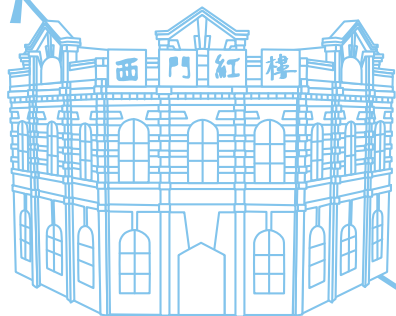


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Dadaocheng Visitor Center	Add: 44, Sec. 1, Dihua St., Taipei City (inside URS44 Story House) Tel: (02)2559-6802
MRT Longshan Temple Station Visitor Information Center	Add: B1, 153, Sec. 1, Xiyuan Rd., Wanhua Dist., Taipei City (near Exit No. 1) Tel: (02)2302-5903

Travel Information Services

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

Taipei Travel Net: www.travel.taipei/en, presents travel information on Taipei City in Chinese, English, Japanese and Korean; provides recorded-audio tour guide on related sightseeing spots, and a hotel information data base.

TaiwanStay: taiwanstay.net.tw (info on legally registered hotels and guesthouses)

Travel information / Tourism Bureau, Ministry of Transportation and Communication: 0800-011-765,
eng.taiwan.net.tw

Toll-free complaint hotline / Tourism Bureau, Ministry of Transportation and Communication: 0800-211-734

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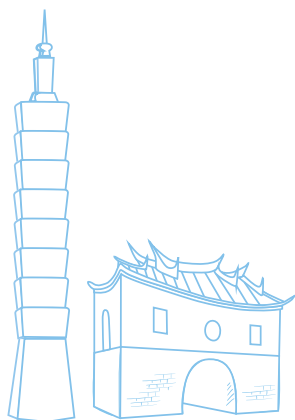
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The history of Taipei City can be traced back to 1884. Over the years, it has been at the center of much of the modern history of Taiwan, and become a physical embodiment of the cultural heritage shared by the Taiwanese people. Today, it is the most internationally recognized metropolis of Taiwan.

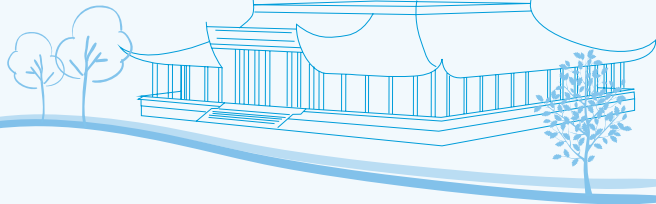
It's home to more heritage sites, museums and ethnic groups than any other city in Taiwan. In Taipei, you can find century-old neighborhoods bordering upmarket new urban development areas. Shrouded in this unique atmosphere of several very different eras, visitors are free to feast on Taipei's culinary diversity while marvel at its architectural wonders.

To make it more convenient for visitors, Taipei City's Department of Information and Tourism has produced an audio guide for all major tourist destinations in Mandarin, English, Japanese and Korean. You can roam the city with ease by simply scanning the QR code on your travel book, or go online at www.travel.taipei and listen to detailed description of each destination.

Department of Information and Tourism,
Taipei City Government Commissioner

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Eslite Bookstore Dunnan Branch

Open 24 hours a day and offering a complete and up-to-date range of books, Eslite Bookstore Dunnan Branch is a unique part of Taipei's cultural landscape, and attracts throngs of tourists. The bookstore contains approximately 230,000 books on all subjects in Chinese and also foreign languages. The bookstore's various floors also house artistic and cultural activities, intriguing stationary, popular music, fashion items, cultural creativity design products, and a food court with themed restaurants. As a result, this is not exclusively a bookstore, but is rather a fascinating, wildly-diverse platform for cultural creativity.

Add: No.245, Sec. 1, Dunhua S. Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2775-5977



Linjiang Street Tourist Night Market

At the Linjiang Night Market on Keelung Road, the majority of shops sell apparel, accessories, and household supplies. However, the food is a major attraction. Gorge on pot stickers generously filled, thin-skinned pan-fried pork buns, tasty Cantonese-style braised food, creative sausage, sushi, rice noodle soup, heibai qie, and other authentic Taiwanese snacks, including tofu pudding, grass jelly, aiyu jelly, and other local desserts. In the neighborhood around the night market is Taiwan's largest pet shop street and Nanshan Movie Theater, the largest second-run movie theater in Taipei. A trip to the Linjiang Night Market is sure to provide immense satisfaction and fun!

Location: Linjiang St., Taipei City

Tel: (02)2737-0163



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National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall

The National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall was completed in 1972, and was built at the time of Dr. Sun's 100th birthday in order to commemorate him, his achievements and his beliefs. During the day, a ceremonial officer leads guests and tourists in paying their respects to the world's largest Dr. Sun's statue prior to the hourly changing of the guard ceremony. The Sun Yat-sen History East and West Exhibition Rooms on the 1st floor showcase "Dr. Sun's Lifetime Achievements" and "Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Taiwan." The Chungshan National Gallery on the 2nd floor exhibits art works by master artists from Taiwan and overseas. The lush Zhongshan Park has long been a perfect spot for residents and tourists to relax and view the Taipei 101 building.

Add: No.505, Sec. 4, Ren'ai Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2758-8008 (Closed on Chinese New Year Eve, Chinese New Year Day and electrical maintenance day)



Discovery Center of Taipei

The Discovery Center of Taipei is inside Taipei City Government building, which consists of two cross-shaped structures. Each floor in the center has different themed exhibitions. Occasional special exhibitions connected with Taipei are held in the Special Exhibition Hall on the 2nd floor. The 3rd floor displays an amazing theme wall, created by the illustrator Qianshun Xu, along with interactive exhibits. Near the entertaining Longshan Temple Fortune Stick Machine (on the 4th floor) you can also find the 360-degree ultra-large screen Discovery Theater. Multimedia films play in rotation, showcasing various facets of Taipei. For a free tour of the history and culture of Taipei, don't miss Discovery Center of Taipei!

Add: No.1, City Hall Rd., Taipei City

Tel: 1999 (Call 02-2720-8889 if outside Taipei/New Taipei City), ext. 8630 (Closed on Monday and national holidays)



Xinyi Business District

Xinyi Business District is one of the most distinctive areas of Taipei City. Here you will find Taipei 101, the flagship store of the Eslite Bookstore chain, and other Taipei landmarks. During the day, this is a busy financial center, which transforms into the heart of Taipei's nightlife, or the "Taipei Manhattan." The streets are wide and clean, display windows show the latest novelty, and big billboards dot the area. The department stores here carry world-class brand names and the works of master designers. The streets have many works of public art, and in the pedestrian-only areas, you may also see occasional street performances.

Location: Xinyi District, Taipei City



Taipei 101

Standing 508 meters tall, Taipei 101 was completed in 2004. The sections of the building are designed to look like nodes on a bamboo plant, which symbolizes "success after success." Don't forget to visit the Observatory on the 89th floor to enjoy a spectacular view of the city, and while there, see the huge tuned mass damper — the first of its kind to be on public display—a massive golden yellow ball that can effectively reduce the degree of shaking during earthquakes or strong high-altitude winds. At night, Taipei 101 lights up with a rainbow-colored display that changes every day. The walls of the building also display special messages or pictures during major holidays.

