taizhong Railway Station.

Bicycle rental:

● Sportsman ☑ No. 12, Lane 8, Chengde Rd., Sanjiao Village, Shengang District, Taizhong City ☎ (04)2533-6336

This bikeway has been developed along existing roads and passes through five areas: Eagle-watching Area, Hu-shanyan Area, Four-faced Buddha Area, Mt. Jindun Area, and Mt. Baiguo Area. It offers leisure, ecology, and scenic attractions.

Cycling Map



Bagua Bikeway

● Scenic sites



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☑ Take a train to Zhonghua. From in front of the railway station, take Guangfu Road toward Zhongshan Road; at the Mt. Bagua gateway arch, turn onto Guashan Road and continue to the bikeway. The walk takes about 20 minutes. Alternatively, from near the front of the station take a Changhua bus on the Lugang or Yuanlin route, get off at the Mt. Bagua gateway arch, and continue up Guashan Road.



Shopping

Shopping for Memories — Local Products of Central Taiwan



Ai Lan White Wine of Puli

● Wine

Made with traditional methods of fermentation and water from Puli's famous Ailan Spring, this crystal-clear wine has a unique mild taste.



To protect one's safety, do not drive after drinking.

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📍 219, Sec. 3, Zhongshan Rd., Puli Township, Nantou County 📞 (049)298-4006 🕒 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays: to 17:30 🚗 × 📶 Yes 🚗 From the Taichung Railway Station, go to the Kancheng Bus Station and take a United bus 999 or Puli Rapid Transit, Chuanhang, or Jili Hang bus to Puli. Alternatively, from the Taipei highway bus station take a King bus to Puli.



Wani Thousand-layer Dried Bean Curd

● Local specialties Map-P63

This shop has been in business for 40 years and offers bean curd of various flavors plus a variety garlic-flavored and other products.



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📍 1F, No. 213, Zhongshan Rd., Central District, Taichung City 📞 (04)2225-7766 🕒 09:30~21:30 🚗 × 📶 Cash or credit card 🚗 From First Plaza, take a Ren Yeou bus 1, 2, 21, or 31 to the Zhongshan Road intersection.



Yu Chen Cai Mungbean Cakes

● Local specialties Map-P62

This shop continues to offer the old-fashioned flavors of Taiwan while developing innovative flavors by combining its cooking skills with new ingredients and baking methods.



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📍 203-1 Zhonggang Rd., Sec. 1, West District, Taichung 📞 (04)2319-3072 🕒 09:00~22:00 🚗 × 📶 Yes 🚗 From Taichung Railway Station, take Taichung bus 33 and get off at the Xin Guan Mitsukoshi stop.



Dining in Taichung



Hustling, bustling Taichung is one of Taiwan's top cities, not least because of its diversity of fine dining choices and authentically flavored snacks, quaint tea shops, and unique pubs.



Specialty

Restaurants

Five Cent Driftwood House

● Taiwanese Map-P.62

The lady of the house uses driftwood, wood carvings, and antiques to generate a unique atmosphere. A fortress style and atmosphere of mystery make this one of Taichung's most popular restaurants.



↑ Spinach and seafood

☑ No. 6, Huiyuan Avenue, Taichung City Government ☎ (04)2254-5678 ⌚ 11:00~14:00, 17:00~21:00 14:00~17:00 Afternoon Tea. ☎ × 💰 NT\$ 400; Yes 🚗 All buses departing from Zhaoma Station and heading to Hsin Kong Mitsukoshi will go through this place..



Xin Yue Wu Tong

● Chinese Map-P.62

A color scheme of red, black, and gold, with paintings and old pictures from Shanghai decorating the walls. The decor and the fine Shanghai and Jiangzhe dishes take diners into an enchanted world of nostalgia.



↑ Yulan Dongpo Pork

☑ 123, Wujian West 3rd St., Taichung ☎ (04)2378-3181 ⌚ 11:30~15:00; 17:30~22:00 ☎ × 💰 NT\$ 400; Yes 🚗 From the Natural Science Museum, take Taichung bus 71 to the Art Museum stop. From Taichung Veterans General Hospital, take Ubus 75 to the Art Museum stop. From Lingdong Technology College take Ren Yeou bus 89 to the Art Museum stop.



Jing Hua Yen Yun

● Northern Chinese Map-P.62

Rustic architecture, antique-style furniture, and old photos create the atmosphere of a classic Beijing restaurant. The northern Chinese dishes and sweets are acclaimed too, along with the restaurant's palace-style snacks.

☎ 57, Wuqian 7th St., Taizhong ☎ (04) 2372-5066 ☎ 11:30~15:00, 17:30~22:00 ☎ × ☎ NT\$400 Yes ☎ Take bus 71, 75, or 89 to the Art Museum stop, then walk southwestward for 7-8 minutes.



↑ Walnut Duck Crisps

Natural Hakka

● Taiwanese

A modern, stylish dining area provides high-quality dining enjoyment. Ingredients and cooking methods are in the traditional Hakka style, creating a rich flavor of old times.

☎ 118, Sec. 2, Gongyi Rd., Nantun District, Taizhong ☎ (04) 2329-2929 ☎ Weekdays 11:00~15:00, 17:00~21:30 ; Weekends 11:00~21:30 ☎ × ☎ NT\$ 400; Yes ☎ Take bus 71, 75, or 89 to the Art Museum stop, then walk about 5 minutes.



↑ Specially made down-home cabbage.



Taiwan Banana New Paradise

● Taiwanese Map-P.63

Old artifacts help create a Taiwanese street scene from 30 or 40 years ago. It's like going back in time to those simpler days.

☎ 111, Sec. 2, Shuangshi Road, Taizhong ☎ (04) 2234-5402 ☎ 11:00~24:00 ☎ × ☎ NT\$ 300; No ☎ Take a Ubus to Singjin Road; from there walk 1-2 minutes.



↑ Deboned Chicken



Department Store Snacks

All of Taiwan's department stores have food courts that offer a plethora of culinary delights at inexpensive prices, providing customers with an infinity of dining choices.

Xin Guan Mitsukoshi Department Store (Taizhong) B2
☎ 111, Sec. 2, Chungkang Rd., Taizhong City ☎ (04) 2255-3333
☎ Weekends and holidays: 10:30~22:00
SOGO Department Store (Taizhong) 16F
☎ 299, Sec. 1, Chungkang Rd., Taizhong City ☎ (04) 2323-3788
☎ Weekends and holidays: 10:30~21:00
Chunyo Department Store B3
☎ 161-1, Sec. 3, Sanmin Rd., North District, Taizhong City ☎ 0800-422-800
☎ Weekends and holidays: 10:30~22:00



Taizhong

Teahouses

Water Dance Teahouse

● Teahouse

The name evokes the spirit of the 108 heroes of the classic novel, "All Men Are Brothers," along with the fluidity of water and the concept of fine foods. This teahouse is characterized by water arts and a Hoklo culture decor.



↑ Charcoal-roasted
Wulong Milk Tea



📍 50, Sec. 2, Zhongde Rd., Beitun District, Taizhong 📞 (04)2236-8989
🕒 10:30~01:00 🚗 × 🍵 Yes 🚶 From the Taizhong Railway Station, take bus 71, 102, 105, 131, or 102 White to the Zongde-Beiping Stop intersection.



Chun Shui Tang

● Teahouse

Practically synonymous with Taizhong teahouses. The first cup of foam tea and pearl milk tea were born here. A modern teahouse that seeks to be unique in special decor, food, and drinks.

📍 Yongfu Rd., Situn District, Taichung 📞 (04)2461-8651 🕒 10:30~23:00 🍵 No 🚶 From the Zhongtai Academy take G-bus 68 to the Fukang Road stop; from AU Optonics in the Central Taiwan Science Park take Ubus 75 to the Fukang Road stop.



Pin Chi Teahouse

● Teahouse MAP-P.63

This teahouse has been attracting customers for almost 20 years with its green setting and high-class environment. It operates 24 hours a day and offers hot and cold drinks as well as hot foods in a great atmosphere at medium-low prices.

☎ 6-9, Sec. 1, Shuang 10th Rd., East District, Taichung
☎ (04)2211-1188 ☑ 24hr ☒ × ☑ No ☒ From the Natural Science Museum take Taichong bus 71 to Taichong Park; from the Chunyo Department Store take Ubus 73 to Taichong Park; from the Taichong Railway Station take Ubus 81 to Taichong Park.



↑ Boiled Pork Blood Jelly/ Sour and Spicy Pig Intestines



↑ Home-made Tea



Tea-Work

● Teahouse MAP-P.63

Large expanses of glass curtains help create an atmosphere with a touch of zen. The flavors of its low-priced foods and drinks with pragmatic ingredients enjoy outstanding reputes.

☎ 21, Sec. 2, Wenxin Rd., Situn District, Taichung ☎ (04)2258-8666 ☑ 11:30~02:00 ☒ × ☑ Under \$500 No ☒ From he Chungyo Department Store take Ubus 73 to Shifu Road; from The Central Taiwan University of Science and Technology take Ubus 85 to Shifu Road.

Wu Wei Tsao Tang

● Teahouse

A Taoist atmosphere and early Taiwanese ambience express the spirit of Taiwan tea. The thatched roof takes visitors back to a more rustic and comfortable time.

☎ 106, Sec 2, Gung Yi Rd., Taichong ☎ (04)2329-6707 ☑ Weekdays 10:30~22:30 Weekends 10:00~23:00 ☒ × ☑ Yes ☒ From the Chunyo Department Store take Ubus 73 to Gongyi-Dadun Intersection; from the Central Taiwan University of Science and Technology take Ubus 85 to Gongyi-Dadun Intersection.



→ Shanlinsi Wulong Tea



Tunghai Night Market

A Favorite Culinary Paradise
for College Students

When you drive along Zhonggang Road from central Taichung, as you pass the entrance to Tunghai University you will see the Tunghai Night Market on the left side of the campus. The entrance to the night market is under the pedestrian overpass. The consumers visiting the market are students from Tunghai University and employees from the nearby Central Taiwan Science Park, along with countless tourists who come from throughout Taiwan and overseas to choose from the infinite variety of goodies available here.

Tunghai Chicken Foot Galantine, Lotus Seed Ice

●Night Markets

Long lines wait for this delicious stew flavor



There is nothing that evokes pleasant memories in the minds of Tunghai University graduates than this chicken foot galantine. The sweet fragrance imparted by 20-some Chinese medicinal ingredients (including star anise, fennel, and angelica) that have been stewed for eight hours adds greatly to these chicken feet. The chewy texture of the galantine after it has been frozen is especially memorable, and is just one reason for the large number of regular customers that repeatedly come for this delicacy.

☑No. 1, LN 1, Xinxing Road ☎(04) 2632-0182 🕒08:00~24:00 daily 📞no 💰
Chicken foot galantine for NT\$35 per box



Dongshan Duck Heads

●Night Markets

The enticing aroma of a special stew herb pack

The proprietor assembles his own herb packs according to a secret formula to provide an extra hint of sweetness. All of the foods sold here are prepared on the day of sale, and a dish is fried only when a customer orders it so as to heat it up and bring out its aroma; seasoning is sprinkled on, and it is ready to eat. The seasoning is important too; it is not the common pepper you find in the market, but is made especially by the proprietor of numerous herbs and spices to provide a uniquely delicious flavor.

☑20 Dongyuan Lane ☎(04) 2633-6627 🕒13:00~24:00 Monday through Friday;
12:00~24:00 Saturday and Sunday



Night Markets

Fongjia Night Market



This is the largest in size of all night markets in Taiwan, and it is crowded with thousands of visitors every night. The area of the night market is defined mainly by Wunhua, Fusing, and Fongjia roads. This is the place to go for traditional Taiwanese snacks and innovative cuisine as well.

