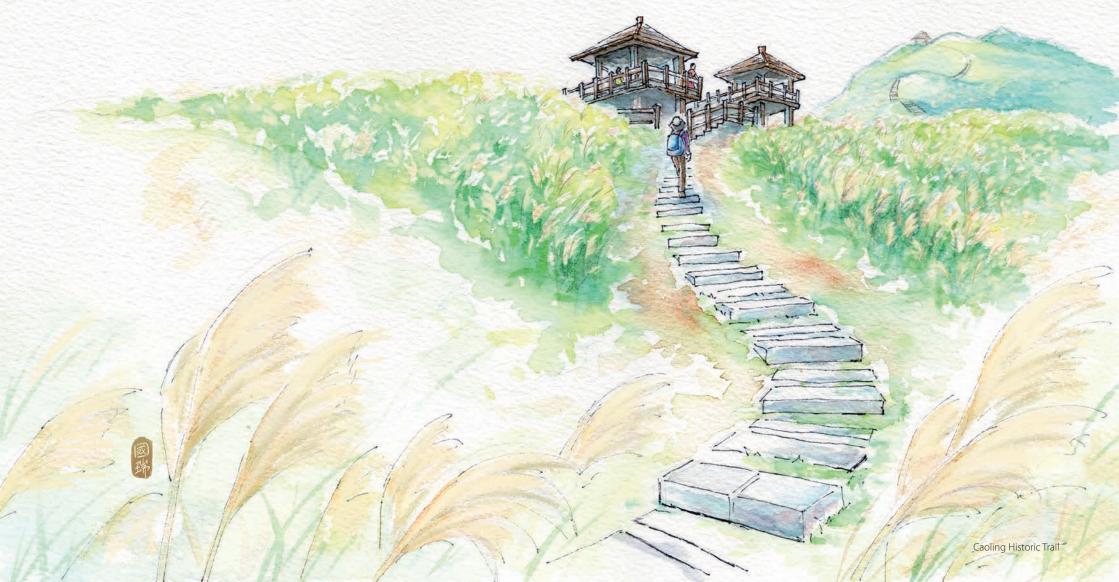




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- From highway exit
- From Talchung International Airport



Lihpao Racing Park - Karting



Mala Bay(Water park)



Discovery World(Theme park)

Fullon Hotel Lihpao Land

Taiwan, a Rare Verdant Gem inside the Tropic of Cancer

Taiwan, the beautiful island on the Pacific Ocean, is a rare verdant gem among the countries that the Tropic of Cancer passes through.

Taiwan's area accounts for only 0.03% of the world's total area. However, Taiwan contains substantial natural resources. Continuous tectonic movements have created coastlines, basins, plains, rolling hills, valleys, and majestic peaks for the island and made it abundantly endow with mountains; over 200 of its peaks are more than 3,000 meters high, making it geographically unique. The varied terrains and landforms bring Taiwan diverse ecosystems, including tropical, sub-tropical and mountain

temperate climates, as well as more than 3,000 endemic species of wildlife on the island, such as Formosan landlocked salmon, Formosan macaque, Formosan black bear, Swinhoe's blue pheasant, etc. Such exuberant vitality makes Taiwan one of the most important wildlife conservation areas in the world.

> Traveling in Taiwan is refreshingly convenient. Nowadays, through convenient railway and highway transportation, one can easily appreciate spectacular coastline, plain and mountain views within an hour while experience natural landscapes of tropical, subtropical, temperate and cold climates; one can also easily travel the island from north to south and from west to east within a day while running through the scenic and cultural beauty of Taiwan.

Taiwan's diverse ethnic groups infuse a splendid cultural ambience to the land. Aboriginal tribes, Taiwanese, Hakka, and new immigrant cultures all have their unique charms individually and perform in the aspects of festival, weaving, craft, music, and architecture. On top of that, no matter what you experience, sampling fine authentic Chinese cuisine, exotic gourmet, famous snacks, local special-

ties, a plethora of snack foods in night markets, and a wide variety of fruits and vegetables throughout the year, is a must for you.

As the only country in the Chinese world truly practicing democracy, Taiwan is blessed with the modernized construction, great public security, and 23 million people recognized as the most sincere and kind-hearted people in the world. One should undoubtedly put Taiwan on the top of his (her) travel list in the coming year. Taiwan is definitely worth a visit.

Welcome to Taiwan. The one-of-the-kind traveling experience will certainly complete the scene for a thoroughly satisfying trip and draw you back again and again!

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Lihpao Racing Park - Hotel













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Travel Tips

Taiwan has convenient modes of transportation to other countries, and domestically it has a comprehensive and safe network of transportation by land, sea, and air. No matter how you travel, you can use public transportation to visit the attractions of Taiwan with ease!



from the same designated stores with the "Taiwan Tax Refund"-label are eligible to request the "Application Form for VAT Refund." To claim the refund, they must apply at the port of their departure from the R.O.C. within 90 days following the date of purchase, and they must take the purchased goods out of the country with them. For further details, please visit the following websites:

- http://www.taxrefund.net.tw
- http://admin.taiwan.net.tw



Entry Visa

There are four types of visas according to the purposes of entry and the identity of applicants:

- ⇒ Visitor visa: a short-term visa with a duration of stay of up to 180 days
- ⇒ Resident visa: a long-term visa with a duration of stay of more than 180 days
- Diplomatic visa
- Courtesy visa

Types of duration of stay include 14-day, 30-day, 60-day, 90-day, etc. Holders of visas which are valid for 60 days and which do not bear "No extension will be granted" can directly apply for an extension of their visa at local service centers of the National Immigration Agency with the relevant documents.

- https://servicestation.immigration. gov.tw

Foreign nationals can visit the follow-

ing website of National Immigration Agency for more information about applying for visa-free entry to Taiwan. - https://www.immigration.gov.tw

Telephone

- ⇒ Fire & Ambulance (Free Service): 119
- ⇒ Police (Free Service): 110
- ⇒ English Directory Enquiries: 106
- → Ministry of Foreign Affairs: (02)2348-2999
- ⇒ International Community Service line: 0800-024-111
- ⇒ 24-Hour Toll-Free Travel Information Call Center: 0800-011-765

Special Tourism Offers

Foreign travelers, with the entry document, who make purchases of at least NT\$2,000 on the same day

Internet Service

Prepaid internet cards with appropriate days of use can meet your short-term internet demand. You can enjoy surfing on your mobile phone using unlimited local data within the valid period. After arriving the Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, you can purchase the cards at all telecommunications counters with a copy of your passport and an application form. Also, free Wi-Fi service is available at many popular tourist attractions. The convenient internet service will surely make your mobile communications life in Taiwan truly effortless and carefree.

- https://itaiwan.gov.tw

TRANSPORTATION IN TAIWAN

Taiwan has the most complete and safest transport network. All major airlines have operated direct routes to Taiwan, making Taiwan's international aerial transport system a highly convenient one. After arriving the Airport, visitors may take many different transport means, including intercity bus, THSR, MRT, and taxi, to major cities around the island.



Taiwan has a comprehensive rail network serving all regions of the island. The most significant public transportation system consists of western line, eastern line, south-link line, and 10 passenger & freight service lines, which surround the whole island. Passengers can freely choose from various classes of travel (from fastest to slowest: Zigiang Express, Juguang Express, Fuxing Express, Local Train, and Ordinary Train) depending on their time and budget. Zigiang Express also provides two kinds of train, Puyuma and Taroko, with less stops and travel time.

- https://tip.railwav.gov.tw/tra-tipweb/tip?lang=EN_US

Taiwan High Speed Rail (THSR)

The Taiwan High Speed Rail zips along the Western Corridor of Taiwan and brings the one-way journey between Taipei and Kaohsiung only within 105 minutes. THSR offers three types of tickets: business class, standard and non-reserved ones. Passengers may take shuttle buses, Taiwan Tourist Shuttle, and intercity buses to transfer to downtown or scenic areas. Meanwhile, THSR has launched all kinds of "T Holiday" package tours which allows passengers to sightsee Taiwan fast and easy. These tours are also available in travel agencies.

