

# TAIPEI

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## TOP 10 Things To Do

### 01 Visit Distinctive Neighborhoods



Each of Taipei's shopping areas has its own character. Visiting Dadaocheng, Bangka, and Ximending, you can appreciate old buildings and traditional culture. The young generation has shown creativity here and reinterpreted local culture, giving old blocks an irresistible charm. Taipei's East District is the place to search for fashionable stores, with Taipei 101 and the Xinyi shopping area serving as bustling fashion hubs. The lanes and alleys of Yongkang Street, Nanxi Xinzhongshan shopping area and Chifeng Street are characterized by distinctive culture and small stores with unique style.

### See Cultural & Creative Attractions 02

In Taipei, many old buildings have been given a new lease of life as cultural-creative design bases. Rongjin Gorgeous Time, originally a dormitory for prison officers during the Japanese era; Huashan 1914 Creative Park, once a winery factory; Songshan Cultural and Creative Park, a tobacco factory in the past; The Red House, a century-old market building, as well as old houses in Dadaocheng, have all been revived by cultural-creative businesses. Four Four South Village retains the appearance of an early military dependents' settlement. All these are great spots to find good design and exhibitions amidst the old-time charm.



### 03 Worship at Temples



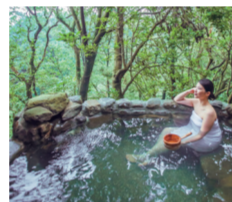
Most of Taipei's early settlements developed around temples. Many of these have a long history, including Songshan Ciyou Temple, where a black-faced Mazu is worshipped; Bangka Longshan Temple, which is always busy; Taipei Xiaohai City God Temple, where people pray for a happy family life; Dalongdong Baoan Temple, where worshippers pray for health; as well as Dadaocheng Cisheng Temple and Guandu Temple. These temples not only bear witness to the city's development, inside you will also find exquisite wood carvings, stone inscriptions, ceramic applique, and lifelike Buddha statues to admire.

### Appreciate Art and Culture 04

If you want to admire classical Chinese culture, you should not miss the collections at the National Palace Museum. Among the most popular exhibits are the Jadeite Cabbage and the Meat-shaped Stone. If you fancy modern art, it's worth visiting the Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art, Treasure Hill Artist Village, SPOT Taipei Film House, Taipei Music Center, and Taipei Performing Arts Center. Also, in Gongguan Shopping District, you will find independent and second-hand bookshops. The Zhongshan Underground Book Street offers tens of thousands of books, and the cultural and creative market next door fills the space with an atmosphere of art.



### 05 Enjoy a Hot-Spring Bath



One of the best things about Taipei is that you can hop on the MRT and arrive in Beitou, known for its steaming hot spring water and lush greenery, in less than an hour. Hot-spring bathing in the area dates back to the Japanese era, which is why Beitou Hot Spring Museum and Beitou Museum are all rich in Japanese atmosphere. Taipei Public Library Beitou Branch's green building and the sulfuric steam wafting at Thermal Valley are also unique sights.

### Drink Tea While Admiring the Scenery 06

Maokong is renowned for cultivating *Wenshan Baozhong* and *Tieguanyin* teas, offering a rare tea-country atmosphere within the city. The Maokong Gondola provides elevated views of the lush green mountain scenery and tea plantations. Visitors can stroll through the tea gardens along winding mountain trails, and relax at a tea-house to savor fine tea and tea-infused dishes. As the sun sets, the sparkling night view of Taipei unfolds. Beyond Maokong, the Nangang Tea Processing Demonstration Center offers an in-depth exploration of Taiwan's tea culture, featuring selected fine teas from across Taiwan and various experiential activities, inviting visitors to linger.



### 07 Explore the Starlight City



To discover the nighttime charms of Taipei, taking the Taipei Sightseeing Bus, a double-decker tourist bus service that tours the brightly lit city, is a great idea. For fun places to go with friends at night, the Container Market at Dadaocheng Wharf, the nightclubs of Xinyi shopping area, and cafés hidden away in lanes and alleys are perfect choices. For late-night snacks, visit night markets and try the recommendation of Michelin's Bib Gourmand, or you can find shops selling soy milk and rice porridge with side dishes and other delicious treats. Taipei also has a 24/7 bookstore where night owls can seek spiritual nourishment.