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🚌 From Taichung Railway Station take Taichung bus 9, 14, 88, 100, or 102, or Ubus 73 or 83, to the National Taichung Institute of Technology.

Jhonghua Night Market (MAP P.63)

This night market offers the flavors of northern and southern Taiwan in traditional snacks, as well as international dishes. The ideal place to savor authentic Taiwanese snack foods.

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🚌 From the main station at Taichung Municipal Park, take city bus 6 and get off at the Gongyuan Road intersection.



Mushroom Pork Stew



Meat Balls



Pearl Milk Tea



Fool's Noodles



Ribs with Noodles



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Southern Taiwan—Tainan

Tainan, the ancient capital of Taiwan, sits in the center of the Jianan Plain's salubrious environment. It is characterized by agricultural abundance and rich culture.

INFORMATION

How to Get There



●Train

From the Taipei Main Railway Station, take a train on the west-coast trunk line to Tainan. Choose one of these trains: Tze Chiang, about NT\$738, 3.5 hours; Chu Kuang, about NT\$509, 5.5 hours; Fu Hsing, about NT\$474, 6 hours. For departure times, check the Taiwan Railway Website: http://www.railway.gov.tw/e_index.htm



●Taiwan High Speed Railway

Taiwan High Speed Railway offers 28 daily runs from Taipei to Tainan between 7:00~21:18.

Tariff: NTD1,350 for standard car and NTD1,780 for business class. The trip takes about 90 minutes each way.

Please check <http://www.thsrc.com.tw> for details.



●Bus

You can take a bus to Tainan from the Taipei Intercity Bus Station. The trip takes around 3.5 to 4 hours, and ticket prices are as follows: King bus, about NT\$450; Hsin bus, about NT\$600; Ubus, about NT\$400-465.



Getting Around the City

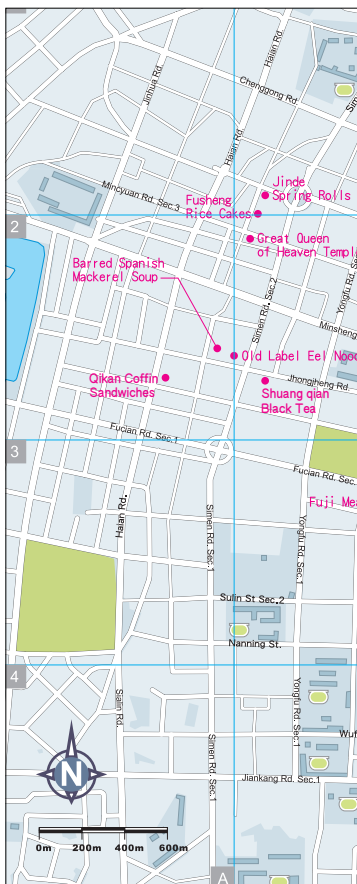
●City Bus

The Tainan city bus service is currently under joint operation by the Kaohsiung bus company. There are a total of 13 bus lines, with ticket prices at NT\$18 per sector. For detailed route information, please visit the Tainan City Dynamic Bus Information website at <http://ebus.tncc.gov.tw/>



●Taiwan Tour Bus

The Taiwan Tour Bus system offers guided bus service on set itineraries from hotels, airports, and railway stations. For the Tainan area, the system currently offers the 1-day Tainan County Sugar, Salt and Bird-watching Tour and the 1/2-day Tainan Sea, Mountain & Culture Tour. For details, please consult the Taiwan Tour Bus website: <http://www.taiwantourbus.com.tw>.





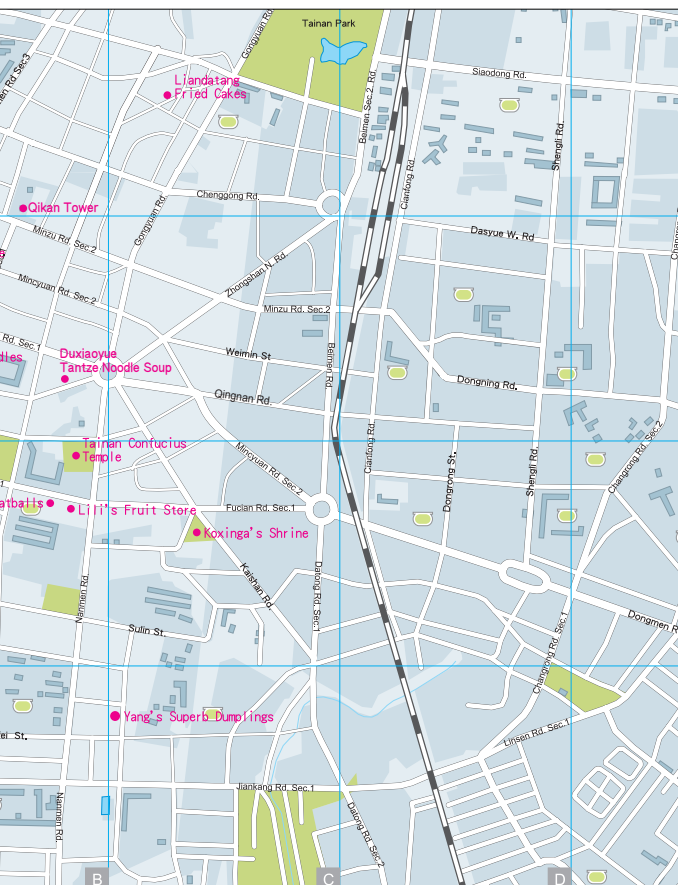
● Accommodations

Please visit the hotel information website:
<http://www.taiwantravelmap.com/hotel/>

● Tainan City Travel Information Website

Introduces historic sites, snack foods, and folk festivities such as the Confucius birthday celebration and ceremonies to welcome Mazu, Goddess of the Sea, and takes visitors into the culture of the city.

Tainan City Tourism Website: <http://tour.tainan.gov.tw>





Qikan Tower (Fort Provintia)

● Scenic sites Map-P81

Built by the Dutch in 1653, this grade-one historic site is one of Tainan's top attractions and a good spot to learn about the early colonial history of Taiwan.



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☎ 212, Sec. 2, Minzu Rd., Tainan City ☎ (06)220-5647 ⌚ 08:30~22:00 🚫 X 💰 Adult NT\$50; Concession NT\$25 🚗 From Tainan Train Station, take city bus 3 or 5 or the 88 Anping Line bus to the tower stop.



D • A • T • A

☎ 2 Nanmen Rd., Tainan City ☎ (06)228-9013 ⌚ 08:00~17:30 🚫 Lunar New Year holiday, Dragon Boat Festival, and Moon Festival 💰 NT\$25; No 🚗 From Tainan Train Station take city bus 2 to the temple stop.



Tainan Confucius Temple

● Scenic sites Map-P81

Also known as the "Tem-ple of Letters," this is Tai-wan's most representative temple devoted to the sage Confucius. It is also known as Taiwan's first school.



Great Queen of Heaven Temple (Datianhou Temple)

● Scenic sites Map-P80

Exquisite carvings and tablets with imperial inscriptions are among the cultural allures of this historic temple, indicating the high esteem in which its principle goddess has long been held.



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☎ 18, Lane 227, Sec. 2, Yongfu Rd., Tainan City ☎ (06)221-1178 ⌚ 07:00~20:30 🚫 X 💰 Free 🚗 From Tainan Train Station take city bus 3 or 5 or the 88 Anping Line bus to the Qikan Tower stop.



D • A • T • A

☎ 152 Kaishan Rd., Tainan City ☎ (06)213-5518 ⌚ 08:30~17:30 🚫 X 💰 Free 🚗 From Tainan Train Station take city bus 6 or the 88 Anping Line bus to the shrine stop.



Koxinga's Shrine

● Scenic sites Map-P81

This is the most representative shrine erected in Taiwan in honor of the Ming loyalist Cheng Cheng-kung (Koxinga). Several of the couplets here date back to the Cing era.



Anping Fort

● Scenic sites

This fort was built by the Dutch in the late Ming period and later destroyed by the forces of Zheng Cheng-kong. It was built in its current form during the Japanese occupation period.



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82 Guosheng Rd., Tainan City ☎ (06)226-7348 ⌚ 08:30~17:30 ⏸ Full ticket: NT\$50, Discount ticket: NT\$25 🚌 From Tainan Train Station take city bus 2 or the 88 Anping Line bus to the fort stop.



Erkunshen Fortress (Eternal Fortress)

● Scenic sites

Designed by a French engineer, this fortress was erected in the Qing period to defend against a Japanese invasion. Bricks from Anping Fort were used to build the fortress, which has been preserved in its original form.



D · A · T · A

3 Guangzhou Rd., Tainan City ☎ (06)295-1504 ⌚ 08:30~17:30 ⏸ Full ticket: NT\$50, Discount ticket: NT\$25 🚌 From Tainan Train Station take city bus 14 or the 88 Anping Line bus to the fortress stop.



D · A · T · A

66 Yangcheng Village, Cigu District, Tainan City ☎ (06)780-0511 ⌚ 09:00~18:00 ⏸ Free 🚌 From Tainan or Jiali train stations take the Shing Nan Bus to the salt fields. For information call Shing Nan Bus at: (06) 265-3121



Qigu Salt Mountain

● Scenic sites

The seaside township of Qigu was once Taiwan's salt-producing center. Visitors can still enjoy the picturesque salt fields and enormous salt mounds. The months from September to May are the best time to go.



Wushantou Reservoir

● Scenic sites



Taiwan's largest artificial lake, this reservoir offers plenty of scenic attractions and a water-side park. Wushantou is also known as "Coral Lake" because its terrain features are highly varied, like coral.

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68-2 Jianan Village, Guantian District, Tainan City ☎ (06)698-2103(Call the Siraya Resort Hotel for information) ⌚ 06:00~18:00 ⏸ Full ticket: NT\$200, Discount ticket: NT\$120 🚌 From Tainan Station take the Shing Nan Bus to the reservoir.



Itinerary 1

Alishan

Alishan is known for spectacular sunrises and seas of clouds; these, together with its alpine railroad, sunset, and forest, are called "the five marvels of Alishan." (MAP P.5)



Old Street of Fenqihu

● Scenic sites

Fenqihu was a boom town in logging days, and people in the Alishan area bought their daily necessities here. The old street contains a large number of quaint shops crowded into a small area.

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✉ Fenqihu, Zhonghe Village, Zhuqi Township, Jiayi County ☎ (05)259-3900 🚗 From the Jiayi Railway Station take a train on the Alishan Forest Railroad to Fenqihu. You can also join the Taiwan Tour Bus for a 1-day Fenqihu & Danayigu Nature Tour, or the Tourist Train for a 2-day Fenqihu Old Street Tour.



Fenqi Lake Hotel

● Accommodations

This hotel is located on the Old Streets of Fenqihu, where wafting mountain mists at dawn and dusk create the atmosphere of a Shangri-la. This is where the famous "Fenqihu Railroad Box Meal" originated.

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✉ 178-1 Zhonghe Village, Juqi Township, Jiayi ☎ (05)256-1888 🕒 07:30~22:00 🚗 From Jiayi Railway Station, take the Alishan Forest Railroad to Fenqihu; or, from the county bus terminal across from the railway station, take a bus directly to Fenqihu. ✨ You can also participate in a 2-day Fenqihu & Danayigu Nature Tour offered by the Taiwan Tour Bus system.



Jhushan Station

● Scenic sites

Taiwan's highest railway station and the best spot for viewing the sunrise. The viewing platform is a 20-minute walk away. Huge crowds gather here to watch the sun come up every day.



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✉ Alishan, Chiayi County ☎ (05)267-9685 🚗 From Jiayi Railway Station take a train on the Alishan Forest Railroad to Zhaoping Station, and from there switch to a train that runs on the branch line to Jhushan. These trains run only at dawn, with departure times depending on the time of sunrise. For detailed departure times, please consult Alishan Station by calling (05) 267-9833 three days before your trip. ✨ You can also join a 2-day Alishan Sea of Clouds tour on the Tourist Train system.