- http://www.thsrc.com.tw/index_ en.html

MRT

Visitors can enjoy the convenience of MRT networks in Taipei City, New Taipei City, Taoyuan City and Kaohsiung City. The MRT's many trains and its seamless bus transfer make up the convenient transport system of these cities. Taipei Pass cards launched by Taipei MRT are good for an unlimited number of rides during the period of validity. Meanwhile, visitors can enjoy free In-town Check-in services at certain stations of Taoyuan MRT. You are cordially invited to take the MRT and enjoy the city's beautiful views and shopping districts along the way.

- https://english.metro.taipei/
- https://www.tymetro.com.tw/ tymetro-new/en/index.php
- https://www.krtc.com.tw/eng/

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle is a public bus service especially organized by the Taiwan Tourism Bureau for tourists in Taiwan. From Taiwan Railway and THSR stations, it takes visitors to all of the major scenic spots in the country. One-day Pass cards are good for an unlimited number of rides during one day and strongly recommended for a self-planned tour.

- https://www.taiwantrip.com.tw/

Taiwan Tour Bus

The Taiwan Tour Bus service is organized by the Taiwan Tourism Bureau and operated by designated travel agents. Taiwan Tour Bus that links up all the major tourist locations in Taiwan offers a vast range of side services, including friendly guided tours in Mandarin, English and Japanese, as well as hotel, airport and station pick-ups. Each itinerary provides services of transportation, tour guide and insurance on a daily basis.

- https://www.taiwantourbus.com. tw/C/us/home

Ubike

Taipei City Government, in order to encourage citizens to use bikes as short-distance transit vehicles, initiated the Taipei Bike Sharing System Service Plan, also known as "YouBike" (Ubike). You can download Ubike's app and check the location of each dock immediately to see the current number of bikes and parking spaces at each dock. It is easy to use a registered card on the sensor pad on the dock to confirm your rental. On top of that, the rental fee is incredibly low.

- https://www.youbike.com.tw/ intro.html
- https://www.c-bike.com.tw/Portal/ en-US













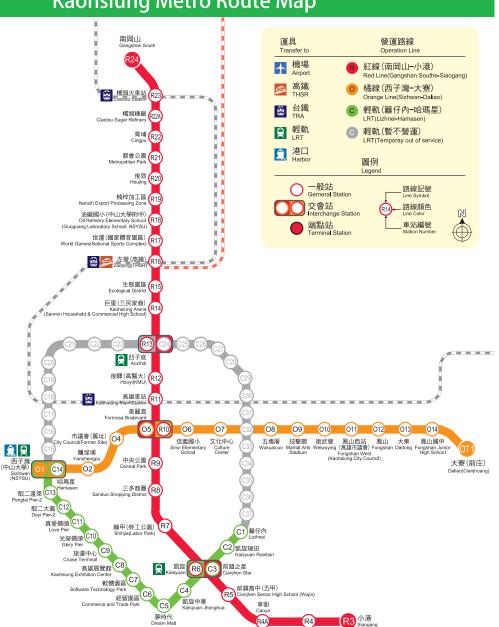








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Taoyuan Metro Route Map



ANNUAL TOURISM EVENTS

There are few better ways to experience the local culture, customs, and warmth of Taiwan than through the unique traditional events hosted throughout the year in this island of festivals. From local festivals to seasonally-themed tourism events, a calendar of activities invites you to celebrate the year-round wonder and fun of Taiwan.







Taiwan Lantern Festival

Traditional lantern craft combines with high-tech sound and light effects and brilliant firework displays to create a dazzling feast of light during the Taiwan Lantern Festival. Selected by the Discovery Channel as one of the best festivals in the world, this annual event is held at the start of the Lunar New Year. An enormous lantern depicting the current Chinese zodiac animal is joined by an array of other decorative lantern displays. The festival also highlights the customs and features of the host county or city, which changes each year.

INFORMATION

- ♣ About nine days around the time of the Lantern Festival in the first lunar month (February 8-23, 2020)
- The festival venue changes each year (Taichung will host the festival in 2020).



Yanshui Beehive Rockets Festival

The Yanshui Beehive Rockets Festival is the legacy of a cholera outbreak that struck Yanshui over a century ago. The townspeople took Guan Gong, the God of War, on a pilgrimage procession and lit firecrackers along the way to to rid the town of the malignant spirits thought to be causing the disease. This practice evolved into the festival held today at Yanshui Martial Temple in Tainan. For two nights, huge batteries of fireworks launch a deafening bombardment that enshrouds the town in smoke. Many onlookers don protective gear and bravely dive into the thrilling hail of fire.

INFORMATION



Pingxi Sky Lantern Festival



In earlier times, the residents of the Pingxi area would release sky lanterns to inform relatives in surrounding mountain areas that they were safe. This practice has continued over the years, though today the lanterns are sent aloft to carry hopes and blessings. During the Lantern Festival, hundreds of these beautiful lights rise into the night sky illuminating the hillside town in their dreamlike glow.

INFORMATION

- Around the 15th day of the first lunar month
- Pingxi Township, New Taipei City



Neimen Songjiang Battle Array

Battle arrays are folk parade formations that started out as organizations for physical strengthening, protection, and community unity. Kaohsiung's Neimen District leads the country in sheer number of such troupes. Teams demonstrate their creativity and skill during the Songjiang Battle Array competition held in Neimen each March. During the competition, visitors can also feast on the delicious fare at outdoor banquets arranged by local restaurants.

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♠ No. 82, Neipu, Neifeng Village, Neimen Dist., Kaohsiung City (Neimen Nanhaizizhu Temple)



Taichung County Mazu International Festival

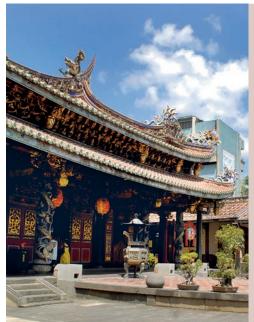
Taichung's Dajia Matsu Pilgrimage Procession is Taiwan's largest traditional religious and cultural event. Each year during the third lunar month, a procession of one million devotees sets out on a nine-day pilgrimage from Dajia Zhenlan Temple to eight century-old temples in four counties and cities. The pilgrims are greeted in the visited communities by believers providing free beverages and food to support them on the way.

INFORMATION

- Third lunar month: Divination blocks are cast to ask Mazu to specify the timing of the pilgrimage.
- à Dajia Zhenlan Temple→Nanyao Temple→Xiluo Fuxing Temple→Xingang Fengtian Temple→Xiluo Fuxing Temple→Beidou Dianan Temple→Changhua Tianhou Temple→Qingshui Chaoxing Temple→Dajia Zhenlan Temple







Taipei Baosheng Cultural Festival

The Taipei Baosheng Cultural Festival is a major religious celebrated each year at Dalongdong Baoan Temple on the birthday of Baosheng Dadi, the God of Medicine. The festival lasts for two months with a series of activities including competitive drama troupe performances, folk operas, traditional ceremonial row dances, a "three consecrations" ritual, and pilgrimage processions. The festival climaxes on the night of the god's birthday with the lighting of a "Fire Lion" fireworks display to drive off pestilence and keep the peace.

INFORMATION

- 15th day of the third lunar month (April 7, 2020)
- ★61 Hami St., Datong Dist., Taipei City



Penghu Fireworks and Music

Thousands of fireworks colorfully light up the night sky over Xiying Rainbow Bridge accompanied by live music during this festival. Held annually during the Double Seventh Festival by the Penghu County Government and China Airlines since 2003, the show has become one of Penghu's top tourism events. Each year features a different theme along with short tour itineraries to attract domestic and foreign visitors.

INFORMATION

Festival

- Mid-April to late June





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Fulong Sand Sculpture Festival

Fulong is the most popular seaside recreation spot in northern Taiwan. The beaches here are covered with a soft quartz sand that, when wet, becomes highly malleable and well-suited for sand sculptures. Each year, artists come here to show their creativity at the international sand sculpture festival. Their works cover a variety of themes, from celebrities to cartoon characters, all rendered in amazingly lifelike detail.

