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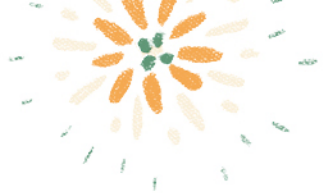
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Both located in western Taipei, Ximending and Bangka are among the city's earlier developed areas. The bustling Ximending is where the old city meets the new, with historic Japanese architecture right alongside trendy subcultural boutiques such as tattoo studios and anime stores. Each summer, cosplay and street dance events are staged, making the streets especially vibrant. The history of Bangka spans three centuries and is evident in its many temples, old streets and alleys, and century-old shops that have stayed in businesses until today. Among its main attractions are festivals celebrated at Bangka Longshan Temple and Bangka Qingshan Temple; these are great opportunities to experience traditional life in the district.



01 Ximen Back Street Festival

This cultural festival is held annually from July through August. There are a myriad of activities, including skateboarding, street dancing, graffiti experiences, and music performances. There are also film lectures, theme bazaars, and local guided tours on traditional culture, all fantastic activities to experience Taipei's street culture.

19, Kangding Rd., Taipei City (Taipei Cinema Park)

02 Cosplay Battle Ximending

Ximending is ground zero for Taipei's anime culture. Each year, the Cosplay Battle Ximending competition is held from July through September. In addition to the splendid stage performances, members of the public are invited to dress up as anime characters individually and enter the competition, in a grand presentation of the pop-culture charms of western Taipei.

Ximending Commercial District

03 Bangka Longshan Temple–Lantern Exhibit

Each year, Bangka Longshan Temple stages a series of highly anticipated blessing events starting on Lunar New Year's Eve. One is a month-long Lantern Festival lantern exhibit. This is a glorious spectacle of color, with a large-scale "Peace and Safety Main Lantern" in the temple plaza. Worshippers are invited to pass underneath and pray for peace in the new year. There is also a Chinese zodiac theme lantern and hundreds of small painted lanterns are hung around the temple.

211, Guangzhou St., Taipei City

02-2302-5162

04 Bangka Qingshan Temple–Qingshan King Festival

Known colloquially as the "Grand Worship of Bangka", the annual festival begins on the day before the King of Qingshan's birthday, which falls on the 23rd day of the 10th lunar month. Major events include the king's "night visit" and tour of inspection processions, plus the "King of Qingshan Longevity Birthday" celebration. The grand processions feature escorts of gods, as well as battle-array performances, dragon and lion dances, and Eight Generals parading on the streets.

218, Sec. 2, Gulyang St., Taipei City

02-2382-2296



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01 The Red House

The Red House is a 100-plus-year-old heritage brick building that today serves as a cultural-creative and performance space and as an LGBT-friendly gathering spot. Coming here you can enjoy live theater and shows, drink fine tea, purchase cultural-creative items, and browse weekend markets. Riverside Live House often holds performances by singers and indie bands. It is an artistic and cultural hotspot of Taipei's western district which is definitely worth a visit.

📍 10, Chengdu Rd., Taipei City

☎ 02-2311-9380 (Closed on Monday)



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02 Ximending Pedestrian Area

Located along Hanzhong St., Emei St., and Wuchang St., these pedestrian streets are lined with stores selling trendy clothing and daily necessities, as well as restaurants. The ground mural "Rainbow six" in front of MRT Ximen Station Exit 6 is a popular check-in attraction on social media. The pedestrian area is also a hotspot where street performers are most frequently seen. The music, comedy, dance, acrobatics, and other acts draw big crowds, and are key elements of the unique landscape of the Ximending Pedestrian Area.



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📍 MRT Ximen Station Exit 6, around Hanzhong St., Emei St., Wuchang St.

03 Cinema Street / Taipei Cinema Park

In the 1960s Ximending was home to about ten movie theaters, with posters, giant billboards, and other eye-catching draws used to entice patrons. The area is today still often used for film-promotion events, and there is an air of rich cinematic culture. Around the spacious Cinema Park, weekends and holidays are busy with skateboarding, dancing, flea market, and other trendy activities. This is a particularly popular neighborhood with young people.