Alishan Forest Recreation Area

● Scenic sites



The Alishan Forest Recreation Area is seen mainly via a 4-kilometer loop trail that takes 2-3 hours to walk. Famous scenic spots line the trail.

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✉ Alishan Township, Jiayi County ☎ (05)267-9917 ✖ Entry: NT\$200 for a full adult ticket and NT\$100 for a discount ticket on holidays; NT\$150 for an adult ticket and NT\$100 for a discount ticket on non-holidays. 🚆 From Jiayi Railway Station take a train on the Alishan Forest Railroad to Alishan; or, from the right side of the railway station exit, take a Jiayi County bus to Alishan. ※ You can also join a Tourist Train 2-day tour of Danayigu and Alishan.

Alishan's climate, with cool temperatures and morning and evening mists that cut down on sunlight, is perfect for growing tea. Alishan's Wulong tea is renowned for its full, sweet taste.



Alishan Songxin Tea Factory

● Scenic sites



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✉ Alishan Township, Jiayi County ✖ From Jiayi Railway Station, take a train on the Alishan Forest Railroad to Alishan. The shop is located on the shopping street beside Shoujhen Temple.



Fenqihu Box Meals

● Taiwanese



In earlier days the famous Fenqihu box meals were sold by hawkers on the railway station platform. The meals are made of local ingredients and packaged in round metal boxes, retaining the flavors of long ago.

D · A · T · A

✉ 178-1 Zhonghe Village, Zhuqi Township, Jiayi County ☎ (05)256-1888 🕒 07:00~20:00 ✖ From Jiayi Railway Station take a train on the Alishan Forest Railroad to Fenqihu, or from opposite the Jiayi Railway Station take a county bus directly to Fenqihu (departures are 07:10 and 15:10).



Itinerary 2

Ecotour of the Southwest Coast

Taiwan's Southwest Coast is characterized by good weather and ecological riches. The rise of tourism has driven the development of the coffee of Gukeng, the salt fields of Budai, the lagoon of Qigu, and the popularity of water bird-watching. It has also nurtured unique local industries.

Gukeng's location and climate have made it Taiwan's best coffee-producing area ever since the Japanese occupation. Enjoy the coffee at the Huashan Scenic Area or one of the area's coffee shops.



Gukeng Coffee

● Scenic sites



D · A · T · A

☎ 40 Zhongshan Rd., Gukeng Township, Yunlin County (Gukeng Township Office) ☎ (05)582-6320 🚌 From Taipei, take a Solar bus on the Meishan route and get off at Gukeng, then switch to a taxi. ✳ You can also participate in a one-day Yunlin Theme Park and Gukeng Coffee Tour operated by the Taiwan Tour Bus system.



Budai Intertidal Zone

● Scenic sites

Once known for its salt-drying and fish-farming industries, Budai today has a new industry: fishing-raft tourism. The rafts disembark from the southern shore of Budai Harbor and take visitors through varied scenes of nature.



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☎ 1, Zhongheng Rd., Budai Town, Chiayi County (Budai Harbor wharf) ☎ (05)347-5555 🚌 NT\$2504 From opposite the Sinying Railway Station, take a Sinying bus to Budai station then switch to a taxi to the Budai Harbor wharf.



Qigu Lagoon

● Scenic sites

Qigu Lagoon is Taiwan's biggest and most complete wetlands. It has a rich plant ecology, and groups of black-faced spoonbills fly in to winter from October to April or May, providing a rare opportunity to view these endangered birds.



Photo by/ Wu Mingchang

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☎ 69, Longshan Village, Qigu District, Tainan City ☎ (06)780-0691 (Lagoon Visitor Center) 🚌 From Tainan City or the Jiali Station, take a Xing Nan Bus to the lagoon. Xing Nan Passenger Bus: (06) 265-3121 ✳ Take a one-day Tainan County Sugar, Salt and Bird-Watching Tour on the Taiwan Tour Bus system.



Shopping

Must-try Old Tainan Delicacies



Chycutayshing Candied Fruits

● Shopping



Shrimp, egg, and cornmeal are mixed and steamed, then sun-dried and deep-fried to produce a fresh and crispy taste.

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✉ 742 Anping Rd., Tainan City ☎ (06)228-7807 🕒 19:00~21:00 🚫 Wed. 🛒 Small bag NT\$40 or three for NT\$100; super-size bag NT\$150 🚌 Take bus 88 on the Anping route from the Tainan Railway Station and get off at the Old Fort of Anping stop.

This old candied fruit specialty shop follows the ancient methods to produce preserved fruits that retain their natural colors. There are more than 60 flavors to choose from.

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✉ 84 Yanping St., Tainan City ☎ (06)225-9041 🕒 10:30~21:00 🚫 Wed. 🛒 Small box of candied fruit, NT\$150 🚌 From Tainan Railway Station take city bus 88 on the Anping route and get off at the Yanping Street stop.



Mingfeng Shrimp Cakes

● Shopping



Liandatang Fried Cakes

● Shopping Map-P81



The proprietor adds black tea to the Japanese method of mixing alcoholic drinks. The meticulously chosen tea variety gives an exceptionally rich and delicious taste.

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✉ No. 2, Lane 131, Zhongzheng Rd., Tainan City ☎ (06)228-8431 🕒 10:00~20:00 🚫 Sun. 🛒 NT\$20; bottle, NT\$80 🚌 Take Tainan city bus 1 or 7 from the Tainan Railway Station and get off at the Zhongzheng Road stop.

These cakes are now being produced by the third generation. The process of production is so time-consuming that only 600 or 700 of the cakes can be made per day.

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✉ 54 Zhongan St., North Dist., Tainan City ☎ (06)225-8429 🕒 07:00~22:00 🚫 Wed. 🛒 Egg-flavored cakes, NT\$30 per packet; miso-flavor cakes, NT\$35 per packet



Shuangcyuan Black Tea

● Shopping Map-P80



❶ Dusiaoyue Tantze Noodle Soup



❸ Barred Spanish Mackerel Soup



❷ Jhou's Shrimp Rolls



Dining in Tainan

❹ Old Label Eel Noodles



❺ Jinde Spring Rolls

❹ Fusheng Rice



❸ Lili's Fruit Store



② Qikan Coffin Sandwiches

⑤ Yang's Superb



Tainan snacks are known far and wide, with special local ingredients and unique methods used to turn out unforgettable flavors!



⑩ Fuji Meatballs



Cakes

Dining in Tainan Map-P:80-81

① Duxiaoyue Tantze Noodle Soup

☑ 16 Zhongzheng Rd., West Central Dist., Tainan City

☎ (06)223-1744

🕒 12:00~24:00 off ×

② Qikan Coffin Sandwiches

☑ 180 Kangle Market, Zhongzheng Rd., Tainan City

☎ (06)224-0014

🕒 10:30~21:00 off ×

③ Barred Spanish Mackerel Soup

☑ No. 3, Lane 16, Sec. 3, Guohua St., Tainan City

☎ (06)224-0326

🕒 08:00~20:00 off ×

④ Zhou's Shrimp Rolls

☑ 408-1 Anping Rd., Tainan City

☎ (06)280-1304

🕒 10:00~22:00 off ×

⑤ Yang's Superb Dumplings

☑ 41 Qingzhong St., Tainan City

☎ (06)214-1742

🕒 07:30~20:00 off ×

⑥ Old Label Eel Noodles

☑ 113 Kangle Market, Zhongzheng Rd., Tainan City

☎ (06)224-9686

🕒 11:30~20:00 off ×

⑦ Jinde Spring Rolls

☑ 19, Sec. 3, Minzu Rd., Tainan City

☎ (06)228-5397

🕒 07:00~17:00 off ×

⑧ Lili's Fruit Store

☑ 199, Sec. 1, Fuqian Rd., Tainan City

☎ (06)213-7522 🕒 11:00~23:00

off Closed 2 indefinite days each month

⑨ Fusheng Rice Cakes

☑ 8, Lane 333, Sec. 2, Ximen Rd., Tainan City

☎ (06)227-4101 🕒 07:00~17:00

off Monday

⑩ Fuji Meatballs

☑ 215, Sec. 1, Fuqian Rd., Tainan City

☎ (06)215-7157

🕒 06:30~18:30

off Schedule to be confirmed before and after holidays



Southern Taiwan—Kaohsiung

Kaohsiung is Taiwan's foremost harbor and second-largest city. It is a place that offers the romance of a harbor city in addition to natural ecology, history, culture, dining, and shopping.

INFORMATION

How to Get There



●Plane

Takes 45-50 minutes. For details, visit the Songshan Airport website: www.tsa.gov.tw. From Songshan Airport in Taipei, take Mandarin Air flight to Kaohsiung International Airport. The four airlines operate daily flights from 6:40 AM to 9:15 PM; Songshan Airport website: <http://www.tsa.gov.tw/>



●Train

At the Taipei Railway Station take a southbound train to Kaohsiung on the western trunk line. The Zhe Qiang train costs about NT\$843 and takes 4.5 hours; Ju Kuan costs about NT\$650 and takes 6 hours; Fuxing costs about NT\$542 and takes 6.5 hours. For detailed departure schedules, check the Taiwan Railway Administration website: http://www.railway.gov.tw/e_index.htm



●Taiwan High Speed Railway

Taiwan High Speed Railway offers 41 daily runs from Taipei to Kaohsiung between 7:00~21:18. Tariff: NTD1,490 for standard car and NTD1,950 for business class. The trip takes about 90~120 minutes each way. Please check <http://www.thsrc.com.tw> for details.

Getting Around the City



●City bus

Kaohsiung city buses charge NT\$12 per sector. Information hotline: (07) 749-4597~98. The website of the Kaohsiung City Bus Service Administration is <http://khbus.gov.tw/KHWeb/EIndex.jsp>

●Taiwan Tour Bus

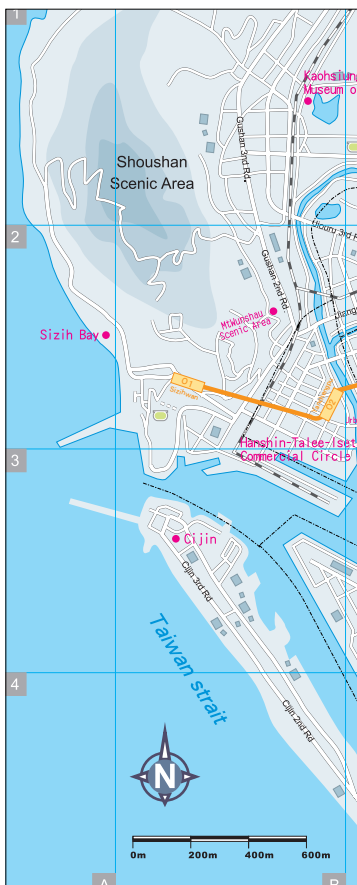


The Taiwan Tour Bus system provides guided bus tours on set itineraries, with departures from hotels, airports, and railway stations. Itineraries currently on offer for the Kaohsiung/Pingtung area are the one-day Kaohsiung and Pingtung Nature Tour, half-day Kaohsiung Night Tour, one-day Kaohsiung City Tour, and half- and one-day Kenting Tour. For further details, consult the Taiwan Tour Bus website: www.taiwantourbus.com.tw.

