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TOP 10 Things to Do

1 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 sown the seeds of creativity here and reinterpreted local culture, giving old blocks an rresistible 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 and Section 2 of Zhongshan North Road are characterized by distinctive culture. Search out some small stores with unique style and add more fun to your trip!

See Cultural & Creative Attractions

In Taipei, quite a few old buildings have been given a new lease of life as cultural and creative design bases to brilliant effect. Huashan 1914 Creative Park, once a wine factory. Songshan Cultural and Creative Park, formerly a tobacco factory; the Red House, originally a market built a century ago; the ArtYard 67 and ArtYard 32, housed in old buildings in Dadaocheng; and 44 South Village, retaining the appearance of an early military dependents' settlement, are all great places to find good designs and exhibitions amidst



Worship at a Temple



Most of Taipei's early settlements developed around temples. Many of these are well over a century old, such as Bangka Longshan Temple, which is always busy; Taipei Xiahai 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 emple. These temples not only bear witness to the city's development, inside you will also find exquisite wood carvings, stone inscriptions, ceramic applique, calligraphy, and lifelike Buddha statues to admire.

Appreciate Arts and Culture

The world-famous National Palace Museum is a place where you can marvel at a staggering number of classic cultural relics of the Chinese imperial court dating back thousands of years; among its most popular exhibits are the Jadeite Cabbage and the Meat-shaped Stone. Taipei Fine Arts Museum and Taipei Museum of Contemporary Art, Treasure Hill Artist Village and Spot Taipei, which specializes in showing art house movies, are the places to see the modern arts merged into daily life. The streets of the city have a distinct arts atmosphere as well; public art works can be seen all over and street artists can often been seen in the Xinyi shopping area and at Ximending, presenting stunning performances.



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, Beitou Museum, and Plum Garden all are rich in Japanese atmasphere. Taipei Public Library Beitou Branch's green building and the steam-veiled water at Thermal Valley are both unique sights. After a relaxing hot-spring bath, don't forget to check out Beitou Market and eel the old-time charm of its lanes and allevs!

Eats · **Buys** · **Visits**

Food Delicacies

What would you like to eat today? In Taipei, whether hankering for a Taiwanese-style home-cooked meal, rich with old-time tastes bursting with nostalgia, or for a feast of Cantonese, Jiangzhe, Japanese, European continental, American, or Southeast Asian tastes, rich and varied culinary adventures showcasing different cultural traditions are found everywhere. Exciting minds and palates even further are local ventures in innovative cuisine, conquering diners' picky taste buds. The passion and dedication of the culinary professionals adds a touch of warmth to each dish.



★★ The Guest House (請客樓)

Among the list, the Cantonese restaurant Le Palais has garnered Michelin's coveted 3-star glory two years in a row, and the Chinese restaurant The Guest House, Japanese restaurant RvuGin, as well as the incessantly innovative RAW and Taïrroir have all been bestowed with stars. In addition, the Bib Gourmand list includes several dozen street food restaurants, from the renowned stinky tofu and xiaolongbao to Muslims' favorite beef noodles, cold noodles and "heibai qie" (assorted sliced foods, precooked and served chilled), all of which are authentic Taiwanese flavors that make up Taipei people's daily diet.



Cantonese Style Crispy Roast Duck ★★★ Le Palais (頤宮)

In the pocket of every foodie is a list of Taipei mustexperience food treasures. The great flavors and warm service found in every corner of this city have also drawn the attention of Michelin. Since the first-ever Michelin Guide Taipei was published in 2018, international as well as local foodies have been attracted to Taipei by its splendid food



★★ RyuGin (祥雲龍吟)





Drink Tea While Admiring the Scenery

Maokong, in the southeast corner of the city, offers rare scenes of tea plantations close to the city. The Wenshan Baozhong and Tieguanyin teas grown here are renowned. After walking past the tea fields on a hiking trail, stop off at a teahouse for a rest and enjoy drinking fine tea and eating tasty tea dishes. To get to Maokong take the Maokong Gondola and go on a ride which offers stunning views of green hills and tea plantations. Nangang Tea Processing Demonstration Center is another place to learn about tea culture. Offering fine teas from across Taiwan and various experiential activities, everyone is invited to drink tea and chat.