📍 Sec. 2 of Wuchang St., Taipei City / 19, Kangding Rd., Taipei City

04 Tattoo Street / America Street / Costume Street

Ximending is home to specialty tattoo parlors, and is a pilgrimage destination for subculture fans. Fans of American pop culture should check out America Street, home to shops specializing in second-hand clothing, hip-hop signature lines, skateboarder clothing and accessories. Costume Street is choc-a-bloc with renters of costumes, dance outfits, and performance props, with everything from traditional period attire to cartoon characters and Halloween outfits.

📍 Ln. 50, Hanzhong St., Taipei City / Ln. 96, Kunming St., Taipei City / Hanzhong St., Chengdu Rd., Sec. 2 of Changsha St., Taipei City





05 Wannian Building

This historical market building has witnessed local memories for multiple generations of young Taiwanese. The B1 level has a food court with many sellers of good, reasonably-priced fare. The other floors form a grand emporium of clocks and watches, cosmetics, trendy clothing, sports shoes, games, models, toys, comics, magazines, and much more.

📍 70, Xining S. Rd., Taipei City

06 Flora Salon

The Lolita-themed photography salon satisfies whatever your fancy, from classical to sweet to fantasy, providing all attire, hair styling/accessories, makeup, and adornments needed for its studio photography. The studio engages in all types of modeling design to meet customers' needs. Reservations are required.

📍 6F-2, 67, Chengdu Rd., Taipei City ☎ 02-2388-6556 (Closed on Tuesday)

07 Taipei Tianhou Temple

Informally known as Ximending Mazu Temple, Tianhou Temple worships the sea goddess Mazu. It is also the only temple in Taiwan that worships the Japanese Kobo Daishi, thus attracting many Japanese tourists. During the Qing era, it was known as one of the three major Bangka temples alongside Longshan Temple and Qingshui Temple.

📍 51, Chengdu Rd., Taipei City ☎ 02-2331-0421



08 Futai Street Mansion

A two-story building of stone and wood, it is one of the very few remaining western-style retail buildings from the Japanese era. After restoration, the mansion now serves as a public space for exhibitions and events.

📍 26, Yanping S. Rd., Taipei City 📞 02-2314-8080 (Closed on Sunday)

09 North Gate (Chengén Gate)

Built in 1884 as the portal between the Qing walled city and Dadaocheng, the North Gate is one of the five historic city gates of Taipei, standing quietly in the bustling area that is today's western Taipei. With the opening of North Gate Square in 2017, it has become a popular attraction.

📍 Intersection of Zhongxiao W. Rd. and Boai Rd.



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10 Nishi Honganji Temple / Eighty-Eightea Rinbansyo

Known as the Xibenyan Temple in Chinese, this was Taiwan's largest Japanese-style temple during the Japanese era. A fire in 1975 destroyed the Grand Hall and other key structures. Following renovation, today the Rinbansyo (head priest's residence) is transformed into Eighty-Eightea, a tatami teahouse serving premium Taiwanese teas, light meals and Japanese desserts. Shuxin Hall (lecture hall) is a venue for occasional cultural exhibitions. The Bell Tower, atop a small hill, was given a faithfully replicated replacement bronze bell as part of the renovation project; this is a popular spot for taking photos.

📍 174, Sec. 1, Zhonghua Rd., Taipei City 📞 02-2312-0845 (Eighty-Eightea Rinbansyo)



| Ximending's Popular Cuisine |

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11 Simon Tian Bu La

With a history of more than half a century, the *tian bu la* (tempura) in this old shop is made with carefully selected fish. It is paired with oily tofu, fish balls, and radish, and is sprinkled with the proprietor's specially made sweet soy sauce. A sip of the boiled fish bone soup is a flavor that both young and old will never forget.

📍 95, Xining S. Rd., Taipei City

☎ 02-2331-2481

12 Ya Rou Bian

Though it has a Ya Rou ("Duck Meat") Bian signpost hanging outside, the restaurant actually serves tasty goose meat. Its fresh soup and delicious smoked goose meat have been served for decades here in Ximending. For tired shoppers, nothing beats a tasty bowl of noodles or rice noodle soup with a dish of sliced goose meat to restore energy.

