

# 2021 Fun Taipei



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## With Events and Festivals All Year Round, It's Always Fun in Taipei!

There are countless festivals all year round in Taipei for visitors to see and enjoy, as well as chances to shop!

The city begins each year with the Taipei Lunar New Year Festival and the Taipei Lantern Festival. In spring, Taipei is in full bloom with cherry blossoms, azaleas, calla lilies and hydrangeas. In summer, the riverfront is the place to be to enjoy water-play activities and Taipei Valentine's Day. Fall is a poetic season for art lovers and culture aficionados when art exhibits and cultural performances take place across the city.

When the streets of Taipei are lit up in a sea of lights, it's Christmas time. With a grateful heart, pick up some gifts for friends and family. On December 31<sup>st</sup>, join the joyful crowd at the Taipei New Year's Eve Countdown Party as the perfect way to see in the new year!



## 1 JANUARY



### What's Fun in Taipei

As Taipei welcomes the New Year, the Lunar New Year market on Dihua Street and its surrounding district is the most festive place in the city. With an abundance of New Year goods and dazzling festive decorations, you won't go home empty-handed. Around this time, you can enjoy the grand sight of graceful camellia flowers in beautiful profusion at the Floriculture Experiment Center in Yangmingshan. Or for a dreamlike experience, why not see the cherry blossoms at night in Neihu's Lohas Park.

▶ **Taipei Camellias Show** 1/8-1/17

▶ **Taipei Lunar New Year Festival** 1/28-2/10

▶ **Lohas Cherry Blossom Festival** 1/31-2/28



## 2 FEBRUARY



### What's Fun in Taipei

The Lunar New Year festive atmosphere continues at the Taipei Lantern Festival, where tradition meets technology to produce a dazzling array of creative lantern designs every year. After the cold of February comes the eagerly anticipated Yangmingshan Flower Festival. To get the best effect of the cherry blossoms in full bloom, make sure to go up to Yangmingshan on a sunny day. The exquisite tulips at the Chiang Kai-Shek Shilin Residence are also well worth a look.

▶ **Yangmingshan Flower Festival** 2/6-3/21

▶ **Taipei Lantern Festival** 2/26-3/7

▶ **Shilin Residence Tulip Show** 2/26-3/7



## 3 MARCH



▶ **Calla Lily & Hydrangea Festival** 3/1-6/1

▶ **Taipei Rose Festival** 3/12-4/4

▶ **Taipei Azalea Festival** 3/13-4/5

▶ **Tour de Taiwan—Taipei City** 3/14

Rated a top level cycling competition by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), the Tour de Taiwan sees more than 20 elite professional cycling teams from all over the world compete each year. The course begins at Taipei City Hall and continues all the way to the south of Taiwan. Not to be missed for cycling enthusiasts!

▶ **Treasure Hill Light Festival** 3/27-5/9



## 4 APRIL



▶ **South Taipei Fun Carnival** 4/2-4/3

The southern districts of Taipei are home to numerous historic and cultural landmarks such as the Presidential Office Building, the Nanhai Academy and the Guling Street. The South Taipei Fun Carnival holds diverse events for families including theater and music performances, markets, exhibitions and tours, creating a vibrant cultural atmosphere and offering new perspectives through which to view the city.

▶ **Taipei Traditional Market Festival** 4/10-7/31

▶ **Baosheng Cultural Festival** 4/15-6/27

This festival is the event of the year at the Dalongdong Baoan Temple. Around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of the lunar calendar, the birthday of the Baosheng Emperor, the temple hosts a two-month festival which includes ritual events such as the pilgrimage, folk art performances, the Family Surnames Folk Opera and the Fire Lion Fireworks Show, a series of events that immerse visitors in rich folk tradition.

▶ **Taipei Yaochi Jinmu Cultural Festival**

late April to early May

The procession, organized by the Songshan Cihui Temple, creates a rare scene on the streets of Taipei. Borne by the crowd, the holy palanquin sets out on a grand tour accompanied by religious floats and "Din Tao" (lead parade vehicle). The spectacle has become a major visitor attraction.



## 5 MAY



▶ **Xi Kou Festival** early May

To celebrate the birth of Mazu and promote local culture, the Songshan Ciyou Temple holds a grand series of festive events, including the procession and traditional folk art performances.