Add: No.7, Sec. 5, Xinyi Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 8101-8800





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Presidential Office

The current Office of the President was built to represent Japan's political power during the Japanese Era. Since its completion in 1919, the building has always been the center of political power in Taiwan. The Presidential Office was designed by the most distinguished Japanese architects, and its style is a combination of Renaissance, Gothic and Baroque. On National Day (October 10th) each year celebration activities are held on the square in front of the building, and along Ketagalan Boulevard. Many assemblies and parades also take place here. To visit part of the interior of the Presidential Office, make a reservation by fax or via the office's website at least three days before your visit.

Add: No.122, Sec. 1, Chongqing S. Rd., Taipei City
Tel: (02) 2312-0760



Taipei City Wall-North Gate (Cheng-en Gate)

During the final years of the Qing dynasty, Taipei city had five gates – East, West, South, and North Gates, and Small South Gate. North Gate was built in 1879, and early on it was the main entrance to the thriving Dadaocheng area. North Gate, also known as Cheng-en Gate, is a closed bunker-style tower made of piled interlocked rocks. During the Japanese Era urban renewal plan, the West Gate was demolished, and after the Retrocession, following World War II, the other gates were renovated one by one, but had already lost their original grandeur – only North Gate retained its original appearance and was designated a national monument. For the last 100 years, it has stood in the middle of a busy traffic intersection, bearing witness to the history of Taipei. Today, as North Gate has been restored to its former glory with implementation of the West District Urban Renewal Plan, stop by and pay a visit to this historic landmark.

Location: Intersection of Zhongxiao W. Rd and Bo'ai Rd., Taipei City

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Taipei North Gate Post Office

The predecessor of the Taipei Post Office was the General Post Office established by Liu Mingchuan, Provincial Governor of Taiwan in the late Qing Dynasty. Located next to the north gate of the old city, the Post Office was built in 1898, and was the first building erected by Japanese Government in Taiwan during the colonial period. With over a century of history, it is a de facto historic site of the city. In the Postal Museum Taipei North Gate branch, you can see a yellow-green cylindrical replica of a Qing mailbox and an antique bicycle used for delivering mail in the past, as well as all kinds of post office mascots and models of postal delivery vehicles. International stamp exhibitions are also occasionally held here.

Add: No.114, Sec. 1, Zhongxiao W. Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02) 2361-5752



MRT Beimen Station Heritage Sites

The area around MRT Beimen Station, in the Tacheng Street area, was originally the site of the Machinery Bureau and a railway factory, both established under Qing Dynasty Taiwan Provincial Governor Liu Mingchuan, who played an important role in modernizing the island's infrastructure. Currently, two sites have been designated heritage sites: the Machinery Bureau's eastern wall and the Machinery Bureau's foundation walls, both of which were unearthed next to MRT Beimen Station on the southwest side of the old Ministry of Railways. The Beimen Railway Heritage Site also includes cobblestone roads from the Qing Dynasty that are a historically important example of urban road construction. Long flagstones were used in their construction, which is unprecedented, making the discovery even more valuable.

Location: Inside Beimen Station



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Futai Street Mansion

The Futai Mansion, with more than 100 years of history, is located on Yanping South Road, formerly Futai Street. The Futai Street Mansion is one of the only remaining commercial buildings in Taipei constructed during the period of Japanese rule. It is also known as the Yamato-cho (Dahe Town) Mansion, and because stone building materials were used on the exterior, it is also known as the Stone House. The stone walls and ceilings in the interior of the mansion are representative of the time, and of Taipei during the Qing Dynasty and Japanese periods. The Futai Street Mansion was damaged in a fire, but has reopened as a mini museum. Static exhibits are held regularly, and neighborhood tours are also being planned.

Add: 26, Yanping S. Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2314-8080 (Closed on Sunday)



Taipei Zhongshan Hall

Completed in 1936, Taipei Zhongshan Hall was known as Taipei City Hall during the Japanese Era. This was where the Japanese signed the document of surrender when the Nationalist government took over Taiwan after the end of World War II. The design of the hall combines classic and modern styles. The main hall on the 1st floor of the four-story Taipei Zhongshan Hall was once used as a meeting place for the National Assembly, and has now been transformed into a venue for performances and activities involving city residents. Galleries on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors serve food and drink, and feature various exhibitions and art and cultural classes. Friendly volunteers are also on hand to guide you through the historical and architectural features of the Hall.

Add: No.98, Yanping S. Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02) 2381-3137



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Ximending

During the Japanese colonial period, Ximending was a busy commercial area, until the city's development gradually shifted eastward, resulting in its eventual decline. In the 1990s, planning began for a pedestrian mall, which paved the way for the area's reemergence as a bustling youth hangout. On a street with wall-graffiti reading "American Street", there are American-style thrift shops, hip hop boutique stores and even skateboard accessory retailers, among others. Various nail painting and tattoo parlors dot the backstreets, and there's an abundance of great eateries. The Goose Meat Shop, A-Zhong Noodle Soup, Lao Tien Lu stewed meats, Chengdu Starfruit Ice, and Bee Coffee are all old shops offering distinctive flavors. Don't forget to swing by and give them a try!

Locations: Chengdu Rd., Zhonghua Rd., Wuchang St., Xining S. Rd.



The Red House

Around the end of the 1800s, Ximending was planned as a residential area for the Japanese during the colonial era, and Ximen Market was established to provide daily necessities to local residents. The Red House was the entrance to the market, which was the main shopping area for the Japanese living in Taipei, and was a very bustling place. After the Retrocession, the Red House was designated as municipal historic site. Adjacent to the Ximending pedestrian area, the Red House has transformed once again into a platform for arts, and reopened in 2002 after restoration. The Ximen Red House Tea Shop offers tea and snacks. In the back, are several small workshops selling Taiwan-made products. The Ximen Red House Theater on the 2nd floor holds regular artistic and cultural activities. Creative markets are often held on weekends in front of the Red House, making the area a popular tourist destination.

Add: No.10, Chengdu Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02) 2311-9380 (Closed on Monday)



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Qingshui Temple

Qingshui Temple was built during the 18th century, making it more than 200 years old. It's one of the three great Zushi Temples, together with the Zushi Temples in Sanxia and Tamsui. Many Qingshui Zushi deities are worshipped in the temple, but the one known as "Penglai Laozushi" is considered the most powerful. It's said that when any disaster is about to strike in the area, the nose of Penglai Laozushi will drop off as a warning. The solid, plain style of the temple is considered to be the finest and most artistic example of mid-Qing Dynasty temple in Taiwan.

Add: No.81, Kangding Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02) 2371-1517



Bopiliao Historical District

Exit the Metro at Longshan Temple Station, walk past Longshan Temple and Herbal Lane, and there's a row of red brick walls, an arched breezeway, and classic Western-style buildings with carved windows. This very special area is called "Bopiliao." Bopiliao preserves a city street scene from the Qing dynasty in almost intact form, including 64 old buildings from that era. Located on the eastern side of the district, the Heritage and Culture Education Center of Taipei serves as an education and community culture. The western side of the district preserves traditional building façades from the Qing dynasty. This district not only preserves the taverns and teahouses from the era, but also bears witness to early local development. The district's old-fashioned atmosphere has attracted foreign film producers looking for historical sets. In addition, numerous soon-to-be-married couples come here for their wedding photographs.