📍 98-2, Sec. 1, Zhonghua Rd., Taipei City

☎ 02-2371-3918

◆ Traditional Braised Foods

Lau Tian Lu and Shanghai Lau Tian Lu are Ximending's most renowned shops, each with its own unique style. Try the flavorful duck tongues, duck wings, duck gizzards, intestines, chicken feet and wings, as well as dried tofu, beloved by many Hong Kong celebrities.

13 Lau Tian Lu

📍 55, Sec. 2, Wuchang St., Taipei City

☎ 02-2361-5588

14 Shanghai Lau Tian Lu

📍 56, Chengdu Rd., Taipei City

☎ 02-2375-7575

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15 Mei Guan Yuan Restaurant

With over 70 years of history, the restaurant serves quality Japanese dishes such as sashimi, nigiri, donburi, teishoku, and tempura made from fresh, locally sourced ingredients. With its good food and reasonable prices, Mei Guan Yuan is definitely worth trying.

📍 36, Emei St., Taipei City

☎ 02-2331-7000

16 Ay Chung Flour-Rice Noodle

Offers smooth red thin noodles paired with fragrant, chewy soy-braised intestine and shaved-fish soup. Feel free to add some chili sauce, black vinegar, and mashed garlic to enrich the taste. Though there is no seating, this eatery still attracts foodies to eat standing in the entryway, affording a curious spectacle.

📍 8-1, Emei St., Taipei City

☎ 02-2388-8808

17 Yanji Ice

Offering its signature peanut and sweetcorn ice, Yanji Ice boils its peanuts until they soften before pairings with some savory sweetcorn. The contrasting sweet and savory tastes are a surprisingly fine match. In addition to the signature dish, there are also red bean, mung bean and more than 10 other ingredients which you can combine as you like.

📍 38, Sec. 2, Hankou St., Taipei City ☎ 02-2375-2223

18 Daily Green

Daily Green offers a modern twist on Taiwanese herbal tea culture by grinding the tea leaves and serving the tea with light snacks and desserts. In the evening, the menu transitions from tea to cocktails, with music on vinyl records filling the room.

📍 41, Neijiang St., Taipei City

☎ 02-2311-4781

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19 Three Coins (1-Star Michelin)

Honored with a star in the Michelin Guide Taipei, this eatery offers Cantonese dishes with Taiwanese ingredients. Its signature dish is lobster simmered in chicken consommé, the meat delicious with firm texture. The aromatic baked seafood in papaya, a bestseller for 30 years, features a half papaya stuffed with fish, shrimp, and other seafood, covered in cheese and baked.

📍 46, Hengyang Rd., Taipei City ☎ 02-2381-7180

◆ Beef Noodles—Bib Gourmand Selection

The noodles at Lao Shandong Homemade Noodles are fresh-made and fresh-cooked; the hand-crafted pork-filled dumplings are also recommended. At Niu Dian Beef Noodles, the signature Manchurian-Chinese beef noodle soup has a flavorful clear broth; savory beef shin, tendon, and tripe in a single dish. Liu Shandong Beef Noodles holds strictly to a technique using beef breast and beef-bone stock made with Chinese medicinal herbs.

20 Lao Shandong Homemade Noodles

📍 B1, 70, Xining S. Rd., Taipei City
(Wannian Bldg.)

☎ 02-2389-1216

21 Niu Dian Beef Noodles

📍 91, Kunming St., Taipei City

☎ 02-2389-5577

22 Liu Shandong Beef Noodles

📍 2, Ln. 14, Sec. 1, Kaifeng St.,
Taipei City

☎ 02-2311-3581

| Pastry Gifts x Souvenir Shops |



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23 Taiho Traditional Biscuit

Established in 1949, this pastry shop features Taiwan-shaped pineapple cakes and nougat, as well as new flavors including sesame nougat crackers, baked *Sachima*, and Mazu cakes.

