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# Trendy West

## Dreamy Days at The Red House

Ximending, literally "west gate area," is home to historical landmarks, trendy culture, and street foods. Of this must-go spot for foreign visitors, The Red House and open-air bars on its South Square are considered a spiritual haven for the LGBT+ community, glittering proudly as a rainbow canvas beckoning to free souls.





## 1 The Red House

The Red House has witnessed and undergone many changes in its century-plus history. Once a favorite movie house among the gay community, it is today a trendy hub for cultural and artistic creativities during the daytime. After nightfall, the open-air bars on its South Square are always abuzz with laughter. This open space attests how the LGBT+ community can step out of the shadows and enjoy themselves.

📍 10, Chengdu Rd., Taipei City 📞 (02)2311-9380



## 2 Rainbow Six

On May 17, 2019, Taiwan became the first country in Asia to legalize same-sex marriage. To commemorate this milestone, the Taipei City Government installed a land art work titled *Rainbow Six* at Exit 6 of MRT Ximen Station. This is now not only a top check-in spot on social media, but also a fitting declaration of Taipei's message of pride to the world.

📍 Exit 6, MRT Ximen Station



### 3

## Ketagalan Boulevard



Ketagalan Boulevard, in front of the Presidential Office Building, is a major site for marches where people voice their demands to promote the country's progress. This venue has also served as the starting and end point for Taiwan LGBT+ Pride multiple times, a witness to how gender and marriage equality have sprouted in Taipei.

🏠 Ketagalan Blvd., Taipei City

### 4

## 228 Peace Park



228 Peace Park used to be an important rendezvous point for gay men. Many suffered unlawful detention amid a massive police raid on nearby Changde Street, leaving behind an indelible mark of sorrow. With the rise of awareness, the Taipei City Government transformed the somber park entrance into "The Rainbow Gate," a symbol of coming to terms with the bitter past of the LGBT+ community.

🏠 3, Ketagalan Blvd., Taipei City



### 5

## PAR.T



Taking its name from the word "part," the store aims to convey the idea that the LGBT+ community is an intrinsic part of society. In addition to offering a diverse range of products such as gender-neutral underwear and rainbow accessories, the store also helps promote the cause by sponsoring equality movement activities.

🏠 24, Ln. 55, Neijiang St., Taipei City

☎ (02)2375-2112

### 6

## Somebody Café



The illustrator/shop owner has created an elegant interior adorned with artworks and greenery. On the menu are coffee, afternoon tea, and brunch, making it a favorite spot for local youth and tourists alike. The shop has also endorsed Taiwan's legalization of same-sex marriage by organizing a postcard giveaway event to support the LGBT+ community.

🏠 2F, 65, Chengdu. Rd., Taipei City ☎ (02)2311-2371



## 7 Mudan ✕

Enjoy the best view of The Red House here, with red lanterns suspended from the trees, rainbow flags proudly flying, and the flickering lights creating a romantic yet nostalgic atmosphere. In keeping with the tradition of "tea offerings under trees," Mudan has created a friendly dining space where everyone can bask.

🏠 43, Ln. 10, Chengdu. Rd., Taipei City ☎ (02)2370-0940

## 8 G2 Paradise 🍸

Vibrant and colorful, G2 Paradise is undoubtedly an establishment with an impeccable ambiance, offering dozens of flair bartending concoctions, ensuring a delightful surprise each time even after a series of rounds. It is no surprise LGBT+ individuals from around the world have thronged the place, creating a mini United Nations.

🏠 39, Ln. 10, Chengdu. Rd., Taipei City ☎ (02)2388-8730



## 9 Café Dalida 🍸



Reminiscent of a tropical forest, this café is decorated with lush greenery, potted palms, and hanging foliage. The soothing ambiance attracts domestic and foreign visitors alike, while drag queen performances on weekends bring the house down with their dazzling glamour.

🏠 51, Ln. 10, Chengdu. Rd., Taipei City ☎ (02)2370-7833

## 10 Locker Room 🍸

The décor here is patterned after a gym: in addition to locker and shower rooms, the seating area is adorned with white tiles and frosted glass. There is even a showerhead over the dance floor for dancers to give passionate macho wet shows. You can volunteer for a close encounter with the entertainers amidst the water drenching.