### Enjoy Coffee in Distinctive Cafés 08

Visiting cafés is one of the best ways to get to know Taipei. Many old houses in Dadaocheng have been renovated and now the tempting aroma of fine coffee wafts out from within. Characterful cafés can also be found on Section 2 of Zhongshan North Road, Chifeng Street, Yongkang Street, Qingtian Street, Fujin Street, etc. Taipei's coffee culture has many charming faces, allowing you to enjoy coffee of exotic styles and appreciate distinctive designs. You can also visit cafés that offer family spaces, reading corners or creative design bases, adding extra dimensions to the coffee-drinking experience.



### 09 Visit The Riverside



The Tamsui and Keelung rivers gently embrace this city. Riverside parks are closely connected to people's lives, which are popular spots for early morning runs, nighttime cycling, and other leisure activities. They are also venues for a variety of activities in summer, attracting families and groups of friends to listen to concerts or to play by the water to cool down. Boat trips on the Tamsui River can be taken from Dadaocheng and Guandu Wharves, with the "blue highway" offering varied views of the city and riverbank scenery.

### Have Fun Close to Nature 10

It's fairly easy to get to natural spots in Taipei. Just take a bus from Shilin to Yangmingshan National Park to view special volcanic terrain. Four Beasts Mountain Trail is suitable for leisure hiking and is also a good place to look out over Taipei and watch the New Year's Eve fireworks. There are various leisure farms in Shilin, Beitou, Neihu, and Wenshan districts that offer experiential activities such as strawberry and orange picking, allowing you to enjoy the fun of learning about ecology.



## Eats



Hand Made Noodles with Chili Sauce  
The Guest House (請客樓)

Beef Noodles  
Halal Chinese Beef Noodles  
(清真中國牛肉麵食館)

Xiao longbao  
Din Tai Fung (鼎泰豐)

Taipei has a rich and diverse culinary scene featuring classic delicacies and vibrant street snacks. Innovative cuisine is readily available, and the city has garnered significant Michelin recognition. The Michelin Guide Taipei, first published in 2018, showcases Taipei's profound gastronomic heritage to the world and attracts numerous domestic and international food enthusiasts to explore this culinary capital.

Every foodie has a list of Taipei's must-eats. If you want to taste Michelin-starred international cuisines, you can't miss Le Palais, the Cantonese restaurant receiving three stars for consecutive years. Other star winners include The Guest House featuring Chinese cuisine, Japanese restaurant logy, French restaurant L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon, and the constantly innovating Tairuir. Yangming Spring and Mountain & Sea House, both awarded Michelin Green Stars for their spirits of sustainability, promise you culinary excellence with eco-friendliness.

In addition, under "Bib Gourmand", dozens of Taipei's street foods are recommended, from the famous stinky tofu, and *xiaolongbao* (small steamed dumplings), to the authentic beef noodles that is a favorite of Muslim visitors, and the cold noodles, *luwei* (soy-braised dishes), oyster omelette and *heibaqie* (platter with various sliced foods) on locals' dining tables every day. These authentic Taiwanese flavors are great choices for experiencing the culinary scene of Taipei.



Monkey Head Mushroom Steak  
Yangming Spring (福明春天)

Crispy Roast Baby Duck  
Le Palais (頤宮)



Michelin  
Guide Taipei



Stinky Tofu

Oyster Omelette

Luwei

## Buys · Visits

### Premium Gift Items

Crispy, sweet-and-tangy pineapple cakes, rich and dense mung bean cakes, and mellow, lingering Taiwanese teas are traditional delicacies from Taipei's established shops. These shops have successfully captivated travelers' palates by blending innovative elements with time-honored methods. Other favored souvenirs, such as nougat and dried meat, allow visitors to preserve and savor the cherished memories of their Taipei journey.



Mung-bean cake

Pineapple Cake



Bag Charm



Drip Bag Coffee

Discover the popular Bravo the Bear, Taipei City's beloved mascot, and its diverse merchandise. Visit the Bravo office on the first floor of Taipei City Hall to purchase practical items such as plush toys, drip bag coffee, phone lanyard sets, phone cases, and ID card holders.

### Seasonal Events & Activities

Each season in Taipei—spring, summer, autumn, and winter—offers a distinct charm, accompanied by a vibrant calendar of events.

Spring days are filled with floating flower petals everywhere you go. The cherry-tree bloom is the headline act of Yangmingshan Flower Festival. The brilliant vignettes of azaleas bring touches of serenity to bustling neighborhoods. The visual purity and pastoral beauty of Zhuzhu Calla Lily & Hydrangea Festival wipe away the worries of daily life.

In summer, there are numerous exciting events staged in riverside parks. Taipei International Dragon Boat Championships, Taipei Water Festival, and Taipei Summer Festival at Dadaocheng are all events where the whole family can cool down in hot summer!