📍 47, Chengdu Rd., Taipei City

☎ 02-2331-2091

24 RUYI BAKERY

A national champion of the best handmade sun cakes, this bakery features the award-winning original sun cake, with additional flavors including cheese, black sesame, honey, brown sugar, and rose.

📍 22, Sec. 2, Kaifeng St., Taipei City

☎ 02-2361-3399

25 Fengda Coffee

With a history stretching over half a century, Fengda Coffee serves aromatic brewed coffee which may be paired with traditional Taiwanese delicacies like Mung Bean cake, Sweetheart cakes, white sugar cakes and almond flakes.

📍 42, Chengdu Rd., Taipei City ☎ 02-2331-6110

26 The Red House Select Shop

With a unique selection of creative products designed and made in Taiwan, the shop sells items such as wooden coasters resembling the Red House decorative grilles, Taiwanese city graphic notebooks and mugs, Taiwan Blue Maple forks.

📍 10, Chengdu Rd., Taipei City

☎ 02-2311-9380

27 Museum of Ancient Taiwan Tiles

Turning decorative tile patterns of old Taiwanese buildings into modern designs for daily objects such as wallpapers, coasters, porcelain tiles and more.

📍 10, Chengdu Rd., Taipei City

☎ 0905-012-390

28 Zi Zuo Zi Shou

Selling daily essentials with Taiwanese vintage design elements, this store is a great place to pick up gifts such as backpacks, clothing, and throw pillows.

📍 10, Chengdu Rd., Taipei City

☎ 02-2314-5513



BANGKA



01 Bangka Longshan Temple

With a history of almost 300 years, this temple is a national heritage site. The main sacrificial deities here are Guanyin, the Goddess of Mercy; Wenchang Dijun, who blesses examinees; the Old Man Under the Moon, the Chinese Cupid; and Zhu Sheng Niang Niang, a fertility deity, among over a hundred gods of Buddhism, Daoism, and Confucianism enshrined. The temple's Sanchuan Hall has Taiwan's only pair of copper-cast dragon pillars, and its outside walls feature numerous works of calligraphy and stone carving.

📍 211, Guangzhou St., Taipei City

📞 02-2302-5162



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02 Bangka Qingshan Temple

The main deity enshrined here is Ling An Zun Wang, a protector of health, commonly known as the King of Qingshan. Also enshrined are deities responsible for oversight of good and evil, such as the Military and Scholar Recording Officers, Generals Xie and Fan, and Generals Jia and Suo. This temple, built of wood and stone, was completed in 1856. It is today a municipal heritage site. The beautiful complex has gone through numerous renovations. There are stone dragon pillars on either side of the temple's Sanchuan Hall, and on the inside are stone-carving wall art and verse, bright and intricately colorful eight-trigram plafonds and painted civil/military door gods on the main and side portals, as well as simple-line stone lions. The workmanship is exquisite, deserving slow, unhurried appreciation.

📍 218, Sec. 2, Guliang St., Taipei City 📞 02-2382-2296



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03 Bangka Qingshui Temple

Built in 1787 (the 52nd year of the Qing Emperor Qianlong), Qingshui Temple is a municipal heritage site. The plaque bearing the inscription *Gong zi zheng ji* (功資拯濟), which hangs above the main hall, was presented to the temple by the Guangxu Emperor, and is also one of the few Imperial plaques to be seen in Taipei City. The gable walls on the two sides have brick carving dating from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. The temple enshrines primarily Qingshui Zushi, a protector god of Fujianese migrants. It is said that before every disaster, the Zushi's nose will fall off as a warning, so it is also known as the "Nose-dropping Zushi."

📍 81, Kangding Rd., Taipei City 📞 02-2371-1517



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04 Bangka Old Street

Located on today's Section 1, Xiyuan Road, this street once comprised Jiu Street (Guiyan St. to Guilin Rd.) and Xindiantou Street (Guilin Rd. to Guangzhou St.), and was a prosperous business district in the Qing Dynasty. As in the past, today many traditional old shops continue to thrive, among them sellers of Buddhist implements, embroidery, paper and pastes, and regional specialty goods.