Add: No.101, Guangzhou St., Taipei City



Longshan Temple

Bang-ga (today's Wanhua) was the first part of Taipei to be developed, 270 years ago. At that time, Longshan Temple was the area's largest temple, and was a center where local residents prayed, held events and gathered. Built back in 1738, this historic landmark is said to answer any prayers. Whether you're praying to Bodhisattva for protection, the Old Man in the Moon for luck in marriage, or the Goddess of Childbirth for fertility, you can do it all at Longshan Temple! The Temple also features a wealth of traditional architecture. The carvings adorning the ceilings and columns are especially refined, excellent examples of the beauty to be discovered in Taiwan's temples. Turning left as you exit the temple, there is a little side street known as "Herbal Medicine Lane" (Qingcao Xiang), where you can enjoy a cup of herbal tea and experience a traditional thirst quencher!

Add: No.211, Guangzhou St., Taipei City **Tel:** (02) 2302-5162



Herbal Medicine Lane

Around the corner from Longshan Temple is one of Wanhua District's most famous destinations — Herbal Medicine Lane. The traditional stores on the lane have been an integral part of the Wanhua District's long development. More than a century ago, before Western medicine was available and doctors were scarce, people with a serious or minor ailment would go to Longshan Temple to pray and draw medical divination slips, and then go to Herbal Medicine Lane next door and take packets of medicinal herbs home. Even though medical divination slips aren't drawn any more, people continued to visit here due to its reputation. Many of the men and women who worship at Longshan Temple — or tourists from far away — come here to buy fresh medicinal herbs or specially made packets of herbal tea to take home.

Location: Lane 224, Xichang St., Taipei City



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Bangka Qingshan Temple

Bangka Qingshan Temple was built in 1856, and serves as Wanhua district's main venue of worship. It houses the spirit of Qingshan Emperor, and on the birthday of the deity (October 23rd on the lunar calendar), the spirit of Qingshan Emperor patrols the streets and blesses the area. The Bangka worship festival is one of the biggest religious ceremonies in Taipei. The temple is built with intricate carpentry and masonry, and the design of its columns, beams, doors and windows are historically significant.

Add: No.218, Sec. 2, Guiyang St., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2382-2296



Huaxi Street Tourist Night Market

Located near Longshan Temple, Huaxi Street Tourist Night Market was the first tourist night market in Taiwan. Established in 1951, the night market has been in business for more than 60 years. A historic traditional Chinese ceremonial arch, with striking hanging red lanterns, stands at the entrance. The stores on both sides of the ceremonial arch are old, and have great reputations for offering good quality. Apart from many foot massage shops, a blessing for weary feet, there are many snack shops, and at the Tainan Tantsumien Seafood Restaurant, authentic local snacks and fancy hotel decor come together. Foreign tourists rave about the wide array of Taiwanese snack foods here. After you fill your belly, don't forget to visit nearby Xiyuan Road, also known as Buddhist Implement Street, to enjoy a different kind of traditional experience.

Add: No.16, Ln. 40, Huaxi St., Taipei City (between Guiyang St. and Guan gzhou St.)

Tel: (02) 2306-7408



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National Museum of History

The National Museum of History was founded in 1955. Built in the traditional Chinese style, the museum has a tiered roof of green glazed tiles supported by red pillars. The ponds, pavilions, and gardens that surround the building add to its elegance. The museum collection contains nearly 60,000 artifacts from ancient China and Taiwan. Aside from the special exhibit on the third floor, the Museum also periodically displays items from other museums around the world. After checking out the exhibits, relax on the third floor lounge and look out over the botanical garden. The second and fourth floors have small cafes that offer snacks, teas, and coffee, perfect for a relaxing day at the museum.

Add: No.49, Nanhai Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2361-0270 (Closed on Monday)



National Taiwan Arts Education Center

National Taiwan Arts Education Center is located inside Nanhai Academy. Nanhai Theatre sits on the left-hand side of the entrance to the academy. The theatre stages plays, music and dance performances. Further into the academy, Yin-feng pavilion sits next to a lotus pond, and is a perfect spot to admire the flowers and waterfowl. Nearby is a bridge to the Nanhai Academy building, which was originally a shrine during the Japanese Era, but later became into the square two-story building that stands today, showcasing Japanese, Chinese, and Western architecture. Visitors can attend various activities in the art education classrooms, library, and exhibition room.

Add: No.47, Nanhai Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2311-0574 (Closed on Monday)



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National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall

National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall was constructed to commemorate Chiang's life. The octagonal roof and its blue-and-white hues symbolize the "blue sky and white sun" of the national emblem. The square layout of the building represents the Chinese characters "proper and upright," which also make up the courtesy name of Chiang. The 89 steps in front signify Chiang's age of 89 years. Inside the hall, the national emblem of blue sky, white sun, and 12 sun rays are depicted on the ceiling of the hall, which is four stories in height. An enormous bronze statue of Chiang Kai-shek sits inside the hall. Apart from the main hall, the National Theater, and the National Concert Hall, the spacious park outside contains a huge square and a Chinese-style garden.

Add: No.21, Zhongshan S. Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02) 2343-1100



Yongkang Commercial District

Yongkang Commercial District, with Yongkang Park at its center, has been named one of Taipei's best commercial districts. During the Japanese Era, the Japanese civil service and the neighboring university staff dormitories were concentrated here, which helped lay the foundation for the area's unique local culture and ambience. Yongkang Commercial District is most renowned for its delicious and juicy xiaolongbao (soup dumplings), which are a food-lover's delight. Visit the mango ice shop (very popular with tourists) and taste shaved ice topped with fresh, glistening mango. Other local dishes, such as beef noodles, green onion pancakes, and dumplings, as well as colorful and diverse cuisines from other countries, can be found here. Stores selling antique art, daily necessities, and much more also await the visitor exploring this elegant and charming neighborhood.

Location: Yongkang St., Lishui St., Taipei City



Daan Park

Daan Park, which covers an area of about 26 hectares (the equivalent of 26 football fields) is one of the few large urban parks in Taiwan. Known as "the lungs of Taipei," Daan Park was designed to emulate a forest. Numerous trees, including yellow flame, camphor, weeping paperbark, banyan, and sweetgum, have been planted around the park's peripheral sidewalk. The park's interior boasts an assortment of specially designed areas. The Flowering Plant Garden, with its gardenias, orange jasmine, osmanthus, and other fragrant plants, attracts butterflies, birds, and people year round. The enchanting Bamboo Forest Area has many varieties. Stroll in the shade of the Swaying Palm Forest Area and enjoy its special South Pacific feel. There is also a secluded ecological pond, stocked with a variety of fish, and a unique amphitheater, which is an important venue for performing arts in Taipei. Popular activities include strolling or jogging along the forest trails, or using the well-equipped activity plaza, bike path, children's play area, basketball court, roller skating rink, and a vast expanse of grass. Everyone, young and old alike, will enjoy their time here.

Location: Shinshen S. Rd., Xinyi Rd, Taipei



Guang Hua Digital Plaza

For Taipei residents who enjoy computers, communications and consumer electronics, the Guang Hua Digital Plaza is the perfect place to buy the newest consumer electronics at a fair price. The plaza began as a market for second-hand books, antiques, and jade jewelry; the computers and electronic appliances came much later. The narrow aisles were often packed with customers. In 2008, Guang Hua Digital Plaza moved into its current building, making it the largest electronics mall in Taiwan. Nearby the Digital Plaza is Syntrend Creative Park. Here, photography and audiovisual enthusiasts can find specialized equipment in this spaciouly designed mall. There are also special areas for eSports tournaments and animation exhibitions where gamers and fans flock to buy figurines and models. Syntrend also provides a children's play area stocked with blocks and modeling clay, a bookstore, and an outdoor exploration area.

