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Ilha Formosa!

A Guide to Beautiful Taiwan for Cruise Ship Passengers

The Western Pacific island of Taiwan radiates breathtaking beauty and has a cultural tapestry that connects mainland Asia to Oceania. It embraces an incredible topographical diversity that includes one of East Asia's highest mountain ranges, fertile farming valleys, alpine meadows, vibrant coral reefs, palm-fringed sand beaches, and stunning cliff coastlines. Sharing a latitude similar to Hawaii and Cuba, Taiwan's climatic diversity includes temperate, subtropical & tropical zones.

A fusion of Southern Min, Hakka, modern Mainland Chinese, and indigenous Malayo-Polynesian cultures underpins Taiwan's unique religious, architectural, folk and culinary heritages. The kaleidoscopic variety of Taiwanese, Hakkanese, China-regional, Japanese, and Southeast Asian cuisine; traditional street food; and local specialty products is integral to the modern Taiwan travel experience!

This handy guide helps you make the most of your cruise ship stops in Taiwan, with suggestions and helpful tips on seeing & experiencing the best of Taiwan from six ports: Keelung, Taichung, Anping, Kaohsiung, Hualien, and Penghu/Magong. Discover Taiwanese culture, hit the museums, uncover history, cycle urban side streets, hike forested nature trails, taste the best of the local culinary scene, and transform your stay in Taiwan into an unforgettably brilliant adventure!

No matter what you chose to do while here, we've no doubt that our scenic beauty, street food & culinary scene, local folk traditions, and warm and welcoming people will make your stay in Taiwan a delight worth savoring.

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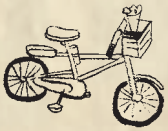
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The Port of Keelung

The Seattle of Taiwan - Modern Sparkle and Nostalgic Charms

Located 25kms northeast of Taipei, Keelung is first and foremost a port city. Set amidst lush green hills and the East China Sea, much of the city's hustle and bustle is within easy walking distance of the main harbor. High annual precipitation gives the city its nickname - the Rainy City. Beyond picturesque coastal scenery and harbor views, Keelung is renowned for its hot-served snacks and deliciously fresh seafood.

Information for Visitors

Getting Oriented

Located next to the harbor, TRA Keelung Station is the place to go to catch a train, city bus, intercity bus, the Taiwan Tourist Bus, or taxi as well as to visit the Visitors Center or catch a bite to eat. Keelung's popular night market and downtown shopping district are both 10-minute walks away on the opposite side of the port. Taxis and buses are convenient ways to get around in the city.

Getting to Nearby Sites and Beyond

To metropolitan Taipei: Catch a TRA train or an intercity bus (Kuo Kuang or Fu Ho), Time:30~45mins

To Zhongzheng Park, Bisha Fishing Harbor and NMMST: Catch city bus no. 103 or 108. Alternatively take the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle's "Dragon Palace Treasure Hunt Route" (NT$50 for full-day pass, see: www.taiwantrip.com.tw)

Keelung City Visitors Center

1 Gangxi Street, Keelung City (next to TRA Keelung Station)

8:00-17:30 (weekdays); 9:00-16:00 (weekends)

Travel in Keelung website: tour.klcg.gov.tw

Currency Exchange:

Cruise passengers may exchange currency with service providers that are located in the arrival hall of the passenger terminal.

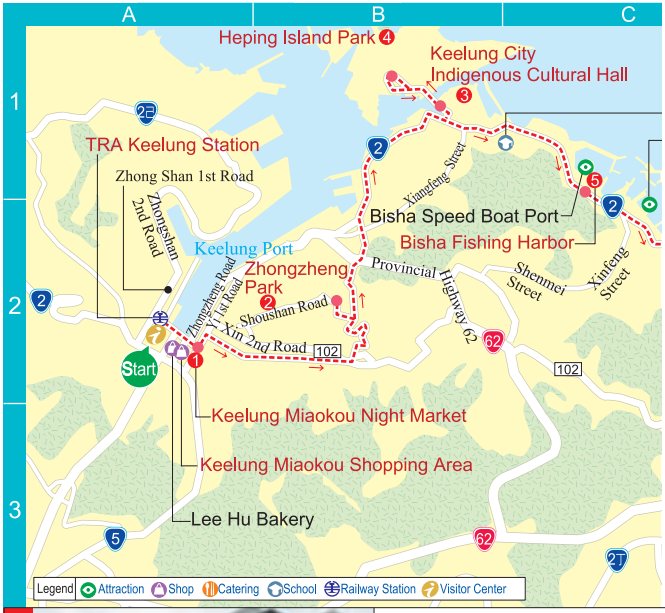


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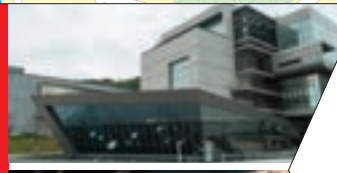


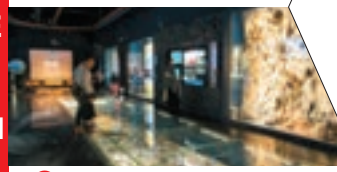
Exploring the Heart and Soul of Keelung

Take Taiwan Tourist Shuttle's "Dragon Palace Treasure Hunt Route" to escape the bustle of downtown and discover this famous seaport city's delightfully craggy coastline, lush interior highland, and distinctive culture, with stops at Heping Island Park, NMMST, and Bisha Harbor. Time: 4~6 hours (approximate)



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6 National Museum of Marine Science and Technology

Embracing an information-packed museum and an impressively large IMAX theater, the NMMST campus is a great place to explore our oceans and maritime technology.

Must-do: Visit with your kids

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

5 Bisha Fishing Harbor

This multifunctional harbor features a fresh fish market, seafood restaurants, and an expansive, grassy park. It is also home base for regular tour services to Keelung Islet.

Must-eat: Seafood

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



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1 Keelung Miaokou Night Market

Centered on Dianji Temple, the Keelung Miaokou Night Market is nationally famous for its hot-served snacks and delicious seafood. Some vendors keep serving into the wee hours of morning.

Must-eat: Pao-pao fine-shaved ice, Taiwanese tempura, yingyang sandwiches





2 Zhongzheng Park

Get splendid views of downtown Keelung and the port from this hilltop park, which features a statue of the Sea Goddess Guanyin.

Must-photograph: the Longmao Bus Stop (in the Shoushanting Park)

Time: 30 minutes (approximate)



3 Keelung City Indigenous Cultural Hall

This museum displays the clothing, woodwork and other folk artistry of Taiwan's 13 officially recognized indigenous ethnic groups. Great views of Keelung Port and Keelung Islet too!

Must-see: Bird's-eye view of Keelung Port

Time: 30 minutes (approximate)

4 Heping Island Park

Walk or ride over the short bridge from mainland Keelung to explore Heping Island's intriguing, hoodoo-studded sandstone coastline, century-old hilltop battery, and modern campground, seawater swimming pool and barbecue area.

Must-see: Sandstone hoodoos

Time: 1 hour (approximate)




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Taipei Metro Route Map

Transfer to	Transfer Station	Terminal Station
Airport	SongshanAirport	1 Wenhu Line
HSR	Taipei Main Station Banqiao	2 Tamsui-Xinyi Line
TRA	Taipei Main Station Banqiao Nangang Songshan	3 Songshan-Xindian Line 4 Zhonghe-Xinlu Line 5 Bannan Line

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Regular Station Terminal Station Transfer Station

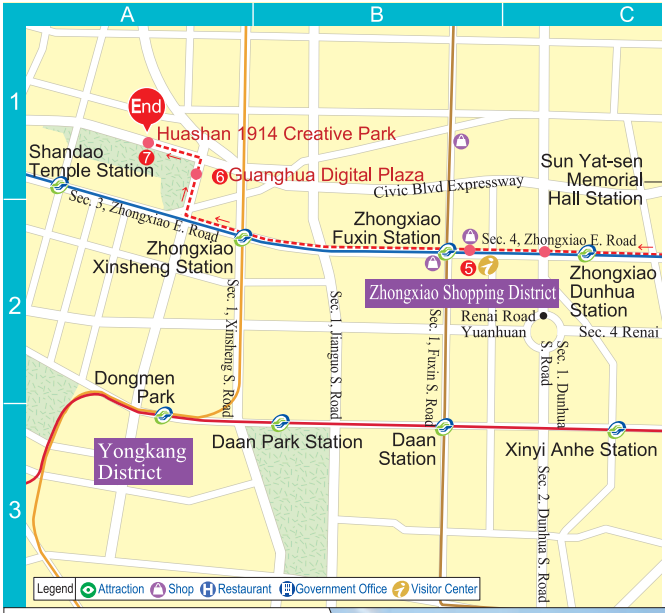
YouBike Service Centers Visitors Center



Topflight Shopping and Dining in Uptown Taipei

Your ticket to trendy department stores and Guanghua Electronics Shopping District - Taiwan's low-price mecca for the latest in consumer electronics. Follow this route to name brand fashions and the city's best cuisine and nightlife!

Time: 6~7 hours (approx.)



6 Guanghua Digital Plaza

After exploring the latest digital gadgets, computers and consumer electronics at one of the world's best electronics marketplaces, continue your e-shopping adventure in the adjacent roads and alleyways.

Must-buy: High quality made-in-Taiwan consumer electronics



5 Zhongxiao Shopping District

Bookended by 2 busy MRT stations, this district features 4 major department stores (3 of which are Sogo!) as well as cafés and boutique shops owned and operated by talented designers and local celebrities.

Must-visit: The boutique shops that pepper the alleys in this district



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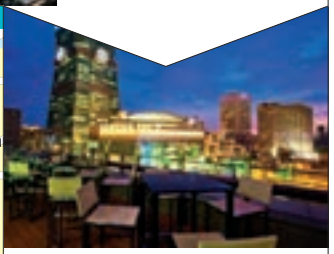


1 Taipei 101

Taipei 101 mirrors New York's 5th Avenue with its panoply of flagship stores featuring locally and globally famous brands. Visit Taipei 101's 89th floor for spectacular metropolitan views.

Must-do: Send a postcard from Taipei's highest mailbox

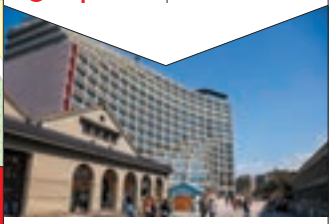




2 Xinyi Shopping District

Looking for shop-till-you-drop fun? The Xinyi District has it all with Taipei 101, Eslite Book Store, Bellavita, Shinkuang Mitsukoshi, the Breeze Department Store and so much more!

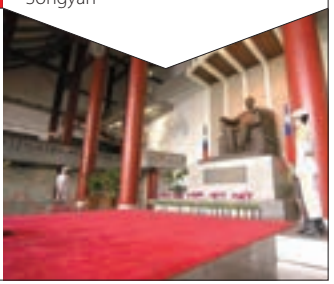
Must-photo: Taipei 101



3 Songshan Culture and Creative Park

This art-deco-inspired, former tobacco factory built in 1937 was repurposed and re-launched as Taipei's epicenter of cultural creativity and a magnet for urban leisure and recreation.

Must-visit: Eslite Spectrum Songyan



4 Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall

This aesthetically striking complex both remembers the ROC's founding father and houses cultural facilities such as theaters, exhibition spaces, and expansive outdoor gardens.

Must-see: Changing of the guard at the Sun Yat-sen statue



7 Huashan 1914 Creative Park

Built in 1914, this carefully restored and repurposed sake distillery now hosts a regular calendar of exhibits, movies and live music. Take time to visit the many culture-creative shops and restaurants that do business here as well.

Must-buy: Unique made-in-Taiwan culture-creative items

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Taipei City Art and Culture Walk

The many historic buildings here link Taipei to its past while providing a platform for creative renewal and expression. This route takes in Zhongshan North Road's timeworn elegance, Yongkang's cultural-creative energy, and the 19th century charms of Wanhua (Manka) and Dadaocheng (Twatutia / Daitotei).

Time: 7~8 hours (approx.)

END



❼ Zhongshan North Road District

Centered on the intersection of Zhongshan North and Nanjing West Roads, this tree-lined area is home to SPOT Taipei Theater, the Museum of Contemporary Art, and an array of enticing one-of-a-kind shops and restaurants.