▶ **Taipei 101 Run Up** early May

Considered an international sporting event, the Taipei 101 Run Up is a test for climbers. With a total of 91 floors and 2,046 steps, the 390-meter vertical race is one of the most difficult such challenges in the world and attracts participants from around the globe to compete.

▶ **Eid al-Fitr in Taipei** 5/16

Taipei is a Muslim-friendly city. For celebrations to mark the festival of Eid al-Fitr, singers are invited to perform to give Muslim residents and visitors a feel of home. Taipei residents may also experience Islamic culture through halal markets and cultural events of several kinds.

▶ **Wenshan Tea and Bamboo Shoots Folk Culture Festival** mid May



## 6 JUNE



▶ **Taipei Xia-Hai City God Cultural Festival** 6/1-7/4

A monthlong series of events includes traditional blessing ceremonies and banquets, and prayers to the City God to bless the Tamsui River and the health of Taipei residents. Meanwhile, Taiwanese Opera, street parades and artistic performances serve up a diverse cultural feast.

▶ **Taipei International Dragon Boat Championships** 6/12-6/14

▶ **Taipei Film Festival** 6/24-7/10

▶ **Taipei Children's Arts Festival** 6/25-8/1



## 7 JULY



### What's Fun in Taipei

When summer arrives, water provides essential relief from the sweltering heat. Kids on summer vacation go to cool off at the Taipei Water Festival and Taipei Riverside Children's Fun Carnival. Besides the fun of water play, there are also outdoor fairs and singing and dancing performances for parents and kids to enjoy the summertime together.

▶ **Taipei Water Festival** 7/3-8/29

▶ **Taipei Water Experience Activity** 7/10-8/29 (every weekend)

▶ **Taipei Riverside Children's Fun Carnival** 7/16-7/25

▶ **Taipei Arts Festival** 7/23-9/5



## 8 AUGUST



### What's Fun in Taipei

Taipei in August is a romantic place. At Qixi Festival, known as Chinese Valentine's Day, Dadaocheng Wharf's markets, concerts and firework shows are a must-see for singles and couples alike. August in Taipei is also a time for the arts, with cultural events and performances available to suit all ages.

▶ **Taipei Valentine's Day** 8/14

▶ **Taipei Fringe Festival** 8/20-9/5



## 9 SEPTEMBER



▶ **City God Temple of Taipei City—Zhongyuan Pudu Peace Praying Ceremony** 9/1

▶ **Taipei Jazz Festival** 9/1-10/1

▶ **Trending Tasty Taipei** early September to late September

At the confluence of diverse cultures, Taipei also leads in food culture trends. This month sees the release of a guide with gourmand-recommended restaurants for foodies to follow. It is also coupled with promotional activities to enhance your gourmet journey.

▶ **Taipei Heritage Day** 9/18-9/19

▶ **Confucius Day Commemoration Ceremony** 9/28



## 10 OCTOBER



▶ **Nuit Blanche Taipei** 10/2-10/3

▶ **Taiwan New Cultural Movement Festival** early October to late October

The Taiwan New Cultural Movement Memorial Museum marks its anniversary with a series of themed events covering the movement's key figures, events and artifacts from the 1920s and 1930s, taking visitors on a fascinating journey back in time.

▶ **Taipei Art District Festival** early October to early November

▶ **Taipei Night Market Festival** 10/15-11/30

▶ **Taipei International Birdwatching Fair** 10/16-10/17

▶ **Taipei Hakka Yimin Festival** 10/16-10/18

▶ **Taipei Hot Spring Festival** late October to November

Taipei Hot Spring Festival takes place every year in the Beitou area. Besides cultural events such as Taiwanese Opera, cultural-creative markets, street parades and Yukata activities, visitors may also enjoy various promotions offered from hot spring businesses.

▶ **Beitou Hot Spring Museum Anniversary** 10/27-11/12

▶ **Taiwan LGBT Pride** 10/30

The largest Pride parade in Asia sees rainbow flags across the city, representing Taipei's embrace of gender equality and diversity.