🏠 34, Neijiang St., Taipei City ☎ (02)2331-8291



# Hipster South

## Neighborhoods of Cultural Fragrance

Imbued with a rich cultural legacy of literary ambiance, the Gongguan, Longquan, and Yongkang Shopping Districts house a wealth of bookstores and exhibition spaces. Over the years southern Taipei has helped nurture Taiwan's gender awareness in defiance of the restraints of the time, establishing an inclusive society that will continue to flourish.





# 1

## National Taiwan University

A free and open campus throughout the years, NTU has nurtured a multitude of gender-related student organizations, and students have played a pivotal role in pushing for gender equality in Taiwan. Never shunning away from obstacles, they always stand at the forefront in defense of gender equality. Indeed, they are no less than crusaders dedicated to Taiwan's equality movement.

📍 1, Sec. 4, Roosevelt Rd., Taipei City 📞 (02)3366-3366



# 2

## Fembooks

Established in 1994, this was the first feminist bookstore in the Chinese-speaking world featuring a section devoted to LGBT+ volumes. It is a place where women's voices can be heard and where LGBT+ individuals can freely associate. Visitors are encouraged to make themselves at home and express their feelings.

📍 2F, 7, Ln. 56, Sec. 3, Xincheng S. Rd., Taipei City  
📞 (02)2363-8244



### 3

## Tonsan Bookstore



With a history spanning 40 years, this enterprise is hailed as a pioneer independent bookstore that has stood tall as a guiding light for countless bookworms and social activists. Deeply involved in the "Rainbow Community in Gongguan" project, it is now listed as a Taipei Friendly Store whose shelves feature literature pertaining to the LGBT+ community.

🏠 B1, 9, Ln. 333, Sec. 3, Roosevelt Rd., Taipei City  
☎ (02)2363-3072

### 4

## PIPE Live Music



Transformed from a century-old pumping station, this music venue boasts a spacious and comfortable riverside space perfect for artistic and cultural performances, thus attracting many eminent musicians. Apart from rave parties, band performances, and live idol events, PIPE Live Music also frequently hosts various LGBT+ activities.

🏠 1, Siyuan St., Taipei City  
☎ (02)2365-3524



### 5

## Bistro O



Tucked away in a quiet alley, Bistro O is a cozy café by day and a Spanish tapas bar by night. Inside, bookshelves lined with many LGBTQ-themed titles, warm wooden interiors, and a tranquil atmosphere create a welcoming retreat for LGBT+ groups seeking a peaceful escape from the bustle of the city.

🏠 2F, 3, Ln. 49, Shida Rd., Taipei City  
☎ (02)2363-7170





## 6 Rainbow Queer Wellness & Cultural Center



The first wellness and cultural space in Taiwan dedicated to the queer community, it provides LGBT-friendly health resources and regularly hosts lectures and workshops, including monthly yoga classes. Queer people can find accurate information and empowering support here, while building a sense of belonging with one another.

🏠 9F-4, 70, Sec. 2, Roosevelt Rd., Taipei City  
☎ (02)2392-0010

## 7 Leaf Coffee ✂

A cozy space bathed in a warm yellow glow, Leaf Coffee stands out as a haven of tranquility in a bustling district. The place stays open well into the night and allows patrons to keep their seats as long as they want. Once a participant in the "Rainbow Community in Gongguan" project, the café is committed to helping expand LGBT-friendly spaces with its gentle power.

🏠 16-1, Aly. 14, Ln. 283, Sec. 3, Roosevelt Rd., Taipei City  
☎ (02)2363-4943



## 8 Witch House ✂

While most live houses tend to feature a masculine vibe, Witch House shines as a unique venue of distinctly feminine qualities, laying the foundation for feminism awareness in the music scene. Many singers and bands who speak out for gender equality have performed here. While enjoying the good food and drink, Witch House also provides an experience of diversity and inclusivity.