Browse Books at Humanities & Culture Bookstores



Bookstores enrich the beauty of a city. Taipei has 24-hour bookstores that serve as quiet corners where night owls can read. The independent, second-hand, and antique bookstores of the NTU/Gongguan shopping area are evidence of the cultural literacy of Taipei's citizens. Zhongshan Underground Book Street, the longest book street in Taiwan, transcending culture and generation, is packed with thousands of books and also has a music and movie section. The small stores selling coffee and food along the street add to

$oxed{18}$ Enjoy Coffee in a Distinctive Café $\,-\,$

Visiting its 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 with fine coffee can be found on Section 2 of Zhongshan North Road, Chifeng Street, Yongkang Street, Qingtian Street, and Fujin Street etc. Taipei's coffee culture has many charming faces. If you want to enjoy coffee culture from overseas and appreciate distinctive design, there are cafés that exude exotic charm. You can also visit cafés that have a compound operating model, offering a family space, reading corner or creative design base, adding an extra dimension to the coffee-drinking experience.



Visit a Riverside Park and Go on a River Cruise



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

1 O View the Natural Scenery

As Taipei is surrounded by mountains and has a highly-developed transport system, it is fairly easy to get from the bustling city center to the mountains. Yangmingshan National Park is well-worth visiting to get close to nature and can be reached with a short bus journey from Shilin. Located not far from Xinyi shopping area, the Four Beasts Mountain trails are suited to hiking and are a great place to enjoy views of the New Year fireworks show and look out over the city. In Neihu District, Dahu Park, Baishi Lake Suspension Bridge, and Dagou Creek Trail are like city oases, offering relaxation for mind and body.



Premium Gift Items

Taipei is a city both of tradition and chic modern fashion. It brims with esteemed long-established eateries adhering to timeless culinary practices – yet at the same there is constant innovation and the unveiling of novel, delicious tastes such as pineapple cakes, mung-bean cakes, nougat candy, jerky, teas, etc., all favorite gift-buys with tourists. Vibrant Taipei's flourishing cultural-creative development has also brought to life myriad unique design goods capturing the local culture: besides merchandises of the Taipei mascot Bravo and other city souvenirs, plenty of trendy creative items can be found at Ximending, Taipei 101, city cultural-creative markets, and other iconic sights as theme. Visitors can take home a piece of the unique Taipei character in the form of a treasured souvenir.



Seasonal Events & Activities

Taipei takes on a wholly new and unique character and atmosphere in each of the with energy and charm.

Taipei 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 Taipei Azalea Festival bring touches of serenity to bustling neighborhoods. The visual purity and pastoral beauty of the Zhuzihu Calla Lily Festival make the worries of daily life float away.



of Taipei shift their center of recreational gravity to the riverside parks, visiting Sounds from the Taipei Dragon Boat Festival, Taipei Riverside Kids Festival, Taipei Aqua-Friendly Festival, and Taipei Valentine's Day at Dadaocheng. These have become favorite family-together extravaganzas, drawing kids young through old

As time rolls into the warm summer, the people

In the autumn, the Guandu and Beitou areas burst with activity. The Taipei International Birdwatching Fair provide wonderful get-intimate-with-nature opportunities. Fun Guandu and Taipei Hot Spring Festival incorporate the lives of local citizens. The Guandu International Nature Art Festival and Nuit Blanche Taipei are beloved by aesthetes. And among the many big wintertime happenings are the Taipei Marathon, Christmas Festival, New Year's Eve Countdown Party, Lunar New Year Festival, and Taipei Lantern Festival, igniting the city's passions and warm vitality and infusing the year's ending with great color.

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