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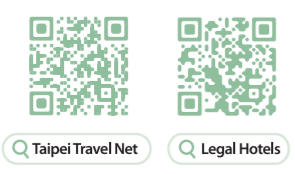
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Wenshan District presents a blend of natural beauty and cultural richness. The Muzha area's unique geography and climate fostered the cultivation of Taiwan's *Tieguanyin* tea. In Maokong, a network of scenic mountain trails meanders through picturesque tea gardens, inviting exploration. The Jingmei area beckons with its assortment of classic snacks, Taiwanese dishes, and enticing night market treats.



District Flower  
Apricot Blossom



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## Exciting Events

### Maokong Filial Piety Tea Sealing Ceremony

- ▶ April-May
- ▶ Taipei Tea Promotion Center for Tie Guanyin Tea and Baozhong Tea

Centering around the theme of care for elders, the tea sealing ceremony is all about love and heartfelt blessings. You can write your sentiments and thoughts into letters, which are then sealed within the *Tieguanyin* tea jars and sent to elders.



### Firefly Season

- ▶ April-May
- ▶ Zhinan Stream and Muzha Park

Nestled amidst the embrace of mountains, Zhinan Stream flows with pristine waters, creating an idyllic haven for fireflies. Adding to this natural spectacle, Muzha Park's Cui Pond is where fireflies have been successfully nurtured. As early summer evenings descend, witness the magical display of countless fireflies illuminating the surrounding slopes with twinkling lights.



### Wenshan Tea and Bamboo Shoots Folk Culture Festival

- ▶ April-August
- ▶ Maokong Area

Discover the essence of Wenshan District through its prized offerings: fragrant *Tieguanyin* tea and tender bamboo shoots. Venture into the mountains and partake in picking tea leaves and digging for bamboo shoots. There's also a local business market that unveils the unique charm of Wenshan.



### Satoyama

- ▶ October-November
- ▶ Zhinan Temple

Embark on a journey deep into the mountains, where the rhythms of U-Theatre music performances and rich art exhibitions await. Through fun hands-on experiences, such as tea ceremonies, drumming sessions, and prayer weaving, browse the green market and discover the spirit of "symbiosis, co-creation, and shared well-being."



# Tourist Spots

## Taipei Zoo

▶ 30, Sec. 2, Xinguang Rd.  
▶ (02) 2938-2300 ext. 630

The zoo is renowned for its Giant Panda House, Penguin House, and Pangolin Dome, a gold-level green building. It plays a vital role in the conservation of Taiwan's endemic species, including black bears, otters, and leopard cats.



## Maokong Gondola

▶ 8, Sec. 2, Xinguang Rd.  
▶ (02) 8661-8110

Glide above the landscape aboard the Maokong Gondola, which links Taipei Zoo, Zhinan Temple, and the Maokong area. Take in the sight of mist-kissed mountains, the radiant sunset, and the glittering night views. Take one of the crystal cabins to look through the glass floor.

## Zhinan Temple

▶ 115, Wanshou Rd. ▶ (02) 2939-9922

This temple is a century-old Taoist sanctuary. Its Lingxiao Sacred Hall is particularly striking, adorned with elaborate gold lacquer work and a roof whose ridges are embellished with intricate carvings. Ascending the stone steps to the outer platform rewards you with a panorama view.



# Teahouses

## Chenxi Tea House

▶ 53, Ln. 34, Sec. 3, Zhinan Rd. ▶ (02) 2936-4336

This teahouse offers a selection of tea leaves, including prized varieties like Liu Ji Xiang and Baozhong. A particular highlight is the Tieguaoyin Basque cake, where the distinctive aroma of the tea complements the creamy richness of the cheese, creating a truly exceptional taste.



## LyTea

▶ 14-2, Ln. 38, Sec. 3, Zhinan Rd. ▶ (02) 2939-4050

This restaurant creatively incorporates tea into stir-fried dishes. Highly recommended are the tea-infused fried rice, the Tieguaoyin shrimp, and the Baozhong clam soup. These dishes offer a delicious surprise of tea in savory cuisine.



## Mei-Jia Tea Garden

▶ 19, Ln. 38, Sec. 3, Zhinan Rd. ▶ (02) 2938-6277

Their Tieguaoyin smoked chicken is a culinary delight, featuring locally grown tea leaves used to smoke the chicken skin to a golden brown, creating a tempting aroma. The tea picking/making sessions allow visitors to experience authentic tea culture.



