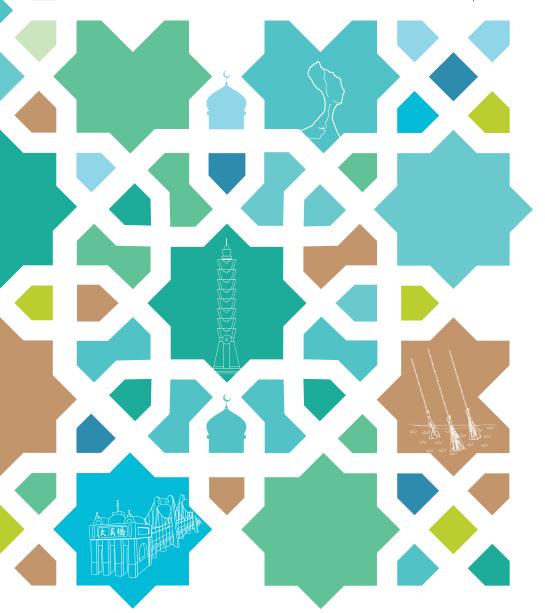
Guide to Muslim-friendly Travel in Northern Taiwan

Taipei, New Taipei, Taoyuan, Keelung





Northern Taiwan A Muslim-friendly Tourist Destination



Taiwan has made a real effort to build a Muslim-friendly environment in recent years. Taiwan was ranked top 3 in the Global Muslim Travel Index (GMTI) for Non-OIC Destinations for three years from 2021, and named "Inclusive Destination of The Year (Non-OIC)" in the Halal in Travel (HIT) Awards in 2022. Taipei City was named "Most Promising Muslimfriendly City Destination of The Year (Non-OIC)" in the HIT Awards in 2023. This reflects Taiwan's dedication to welcoming Muslim travelers. The four major cities in northern Taiwan, including Taipei City, New Taipei City, Taoyuan City, and Keelung City, are highly recommended destinations for visitors worldwide.

In Taipei City, you can feel the exciting fusion of modern metropolis and traditional culture; in New Taipei City, you can enjoy beautiful natural scenery, and can easily go into the mountains and to the seaside in one day. Taoyuan City serves as a gateway for international visitors from around the world and offers a rich combination of culture and natural beauty; in Keelung City, you can see the bustling port views, enjoy stunning ocean scenery, and savor fresh seafood.

These four cities are now working together to welcome Muslim tourists. We offer many Muslim-friendly environmental facilities, halal-certified restaurants, and carefully planned travel itineraries, so that visiting Muslims can relax and eat good food with peace of mind.



Taipei City

As the capital of Taiwan and a renowned international tourist destination, Taipei City actively seeks to create a Muslim-friendly environment where every Muslim visitor can enjoy a smooth and pleasant stay. The city was even named "Most Promising Muslim-friendly City Destination of The Year (Non-OIC)" in the HIT Awards in 2023. If you're a first-time visitor, the following attractions are a great starting point for exploring Taipei.





Halal Travel Guide

Taipei 101

Taipei 101 is a must-visit spot in Taipei's main commercial area. It includes a shopping mall and stands as one of the tallest buildings in Taiwan. Taipei 101 Observatory, situated on the 89th floor, is an indoor observation deck that provides visitors with a 360° panoramic view. Additionally, you can take the stairs to the 91st floor outdoor deck. The Skyline 460 on the rooftop offers a breathtaking perspective of the city and the sky from a great height. The Taipei 101 Fireworks Show, a spectacular annual New Year's event, is globally renowned as impressive spectacle.

 45, City Hall Rd., Xinyi Dist., Taipei City (Mall)
 (02)8101-8800



🖊 National Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall 🚚

The hall is located in Zhongshan Park, which is full of green grass and lush vegetation, and has become a favorite spot for leisure and photography in Taipei. At fixed intervals, there is a water dance fountain show in front of the square, and an imposing ceremonial changing of the guard in the lobby that visitors can watch.

