## Transportation Information



(02) 218-12345 (24/7 Customer Service) ## english.metro.taipei

## **Metro Tickets**





EasyCard, iPASS

Taipei Fun Pass















72hr Pass

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# Cards can be bought at MRT stations, convenience stores, and other designated shops.

After topping up, you can use it to take public transport and rent the YouBike. Also, you can use it as an e-wallet at convenience stores and specific shops for micropayment.



around conveniently. Please refer to the official website for detailed information and scope of use. Maokong Gondola

The series of cards includes the "Unlimited" version, the "Exploring" version for tourist attractions,

the "Classic" version for the must-see Taipei 101 Observatory and National Palace Museum, and the

"Transportation" version for unlimited public-transport rides. Within the cards' validity, tourists can travel



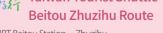
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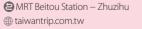
## Blue Highway

menglish.dot.gov.taipei Taipei River Cruise Mini Trip ( river-fun.taipei (Please contact boat companies for cruise information.)



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### Taipei Sightseeing Bus

There are two lines, Red and Blue. Buses on the Red Line stop at Ximending, Bangka Longshan Temple, National Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, Yongkang Shopping District, Taipei 101, and Eastern Shopping District. Buses on the Blue Line stop at Beimen (North Gate), Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Shilin Night Market, Chiang Kai-Shek Shilin Residence, and National Palace Museum. For more information, please visit the official website or dial (02) 8791-6557 ext. 30.



Taipei City Certified Quality Taxi Services

Taipei taxis will pick you up with a simple wave of hand; they are highly mobile choice of transportation when traveling to places not as well located. The Taipei City Government rates each taxi company in Taipei by its service and awards those with quality service annually. For more information, please visit the official website or dial (02) 2727-4168 ext. 8529.



## **TOP 10 Things To Do**

## 1 Visit Distinctive Neighborhoods



Each of Taipei's shopping areas has its own character. Visiting Dadaocheng, Bangka, and Ximending, you can appreciate old buildings and traditional culture. The young generation has also sown the seeds of creativity here and reinterpreted local culture, giving old blocks an irresistible charm. Taipei's East District is the place to search for fashionable stores, with Taipei 101 and the Xinyi shopping area serving as bustling fashion hubs. The lanes and alleys of Yongkang Street, Nanxi Xinzhongshan shopping area and Chifeng Street are characterized by distinctive culture and small stores with unique style.

### See Cultural & Creative Attractions

In Taipei, many old buildings have been given a new lease of life as cultural-creative design bases. Rongjin Gorgeous Time, originally a dormitory for prison officers during the Japanese era; Huashan 1914 Creative Park, once a winery factory; Songshan Cultural and Creative Park, a tobacco factory in the past; The Red House, a century-old market building, as well as old houses in Dadaocheng, have all been revived by cultural-creative businesses. Four Four South Village retains the appearance of an early military dependents' settlement. All these are great spots to find good design and exhibitions amidst the old-time charm.



## **13** Worship at Temples



Most of Taipei's early settlements developed around temples. Many of these have a long history, including Songshan Ciyou Temple, where a black-faced Mazu is worshipped; Bangka Longshan Temple, which is always busy; Taipei Xiahai City God Temple, where people pray for a happy family life; Dalongdong Baoan Temple, where worshippers pray for health; as well as Dadaocheng Cisheng Temple and Guandu Temple. These temples not only bear witness to the city's development, inside you will also find exquisite wood carvings, stone inscriptions, ceramic applique, and lifelike Buddha statues to admire

## Appreciate Art and Culture

If you want to admire classical Chinese culture, you should not miss the collections at the National Palace Museum. Among the most popular exhibits are the Jadeite Cabbage and the Meatshaped Stone. If you fancy modern art, it's worth visiting the Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art, Treasure Hill Artist Village, SPOT Taipei Film House, Taipei Music Center, and Taipei Performing Arts Center. Also, in Gongguan Shopping District, you will find independent and secondhand bookshops. The Zhongshan Underground Book Street offers tens of thousands of books, and the cultural and creative market next door fills the space with an atmosphere of art.