Add: No.8, Sec. 3, Civic Blvd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2391-7105





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Taipei Zoo

Taipei Zoo has more than 400 species of animals. Among the seven indoor display areas, visitors can see Taiwan's endemic butterflies in the Insectarium. You can also visit the especially popular Koala House and Penguin House, and see the pandas Tuantuan and Yuan Yuan, as well as the new panda baby Yuanzai, born in 2013. The elephant "Grandpa Linwang," who lived to 86 years old, has become the largest specimen of Asian elephant in the world. The zoo also features a "Formosan Animal Area," which houses Formosan black bears, Formosan rock macaques, and Swinhoe's pheasants that are unique to the island.

Add: No.30, Sec. 2, Xinguang Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2938-2300 (The park is closed during Chinese new year eve. Please refer to www.zoo.gov.taipei for opening time of indoor exhibits)



Zhinan Temple

Zhinan Temple is one of Taiwan's famous Daoist temples. Inside is a plaque with the inscription "The supreme mountain under heaven" hanging in the main hall. Apart from describing the beauty and spiritual quality of the surrounding mountain scenery, the inscription alludes to the power of the temple's patron god, Lu Dongbin. Lu is the most famous of the "Eight Immortals" of Chinese mythology, and his great powers are described in a number of folk tales. The temple is on the Maokong Gondola, or you can get there by following Zhinan Rd (next to Chengchi University) all the way to the temple. On the way there are lovely views of tea plantations scattered among the mountains of Mucha, as well as a very fine panorama over the Taipei Basin.

Add: No.115, Wanshou Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02) 2939-9922



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Maokong Gondola

With a total length of 4.03 kilometers, the Maokong Gondola is the first gondola system in Taipei City. A trip along the length of the gondola is 20 minutes or so. The gondola ride has four stops: Taipei Zoo, Taipei Zoo South, Zhinan Temple, and Maokong. getting to Maokong Gondola is easy: get off at the southern terminus of the MRT Wenhu Line (Taipei Zoo Station), and the Maokong Gondola's Taipei Zoo Station is a five-minute walk away. The final stop is at Maokong, which features numerous tea plantations and tea shops. Many visitors specially make the trip here to have tea and chat. Make sure to visit a tea shop and order the famous Muzha Tieguanyin or Wenshan Pouchong tea during your visit, and enjoy the stunning view over Taipei with the unique tea cuisine.

Location: No.30, Sec. 2, Xinguang Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2181-2345 (Closed on Monday. Please refer to further notice on national holidays)



Taipei Water Park

The Museum of Drinking Water in Taipei Water Park was the first modern electric pump house in Taiwan, built in 1908. Declared a historic site, the museum houses old pumping and electrical machinery. The Metering Room, Guangyinshan Reservoir, and Raw Water Pumping Station are showcased in the Historical Plaza. The façade of the main building has a Roman arcade and Greek columns adorned with ram horns in the Neoclassical style of the late European Renaissance, and is a favorite spot for taking wedding pictures. The Water Country Park is the highlight of the water park. Here, children of all ages enjoy the water slides and activity pools. The Gongguan Riverside Plaza under Yongfu Bridge offers a place to relax next to Xindian River. The park is a great place to ride a bike while enjoying views of the illuminated bridge at night.

Add: No.1, Siyuan St., Taipei City **Tel:** (02) 8369-5104 (Closed on Monday)



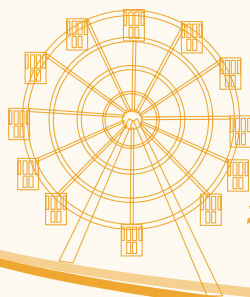
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Raohe Street Tourist Night Market

A brilliant gold and green archway near the Songshan Train Station marks the entrance to Raohe Street night market. The area has everything, including grocery stores, fashionable clothes, electronics, and of course lots of stalls selling delicious Taiwanese snacks and foreign foods: oyster noodles, spare ribs stewed in herbal soup, pepper meat buns and so on. Don't miss the nearby Ciyou Temple, which is always teeming with worshippers. Behind the temple is Rainbow Bridge, which crosses the Keelung River.

Add: Raohe Street, Taipei City



Miramar Ferris Wheel

Taipei's Ferris wheel stands in Dazhi's Miramar Entertainment Park, and is the largest Ferris wheel in Taipei (100 meters tall), also the first in Taiwan to be built on a rooftop. The Miramar Ferris Wheel has 48 carriages, two of which have glass bottoms for extra excitement during the 17-minute ride. From the top of the Ferris wheel, during the daytime you can enjoy the view of planes coming and going from Taipei Songshan Airport, view the greenery of the mountains in Dazhi and Neihu, and watch the buildings and cars below as they shrink to miniature size. At night, watch the stream of lights pass underneath as the neon lights that adorn the wheel put on changing light shows. With its whimsical carousel, the Miramar Entertainment Park is a great place for families and couples, on par with the Taipei 101 observatory.

Add: No.20, Jingye 3rd Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2175-3456



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Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei

An elementary school during the Japanese Occupation, and later a Taipei Municipal Government office building, the Museum of Contemporary Art is the first reused historic site in Taiwan. Now the only museum exhibiting contemporary art in Taipei, the museum integrates art, history, and technology to advance the development of contemporary art. The museum initiated the redevelopment of Datong District, and now many arts events, novelty stores, and coffee shops have been established in the area. This also extends to the nearby Taipei Confucian Temple and Dalongdong Bao-an Temple, making this a perfect choice for a day of cultural experiences.

Add: No.39, Chang'an W. Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2552-3721 (Closed on Monday)



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SPOT – Taipei Film House

Taipei Film House is located on busy Zhongshan North Road. This was originally the site of the US Consulate General in Taipei. After renovations were completed in 2002, it was renamed Taipei Film House and became a screening venue for arts films and an innovative cultural space for exhibitions. The ground floor was transformed into SPOT Taipei (also known as SPOT Cinema). SPOT Designs, a cultural and creative goods gift shop is in what was originally the embassy's antechamber and cloakroom. Here you can find a selection of eclectic music and movies, in addition to original, hand-made, locally designed products. On the left-hand side of the ground floor is SPOT Café Lumière, with classic movie posters covering its walls. On the second floor SPOT Le Ballon Rouge is a relaxing, minimalist salon where you can savor light meals in an atmosphere of historic charm.

Add: No.18, Sec. 2, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02)2511-7786 (Occasionally closed on Monday)



The MRT Zhongshan Station Area

In the past, the area was filled with ironworks and auto parts stores. But in recent years, following the opening of the MRT, the neighborhood has changed. In addition to the large department stores that have been here for many years, stores of various types and styles are now starting to crop up. Today it's an ideal place for a leisurely stroll, exploring its unique cafes, cultural and creative shops, fashion boutiques, stylish hair salons, exotic cuisine, and daily necessities shops. It's no wonder this area has become the latest shopping Mecca for Taipei's youth, as well as many tourists from Hong Kong, Macao, Singapore and Malaysia.

Location: Sec. 2, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei City (between Nanjing W. Rd. and Minsheng W. Rd.)