## Maokong Tea House

▶ 16-8, Ln. 38, Sec. 3, Zhinan Rd. ▶ (02) 2936-6066

The signature "Meow Meow" ice cream is a must-try and a social-media sensation, crafted with local tea powder blended with fresh milk for a rich tea flavor, then adorably topped with cat-shaped tea biscuits. They also offer a selection of tea eggs, cold-brewed tea, and tea bags.



## Taipei Tea Promotion Center for Tie Guanyin Tea and Baozhong Tea

▶ 8-2, Ln. 40, Sec. 3, Zhinan Rd. ▶ (02) 2234-0568

Enrich your understanding of tea through tea tasting sessions, weekend guided tours, hands-on tea picking, and tea art classes. Close to the center lies the Tea Center Trail, along which you'll encounter the Waterfall Viewing Pavilion, the picturesque Changhong Bridge, and the unique pothole landscape sculpted by the river's erosion.



## Tea Master Chang Nai-Miao Memorial Hall

▶ 53-2, Ln. 34, Sec. 3, Zhinan Rd.  
▶ (02) 2938-2579

This is a tribute to Zhang Nai-miao, the tea master credited with introducing Tieguaoyin tea to Taiwan. Inside, discover traditional tea-making models and artifacts, as well as tea leaves and elegant utensils available for purchase.



## Zhangshan Temple

▶ 29, Ln. 45, Laoquan St. ▶ (02) 2939-8966

Dedicated to Guanyin, this temple features a plaza that serves as a vantage point for taking in the panoramic cityscape. It also connects National Chengchi University and a few local attractions, including a century-old banyan tree.



# Nature

## Feilong Trail

▶ Trailhead: Near 29, Ln. 45, Laoquan St.

This path earns its name from its resemblance to a coiling, soaring dragon when viewed from afar. Stretching for one kilometer toward Zhangshan Temple, the trail features gentle slopes. Lined on both sides with mountain cherry trees, it transforms into a beloved destination for flower enthusiasts each spring.



## Camphor Tree Trail & Zhanghu Trail

▶ Trailhead: Near 22-1, Ln. 38, Sec. 3, Zhinan Rd.

The Camphor Tree Trail offers a tranquil stroll featuring charming mud-brick houses and an intriguing acacia charcoal kiln along the way. Depending on the season, the landscape is adorned with lupine, garden cosmos, or sunflowers. The adjacent Zhanghu Trail beckons with interactive musical installations and provides views of tea gardens and access to Yinhe Cave and the Mountain Theater of U-Theatre.



## Dacheng Hall Trail

▶ Trailhead: Next to 3-1, Ln. 40, Sec. 3, Zhinan Rd.

Paved with logs and stone steps, this trail offers a pleasant walk toward Zhinan Temple. Along the way, enjoy the beautiful blossoms of mountain cherry or tung trees during their blooming season.



## Zhinan Temple Bamboo and Cypress Trail

▶ Ln. 33, Sec. 3, Zhinan Rd.

This thousand-step trail leading to Zhinan Temple is decorated with Japanese stone lanterns and rustic pavilions. Along the way, you will see conifers, cherry blossoms, and incense machilus. Warm lighting at night gracefully guides you up to the mountaintop.



## Fudekeng Environmental Restoration Park

▶ 151, Sec. 5, Muzha Rd.  
▶ (02) 8230-1969

This park offers a unique blend of recreational activities, featuring an airfield that often buzzes with remote-controlled airplanes and an expansive lawn ideal for picnics. On weekends and holidays, be sure to try the grass skiing!



The grass skiing area is subject to weather conditions.

## Wenshan Forest Park

▶ Ln. 95, Fuxing Rd.

This vast park includes an exciting 50-meter-long slide, an engaging climbing area, and other enjoyable features. The elevated trail provides broad panoramic views of the city from various vantage points.



## Lazy Day Cafe

▶ Ln. 38, Sec. 3, Zhinan Rd.

Discover a unique camping-style café, charmingly constructed with tents and natural wood. Their Oolong milk tea is highly recommended, made by simmering tea leaves in a small copper pot before adding fresh milk, resulting in a smooth, fragrant, and subtly sweet beverage.



## Cat's Got Nothing To Do Café

▶ Opposite 33-7, Ln. 38, Sec. 3, Zhinan Rd.  
▶ 0953-304-776

Discover this hidden gem with a delightful view of Taipei 101, where you might spot the resident cats playfully sneaking into your photos. Their special "Earl Grey Iceberg Mousse" has a rich tea flavor, perfectly complemented by a latte adorned with delicate latte art.