INFORMATION

- May to July
- ★ 40 Fulong St., Gongliao Dist., New Taipei City (Fulong Beach)



Taiwan International Hot Air Balloon Festival

Hot air balloons in every imaginable shape, from the Minions and Mickey Mouse to Darth Vader, lift colorfully into the sky over the Luye Highlands during this annual summer event. Visitors can take a ride on a tethered ascent or lift anchor and soar high for a stunning view of the scenic East Rift Valley. The sculpturally-shaped balloons are illuminated for an evening concert that keeps the fun going into the night.

INFORMATION

- June to July
- ★46 Gaotai Rd., Yongan Village, Luye Township, Taitung County (Luye Visitor Center)





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Formosa Summer Festival

The Formosa Summer Festival brings together a series of activities in counties and cities crossed by the Tropic of Cancer. Visitors can head to the mountains of Chiayi for some refreshing jelly fig ice, take a nostalgic rail tour in Hualien, or cool off with a cactus-flavored ice dessert on the coasts of Penghu. Whether ascending into the refreshing mountain air, or diving into the clear blue sea, these activities are a great way to beat back the heat and enjoy Taiwan's summer charm.

INFORMATION

- June to September
- Chiayi County, Hualien County, Penghu County



Taiwan Cycling Festival

The growing popularity of biking has given rise to a number of cycling festivals at scenic areas throughout Taiwan. Ranging from leisurely to challenging, these routes wind along the East Coast, East Rift Valley, Taroko Gorge, and New Central Cross-Island Highway. Participants have a chance to ride with some of the world's best cyclists while enjoying the scenic beauty of Taiwan at a different speed.

INFORMATION

- June to December
- Scenic areas throughout Taiwan







Ho-Hai-Yan Rock Festival in Gongliao

Don your shorts, bikini, and sun hat and head out to Taiwan's Northeast Coast this summer for a musical blast during the Ho-Hai-Yan Rock Festival. Since its launch in 2003, the three-day festival in Gongliao has become a cradle of rising musical talent and one of the most highly anticipated summer rock festivals on the island. Popular music groups are joined on the stage by upcoming artists and underground bands from across the globe during this musical extravaganza.

INFORMATION

Mid-July

★ 40 Xinglong St., Fulong Village, Gongliao Dist., New Taipei City (Fulong Beach)



Yilan International Children's Folklore and Folkgame Festival

Fun and welcome respite from the summer heat await at this annual festival held from July to August at the Dongshan River Water Park. The festival activities combine local culture, folk art from around the world, music performances, and other activities sure to delight both kids and adults. The modern water recreation facilities here further add to the fun.

INFORMATION

July to August

♠ No. 2, Sec. 2, Qinhe Rd., Wujie Township, Yilan County (Dongshan River Water Park)









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Sun Moon Lake International Swimming Carnival

For just one day a year, the public is invited to swim across Taiwan's largest freshwater lake. Swimmers with bright orange floats advance along the approximately 3,000-meter course across Sun Moon Lake towards Dehua Wharf. Floating platforms line the route offering the swimmers rest, refreshment, and a vantage of the scenic surroundings. The event was included in the International Swimming Hall of Fame Museum in 2002.

INFORMATION

- Around the time of the Mid-Autumn Festival
- Chaowu Wharf to Dehua Wharf





Taiwan is a geothermally land rich in natural hot springs of various types, from the sulfur springs of Datun Mountain to the clear and odorless springs of Jiaoxi and rare mud hot springs of Guanziling. Some springs are said to enhance beauty, while others have purported healing effects. Each has its die-hard fans. On a cool fall or winter day, bathers can relax with a warm soak followed by an equally warming local meal.

INFORMATION

- September to June
- A Hot spring areas throughout Taiwan



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Ghost Grappling at Toucheng

During the seventh month of the lunar year, people prepare offerings and invite spirits from the underworld to visit the world of the living for Ghost Month. The Ghost Grappling activity marks the end of the ghost month, when the ghosts are go home and the gates to the underworld are closed again. This tradition is especially vibrant in the Yilan township of Toucheng. Each year, the community erects a more than ten-meter-high grappling tower next to Wushi Harbor. Participating teams scramble up the greased poles in pyramid fashion to grab the food offerings and flag at the top.

INFORMATION

- Last night of the seventh lunar month
- 105 Heping St., Toucheng Township, Yilan County (in front of Qingyuan Temple)











King Boat Festival

This century-old religious and cultural festival is held every three years in the Pingtung townships of Donggang, Liuqiu, and Nanzhou Township to send the Plague God back to heaven. Over the years, it has evolved into a prayer for peace and safety joined by nearly everyone in the community. The festival lasts for eight days and involves a series of activities faithful to the ancient rites: from Welcoming the King (Wang Ye) and Tour of the King to the King Fast and Sending off the King. The climax comes with the burning of an replica ancient warship that carries Wang Ye back to the heavens.

INFORMATION

- Eight days during the ninth lunar month
- nonglong Temple, Pingtung County



Taipei International Marathon

The Taipei International Marathon is an AIMS/IAAF-certified city road race that has attracted a steadily growing number of participants over the years. Runners speed along the bustling streets of Taipei through Xinyi District, Ren'ai Road, Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, the Office of the President, Martyrs' Shrine, and other city landmarks. The race is a good way to see Taipei at a different pace while also enjoying some healthy fun.

INFORMATION







Taipei 101 New Year's Eve **Fireworks**

Hundreds of thousands of revelers usher in the new year together in Taipei with a countdown culminating in a brilliant fireworks display over Taipei 101. Held annually since 2004, the show has evolved over the years to become one of the world's most highly anticipated New Year's Eve events. In addition to the pyrotechnics, entertainers and live music keep the fun and energy going through the night.

INFORMATION

- December 31
- No. 7, Sec. 5, Xinyi Rd., Xinyi Dist., Taipei City





Alishan Sunrise Impression Concert

This annual New Year's eve event is held at the Zhushan Sunrise Watching Platform, perched at an elevation of 2,500 meters in a world away from the hubbub of the parties below. Melodic music rises in the tranquility of the night air suffused with the calming fragrance of the forest. One feels reborn watching the first rays of dawn peek over the Yushan Mountain Range and bathe the land and cloud formations in their golden light.

INFORMATION

- December 31
- No. 17, Xianglin Village, Alishan Township, Chiayi County (Alishan National Forest Recreation Area)





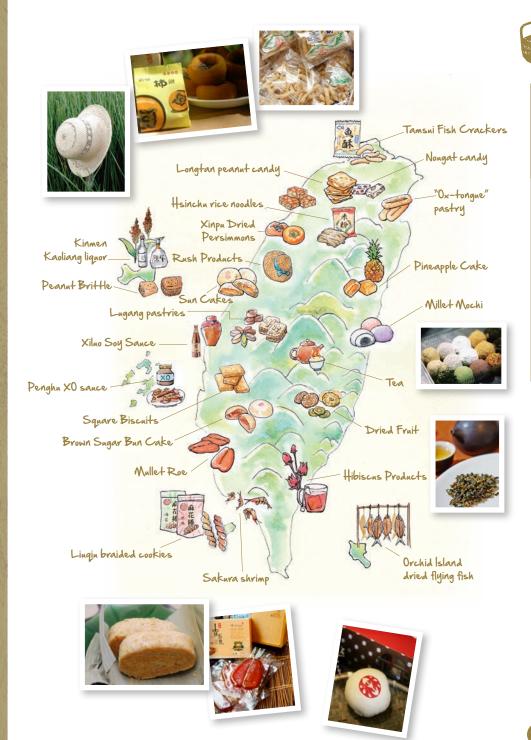




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Pineapple Cake

Once Taiwan's second biggest export, pineapple continues to enjoy popularity in a number of treats made on the island today. Among these, pineapple cakes are particularly popular. Beneath a soft, buttery crust, these bite-sized treats enclose a sweet, slightly tart filling made of winter melon and pineapple preserves. With their gold-bar shape and hue, the cakes represent a wish for good fortune. This auspicious association is heightened further by the southern Fujianese pronunciation of the word "pineapple," which sounds like "coming prosperity."