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Chen De-xing Hall

The Chen De-xing Hall is the largest Chen family ancestral hall in northern Taiwan; it was built in 1892, during the reign of the Qing Dynasty Emperor Guangxu. Later, in order to construct a Government House, the Japanese authorities confiscated the Hall. After continual efforts by the Chen family, it was finally rebuilt in 1911 at its current location on Ningxia Rd in Dadaocheng. Chen Ying-bin, a well-known Taipei craftsman at the time, built the hall in Qing Dynasty southern Fujian architectural style. The very unique double-dragon column in the front hall is Taiwan's first double-dragon stone column, and had a far-reaching effect on temple design in Taiwan. Every year, during the Chen family ancestor worship ceremony in spring and winter, the Chen De-xing Hall is thronged with descendants who come to worship, and part of the space inside the hall is used as a kindergarten, so the ancestral hall serves as both a symbol of the clan and a signifier of cultural heritage.

Add: No.27, Ningxia Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02) 2556-7150



Ningxia Tourist Night Market

In 2015, Ningxia Night Market won top honors for being Taipei's best shopping, best-tasting, most charming, most eco-friendly, and friendliest night market. It originated during the Japanese Colonial Period with the construction of the nearby traffic circle. This brought vendors and crowds together during Dadaocheng's splendid era of prosperity. The most unique feature of the district is its numerous historic old shops. In addition, it pioneered the Ningxia Thousand Year Feast, which once again reinforced the Ningxia Night Market's indisputable position. The feast brings together 20 local vendors, all of which have been in business for over 50 years, to jointly launch a roadside banquet. It's the perfect way to enjoy Ningxia Night Market's popular cuisine at one time, such as braised-pork-and-rice, sesame oil chicken soup, with its rich sesame-oil flavor. Other traditional foods include Tainan's savory rice pudding (wagui) and taro cakes. This memorable night market has something for everyone, and is not to be missed!

Location: Ningxia Rd., Taipei City (between Nanjing W. Rd. and Minsheng W. Rd.)



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Dihua Commercial District

The main road of Dadaocheng's Dihua Commercial District is Dihua Street, the best-preserved and the most historic old street in Taipei. From the final years of the Qing Dynasty to the early days of the Retrocession, the Dihua Commercial District was Taiwan's largest wholesale and retail market. Every year before Lunar New Year's Eve, it transforms into the Lunar New Year shopping district. During this time, it's thronged every day with crowds of shoppers. The food shops here are popular, eat your fill and you're sure to have a worthwhile trip!

Location: Sec. 1, Dihua St., Taipei City



Yongle Market

Yongle Market, one of the well-known landmarks in the Dihua commercial district, was established in 1908. At that time, Dihua Street was known as Yongle Town, so the market's early name was Yongle Town Foodstuff and Daily Necessities Public Market. It was then Taiwan's biggest imported wholesale fabrics area. Today, Yongle Market remains Taiwan's biggest fabric wholesale and retail center. Besides changing its name to Yongle Fabric Market, the first floor has been transformed into a traditional market. The second and third floors have a wide array of wholesale fabric and a variety of colorful fabric patterns that will satisfy the needs of all customers. There are also a lot of traditional Taiwanese snacks, so don't forget to check it out!

Add: No.21, Sec. 1, Taipei City



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Taipei Xia-Hai City God Temple

Constructed on Dihua Street in 1856, the Xia-Hai City God Temple doesn't have a majestic façade, but it nevertheless attracts many believers. Every year, on the day of greeting the City God, (the 13th day of the 5th lunar month) not only is the temple bustling with visitors but it is also the scene of major local activities. Furthermore, the temple is closely connected to the local development of Dadaocheng. The temple houses over 200 divine images, including the City God and the Matchmaking God. More than 6,000 people bring decorated cakes to thank this deity every year. Many people seek "husband-taming shoes" (also known as "happiness shoes") at the temple; these shoes are one of Taipei's famous "guardians of love," a popular item among the single people of Taipei.

Add: No.61, Sec. 1, Dihua St., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2558-0346



Taipei Dihua Street Post Office

The history of the Dihua Street post office can be traced back to the establishment of the Taipei South Street post office in 1915. In 1922, it was renamed the Yongle Town Post Office, after the name of the area at that time, and later took its present title. The exterior and arcade have been renovated, and the simple stucco exterior walls emphasize the proportional lines and bright Western style – it retains the architectural style of the time. Visiting the Dihua Street post office is a great way to get a feel for the old Taipei.

Add: No.38, Sec. 1, Dihua St., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2556-0519



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Li Linqiu Residence



Li Linqiu, born in 1909, is an important figure in the history of Taiwanese popular songs. The Li Linqiu Residence, located in Dadaocheng, occupies the second floor of a southern Fujian-style house. On display in the residence are Li Linqiu's manuscripts and old photos, as well as an old Taiwanese-style bed, cupboards, and other items used during daily life at the time. Li Linqiu's songs, such as "Craving for the Spring Breeze", "A Red Egg", and other classics, are regularly played at a statue of Li Lin-qiu, created by the artist Pu Haoming, in Dadaocheng Park near the old residence. So, the next time you're in the area, listen to the strains of "Craving for the Spring Breeze", a song that was the rage in Taiwan more than 80 years ago, while enjoying a leisurely stroll through Dadaocheng.

Add: 2F, No.4, Ln. 86, Xining N. Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2586-5985



Dadaocheng Pier

Want to take a ride down the river while you are in Taipei? Then go to Dadaocheng Pier! This once-prosperous trading port has been transformed into a unique riverside scenic area in Taipei, and Dadaocheng Pier is one of the stops on the Blue Highway. Visitors can take a boat and see the beautiful Tamsui River, or ride a bike and enjoy the rich riverside landscape. When the weather is pleasant, apart from strolling under the romantic lights at dusk, visitors can also view the dazzling light sculpture of trading ships from China, see the ships' anchors, watch performances by street artists, gaze at the Tamsui River sunset, or take the Blue Highway on the Tamsui River.

Add: End of Minsheng W. Rd, Taipei City (inside No. 5 Water Gate)



Dadaocheng Cisheng Temple(Dadaocheng Matsu Temple)



Dadaocheng Cisheng Temple, also known as Dadaocheng Matsu Temple, is dedicated to Taiwan's most important patron saint of the people – Matsu; for the last 100 years, the temple has been the local center of belief. Cisheng Temple, Taipei Xia-Hai City god Temple, and Taipei's Fazhugong Temple are known as the three major temples of Dadaocheng. The Cisheng Temple is a rural courtyard-style building, with the main hall and front hall in the middle. Protective dragons on all sides and a surrounding outer wall form a square. On the 23rd day of the third month on the lunar calendar, Matsu's birthday is celebrated with the deafening sound of gongs and drums in front of the temple, which is packed with lively crowds. The open square in front is lined with vendors selling traditional snacks. Each stand sells cuisine that is memorable to old-timers in Taipei, and will leave sweet memories!

Add: No.17, Ln. 49, Bao'an St., Taipei City **Tel:** (02) 2553-9978



Chiang Weishui Memorial Park

Chiang Weishui practiced medicine in the Dadaocheng area, then during the Japanese Era, he became a campaigner. He led intellectuals involved in social movements, therefore, he is known as a mentor of citizen movements and as Taiwan's Sun Yat-sen. Chiang Weishui Memorial Park commemorates this pioneer of the modern national movement in Taiwan. Since his lifelong work is closely linked to Dadaocheng, the Chinhsi Park in Dadaocheng was renamed in honor of him. A statue of Chiang Weishui and his biography stand near the entrance to the park. Embedded on the exterior are his famous words: "Compatriots must unify; there is strength in solidarity": words that exemplify the unremitting Taiwanese spirit of his short life.