📍 Sec. 1, Xiyuan Rd., Taipei City



05 Bopiliao Historic Block / Heritage and Culture Education Center of Taipei

During the Qing Dynasty, this was originally a place where Chinese fir tree bark was peeled. In order to meet the needs of the workers who peeled the bark, gradually it turned into a block which retains the merged styles of Minnan (South Fujian) and Baroque architecture. Today, the Qing Dynasty street layout and traditional shops of Bopiliao Historic Block have been preserved, making it not only a place to witness the development of Bangka, but also one of the few century-old city blocks to have been preserved in Taipei. Special exhibitions on various themes curated by the Heritage and Culture Education Center of Taipei are great opportunities to learn about the local culture.

Heritage and Culture Education Center of Taipei

📍 101, Guangzhou St., Taipei City ☎ 02-2336-1704 (Closed on Monday and national holidays)



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06 Herb Lane

Adjacent to Longshan Temple, the air in Herb Lane is filled with fragrances from the various herb stores, where herbs of all kinds can be seen either hung in storefronts or cooked inside.

📍 Ln. 224, Xichang St., Taipei City



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07 U-mkt

This market building was constructed in the late Japanese era. From architecture to function, this is a prime example of the era's public markets, notably its distinctive horseshoe shape. After 80 years of ups and downs, in 2006 the facility was designated a municipal heritage site. After restoration and revitalization, it was reopened in 2017, as a multifunctional space for food education, art exhibits, cultural-history exhibits, and a café.

📍 70, Sanshui St., Taipei City ☎ 02-2308-1092 (Closed on Monday)

08 Moungrat Traces of Books Second-Hand Bookstore

A century-old residence in traditional south Fujian style, the beam work and plaques reveal its age and history. Not just old books are for sale – there are also vintage photos, artworks, earlier-period daily-use commodities, and other treasures. The ambience of the Taiwan of years past here is palpable. The shop also has a snack bar with coffees and Taiwanese cakes and pastries.

📍 4, Ln. 152, Guangzhou St., Taipei City ☎ 02-2336-2717



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09 Tangbu Cultural Park

The grounds of the Taipei Sugar Manufacturing Co., established in 1909, were redeveloped to create the Tangbu Cultural Park; now a municipal heritage site. Three original storehouses remain, all built in red brick with arched doorways, trapezoid pillars, and sweeping framework, split into areas where Taiwan's sugar industry and culture are exhibited, with an additional space for Ming Hwa Yuan Arts and Culture Group for its settings, props and rehearsals. Nearby are an old railway platform, a locomotive, and a small railway line. Next to the park, a sugar cane plantation has also been cultivated, which allows the visiting public to take a trip back in time to a sugar refinery with trains after trains of sugar cane.

📍 132-10, Dali St., Taipei City 📞 02-2306-7975 (Closed on Monday)

10 Longshan Temple Underground Shopping Bazaar/ Longshan Cultural & Creative Base

Taipei's first two-level underground bazaar featuring clothing, arts and crafts, and fortune telling on the B1 level. Located on the B2 level is the Longshan Cultural & Creative Base, a platform for art enthusiasts to connect and a stage for live performances and exhibitions. The space serves great coffee and Taiwanese teas with Taiwanese Opera costumes, creative design products, as well as clothing and pottery made by local artists and designers.

📍 B1 & B2, 145, Sec. 1, Xiyuan Rd., Taipei City

11 Bangka Fashion District / Fashion Institute of Taipei

In the early days Dali Street was home to Taiwan's first wholesale clothes market. In recent years, Dali Street has been made the center of renewal planning for the clothing district, bringing a brand new look. At the Fashion Institute of Taipei, located on Xiyuan Road, cutting-edge Taiwanese designers and top-notch textile brands showcase unique print fabrics and clothing samples, meanwhile offering production tours and digital customization experience.