Yangmingshan Flower Festival

Taipei also bursts with activities during autumn. Taipei International Birdwatching Fair, Fun Guandu, Hot Spring Festival and Guandu International Nature Art Festival not only provide wonderful get-intimate-with-nature opportunities, but also incorporate the lives of locals. Trendy Taipei pulses with energy, showcasing the city's musical charm, while Nuit Blanche Taipei reimagines the night with its artistic performances.

Taipei Marathon, Taipei Xmas, Gongguan Christmas, Taipei New Year's Party, Taipei Lunar New Year Festival and Taipei Lantern Festival all ignite the city's passion and warm vitality as well as infuse the year's ending with great colors.



Taipei Summer Festival



Taipei New Year's Party



Taipei Lantern Festival

## Transportation Information

### Metro Taipei

(02) 218-12345 (24/7 Customer Service) english.metro.taipei

### Metro Tickets



### EasyCard, iPASS

Cards can be bought at MRT stations, convenience stores, and other designated shops. After topping up, you can use it to take public transport and rent the YouBike. Also, you can use it as an e-wallet at convenience stores and specific shops for micropayment.



### Taipei Fun Pass

This pass is available in four versions: "Unlimited," which includes free offers and souvenirs; "Exploring," providing unlimited access to popular attractions; "Classic," granting access to Taipei 101 and the National Palace Museum; and "Transportation," offering unlimited public transport rides. Cardholders can enjoy unlimited use of the pass throughout Taipei City, New Taipei City, Keelung City, and Taoyuan City within its validity. For ticket details and usage scope, please refer to the official website.



Website

### YouBike Public Bicycles

1999 (outside Taipei City, please dial 02-2720-8889) ext. 5855  
en.youbike.com.tw

### Maokong Gondola

(02) 218-12345 (24/7 Customer Service)  
english.gondola.taipei

### Blue Highway

english.dot.gov.taipei  
Taipei River Cruise Mini Trip river-fun.taipei  
(Please contact boat companies for cruise information)

### Taiwan Tourist Shuttle-Beitou Zhuzhu Route

MRT Beitou Station - Zhuzhu  
taiwantrip.com.tw

### Taipei Sightseeing Bus

There are two lines, Red and Blue. Buses on the Red Line stop at Ximending, Bangka Longshan Temple, National Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, Yongkang Shopping District, Taipei 101, and Eastern Shopping District. Buses on the Blue Line stop at Beimen (North Gate), Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Chiang Kai-Shek Shilin Residence, and National Palace Museum. For more information, please visit the official website or dial (02) 8791-6557 ext. 30.



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### Taipei City Certified Quality Taxi Services

Taipei taxis will pick you up with a simple wave of hand; they are highly mobile choice of transportation when traveling to places not as well located. The Taipei City Government rates each taxi company in Taipei by its service and awards those with quality service annually. For more information, please visit the official website or dial (02) 2727-4168 ext. 8529.



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## Metro Route Map



### Legend

- BR Wenzhu Line
- R Tamsui-Xinyi Line
- G Songshan-Xindian Line
- O Zhonghe-Xinlu Line
- BL Banman Line
- Y Circular Line
- Maokong Gondola

- Airport
- HSR
- Taoyuan Airport MRT
- Danhai LRT
- Ankeng LRT

## Travel Information

### Visitor Information Centers

These centers offer not only counter help but also access to tourism information like free brochures and maps. Their exact locations and service hours can be found on "Taipei Travel Net."



### Mobile Visitor Information Service

Every Saturday and Sunday, guided walking tours in English, Japanese, Korean, and some Southeast Asian languages are offered on designated routes in the Ximending, Shilin, Xinyi, Beimen, Yongkang Street and Zhongshan areas. For more information, please check "Taipei Travel Net."

### Travel Information Services

#### Taipei Citizen Hotline:

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

#### 24/7 Toll-Free Travel Information Hotline / Tourism Administration, M.O.T.C.: 0800-011-765

#### Foreigners In Taiwan Hotline: 1990

#### Taipei Travel Net:

travel.taipei/en - presents travel information on Taipei City in Chinese, English, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Indonesian, Vietnamese, and Spanish.

#### Taipei Grand Trail:

taipeigrandtrailen.gov.taipei - presents a total of 8 sections of Taipei Grand Trail.

#### Taipei Friendly Store:

friendlystore.taipei/index.php/en - provides inquiries for various friendly services.

#### TaiwanStay:

taiwanstay.net.tw - provides information on legally registered accommodations.

### Route Map



Routes are depicted schematically and do not reflect the exact location.