Must-see: Museum of Contemporary Art and the many culture-creative shops

❻ Ningxia Night Market

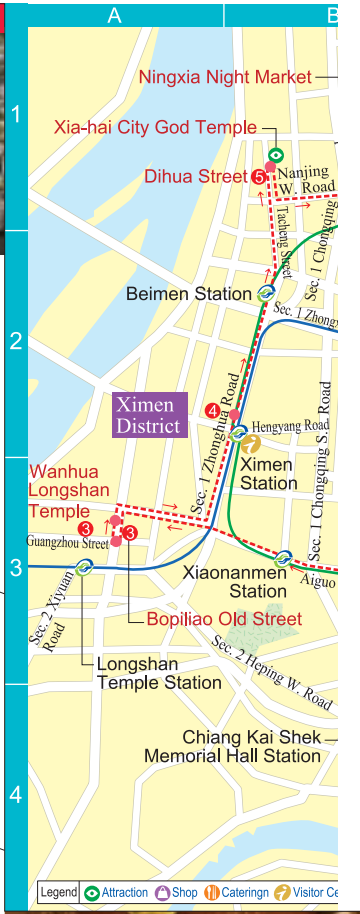
This 400m section of Ningxia Street is lined with traditional Taiwanese eateries and vendors that serve up the tasty, authentic flavors of Dadaocheng.

Must-eat: Liver soup, steamed dumplings and oyster omelets.

❺ Dadaocheng + Xia-Hai City God Temple + Dihua Street

This former river depot still exudes turn-of-the-20th-century elegance in the ornate façades of the shops along Dihua Street - many of which now do a brisk trade in wholesale medicinal herbs. The city's fabric market is here too!

Must-do: Visit the City God Temple and pray for your perfect love match!





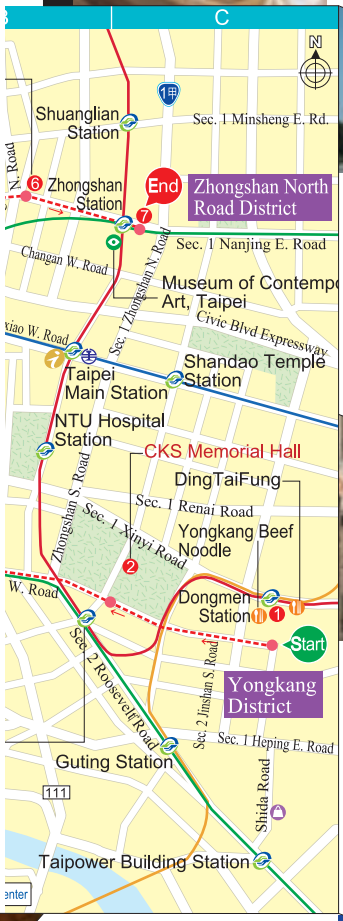
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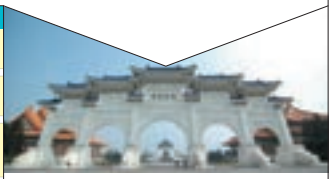


1 Yongkang District

Famous as the home of delicious mango icees and Din Tai Fung's tasty steamed dumplings, Yongkang also offers artsy craft shops, restaurants and cafés. A walk through this district is unfailingly fun and always rewarding!

Must-taste: Steamed dumplings, mango and shaved ice, beef noodle soup





2 CKS Memorial Hall

This sprawling complex dedicated to ROC wartime leader Chiang-kai Shek is an oasis of green and solitude at the heart of the city. The Hall regularly holds exhibits. National Concert Hall and Theater buildings are here as well.

Must-see: Hourly changing of the guard in the main statue hall



3 Wanhua Longshan Temple + Bopiliao Old Street

Wanhua (Manka) is the city's oldest section, with shops around Longshan Temple and Bopiliao Old Street selling traditional herbs, religious ware, night market food and authentic Taiwanese cuisine. Vintage Taipei lives here!

Must-try: Traditional herbal (qingcao) tea



4 Ximen District

Taipei's hub of youth culture and big-screen theater bustles at all hours with plenty to see, do and eat. Weekend walkers are in for a treat as streets are closed to traffic and inundated with fun events and street performers.

Must-taste: Ay-Chung rice noodles, Taoyuan St. beef noodles

Day Trip from Keelung

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle - Gold Fulong Route

The Gold Fulong Route starts in the upland former gold and copper mining areas of Jiufen and Jinguashi before heading south along the coast to majestic Bitou Cape, the scuba-diving haven of Longdongwan, and Fulong - the Northeast Coast's center for summertime seaside fun.



8 Fulong Visitors Center

Known for its coral sand beach, Fulong's social calendar peaks in the summer during the Sand Sculpture Art Festival and the Taiwan Music Festival. Also, explore the area by scooter or bicycle (available for rent).

Must-eat: Fulong Hsiang Yeh Lunchbox

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



7 Aodi

Long famous as a deep-sea fishing port, Aodi has a great choice of top-quality restaurants that offer deliciously seasoned fresh-catch seafood.

Must-eat: Seafood

Time: 40 mins (approximate)



6 Longdong Four Season Bay

The bay is a full-service destination for the whole family, with coastal eco-tours, snorkeling, accommodations, boat excursions, and hot springs!

Must-do: Coastal boat tour

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle (regular shuttle-bus service to local sites)

START **TRA Ruifang Station⇄Jiufen Old Street⇄Gold Museum⇄Shui-Nan Cave⇄Bitou Cape⇄Longdongwan Seaside Park⇄Longdong Four Season Bay⇄Aodi⇄Fulong Visitors Center** END

- **Total Travel Time:** 1.5 hours (start to finish)
- **Getting There:** Catch the train from TRA Keelung Station to TRA Ruifang Station (with a midway transfer at TRA Badu Station). Travel Time: approx. 30 mins.
- **Fare:** NT$15 per section (adult) or NT$50 for a full-day pass.
- **Hotline:** 02-2433-6111 or 0800-588-010 (toll free)
- **Website:** www.taiwantrip.com.tw

1 Jiufen Old Street



City of Sadness (1989) pulled this hillside gold-mining town from moldering obscurity and turned it into a travel destination that now offers the haunting shadows of bygone boom times and cafés that are perfect for whiling away an afternoon.

Must-do: Visit historic Sheng Ping Theater and scenic cafés and teahouses

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



2 Gold Museum

Jiufen and neighboring Jinguashi are famous centers of gold and copper mining. The Gold Museum tells the story of the mines and of Taiwan's "mother load".

Must-do: Gold-panning

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



3 Shui-Nan Cave

Located along the shoreline, Shui-Nan Cave overlooks seawaters still muddied by refinery runoff. This is a good starting point for your exploration of the refinery complex and its environs.

Must-see: Abandoned copper refinery

Time: 30 mins (approximate)



4 Bitou Cape

Take the cliff-side trail past windswept sandstone spires to the Bitou Lighthouse. Feel on top of the world from your perch on this promontory above the blue Pacific.

Must-see: Impressive, windswept cape trail and landscape

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



5 Longdongwan Seaside Park

This undulating coastline is a magnet for scuba divers, snorkelers and rock climbers alike. Service providers in the park have everything you need to dive in and get the most from the experience!

Must-do: Scuba diving

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

Day Trip from Keelung

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle - Crown Northern Coastline

This route traces the seacoast eastward from Danshi to Sanzhi and Shimen before reaching the hot springs of Jinshan and Yeliu's famous geological formations. This breezy daytrip beckons with countless memories wrapped in panoramic views of the sea and of hills cloaked in lush tropical vegetation.



1 Sanzhi Visitors Center and Gallery

Sanzhi is locally famous for its folk heritage and productive agriculture. The Sanzhi Gallery highlights famous personalities from the area.

Must-see: Yuanxing House

Time: 30 mins (approximate)



2 Baisha Bay

Sea-worn coral and shells are the secret of this bay's soft, white sand. A wide tidal variance and abundant coastal life make Baisha Bay great for exploring tidal ecology.

Must-see: Sunset

Time: 30 mins (approximate)



9 Feicui (Green) Bay

Its generously large expanse of white sand makes Feicui Bay the place for North Coast summer water fun, with a wide array of equipment and services on offer.

Must-do: Water activities

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

8 Yehliu Geo-Park



Yehliu Geo-Park is studded with "hoodoos", rock formations shaped by wind and water over millennia into curious shapes, including the famously Nefertiti-esque "Queen's Head".

Must-photograph: Queen's Head rock formation

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle (regular shuttle-bus service to local sites)

START **MRT Danshui Station⇄Sanzhi Visitors Center and Gallery⇄Baisha Bay Visitors Center⇄Xinshibawanggong Temple (Shimen Wedding Plaza)⇄Juming Museum⇄Jinshan (Old Street)⇄Shitoushan Park (Jinshan Visitor Center)⇄Yehliu Geo-Park⇄Feicui (Green) Bay⇄TRA Keelung Station** END

- **Total Travel Time:** 2.5 hours (start to finish)
- **Getting There:** Catch the Taiwan Tourist shuttle's Crown Northern Coast Route from TRA Keelung Station
- **Fare:** calculated by distance traveled or purchase a full-day pass for NT$200
- **Hotline:** 02-2432-3185 or 02-2621-3340
- **Website:** www.taiwantrip.com.tw



3 Shimen Wedding Plaza

Bright white and oozing with Aegean-inspired ambiance, this plaza is a favorite stop for newlyweds and lovers looking to capture memories of a lifetime.

Must-eat: Shimen steamed rice dumplings (across the street from the plaza)

Time: 15 mins (approximate)



4 Teresa Teng Memorial Park

This serene and beautifully landscaped park is the final resting place of the singer whose dulcet voice touched indelibly the heart of an entire generation.

Must-see: Marble statue of legendary songstress Teresa Teng

Time: 20 mins (approximate)



5 Juming Museum

This outdoor/indoor museum is dedicated to displaying the oversized, rough-hewn artistic creations of renowned Taiwanese nativist sculptor Ju Ming.

Must-see: The Juming "Tai Chi" sculpture series

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



6 Jinshan Old Street

Jinshan is the only town along the North Coast with a restored old-street district. Enjoy the district's century-old ambiance as well as its delicious food and snacks.

Must-eat: Jinshan specialty duck-meat dishes

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



7 Shitoushan Park

Located a short walk from the Old Street district, Shitoushan Park carpets a promontory, with a scenic coastline and the best views of the Twin Candlestick Islets.

Must-photograph: Lazhu (Twin Candlestick) Islets

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

Getting Started

Taipei has a wealth of things to do and see! Take the subway (MRT) system and public buses to just about anywhere you want to go in the city.





Elephant Mountain (Xiangshan)

This best-known hiking trail in the city winds into the hills up to nearly 180m above street level. The route looks directly back into the city, with impressive, unobstructed views of Xinyi District and its main landmark - Taipei 101.

No. 65, Alley 22, Lane 150, Xinyi Road, Section 5, Taipei City (next to Lingyun Temple)

Take MRT 2 (red) to Xiangshan Station; follow the signs and walk approx. 10 mins to the trail entrance

Xingtian Temple



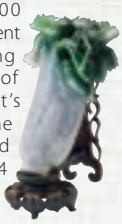
Dedicated to the deified Han Dynasty General Guan Yu, this is Taipei's busiest temple. The temple is a short walk to other popular city attractions, fortunetellers, and professional massage spas.

109 Minquan East Road, Section 2, Taipei City

04:00-22:30 daily

Take MRT Line 4 (orange) to Xingtian Temple Station; walk approx. 7 mins to the temple

National Palace Museum



With over 650,000 pieces in its permanent collection covering some 7,000 years of Chinese history, it's no wonder that the NPM is celebrated as one of the top 4 museums in the entire world!

221 Zhishan Road, Section 2, Taipei City

08:30-18:30 (to 20:30 on Wed, Fri and Sat); Saturday admission free from 18:30-20:30



Take MRT Line 2 (red) to Shilin Station Exit 1; Catch any bus going past the National Palace Museum



Taipei Confucius Temple

Dating from the early 20th century, the TCT reflects southern Chinese architectural aesthetics. The temple is noteworthy for its lack of written axioms and adages and for its exquisitely painted and fired koji ceramic decorations.