●Kaohsiung MRT



The Kaohsiung Rapid Transit system (MRT) comprises two routes. You can buy single trip IC tokens, a prepaid EasyCard, or a one-day pass depending on your travel plan. DKRTC: Tel (07) 793-8888, website: <http://www.krtco.com.tw>





Accommodations

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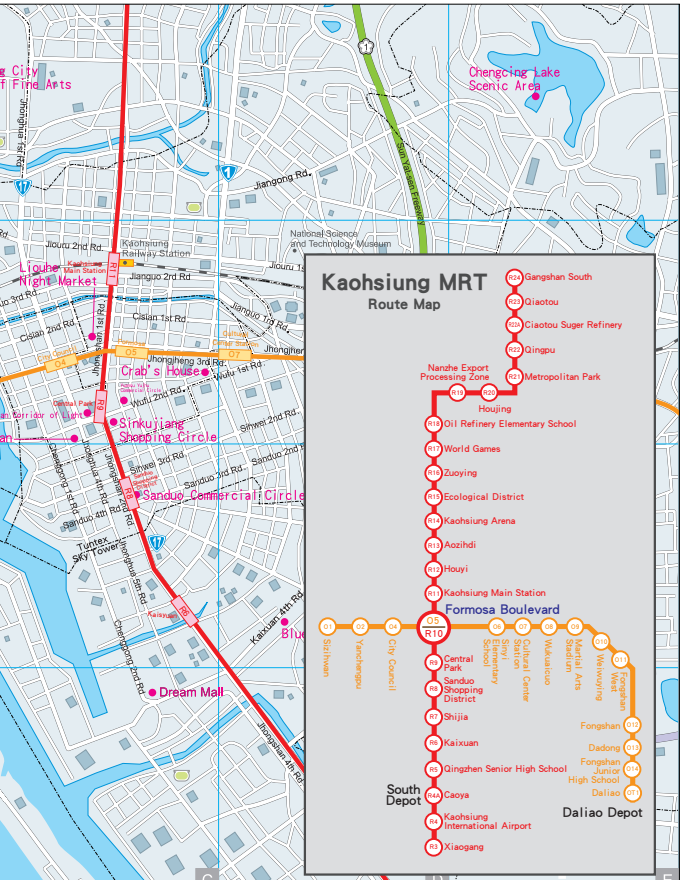
Tourist Train

The Taiwan Railway has introduced the West Coast Tourist

Express, which offers set itineraries from Taipei to tourist spots in western Taiwan. In southern Taiwan the service offers three itineraries in Meinong: A Taste of Old Taiwan routes, five routes related to Kending and the National Aquarium, and four routes related to Kending sea and shore.



Map of Kending





Urban Corridor of Light

● Scenic sites Map-P.91



Artists were brought together to design this street around the theme of light and give it greater brilliance, with open-air coffee tables and a plaza for performances.

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☑ Intersection of Jhongshan 1st Road and Wufu 3rd Road ☎ 24HR ☎ × ☎ × ☎
Free ☎ 1. From Kaohsiung Railway Station, take bus 100 to the Chengshih Guanglang stop. 2. Take a half-day Kaohsiung Night Tour on the Taiwan Tour Bus system.

Originally reachable from Kaohsiung only by ferry, this narrow little island is now accessible also by an undersea tunnel. Its famous sites include a lighthouse and coastal park, as well as a renowned "seafood street."



Cijin

● Scenic sites Map-P.90



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☑ Cijin District, Kaohsiung City ☎ (07)571-8920 (Cijin Seaside Park) ☎ 08:00~12:00 13:00~17:30 (Cijin Seaside Park) ☎ × ☎
No ☎ From Kaohsiung Railway Station take the No. 2 or No. 36 bus to the Cianjhen stop, then switch to No. 35 bus. Alternatively, take No. 248 bus from the railway station to the ferry wharf, and switch to the ferry.



Sizih Bay

● Scenic sites Map-P.90

This famous scenic spot is located within National Sun Yat-sen University. It features a beach and park among its attractions, along with marine scenery and spectacular sunsets.



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☑ 70 Lianhai Rd., Gushan District, Kaohsiung City (National Sun Yat-sen University) ☎ (07)525-0005 ☎ 10:00~19:00 ☎ × ☎ Ticket price: Adults NT\$50, children NT\$30; additional charge for activities ☎ From Kaohsiung Railway Station take No. 248 bus or the Tourist Bus to the National Sun Yat-sen University stop. You can also participate in the two-day Kaohsiung Mountain and Sea Tour offered by the Taiwan Tour Bus system.



Lotus Lake

● Scenic sites



The tranquil shores of Lotus Lake are home to numerous temples and historic sites that impart a flavor of the past. Famous structures include the Confucius Temple and Wuli Pavilion.

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✉ Area of Lotus Lake Road, Kaohsiung **off**
 ✕ **Free** **on** From Kaohsiung Railway Station Take No. 5 or No. 31 bus to Zuoying Station, then follow Shengli Road to the destination. Alternatively, take a one-day Kaohsiung City Tour offered by the Taiwan Tour Bus system.



This museum occupies an expansive green area that retains the form of a wetland ecology. The long corridor in front of the museum provides an outdoor space to exhibit large sculptures.



Kaohsiung City Museum of Fine Arts

● Scenic sites Map-P90

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✉ 80 Meishuguan Rd., Gushan District, Kaohsiung City ☎ (07)555-0331
 ☎ Tuesday to Sunday: 09:30~17:30 **off** Closed on Mondays and on Chinese New Year's Eve and New Year's Day **No** **on** From Kaohsiung Railway Station, take bus No. 205, 57, or 73 to the Women's and Children's Hospital, then walk about 10 minutes; you can also take the No. 301 bus to the Meishuguan (Art Museum) stop. Alternatively, take the one-day Kaohsiung City Tour or two-day Kaohsiung Mountain and Sea tour offered by the Taiwan Tour Bus system.



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<http://travel.network.com.tw>





Chengqing Lake Scenic Area

● Scenic sites Map-P91



This museum is located in a three-story traditional Hakka tobacco barn. Exhibits illustrate the culture, history, and dining and living habits of Meinong's people.

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☎ 79-3 Minzu Rd., Meinong District, Kaohsiung City ☎ (07)681-8338 ☎ Tuesday to Friday: 09:30~16:30, Sunday and Sunday 09:00~17:00 ☎ Monday, Lunar New Year's Eve and election days ☎ Full price NT\$40, discount price NT\$20 ☎ From Kaohsiung Railway Station, take a Kaohsiung Passenger Bus to Meinong. You can also join a two-day Kaohsiung Mountain and Sea tour of the Taiwan Tour Bus system.

One of Kaohsiung's most popular scenic spots and, at more than 100 hectares, the biggest green area in the city's environs. Scenic sites include Nine-turns Bridge, Freedom Pavilion, and Thousand-tree Forest.

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☎ 32, Dapi Rd., Niasong District, Kaohsiung City ☎ (07)370-0821 ☎ 06:00~17:00 ☎ Admission: Full price NT\$100, discount price NT\$50 ☎ From Kaohsiung Railway Station take No. 60 or 70 bus to the Cheng Shiu University Stop. You can also join a one-day Kaohsiung City Tour or two-day Kaohsiung Mountain and Sea Tour offered by the Taiwan Tour Bus system.



Meinong Hakka Museum

● Scenic sites



Dream Mall

● Shopping Map-P91



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☎ 789 Zhonghua 5th Rd., Qingzhen District, Kaohsiung City 806, Taiwan ☎ (07)9733888 ☎ Monday~Thursday: 11:00~22:00 Friday: 11:00~22:30 Saturday & Public Holiday: 10:30~22:30 Sunday: 10:30~22:00 ☎ Hop on the Kaohsiung City Bus No.2, 14, 36, 70 and get off at the Dream Mall.

Dream Mall is the largest shopping center in southern Taiwan. It houses 800 shops which sell Taiwanese and overseas top brands and nearly 1,000 well-known brands of products. The 102.5-meter high Ferris wheel is uniquely painted with the famous cartoon idol-Hello Kitty. Shoppers will not only see the panoramic ocean view, but also a view of the city.



Xinkujiang Shopping Circle

● Shopping Map-P91

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✉ Area around Wufu 2nd Road and Wenheng 2nd Road 📍 From Kaohsiung Railway Station, take bus No. 100 to the Sinkujiang stop.

Xinkujiang is a favorite among young shoppers, with small boutiques, restaurants, fast-food outlets, cosmetic stores, etc. offering everything for the fashion-conscious.



Sanduo Commercial Circle

● Shopping Map-P91

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✉ Sanduo 3rd Road, Sec. 3 and Sec. 4 📍 From Kaohsiung Railway Station, take No. 100 bus and get off at Sanduo 3rd Road

Filled with brands and products, this is a one-stop shopping area. Nearby are inexpensive fusion stores, and Wunheng 3rd Road is lined with boutiques.



Hanshen-Talee-Isetan Commercial Circle

● Shopping Map-P91

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✉ Area of Wufu 3rd Road and Chenggong 1st Road 📍 From Kaohsiung Railway Station, take No. 100 bus and get off at the Hanshen Department Store stop.

This concentration of boutique stores presents a mature urban face. The brand-name shops in the two big department stores are full of enough fashionable labels to satisfy all shoppers.



Coping with the Summer Heat in Tropical Kending

Kending is the vacation paradise of southern Taiwan, offering endless opportunities for water sports, seafood dining, and enjoying a "green shower" in the forest. The area has a plethora of beach home-stays, each with its own unique character.



Nanwan

● Scenic sites Map-P.91



Nanwan (South Bay) is a gently sloping beach with a large hinterland, attracting countless visitors to surf, swim, or just enjoy the sun on the sand.

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📍 223 Nanwan Rd., Nanwan Li, Hengchun Town, Pingtung County
 🕒 08:00~18:30 🚗 📞 From Kaohsiung Railway Station, take a King Bus, Kaohsiung bus, to Kending. King Bus: (07)235-5120.

This small bay has a beach made from seashells and coral that have been crushed and worn into fine sand over the eons. This is a rare "shell-sand beach" that is protected as an ecological reserve.



Shadao

● Scenic sites Map-P.91



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📍 232 Shadao Rd., Eluan Li, Hengchun Town, Pingtung County 📞 (08)885-1204 🕒 08:00~17:00 🚗 📞 Free 📞 From Kaohsiung Railway Station, take a Kaohsiung bus on the Eluanbi route, get off at the Shadao stop, and walk a short distance. You can also join a three-day Kaohsiung and Pingtung Nature Tour or half- or one-day Kenting Tour offered by the Taiwan Tour Bus system.



Kending Forest Recreation Area

● Scenic sites Map-P.91

This forest recreation area has more than 1,000 plant species as well as coral/rock ecology, making it an ideal natural classroom. Popular sites here include Seaview Pavilion, plank roots of looking glass trees, "a thread of sky," and Chueirong Valley.



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☑ 201 Gongyuan Rd., Kending Li, Hengchun Town, Pingtung County ☎ (08)886-1211
 ☉ 08:00~17:00 ☒ × 💰 non-holiday \$100; holiday \$150 🚌 From Kaohsiung Railway Station take a King Bus, Kaohsiung, or Zhongnan bus to Kending. You can also join a half- or one-day Kending Tour offered by the Taiwan Tour Bus system.

This park is comprised mainly of coral limestone terrain and contains a variety of tropical plants. Its lighthouse, one of Taiwan's most imposing, guides ships around the island's southern tip.



Eluanbi Park

● Scenic sites Map-P.91

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☑ Eluanbi Park, Hengchun Town, Pingtung County ☎ (08)885-1101 ☉ 06:30~18:30 ☒ × 💰 Entry: Full price NT\$40, discount price NT\$20 🚌 From Kaohsiung Railway Station, take a Zhongnan or Kaohsiung bus to Eluanbi. You can also join a three-day Kaohsiung, Pingtung, and Kenting Nature Tour or half- or one-day Kenting Tour offered by the Taiwan Tour Bus system.



Baishawan (White Sand Bay)

● Scenic sites Map-P.91



This large, clean white-sand beach and its clear water attract crowds of beach lovers to enjoy its blue skies and seas. Coral rocks on each edge of the beach provide a perch for fishermen.