All Taiwan

Mullet Roe

For centuries, Taiwanese fishermen have been catching migrating mullet in the local waters around the time of the winter solstice. The roe from the female fish is processed by a complicated procedure that begins with the removal and cleaning of the egg sac. The egg sac is cured in salt, washed, flattened, and then left to dry over a period of weeks. Known as black gold, the finished roe commands a premium price and is considered a valued gift. Top quality mullet roe is plump and has a uniform thickness. The roe is often pan-fried or grilled and served sliced with garlic and sorahum wine.



All Taiwan

Tea

Taiwan's tea culture hearkens back to the late 18th century, when immigrants from Fujian brought the first tea trees to the northern part of the island. where the warm and humid climate and well-drained hillsides proved well suited for cultivating high-quality tea. Oolong was the main variety grown in earlier times, but other teas have since been introduced. One global bestseller is Pinglin's roasted Baozhong tea, which brews to a golden hue and has a mellow sweet taste with floral hints. Tieguanyin, Bai Hao oolong, high mountain tea, Longjing, Alishan Ju Lu, and Sun Moon Lake black tea are other well-known varieties.



New Taipei City

Tamsui Fish Crackers

Tamsui fish crackers were invented to preserve surplus fish during the 1960s, when the water's here regularly produced abundant catches. The unsold fresh fish was processed by removing the heads and organs and then grinding up the bone and meat together into a thick fish paste that is cut into strips and fried at low temperature. Today the crackers are sold as a gift food that is sure to hook you with their crispy goodness.



All Taiwan

Dried Fruit

Taiwan produces an abundance of deliciously sweet fruit throughout the year. Much of the surplus production is preserved by drying, particularly mangoes, bananas, pineapples, apples, and lemons. Dried fruit is packed with nutritional value and typically free of chemical additives. This has made it an increasingly popular natural snack in today's health conscious age.



Tainan City

Brown Sugar Bun Cake

Brown sugar bun cake is a traditional pastry and southern Taiwan specialty. The cakes have a crispy round crust and are hollow and covered with brown sugar inside. They were originally given as offerings on the birthday of the gods. Tainan residents later began to serve them with a sesame oil fried egg placed inside as a fortifying food for postpartum women. This practice has earned this treat the nickname of "postpartum month cakes."





Hsinchu County and City

Xinpu Dried Persimmons

Every September, the farmhouse courtyards in Hsinchu fill with the bright yellow of persimmons drying in the sun. The dried persimmons from Xinpu are of especially high quality. Producers here use a combination of sun and wind drying to bring out the full flavor and sweetness of the fruit, earning the township renown as the "Land of Dried Persimmons." The dried persimmons also reflect the frugality and food preservation traditions of the local Hakka communities.



Hualien County

Millet Mochi

Millet mochi is one of the best-known traditional snacks of the Amis indigenous people. Women of the tribe originally made mochi as a snack to help allay the hunger of their husbands when fishing at sea. Later it evolved into a treat served during celebrations and festivals. Millet mochi has a soft and chewy outer layer that won't stick to your teeth. They were traditionally made without any fillings and eaten with a garnish of sesame or peanut powder. Today they come with a variety of fillings, from adzuki beans and peanuts to mung bean, brown sugar, and green tea.



Miaoli County

Rush Products

Triangle rush has long, flexible stems that are particularly well suited for weaving. This material also absorbs moisture and smalls and exudes a natural fragrance. As far back as the Qing period, women in Yuanli wove rush into mats. The township began producing rush hats during the Japanese period. At one time exported over 10 million hats each year, driving the local economy's growth. In recent years, young designer have revived this traditional craft in partnership with skilled senior craftsman, producing fashionable bags, hats, and other novel products.



Taitung County

Hibiscus Products

Every November, the mountains of Luye, Beinan, Jinfeng, and Taimali township in Taitung blush with the intoxicating reds of the ruby-like calyxes of hibiscus flowers. The flower has a tangy sweetness and is rich in flavonoids, protocatechuic acids, anthocyanins, isoflavones, and other health protecting elements. Sold as preserves, jams, and teas, this healthy treat is a popular souvenir gift.



Yunlin County

Xiluo Soy Sauce

Soy sauce is a popular flavor booster found on nearly every dinner table in Taiwan. In Xiluo, Taiwan's "Kingdom of Soy Sauce," producers continue to make this condiment by a century-old method of jug fermentation over a period of 180 days. High-quality water and ample sunlight contribute to the salty, sweet, and full-bodied flavor that makes Xiluo soy sauce a naturally delicious addition to any dish.



Kinmen County

Peanut Brittle

Peanuts and maltose combine in these golden hued bite-sized treats with a crispy texture. In Ming times, the brittle was given as an imperial tribute from southern Fujian, giving it its Chinese name, "gong tang" or "tribute candy." By other accounts, the name comes from a southern Fujianese word referring to the manual pounding used to make the brittle. In addition to the original peanut flavor, seaweed, sesame, salted, and other versions are available. Pick up a variety pack to enjoy them all.





Mountain Tourism

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the stories
of the forest
along a
historic trail

ATISPEKS

Taiwan is one of the the most mountainous islands in the world. A collision of the Philippine and Eurasian plates gave sudden birth to mountain ranges and valleys that richly define its 36,000 square miles of area, including 269 peaks rising more than 3,000 meters. "Wonderful, rugged, towering, and graceful" are words that have come to define these majestic peaks.

In the span of a day, one can climb from from the blue coasts to mountains reaching over 3,000 meters high. Along the way, broad-leaved forests, tea farms, and cypress woods yield to coniferous trees and alpine grasslands of arrow bamboo. The fragrance of the land, the four seasons, incomparable views, ecological diversity, and indigenous culture tell the unique story of each of mountain.

The Taiwan Tourism Bureau designated 2020 as "Year of Mountain Tourism in Taiwan." Under this theme, it has introduced 24 itineraries at five of Taiwan's major mountain areas: the Central Mountain Range, Xue Mountain, Yushan Mountain Range, Alishan Mountain Range and Coastal Mountains. These tours include classic alpine hikes for mountaineering enthusiasts, as well as "mountain tourism" routes suitable for novices and people of all ages. Whether seeking adventure and challenge or a light stroll, visitors can discover Taiwan at its most beautiful in the island's mountainous areas.

INFORMATION

Applying for a Mountain Permit → A mountain permit is required for hiking on certain routes in Taiwan's national parks, ecological reserves, nature reserves, and refuges. Visitors should apply in advance for a mountain or park entry permit to access these routes. For details please visit the Online Application for Taiwan Mountaineering Information Network (https://mountain.cpami.gov.tw).

EXPLORING TAIWAN'S PIONEER PAST AT THE DATUN VOLCANO

GROUP AND XUESHAN MOUNTAINS



Among the major peaks in mountainous northern Taiwan are the Datun Volcano Group, Keelung Volcano Group, Xueshan Mountains, and northern end of the Central Mountain Range. The best known range is the Holy Ridge of Xue Mountain. There are more than ten 3,100-plus-meter high mountain ridges between Dabajian Mountain and the Main Peak of Xue Mountain, with towering cliffs and rugged peaks that climbers' dream about.

Holy Ridge takes between five to seven days to hike. For a less demanding route, you can set out from the outskirts of Taipei, New Taipei City, and Yilan. The Datun Volcano Group at Yangmingshan National Park and the Caoshan Mountains on the Northeast Coast offer nearly a hundred easily accessible routes. Each of the the century-old trails pass the ruins of early settlements and coastal mountain trails with panoramic views offer a unique experience accessible to even beginning hikers.

Most of the northern mountain trails are easy reach by train or bus. Within a few hours, you can escape the city and enjoy a half-day excursion surrounded by magnificent views.



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MOUNTAIN TOURISM

Yulu (Fish Road) Historic Trail (Taipei City)

Located in the Qingtiangang mountain range at Yangmingshan National Park, Yulu (Fish Road) Historic Trail is one of the most popular trails in the outskirts of Taipei. It was built over two centuries ago as a supply route, known then as the Jinbaoli Trail. Early settlers used the trail to transport fish, sulfur, clay, indigo dye, and tea. Brides were also carried over the mountains in wedding palanguins along this route.