Location: No.51, Jinxi St., Taipei City



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TaipeiEYE

In order to allow both Taiwanese and foreigners to easily enjoy a century of Taiwan's unique artistic elegance, TaipeiEYE stages exciting shows. At TaipeiEYE you can enjoy traditional Beijing Opera, as well as many other art forms, including Taiwan's special hand-puppet shows, indigenous music and dances, lion dance troupes, and folk acrobatics. In the hallway, the night's actors put on makeup, costumes, and accessories in front of the audience before the performance begins. Those curious about theatrical costumes also have a rare chance to try some on and take some memorable photos. We believe the eye-opening performances will give you a remarkable and unforgettable evening!

Add: No.113, Sec. 1, Zhongshan N. Rd. (Jinzhou St. intersection), Taipei City (Performances on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; closed during Chinese New Year; visit www.taipeiye.com for show time)

Tel: (02)2568-2677



Qingguang Shopping District

The Qingguang Shopping District, which includes the Qingguang Market and the Shuangcheng Food Street, boasts over six decades of history. After the Retrocession, there was an influx of US troops, and this area featured a US Army Officers' club. A number of new businesses also began appearing in this area, including Western-style restaurants, bakeries, and bars. However, most popular of all was the dazzling array of exotic boutique shops, making this Taipei's oldest market for imported goods and its first shopping district with a Western ambiance. Today, the district is rapidly becoming Taipei's gourmet kitchen, and its most renowned dish is Qingguang yimian (egg noodles), topped with braised minced pork glistening with oil and fragrant crispy fried green onions. With its simple yet tasty flavors, it's a favorite of many. Another popular draw is the 'car-wheel' cake. The sweet, crispy crust and red-bean filling is sure to satisfy. Other dishes, such as taro rice noodles, dumplings, beef noodles, and glutinous oil rice, will please even the most discerning of palates.

Location: Intersection between Shuangcheng St. and Nong'an St., Taipei City



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Xingtian Temple

It's possible that Xingtian Temple, which is visited by several million people every year, is the most popular temple in northern Taiwan. Completed in 1968, the main deity worshiped there is Emperor Guan, who was the famous general Guan Yu of the Three Kingdoms period. He is greatly admired for his loyalty, integrity and noble ambition. His believers, therefore, address him as the "Benefactor" (or "Savior.") A famous service provided by Xingtian Temple is "recalling frightened souls," which is simple and efficacious, and gives believers a sense of tranquility. As part of a movement to support environmental protection, believers do not burn incense and leave offerings when they visit Xingtian Temple. Placing your palms together and bowing is the best offering you can present to the deity.

Add: No.109, Sec. 2, Minquan E. Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2502-7924



Taipei Fine Arts Museum (TFAM)

The Taipei Fine Arts Museum was officially opened in 1983, and was the nation's first museum devoted primarily to the promotion and display of modern art, and over the years has held numerous international exhibitions. The museum building, like the art within, is quite modern in appearance, while the interior layout borrows from the quadrangle courtyard concept of traditional Chinese architecture. At night, the colored lights projected onto the museum's outer walls interplay with the street lamps, providing a pleasant nightscape. TFAM has extended its opening hours on Saturday nights to 8:30 pm. While here visit the European-style building next door, known as the Taipei Story House, converted from a tea merchant's villa built during the Japanese colonial period.

Add: No.181, Sec. 3, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2595-7656 (Closed on Monday)



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Taipei Story House

In the Yuanshan area, near the bank of the Keelung River, you'll find a century-old building in European style — the Taipei Story House. A Tudor-style wooden building like this was as rare in Taiwan a century ago as it is today. In 1913, the Dadaocheng tea merchant Chen Chao-chun built this Western-style building as a meeting place, and used it to entertain local gentry and foreign tea buyers. This historic building was named a heritage site in 1998. In 2003, with sponsorship from Ms. Chen Kuo-tzu, the building was renamed Taipei Story House. In May 2015, Kuo Mu Sheng Foundation took over the revitalization plan of the house, which is currently a mini-museum introducing life and culture in Taiwan, and promoting the utilization of historic sites.

Add: No.181-1, Sec. 3, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei City
Tel: (02) 2586-3677 (Closed on Monday)



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Lin An Tai Historical Home

Built in 1783, Lin An Tai Historical Home is a southern Fujianese-style courtyard house. The roof design adopts the gabled ridge with upturned eaves. The pond in the front, aside from having aesthetic value, also insures good feng shui, since it symbolizes accumulation of wealth, although it also serves functional purposes such as defense, provides a water source for both home use and to fight fires, and moderates temperatures.

Add: No.5, Binjiang St., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2599-6026 (Closed on Monday, Chinese New Year and other holidays)



Taipei City Confucius Temple

Born in the Spring and Autumn Period (in 551 BC), Confucius was not only an educator but also a thinker and philosopher. The Chinese address him as the "greatest sage and teacher." The Taipei City Confucius Temple makes ritual offerings to the memorial tablet of "the greatest sage and teacher Confucius" in praise of his lofty status, and Confucian thinking that has been passed down over thousands of years. The Taipei City Confucius Temple holds a Memorial Ceremony for Confucius on September 28, Confucius' birthday, every year. The showpiece of the ceremony is the graceful ritual dance, a traditional dance that is used to express respect for the Sage. The wisdom cake distributed after the ceremony is the most anticipated part of the event for many people, who believe that they will receive a blessing from Confucius and achieve success in examinations after eating it. For that reason, parents whose children are going to take part in an exam often enthusiastically attend the ceremony.

Add: No.275, Dalong St., Taipei City
Tel: (02) 2592-3934 (Closed on Monday)



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Dalongdong Baoan Temple

Dalongdong Baoan Temple houses the statue of Baosheng Emperor, a revered god of medicine, who shared his spiritual power with Taiwan to protect local worshippers who arrived more than two centuries ago. Backed by self-raised funds, Baoan Temple launched a major restoration project in 1995. The success of this project set a new example of historic monument conservation in Taiwan. Each year on lunar March 15, Baosheng Emperor's birthday, Baoan Temple organizes a series of temple fairs in the Baosheng Cultural Festival, which integrates tradition with modern components. Baosheng Cultural Festival has become a grand showcase of temple festivities in northern Taiwan, while the culture of folklore belief has also been turned into a feast of delicate temple arts.

Add: No.61, Hami St., Taipei City
Tel: (02) 2595-1676



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National Revolutionary Martyrs' Shrine

The National Revolutionary Martyrs' Shrine is located on Beian Road in Dazhi District, near the famous Grand Hotel and the Keelung River. The shrine commemorates the over 400,000 martyrs who died for the Republic of China. The Martyrs' Shrine was built in 1969 in traditional Chinese style, and resembles the Hall of Supreme Harmony in Beijing's Forbidden City. The tiered roof is covered in yellow tiles and the beams are meticulously painted. The civilian and military martyrs' shrines, stone lions, and bell and drum towers are all worth a visit. The army, navy, and air force take turns serving as honor guards. The changing of the guards takes place every hour on the hour, and much painstaking training is required to perform the changing of the guards ceremony in perfect unison. Every year, thousands of visitors from around the world come to watch.