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☑ 8-6 Baisha Rd., Hengchun Town, Pingtung County ☉ 24hr ☒ × 💰 Free 🚌 From Kaohsiung Railway Station take a Kaohsiung bus to Kending. Kaohsiung Bus: (07)235-5120





National Museum of Marine Biology & Aquarium

● Scenic sites

This aquarium exhibits island and marine ecologies, with separate areas for Taiwan waters, world waters, and the Coral Kingdom. An underwater tunnel allows visitors to pass through ocean landscapes.



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📍 2 Houwan Rd., Houwan Village, Checheng Township, Pingtung County 📞 (08)882-5678 🕒 Mon. To Sun. 09:00~18:00 holiday 08:00~18:00 🚗 × 🎫 Full ticket: NT\$450, Discount ticket NT\$250 🚌 From Kaohsiung Railway Station take a Kaohsiung bus to Kending. Alternatively, join a Taiwan Tour Bus three day Kaohsiung, Pingtung, and Kenting Nature Tour.



Guanshan (Mt. Guan)

● Scenic sites Map-P.91



Its outstanding location makes Guanshan the perfect place for watching the sunset. On top is the Gaoshan-yan Temple, dedicated to the Earth God, and to the side is the turtle-shaped Feilai Rock.

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📍 Guanshan, Hengchun Town, Pingtung County 🕒 24hr 🚗 × 🎫 Free 🚌 Take a bus to Hengchun from Kaohsiung Railway Station, then switch to a Kaohsiung bus to Gaoshanyan and get off at the Guanshan stop. Then walk a short distance. (Buses are frequent; check schedules before departure.). You can also take a three-day Kaohsiung, Pingtung, and Kenting Nature Tour, or a half- or one-day Kenting Tour, on the Taiwan Tour Bus System.

This is the busiest street in Kending, with pubs, restaurants, and snack shops aplenty. The street is packed, day and night.



Kending Main Street

● Scenic sites Map-P.91



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📍 Strip from McDonald's to Kending Primary School 🚌 From Kaohsiung Railway Station, take a Kaohsiung bus to Kending. Alternatively, you can join a Taiwan Tour Bus three-day Kaohsiung, Pingtung, and Kenting Tour. Kaohsiung bus (07)235-5120



Maolin National Scenic Area

● Scenic sites



This long, narrow national scenic area stretches through Kaohsiung and Pingtung district and is home to indigenous Paiwan, Rukai, and Tsou tribes with their distinctive slate houses. It boasts unique geographic landscapes, precipices, and waterfalls, as well as the Duona and Baolai hot springs. The ecology here provides habitat for rare birds, and includes butterfly valleys with flocks of these colored insects.



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✉ Maolin, Taoyuan, and Liouguei district in Kaohsiung City, and Sandimen, Wutai, and Majia townships in Pingtung County. 📍 From Kaohsiung Railway Station, take a Kaohsiung bus to Liouguei or participate in a one-, two-, or three-day Kaohsiung and Pingtung Nature Tour offered by the Taiwan Tour Bus system.





Dining in Kaohsiung



When you visit this harbor city, don't forget to try the different foods available here; the authentic dishes offered in night markets and restaurants of all kinds are guaranteed to leave you with indelible memories of Kaohsiung.

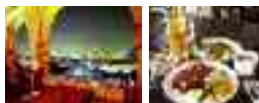


Specialty Restaurants

The British Consulate at Takao

● Western

Originally built by British architects in 1860, this building has been renovated into a restaurant with a unique style that expresses the history of "Taiwan's first Western-style building."



📍 20 Lianhai Rd., Gushan District, Kaohsiung City ☎ (07)525-0007
 🕒 11:00~24:00 🚫 Closed on Tuesday of third week each month.
 💰 NT\$380 No 🚗 From Yancheng Station take city bus 99 to National Sun Yat-sen University. On holidays, you can take a bus from Kaohsiung Railway Station to National Sun Yat-sen University on the Chaishan line.

Old Taiwan

● Taiwanese

The proprietor, obsessed with trains from an early age, bought an old coach and rebuilt the old Fongshan Railway Station and Cathay Theater, where he serves up almost 200 early Taiwanese dishes.



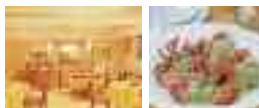
↑ Sweet and Sour Fish Slices

📍 22 Caogong Rd., Fongshan District, Kaohsiung City ☎ (07)799-7722
 🕒 11:00~23:00 🚫 × 💰 NT\$400; No 🚗 From Kaohsiung County Government take a bus to Fongshan Station on the Zhonglun-Wusong Township Office route.

Crab's House

● Taiwanese Map-P91

Fresh seafood is flown in every morning on the first flight from Penghu, and special methods of preparation and precise cooking times are used to preserve the original flavors of the sea.



📍 93 Minsheng 1st Rd., Sinsing District, Kaohsiung City ☎ (07)226-6127
 🕒 11:30~14:00, 17:30~21:00 🚫 × 💰 NT\$800; Yes 🚗 from Kaohsiung Railway Station, take a bus to Minsheng 1st Rd.



Night Market



Liouhe Night Market

This is Kaohsiung's most popular night market, crowded with vehicles in the day and with vendor's stalls at night. It boasts Taiwan's first night-market water treatment plant, and the street is admirably clean. Many of the vendors have been plying their trade here for 20 or 30 years, selling everything from bamboo rice cakes and danzai noodles to seafood congee, all offering unforgettable flavors.

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From Kaohsiung Railway Station, take bus 15, 52, 69, 71, 72, 100, 301, or the airport trunk line bus to Liouhe Night Market.



① Salty Rice Dumplings in Soup



① Taiwanese Burger



② Papaya Milk



③ Salty Steamed Shrimp

Department Store Snacks

All of Taiwan's department stores have food courts that offer a plethora of culinary delights at inexpensive prices, providing customers with an infinity of dining choices.

Hanshin Department Store B3F

266-1, Chenggong 1st Rd., Cianjin District, Kaohsiung City
☎ (07)215-7266 ☑ 11:00~22:00 Holidays: 10:30~22:30

Shin Kong Mitsukoshi Department Store B2F

Shin Kong Mitsukoshi Department Store B2F ☎ (07) 336-6100
☑ Monday to Thursday 11:00~22:00, Friday 11:00~22:30, Saturday 10:30~22:30, Sunday 10:30~22:00

SOGO Kaohsiung B2F

217, Sanduo 3rd Rd., Kaohsiung City ☎ (07)338-1000
☑ 11:00~22:00 Holidays: 10:30~22:30

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21, Sanduo 4th Rd., Kaohsiung City ☎ (07)972-8888
☑ 11:00~22:00 Holidays: 10:30~22:30





Eastern Taiwan—Yilan

Yilan covers the northeastern corner of Taiwan, with high mountains to the west and the broad Pacific to the east. Here, unique geography has nurtured an enchanting history, culture, and folk customs.

INFORMATION

How to Get There

● By rail

From Taipei Railway Station, take a train on the east-coast trunk line to Yilan. The Zhe Qiang train costs about NT\$218 and takes about 1.5 hours; the Ju Kuan train costs about NT\$168 and takes around 2 hours; the electric multiple unit costs about NT\$140 and also takes about 2 hours. For detailed schedules, please check the Taiwan Railway Administration website: http://www.railway.gov.tw/e_index.htm

● By bus

Take a bus to Yilan City from the Taipei Intercity Bus Terminal. The price is about NT\$230 for a King bus. The trip takes 2.5-3 hours.

Getting Around the City

● City bus

Only King Bus currently offers city bus service in Yilan, with the cost depending on distance traveled.

● By taxi

Taxi rides in the Yilan area generally do not go by the meter; prices are best negotiated with the driver before getting in. You can also order up a taxi by phone.

● Taiwan Tour Bus

The Taiwan Tour Bus has designed 39 package itineraries in the Yilan area. These tours include prominent tourist spots with accommodation, and are packaged into one-, two-, and three-day itineraries.

● Accommodations

Please visit the hotel information website: <http://www.taiwantravelmap.com/hotel/>



Yilan





Yilan Dongshan River Water Park

● Scenic sites Map-P.102

The park occupies 20 hectares of water, green space, and stone molded into cultural and recreational space. Large activities are organized according to season, including Dragon Boat races and the International Children's Folklore and Folkgame Festival.



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✉ No. 39, Zhongzheng Road, Dongshan Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)959-6262 (Dongshan River Service Center) 🕒 08:00~22:00 🚗 × 🅇 Parking fees will be charged 🚌 From in front of Luodong Railway Station, take a King bus on the Yueming line and get off at the Dongshan River Water Park stop.



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✉ Wufonggi Waterfall Scenic Area, Jiaxi Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)988-0940 🕒 24hr 🚗 × 🅇 From Taipei, take a King bus on the Jiaosi line and get off at the Da-zhong Village stop.



Wufonggi Waterfall

● Scenic sites

This is one of the "eight finest scenes of Lanyang," a three-stepped waterfall with a total height of about 100 meters. The scenery along the trail to the waterfall is indescribably beautiful!



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✉ No.11-1, Ln. 134, Yongchun Rd., Su'ao Township, Yilan County (Baimi Geta Museum) ☎ (03)995-2653 🕒 Reservation required 🅇 Monday 🚌 From Suao Railway Station, take a taxi to Baimi.



Baimi Geta Village

● Scenic sites

Baimi Community is a small village originally surrounded by a cement plant. Renovation has made it into a village that specializes in the handicraft of making geta, or wooden slippers. A Baimi Geta Museum has been set up to publicize the village.



Suao Cold Spring Park

● Scenic sites Map-P.102

Abundant rainfall and thick limestone layers combine to produce Suao's distinctive cold mineral springs. Bathing in their water brings a feeling of warmth to the body, and covers it with the carbon bubbles that well up with the water.



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✉ 6-4 Lengqian Rd., Suao Town, Yilan County ☎ (03)996-0645 🕒 09:00~19:00 🅇 Winter 🅈 Full ticket: NT\$70, Discount ticket: NT\$40 🚌 From the Yilan or Luodong railway station, take a King bus on the Nanfangao line and get off at the Suao stop.



Luodong Sports Park

● Scenic sites Map-P102

This park ingeniously evokes the flair of a traditional garden and the flavor of Japan, and uses Western plaza design to express a landscape beauty of complete leisure.



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📍 666 Gongjheng Rd., Luodong Town, Yilan County 📞 (03)954-1216 🕒 24hr (Information counter: 08:30~17:30) 🗓 New Year's Eve 🚫 No 🚖 Take a taxi from Luodong Railway station.



Toucheng Farm

● Scenic sites



This farm has all kinds of leisure facilities, allowing you to challenge a crosstie path through a bamboo grove and get up close with animals. You can also make an educational visit to an insect ecology classroom.

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📍 125 Gengsin Rd., Toucheng Town, Yilan County 📞 (03)977-2222 🕒 24hr (Information counter: 09:00~18:00) 💳 Credit cards accepted for purchases of NT\$500. One Day Trip NT\$1000 or more 🚌 1. From Taipei Station take a King bus on the coastal line to Yilan, Luodong, or Suao. 2. Take a train on the North Link Railroad, get off at Gudishan Station, and switch to a taxi.



National Center of Traditional Arts

● Scenic sites Map-P102

This new center has an opera theater, traditional snacks, DIY crystal glass studio, and a multitude of other facilities. On holidays there are also performances of Taiwanese opera, hand puppets, acrobatics, and other traditional skills.



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📍 201 Wubin 2nd Rd., Jisin Village, Wujie Township, Yilan County 📞 (03)950-7711 🕒 09:00~18:00 🗓 × 🎫 Adult NT\$150; Concession NT\$100 🚖 From Luodong Railway Station, take a taxi for the 15-minute ride to the center.