Before the Yangmingshan-Jinshan Highway opened in 1958, Yulu Historic Trail served as an important transportation link between Jinbaoli (Jinshan) and Shilin. It bustled with travelers transporting fish and workers coming to mine the sulfur at Dayoukeng. The trail originally extended 35.1 kilometers. However, the restored 6.6-kilometer stretch between Qingtiangang and Shanghuangxi Parking Lot is the only remaining section of the trail today.



Yulu Historic Trail reaches its highest point at the Qingtiangang Grassland, about 760 meters above sea level. It then crosses a gate and heads down along a steep and narrow stone-stepped path through a snow-like expanse of waving silver grass until disappearing into a dense forest. The remains of early settlements can be seen along the way, including stone inscriptions, a sulfur mining plant, quarry, and Xuyan Bridge. Each site recounts a part of the remarkable story of Taiwan's development.

INFORMATION

😭 Take Taipei City Bus S15 or 108 to Qingtiangang stop and set out from Jinbaoli Gate at Qingtiangang; or take the Royal Bus 1717 to the Huangxizai (Sulfur Creek) Bridge stop and set out from the trail head at Shanghuangxi Parking Lot.

~2.5 km • ~2 hrs (one way)







Along the Way

Wandering on the Qingtiangang Grassland

Framed by the blue sky and clouds, this expansive grassland looks out to Jinshan in the north and Taipei's Shilin District to the south. Strolling along the winding and undulating Qingtiangang loop trail it is easy to forgot you are still in Taipei.

Qingtiangang is a lava terrace buffeted by northeast monsoon winds that keep the vegetation low to the ground. Carpet grass planted here during the Japanese occupation period has turned the area into an important area for cattle grazing. Wild water buffalo from that time can still be seen here today.

INFORMATION

😭 Take the Taipei City Bus S15 or 108 (Yangmingshan Tour Bus) to Qingtiangang stop. 🎓 No. 246, Lane 101, Jingshan Road, Shilin District, Taipei City





Paoma Historic Trail (Yilan County)

The Paoma Historic Trail circuits the tail ridge of the Xue Mountain. The broad gravel path slopes gently along mountain streams with views of the Lanyang Plain and Guishan Island.

The trail dates back more than a century to the Tamsui-Kavalan Trail. At that time, it was was the only cross-mountain link between Tamsui Subprefecture (Taipei) and Kavalan (Yilan). Today the route consists of north and south sections known collectively as the Tamsui Kavalan Historical and Cultural Trails. The former, dates back to the Jiaqing period (1796~1820) and was the official route, while the later, built in the mid 1800s, was developed as settlers moved inland towards Pinglin to cultivate the land. The trail gradually fell into disuse following the construction of the Taipei-Yilan Freeway in the Japanese occupation period, leaving the Paoma Historic Trail as the only surviving section.

















Jiaoxi Hot Springs

Soothe away the fatigue of the trail with a warm spring bath.

The renowned hot springs of Jiaoxi Township in Yilan County emerge from the ground at a temperature of about 50°C. The sodium bicarbonate spring water is clear, odorless and tasteless and leaves the skin feeling supple and smooth. The Tangwei Hot Springs have been considered one of the "Eight Scenic Wonders of Lanyang" since the Qing dynasty. Nearly 100 hot spring hotels and baths are clustered near the front of Jiaoxi Station offering welcome relief after an exhausting

INFORMATION

😭 Take the Taiwan Railway to Jiaoxi Station in Yilan; or take the Kamalan Bus from Taipei Bus Station or the Capital Bus from Taipei City Hall.











The Central Mountains encompass the tail edge of the Xueshan Range, north end of the Yushan Mountain Range, and main edge of the Central Mountain Range. Many of the peaks here rise more than 3,000 meters high, making this area a major mountaineering destination in central Taiwan. From indigenous culture and historic trail to alpine heights, this mountainous escape presents Taiwan in its truest colors.

Known as Taiwan's most beautiful highway, the Hehuanshan Highway leads up through the clouds to the backbone of Taiwan. The northern three sections of the Central Mountain Range shield Nantou's Ren'ai Township on the east. Hehuan, Chilai, and Nenggao and Andongjun compose a powerful and rugged landscape of layered peaks. The trails here will challenge the most expert mountaineers, while others can be easily completed in a day by hikers of all ages.

The Yushan Mountain Range extends as far as Nantou's Xinyi Township. Heading out from Dongpu Village, you can cross the Central Mountain on the Batongguan Trail. Chiseled into the steep cliff sides, this scenic route links Batongguan, Xiuguluan Mountain, Mabolasi, and other impressive peaks. The trail also bears witness to the hardships faced by Taiwan's indigenous people in the struggle against Japan.

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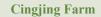
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🛱 Take Nantou Bus 6658A from Qingjing First Parking Lot to Xiaofengkou stop; or drive to the Xiaofengkou Visitor Center parking lot, and walk 100 meters to the trail.

IP Xiaofengkou Trail Head \rightarrow Reflector \rightarrow Tianluan Pond Trail Fork \rightarrow Hehuanshan North Peak \rightarrow Return along

2.2 km (one way) • ~4 hrs (two ways)





With its herb-scented air, mild climate, and European-style wooden cottages dotting the mountainside tea farms, Cingjing Farm is Taiwan's most popular summer resort. Rising about 1,700 meters above sea level, the farm presents a seasonally changing beauty, from the peach blossoms in early spring and wild chrysanthemums at summer's start to maple reds in fall.

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Hehuan North Peak 3422M

In addition to the sheep at the Green Green Grasslands, visitors to the farm can enjoy a newly opened two-kilometer high-altitude view trail. The trail winds through the forest canopy with views of the Qilai Peaks and Central Mountain Range.

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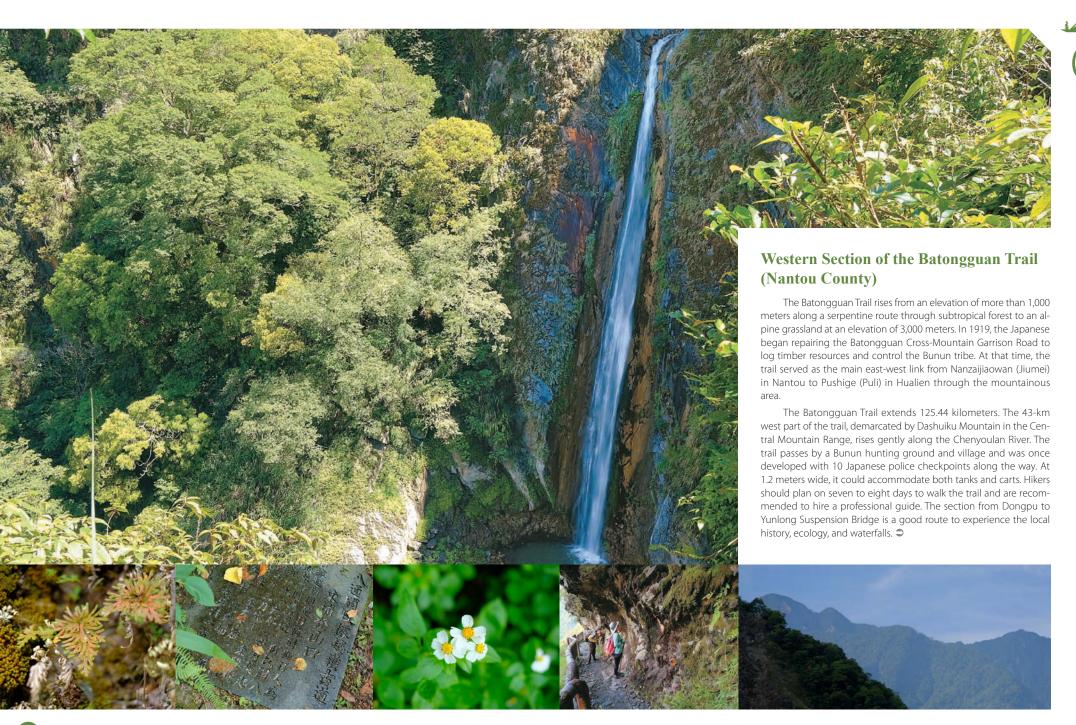
😭 Take the Nantou bus from Gancheng Bus Station (Taichung) or THSR Taichung Station past Puli to the Cingjing Farm stop 👚 No. 170 Renhe Road, Ren'ai Township, Nantou County 48:00-17:00 (Cingjing Farm), 7:30-17:30 (View Trail)

















The journey begins with a steep ascent along an asphalt industrial road to Aiyu Pavilion and then eases into a more manageable trail. The section along Fuzi Cliff transverses a geologically fragile fault zone. Rockfalls have cut a river of gravel and sand cutting through the emerald forest. With steep cliffs on one side and sheer drops on the other, the trail is not for the timid.