Bangka Fashion District

📍 Nearby Dali St., Sec. 1, Xiyuan Rd., Bangka Blvd., Kangding Rd., Taipei City

Fashion Institute of Taipei

📍 9, Sec. 2, Xiyuan Rd., Taipei City 📞 02-2336-7599 (Closed on national holidays)



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12 Huaxi Street Tourist Night Market

This is Taiwan's first tourist night market, where grilled meats, seafood, and sweet soups among other Taiwanese street foods are served. Neighboring Huaxi Street Tourist Night Market comprises the Guangzhou Street, Wuzhou Street, and Xichang Street night markets, together creating a culinary paradise with distinctive flavors.

📍 Huaxi St., Taipei City (between Gulyang St. and Guangzhou St.)



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14 Dongsanshui Street Market

Dongsanshui Street Market, built in the 1920s, is one of Taipei's few traditional markets preserved from the Japanese era. You can sample many kinds of traditional culinary treats here, such as Jinhe sushi, Ah Po Oily Glutinous Rice, and handmade rice cakes. This is the place to taste the old times beloved by local Taipei folk.

📍 Sanshui St., Taipei City (Closed on Monday)

13 A Tsai Ma's Sweet Soup

In winter, a bowl of warming peanut soup is a favorite. Premium peanuts are used, bringing a dense silkiness. Pure rice is used in the handmade *tangyuan*, along with adzuki beans, lightly sweet without oiliness. In summer, the cold rock sugar with white fungus soup and mung-bean soup are cooling treats.

📍 3, Huaxi St., Taipei City

☎ 02-2361-8697 (Closed on Thursday)

15 36 Tangyuan Shop

Near Bangka Park, the shops famous for its red tortoise cakes, made with red bean paste. They are made fresh each day, soft, tender, and delicious. In winter, come for a piping-hot bowl of *tangyuan* soup, adzuki bean soup, or classic peanut soup with fried bread sticks. This is the taste that is well-liked by old Taipei people.

📍 92, Sanshui St., Taipei City

☎ 02-2306-3765

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16 Zhouji's Congee

It has been more than half a century since Zhouji's Congee opened and, in the minds of many Bangka locals, it brings back the purest and most beautiful memories. With a perfect level of saltiness, soft but chewy rice is paired with pork bone soup. A dish of red-yeast pork, flaky on the outside and soft in the middle, makes a perfect accompaniment.

📍 104, Guangzhou St., Taipei City ☎ 02-2302-5588

17 Longdu Iced Fruit Store

Established in 1920, it is an old ice store of choice for locals. The Eight Treasures Ice is a store-favorite dessert. It is packed with ingredients which glitter like jewels to delight the eye. All products are made daily, ensuring freshness.

📍 192, Sec. 3, Heping W. Rd., Taipei City
☎ 02-2308-3223

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18 Tainan Tan Tsu Mien Seafood Restaurant (1-Star Michelin)

This upscale Taiwanese seafood restaurant has been in business for more than half a century. The restaurant has ornate and elegant décor and uses only fine European tableware. Diners can enjoy authentic *danzai* noodles (al dente noodles topped with a special minced pork sauce, prawn, mung bean sprouts, and scallion).

📍 31-1, Huaxi St., Taipei City ☎ 02-2308-1123

19 Bib Gourmand Selection-Wang's Broth

Established in 1975, the signature dish is Steamed Minced Pork with Pickles in Broth. The broth created by the restaurant is made with pickled cucumber and house-made pork balls. Paired with a bowl of braised minced pork over rice, this is a very satisfying dish with a simple, old-time flavor.

📍 17-4, Huaxi St., Taipei City ☎ 02-2370-7118

| Afternoon Tea Time |



20 YONGFU ice cream

With over 60 years of history, this traditional ice cream store features signature flavors such as taro and red bean freshly made every morning, as well as longan, peanut, and prune, among others.

📍 68, Sec. 2, Gulyang St., Taipei City

☎ 02-2314-0306

21 STARBUCKS Bangka – Wanhua Lin House

Located inside a historic landmark, this Starbucks store offers guided tours and videos on local history and culture besides coffee.

📍 24, Ln. 306, Sec. 1, Xiyuan Rd., Taipei City

☎ 02-2302-8643

22 Hoshing Bashihbating

Originally a traditional pastry shop in Nanmen Market, the café offers traditional cakes and pastries in modern bite-size desserts. Inside a historic Japanese architecture, it is an elegant place for afternoon tea.