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✉ Fushan No. 1, Shuangpi Road, Huxi Village, Yuanshan Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)922-8900 ⌚ 09:00~15:00 🗓 Every Tuesday, March, National holidays, Lunar New Year and election days 🚫 No (Submit application 75 days prior to visit.) <http://fushan.tfri.gov.tw> 🚗 Take a taxi from Yilan Railway Station.

Turtle-Mountain Island

● Scenic sites

Turtle-Mountain Island is a volcanic islet which has the appearance of a turtle floating in the sea. It contains special plants and abundant marine ecologies. Its surrounding waters are favored by whale-watchers.

The park contains two 160-year-old cannon and a path that leads to the Sea-viewing Pavilion, with plenty of natural sights along the way.

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✉ Gengsin Li, Toucheng Town, Yilan County (beside the Coastal Highway) ☎ (03)978-0727 ⌚ 08:00~24:00 🗓 Tuesdays (or Wednesdays, if Tuesday is a holiday), all of March, national holidays, the Chinese New Year Season, and election days. 🆓 Free 🚗 King Bus provides service to Northeast Coast scenic spots

Meihua (Plum Blossom) Lake

● Scenic sites Map-P:102

A small islet in the lake is connected by a suspension bridge, providing more expansive views. The lake is worth visiting for its tranquil atmosphere.



Fushan Botanical Gardens

● Scenic sites

The gardens primarily collect, preserve, and nurture low- and mid-elevation Taiwanese woody plants. Here you can also see the Formosan rock monkey and other animals. Prior reservation required.



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✉ Sushih Harbor, Yilan County 🚗 To take a whale-watching cruise, consult the legal operators around the harbor. 🚗 From Luodong Railway Station, take a King bus on the Nanfangao line and get off at the Wushih Harbor stop. ※ You can also join a one-day Lanyang Nature Tour or two-day Taipingshan, Jiaosi, and Turtle Island Whale-watching Tour operated by the Taiwan Tour Bus service, which includes a whale-watching cruise.



Beiguan Tidal Park

● Scenic sites



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✉ Huanhu Rd., Dean Village, Dongshan Township, Yilan County ⌚ 24hr 🚗 At Yilan Railway Station, rent a motor scooter and ride it to the lake.



Forest Retreats

Among the many natural charms of Yilan, the mountain forests are the most spectacular, inviting one into a world of invigorating fresh air and scenic views.



Yulan Tea Garden

● Scenic sites



This high elevation forest is known for the year-round mists that enshroud the area in a mysterious beauty.

This collective of farms attracts visitors with its fragrant namesake tea and fresh mountain air and water.

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☑ No.1, Luchang Rd., Songlou Village, Datong Township, Yilan County ☎ ☒ X ☒ The garden is located off Provincial Hwy 7 in Yulan Village.



Mingqi National Forest Recreation Area

● Scenic sites



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☑ 1 Mingqi, Yingshih Village, Datong Township ☎ (03)989-4106 ☏ 08:00~17:00 ☎ Adults NT\$120, Concession NT\$110, Children NT\$10; Yes ☒ X ☒ From Yilan take the Cilan/Baling-bound King bus to the forest area.



Taipingshan Forest Recreation Area

● Scenic sites

A number of rare tree species can be enjoyed at Taipingshan along with a three-tiered waterfall and sea-like cloud formations nestled among the peaks.



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☑ 58-1, Taiping Lane, Taiping Village, Datong Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)980-9806 ☏ 06:00~22:00 ☒ New Year's Eve ☎ NT\$100; Yes ☒ Weekend bus service is offered by King Bus from Yilan and Luodong. Those coming from Taipei can make advance reservations with the Taiwan Motor Transport Co. at: (02)2558-3060.



Jiouzhizhe Hot Spring

● Scenic sites

Leave your stress behind with a soothing spring soak and walk amidst the maples at the Jiouzhizhe Hot Spring.

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📍25, Shaoshui Lane, Taiping Village, Datong Township, Yilan County 📞(03)980-9603
🕒09:00~20:30 🚫🚗 Private baths: 40-mins for NT\$400, NT\$300 on weekdays .
Outdoor group pools: NT\$200 for unlimited usage, NT\$150 on weekdays, NT\$100 for students 🚗From Yilan or Luodong take the Renze Hot Spring-bound Taiwan Motor Transport bus to Renze.



Quifong Lake

● Scenic sites

The 14km point off the highway to this lake is the best spot to enjoy the sunset view at Quifong Lake. With luck you may also sight one of the rare Mikado pheasants here.



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📍Taiping Village, Datong Township, Yilan County 📞(03)980-9619 🕒04:00~17:00, No entry after 12:00 🚫🚗 You can take a King Bus from Yilan or Luodong Station on every Saturday and Sunday. Yilan Station: (03)936-5441, Luodong Station: (03)954-2054. Directions are the same as for the Taipingshan Forest Recreation Area.



Wei Zhen Xiang Pa Rou

● Scenic sites

"Pa-rou" is the Taiwanese pronunciation for a type of batter-coated deep-fried lean meat, one of Yilan's best-known snacks.



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📍305, Sec. 7, Sanxing Rd., Sansing Township, Yilan County 📞(03)989-2960
🕒10:00~17:30 🚫🚗 Not set 📍NT\$170;
No 🚗On route to Taipingshan





Dining in Yilan



Du Xiao Yue Restaurant

● Regional

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☎ 58, Sec. 3, Fusing Rd., Yilan City, Yilan County ☎ (03)932-4414 ☎ 11:30~13:30, 17:00~20:00 ☎ Lunar New Year Eve and Day \$ NT\$600; No ☎ From Yilan Train Station take a taxi to the restaurant.

Operated by the same family for four generations, this Yilan establishment is the place to go for authentic local cuisine, such as liver pate, kao-cha (deep-fried meat cake), and salty ground taro. The current owner was once the head chef for state banquets.



Da Yu Weng Restaurant

● Regional

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☎ 433 Gongyuan Rd., Yilan City ☎ (03)925-5589 ☎ 11:00~14:00, 17:00~21:00 ☎ × \$ NT\$300; No ☎ Walk from Yilan Train Station (~15 mins).

Joining culture and cuisine, this popular eatery serves up kao-cha (deep-fried meat cake), cao-bing (trough cake) and other local treats made in authentic style and served in a traditional setting.



Gama Cafe Shop

● Italian

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☎ 3F., No.19, Zhenshan 1st Vil., Yuanshan Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)922-0171 ☎ Mon. to Fri.: 13:30~22:00, Sat.: 13:30~24:00 ☎ Close on Monday of first and third week each month \$ NT\$100; Yes ☎ Take a taxi from Yilan Train Station (about 10 mins)

All natural ingredients are used in the flavorful cuisine at this popular Italian eatery with a scenic view from its hillside perch.



Taiwan Barbecue Sauce

● Taiwanese

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☎ 99 Gongyuan Rd., Luodong Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)954-2008 ☎ 11:00~14:00, 17:00~01:00 ☎ × \$ NT\$200; No ☎ From Luodong Train Station take a taxi to the restaurant.

This restaurant is known across Taiwan for its tasty barbecued dishes flavored with homemade sauces. The *sha-cha* (BBQ sauce) beef and crab legs are the signature dishes here.



Local Food in Yilan



① Cow-tongue cakes



② Kumquats



③ Duck meat



④ Heart tapioca balls



⑤ Rice-flour noodle and pork soup



● Yilan barbecue



● Chicken legs and shrimp

① Chang Fang Lao Yuan Siang (P102)

☎ 87, Sec. 2, Shennong Rd., Yilan City ☎ (03)932-3595 ☎ 08:00~22:30

② Yang Da Candied Fruit

☎ 425 Luozhong St., Luodong Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)954-3144 ☎ 08:00~22:00

③ San-Yuan Food Store

(P102) ☎ 46 Shengping St., Yilan City ☎ (03)932-3759 ☎ 07:00~21:00

④ Bao Shin Market

☎ 1078 Gongyuan Rd., Luodong Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)954-4086 ☎ 12:00~24:00

⑤ Siang Chu Rice Noodle and Pork Soup

☎ 122, Sec. 1, Beicheng Rd.,

Eastern Taiwan—Hualian

Hualian is a land of unspoiled natural beauty, with the mighty Pacific Ocean to the east and the majestic Central Mountains Range to the west.



INFORMATION

How to Get There



●Plane

There are daily flights to Hualian from Songshan Airport in Taipei between 08:00 and 18:40. Fares are NT\$1,455 for the one-way 30-minute trip. For details, visit the airport website at: <http://www.tsa.gov.tw/>



●Train

The train from Taipei to Hualian takes between three and four hours and costs from about NT\$288 to NT\$440, depending on the train type. For details visit the Taiwan Railway website at: http://www.railway.gov.tw/e_index.htm

Taichung. The Oriental Beauty Express tourist train also stops in Hualian.



●Accommodations

For hotel information please visit: <http://www.taiwantravelmap.com/hotel/>

Getting Around the City



●Bus

There is one city bus company in Hualian, with fares starting at NT\$20. For detailed route and fare information visit the Hualian County Government website at: <http://tour-hualien.hl.gov.tw/en/case08.jsp>



●Taxi

Taxis in Hualian charge both by the meter and off-meter through arrangement with passengers. Phone dispatching is the norm.



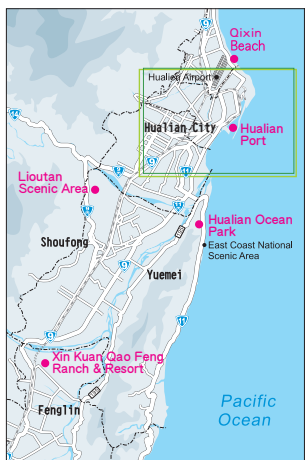
●Taiwan Tour Bus

Tours in and around Hualian are offered by the Taiwan Tour Bus service, with departures from the airport and major city hotels. Most tours are one-day itineraries, with trips to coastal sites, theme parks, Taroko Gorge, and other destinations. For details visit the Taiwan Tour Bus website at: Taiwan Tour bus <http://www.taiwantourbus.com.tw/english/index.php>

●Tourist Train



Hualian is included on two tour itineraries of the "Formosa Star" tourist train, which departs from both Taipei and



Hualian





Qixin Beach

● Scenic sites Map-P109



This former sugar factory has been redeveloped for tourism. All the original equipment remains, and sweet ice desserts are sold at the visitor shop.

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☑ 19 Tangzhang St., Dajin Village, Guangfu Township, Hualian County ☎ (03)870-4125 🕒 08:00~20:00 🚗 ×
🚶 From Guangfu Train Station walk south for about 10 minutes to the factory.
※ This site is included on the one-day "East Rift Valley Leisure Tour of the Taiwan Tour Bus."

This new Hualian hot spot is located in a crescent-shaped bay with a rocky beach and lots of natural charm. There is also a scenic path for cyclists.

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☑ Beipu Village, Xincheng Township, Hualian County (Hualian County Tourism Association) ☎ 24hr ☎ (03)822-1592 (Qixintan Tourist Center) 🚗 Take a taxi from Hualian Train Station. At some hotels you can also rent a bike and cycle to Qixintan.
※ This site is on the Taiwan Tour Bus one-day "Taroko Gorge Tour."



Hualian Sugar Factory

● Scenic sites



Hualian Ocean Park

● Scenic sites Map-P109

This huge marine-theme amusement park has dolphin shows, rides, an aquarium and more, all linked by a cable car.



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☑ 189 Fude, Yanliao Village, Shoufong Township, Hualian County ☎ (03)812-3123 🕒 Weekdays 09:30~17:00, Weekends 09:00~17:00 🚗 × 🎫 NT\$890 🚗 From Taipei Main Station take the Tourist Train to Hualian New Station (~3.5 hrs).
※ This site is included on the Taiwan Tour Bus "Hualian Theme Park Tour."