The highlight attraction on the Batongguan Trail is Yunlong Waterfall at the turnaround point. The hanging valley waterfall descends straight from the cliff in three stages, crossed by the trail pass between its upper and middle tiers. Looking back from the Yunlong Suspension Bridge, the cascading waters resemble a silver dragon. The area past bridge is an ecological reserve and visitors need to apply for a mountain permit from the Yushan National Park website before entering.









Dongpu Village

Dongpu Village sits on the intersection of the Shalixian and Shuilikeng faults. The hot springs here are fed by slightly alkaline sodium bicarbonate water that is clear, odorless, and good for the skin. At 1,120 meters above sea level, the mountainside village maintains a cool 23°C on summer nights, suitable for year-round bathing.

The village is also home to the 200-meter-long Dongpu Suspension Bridge. The harp-shaped steel-cable span crosses the Baxiang River Valley linking Dongpu to Yushan National Park and the Bunun village of Dongguang.

INFORMATION

😭 Take the Taiwan Railway Jiji Line to Shuili Railway Station, then take Yuanlin Bus 6732 to Dongpu.





CENTRAL MOUNTAIN RANGE

ALISHAN MOUNTAIN RANGE AND SOUTHERN SECTION OF THE

PHOTO /Cindy Lee

As Taiwan's tallest mountain, Yushan (Mt. Jade) well deserves its A-list position among the mountains of southern Taiwan. It has also earned a reputation as a premier hiking destination among mountaineers from across the globe.

The Alishan Mountain Range is another celebrity among the mountainous areas of southern Taiwan. It lies within the Alishan National Scenic Area that also embraces an expansive forest recreation area and the villages of Xiding, Fenqihu, Ruili, and Taiping in Meishan Township and the Tsou villages of Shanmei, Lijia and Tefuye. There are a number of hiking trails in this area here can be easily walked in a half day. These routes rise through a changing forest ecology that shifts from lower elevation broad-leaved and bamboo forests to terraced tea farms higher up, and stands of China fir and giant Formosan false cypress in the upper reaches. Cloud formations and waterfalls are another spectacular sight in the valleys here during the autumn and winter.

The southern section of the Central Mountain Range continues south to Eluanbi in Pingtung. Kavulungan (Beidawu) Mountain, a sacred peak to the Rukai people, guards its southern edge. Hikers can follow the century-old Jinshuiying Historic Trail heading in an east-west direction, or experience the beauty of the mountains and seas along the Alangyi Historic Trail. This is also a good place to learn more about the history and culture of the island.



Eryanping Trail (Chiayi County)

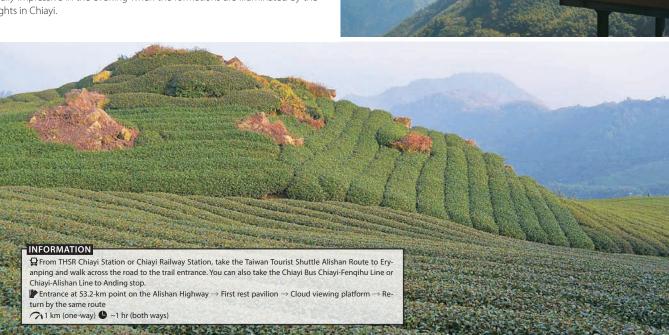
Known as the "Land of Clouds," Xiding was originally a Tsou hunting ground. The area was developed first for its forestry resources and more recently for the cultivation of tea and phalaenopsis. Today, visitors come here to enjoy the sunset and cloud formation views along the Eryanping Trail.



The viewing platform at the trail entrance commands an expansive view looking out to Yushan Mountain Range and the Alishan Highway winding along the foothills. Stone steps slowly ascend under a canopy of green and the whisper of the bamboo, passing the stone walls of Chuanshuo Village and the arching rows of the bergamot tea farms.

After the first rest pavilion, a wood-planked path leads to the top of Eryanping. On a clear day, the peak commands a westerly view of the Chiayi Plain, Renyitan Reservoir and Lantan Reservoir. From November to February, cold air masses move south and create cloud formations. The view is especially impressive in the evening when the formations are illuminated by the lights in Chiayi.













Along the Way

Alishan Forest Recreation Area

Alishan Mountain Range was once one of Taiwan's three biggest forestry areas and impressive stands of Formosan red cypress and Taiwan incense-cedars can still be found here. The sunrise and cloud formation views, forest railway, woods, and sunsets are among the top attractions of Alishan. From the Xiaoliyuan (Ogasawara) Mountain observation deck you can watch the sun bathe the mountains and billowing clouds in gold. The cherry blossoms in early spring brings suffuse the area around Zhaoping Station in soft pink hues. Follow the abandoned railway to Shuishan Giant Tree to escape the crowds and enjoy the tranquility of the cypress woods.

INFORMATION

😭 From THSR Chiayi Station or Chiayi Railway Station take the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Alishan Route to Alishan Forest Recreation Area; or from Chiayi Bus Terminal take the Chiayi Bus Alishan Route. <a> NT\$300 (Adults)













Alangyi Historic Trail (Pingtung County)

The Alangyi Historic Trail brings together both coastal and mountain views on a one-day hike. The gravel route follows the coast and winds steeply up through the woods, including one of Taiwan's few coastal virgin forests. The trail's varied natural land-scapes are matched by the equally colorful local culture.

The trail is located at the southeastern section of the Central Mountain Range between Pingtung County and Taitung County, with the Pacific Ocean to its east. In earlier times, it was used by indigenous hunters and western scholars for field research. Early settlers and troops also traveled on this route during the Qing period, when it was known as the Langjiao-Beinan Road. \Box





more information, please visit the website of the Xuhai Guanyinbi Nature Re-

The main part of the trail is the gravel path along the coast. The Guanyinbishan Xuhai section is more challenging. A steep rope-assisted climb takes one up 70 meters to the top of Hero Hill, where a panoramic view of the mountains and sea awaits. The trail then slopes gently down to a virgin forest with tropical coconut trees, ferns, and a host of insects.

The trail nearly fell victim to development of a new section of the Coastal Highway here. Environmental groups rallied to secure its preservation as part of the Xuhai Guanyinbi Nature Reserve.









Xuhai Village

The name of this little hillside village on the coast means the "morning sun rising from the sea." Visitors overnighting here can soak in the Xuhai Hot Springs and experience the local Amis culture before heading out in the morning on the Alangyi Historic Trail. From the top of Mudanbi Mountain, you can enjoy the expansive views of the Xuhai Grassland and watch the sun rise from the Pacific Ocean.

Jiupeng Desert in Manzhou Township further south on Provincial Highway 26 is also worth visiting. The dunes here, formed of sediment from the Jiupeng River estuary, go on for several kilometers and offer a good spot for a thrilling jeep ride.

INFORMATION

Take Pingtung Bus 302 from Hengchun (comes infrequently)





MOUNTAIN TOURISM

WATERFALLS AND SPRINGS IN THE CENTRAL MOUNTAIN RANGE



The eastern mountains are among the most untamed realms of Taiwan's natural world. Rivers tumble with a galloping force and ferns and diversity of other wild plants grow in abundance, testing the boundaries of the trail, and wild animals who find an ideal habitat in the pristine forests here.