Add: No.139, Bei'an Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2885-4376



Shilin Tourist Night Market

One of the must-visit tourist spots in Taiwan, the Shilin Tourist Night Market is the largest night market in Taipei, and lines along several bustling streets. There are more than 500 stores and vendors in the market, so visitors can shop to their hearts' content. The night market encompasses two distinct sections. One is housed in the Shilin Market building. The food court on the first underground floor holds many snack vendors. The other section, centered on the Yangming Cinema, consists of a cluster of vendors. Make sure to visit the night market's shopping streets after satisfying your taste buds. After shopping, plenty of foot massage shops can be found in the night market, which will offer relief in no time.

Add: In the neighbourhood of Dadong Rd., Danan Rd., Wenlin Rd. and Jihe Rd.



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Shilin Official Residence

Shilin Official Residence was the "Shilin Horticultural Experiment Branch" during the Japanese Era. Reconstructed and completed in 1950, it acquired its current name when it became an official residence of President Chiang Kai-shek and his wife Soong Meiling. Shilin Official Residence has become famous as one of Taipei's ecological parks since it opened to the public in 1996, and the rose garden contains a wide range of roses. A rose exhibition is held here from March to April every year, and attracts many flower-lovers. Other seasonal flower exhibitions (of orchids and chrysanthemums, for instance) are also held here. Another major attraction at the residence is the Victory Chapel, where Chiang Kai-shek and his wife Soong Mei-ling worshiped every Sunday. It's become a popular site for taking wedding photographs.

Add: No.60, Fulin Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2881-2512, 2883-6340 (Closed on Monday)



National Palace Museum

Located in the Waishuang River area, Shilin, the National Palace Museum is home to more than 690,000 artifacts. The National Palace Museum was originally established in the Forbidden City, Beijing. However, beginning in 1925, the artifacts were moved several times in order to protect them from war and destruction, and they finally ended up in Taiwan. In 1965, the museum was reopened in its current location. The museum regularly displays magnificent exhibitions, allowing its precious artifacts to be enjoyed by the public. The greatest treasures of the museum, apart from the large Western Zhou bronze vessel "Mao-kung Ting," include life-like jade carvings such as the Jadeite Cabbage with Insects and the Meat-shaped Stone will leave you impressed and amazed. Friday and Saturday nights are a good time to visit, as the main hall is open until 9 pm on both days.

Add: No.221, Sec. 2, Zhishan Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2881-2021 (Main hall is open year-round. Please refer to www.npm.gov.tw for all other branches)



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Taipei Astronomical Museum

The Taipei Astronomical Museum sports many exhibition halls with audio visual displays, the most exciting of which is the Universe Theater, the largest dome theater in Southeast Asia. The golden cone aluminum-panel domed structure houses a 180-degree screen, which allows audience members to enjoy a simulated night sky full of stars. Add to this the surround-sound audio, and you'll feel like you're in the midst of the vast universe. The museum has nine exhibition halls that encompass ancient astronomy, space technology, the solar system, the galaxies, and cosmology. On the other hand, the popular "Cosmic Adventure" is a fun educational ride that takes you through the stars along a 200-meter track.

Add: No.363, Jihe Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2831-4551 (Closed on Monday)



National Taiwan Science Education Center

In National Taiwan Science Education Center, the simple, hands-on exhibits in the main area focus on several principles in physics and chemistry, such as electricity, magnetic fields, light, and sound. In the life sciences area, Marie the transparent human and a giant's digestive tract integrate acousto-optic technologies and interactive models for you to explore the human body. There is also a turbo ride 3D theater with hydraulic seats that move along with the movie! The one-of-a-kind Sky Cycle lets you test your balance. You can also spend some time in the library, science lab, or underground world, filled with various interactive hands-on facilities. You'll be surprised how fun it is to discover the wonders of science!

Add: No.189, Shishang Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 6610-1234 (Closed on Monday)



Guandu Nature Park

Guandu Nature Park, located at the confluence of the Tamsui River and the Keelung River, has been a paradise for birdwatchers for decades now. Looking out into the distance, you can see the Keelung River on one side, and lush green rice fields on the other, while water buffalo quietly chew grass. These abundant wetlands nurture fiddler crabs, insects, mudskippers, and thousands of species of vibrant flora and fauna. There are also swamps, ponds, mudflats, trees, and abundant other natural habitats, making it a biological paradise within greater Taipei.

Add: No.55, Guandu Rd., Taipei City



Taipei Public Library Beitou branch

Taipei Public Library Beitou Branch has received a Green Building candidate certificate on the basis of nine elements, and is the first library in a green building in Taiwan. The entire building is constructed with wood and steel, and large French windows are used to admit natural light. The library, from inside out, is very environmentally conscious. The roof has 96 solar panels, which each day generates enough power to supply a family's power consumption for two or three days.

Add: No.251, Zhongshan Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2897-7682 (Closed on the first Thursday of each month and on national holidays)



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Ketagalan Culture Center

The Ketagalan Culture Center is located in Taipei's Beitou District near Beitou Park. It is the first education and training center in Taiwan that focuses on Taiwan's indigenous peoples. The area used to be the home of the Ketagalan people over four hundred years ago. The permanent exhibits describe the history and traditions of the Ketagalan people. Clothing, tools, and instruments are used to show their social classes, religious beliefs, history, and legends.

Add: No.3-1, Zhongshan Rd., Taipei City
Tel: (02) 2898-6500 (Closed on Monday)



Beitou Park

Beitou Park, one of Taipei's older parks, was laid out in 1911 along the banks of the Beitou Stream. The murmuring sound of the running water, which emits clouds of white steam, reveals the uniqueness of this hot spring area. To get there simply take the MRT to Beitou station, change to the Xinbeitou Branch and get off at Xinbeitou Station. The park is across the street from the station entrance. The fountain at the entrance makes an entertaining hourly water show, while at night colorful lights attract passers-by. Going up Zhongshan Road, beside the park, you'll come to a Japanese-style wood building roofed with black tiles and with large floor-to-ceiling windows. This was the summer retreat and retirement home of the late modern master of cursive calligraphy, Yu Youren. The two characters at the entrance, Meiting (meaning "Plum Garden"), were written by his own hand. The elegant Japanese-style building has a serene courtyard.

Add: No.2, Zhongshan Rd., Taipei



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Beitou Hot Spring Museum

Built in 1913, the Beitou Hot Spring Public Bath House was the largest hot spring bath house in East Asia at the time. Today, the building has been transformed into a museum that introduces the culture of the Beitou area. The exhibition areas on both sides introduce the construction of the public bath house and how the local community promoted the establishment of a hot spring museum. Classic 1950-70's Taiwanese movies are shown in the Exhibition Hall. The museum affords the perfect way to gain a deeper understanding of hot spring culture during the Japanese Era.

Add: No.2, Zhongshan Rd., Taipei
Tel: (02)2893-9981 (Closed on Monday and national holidays)



Beitou Park Outdoor Hot Spring Bathing Pool

The park was opened in late 1999, on the eve of the new millennium, and is therefore also known as the "Millennium Hot Spring." The pools occupy roughly 1,000 square meters, and the area features a Japanese-style architectural design employing mostly natural materials such as stone and wood. The hot spring water in the park comes from Thermal Valley, and is derived from so-called green sulfur springs. The six public pools are located at different heights reflecting the sloping topography of the land; four are hot pools, and two are cold. In order to maintain the cleanliness and safety of the pools and the surrounding environment, visitors must follow bathing rules and wear swimsuits when bathing.