275 Dalong Street, Taipei City

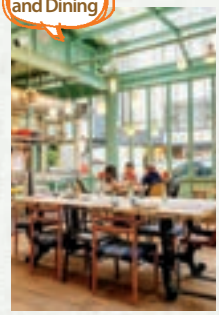
08:30-21:00 (Tues - Sat); 08:30-17:00 (Sun and holidays); closed Mondays

Take MRT Line 2 (red) to Yuanshan Station; walk approx. 7 mins to the temple

Delicious Snacking and Food Gift Ideas

Taiwan's delicious and freshly made snacks are the stars of the show at night markets island-wide. Taste and selection differ from north to south - giving visitors even more to enjoy and to take home for friends and family.

Food and Dining



Distinctive Café Culture

The plethora of venues that sell fresh "cups of joe" hints at the true popularity of coffee culture in Taipei. Among these are many small cafés run and patronized by coffee aficionados. They reflect the distinctive aesthetics of their owners, who hand select and roast their beans before brewing each cup to perfection. The welcoming, creative atmosphere of these cafés has become an indelible part of Taipei's modern cultural landscape.

Where: Discover excellent cafés sequestered along alleyways in the Zhongxiao, Zhongshan North Road, Yongkang, and Xinyi Business Districts.

Food and Dining



Iconic Beef Noodle Soup

Beef noodle soup, a traditional meal introduced by settlers from China, has evolved into the iconically Taiwanese noodle dish now earning worldwide gastronomic respect. Beef noodle shops are now ubiquitous across the city. The dish is even honored annually in the Taipei International Beef Noodle Festival!

The Best Known: Yongkang Street Beef Noodle Soup, Taoyuan Street Beef Noodle Soup, and Szechwan Chang's Beef Noodle Soup.

Shopping

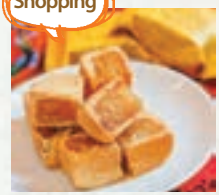


Wenshan Pouchong Tea

Taiwan is world famous for growing fine teas. High-quality pouchong tea, celebrated for its fragrance and complex flavor profile, has been grown for generations in Taipei's Wenshan District. Buy direct from the grower / producers in Maokong (take the MRT gondola from the Taipei Zoo Station) or from tea merchants located downtown.

The Best Known: WangTea, Lin Hua-Tai Tea Hong, Wang Jinjen Tea, Taiwan Tea Corporation (TTC)

Shopping



Pineapple Shortcakes

Pineapple Shortcakes, with their flaky shortcake outer layer and tangy-sweet pineapple filling, are a perennially popular Taiwan gift. Find these delicacies at dedicated retailers as well as local bakeries. Popularity has encouraged innovation, with brands working to outdo each other with creative takes on traditional recipes and enhancements in taste and quality.

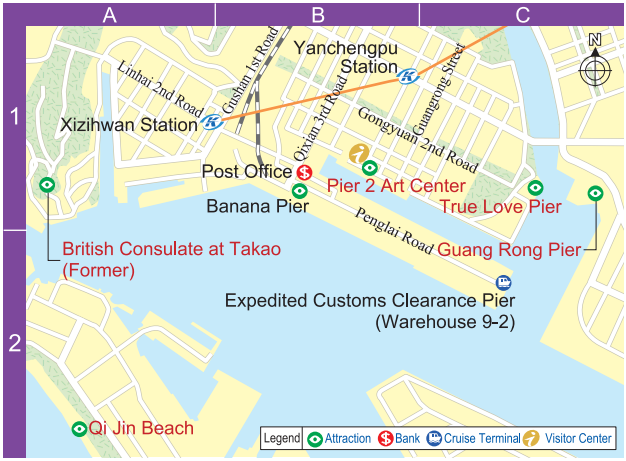
The Best Known: Chia Te, SunnyHills, Kuo Shi Fu, Hsu Bakery, Vigor Kobo



The Port of Kaohsiung

Taiwan's Homeport - Bringing Taiwan to the World and the World to Taiwan

Located within Kaohsiung City, the Port of Kaohsiung is Taiwan's largest seaport and a focal point of southern Taiwan tourism. The many nearby attractions include Qijin, Chaishan, Love River, Fo Guang Shan, and Xizihwan Bay. The city's subway (MRT), public buses and taxis are all within easy reach.





Information for Visitors

Getting Oriented

Most cruise ships disembark at either the expedited e-gate pier (at Warehouse 9-2) or Banana Pier. Both offer easy access to destinations in Kaohsiung City and beyond. From the e-gate pier, catch a regular shuttle bus or taxi to either Wharf No. 3 or MRT Xizihwan Station. Banana Pier is located a short walk from MRT Xizihwan Station (Exit 2). Also, many public buses pick up and drop off just outside of MRT Xizihwan Exit 2.

Getting to Nearby Sites and Beyond

To Formosa Boulevard: Catch the Kaohsiung MRT or city bus 248.

To Dashu: Catch the Kaohsiung MRT to Dadong Station and transfer to the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle's Dashu Route.

To Northern Pingtung County: Catch a bus to TRA Pingtung Station and transfer to the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle's Northern Pingtung Route

Port of Kaohsiung Harbor Tour Service Center

end of Dayong Road, Yancheng District, Kaohsiung City (Yancheng Sightseeing Pier)

07-235-4999



08:00-20:00

Travel in Kaohsiung website: khh.travel/tw

Currency Exchange

Exchange currency at the bank counter in Warehouse 9-2 (near the cruise ship e-gate) or at the Postal Savings Office on the corner of Penglai and Qixian Roads (a short walk from Banana Pier).

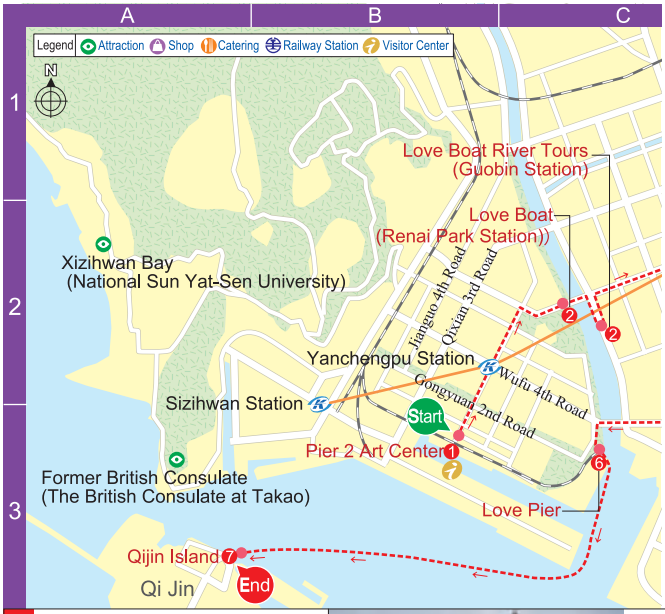

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Greater Port Culinary Adventure Route

The Port of Kaohsiung bustles with the flow of people, goods and commerce. Take the ferry to Qijin Island or board a "Love Boat" cruise on the city's beautifully restored Love River. Downtown and its wealth of dining, snacking, and recreational enticements are just a short distance away. Ready, set, … go for fun!

Time: 9 hours (approximate)



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7 Qijin Island

This offshore sandbar, a 10-minute ferry ride from the mainland, charms visitors with its coastal scenery, history, seafood restaurants and quaint shops.

Must-do: Circle the island by bicycle





6 Love Pier

Love Pier (aka Pier 12) is located just before Love River empties into the Taiwan Strait. Catch tourist ferries here to Qijin Island or enjoy a meal at the pier's seafood restaurants.

Must-experience: Cafés adjacent to the pier

START



1 Pier 2 Art Center

Built in 1973, this large warehouse building has been recently repurposed as Kaohsiung City's newest art exhibition space and public recreation facility.

Must-do: Avant-garde and experimental exhibits



2 Love Boat River Tours

The Love River is one of Kaohsiung City's must-see attractions. Stroll the riverside trails and enjoy the lights of the city glittering on the river by night. Two routes highlight the surrounding cityscape.

Must-do: Boat tour of the Love River



3 Liuhe Night Market

This is one of the city's best-known and longest running night markets. Popular items include "rice tube" pudding, danzai noodles, and the House of BBQ's smoked meats.

Must-taste: Papaya milkshake



4 MRT Formosa Boulevard Station

At the intersection of the MRT Red and Orange Lines, this huge station, East Asia's largest, boasts 11 exits and installation art by Japanese and Italian artists.

Must-see: Dome of Light by Italian-American artist Narcissus Quagliata

5 Sanduo Shopping District

This lively commercial area covers it all - from department stores and retail shops to Xingzhong Night Market and the city's horticulture market.

Must-experience: Viewing platform in the 85 Sky Tower



Day Trip from Kaohsiung

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle - Dashu Route

This relatively short route, which doesn't stray far from the banks of the Gaoping River, stops at the Buddhist mecca of Fo Guang Shan. The relatively isolated, highland setting of this destination makes it both visually stunning and spiritually inspiring.



1 Old Railroad Bridge Education Wetland Zone and San-He Tile Kiln

At 1,526m in length, this bridge was the longest in Asia when it opened in 1914. It was retired in 1988 and the surrounding area was declared a protected wetland, with facilities for ecotourism and recreation. The century-old San-He Tile Kiln nearby still makes bricks the traditional way.

Must-experience: Bicycle excursion, visit to the old tile kiln

Time: 2 hours (approximate)



Taiwan Tourist Shuttle (regular shuttle-bus service to local sites)

START **TRA Fongshan Station⇄MRT Dadong Station⇄Old Railroad Bridge Wetland (San-He Tile Kiln) // RETURN ROUTE // Long Muh Jiing (Long Muh Elementary School)⇄Fo Guang Shan Monastery⇄Fo Guang Shan Memorial Center** END

- **Total Travel Time:** 2.5 hours (start to finish)
- **Getting There:** Take the MRT Orange Line to MRT Dadong Station and transfer directly to the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle's Dashu Route
- **Fare:** NT$50 for a full-day pass.
- **Hotline:** 07-753-6569
- **Website:** www.taiwantrip.com.tw

2 Fo Guang Shan Monastery



Situated on 5 hills, this is the largest Buddhist monastery in southern Taiwan, with 4 great halls and a fully functioning university. Make sure to visit the impressive Mahāvīra (Daxiong) Hall. In all, there are over 10,000 statues of the Buddha on the monastery grounds.

Must-see: Mahāvīra (Daxiong) Hall, Great Buddha Land, 120m tall Buddha statue

Time: 2 hours (approximate)





3 Fo Guang Shan Buddha Memorial Center

Not far from the FGS Monastery, this center features a 108m tall statue of the seated Buddha and 8 pagodas. Visit the relics hall to see one of the 3 teeth of the Buddha known to exist. The Center is a global mecca of Buddhist heritage, culture and art.

Must-see: Tooth of the Buddha display, bronze seated Buddha, Way to Buddhahood

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

Day Trip from Kaohsiung

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle - Northern Pingtung Route

Taiwan's ethnic complexity includes generous portions of Hakka and indigenous Malayo-Polynesian cultures, each with its own distinctive language, clothing and cuisine. Explore southern Taiwan's cultural diversity, cityscapes, highland scenery, and indigenous village life on the Northern Pingtung Route.

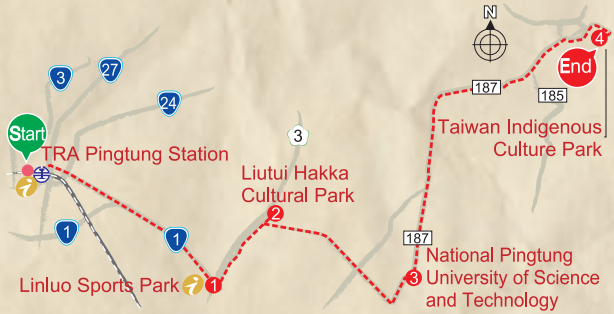


1 Linluo Sports Park

The 18kms of bicycle trails and scenic bridges that encircle this park are worth spending a leisurely hour or two. Enjoy the area's natural beauty and the public art installed throughout.