Xin Kuan Chao Feng Ranch & Resort

● Scenic sites Map-P.109



This 726-ha resort ranch features European gardens, a dairy area, pastures, and orchards where visitors are welcome to pick their own fruit.

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☑ 20 Yongfu St., Linrong Village, Hualian County ☎ 08:00~17:00 ☎ (03)877-2666 ☎ × ☎ NT\$350; Yes ☎ From Fonglin Train Station take the Hualian Bus to Linrong and walk about 5 mins.

※ This site is included on the Taiwan Tour Bus "Hualian Theme Park Tour."

Originally named for its shape, this reservoir lake has only recently been stocked with actual carp. The lake is circled by a scenic bike trail.



Lioutan (Carp Lake) Scenic Area

● Scenic sites Map-P.109



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☑ 100 Huantan N. Rd., Chihnan Village, Shoufong Township, Hualian County ☎ (03)864-1691 (Liyutan Visitor Center) ☎ 08:30~17:00 ☎ × ☎ Free ☎ From downtown Hualian take the Hualian-Shoufong Hualian Bus to the Liyutan stop (~40 mins.)

※ This site is included on the Taiwan Tour Bus "East Rift Valley Leisure Tour."



Lintianshan Forestry Cultural Park

● Scenic sites



Located in a once-thriving logging area, this park has been redeveloped as a recreational area where visitors can learn about Taiwan's forestry history.

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☑ Lintianshan, Wanrong Township, Hualian County ☎ (03)875-1704 ☎ Park: 24hrs; Museum: 08:00~17:00 ☎ × ☎ Free ☎ From Hualian, take the Guangfu-, Rueisuei-, or Yuli-bound bus to Wanli and walk about 2.5km.

※ This site is included on the Taiwan Tour Bus "East Rift Valley Leisure Tour."

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● Scenic sites

The star attraction here is the day lily blossoms, which unfold in expanses of color between the months of August and September.

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📍 Zhutian Village, Fuli Township, Hualien County 📞 (03)887-5306 🕒 24hr 🚗 X 💰 Free 🚗 From Hualian, take the Taitung- or Fuli-bound Hualian Bus to Zhutian and take a cab the rest of the way.



Butterfly Valley Resort

● Scenic sites

Located in the Fuyuan National Forest Recreation Area, this rustic resort is a popular destination for butterfly watching between May and August.



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📍 161 Guangdong Rd., Fuyuan Village, Rueisuei Township, Hualien County 📞 (03)881-2377 🕒 24hr 🚗 X 💰 Adults: NT\$100, Children: NT\$60; Yes 🚗 From Hualian, take the Rueisuei-bound Hualian Bus to Fuyuan; or from Hualian Station take the train to Fuyuan and walk about 5 mins. ※ This site is included on the Taiwan Tour Bus "East Rift Valley Leisure Tour."

Local Food in Hualian MAP-P.109



② Peanut rice cakes



① Bian shih



③ Mango record cookie



④ Stewed firm tofu



⑤ Smoked ham

- ① Ye Xiang Bian Shi (Wonton)
📍 42 Xingyi St., Hualien City
📞 (03)832-6761
🕒 09:00~22:00
- ② Zeng Jia Rice Cakes
📍 23 Zhonghua Rd., Hualien City
📞 (03)834-2345
🕒 08:30~22:30
- ③ Fong Sing Bakery
📍 296-2 Zhongshan Rd., Hualien City
📞 (03)832-3436
🕒 08:30~22:00
- ④ De Li Firm Tofu
📍 296-2 Zhongshan Rd., Hualien City
📞 (03)833-8039
🕒 09:00~22:00
- ⑤ Uncle Kuo's Smoked Ham
📍 41 Fuguo Rd., Hualien City
📞 (03)857-6765
🕒 09:00~21:00

Eastern Taiwan—Taitung

With the protective Central Range to its west, Taitung has succeeded in preserving its stunning natural beauty and distinctive local culture.



INFORMATION

Getting There



●Plane

There are daily flights to Taitung from Songshan Airport in Taipei between 09:00 and 18:30. The fare is about NT\$2,238 for the one-way 50-minute trip. For details, visit the airport website at: <http://www.tsa.gov.tw/>



●Train

The train from Taipei to Taitung takes between six and 7.5 hours and costs from about NT\$605 to about NT\$785 depending on the train type. For details visit the Taiwan Railway website at: http://www.railway.gov.tw/e_index.htm



●Bus

Eastern Top Transport and King Bus provide city bus service in Taitung, with fares starting at NT\$20.



●Taxi

When taking a taxi in Taitung, you will normally have to agree on a price with the driver in advance. Fares are usually around NT\$200 for trips to major sites.



●Boat

Boats to Green Island and Lanyu (Orchid Island) depart from Taitung. Frequency and departure times vary according to weather and passenger volume.



●Tourist Train

Taitung is an included stop on two of the four-day tour itineraries for the "Formosa Star" tourist train departing from Taipei and Taichung. The Oriental Beauty Express tourist train also stops in Taitung.

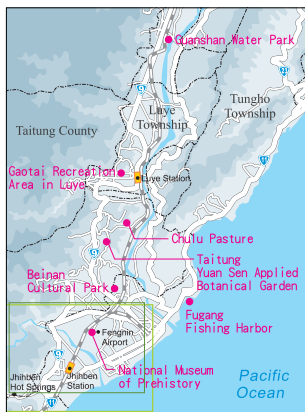


●Accommodations

For hotel information please visit: <http://www.taiwantravelmap.com/hotel/>

●Taitung County Government Tourism Website

Information on tourism sites, hotels, hot springs and transportation in Taitung. <http://tour.taitung.gov.tw/english/index.asp>



Taitung





Chulu Pasture

● Scenic sites Map P.113



Apart from the dairy operation, this area has scenic allure, with views of Taimali and the Pacific Ocean. Covering about 67 hectares, the pasture feeds several hundred cows. An outdoor viewing platform and wood canopied swinging chair are among the other facilities here.

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☑ 1 Muchang, Neighborhood 28, Mingfong Village, Beinan Township, Taitung County ☎ (089)571-002 ☎ 08:00~17:00 ☎ (089)571-002 ☎ NT\$100; No ☎ From Taitung take the Fuli-, Chihshang- or Hualien-bound Eastern Top Bus to Chulu stop and continue by taxi.



Guanshan Water Park

● Scenic sites Map P.113



Located along an extension of the Dongshan River, this park has ample facilities for recreation, including a 12km bicycle path looping around the town of Guanshan.

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☑ 1 Longsheng Rd., Guanshan Township, Taitung County ☎ (089)811-179 ☎ 07:00~17:00 ☎ NT\$50 ☎ From Taitung take the Eastern Top Bus mountain line to Guanshan.



Jhihben Forest Recreation Area

● Scenic sites

One of Taiwan's premier scenic sites, this mountainous forest area is a popular destination for hiking, birding and other outdoor fun. Another major attraction is the nearby Jhihben Hot Spring.

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☑ 290, Longcyuan Rd., Beinan Township, Taitung County ☎ (089)513-395 ☎ 07:00~17:00 ☎ Full-price ticket \$100 (week-day \$80), Half-price ticket \$50 ☎ From Taitung take the Jhihben-bound Eastern Top Bus to the recreation area.





National Museum of Prehistory

● Scenic sites Map P.113



Located at the Beinan archeological site, this museum has three areas introducing Taiwan's natural history, prehistory, and early Austro-nesian culture.

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✉ 1 Bowuguan Rd., Taitung City ☎ Tuesday to Sunday: 09:00~17:00 ☎ (089)381-166 ☎ Monday, Lunar New Year's Eve and Lunar New Year 📄 NT\$80 📄 From Kangle Train Station walk about 10 minutes; or take a taxi from Taitung Train Station.



Beinan Cultural Park

● Scenic sites Map P.113



The Beinan culture remains discovered at this archeological site-turned-park date back 2,000 to 3,000 years, making this the oldest prehistoric culture to be identified in Taiwan. Many of the excavated items are on display here, opening a window to Taiwan's distant past.

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✉ 200 Wunhua Gongyuan Rd., Taitung City ☎ (089)233-466 ☎ 09:00~17:00 ☎ Monday 📄 Park: Free; Museum: NT\$20 📄 From Taitung Train Station walk about 10 minutes.

The observation tower on the north ridge here offers a panoramic view of this scenic area. This is also a popular spot for paragliding.



Gaotai Recreation Area in Luye

● Scenic sites Map P.113



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✉ Luye Gaotai, Luye Township, Taitung County ☎ (089)552-136 (Luye Township Office) ☎ 24hr ☎ × 📄 Free 📄 From Taitung take the Chihshang- or Lidao-bound Eastern Top bus to Luye. ※ This site is included on the Taiwan Tour Bus "Eastern Taiwan Scenic Tour."



Taitung Yuan Sen Applied Botanical Garden

● Scenic sites Map P.113



More than 200 species of medicinal herbs are grown here, and many find their way onto the menu of the garden's restaurant.

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☑ 8 Shihyanchang, Mingfong Village, Beinan Township, Taitung County ☎ (089)570-011 ☏ 08:00~21:00  NT\$200 (good for discount on non-food purchases); Yes  From Taitung, take the Fuli-, Chihshang- or Hualien-bound Eastern Top Bus to Chulu and continue by taxi.

Local Food in Taitung Map-P.11



② Meat ball



① Adzuki bean ice cream



③ Stinky tofu



④ Sugar apple cake



① Jin Fang Bing Cheng (Ice desserts)

☑ 358, Jhengci Rd., Taitung City
☎ (089)328-023
☏ 09:00~23:00

② Siao Shih You Gou

Zan Meat Balls

☑ 177, Sec. 1, Jhonghua Rd., Taitung City
☎ (089)327-316
☏ 14:00~17:30

③ Lin Ji Stinky Tofu

☑ 130, Jhengci Rd., Taitung City
☏ 15:30~23:30

④ A-Mei's Sugar Apple Cakes

☑ 65, Sinsheng Rd., Taitung City
☎ (089)353-509
☏ 08:00~22:00

Itinerary 1

Lanyang B&B Holiday

One of the best ways to enjoy the charms of the Lanyang Plain is with an overnight stay at one of the area's distinctive B&Bs.

Finding the Right B&B

When it comes to making you feel at home away from home, the best hotel can't compete with the hospitality and local insight one experiences at a B&B. The following website provides a wealth of information to help you navigate your way to the right B&B for your next holiday.

Tourism Bureau list of B&Bs:

http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/lan/cht/booking/accommodation_search.asp

All of the establishments listed in this directory are licensed operators.



Spring Villa

● Accommodations



Built in a palace-style, this elegant country villa is situated in a scenic mountain area with lovingly landscaped gardens. Make your reservations well in advance for a weekend or holiday stay.

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☑ 20 Yulan, Songluo Village, Datong Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)980-1942 💰
Check in: 13:00, check out: 11:00 💰 Double: Weekdays NT\$2,900, Weekends
NT\$3,200-up 🚗 From Luodong Train Station take the King Bus to Tiansongbei. @
<http://www.spring-villa.com.tw>

Fruit orchards, flower gardens and forest trails are among the natural charms of this rustic farm resort. The farm also arranges heavenly lantern releases, top spinning and other recreations.



Shangri-La Leisure Farm

● Nearby attractions • Accommodations



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☑ 168 Meishan Rd., Dongshan Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)951-1456 ⌚ 08:00 ~ 17:00 (B&B: 24hr) 🚗 From Luodong, take the Hansi-bound King Bus to Bitou Bridge and walk about 30 minutes.





Yu Lu Tea Inn

● Accommodations

Owned by a tea farmer, this inn is a great place to experience fine Taiwanese tea and enjoy tea cuisine.