▶ **Guandu International Nature Art Festival** 10/31-12/31

## 11 NOVEMBER



▶ **Autumn Rose Exhibition** early November to late November

▶ **Bangka Qingshan Temple—Qingshan King Festival** 11/24-11/26

The 23<sup>rd</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> month of the lunar calendar marks the birth of the Qingshan King. Besides the Grand Worship of Bangka in the Wanhua area, there are also the Qingshan King night patrol and procession, making the festival one of the major religious events in Taipei.

▶ **Shilin Residence Chrysanthemum Show** 11/26-12/12

▶ **Gongguan Christmas** 11/26-12/31

▶ **#Xmas @ Taipei** 11/27-1/3/2022



## 12 DECEMBER



▶ **Taipei Marathon** 12/19

The Taipei Marathon is the largest marathon race in Taiwan and also a World Athletics certified world-class city marathon that attracts tens of thousands of participants each year. Running under the shade of the tree-lined Renai Road, runners will pass Taipei's historical city gates along the route—a unique way to experience the city on foot.

▶ **Taipei New Year's Eve Countdown Party** 12/31-1/1/2022



For the latest event information, please visit Taipei Travel Net.



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# Spring Flower



Calla Lily Festival



Yangmingshan Flower Festival



Lohas Cherry Blossom Festival



Shilin Residence Tulip Show



Hydrangea Festival



Taipei Rose Festival



Taipei Azalea Festival

## Lohas Cherry Blossom Festival

Situated by the Neigou Creek in Neihu, Lohas Park is a popular place to see cherry blossoms. Strolling among the 300 trees of various cherry varieties in bloom is a visual feast, especially in the evening under soft lighting and a starry night.

## Yangmingshan Flower Festival

Held for almost half a century, the Yangmingshan Flower Festival attracts tens of thousands of visitors each year to view the native Taiwan Cherry as well as Yoshino cherry, yaezakura, keio zakura, as well as camellia and azalea flowers in riotous profusion.

## Shilin Residence Tulip Show

A sea of tulips grown from bulbs imported from the Netherlands and Japan. Treated at low temperature, the colorful tulips not only turn Taipei into an exotic landscape but also welcome the start of spring.



## Taipei Rose Festival

The Taipei Rose Garden at the Xinsheng Park Area of the Taipei Expo Park has over 700 varieties of roses, including the recently introduced tea rose that can bloom all year round. At this secret garden for Taipei rose lovers, don't miss the peak time in both the spring and autumn.

## Taipei Azalea Festival

Azaleas can be spotted across Taipei in springtime as if the flowers are gently embracing the entire city. For many people this is a time for picnics and music in Daan Park and the National Taiwan University campus, surrounded by azaleas and the beauty of spring.

## Calla Lily & Hydrangea Festival

Every March, white calla lilies spread across Yangmingshan's Zhuzihu, making it seem almost like a polar snowscape. In recent years, colored calla lilies have been introduced to offset the field of white for visitors to enjoy. In May, multicolored hydrangeas bloom by the field of calla lilies, making Zhuzihu a popular site to "check-in" on social media.

### Recommendations

#### Taipei Camellias Show

Visit the Floriculture Experiment Center in January for a romantic encounter in the largest camellia garden in northern Taiwan.

#### Shilin Residence Chrysanthemum Show

In the coolness of autumn, Shilin Residence boasts chrysanthemums in full bloom, with various events for visitors to take part in.

## Taipei International Dragon Boat Championships

At Dragon Boat Festival, come watch the dragon boat races and cheer for teams from Taiwan and abroad at Dajia Riverside Park. Other fun activities to mark this traditional festival include egg balancing and making zongzi (sticky rice dumplings).

## Taipei Water Festival

The Taipei Water Festival at Taipei Water Park is a popular choice for family fun on sweltering summer days, with a water country garden and water play area. Away from the water, there are also outdoor fairs and music concerts to enjoy.

## Taipei Water Experience Activity

For more water-based activities in Taipei, check out the Dajia Riverside Park for kayaking, paddle boarding and dragon boat rowing. You'll find something fun to try whatever your level of expertise.



## Taipei Riverside Children's Fun Carnival

Taipei Riverside Children's Fun Carnival is coming to the Taipei Water Park. Besides colorful water slides for kids to cool off, there are also a whole range of events and fun activities to suit children of all ages.