Must-experience: Bicycle excursion

Time: 1 hour (approximate)





4 Taiwan Indigenous Culture Park

The park is set in an indigenous village in upland Pingtung. The 4 theme areas of the TICP introduce Taiwan's various tribes, their distribution and culture as well as their distinct architectural traditions and performance art.

Must-see: Architecture, woodcarving, folk dance / song performance

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



Taiwan Tourist Shuttle (regular shuttle-bus service to local sites)

START **TRA Pingtung Station⇄Linluo Sports Park⇄Liudui Hakka Cultural Park⇄National Pingtung University of Science and Technology⇄Taiwan Indigenous Culture Park** END

- **Total Travel Time:** 1.5 hours (start to finish)
- **Getting There:** Catch a train to TRA Pingtung Station (about 30 mins from TRA Kaohsiung Station)
- **Fare:** calculated by distance traveled or NT$79 one way / NT$120 R/T (full-day pass)
- **Hotline:** 08-723-7131
- **Website:** www.taiwantrip.com.tw



2 Liudui Hakka Cultural Park

"Liudui" is used collectively to describe all of southern Taiwan's ethnic Hakka settlements. Hakkas have lived here for over 3 centuries and today number more than 250,000. Exhibits introduce Hakka culture from various perspectives including architecture, clothing, religious beliefs, and cuisine.

Must-see: "Tobacco barn" architecture

Time: 2 hours (approximate)





3 National Pingtung University of Science and Technology

NPUST dates back to 1924 and is now renowned for its agriculture and animal ecology programs. The height of NPUST's expansive campus relative to the surrounding countryside delivers exceptional views of the surrounding area.

Must-see: Botanical garden, Wild Animal Rescue Center

Time: 2 hours (approximate)



Getting Started

Kaohsiung City is the largest and most important city in southern Taiwan. Situated below the Tropic of Cancer, the city basks in year-round warmth and sunshine tempered by pleasant Taiwan Strait breezes.



Holy Rosary Cathedral

One of Asia's 3 most important Catholic cathedrals, with gothic lines, imposing bell tower and doors, and stained glass windows. The stone block above the entrance proclaims the mid-19th century commission from Qing Emperor Tongzhi.

151 Wufu 3rd Road, Cianjin District, Kaohsiung City

Take the MRT Orange Line to Yanchengpu Station. The cathedral is a 12 min walk away.



Confucius Temple of Kaohsiung

Set on the bank of Lotus Pond, this is Taiwan's largest Confucian temple. It was modeled on the main Confucius Temple in Shandong and hosts the city's annual Confucian birthday ceremony.

400 Liantan Road, Zuoying District, Kaohsiung City

9:00-17:00 (closed on Mondays)

Take the MRT Red Line to MRT Zuoying Station. The temple is a 15 min walk away.



Xizihwan Bay

Azure waters, palm trees, and a warm and welcoming sand beach highlight this bay's quintessentially tropical coastline. Popular with sun-lovers and water sports enthusiasts. Spectacular, romantic sunsets!

51 Lianhai Road, Gushan District, Kaohsiung City (on the campus of NSYSU)

10:00-18:00 (extended to 19:00 during the summer)

A 7-min taxi ride from the Port of Kaohsiung



Chengcing Lake

Oft likened to Hangzhou's famous West Lake, Chengcing Lake is encircled by a dotingly landscaped park that is traversed by footpaths and graced with picturesque vistas peppered with traditional gazebos, bridges, trees, and lotus flowers.

Dabei Road, Niaosong District, Kaohsiung City

6:00-18:00 (April - Sep); 6:00-17:30 (Oct - March)

Take the MRT Orange Line to MRT Fongshan West Station and transfer to the Orange #12 city bus.



(former) British Consulate at Takao

This colonial-style building, raised in 1867, is a 2nd-class national historic site. Once the city's official British Consulate, today it houses a museum and café. Enjoy the overlook of the harbor, Xizihwan Bay, and the city.

20 Lianhai Road, Gushan District, Kaohsiung City

11:00-00:00

A 10-min taxi ride from the Port of Kaohsiung



Lotus Pond and Dragon and Tiger Pagodas

This city heritage site is easy to get to and is close to the Zuoying's old city wall. Climb to the top of the Dragon and Tiger Pagodas for great views of the pond and surrounding cityscape.

Liantan Road, Zuoying District, Kaohsiung City

Take the MRT Red Line to MRT Zuoying Station. The destination is a 15 min walk away.

Shopping - So Fun, So Easy

The city's main retail districts are conveniently located along the MRT Red Line. The E-Da Theme Park, located just outside the city, beckons with a full-spectrum package of food, fun, shopping and hotel accommodations.



Dream Mall

This city landmark beckons with a world of shopping opportunities. Browse haute couture boutiques, fashion clothiers, and Kaohsiung's best food court. The Hello Kitty themed amusement park and Ferris wheel on the roof offers fun and bird's eye views of downtown.

789 Zhonghua 5th Road, Cianjhen District, Kaohsiung City

11:00-22:00 (Mon - Thurs); 11:00-22:30 (Fri); 10:30-22:30 (Sat); 10:30-22:00 (Sun)

Take the MRT Red Line to MRT Kaisyuan Station.



E-Da Theme Park and Shopping Complex

This large-scale all-in-one attraction offers accommodations, shopping, and a wealth of recreation options. E-Da features 2 hotels, Taiwan's largest name-brand outlet store, a gigantic 3D movie theater, and a theme park that is spread across 3 fun-filled sections with 47 exciting rides and attractions. Be sure to check out the ornately decorated EDA Royal Theater and its schedule of exciting, professional live shows!

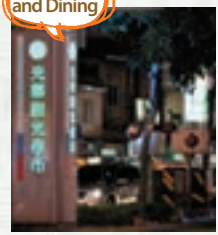
12 Xuecheng Road, Section 1, Dashu District, Kaohsiung City

Take the MRT Red Line to MRT Kaohsiung Main Station and transfer to the E-Da bus.

Delicious Snacking and Food Gift Ideas

Passion for good food and good people underline southern Taiwan's night-market culture. The many night markets that pepper Kaohsiung City are invariably friendly places that serve up good food, hard-to-resist novelties, and always-friendly smiles.

Food and Dining





Night Markets

Night markets in Kaohsiung bustle year round with activity, offering food and fun for local families and international visitors alike. Each resonates with a unique vibe and character and proudly serves up both vendor-exclusive specials and Taiwanese night-market "standards". All of the city's main night markets are located conveniently close to an MRT station or to a major shopping district.

Where:

Reifeng Night Market @ Yucheng and Nanping Road intersection (near MRT Kaohsiung Arena Station)

Guanghua Night Market @ Guanghua 2nd Road (near MRT Sanduo Shopping District Station)

Xingzhong Night Market @ Wenheng 2nd Road (near MRT Sanduo Shopping District Station)

Liuhe Night Market @ Liuhe 2nd Road (near MRT Formosa Boulevard Station)





Food and Dining





Hakka Cuisine

The simple, frugal lifestyle of Kaohsiung City's ethnic Hakka finds elegant reflection in their culinary traditions. Hakka cuisine uses carefully dried and preserved meats and vegetables as well as fruit-infused sauces to give complex flavors to dishes. Try any of the several dozen Hakkanese restaurants in the city or visit the heart of Kaohsiung Hakka culture in Meinong Township.

Restaurant suggestions: Rongshuxia Hakka Cuisine, Chia-Fu Restaurant, Meinung Diner

Food and Dining



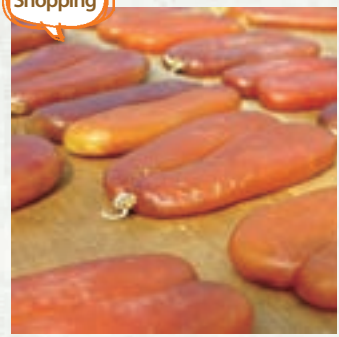
Papaya Milkshake

Kaohsiung is indelibly associated with the nation's best papaya milkshakes, made simply with farm-fresh papaya, milk, crushed ice and cane sugar. These healthy, delicious drinks are made-to-order at shops throughout the city.

Where: Available at shaved ice shops and night markets citywide



Shopping



Dried Mullet Roe

This carefully salted and air-dried southern Taiwan delicacy is the plump, rich egg sac of the saltwater mullet fish. Thin slices of dried mullet roe deliciously season stir-fried dishes and, after a brief time in the oven, make a great appetizer paired with fresh garlic shoots. Vacuum-packed mullet roe makes a great gift.

Retailer suggestions: Tzukuan Fisheries Assn. and Jhen Fang Mullet Roe

Shopping



Mung Bean Flaky Pastry

This mouthwatering pastry is a traditional autumn gift. A layer of intricately processed mung-bean filling is wrapped in a rich crust and baked to flaky, melt-in-your-mouth perfection. Try other filling-flavor options as well for an innovative twist on this iconic southern Taiwanese bakery item.

Retailer suggestions: Jiu Zhen Nan Bakery, Kaohsiung Takao Bakery, Chuan Hsi Bakery



The Port of Taichung

The Heart and Soul of Taiwan - A Passion for the Details

With its 54 wharves and large hinterland, the Port of Taichung is the primary port of call for international cruise liners that visit central Taiwan. Nearby Wuqi Fishing Port is a popular first stop for visitors looking for a tasty and fresh seafood meal. Central Taichung City and its many cultural enticements are a convenient 1-hour bus or taxi ride away.

Information for Visitors

City Transportation

To get to downtown Taichung from the port you may - 1) Take City Bus Blue 13 (operated by UBus, runs daily 07:30-18:30); 2) catch the BRT that runs from the Port of Taichung Passenger Services Center to Providence (Jingyi) University (runs hourly 11:00-15:00) then transfer to the BRT to Downtown Taichung; or 3) catch a taxi (NT$85 for the 1st 1.5 km, and NT$5 for each 250m thereafter).

Intercity Transportation:

Ho-Hsin Intercity Bus No. 7511 runs a scheduled route between Taipei City and the Port of Taichung daily every two hours from 09:00 to 19:00.

Port of Taichung Passenger Service Center

9 Zhong 2nd Road, Section 1, Wuqi District, Taichung City

04-2664-2454

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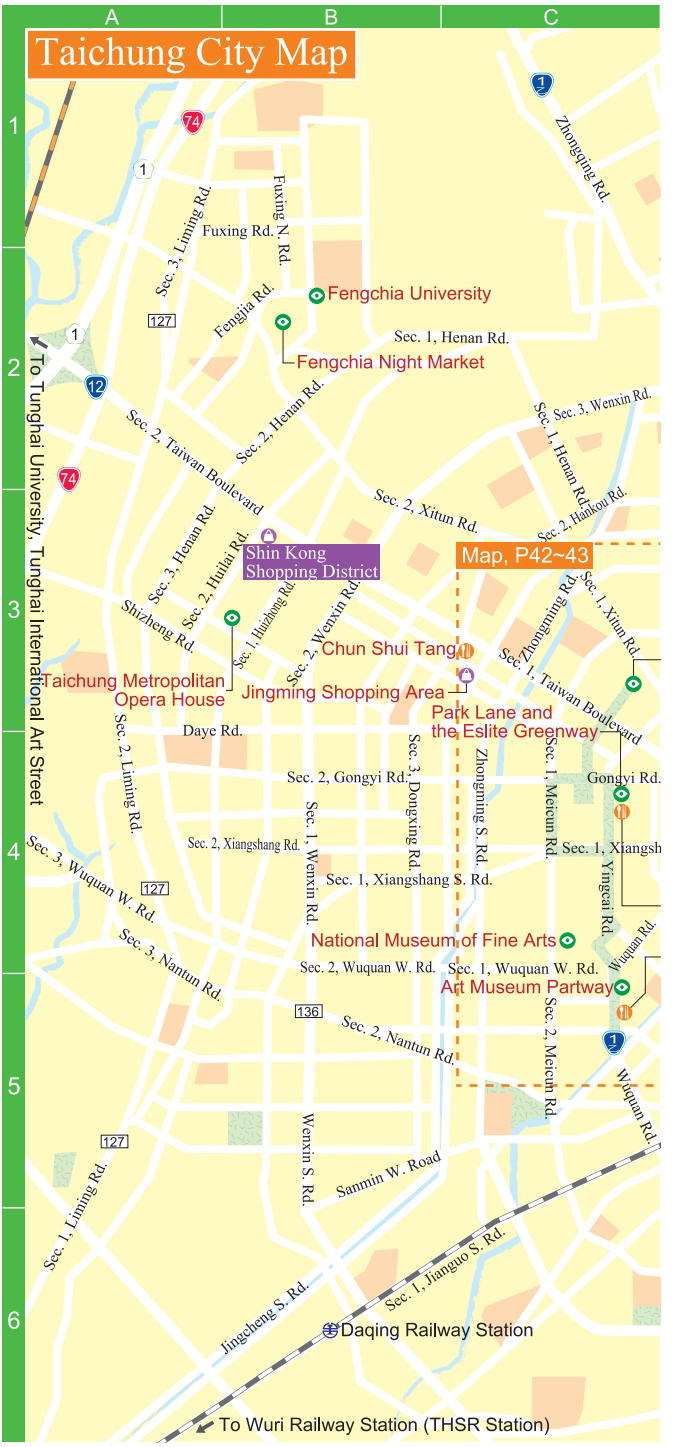
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The Bank of Taiwan counter in the Port of Taichung Passenger Services Center opens for currency exchange services prior to scheduled departures.