▲ 505, Sec. 4, Renai Rd., Xinyi Dist., Taipei City
 (02)2758-8008



Discovery Center of Taipei

The center is a small museum that is the best place to learn about Taipei. It showcases the city's history, development and modernity, while introducing its natural ecology, art and culture. Special exhibitions are periodically held here to give visitors an in-depth understanding of the city from different angles.

▲ 1, City Hall Rd., Xinyi Dist., Taipei City
 ▲ (02)2720-8889 ext.8630

National Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall

National Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall has 3 parts, one a park with abundant greenery, another the square, a hub for outdoor cultural events and leisure activities, and the main building. The park's natural scenery composed of seasonal blossoms makes this a favorite spot for taking photos and sharing on social media. The main building features the hourly changing of the honor guard in a solemn ceremony. The National Concert Hall and the National Theater are on the either side of the square.

▲ 21, Zhongshan S. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City
 (02)2343-1100





Bopiliao Historic Block

Bopiliao Old Street preserves the urban planning from the Qing Dynasty, architecture from the period of Japanese era in Taiwan, and buildings from the post-war period. It also retains the traditional Taiwanese street form with various simple but elegantly beautiful street houses, including hotels, altars, boat supply shops, and teahouses. This unique area serves as a significant location for showcasing Taiwanese art and culture through exhibitions, as well as being a popular location for filming movies and dramas.

▲ Ln. 173, Kangding Rd., Wanhua Dist., Taipei City
(02)2302-3199



Guandu Nature Park

Located at the meeting point of Taipei's two main rivers, the Tamsui River and Keelung River, this natural wetland is an important habitat for migratory birds. The park hosts regular theme exhibitions, weekend lectures, DIY classes, and other wetland environmental education activities, providing visitors with an opportunity to explore wetland ecology. Visitors can marvel at various aquatic creatures and plants, including water birds, frogs, and fiddler crabs.

角 55, Guandu Rd., Beitou Dist., Taipei City 🕓 (02)2858-7417

Zhuzihu Recreational Agricultural Area

Formed by a volcanic eruption, Zhuzihu in Yangmingshan National Park is famous for its colorful flower farms. The calla lily farms bloom with vibrant hues from March to April, inviting visitors to pick flowers, capture enchanting moments, and be immersed in the scenic beauty. As the seasons change May and June, hydrangea farms reveal their charm, treating the public to a delightful experience. Amid misty trails, visitors can relish the allure of nature while enjoying a variety of teas and snacks.

Datitian Flower Ecological Farm

▲ 33-7, Zhuzihu Rd., Beitou Dist., Taipei City
 ▲ 0917-639-349

Blhhr Farm 🛄

 Calla Lily Avenue, Zhuzihu Rd., Beitou Dist., Taipei City
 (02)2861-5736

Jaifu Garden 🛄

▲ Near 68, Zhuzihu Rd., Beitou Dist., Taipei City € 0928-624-802

Tsao's Wonderland

▲ Beside 33-7, Zhuzihu Rd., Beitou Dist., Taipei City

(02)2862-5886





Yangming Shuwu

Yangming Shuwu Visitor Center is a building of historical and cultural significance that was once the summer residence of ROC president Chiang Kai-shek. It is now a leisure spot combining culture and nature, which provides information and interpretation services for Yangmingshan National Park.

▲ 12, Zhongxing Rd., Beitou Dist., Taipei City
 ▲ (02)2861-9816

Taipei Children's Amusement Park



This small but well-equipped park has 13 play facilities, such as: the ferris wheel, bumper car, carousel and more; designed with the perfect blend of excitement and safety, they are ideal for children. The park also has an indoor play area for families, ensuring enjoyment in any weather. With diverse activities, including education and nature exploration, and a food court, it offers a fun experience for all visitors.

♠ 55, Sec. 5, Chengde Rd., Shilin Dist., Taipei City
 (02)2833-3823 ext.105/106

Kuo Yuan Ye Museum of Cake and Pastry

It displays the history and utensils of Kuo Yuan Ye foods company and introduces the evolution of Taiwan's traditional pastry industry and traditional wedding and funeral customs. The museum is the place to learn about Taiwanese pastries, and souvenirs such as pineapple cakes and cookie gift boxes are also available.

