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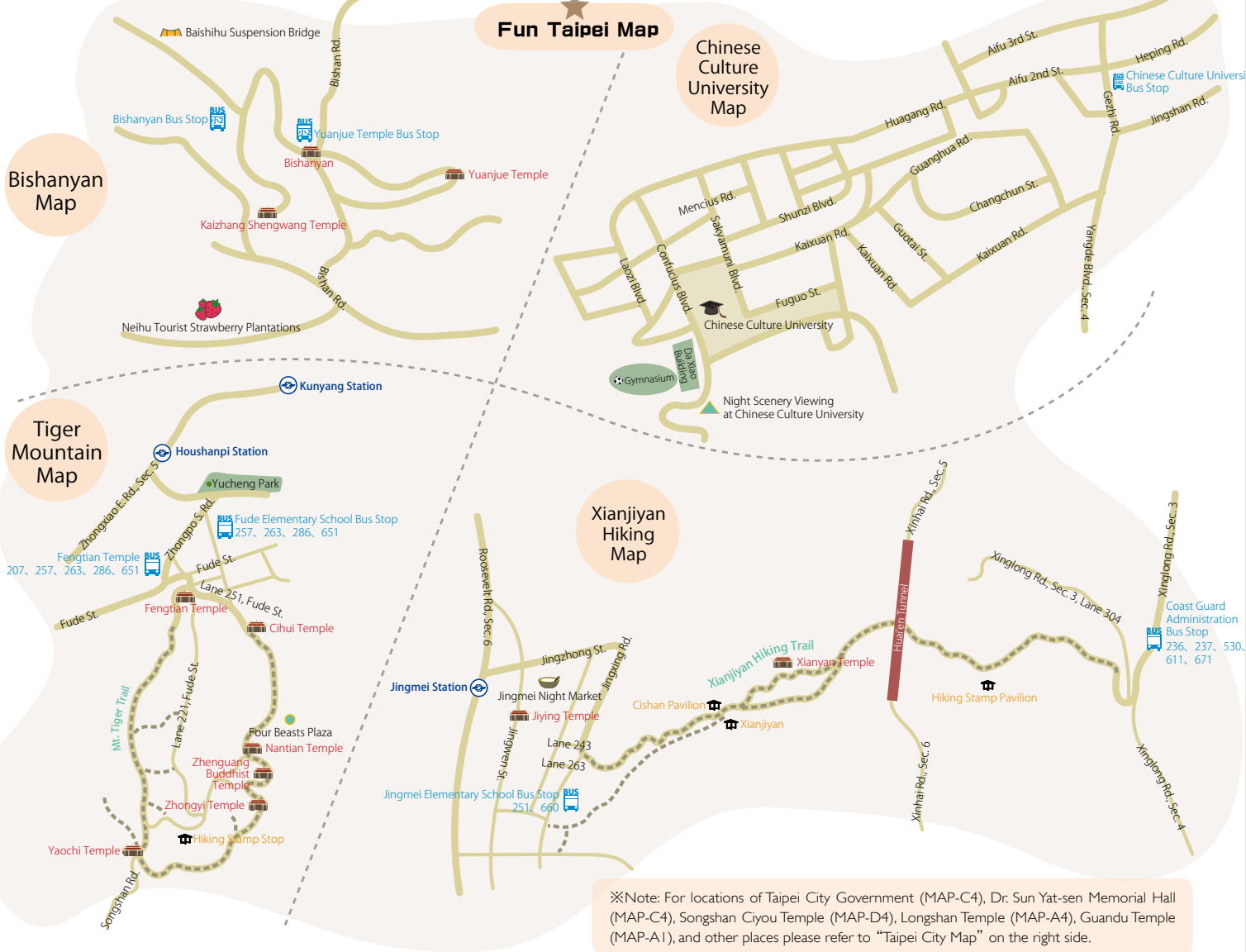
The Romance of City Lantern Nights

Festively decorated lanterns and the black of night add up to Taipei charm, color, and fun. Wade into the sea of lanterns during the Lantern Festival, a galaxy of stars lighting up the night, enjoying the big evening party, lantern riddles, and other draws, or ascending the nearby hills to watch the lights down below and starry skies up above.