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Art Garden Wanderings Route

Taichung's Art Garden District stretches 3km north and south, from the National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts. The district is a center of both cultural life and weekend leisure and recreation in the city. Distinctive restaurants, cafés, and retail shops populate the adjacent streets and alleyways.

Time: 9 hours (approximate)



START



1 National Museum of Natural Science

Taichung City's premier world-class museum boasts 6 theme areas that explore the realms of space, global ecology, weather and climate, biology, culture and ethnicity, horticulture, paleontology and much, much more!

Must-experience: Space Theater



2 Park Lane and the Eslite Greenway

This trendy "home" of art and culture in Taichung features Asia's largest "living wall" on the exterior of the building, with thousands of plants suspended above the surrounding cityscape.

Must-see: The living wall

3 Chun Shui Tang Cultural Tea House



Taiwan's famous "pearl milk tea" got its start here at Chun Shui Tang. CST weaves innovation with tradition to open new horizons for tea, served with a delicious selection of Chinese-style appetizers.

Must-taste: Pearl milk tea and house-specialty marinated tofu

4 National Museum of Fine Arts



Taichung is home to Taiwan's premier world-class art and culture museum. Check in on the NMFA's calendar of visiting exhibits, enjoy the permanent Taiwan fine art collection, and relax outdoors on NMFA's extensive grounds.

Must-buy: Culture-creative mementos



5 Art Garden Parkway

The Art Garden Parkway is the city's weekend getaway, with wide-open spaces and plenty to see and do. Enjoy street performers, take a walk, and savor your time in Taiwan's most livable city.

Must-do: Stroll the Green Belt

6 International Food Quarter

International and fusion foods abound along the Art Garden District, with attractively designed restaurants offering tempting cuisine from Italy, France, Thailand, China, the Middle East, and beyond.

Must do: Sample a variety of ethnic foods

7 Natural Way Six Arts Cultural Center



Originally built in 1937 as a martial arts center for colonial-era prison police, this building has been restored and repurposed as a center to revive public interest in and access to the "6 arts" of ancient China.

Must-do: Kendo and tea ceremony experiences

END

Day Trip from Taichung

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle - Lugang Route

Lugang, one of Taiwan's busiest and most prosperous towns in the 17th to 19th centuries, is now a top tourist attraction, with heritage buildings, restored old streets, and an invigorating air of nostalgia. Also, visit the nearby tourist factories to explore the backstory of Taiwan's modern economic miracle.





1 Lugang Old Streets

Putou and Yaolin streets were Lugang's "high streets" during the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), with busy stores resupplied directly from canals in the back. Period ambiance lives on in the area's fastidiously maintained brick buildings.

Must-see: Song-Lin Residence, You Lu Xuan

Time: 1 hour (approximate)





2 Chang Bing Show-Chwan Health Park

The park's 8.5ha campus integrates health and recreation with a museum, culture and art gallery, music therapy center, aesthetic medicine and health screening facilities, a theater, and retail shops.

Must-visit: Health and Medical Science Museum, Culture and Art Gallery

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



3 BRAND'S Health Museum

This museum was created by popular chicken-essence maker BRAND'S. The museum includes many fun educational facilities. Mail postcards from the Time Warp Post Office and forward your blessings to friends and family.

Must-experience: Time Warp Post Office

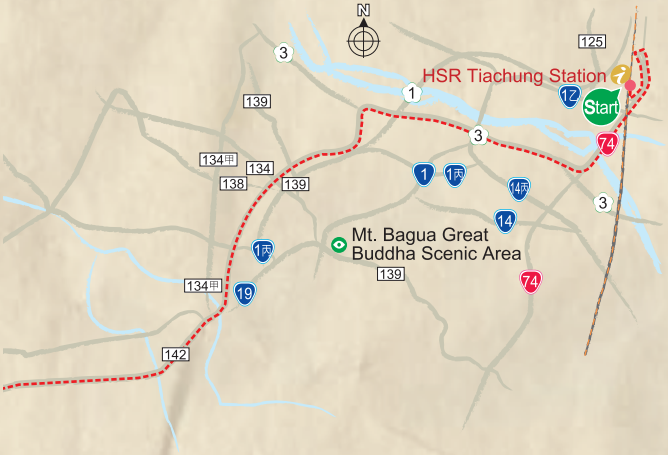
Time: 1 hour (approximate)

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle (regular shuttle-bus service to local sites)

START **HSR Taichung Station⇄Lugang Old Street⇄Chang Bing Show-Chwan Health Park⇄BRAND'S Health Museum⇄Ribbon King Museum Park⇄Taiwan Glass Gallery** END



- **Total Travel Time:** 1.5 hours (start to finish)
- **Getting There:** Take a 50-min taxi ride to TRA Taichung Station, catch a train to TRA Wuri Station, and walk to the adjacent HSR Taichung Station. For the return journey, take a 30-min taxi ride from the Taiwan Glass Gallery to the Port of Taichung Passenger Services Center.
- **Fare:** Metered taxi fare + NT$290 (full-day shuttle pass)
- **Hotline:** 04-722-4603 / 04-777-2611
- **Website:** www.taiwantrip.com.tw





4 Ribbon King Museum Park

This park is the creation of King Young, a world leader in ribbon manufacturing. Seven theme areas take visitors through the vibrantly colorful, dynamically evolving world of ribbons.

Must-buy: A handpicked selection of decorative Ribbon King ribbons

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



5 Taiwan Glass Museum

The theme areas within this boat-shaped building explore and narrate the development of the glass industry in Taiwan. Accomplished local glass artists regularly stage exhibitions in the museum as well.

Must-see: Glass Temple of Mazu (Matsu)

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

Day Trip from Taichung

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle - Sun Moon Lake Route

Sun Moon Lake NSA embraces the nation's largest freshwater lake, fringed by mountains carpeted in upland rainforests. Take this route from Taichung into the heart of Taiwan, with stops at the New Era Art sculpture garden, Paper Dome, and Sun Moon Lake.



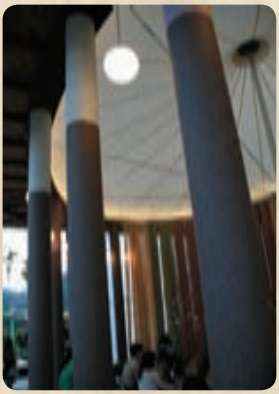


1 New Era Art Resort and Spa

This large complex has sculptures, paintings and embroidered artwork created by celebrated folk artist Lin Yuan as well as a villa BandB, restaurant, spa center, and children's play area. A great destination for holistic family fun.

Must-see: Carved artwork

Time: 40 mins (approximate)





2 Paper Dome

The Paper Dome in Tao-Mi Eco-Village is a cardboard structure built by Japanese architect Shigeru Ban soon after the 1995 Kobe Earthquake. It was donated and moved to Taiwan in 2005.

Must-see: Architectural structure

Time: 30 mins (approximate)

3 Yuchi Township

Yuchi Township is home to attractions such as the Sun Moon Lake National Scenic Area, the Sun Moon Lake Ropeway (gondola), and the Formosan Aboriginal Culture Village. It is also the primary homeland of Taiwan's indigenous Thao tribe.

Must-eat: Indigenous-flavors set meal

Time: 2 hours (approximate)



Taiwan Tourist Shuttle (regular shuttle-bus service to local sites)

START **TRA Taichung Station⇄HSR Taichung Station⇄Ailan Bridge (New Era Art Resort and Spa)⇄Tao-Mi Eco-Village (Paper Dome)⇄Dayan (Seshui Community)⇄Yuchi⇄Antique Assam Tea Farm⇄Sun Moon Lake** END



- **Total Travel Time:** 1.5 hours (start to finish)
- **Getting There:** Take a 50-min taxi ride to TRA Taichung Station. For the return journey, take the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle back to TRA Taichung Train Station (approx. 1.5 hours).
- **Fare:** Metered taxi fare + NT$190 one-way shuttle pass (NT$340 round trip)
- **Hotline:** 04-9298-4031 / 04-9285-5668
- **Website:** www.taiwantrip.com.tw









4 Antique Assam Tea Farm

Yuchi is where lowland Indian Assam tea was first commercially cultivated in Taiwan. Tour the early 20th century Ceylon-inspired tea-processing barn - now registered as a national historical heritage site.

Must-buy: Ruby red Assam black tea

Time: 30 mins (approximate)

5 Sun Moon Lake

Sun Moon Lake, Taiwan's largest lake, is nestled within a serene, natural rainforest. Oft mentioned in stories, songs, and poetry, the lake is now yours to explore by boat or to circle on foot or bicycle.

Must-experience: Walk or cycle the lakeside trail

Time: 2 hours (approximate)

Getting Started

Taichung is relatively green, with broad main thoroughfares and a climate that makes for pleasant living year-round. Its plethora of cultural attractions, restaurants, and parks makes walking the city a pleasure.



Tunghai University

The 133-ha campus of Tunghai University includes university buildings as well as secondary and elementary schools. Not-to-miss sites include I.M. Pei and C.K. Chen's Luce Chapel and the Campus Mall.

1727 Taiwan Boulevard, Section 4, Xitun District, Taichung City

Take a 30-min taxi ride or catch BRT Blue 13 to the Donghai Villas stop



Tunghai International Art Street

Located just outside Tunghai University, TIAS is an oasis of culture and art cloistered away from the city's hectic hubbub. This district hides a pleasing array of one-of-a-kind booksellers, cafés, craft and gift shops, restaurants, and so on. Whether you come to browse or to buy, TIAS is a gift worth enjoying.

Art Street, Longjing District, Taichung City

9:00-22:30 (hours differ for individual retailers)

Take a 30-min taxi ride or catch BRT Blue 13 to the Donghai Villas stop



Taichung Metropolitan Opera House

The creation of award-winning architect Toyo Ito, TMOH is lithely built without central columns or beams, giving the main opera hall its exceptional acoustics. TMOH has a world-class main hall, secondary theater, and outdoor stage.

101 Huilai Road, Section 2, Xitun District, Taichung City

Take a 40-min taxi ride or catch BRT Blue 13 to the Mitsukoshi stop



Shin Kong Shopping District

Anchored by Shin Kong Mitsukoshi and Top City department stores, this district has everything you want in retail and more! After a day of shopping, relax in one of the district's state-of-the-art cinemas or highly rated restaurants. This is your Taichung destination for shop-till-you-drop fun!

301 Taiwan Boulevard, Section 3, Xitun District, Taichung City

11:00-22:00 (Mon - Fri); 10:30-22:00 (weekends and holidays)

Take a 40-min taxi ride or catch BRT Blue 13 to the Mitsukoshi stop

Delicious Snacking and Food Gift Ideas

Taichung's local food scene, with the Fengjia Night Market at "ground zero", is justifiably famous as the incubator of food phenomena such as bubble milk tea. Want something more traditional? Taichung's bakeries have been serving up popular local pastries for generations.

Food and Dining



Fengjia Night Market

Taichung's best-known night market district is just outside Feng Chia University, where vendors have honed their craft by serving tasty, inexpensive food to students. Sample trusted favorites as well as innovative offerings. Let your night-market culinary initiation begin at Fengjia!