▲ 4F, 546, Wenlin Rd., Shilin Dist., Taipei City (02)2838-2700 ext.457



Zhishan Cultural and Ecological Garden



Zhishanyan encompasses remains from seven cultural strata spanning 6,000 years, making it a veritable archaeological classroom. Visitors can explore fossil displays and models and immerse themselves in the lives of ancestors and Zhishan's natural ecology and geological landscape in the exhibition hall. The natural plank pathway outside the hall offers a serene stroll through lush greenery, enhancing the overall experience.

▲ 120, Yusheng St., Shilin Dist., Taipei City
 (02)8866-6258



National Palace Museum (Northern Branch)

The National Palace Museum has the largest collection of Chinese art treasures in the world, spanning thousands of years and with nearly 700,000 pieces. The three must see pieces, namely, Jadeite Cabbage, Meat-shaped Stone, and Mao Gongding. The museum has embraced new media, enabling visitors to appreciate valuable and rare cultural relics online. The exhibitions seamlessly integrate technology, showcasing the highlights of the museum's collection.

▲ 221, Sec. 2, Zhishan Rd., Shilin Dist., Taipei City \$ (02)2881-2021

Baishihu Recreational Agricultural Area



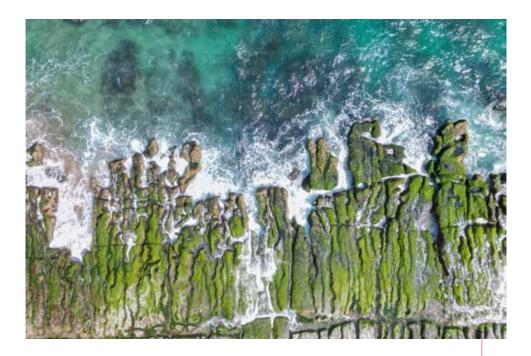
This area is an important leisure agriculture base in Taipei City. With various forest trails and meandering streams, the area provides visitors with an opportunity to engage in hands-on farming activities. The farms not only cultivate seasonal vegetables and fruits such as strawberries, cabbage, radish, and various herbs for visitors to pick but also offer DIY courses for making cookies, herbal teas, and traditional foods. The leisure farms offer various fun experiential activities.

Nong Yi Jhan Farm 💵

▲ 45-8, Bishan Rd., Neihu Dist., Taipei City
 ▲ 0912-472-001

New Taipei City

New Taipei City is large in area, and is the northernmost city in Taiwan. With a coastline stretching more than 120 kilometers, it has abundant coastal and fishing harbor scenery, as well a branch of the Xue Mountain Range and the Datun Mountain System, offering mountain and coast outside the urban area and some of the best traveling routes of northern Taiwan.



Laomei Green Reef

Once hailed as one of Taiwan's eight wonders by CNN, vibrant green algae covers the reef in a dreamlike green carpet here every spring, attracting many keen photographers and tourists. Nearby Baisha Bay Visitor Center not only offers tourist information and services but also features Muslim-friendly facilities.

1 26.3 km of Provincial Highway No. 2, Laomei Community, Shimen Dist., New Taipei City





Also known as Jinbauli Old Street, Jinshan Old Street has a history stretching back three centuries. The street offers traditional Taiwanese foods and snacks made from locally grown vegetables like sweet potatoes and water bamboo, prepared by various restaurants and street vendors. Soaking in Jinshan hot springs and hiking along the Yulu Old Trail are good activities for getting close to nature. The nearby Jinshan Visitor Center has Muslimfriendly facilities.

A Jinbauli St., Jinshan Dist., New Taipei City

Yehliu Geopark

Yehliu Geopark's rare and varied topography and geological landscape make it a natural geology classroom, and an internationally renowned mustsee attraction for visitors. Standing on Yehliu Cape, with the sea stretching out endlessly in front, is a collection of strange-shaped rocks: Elephant Rock, Fairy's Shoe, and Queen's Head, all unique natural masterpieces.