📍 70, Sanshui St., Taipei City

☎ 02-2302-5863 (Closed on Monday)

23 MOT CAFÉ

A bright and spacious café with original door frames from the historic building, it has a beautiful space to enjoy some coffee with *Oolong*, freshly made Taiwanese teas with sandwiches and cakes.

📍 70, Sanshui St., Taipei City

☎ 02-2302-3779 (Closed on Monday)



24 DD Coffee

Unique drinks made with local Wanhua ingredients are served here, such as roasted wheat flour latte and herbal tea coffee. Each cup of coffee comes with a card with descriptions of its flavors, enriching the coffee experience.

📍 6, Ln. 282, Sec. 1, Xiyuan Rd., Taipei City
☎ 0916-807-858 (Closed on Tuesday)

25 Gan Xin Coffee

Offering dozens of self-roasted coffees, among the highly recommended ones are sweet rice wine latte with osmanthus syrup and camellia coffee, accompanied by some baked tea cake roll or chocolate cake.

📍 83-1, Guangzhou St., Taipei City
☎ 02-2302-2118

26 Monga Coffee Roasters

Freshly made self-roasted coffees with fruity and floral notes are the shop's signatures, accompanied by a daily limited handmade Earl Grey crème brûlée makes a perfect match.

📍 79, Yongfu St., Taipei City
☎ 0970-631-952

27 Candone Café

A professional solo operation café with over 10 kinds of self-roasted beans, made to order in espresso or pour-over and accompanied by cheese, it is a must for coffee lovers.

📍 8, Ln. 133, Dali St., Taipei City

| Pastry Gifts & Souvenir Shops |



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28 Lao Ming Yu Incense Shop

Established over a century ago, Lao Ming Yu carries on faithfully the use of Chinese-medicine fragrances in its incense with a secret recipe. It provides different types of incense sticks and coils along with various other articles for religious worship.

📍 155, Sec. 2, Guliang St., Taipei City ☎ 02-2381-5569

29 Fulldone Old Tea

A century-old brand and the first tea shop in Bangka, Fulldone continues to bake its tea the traditional way. The slow-baked *Oolong* tea is a top choice for gifts.

📍 196, Sec. 2, Guliang St., Taipei City ☎ 02-2375-6527

30 Healing Herbar

The simple and bright shop provides both brewed and decocted herbal tea with exquisite packaging. Customers are invited to taste the various kinds of healthy herbal teas in the store.

📍 84, Xichang St., Taipei City ☎ 02-2314-1878

31 Double Harmony

Established in 1945, this traditional Chinese bakery has preserved its authentic baking methods. The mildly spiced curry braised pork cake with a mix of savory and sweet taste is worth a try.

📍 308, Kangding Rd., Taipei City ☎ 02-2306-1234

32 Section nine Clothing Design

The *tangzhuang* (traditional outfits) sold in store are made with 100% cotton and fade-resistant dye. Bring home some accessories such as scarves, fabric bags and fabric hats.

📍 2F, 102, Sec. 3, Heping W. Rd., Taipei City ☎ 02-2302-5841

33 Taipei MONAKA

A century-old bakery following traditional Japanese baking methods to make Monaka. The red bean paste filling between specially made wafers creates a unique flavor.

📍 52, Bangka Blvd., Taipei City ☎ 02-2336-2024

XIMENDING X BANGKA

Q & A

- 01 Which district is Ximending and Bangka located in?
A. East District B. West District C. North District
- 02 Which MRT station is located in Bangka?
A. Longshan Temple B. Yuanshan C. Beitou
- 03 Can one find Michelin Bib Gourmand restaurants in Ximending?
A. Yes B. No
- 04 Which of the following descriptions is true of The Red House?
A. Century-old historic architecture B. Sells cultural design products
C. All of the above
- 05 Which of the following temples is not located in Bangka?
A. Longshan Temple B. Xingtian Temple C. Bangka Qingshui Temple
- 06 In which lunar month is the Qingshan King Festival held at Bangka Qingshan Temple?
A. March B. May C. October
- 07 Which of the following is Taiwan's first tourist night market?
A. Huaxi Street Tourist Night Market B. Ningxia Night Market
C. Shilin Night Market
- 08 Where is Bopiliao Historic Block?
A. Bangka B. Dadaocheng C. Beitou



| Answers |

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If you got 1-4 questions right: Keep it up! There is more for you to explore!