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☑ No.10-2, Luchang Rd., Songluo Village, Datong Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)980-1111 ☒ × ☑ check in: 15:00, check out: 12:00 💵 Double: NT\$1,260-up (Discounts on weekdays) ☑ From Luodong Train Station take the King Bus to Tiansongbei. 🌐 <http://yu-lu.idv.tw>



Dreamer Recreation Farm

● Accommodations

Live music, flower gardens and fine cuisine combine into a memorable experience at this family-run recreation farm.

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☑ 55, Lane 100, Sec. 1, Yuanshan Rd., Yuanshan Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)922-8520 ☒ × ☑ check in: 15:00, check out: 12:00 💵 Double: Weekdays NT\$1,800-up ☑ Take a taxi from Yilan Train Station.



Sincere Home Enjoy

● Accommodations

Visitors can choose between Greek, New Zealand, French and Balinese themed rooms at this Mediterranean-style inn where visitors can fully enjoy the beauty of the Yilan coast.



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☑ 70, Sec. 2, Binhai Rd., Toucheng Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)977-3523 ☒ × ☑ check in: 15:00, check out: 11:00 💵 Double: Weekdays NT\$3,200-up ☑ Take a taxi from Toucheng Train Station.



Sight at Beach

● Accommodations

Wicker furniture adds to the Balinese style and relaxing mood of this inn, located near a beautiful beach with views of the Pacific and Turtle Mountain Island.



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☑ 68, Sec. 2, Binhai Rd., Waiao Village, Toucheng Township, Yilan County ☎ (03)977-3674 ☒ × ☑ check in: 15:00, check out: 11:00 💵 Suite: NT\$3,500 (Sun.-Th.), NT\$4,300 (Fri., Sat., and day before national holidays) ☑ The inn offers a pick-up service from Toucheng or Waiao train stations.

Itinerary 2

Whale Watching

Several boat operators offer tours to bring you up close to the magnificent whales and dolphins that frequent the coastal waters of eastern Taiwan.

■ Whale Watching Tips

1. The sea breeze and focusing on distant points can reduce the chance of seasickness.
2. What to wear/bring: Flat shoes, light protective clothing, sunglasses, pants, and binoculars
3. At a whale or orphin sighting, don't crowd at one side of the boat.
4. Bring a notebook and camera to record your experience.



Wushih Harbor (Yilan)

● Scenic sites

This fishing harbor/recreation park is rising as a surfing destination. Boat tours are also offered from the harbor.



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✉ Wushih Harbor, Yilan County For information contact: Northeast Coast National Scenic Area ☎ Please contact legal whale watching tour operators. 🚗 From Luodong Train Station take the Yilan Bus (Nanfang-ao Line) to the harbor ※ The harbor is included on the Taiwan Tour Bus one-day "Lanyang Nature Tour" and two-day "Taipingshan, Jiaosi Hot Springs, Turtle Mountain Island Whale Watching Tour."

■ Whale Watching Tour Operators

Turomoan

Turomoan is a highly rated whale watching tour operator with professional guides to help you get the most out of your trip.

✉ 37, Mincyuan Rd., Hualien City

☎ (038)333-821

💰 NT\$800-up

@ <http://www.turumoan.com.tw/>



Hualien Harbor

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A marina and ecology museum are located at the north side of Hualien Harbor, one of Taiwan's top-four international ports.

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✉ 13, Gangkou Rd., Hualien City ☎ According to the weather ☎ Whale orphin watching tour schedules vary according to weather and sea conditions. Make sure to inquire for a legally registered boat operator. 🚗 From downtown Hualien take a taxi to the harbor. ※ Whale watching tours are included on the Taiwan Tour Bus two-day "Hualien Tour."



Fugang Fishing Harbor

● Scenic sites Map P.113

Boat service to Green Island and Lanyu (Orchid Island) leaves from Fugang Fishing Harbor. Seafood is retailed next to the food market here, and visitors can have their ocean-fresh purchases cooked up by restaurants on the spot.

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✉ Near Fugang St. in Taitung City ☎ 24hr ☎ free 🚗 From Taitung Train Station take the Eastern Top Bus or Hualien Bus to the harbor stop.



Itinerary 3

Whitewater Rafting in Hualien

The Siouguluan River in Hualien has plenty of rapids for an exciting whitewater rafting adventure



Xiouguluan River

● Scenic sites



There are over 20 rapids along the 22km rafting section of the Xiouguluan. For the most excitement, plan your trip for the months of May to October. Make sure to remember to observe the safety rules as you enjoy the view.

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☑ 215, Sec. 3, Zhongshan Rd., Rueisuei Township, Hualien County (Rueisuei Rafting Service Center) ☎ (03)887-5400 ☎ 08:00~17:00

※ Rafting tours are included on the Taiwan Tour Bus two-day "Hualien Tour." <http://www.taiwantourbus.com.tw/english>



Tropic of Cancer Park

● Nearby attractions

There are several monuments at this park, including a spider-like observatory that doubles as a sundial.



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☑ Off Provincial Hwy 9 in Wuhe Village, Rueisuei Township, Hualien County ☎ free ☎ From Rueisuei Train Station take the Hualien Bus or a taxi to the monument



Rueisuei Pasture

● Scenic sites

Irrigated by pure water from the Central Mountains Range, this green pasture and dairy farm has cabins for overnight stays.



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☑ 157, Neighborhood 6, Wuhe Village, Rueisuei Township, Hualien County ☎ (03)887-3916 ☎ Weekdays: 08:00~18:00, Holidays: 07:30~18:30 ☎ × ☎ free ☎ From Rueisuei Train Station take the Hualien Bus or a taxi.

Local Specialty Products

County/City	Products	Shops	Telephone.
Keelung City	● Pineapple cakes	Lee Hu	(02)2422-3007
	Also :	Peanut cakes	
Taipei City	● Xiaoli cakes	Shi Zh Xuan	(02)2558-0989
	● Bean paste cakes	Kuo Yuan Yi	(02)2838-2700
	● Nougat	Dahe Song Salico	(02)2331-2222
	● Beef jerky	Food U	(02)2778-3572
	Also :	Guanyin Tea and glass art (Mujha)	
New Taipei City	● Pingxi heavenly lanterns		(02)2495-1819
	● King San Farmers' Association		(Sweet Potato) (02)2498-1100
	Also :	Iron eggs (Danshui), Wenshan Baozhong Tea (Pinglin), ceramics (Yingge)	
Taoyuan County	● Firm tofu	Huang Ri Xiang	(Shinkong Mitsukoshi Dept. Store A11 supermarket/Ming Yao Dept. Store)
Hsinchu City	● Glass art		(03)526-9405
	● Also :	Rice flour noodles	
Hsinchu County	● Immortal grass jelly (Guansi)	Guansi Township Farmers' Association	(03)587-2010
	● Oriental Beauty Tea		(03)580-6320
	Also :	Dried persimmons, Hakka-style soy sauce pickles (Xinpu)	
Miaoli County	● King Kuan Association		(Sweet Chinese jujube) (037)225-211
	● Tangerine marmalade and lei-cha.	Shengxing Inn	(037)875-070
	● Woodcarving	Sanxia Woodcarving Museum	(037)876-009
	Also :	Cypress oil, camphor oil, and citronella	

Taichung City	● Sun cakes	Tai Yang Tang	(04)2220-0012
	● Firm tofu	. Yixin	(04)2329-1696
	● Pork jerky	Wan I	hinkong Mitsukoshi Dept. Store (Sinyi Store)
	● Mung bean cake	Lee Chi	(04)2562-7135
	● Little mooncakes	Bao Qian Bakery	(04)2522-3077
Changhua County	● Peanut crisps		(04)723-6661
	● Rice flour cakes	Yu Zhen Zhai	(04)777-3672
	● Ink stones	Tung Zuo Ink Slab Art Museum	(04)879-6135
	● Lantern art		(04)777-6680
Nantou County	● Nantou Country Farmers' Association		(Lishan Tea) (049)222-2021
	● Shuxing wine and Ailan white wine	Puli Winery	(049)290-1649
	Also :	Plums and plum vinegar (Shueili), Dongding Oolong Tea, Songbo Evergreen Tea, Assam Tea, and mushrooms (Puli)	
Yulin County	● Soy sauce (Siluo)	Wuan Chuang Soy Sauce	(05)586-3666
	● Sesame oil (Beigang)	Qian Mei	(05)783-2350
	● Puppets	Yen Qing Puppets	(05)597-4041
	● Coffee (Gukeng)	Gukeng Township Farmers Association	
Chiayi City	● Square biscuits	En Dian	(05)278-8990
	● Stone carvings (monkeys)		(05)233-9638
Chiayi County	● Maltose (Singang)	Jin Chang Li	(05)374-2139
	● Cochlin ceramics	Old Ben Kang Ceramic Art Studio	(05)781-2588

Local Specialty Products

	<p>● Wasabi, bamboo shoots Alishan National Scenic Area Administration (05)259-3900</p> <p>Also : Alishan Oolong Tea and Jinsyuan Tea</p>
Tainan City	<p>● Sausages, Black Bridge Foods (02)2579-6610</p> <p>● Canned dried meat Du Siao Yue (06)223-1744</p> <p>● Lotus tea Guantian Farmers Association (06)579-1221</p> <p>● Carved gourds Yanshuei Farmers Association (06)652-1079</p> <p>● Memorial train tickets Taiwan Railway Shop 0800-765-888</p> <p>● Good luck salt Southwest Coast National (06)786-1000</p> <p>● Lotus root powder (06)685-0923 Baie Township Farmers Association</p> <p>● Also : Dried mango</p>
Kaohsiung City	<p>● Pineapple cakes Jiu Zhen Nan (07)288-8202</p> <p>● Cigu cakes (08)752-6846</p> <p>● Roasted eel and mullet roe Zhiguan Fishermen's Association (07)617-6110</p> <p>● Honey Dagangshan Longan Nectar (07)799-5678</p> <p>● Oil paper umbrella (Meinong) Yuan Siang Yuan Cultural Village (07)681-0888</p> <p>● Also : Canned pineapple</p>
Pingtung County	<p>● Aboriginal glass beads Dragonfly Bead Art (08)799-2856</p> <p>● Honey-sweetened adzuki beans Wandan Township Farmers' Association (08)777-2007</p> <p>Also : Oilfish roe and dried banded coral shrimp</p>
Taitung County	<p>● Chihshang rice 0935-186-277</p> <p>Also : Peeled chilies, Fulu Tea, Luoshenhua Tea, and paper art (Tao aboriginal canoe models)</p>
Hualien County	<p>● Hualien yam cakes E Bi Su Bakery (03)832-2856</p> <p>● Taro rice cakes Jota Foods (03)842-0033</p> <p>● Adzuki bean jelly (Yuli) Guang Sheng Tang (03)888-2569</p> <p>● Millet wine (02)8772-5120</p> <p>Also : Rose stone (rhodonite) carvings, aboriginal hats and clothing, Hegang Black Tea (Rueisuei), carved marble, and Taiwan jade</p>
Yilan County	<p>● Yilan cakes (Cow tongue cakes) Yilan Baking Co. (03)954-9881</p> <p>● Candied fruit (kumquats) and duck meat Lao Tzeng (03)932-2555</p> <p>● Clogs Baimi Community (03)995-2653</p> <p>● Also : Kumquat tea</p>
Kinmen County	<p>● Sorghum wine Kinmen Kaoliang Liquor Inc. Also : Fongshihye (Wind God) statues, knives forged from bombshells, peanut cakes (082)325-628#8461</p>
Lienchiang	<p>● Fish noodles (Matsu) Yu Jih Siang (0836)55545</p> <p>● Aged rice wine (Matsu) Matsu Distillery (0836)22820</p>
Penghu County	<p>● Dried fish fry, patterned stone seals, coral items</p>

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