▲ 167-1, Gandung Rd., Wanli Dist., New Taipei City
 (02)2492-2016





Jiufen

Jiufen, a former gold mining town known as the "Golden Mountain City," gained fame after the filming of the late 80s movie "A City of Sadness." The teahouses and shops along the winding stone steps create a picturesque mountain town, attracting crowds of domestic and foreign tourists. Visitors can savor traditional snacks and collect unique souvenirs while enjoying the iconic local scenery.

A Jishan St., Ruifang Dist., New Taipei City





The Houtong area holds rich coal seams and was once the center of Taiwan's coal mining industry. It retains some rich mining relics such as shafts and trolleys. Visitors can ride a trolley through a tunnel for a unique coal mining experience. The area around Houtong Railway Station is the wellknown "Houtong Cat Village," named by CNN as one of the top six cat-viewing attractions in the world and attracting many cat-loving tourists.

▲ The area around Houtong Railway Station

Sandiaoling Eco-friendly Tunnel

Formerly a tunnel on the old Yilan Line, it is an ecological tunnel with a length of 3.19 kilometers. The clever design of the pool at the tunnel entrance creates a beautiful reflection. Inside the tunnel, visitors can enjoy perfectly preserved history and natural ecology, such as stalactites formed over time, and the traces left by steam trains as well as roosting bats.

- ▲ Sandiaoling, Ruifang Dist., New Taipei City
 (02)2493-3782
- Reservations must be made in advance on the website



Sandiaojiao Lighthouse

The easternmost point of Taiwan, this lighthouse is the earliest place to see the sunrise on main island Taiwan. The pure white lighthouse building, Greek-style pavilion, domed chapel and love heart art installation exude a sweet and romantic atmosphere, attracting many couples. The nearby Fulong Visitor Center has Muslim-friendly facilities.

▲ 38, Magang St., Gongliao Dist., New Taipei City
 ▲ (02)2499-1300





Tamsui Fisherman's Wharf

Located at the mouth of the Tamsui River, Fisherman's Wharf is renowned for its magnificent sunsets. The timber trestle bridge pier, the spacious harbor park, and Lover's Bridge, known for its scenic views and illuminated night lights, are all popular attractions that draw crowds of tourists. Visitors can savor seafood at the fish market and collect souvenirs at commercial streets, making it an enjoyable day and night experience.

199, Guanhai Rd., Tamsui Dist., New Taipei City

Guanyinshan & Visitor Center

Guanyinshan is an ecological park combining ecological education and environmental conservation, and also an outdoor experience park where migratory birds of prey can be viewed. Along the hiking trail to the top of Yinghanling (Tough Man Peak), visitors can enjoy a bird's eye view of the winding Tamsui River slowly flowing into the sea, with bustling scenes of the Taipei Basin in the distance. The visitor center has Muslim-friendly facilities.



角 130, Sec. 3, Lingyun Rd., Wugu Dist., New Taipei City 🛛 📞 (02)2292-8888



Mitsui Outlet Park Linkou

Situated next to Taoyuan Airport MRT A9 Station, it is the largest shopping and leisure complex in northern Taiwan. With resort-like spaciousness and an array of boutiques, this super-high end shoppers paradise will definitely make you want to linger. At Mitsui Outlet Park Linkou, all your shopping, leisure and dining needs can be met at once.

▲ 356, Sec. 1, Wenhua 3rd Rd., Linkou Dist., New Taipei City \$ (02)2606-8666

Wulai

A well-known mountain indigenous settlement in northern Taiwan, Wulai is renowned for its hot springs, logging industry trolleys, waterfalls and Yun Hsien Resort. For a pleasant experience, take the cable car to view Wulai Waterfall, take the Wulai Tour Minitrain to enjoy the mountain scenery, or get close to nature with a hot spring bath.