Add: No. 6, Zhongshan Rd., Taipei City



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Thermal Valley

Located near Beitou Park, Thermal Valley is one of the Beitou Hot Spring sources. The local name is "Sulfur Water Source," and it's veiled in sulfurous fumes all year-round. It is also called "Hell Valley" or "Ghost Lake" due to its associations with terrifying images of the underworld. The misty, dreamlike scenery here made it one of the "12 great sights of Taiwan" during the Japanese Era. Furthermore, a type of rock from Thermal Valley called Hokutolite or "Beitou Stone" is the only kind of mineral to be named after a place in Taiwan, and can be found only at Beitou in Taiwan and Tamagawa Hot Spring in Akita Prefecture, Japan.

Location: Left side of the valley near the end of Zhongshan Rd., Taipei City



Beitou Museum

The building housing the Beitou Museum, was built in 1921, and was Jiashan Hot Springs Hotel (the finest hotel in Beitou) during the Japanese Era. The building occupies around 2,600 square meters, and contains close to 5,000 folk artifacts and works of folk art that have been preserved and displayed here for over 30 years. Apart from the building, which is itself a historic site, the museum displays both permanent exhibits and occasional topical exhibits in its limited space. The museum also promotes the art of tea and the making of the Japanese sweets known as wagashi through DIY activities.

Add: No.32, Youya Rd., Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2891-2318 (Closed on Monday)



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Yangming Park

Yangming Park, situated to the north north of Taipei, was once covered with wild grass, hence it was originally called "Grass Mountain." In order to commemorate the Ming Dynasty scholar Wang Yangming, Grass Mountain was renamed Yangmingshan in 1950.

Yangming Park is located at the foot of Mt. Datun, at a height of 445 meters. The area around the park is the only place in Taiwan with dormant volcanos and sulfur fumaroles, as well as hot springs. The park is planted with plum, cherry, peach, azalea and camellia blossoms, and consistently attracts throngs of people to view the flowers each spring. There is also a flower clock, made from various seasonal flowers.

Location: Hushan Rd. Sec.2, Taipei City





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Taipei Urban Culture Tour



For a quick tour of Taipei, start by taking the MRT to National Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall to watch the changing of the honor guard. Next take a short walk to Taipei City Hall's Discovery Center of Taipei before visiting the observation platform on the 89th floor of Taipei 101, for a panoramic view of the entire Taipei area. While in the Xinyi commercial district, experience the joy of fine dining and shopping, or take the Metro to Songshan Station to visit the Raohe tourist night market, where you may need to wait in line to try the wildly-popular snack foods. After you've eaten your fill, visit the eslite Bookstore Dunnan Branch, a unique cultural scene of Taipei. Spending some time here is the perfect way to end a one-day tour of the city.



Art and Culture Tour



Taipei is like a multifaceted woman: Sometimes stunningly modern, sometimes traditional and down-to-earth, sometimes charmingly nostalgic, and sometimes romantically artistic. The Taipei Fine Arts Museum is the first museum in Taiwan specializing in contemporary art. From the outside, the museum looks like an outsized sculpture. The nearby Shilin Official Residence was once the residence of President Chiang Kai-shek and his wife Soong Mei-ling, and has now become a favorite backyard garden for flower lovers in the Taipei area. Of course, if you go to Shilin, make sure not to miss the National Palace Museum in the Waishuangxi area, where more than 690,000 artifacts are housed. The Shilin Tourist Night Market is the most visited attraction for tourists. We guarantee that you will get your fill of eating and shopping at the night market, which makes a perfect conclusion for your day.





Hot Spring Heritage Tour



Because of its rising steam and sulfurous fumes, people once considered Thermal Valley to be the home of witches. In fact the indigenous Ketagalan Tribe called this place "Pa-tauw," which means "witches." Choose between a traditional hot springs soak or a modern hot spring hotel. While here, don't forget to experience the local hot spring cuisine before visiting nearby tourist hotspots such as Beitou Hot Spring Museum, the plum tree garden, Beitou Museum or Beitou Library.



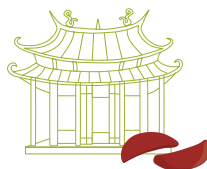
Guandu, Golden Shore, and Bali Left Bank Bikeway

While in Taipei, maybe you'd like to see the city by bicycle? The bike paths through Guandu, Golden Shore, and Bali Left bank areas are the most outstanding routes. These three bicycle routes along rivers are fully marked, and have many scenic points along the way. On a bike, you can appreciate the rich ecology of the Guandu Nature Park, and feel the romantic greens of the open countryside. The bike path through the Guandu Plain is a fully self-contained route that ends in the west at Guandu Temple. The vendors that once set up along the river dike section near Guandu Temple have been relocated, creating a pedestrian trail, while the fishing boats tied up at the dock next to the Zhonggang River bridge add a nostalgic touch of fishing harbor atmosphere.





Bangka Historical Tour



The first major area of settlement in Taipei, Bangka contains many temples and historic sites. Get off the MRT at Longshan Temple Station and walk to Longshan Temple, which is a major religious center in the Wanhua area, containing over a hundred deities. The well-known Herbal Lane is next door, where you can buy some medicinal herbal tea, or a cup of cooling grass tea. Sip your tea as you stroll along Guangzhou Street, passing the red tile roofs of Bopiliao, soon you'll see Qingshui Temple and Qingshan Temple, which have long provided local residents with divine protection. These two historical and artistically valuable buildings are both municipal historic sites, and are worthy of a close look. After a day's walking, it's time for supper, at the tourist night market on Huaxi Street.



Visiting Hot Springs



In Taipei hot springs are never more than around 30 minutes by bus or car from the city center! Beitou is the only place in Taiwan you could find sulfur hot springs, with three different types, namely white sulfur, green sulfur, and iron sulfur springs. Apart from rinsing before you enter the water, avoid soaking if you have any chronic diseases, have been drinking, or have any other physical problem. To avoid dizziness and fainting, get out and take a break after every 15 minutes of soaking. To ensure healthy and safe soaking, be sure to follow hot springs etiquette and rules.



Spa Cuisine



Beitou not only has famous hot springs but has also developed a distinctive spa cuisine. During the 1950s, the resort culture reached its peak. Beitou's "hotel cuisine" emphasized both abundance and appearance, and was rather strongly-flavored, since it was intended to accompany liquor. However, over time it has evolved. Nowadays it has combined with aspects of Mainland and Japanese cuisine, and there is a stronger emphasis on healthy eating and lighter flavors. These elements have combined to form Beitou's distinctive food culture today. If you don't want to eat too much, there are also hot spring noodles and hot spring eggs to choose from. After you have had a hot spring bath, you'll feel very relaxed, but don't forget to treat yourself to the special local spa cuisine!



Taipei MRT Map



Transportation Information



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24hr Pass



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48hr Pass



NT\$280

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NT\$380

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MRT Zhongxiao Xinsheng Station Service Center (outside Exit 5): Ln. 56, Sec. 1, Xinsheng S. Rd., Taipei City (B1)

MRT Jiannan Road Station Service Center (outside Exit 2): 798, Beian Rd., Taipei City (2F)



Blue Highway

Taipei Department of Transportation: www.dot.gov.taipei

Taipei River Cruise Mini Trip Website: www.riverfun.net (for detailed information about cruises, please contact the boat companies.)



Taiwan Tourist Shuttle-Beitou Zhuzihu Route

Start/End Points: MRT Beitou Station – Zhuzihu

Website: www.taiwantrip.com.tw