Part 1 Resplendent Festive Lanterns

The night of the Taipei Lantern Festival is one of raucous revelry and traditional celebrations. New-style elements are introduced with the 2012 Taipei Lantern Festival, centered on National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall and Civic Plaza in front of Taipei City Hall. Enjoy the double theme lanterns and double exhibit venues, fusing high-tech, light/shadow, crafts, and installation-art concepts in a grand display of the aesthetics of Taipei life through lamplight, sound effects, interactivity, and stage theatricality. Also enjoy the dazzling Sea of Lanterns Tunnel, running from Shifu Rd. all the way to Ren'ai Traffic Circle.

Elsewhere, Guandu Temple is staging a special exhibit on electric festival lanterns. It runs until March 4, each day from 9am to 9pm. Other colorful events adding to the seasonal revelry are one big decorative-lantern exhibit at Songshan Ciyu Temple and another at Longshan Temple.



Part 3 A Twinkling Night of Citywide Light

After close-up inspection of lantern artistry, head into the surrounding hills to see the neon-lit city laid out far below. Head up Yangmingshan's Yangde Blvd. to the area behind Chinese Culture University. Southwest you see Tianshu Baseball Stadium, the Shilin suburb, and the Tamsui River. Look southeast and up pops Taipei 101. On Taipei's southeast, Xianjiyan has widescreen views of twinkling Jingmei, Wenshan, and Gongguan districts. From Kaizhang Shengwang Temple in Neihsu, look out over the bright east-area lights of Neihsu and Nangang. A much closer overlook of Taipei's modern nightlights and nightlife is had from Tiger Mountain, located in the southeast of the city. You'll feel you can reach out and touch the tower, the Shin Kong Mitsukoshi buildings, and the strings of lights weaving through this ultra-chic district.

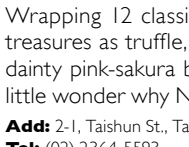


Taipei Shopping

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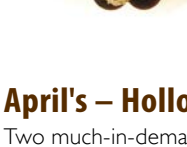
NKSDCHOCO – Pink Sakura Gift Boxes (MAP-B5)
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Taipei City Map



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Logo for Ayoi, featuring a stylized indigenous figure and the text 'Ayoi Welcome!'.

South Village Snack Shop – Luwei Platter (MAP-C5)

Located in 44 South Village, directly across from the Taipei World Trade Center, this was long ago nicknamed the "Little Grand Hyatt" because of the big hotel's proximity. The house specialty is *luwei*, or soy-stewed foods, the best-seller the *luwei* platter, presenting beef tendon, beef cartilage, beancurd skin, seaweed, dried beancurd, etc. The house's secret-recipe stewing sauce is the key to its great popularity.

Add: 12, Lane 178, Zhuangjing Rd., Taipei City
Tel: (02) 8789-3628



Image of the Luwei Platter, a traditional Taiwanese dish consisting of various ingredients stewed in a rich, flavorful sauce.

Chung Nan Restaurant – Pig's Knuckle with Soybean (MAP-B4)

This venerable restaurant, in place 50 years, specializes in old military-village standards, bringing in a steady stream of former village residents. Its signature dishes are pig's knuckle with soybean, kimchi beef, and carp with beancurd soup. The pig's knuckle takes much time and care, involving boiling in sea salt water, stewing in soy-sauce, and four hours of steaming before serving.

Add: 88, Sec. 3, Ren'ai Rd., Taipei City
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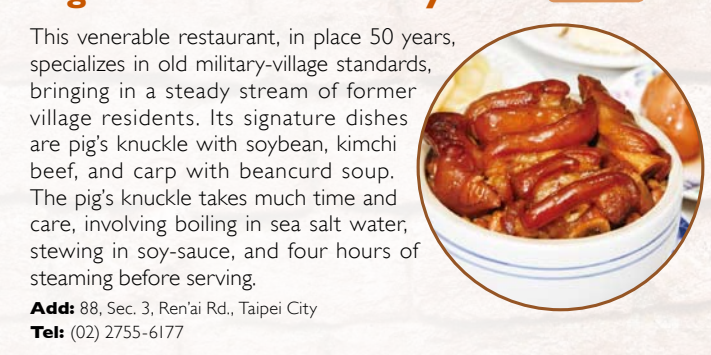


Image of the Pig's Knuckle with Soybean dish, a popular traditional Taiwanese dish.