Visitors to the eastern section of the Central Mountain Range can also read the story of Taiwan's geological formation in the rock strata here. The collision of the Philippine and Eurasian plates that thrust Taiwan from the sea, the folding of the land into the Central Mountain Range, and compression of the earth's crust and volcanic activity that gave birth to the narrow Coastal Mountains are all laid bare here. Visitors can also see the handiwork of millions of years of river erosion and weathering in the exposed the marble of the rock formations and nearly vertical chasm known today as Taroko Gorge. Many of these attractions can be explored at Taroko National Park, a mountainous area straddling Hualien, Nantou, and Taichung counties over an elevation range of 3,742 meters from the peak of Nanhu Mountain to the base of Qingshui Cliff. The trails and mountaineering activities here are suitable for hikers of all levels.

The Coastal Mountains are the lowest of Taiwan's five mid-elevation ranges. They rise about 1,000 meters on average and cover an area 150 kilometers long but only about 10 kilometers wide. The narrow range hugs the coastline from Hualien to Taitung, forming a beautiful mountain backdrop on Taiwan's scenic East Coast.



Baiyang Trail (Hualien County)

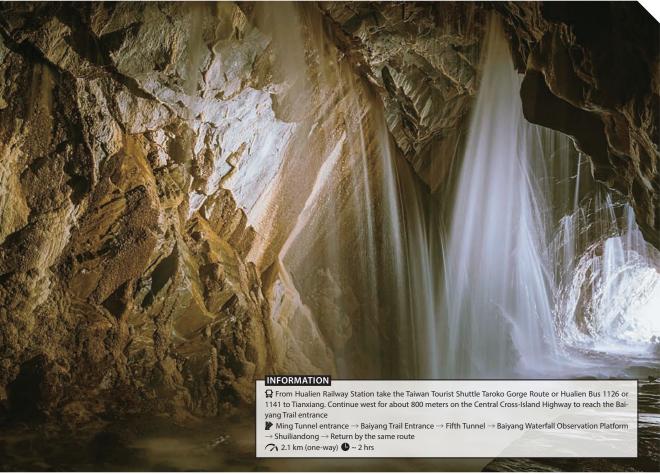
Baiyang Trail was originally built to support construction of Taipower's Liwu River Hydroelectric Project. By a happy turn of fate, the project was canceled and the road was turned into a visitor trail after Taroko National Park opened in 1986. The trail is cut into the cliff side through a series of seven tunnels that open up to admit the sound of the river and stunning views of the rock formations. \square



Towering marble faces hewn by the river current form rocky cliffs of variegated patterns past the first tunnel. The fifth tunnel exits at the junction of the Taci Jili and Sanzhan rivers, whose powerful currents have carved the gorge into its signature entrenched meander shape. On the other side, Baiyang Waterfall cascades elegantly down in three tiers before plunging into the clear pool at its base. The trail terminates after the seventh tunnel at Shuiliandong (Water Curtain Cave). The water seeps through the the tunnel roof in several places, creating the spectacular sight for which the tunnel is named.

Along the trail are a number of caves and areas subject to rockfall and water spray at Shuiliandong. Hikers should bring rain gear and a flashlight. You can also borrow a safety hat from the visitor center.











Along the Way

Jiuqudong (Tunnel of Nine Turns)

Jiuqudong (Tunnel of Nine Turns) is a major scenic attraction at Taroko Gorge. It is also, along with Swallow Grotto (Yanzikou) Trail, one of the narrowest sections of the gorge. Here, the cliffs rise vertically and close together on either side of the Liwu River describing a thin opening to the sky.

Jiuqudong was part of the original Central Cross-Island Highway. The 700-meter route meanders through tunnels shuttling one from light to dark and bringing the faults, folds, and layered beauty of the gorge's marble walls into close view.

INFORMATION

Take the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Taroko Gorge Route to Jiuqudong. The trail entrance is located at the west entrance of the Jiuqudong at the 173.7 km point on the Central Cross-Island Highway.











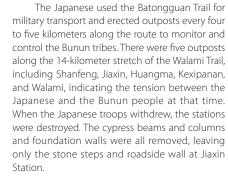




The name of this trail sounds similar to the Bunun word "malavi," meaning "come with me." It is also close in pronunciation to the Japanese word for bracken fern ("warabi") that grew in the vicinity of a police station here. Walami therefore suggests the meaning of "follow me to the land of ferns."

The Walami Trail is part of the eastern section of the Batongguan Trail. Developed during the Japanese occupation period, it gently ascends along the south bank of the Lakulaku River to an elevation of 600 to 1,060 meters. The section between Nanan Trail Head and Walami Cabin is level and easy to walk. It crosses five suspension bridges under the refreshingly cool shade of the lush forest, with a variety of flora weaving a fantasy-like world of green. The low- to mid-elevation forests provide an excellent habitat for wild animals, among them the often seen Reeves's muntjac, Formosan sambar, Swinhoe's frog, Formosan macaque, and Formosan serow. With luck, you may also catch sight of a Formosan black bear. \supset





The trip to Jiaxin makes for a good one-day hike, with the cool mists at Shanfeng Waterfall and a rickety suspension bridge to enjoy along the way. Stamina willing, you can continue on to experience the fern world at Walami Cabin. The trail passes the Kexipanan Memorial commemorating a fierce battle between the Bunun people and the Japanese police.

Take Provincial Highway 30 from Yuli in Hualien County to Nanan Visitor Center at Yushan National Park and continue for about six kilometers to the end of

the road (~20 mins by car). You can also take a taxi from Yuli Railway Station to

Nanan Trail Head \rightarrow Shanfeng Waterfall \rightarrow Jiaxin \rightarrow jute \rightarrow Walami Cabin

→ Return by the same route 14 km (one-way) 1 t takes about four to five

hours to walk from the trail head to Jiaxin and back. The trip to Walami Cabin

takes about six to seven hours to reach so it is best to plan on overnighting. A Note: The area past Jiaxin is protected as an ecological reserve. Visitors need to apply in advance for access and camping permits from the Yushan National

INFORMATION

Park website.

the station for about NT\$350 one-way.











Antong has been a popular hot spring destination and major scenic spot since the Japanese occupation period. The slightly alkaline chloride sulfate springs emerge nearly transparent at a temperature of about 66°C, but oxidize to a milky after a period of contact with the air. You can feel the fatigue wash away when soaking in these steam-wreathed pools.

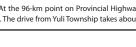
There are several hot spring bathhouses and hotels in the area. The oldest, Antong Hot Spring Hotel, is the successor of the Japanese-era site Yuli Hot Spring Public Bath. The original Japanese-style wooden buildings and tatami rooms have been preserved, recalling an earlier time.

INFORMATION

🖨 At the 96-km point on Provincial Highway 11, turn west onto Provincial Highway 30 and continue for about 8 km. The drive from Yuli Township takes about 20 minutes.











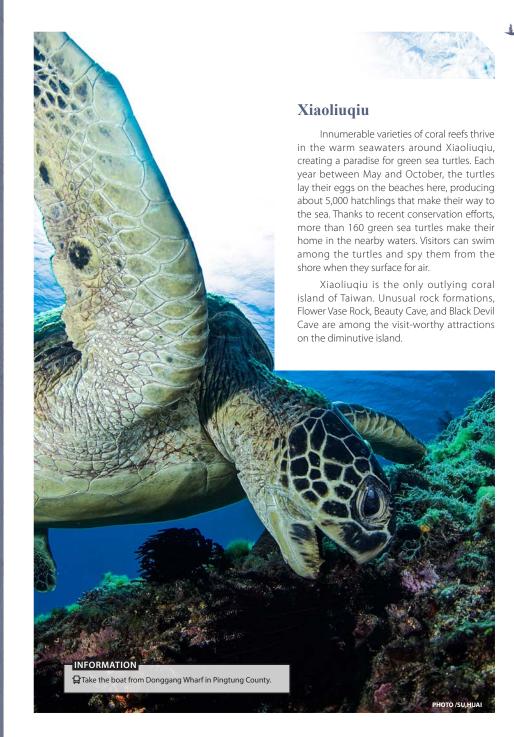
MOUNTAIN TOURISM

ISLAND-HOPPING IN AN ECOLOGICAL EDEN





The outlying islands of Taiwan are as geologically diverse as they are rich in culture and history. Journey among them on an island-hopping vacation and discover a whole new side of Taiwan.