## Elsewhere Café – Mao Branch

▶ 8-5, Ln. 40, Sec. 3, Zhinan Rd.

This picture book café showcases a collection of picture books from both Taiwan and abroad. It offers a wide selection of coffee, traditional Taiwanese tea, and other beverages. For a sweet treat, try the mille-feuille, which comes in an enticing array of flavors to choose from.



# Food

## Jingmei Night Market

▶ Area bounded by Jinghou St., Jingzhong St., Jingwen St., and Jingmei St.

Within the bustling market, you'll discover a treasure trove of classic Taiwanese delights. A standout eatery is Jingmei Shanghai Pan-Fried Buns, renowned for its crispy-bottomed pan-fried buns bursting with juicy fillings sold in two popular flavors: cabbage and pork. Also not to be missed is Jingmei Goose Mama. Their goose skin has a delightful chewiness and elasticity, while the goose meat is tender and succulent.



## Eat-Thing Restaurant

▶ 121, Jingwen St. ▶ (02) 2931-3966

Experience Taiwanese culinary heritage passed down through four generations. The acclaimed "Gold Coin Shrimp Cake" is made with slices of pork encasing shrimp, water chestnut, and Sanxing scallions. Other dishes that have been recognized by the Bib Gourmand include chicken rolls and Buddha Jumps Over the Wall.



## More Chillies

▶ 245, Sec. 2, Xinglong Rd.  
▶ (02) 2933-3245

This hot-pot restaurant specializes in mala (numbing spicy) soup base, a perfect complement to fresh sea bass, grape shrimp, and other seafood. They also offer an array of other soup bases, such as savory dried flatfish, creamy milk, and aromatic medicinal herbs, promising a delightful culinary experience.



## Taiwan Bistro Muzha Branch 2

▶ 9-1, Wanfang Rd. ▶ (02) 8230-1945

Experience a fusion of Taiwanese flavors in classic Japanese izakaya style. Their popular braised platter, an assortment of dried tofu, seaweed, beef shank and more, is thoughtfully paired with unique mixed drinks, such as Yuherbao lychee wine and Sun Moon Lake Ruby Black Tea wine.



Please drink responsibly.

# Culture

## Dah Hsian Seetoo Library

▶ 36, Wanshou Rd. ▶ (02) 8237-7000

Standing beside a tranquil pond, this exposed-concrete building is celebrated as one of the most beautiful libraries. Its interior, characterized by soaring spaces, natural light, and towering bookshelves, has made it the real star of National Chengchi University.



## CCIP Cafe

▶ 1, Ln. 69, Sec. 2, Muxin Rd.  
▶ (02) 2937-5585

Discover this warehouse-turned-café that exudes nostalgic charm and brims with vintage character. The café serves tea, coffee, and cocktails, while hosting small exhibitions and local events, embodying a sense of diversities as its Chinese name "Hill of Freedom" suggests.



## The Wall Live House

▶ B1, 200, Sec. 4, Roosevelt Rd.  
▶ (02) 2930-0162

The Wall Live House is a renowned music venue that comes alive weekly with performances spanning diverse genres, from energetic rock and vibrant hip-hop to smooth jazz. It's also a celebrated music stage that frequently welcomes international artists.



## Purrson Bistro

▶ 1, Ln. 103, Sec. 3, Muzha Rd. ▶ (02) 2936-9172

This restaurant's Spanish saffron roasted chicken rice stands out as a must-try classic. It is crafted with Italian rice that perfectly absorbs the flavorful sauce and served alongside tender chicken infused with rich seasonings. Each day, they prepare soup du jour like borscht, classic tomato, and creamy pumpkin.



## Muzha Ice Maker

▶ 295-1, Sec. 2, Muxin Rd. ▶ (02) 2937-6659

This beloved local spot, open only during the summer, serves up classic Taiwanese shaved ice and traditional cold desserts at affordable prices. The signature taro shaved ice is a must-try: a towering mound of finely shaved ice topped generously with smooth, rich taro paste.



## Ruins Coffee Roasters

▶ 242, Sec. 3, Muzha Rd. ▶ (02) 2234-0024

Once a warehouse left idle for years, this space has been revitalized through the owner's creative renovation. Savor specialty coffees sourced from the world's three major coffee-growing regions or try seasonal special drinks, such as the honey lemon coffee and the subtly sweet sugarcane coffee.