The area between Wenhua and Fuxing Roads, Xitun District, Taichung City

Late evening / early morning (hours differ for individual vendors)

Take a 40-min taxi ride or catch the BRT Blue 13 to the Feng Chia University stop.

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Xiao Bao Fried Chicken and Kimchi

Taiwan-style fried chicken topped with pickled kimchi delivers a surprisingly savory taste sensation



Fengjia Tea-marinated Eggs



Located next to the night market entrance. A longtime favorite with students

Shih Family Marinated Treats

This vendor expertly matches each of its marinated items with the perfect sauce



Shopping



Taichung Suncakes

It is no surprise that the suncake, with its mildly sweet malt filling and flaky butter crust, is Taichung's perennially top-ranked food gift recommendation. Suncake retailers are located throughout the city, providing plenty of chances to sample and compare before buying.

Retailer suggestions: Tai Yang Bakery, Ah Ming Bakery, Wei Ching Hai Sun Cakes

Shopping



Sun Moon Lake Black Tea

Assam tea cultivation began here in the Japanese Colonial Period (1895-1945), and the climate and 600~800m elevation proved perfect for cultivating high-quality black teas. Ruby-red Assam is a locally improved variety that was tweaked to make the most of the area's terroir.

Retailer suggestions: Antique Assam Tea Farm, Hugo Assam Tea Farm

Shopping



Taro Cakes

Taro cakes, made of locally grown Dajia taro, are known for their full flavor and mild sweetness. The taro is blended with other ingredients to make the filling and then baked inside a flaky crust, producing a perfectly balanced taste treat that is always a welcome gift - both for yourself and for others.

Retailer suggestions: YouToo Hometown Taro Sweets, Yu Jan Shin, Shan Mai Bakery



The Port of Anping (Tainan)

Taiwan's Historic Capital and Cultural Wellspring

Tainan City began in coastal Anping, making the town a treasure-trove of history and heritage sites. Anping Fort and Erkunshen Battery anchor Anping's old quarter, which is still traversed by picturesque streets lined with traditional brick homes. Also, take time to enjoy southern Taiwan's famously friendly hospitality and traditional cuisine.

Information for Visitors

Getting Oriented

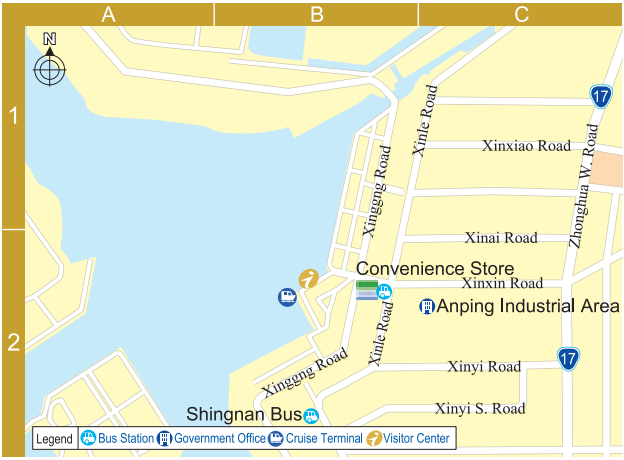
Cruise ships dock at Anping Wharves 3 and 4. From the front entrance of the reception terminal, walk about 200m down Xinxin Road to the Anping Port city bus stop (across the street from Family Mart convenience store). Take the bus from here to TRA Tainan (railway) Station or other city destinations. Alternatively, metered taxis are available throughout the city.

Getting to Nearby Sites and Beyond

To Anping Historic District / Coast: Erkunshen Battery (Eternal Fortres) is a 10-min taxi ride away. From there, catch the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle's "88 Anping Route" or take a bus or taxi to TRA Tainan Station, where you can take the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle's "99 Taijiang Route" to sites along the Taiwan Strait coast.

To Dadong Night Market / Flower Night Market: Catch a bus to TRA Tainan (railway) Station, then transfer to city bus no. 0 "right". Take city bus no. 0 "left" to return to TRA Tainan Station.





Anping Port Passenger Service Center

No. 16, Lane 23, Xingang Road, South District, Tainan City

06-264-5169

Open only while passenger ships are in port and disembarking.

Travel in Tainan website: tour.tainan.gov.tw

Currency Exchange

Currency exchange services are available in the arrival terminal after clearing Customs / Immigration.

Tainan City Culture Walk

Tainan City is best explored at a leisurely pace. Enjoy walking the old section of town, starting at the 17th-century Fahua Temple and Koxinga Shrine and ending up at historic Shennong Street and the Zhongzheng Shopping District. Discover the city's unique blend of the traditional and modern!

Time: 5 hours (approximate)

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8 Zhongzheng Shopping District

This area, an admixture of the modern and the old, has long been a hub of social and commercial activity. A recent restoration movement has repurposed many of the area's timeworn buildings as fun shops and café restaurants.

Must-see: Lin (Hayashi) Department Store, local culture-creative shops



7 Shennong Historic Street

The buildings dating from the late Qing and early Colonial periods that line this street have been restored and repurposed as artist studios, fun-to-browse shops, and cafés.

Must-see: Culture-creative shops, Aranzi café and hotel



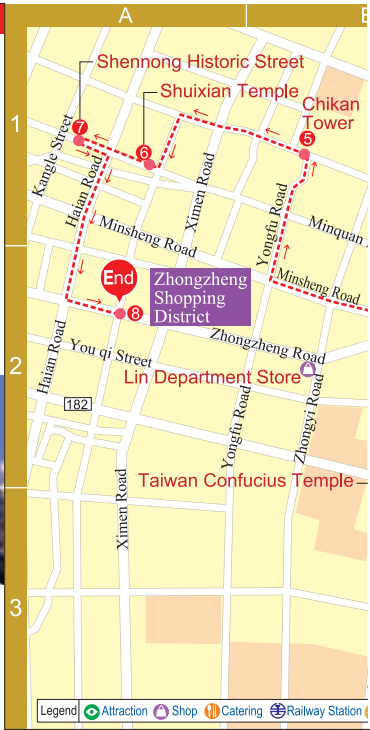




6 Shuixian Temple

Built in 1739, Shuixian Temple venerates the water gods who are believed to control the fate of this busy port town. Adjacent Shuixian Market offers an enticing array of delicious hot-served snacks.

Must-eat: Savory sticky rice, seafood noodles



START

1 Fahua (Hokkeji) Temple



This former residence of a late-Ming-era literati, known as Butterfly Garden, dates back to 1664. Now a temple, the building still retains many historically important aesthetic reminders of its original tenant.

Must-see: Carved stone stele, wall paintings by Pan Li-shui





2 Koxinga Shrine

Dedicated to late-Ming Dynasty General Koxingga (Zheng Cheng-gong), this august shrine is a rare example of Fuzhou-style temple architecture in Taiwan.

Must-see: Couplet handwritten by Qing General Shen Bao-cheng, Koxinga Museum

3 Great South (Ningnan) Gate

Raised in 1725, Great South Gate is one of 4 of the city's original 14 fortified gates that are still standing. The 2-story structure is surrounded by a small public park that frequently hosts outdoor performances.

Must-experience: Adjacent café quarter, live music performances



4 Taiwan Confucian Temple

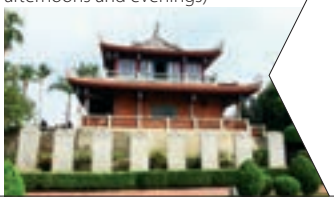
Built in 1665, this is Taiwan's oldest Confucian temple and a 1st-class historic site. Annual Confucian ceremonies are held in the main temple complex, which reflects elegant Southern Fujian architectural aesthetics.

Must-experience: Teachers' Day ceremony on September 28th

5 Chikan Tower (Fort Provintia)

Originally the administrative center of Dutch East India Company (VOC) activities on the island, the 1652 structure was rebuilt in 1886. The fort is a witness to the full breadth of modern Taiwan's nearly 400 year history.

Must-experience: Live outdoor music performances (weekend afternoons and evenings)



Day Trip from Tainan

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle - 88 Anping Route

Tainan, one of Taiwan's 3 early commercial hubs, began here at Anping. The 88 Anping Route stops at key historical sites such as Anping Fort, Erkunshen Battery, the former offices of Tait and Co., and the Anping Tree House as well as some of the city's best venues for street food.

1 Erkunshen Battery (Eternal Fortress)

Located in southern Anping, this battery was a key part of the city's defenses during the late 19th century. The design of this stone-block and brick structure reflects contemporary Western thinking on strategic defense.

Must-see: Battery gate, cannons

Time: 30 mins (approximate)





5 Tait and Co. / Anping Tree House

This century-old, whitewashed building was a center of Tait and Co. (UK) trade operations in southern Taiwan. The "Tree House" is a former salt warehouse that is now inexorably entangled with stately banyan trees.

Must-experience: Skyway boardwalk above the Anping Tree House

Time: 30 mins (approximate)







Taiwan Tourist Shuttle (regular shuttle-bus service to local sites)

START TRA Tainan (railway) Station⇄Eternal Fortress (Erkunshen)⇄Lin Mo-Niang Park⇄Anping Harbor-side Historic Park⇄Indigenous Culture Museum⇄Tainan Canal Museum⇄Anping Oyster Shell Cement Kiln Culture Chamber⇄Anping Fort⇄Tait and Co. and Anping Tree House END

- **Total Travel Time:** 1.5 hours (start to finish)
- **Getting There:** Take a short taxi ride to nearby Erkunshen and then catch the 88 Anping Route.
- **Fare:** NT$18 (NT$9 half-fare) per stop; NT$80 (full-day shuttle pass)
- **Hotline:** 06-221-9177
- **Website:** www.taiwantrip.com.tw

2 Lin Mo-Niang Park



Lin Mo-niang is the mortal name of the goddess of the sea, Mazu (Matsu) - a cornerstone figure in local folk religious beliefs. The spacious park is a great place to relax, take a walk, and watch the comings and goings in Anping Port.

Must-see: Lin Mo-Niang statue

Time: 30 mins (approximate)





3 Indigenous Culture Museum of Tainan City

Prior to the arrival of the Dutch and Chinese, Tainan was home to the Tsou tribe. This museum was created to memorialize and celebrate Tsou heritage and history in the greater Tainan area.

Must-see: Stone and wood carving art, dance performances

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



4 Anping Fort (Fort Zeelandia)

Originally built by Dutch traders in 1624, Anping Fort is Taiwan's oldest fort. The main existing structure dates from the Japanese Colonial Period (1895-1945), and structural walls dating from the Dutch period are still visible.

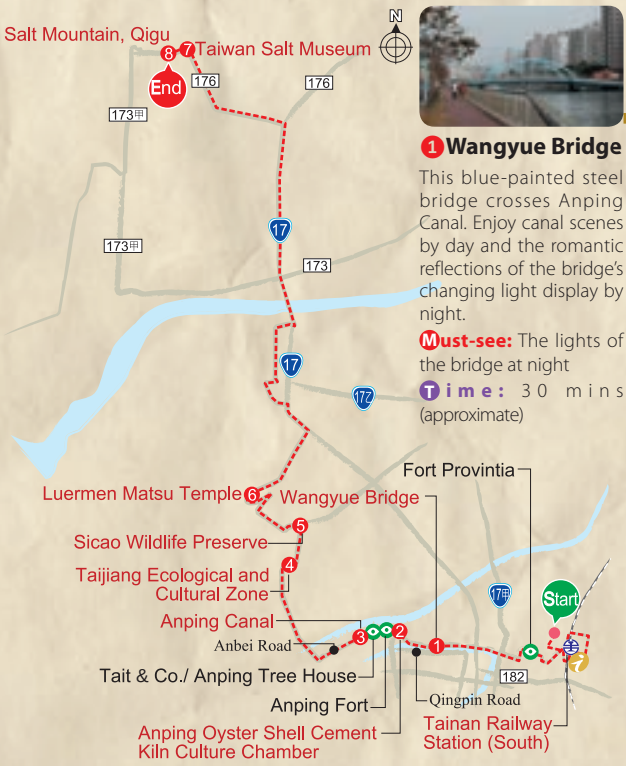
Must-see: Nearly 4-century-old outer wall and other structural elements

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

Day Trip from Tainan

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle - 99 Taijiang Route

This route begins in downtown Tainan and travels through Anping before heading out across a scenically and culturally rich landscape that leads to Taijiang National Park and the Qigu Salt District.