Flying Fish and Tatala boats

The Yami people depend on the flying fish brought by the Kuroshio Current each year from March to June as an important food source. The tribe celebrates the start of the flying fish season with the Mivanwa Ceremony. Many of the homes here dry flying fish in front of homes during this time. Another well-known feature on Orchid Island is the Tatala boats, These sleek boats provide an important means of livelihood for the Yami people. They also serve a ceremonial function and are symbols of status in the tribe.



Goats and the Tao tribe

Orchid Island is home to the Yami (Tao) indigenous people. The tribe traditionally built their homes in a unique semi-underground style well-suited to the island's climate and environment, using locally sourced stone, bamboo, and thatch. These early settlements endure in the villages of Yeyin and Langdao. Goats, a symbol of property in the Yami tribe, can be seen roaming wild on the cliffs, seaside, grasslands, and roads.



Pekingese Dog Rock and Sleeping Beauty Rock

Volcanic activity and sea erosion have sculpted a giant rock in the eastern waters of Green Island into a shape that, viewed from Haishenping, bears an uncanny likeness to a pekingese dog faithfully guarding Sleeping Beauty. It is said that the formations were originally two lovers turned into stone for offending the gods.

INFORMATION

Take a plane or boat to Green Island and continue by rental scooter for about 19 minutes.

Sika Deer

Green Island was once known as "Deer Island" due to the Sika deer raised commercially here at one time. When the industry declined, the deer were released into the wild and can still be seen, with luck, in the forests during the night. You can also also see them at the Sika Deer Ecological Park. The park has an interactive area for a closer look at the fawns.

INFORMATION

★ No. 201, Caoshan, Gongguan Village, Ludao Township, Taitung County (089)672-510 日 Take a plane or boat to Green Island and continue by taxi for about 13 minutes.

Niutou Hill

Niutou Hill is located on a cape looking out to the sea on three sides. Seen from the Human Rights Culture Park, the hill resembles an old cow lying lazily on the shore. Cattle and sheep graze on the gently rolling grassland at the peak. The hilltop commands a 360-degree view for watching the sea and enjoying the sunset.

Take a plane or boat to Green Island and continue by rental scooter for about 19 minutes.

Zhaori Hot Spring

Zhaori Hot Spring is one of only three saltwater hot springs in the world. Located in an intertidal zone on the southeast coast of Green Island, the springs are fed by warm sulfurous seawater with purported therapeutic effects. At night, bathers can watch the stars and listen to the waves, while dawn visitors can greet the sunrise. The temperature of the spring water changes with the rise and fall of the tide, creating a natural sauna effect.



INFORMATION

No. 167, Wenquan Road, Ludao Township, Taitung County (089)671-113 Take a plane or boat to Green Island and continue by taxi for about 20 minutes.









MOUNTAIN TOURISM

Basalt

Most of the 90 islands of Penghu are formed of basalt, but the Daguoye Columnar Basalt in Xiyu Township is the most famous site in this "Land of Basalt." The hexagonal columns tower vertically on the shore with their sharply defined joints and are especially impressive after a heavy rain when their shapes reflect in the pooled water.

INFORMATION

👚 No. 10, Chidong Village, Xiyu Township, Penghu County 🔓 Fly to Magong Airport and then take the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle's Magong Shuttle Bus North Ring Line to Daguoye Columnar Basalt. You can also drive there by rental car (~ 40 mins).

Snorkeling

Penghu's charms extend beyond the sandy white beaches to an enchanting undersea world. Float face



Twin Heart Stone Weir

in the stone weirs found on the island's intertidal zones formed of piled basalt and coral. The arc-shaped weirs catch fish by admitting them at high tide and shutting off the exit path when the waters ebb. The Twin Heart Stone Weir is the best preserved of the many stone weirs found in Penghu today. It is also a well-known attraction due to its romantic shape. Make sure to time your visit for the ebb tide to see the weir fully exposed.

INFORMATION

👚 Qimei Township, Penghu County 😭 Take the plane to Qimei Airport.

Kuibi Mountain, Beiliao

During the ebb tide, a submerged sandbar linking the 300-meter watery span between the uninhabited island of Chiyu and Kuibishan slowly emerges to form an S-shaped gravel path between the two points. The sight is a wonder to behold, evoking images of Moses parting the Red Sea.



A Beiliao Village, Huxi Township, Penghu County 🖫 Take the plane to Magong Airport and continue by taxi for about 20 minutes.

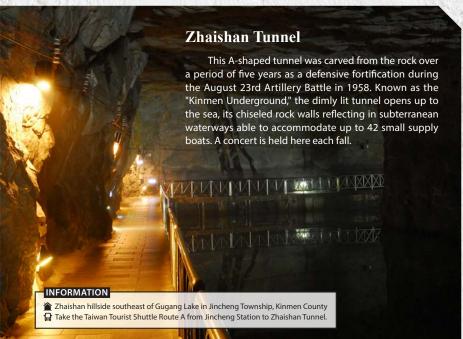


MOUNTAIN TOURISM

Bird Watching

Kinmen is located on a migratory bird path. The visiting birds are attracted by the abundant food supply on the island's wheat and sorghum fields, as well as the intertidal fish and shellfish. Each part of the island is frequented by different varieties of birds. Cihu, Jinsha Reservoir, Taihu, Wujiang River Estuary are especially good choices for sighting this visiting avian host.







Qinbi Village

Qinbi Village is the most intact historic settlement in Matsu. The square, two-story houses here are built of granite and are known as "chop houses" due to their resemblance to name seals. Anti-communist slogans from earlier years continue to blazon the roof eaves of the houses, recalling the area's battlefield history. The Fujianese-style structures rise staggered up the hillside, their red tiled roofs complementing the ocean blues and evoking a Mediterra nean-like scene. INFORMATION Take the plane to Beigan Airport and continue by bus to Qinbi.

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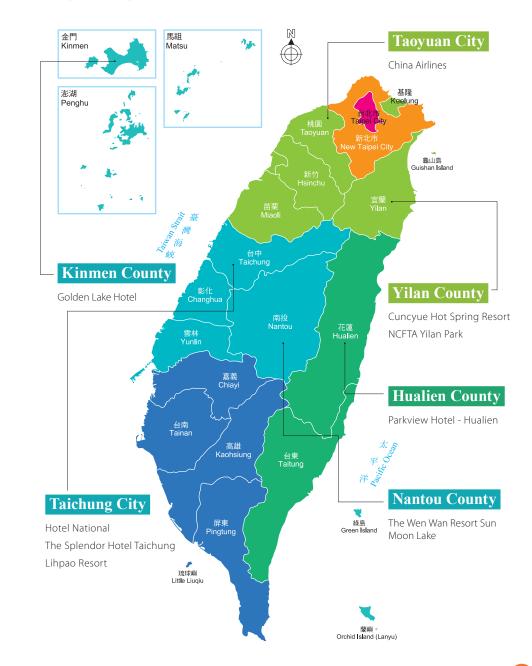
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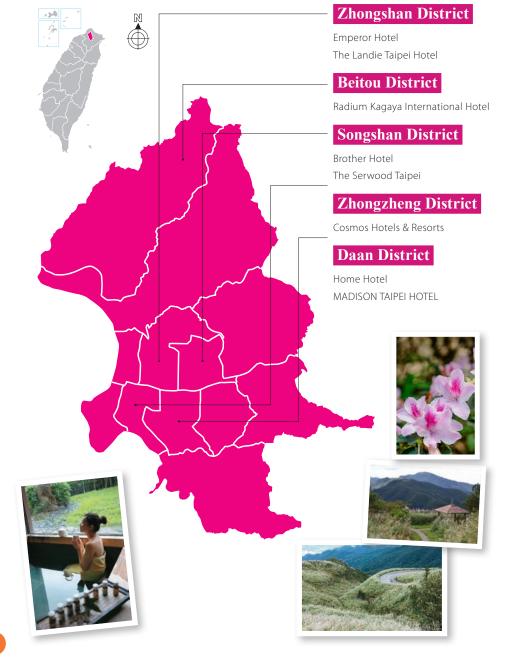
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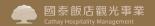


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