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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 also sown the seeds of 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 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 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 Xiaihai 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.

04 Appreciate Art and Culture

If you want to admire thousands of years of 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, and SPOT Taipei Film House. Also, in Gongguan Shopping District, you will find independent and second-hand bookshops, showing the cultural literacy of Taipei citizens. 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, Beitou Museum, and Beitou Plum Garden 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.

06 Drink Tea While Admiring the Scenery

Maokong 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, stop off at a teahouse for a rest and enjoy drinking fine tea and eating tasty tea dishes. After sunset, you can see the sparkling lights of Taipei in the distance. Take the Maokong Gondola to take in the views of green hills and tea plantations from high up. Nangang Tea Processing Demonstration Center is another place to learn about tea culture, offering fine tea from across Taiwan and various experiential activities, inviting visitors to spend their leisure time.

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.

08 Enjoy Coffee in Distinctive Cafés

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. 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 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 Wharf, with the "blue highway" offering varied views of the city and riverbank scenery.

10 Have Fun Close to Nature

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 farming and learning about ecology.

Eats

In Taipei, you can enjoy a rich variety of classic delicacies and street snack foods. Innovative cuisine can be found everywhere, satisfying the discerning taste buds of discerning diners. Passionate and dedicated chefs add distinct warmth to every dish. The good tastes and warm services offered in this city have caught the attention of Michelin.

"The Michelin Guide Taipei" was first introduced to the city in 2018, presenting the rich cuisine of Taipei to the world and attracting many domestic and foreign diners to visit this gastronomic capital.

Crispy Roast Baby Duck  
Le Palais (饕客)

Monkey Head Mushroom Steak  
Yangming Spring (陽明春天)

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

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

Xiaolongbao  
Din Tai Fung (鼎泰豐)

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Premium Gift Items

Long-established eateries in Taipei have blended innovative elements into their timeless culinary practices. Sweet-and-sour pineapple cakes, silky-textured mung-bean cakes, and the aromatic Taiwanese tea are all travelers' favorites. Nougats and beef jerky are also great choices to cherish the wonderful experience in Taipei.

Bravo! Picnic Mat

Bravo! Identification Card Holder

Pineapple Cake

Mung-bean cake

Seasonal Events & Activities

Taipei takes on a wholly new and unique character in each of the four seasons, and the new schedule of events/activities each season fills the city with energy and charm.

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 Zhuzihu 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!

Taipei also bursts with activities during autumn. In Guandu and Beitou area, 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. Celebrated in a different district each year, Nuit Blanche Taipei is beloved by aesthetes who fancy an all-nighter.

Taipei Marathon, Taipei Xmas, Gongguan Christmas, Taipei New Year's Eve 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 Eve Party

Taipei Lantern Festival

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."

travel.taipei/en/information/servicecenter

Mobile Visitor Information Service

Every Saturday and Sunday, walking travel guides provide visitor information at Ximending, Shilin, Xinyi, Beimen, and Yongkang Street on designated routes. The service is offered in English, Japanese, Korean, etc. 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 Bureau, M.O.T.C.: 0800-011-765

Toll-Free Complaint Hotline / Tourism Bureau, M.O.T.C.: 0800-211-734

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:  
taipeigrandtrails.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.