A Wulai Dist., New Taipei City

Taoyuan City

Taoyuan City is the gateway to Taiwan for most international visitors. With diverse ethnic groups and cultures, it is a city with long history, modern character and international outlook. The area's Hakka culture, military dependents villages, rural village life, industrial experiences, irrigation lakes and mountain forests all serve as a microcosm of Taiwanese life and culture.

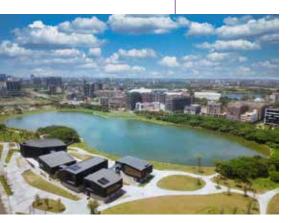


Zhuwei Fishing Harbor

Zhuwei Fishing Harbor is popular among tourists and features seafood restaurants which use seafood delivered directly from the harbor. It is the best place for connoisseurs to enjoy quality seafood. The red Rainbow Bridge at the northern entrance of the harbor is a major landmark of Zhuwei. From here, visitors can watch the planes taking off and landing at the airport, as well as the boats coming in and out of the harbor.

▲ 25, Ln. 451, Yugang Rd., Dayuan Dist., Taoyuan City (03)383-2308





This is an art museum with a calligraphy theme, and the design of the entire park is also centered around calligraphy. It cleverly combines the surrounding landscape and waterside scenery so that the base of the park represents an inkstone, and the pond is its ink. The themed building cluster has a unique design resembling Chinese seals and has become one of Taoyuan's most popular tourist attractions.

▲ 100, Daren Rd., Dayuan Dist., Taoyuan City
 (03)287-6176

3 Xpark

The park has 13 different exhibition areas including the eye-catchingly huge aquarium, which holds a variety of fish species, the Healing Jellyfish area with color changing effects and the Penguin Life area. These beautiful, dreamlike landscapes have made this a popular spot for visitors to check in and take selfies.

▲ 105, Chunde Rd., Zhongli Dist., Taoyuan City
 (03)287-5000





Gloria Outlets

The leisurely shopping atmosphere of the first American-style open-air shopping center in Taiwan makes people feel like they are actually shopping overseas. It brings together hundreds of international brands spanning fashion, quality home products, health and sustainability, as well as a range of restaurants serving delicious dishes.

▲ 189, Chunde Rd., Zhongli Dist., Taoyuan City
 (03)273-8666

Taoyuan Main Public Library

A collaboration between the design team behind the main venue for the Tokyo Olympics and a Taiwanese architectural team, the "tree of life" concept was used to create a library that can breathe and is full of greenery. The building design combines functionality and beauty, and its environmentally friendly design not only meets the needs of modern people, its unique appearance has also made it a popular tourist attraction.

▲ 303, Nanping Rd., Taoyuan Dist., Taoyuan City \$\$\\$ (03)316-6345



Lost Army Story House

This building tells the story of the Nationalist troops that struggled alone in the remote jungles of the Golden Triangle in Thailand and Myanmar for more than 30 years. In its five permanent exhibition areas, visitors are guided through the history of the lost army's struggle via model scenes and cultural relic displays.

- ♠ 70, Zhongshan Rd., Pingzhen Dist., Taoyuan City
 (03)465-0736
- Reservations must be made in advance





Window On World

The first amusement park in Asia with the theme of miniature architectural models. It has hundreds of world-famous buildings, built perfectly to the scale of 1:25. Here, you can easily visit Taiwan, China, Asia, Europe and the Americas, the entire world, in fact. This theme park has indoor amusement park, fun parades and performances, as well as various recreational facilities, and is perfect for a family day out.

▲ 891, Gaoyuan Rd., Longtan Dist., Taoyuan City
 ▲ (03)471-7211

Daxi Old Street

The old street's houses display classical architectural styles, especially the combination of Baroque ornamentalism and traditional Minnan (southern Fujian) decorative patterns, which is a unique feature of Daxi Old Street. The streets are lined with specialty shops and restaurants, where you can enjoy traditional Taiwanese snacks such as Daxi Dried Tofu, and play with old-time fashioned Taiwanese children's toys.