Lu Guang Xiao Guan – Smoked Pork with Garlic Sprouts (MAP-C4)

Patrons here are regaled with old-time patriotic songs and old-time decorations. Favorite items are: braised minced pork balls, Sichuan-style spicy pepper chicken, and smoked pork with garlic sprouts. The pork is stir-fried, then the garlic sprouts are thrown in and quick-fried, releasing their natural sweetness and making them crispy.

Add: 103, Sec. 4, Civic Blvd., Taipei City
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Image of the Smoked Pork with Garlic Sprouts dish, a classic Taiwanese home-style cooking.

Er Kung Juan Cun Restaurant – Muxu Stir-Fried Scallion Pancake (MAP-C4)

The menu includes *muxu* stir-fried scallion pancake, chicken with dried radish, Hunan-style cured pork, and Sichuan-style "fly heads" stir-fry. The pancakes are sliced, threaded jelly ear fungus, egg, bean sprouts, and other items are added, and the mix is quick-fried over high heat, creating an inexpensive, hearty, tasty, and filling meal.

Add: 14, Lane 155, Dunhua N. Rd., Taipei City
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Image of the Muxu Stir-Fried Scallion Pancake, a popular street food in Taipei.

Cun Zi Kou – Stewed Fish Head (MAP-C4)

This well-known eatery pleases with quality food, nostalgic military village trappings, and the owner's easygoing personality. In winter, the stewed fish head is very popular, the broth made with soup bone, the fish first stir-fried, the thick broad-bean sauce stir-fried. Other well-known dishes popular all year round are the double-sauce noodles, stir-fried sliced pancake, soy-braised fish, and stir-fried stinky tofu.

Add: 34, Alley 52, Lane 12, Sec. 3, Bade Rd., Taipei City
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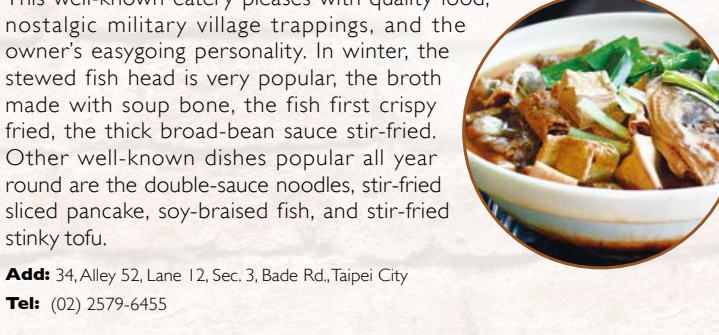


Image of the Stewed Fish Head dish, a traditional Taiwanese winter delicacy.

Wang Ji – Beancurd Rolls (MAP-C5)

Beancurd rolls are a military dependents' vegetable rolls. There are two kinds, fried and steamed; Wang Ji sells the first. Cabbage, vermicelli, Chinese cabbage, and other items are wrapped inside the skin, skin and ingredients are shaped like small cushions, and the roll is fried a golden-yellow. Other favorite offerings here are beef and pork rolls, green onion pancakes, and chive pot-stickers.

Add: 15, Lane 38, Tonghua St., Taipei City
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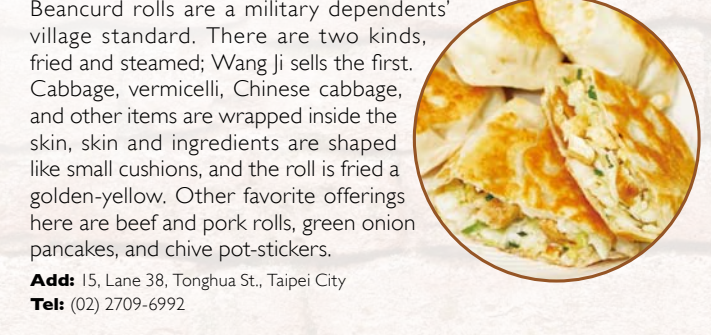


Image of the Beancurd Rolls, a popular street food in Taipei.

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Image of the Shangri-La Custom Tailor advertisement, showing a man in a suit and the text '晶華 西服專門店'.