1 Wangyue Bridge

This blue-painted steel bridge crosses Anping Canal. Enjoy canal scenes by day and the romantic reflections of the bridge's changing light display by night.

Must-see: The lights of the bridge at night

Time: 30 mins (approximate)



8 Salt Mountain, Qigu

This 6-story mound of raw sea salt is situated next to the Taiwan Salt Museum. This local landmark also includes an exhibition hall and DIY experience center.

Must-experience: The Salt House, salt-drying DIY

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

7 Taiwan Salt Museum

This windswept coast was the center of sea-salt production in Taiwan. While production has dwindled, visitors can still see the salt fields and visit the museum to learn about the "glory days" of Tainan salt.

Must-eat: Saltsicle (salty popsicle)

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



Taiwan Tourist Shuttle (regular shuttle-bus service to local sites)

START **TRA Tainan Station South⇄Fort Provintia (Chikan Tower)⇄Wangyue Bridge⇄Anping Oyster Shell Cement Kiln Culture Chamber⇄Anping Fort⇄Tait and Co. and Anping Tree House⇄Old Anping Canal⇄Sicao Ecological and Cultural Zone⇄Sicao Wildlife Preserve⇄Luermen Tianhou Temple⇄Taiwan Salt Museum⇄Qigu Salt Mountain** END

- **Total Travel Time:** 2.5 hours (start to finish)
- **Getting There:** Take a taxi or public bus to TRA Tainan South Station and then catch the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle's 99 Taijiang Route.
- **Fare:** Per section NT$18 (2 sections total); NT$80 (full-day shuttle pass)
- **Hotline:** 06-221-9177
- **Website:** www.taiwantrip.com.tw



2 Anping Oyster Shell Cement Kiln Culture Chamber

For centuries, locals burned oyster shells, then mixed the ash with glutinous rice, clay, and sugar water to create a cementitious material. This kiln is the only surviving reminder of this once-important building-material industry.

Must-see: Cement-making kiln

Time: 30 mins (approximate)



3 Anping Canal

This 4km-long canal was built a century ago to connect Anping to Tainan City. Although no longer navigable, the beauty of this impressive canal is still yours to enjoy in Anping.

Must-see: Tainan Canal Museum

Time: 30 mins (approximate)



4 Taijiang Ecological and Cultural Zone

Sicao is a natural expanse of mangrove-fringed inland sea located in Taijiang National Park. Take a sampan ride through Sicao's tree-shaded waterways and learn firsthand about the area's rich ecology.

Must-experience: Canal ride aboard a sampan boat

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

5 Sicao Wildlife Preserve

This 500ha area of protected wetland within Taijiang National Park is an important habitat for over 200 migratory and local bird species, of which the black-faced spoonbill is one of the best known.

Must-experience: Birding

Time: 30 mins (approximate)



6 Luermen Matsu (Mazu) Temple

This nearly 400-year-old temple is one of the island's most important temples honoring the sea goddess Mazu. The magnificent main hall reflects a Beijing Palace architectural style.

Must-see: Temple architecture

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

Delicious Snacking and Food Gift Ideas

Tainan snack foods enjoy an iconic position in Taiwan food culture due to the area's early settlement and definitive role in shaping Taiwanese cuisine. Enjoy all of Tainan's most famous food offerings and don't forget to pick up some always-appreciated Tainan food gifts to take home and share.

Food and Dining

Tainan Snack Culture

Homesteaders from coastal China built the foundations of Tainan cuisine, which has been enhanced and extended by subsequent cultural influences across 4 centuries. Favorite Tainan specialties include ***danzai*** noodles, shrimp rolls, oyster rolls, bowl rice cake, rice tamales, fried eel noodles, "coffin" sandwiches, savory rice cake, milkfish, salty congee, beef noodle soup, and meat dumplings with shrimp.

Where: Near main tourist attractions, major local markets, and temples



***Danzai* Noodles**

This local noodle dish was a staple of roving peddlers. Typically served with diced pork and other condiments.



Beef Noodle Soup

This is a traditional Tainan breakfast entrée. Hot soup is used to warm up the sliced beef. Deliciously flavorful.



Deep-fried Shrimp Rolls

Diced fresh shrimp are wrapped with ground pork, surimi, and scallions, then deep fried. Crisp outside; tender and juicy inside.



Milkfish

Tainan is the center of milkfish farming in Taiwan. Milkfish's sweet and firm, boneless flesh is great in pan-fried dishes, soups, and stir-fries.



Fried Eel Noodles

Served with or without thick soup, this dish pairs perfectly fried eel meat with chewy noodles.



Bowl Rice Cake

Minced pork steamed in bowls of glutinous rice milk. Great for breakfast or a snack, or with a main meal.

Food and Dining

Night Markets



Night markets are the best way to sample the city's rich culinary diversity. Each of Tainan's several organized night markets, of which Flower Night Market is the largest, features hundreds of vendors that stand ready to sate your culinary curiosity.

Major Tainan Night Markets: Flower Night Market, Dadong Night Market, Wusheng Night Market (night markets keep irregular schedules; please check days / times before visiting)

Shopping





Cultural-creative items



Tainan's deep historical roots, heritage buildings, and historical sites have attracted young people from all over Taiwan to explore their shared heritage. An inspired and growing array of cultural-creative products reflects this movement to renew and celebrate the "spirit" of Taiwan.

Where: Shennong Street, Zhongzheng Shopping District, Tainan Creativity Center, Tainan Culture and Creative Industries Park

Shopping

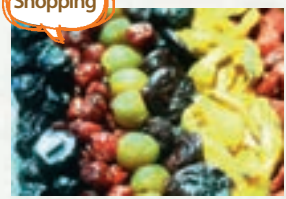


Savory shrimp chips

Before refrigeration, locals deep-fried their fresh shrimp with flour and spices and then baked the final product as one way of preserving this seafood resource. Today, popular shrimp cracker flavors include: original, black pepper, and spicy.

Retailer suggestions: Chou's Shrimp Rolls, Deyi Xiabing, Anping Shrimp Chips

Shopping



Preserved fruit

Naturally dried and then cured in sugar, candied fruit is a local snack favorite. While many in-season fruits are preserved, plums remain a favorite for their powerful sour-sweet punch. Anping Old Street is home to several of the city's century-old candied-fruit merchants.

Retailer suggestions: Chy Cu Tay Shing, Lee Jeng Her Shing Preserved Fruit, Yi Sheng Tang Conserves, Fan Wang Bor Preserved Fruit



The Port of Hualien

Marble Mountains, Cobble Coasts and Verdant Valleys

A landscape of lush rice fields, forests, and sculpted coastlines framed by untamed mountains lies just beyond the Port of Hualien. The East Coast is Taiwan's physical and spiritual link to the Pacific Ocean, with spectacular Pacific island scenery, indigenous Malayo-Polynesian cultures, and a wealth of other tourism resources. Welcome to Hualien - Taiwan's secret garden.

Information for the Visitor

City Transportation

Hualien is a relatively compact, conveniently small city. Although the train station is just 4km from the port, the two are not connected by city bus, making taxis the most viable option for getting around. Pick up visitor information and area maps in the arrival terminal or from the vistor service center located just outside TRA Hualien Station.

Getting to Nearby Sites and Beyond

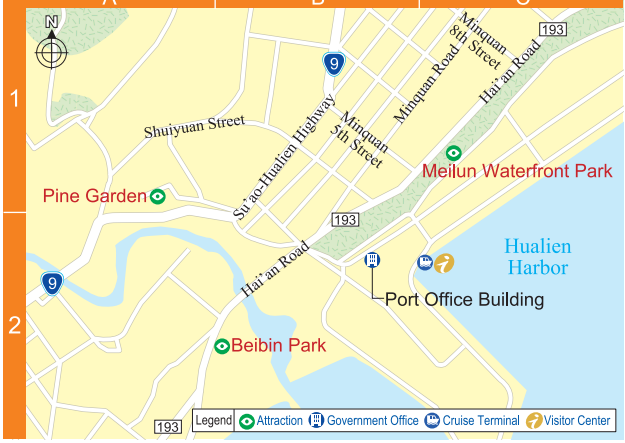
To Qixingtan Beach and Liyu Lake: Your best option may be to hire a taxi for a half- or full-day tour (rates typically in the NT$1,500~2,500 range)

To the East Rift Valley: Take a taxi to TRA Hualien (railway) Station and catch the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Hualien Route to desired destinations.

To Tafalong Amis Village and Vataan Recreational Farm: Take a



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train from TRA Hualien Station to TRA Guangfu Station and catch a taxi to these sites.

Port of Hualien Passenger Service Station

68 Hai'an Road, Hualien City (Wharf 23)

03-832-5131 ext. 2205

Open only while passenger ships are in port and disembarking

Travel in Hualien website: tour-hualien.hl.gov.tw

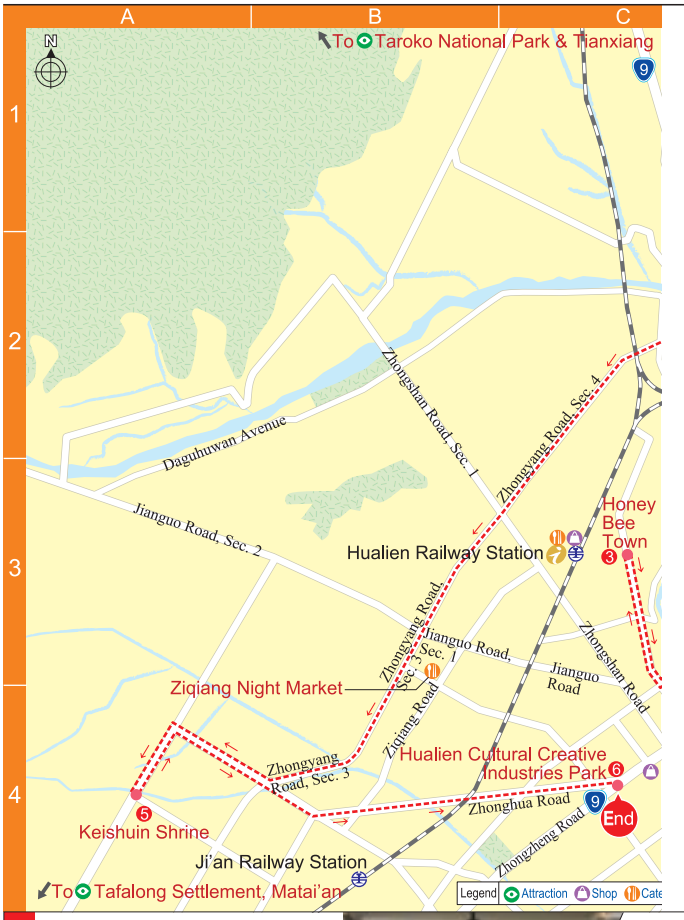
Currency Exchange

Currency exchange services are available in the arrival terminal after clearing Customs / Immigration.

Hualien Leisure Walk

Isolation from Taiwan's west coast has helped Hualien retain its relatively relaxed pace of life and cozy synergy with its natural surroundings. With its rural setting, plethora of farms, nearby mountains, and cultural diversity, it is little wonder that Hualien is the East Coast's #1 vacation destination.

Total Time: 6 hours (approximate)



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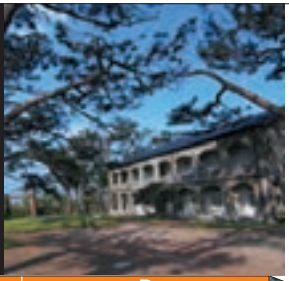
6 Hualien Cultural Creative Industries Park

The 26 buildings of this century-old distillery now enjoy a new lease on life as exhibition and performance spaces, restaurants, and shops. The park is an aesthetic adventure not to be missed!