A Zhongshan Rd. & Heping Rd., Daxi Dist., Taoyuan City

Daxi Wood Art Ecomuseum

Daxi was once a center for Taiwan's wood art. The Daxi Wood Art Ecomuseum Complex features 11 main museum buildings. These structures, including former police dormitories, Japanese-style old houses, and nearby traditional residences along Puji Road, present a captivating story of history and culture. Various beautifully traditional buildings record the story of the Daxi wood art industry and the lives of the ordinary people in different eras.



▲ 2F, 11, Puji Rd., Daxi Dist., Taoyuan City (03)388-8600



Lala Mountain National Forest Recreation Area

The area offers a nature therapy retreat within a cypress forest, famously known as Lala Mountain Giant Trees. The circular trail, set at an altitude of 1,500 to 2,130 meters, leads visitors through clouds and mist, unveiling 24 giant trees aged 500 to 1,495 years old. Before entering the area, visitors pass the Visitor Center, Butterfly Hall, and Beetle Hall, being immersed in a refreshing and rejuvenating natural escape.

205, Neighborhood 11, Hualing Village, Fuxing Dist., Taoyuan City
 (03)391-2142

Keelung City

Keelung, a vibrant port city at the northern tip of Taiwan, embodies a lifestyle connected to the long-term impact of the ocean and harbor. It truly is an authentic ocean city and seafood capital. In recent years, international cruise ships have made Keelung their home port, revitalizing the city's role as an ocean hub connecting Taiwan to the world, contributing to its diverse culture and international character.



Zhengbin Fishing Harbor Colorful Houses

Zhengbin Fishing Harbor is an old fishing harbor with a long history, located to the south of Heping Island. The colorful old houses have brightened up the area visually and made Zhengbin a popular check-in spot on social media. The small island atmosphere reminiscent of Burano in Italy has revived the harbor's status as a tourist attraction.

A Zhengbin Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Keelung City



Fortress Headquarters

This historic building, completed in 1929, once served as the highest military command center in northern Taiwan. After over 90 years of exposure to wind and rain, it remains remarkably well-preserved. After being restored and tidied up, it fully retains its original character as a western-style government office building of the Japanese era. It has become a new cultural, leisure and creative art base in Keelung City.

Heping Island Park

The coastal rock formations have been shaped by long-term sea and wind erosion on the windward side, creating a special landscape with landforms such as sea erosion platforms, tofu rocks and mushroom rocks. Alongside the impressive terrain, Heping Island offers geological treasures in the form of exposed fossils. Prebooking tours are required for access to protect these precious geological assets.

▲ 360, Pingyi Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Keelung City (02)2463-5452





Bisha Fishing Port

Bisha Fishing Port, a renowned tourist fish market, provides a diverse selection of fish and seafood for tourists. On the adjacent restaurant street, tourists can dine in or have restaurants prepare seafood purchased from the market. The port also serves as a yacht marina, providing tourists with the opportunity to admire these elegant vessels, explore the surroundings, and capture memorable photos.

Beining Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Keelung City

National Museum of Marine Science & Technology



This museum features the Main Exhibition Building with permanent exhibits, the Ocean Theater, and the Regional Exploration Building. In Chaojing Area, the newly established i-OCEAN, equipped with advanced 3D tech, allows visitors to personally explore the ocean alongside schools of fish, immersed in its varied wonders.

 367, Beining Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Keelung City
 (02)2469-6000

Chaojing Park

This is an ideal spot to savor stunning sea views of Keelung Islet and Jiufen, and the diverse intertidal ecology makes it perfect for family outings. The park is known for its expansive grassy area adorned with captivating installation art by French artist Patrick Demazeau — a popular social media hotspot. It also has a bicycle path and a scuba diving spot. Visitors can leisurely stroll to appreciate the scenery or enjoy a breezy cycling experience.

▲ Ln.369, Beining Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Keelung City
 (02)2469-6000



Badouzi Railway Station

Badouzi Railway Station is on the Taiwan Railways Administration Shenao Line. The unmanned station is small, with no main station building, and visitors may enter and exit freely. Magnificent sea views can be seen in front of the station, making it a popular photography spot for tourists. The nearby Wanghaixiang Fishing Harbor Scenic Bridge is a good place to enjoy sea views while walking.