## Enjoy a Hot-Spring Bath



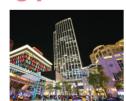
One of the best things about Taipei is that you can hop on the MRT and arrive in Beitou, known for its steaming hot spring water and lush greenery, in less than an hour. Hot-spring bathing in the area dates back to the Japanese era, which is why Beitou Hot Spring Museum, Beitou Museum, and Beitou Plum Garden are all rich in Japanese atmosphere. Taipei Public Library Beitou Branch's green building and the sulfuric steam wafting at Thermal Valley are

# Drink Tea While Admiring the Scenery

Maokong offers rare scenes of tea plantations close to the city. The Wenshan Baozhong and Tieguanyin teas grown here are renowned. After walking past the tea fields, stop off at a teahouse for a rest and enjoy drinking fine tea and eating tasty tea dishes. After sunset, you can see the sparkling lights of Taipei in the distance. Take the Maokong Gondola to take in the views of green hills and tea plantations from high up. Nangang Tea Processing Demonstration Center is another place to learn about tea culture, offering fine teas from across Taiwan and various experiential activities, inviting visitors to spend their leisure time.



## **Explore the Starlight City**



To discover the nighttime charms of Taipei, taking the Taipei Sightseeing Bus, a doubledecker tourist bus service that tours the brightly lit city, is a great idea. For fun places to go with friends at night, the Container Market at Dadaocheng Wharf, the nightclubs of Xinyi shopping area, and cafés hidden away in lanes and alleys are perfect choices. For late-night snacks, visit night markets and try the recommendation of Michelin's Bib Gourmand, or you can find shops selling soymilk and rice porridge with side dishes and other delicious treats. Taipei also has a 24/7 bookstore where night owls can seek spiritual nourishment.

## Enjoy Coffee in Distinctive Cafés

Visiting cafés is one of the best ways to get to know Taipei. Many old houses in Dadaocheng have been renovated and now the tempting aroma of fine coffee wafts out from within. Characterful cafés can also be found on Section 2 of Zhongshan North Road, has many charming faces, allowing you to enjoy coffee of exotic styles and appreciate distinctive designs. You can also visit cafés that offer family spaces, reading corners or creative design bases, adding extra dimensions to the coffee-drinking experience.



## **9** Visit The Riverside



The Tamsui and Keelung rivers gently embrace this city. Riverside parks are closely connected to people's lives, which are popular spots for early morning runs, nighttime cycling, and other leisure activities. They are also venues for a variety of activities in summer, attracting families and groups of friends to listen to concerts or to play by the water to cool down. Boat trips on the Tamsui River can be taken from Dadaocheng Wharf, with the "blue highway" offering varied views of the city and riverbank scenery.

### Have Fun Close to Nature

It's fairly easy to get to natural spots in Taipei. Just take a bus from Shilin to Yangmingshan National Park to view special volcanic terrain. Four Beasts Mountain Trail is suitable for leisure hiking and is also a good place to look out over Taipei and watch the New Year's Eve fireworks. There are various leisure farms in Shilin, Beitou, Neihu, and Wenshan districts that offer experiential activities such as strawberry and orange picking, allowing you to enjoy the fun of farming and learning about ecology.



### **Eats**

In Taipei, you can enjoy a rich variety of classic delicacies and street snack foods. Innovative cuisine can be found everywhere, satisfying the discerning taste buds of discerning diners. Passionate and dedicated chefs add distinct warmth to every dish. The good tastes and warm services offered in this city have caught the attention of Michelin

"The Michelin Guide Taipei" was first introduced to the city in 2018, presenting the rich cuisine of Taipei to the world and attracting many domestic and foreign diners to visit this gastronomic capital.



Every foodie has a list of Taipei's must-eats. If you want to taste Michelin-starred international cuisines, you can't miss Le Palais, the Cantonese restaurant receiving three stars for consecutive years. Other star winners include The Guest House featuring Chinese cuisine, Japanese restaurant logy, French restaurant L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon, and the constantly innovating RAW and Taïrroir. Yangming Spring and Mountain & Sea House, both awarded Michelin Green Stars for their spirits of sustainability, promise you culinary excellence with eco-friendliness.