Must-visit: The many cultural-creative shops



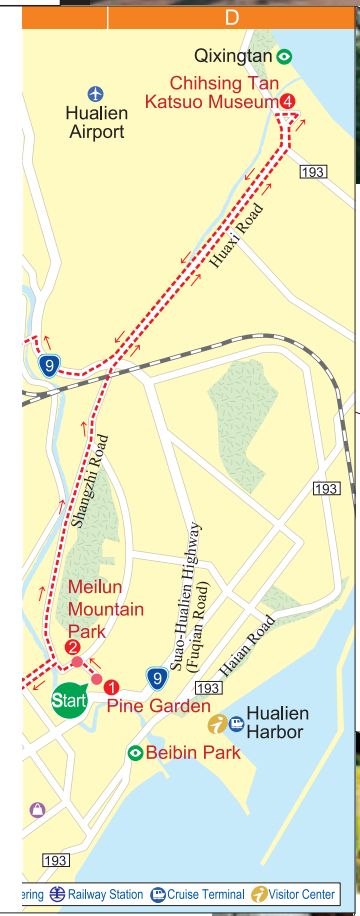
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1 Pine Garden

Built in 1942 as the office of military affairs on the East Coast, Pine Garden has long been one of the city's architectural landmarks. The baroque-inspired building is shaded by several dozen pine trees.

Must-buy: Small scale model replica of the Pine Garden residence





2 Meilun Mountain Park

This former military reserve is now a public park fringed by quiet streets sprinkled with breakfast shops, cafés, patisseries, and booksellers. A recovering population of fireflies lights the park on spring and summer evenings.

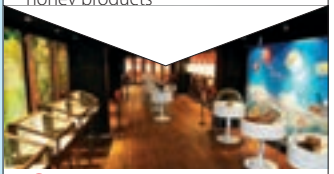
Must-see: Ecology Center



3 Honey Bee Town

Run by a widely respected beekeeper, this farm is famous for its naturally raised honey. Browse and sample HBT's wide selection of honeys, pollen, and royal jellies.

Must-buy: Honey cake and other honey products



4 Chihsing Tan Katsuo Museum

Area fishermen working the deep, fast-moving waters of the Black Current have long caught and processed skipjack tuna (katsuo) for export to Japan. The museum gives visitors a glimpse into the industry's heyday.

Must-buy: Products and snacks made from locally caught skipjack tuna



5 Keishuin (Ji'an) Shrine

This well-preserved shrine, raised by Japanese colonists in the early 1900s, is a finely built wood structure with 88 artfully crafted Buddhist statues.

Must-see: 88 individually carved Buddha statues

Day Trip from Hualien

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle - Hualien Route

The perennial allure of Hualien is revealed in both its ruggedly handsome Pacific shoreline and its expansive, emerald-green Rift Valley. Follow Highway 9 to hit many of the northern valley's highlights and fill your stay in eastern Taiwan with memories sure to last a lifetime!

1 Liyu Lake Visitor Center



The East Coast's largest freshwater lake is a natural tourist draw. Stop by the Visitor Center and then take a leisurely bicycle ride to explore the area's natural beauty.

Must-experience: Circle the lake by bicycle

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



5 Danongdafu Forest Park

Modern Taiwan retains little of its original lowland forests. Danongdafu is the result of a massive public effort to restore a lost lowland forest on land once used for sugarcane cultivation.

Must-see: Landscaped fields of flowers

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle (regular shuttle-bus service to local sites)

START **TRA Hualien Station⇄Liyu Lake Visitor Center⇄South Liyu Lake Recreation Area⇄Shin Kong Chao Feng Ranch⇄Hualien Tourism Sugar Plant⇄Danongdafu Forest Park** END

- **Total Travel Time:** 4 hours (start to finish)
- **Getting There:** Take a taxi to TRA Hualien (railway) Station and then catch the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle's Hualien Route.
- **Fare:** NT$250 (full-day shuttle pass)
- **Hotline:** 03-833-8146
- **Website:** www.taiwantrip.com.tw



2 South Liyu Lake Recreation Area

Take a boat out on the lake to slice across its glassy surface. The gazebos along the south shore are popular spots for scenic photos and selfies!

Must-photograph: Lake waters reflecting the surrounding mountains

Time: 1 hour (approximate)



3 Shin Kong Chao Feng Ranch and Resort

This resort has it all: villa accommodations, restaurants, a fruit orchard, dairy farm, and ponds as well as several animal and plant exhibit areas. More than enough to see in a day!

Must-eat: Milk pudding

Time: 2 hours (approximate)







4 Hualien Tourism Sugar Plant

This 1921 sugar refinery has weathered the years with dignity and now houses a Taiwan sugarcane-industry history exhibit as well as a host of fun things to eat, see and experience.

Must-eat: TaiSugar ice cream and frozen treats

Time: 1 hour (approximate)

The Port of Penghu

Historic Pescadores - Pearl on the Tropic of Cancer

Penghu Port is located within Magong City and cruise ship wharves are a few short blocks away from downtown and its wealth of shops, restaurants, street food, dotingly maintained historical buildings, and 19th-century city wall. Your two feet are all that is needed to enjoy the best of Magong!

Information for the Visitor

City Transportation

The Penghu Archipelago comprises over 90 islands and islets. Bridges link Magong City, Baisha, and Xiyu. Water ferries service the other main inhabited islands. Magong is small and compact. A limited bus service makes taxis the most convenient way to visit points beyond the city.

Getting to Nearby Sites and Beyond

To Zhongyang Street and Tianhou Temple: These attractions are a short 5-min walk away from the port.

To other areas: Sites beyond central Magong are best visited by rental car / scooter or taxi (Zhongzheng Road has several vehicle rental outlets). Taxis may be retained for half-day or full-day driver-guided tours (fare: approx. NT$2,000~3,000). Ferries to many outer islands depart from the South Sea Visitor Center.



Magong Port Passenger Services Center

- 36-1 Linhai Road, Magong City, Penghu County
- Open only while passenger ships are in port and disembarking

Travel in Penghu website

- 06-926-8545 (Penghu County Tourism Office)
- tour.penghu.gov.tw

Currency Exchange

The Bank of Taiwan at the corner of Zhongzheng and Ren'ai roads (near the passenger wharf) offers currency exchange services.




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Penghu Fishermen's Association
Mobile Rental Shop
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Linhai Road
Zhongshan Road
Linhai Road
Zhongzheng Road
Linhai Road
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Shop
Catering
Cruise Terminal
Visitor Center

Penghu Island Circuit Route

The population of Penghu is concentrated in Magong City. A quick circuit by car or motorcycle of the central islands in the archipelago, interlinked by bridges, can be accomplished in about 2 hours. Penghu offers a great getaway with breezy coastal scenes, azure ocean views, and bucolic countryside.

Time: 5 hours (approximate)

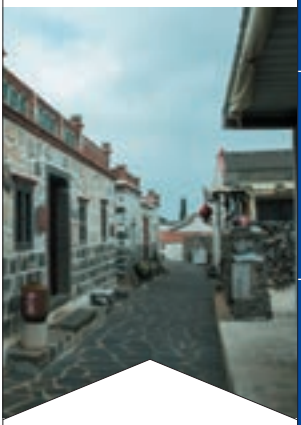
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7 Erkan Village



The well-preserved stone and brick homes here were solidly built to withstand the withering winds of the winter monsoon and to keep interiors dry and comfortable.

Must-see and eat: Chen Family Residence and almond tea



6 Penghu Great Bridge

Linking Baisha and Xiyu Islands, this 2,600m span was East Asia's first sea bridge and was once Taiwan's longest bridge. Catch expansive views of the surrounding sea and adjacent bay.

Must-see: Views of the islets, bay, and sea





5 Tongliang Great Banyan



Bao'an Temple and its courtyard are shaded by a 300+ year-old banyan tree, which now occupies over 660 square meters. This is a particularly impressive accomplishment in light of the island's otherwise largely treeless landscape.

Must-see: The expansive banyan tree

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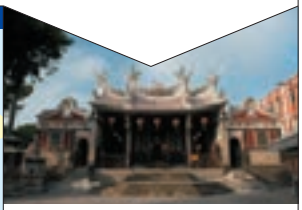


1 Magong Harbor

The abundance of Penghu's coastal waters is traded and sold in Magong's wharf-side warehouses. Visit the harbor's seafood market, watch the comings and goings of fishing boats, and spy out nearby offshore islets.

Must-see: Penghu Fish Market and the Fishermen's Association Store





2 Tianhou Temple

First erected in 1604, this is Taiwan's earliest Mazu (Matsu) temple. The current structure dates from 1922 and reflects Chaozhou-inspired architectural aesthetics that are rare in other temples in Taiwan.

Must-see: Historical architecture, carvings, and painted art



3 Zhongyang Street (Penghu Old Street)

The Zhongyang Street area has been settled since the Song and Yuan Dynasties (960 - 1368). Later on, this was the first stop on the heavily trafficked trade / immigration route between coastal China and Taiwan.

Must-see: Chian I Tang Herbalist, "4-Eyed" Well, Shigong Shrine, and Wanjun (10,000 soldiers) Well



4 Fenggui Blowholes

The craggy basalt coast at the southern end of Fenggui Peninsula has hollowed-out sections that quickly fill with incoming wave water, triggering regular seawater eruptions from blowholes along the shoreline.

Must-experience: Hear the seawater flowing underfoot and watch the blowhole geysers

Delicious Snacking and Food Gift Ideas

Largely unsuited to crop-based agriculture, the Penghu Archipelago fortunately has ready access to the aquatic riches of the surrounding Taiwan Strait. Penghu seafood has been processed for centuries into a wide range of tasty local specialty products.

Shopping

Penghu Seafood

Seafood products and brown sugar cake rank at the top of the archipelago's most popular food gifts, followed closely by winter melon cake and flaky salt biscuits. Penghu rice vermicelli is made in Magong's western district, where noodles are still air-dried under the midday sun. Each of Magong's many specialty shops makes Penghu specialty products to its own recipe, so enjoy tasting and comparing before buying your favorites!



Brown Sugar Cake

Delightfully moist and chewy, these are texturally similar to traditional sponge cake but with a burst of brown-sugar aroma and flavor. #1 food gift choice.

Flaky Peanut Cookies



Flaky Salt Biscuits

"Great" sums up perfectly the reaction to these delicately delicious biscuits, widely available from retailers new and old alike.





Dried Silverstripe

Silverstripe round herring and other species of small fish are preserved by air-drying and sold throughout the islands.

Chunky Spiced Seafood Sauce

Secret recipes slow cook local mussels, dried silverstripe, peppers, and garlic to create this full-bodied sauce that is great in cooking as well as a flavor-boosting condiment.







Penghu Misua (rice vermicelli)

Local vermicelli is still handmade and open-air dried in the sunshine. These noodles are full of flavor and stay delightfully chewy when cooked.









Local Snacking Favorites

Visit restaurant row on Sanmin Road in Magong to sample the island's best seafood and enjoy a bowl of cactus-fruit ice - a "must-eat" Penghu treat. Also, try a cup of locally grown herbal tea (colloquially known as Ah Poh Cha) sweetened with just the right amount of brown sugar. Cactus-fruit ice and Ah Poh Cha are sold exclusively in the Penghus!



Where: Yi Chia Cactus Ice Shoppe and various Magong City drink shops and specialty retailers



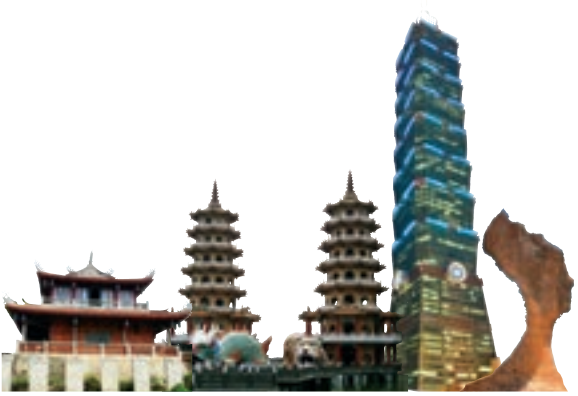
Glossogyne Tenuifolia Herbal Tea

Penghu drink shops, herbalists, and specialty shops all sell this specialty tea and some restaurants serve it free with your meal. Available in teabags for home brewing.



Cactus-fruit Ice

Only fresh cactus fruit and ice go into this deliciously fruity, delightfully purple summertime treat. Cactus fruit has a similar taste to dragon fruit.



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