119, Sec. 2, Jianji Rd., Ruifang Dist., New Taipei City



Mosque Information

Northern Taiwan has four mosques for Muslim worship.

Taipei Grand Mosque

▲ 62, Sec. 2, Xinsheng S. Rd., Daan Dist., Taipei City
 (02)2321-9445

Taipei Cultural Mosque

▲ 3, Ln. 25, Sec. 1, Xinhai Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City < (02)2367-5421

Longgang Mosque

▲ 216, Longdong Rd., Zhongli Dist., Taoyuan City

C (03)456-1234

Da Yuan Masjid At-Taqwa Mosque

♠ 8-2, Zili 1st St., Dayuan Dist., Taoyuan City

📞 (03)384-0539



Dining & Accommodation Information

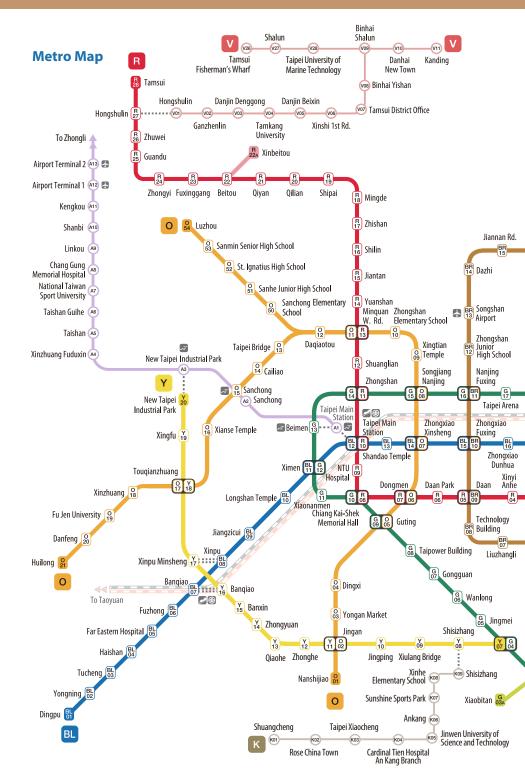
In Northern Taiwan, a diverse array of halal-certified restaurants caters to various culinary preferences. These establishments offer a wide range of cuisines, including local Taiwanese favorites like beef noodles, South and Southeast Asian delights such as Indian, Malay, and Indonesian dishes, and even specialties from Moroccan, Pakistani, and Turkish cuisine.

Hotels in the region are also dedicated to meeting the needs of Muslim visitors, including offering prayer mats, indicating the direction of Mecca, installing electronic bidet toilets or purification facilities, and providing suitable breakfast options for Muslim tourists. Employees will also undergo professional education and training to enhance their services for Muslim travelers.

For more details, please refer to the Taiwan Tourism Administration website.



Muslim-friendly Environment



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🐑 Travel Information

Taipei Travel www.travel.taipei/en

New Taipei City Travel mewtaipei.travel/en

Taoyuan Tourism travel.tycg.gov.tw/en

Keelung Travel tour.klcg.gov.tw/en/

24/7 Toll-Free Travel Informatioin Hotline Tourism Administration, MOTC : 0800-011-765

Toll-Free Complaint Hotline Tourism Administration, MOTC: 0800-211-734

Foreigners In Taiwan Hotline : 1990

Transportation Information

Taiwan Railway
 (02)2191-0096
 tip.railway.gov.tw

Taiwan High Speed Rail (02)4066-3000

en.thsrc.com.tw

🗲 Metro Taipei

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

🔊 Metro Taoyuan

€ (03)286-8789
⊕ tymetro.com.tw/tymetro-new/en

Antice Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Service

\$\overline\$ 0800-011765 (24/7 Customer Service)
\$\overline\$ taiwantrip.com.tw/Frontend

🐚 Taipei Fun Pass

funpass.travel.taipei

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