In addition, under "Bib Gourmand", dozens of Taipei's street foods are recommended, from the famous stinky tofu, luwei (soy-braised dishes), and xiaolongbao (small steamed dumplings), to the authentic beef noodles that is a favorite of Muslim visitors, and the cold noodles, ovster omelette and heibaiaie (platter with various sliced foods) on locals' dining tables every day. These authentic Taiwanese flavors are great choices for experiencing the culinary scene of Taipei.







Metro Route Map



# **Buys** · Visits

#### Long-established eateries in Taipei have blended innovative elements into their timeless culinary practices. Sweet-and-sour pineapple cakes, silky-textured mung-bean cakes, and the aromatic Taiwanese tea are all travelers' favorites. Nougats and beef jerky are also great choices to cherish the wonderful experience in Taipei.

**Premium Gift Items** 

Bravo Bear, the popular mascot of Taipei City, is offering a wide variety of city-themed souvenirs, including notebooks, mugs, and other useful items, such as portable fans you can wear around your neck when exploring Taipei. Make sure to visit Bravo Bear's office in the Taipei City Hall to find these souvenirs!



#### **Seasonal Events & Activities**

Taipei takes on a wholly new and unique character in each of the four seasons, and the new schedule of events/activities each season fills the city with energy and charm.

Spring days are filled with floating flower petals everywhere you go. The cherry-tree bloom is the headline act of Yangmingshan Flower Festival. The brilliant vignettes of azaleas bring touches of serenity to bustling neighborhoods. The visual purity and pastoral beauty of Zhuzihu Calla Lily & Hydrangea Festival wipe away the worries of daily life.

In summer, there are numerous exciting events staged in riverside parks. Taipei International Dragon Boat Championships, Taipei Water Festival, and Taipei Summer Festival at Dadaocheng are all events where the whole family can cool down in hot summer!



Taipei also bursts with activities during autumn. In Guandu and Beitou area, Taipei International Birdwatching Fair, Fun Guandu, Hot Spring Festival and Guandu International Nature Art Festival not only provide wonderful getintimate-with-nature opportunities, but also incorporate the lives of locals. Celebrated in a different district each year, Nuit Blanche Taipei is beloved by aesthetes who fancy an all-nighter

Taipei Marathon, Taipei Xmas, Gongguan Christmas, Taipei New Year's Party, Taipei Lunar New Year Festival and Taipei Lantern Festival all ignite the city's passion and warm vitality as well as infuse the year's ending with great colors.









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## Travel Information

## Visitor Information Centers

These centers offer not only counter help but also access to tourism information like free brochures and maps. Their exact locations and service hours can be found on "Taipei Travel Net."

travel.taipei/en/information/servicecenter

# Mobile Visitor Information Service

Every Saturday and Sunday, guided walking tours in English, Japanese, Korean, and some Southeast Asian languages are offered on designated routes in the Ximending, Shilin, Xinyi, Beimen, and Yongkang Street areas. For more information, please check "Taipei

## **1** Travel Information Services

### **Taipei Citizen Hotline:**

1999 (outside Taipei City, please dial 02-2720-8889)

24/7 Toll-Free Travel Information Hotline / Tourism Administration, M.O.T.C.: 0800-011-765

Tourism Administration, M.O.T.C.: 0800-211-734

#### Foreigners In Taiwan Hotline: 1990 Taipei Travel Net:

travel.taipei/en·presents travel information on Taipei City in Chinese, English, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Indonesian, Vietnamese, and Spanish.

### Taipei Grand Trail:

taipeigrandtrailen.gov.taipei • presents a total of 8 sections of Taipei Grand Trail.

### Taipei Friendly Store:

friendlystore.taipei/index.php/en • provides inquiries for various friendly services.

## TaiwanStay:

taiwanstay.net.tw • provides information on legally registered accommodations.

# Route Map