If you got 5-8 questions right: Great job! You are a pro in this area!



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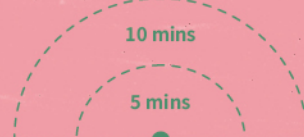
How to Get There

XIMENDING Take MRT **BL** Bannan Line or **G** Songshan-Xindian Line to **BL 11** **G 12** Ximen Station

BANGKA Take MRT **BL** Bannan Line to **BL 10** Longshan Temple Station

Legend

- Touring Ximending & Bangka
- Popular Cuisine in Ximending & Bangka
- Pastry Gifts & Souvenir Shops
- Sights & Other Landmarks
- Visitor Information Center
- YouBike
- Taipei Sightseeing Bus



(Centered around MRT Ximen Station / Longshan Temple Station)



Travel Information



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, Korean, Thai, Indonesian, Vietnamese, and Spanish; provides recorded-audio tour guide on related sightseeing spots.

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

24-hours toll-free travel information hotline /

Taiwan Tourism Bureau: 0800-011-765

Toll-free complaint hotline / Taiwan Tourism Bureau: 0800-211-734

Information for Foreigners in Taiwan: 0800-024-111



Travel Taipei
Website



Travel Taipei
App



Visitor Information Centers in the Area

MRT Ximen Station

📍 B1, No. 32-1, Baoqing Rd., Taipei City (near Exit 5)

☎ 02-2375-3096

Ximen Red House

📍 1F, Cruciform Building, No. 10, Chengdu Rd., Taipei City

☎ 02-2388-5255

Airport MRT Taipei Main Station (A1)

📍 B1, No. 8, Zhengzhou Rd., Taipei City
(B1 level corridor)

☎ 02-2331-3133

MRT Longshan Temple Station

📍 B1, No. 153, Sec. 1, Xiyuan Rd., Taipei City
(near Exit 1)

☎ 02-2302-5903



Mobile Visitor Information Service

Every Saturday and Sunday, walking travel guides supply visitor information at Ximending, Shilin, Xinyi, Beimen, and Yongkang Street on designated routes. Services will be offered in English, Japanese and Korean, etc. For more information please check: www.travel.taipei/en



YouBike Public Bicycles

☎ 1999 (outside Taipei City, please dial 02-2720-8889)
ext. 5855 or 02-8978-5511

🌐 taipei.youbike.com.tw



Taipei Sightseeing Bus

☎ 02-8791-6557 ext. 30

🌐 www.taipeisightseeing.com.tw/en



Metro Tickets



Single-Journey Ticket

NT\$20 - NT\$65



One-Day Pass

NT\$150



24hr Pass

NT\$180



48hr Pass

NT\$280



72hr Pass

NT\$380

EasyCard & iPASS

EasyCard and iPASS may be purchased and used after a deposit is made at MRT station service desks or convenience stores. In addition to uses for public transportation and YouBike rentals, the passes may be used as digital wallets to make purchases at authorized stores.



Taipei Fun Pass

When traveling in Taipei City, New Taipei City, and Keelung City, visitors can choose one of the following cards according to their needs.



Exploring

Tickets to 20 tourist spots
+
Stored-value EasyCard
function



Unlimited

Tickets to 16 tourist spots
+
Unlimited use of Taipei MRT,
public buses, and 5 Taiwan
Tourist Shuttle routes



Transportation

Unlimited use of Taipei MRT, public
buses, and 5 Taiwan Tourist Shuttle
routes; 1-, 2-, 3-, and 5-day cards
and a 1-day Maokong Gondola card
available

Taipei City Recommended Taxi Services

Taipei taxis 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 www.pto.gov.taipei or call 02-2727-4168 ext. 8529.

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Taipei MRT Map

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