## Taipei Valentine's Day

Meet at Dadaocheng on Chinese Valentine's Day. By day, explore arts and crafts in old lanes and taste authentic local foods. At dusk, take a stroll down the wharf to the market and listen to performers sing love songs. In the evening, watch dazzling fireworks light up the night sky reflected in the Tamsui River, making for a truly romantic Valentine's Day.



Taipei Valentine's Day



Taipei Water Experience Activity



Taipei Water Festival



Taipei International Dragon Boat Championships

# Summer Water



# Autumn Art



Taipei Arts Festival



Taipei Fringe Festival



Taipei Jazz Festival



Taipei Heritage Day



Nuit Blanche Taipei



Taipei Art District Festival



Guandu International Nature Art Festival

## Taipei Arts Festival

The Taipei Arts Festival invites giants from the art world and brings together major performances from Taiwan and abroad, including more than a dozen theater, dance and music events as well as large-scale exhibitions.

## Taipei Fringe Festival

The Taipei Fringe Festival reaches deep into everyday life with a diverse range of performers turning out at such unusual venues as cafes and pedestrian bridges, allowing for performances to be light and experimental.

## Taipei Jazz Festival

Each year the Taipei Jazz Festival invites musicians from Taiwan and abroad to perform in large outdoor concerts in Daan Park. Lectures and workshops are also part of the event series to enrich the autumn feast of music.

## Taipei Heritage Day

The third Saturday and Sunday of September mark National Heritage Day, and many historic landmarks in Taipei open their doors to the public to learn more about their preservation. Many museums also offer free admission.



## Nuit Blanche Taipei

The global nighttime festival Nuit Blanche opens in fall. Overnight cultural events transform Taipei into a large outdoor art museum, city stage and street theater for one single night.

## Taipei Art District Festival

Held in the artistic Dazhi and Neihu area, the Taipei Art District Festival invites art galleries and artists to take part. In addition to art exhibitions, there are many tours and lectures available for visitors.

## Guandu International Nature Art Festival

Artists from home and abroad are invited to the Guandu Nature Park to create on-site using natural materials for a beautiful fusion of art and nature. Public participation in the creative process also brings about a dialogue between people, art and nature.

### Recommendations

#### Taipei Film Festival

Starting in June, the Taipei Film Festival will play host to a selection of films by big name directors as well as rising stars to broaden the horizons of cineastes.

#### Taipei Children's Arts Festival

During the summer, a series of indoor theater and community art performances and free outdoor performances are planned especially with children in mind.

## Gongguan Christmas

The Taipei Water Park will install a floral landscape and nighttime romantic lanterns for the public to take photos and check in. There will also be musical performances and artistic events to convey warm seasonal wishes and impart Gongguan's winter charm.

## #Xmas @ Taipei

The streets of Taipei are lit up in a sea of lights with large Christmas trees in public spaces towards the end of each year. Commercial districts and department stores also compete in promotional offers and you may come across handicrafts and food trucks at Christmas holiday markets. Grab the chance to pick up some gifts for your friends—and for yourself!

## Taipei New Year's Eve Countdown Party

Join a host of celebrities at the Taipei New Year's Eve Countdown Party in front of Taipei City Hall, and enjoy the annual Taipei 101 New Year fireworks show that is covered by international media and has become one of Taiwan's major events of the year. Taipei never fails to prepare for the New Year with bright street decorations and events to create unforgettable memories.



## Taipei Lunar New Year Festival

To experience the traditional Lunar New Year atmosphere, Dihua Street—famous as the go-to place for New Year goods and decorations—forms the center of a number of neighboring commercial districts also bustling with New Year energy.

## Taipei Lantern Festival

Combining innovation and technology, the Taipei Lantern Festival not only shows off folk culture but also brings interactive technology and audio-visual arts to create a stunning lantern show, along with a splendid carnival parade and themed performances that challenge the conventional perceptions of this traditional festival.



Taipei New Year's Eve Countdown Party



Taipei Lunar New Year Festival



#Xmas @ Taipei



Taipei Lantern Festival

# Winter Celebration