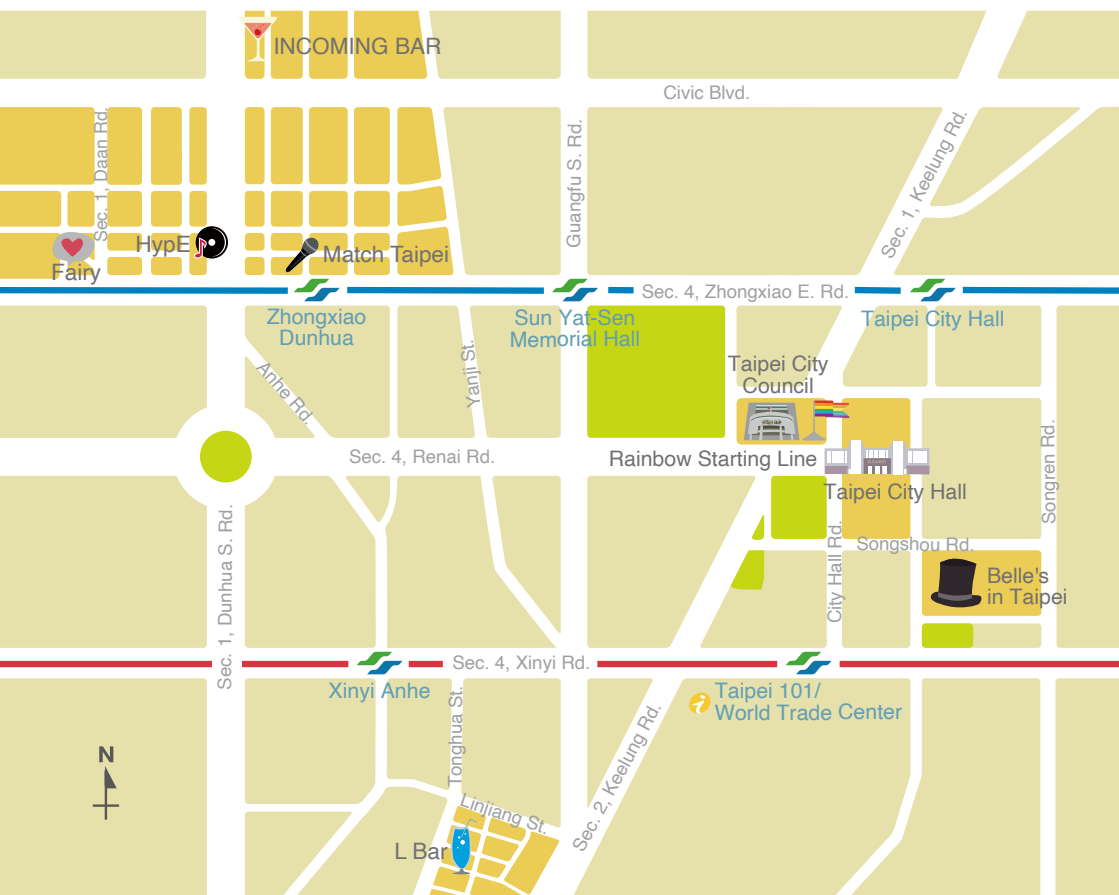
🏠 7, Ln. 56, Sec. 3, Xincheng S. Rd., Taipei City  
☎ (02)2362-5494



# Chic East

## Radiant Splendor in the Night

Eastern Taipei, with its bustling commercial activities, offers the city's most fashionable nightscapes. During the day you can visit Taipei City Hall Square, a tangible symbol of Taipei's commitment to gender equality. As night falls, you can indulge in the city's ravishing multitude of bistros, bars, and clubs, reveling in the captivating charm of the city's diversity.





# 1

## Rainbow Starting Line



Stretched out on Taipei City Hall Square, the *Rainbow Starting Line* is the city's second work of rainbow land art, following the *Rainbow Six*. The six-color spectrum signifies the pride and passion of the LGBT+ community as well as the city's unwavering commitment to gender equality as Asia's frontrunner in promoting friendliness.

🏠 Taipei City Hall Square



# 2

## Taipei City Hall & Taipei City Council



In 2015, the Taipei City Government requested a constitutional interpretation on same-sex marriage, and the following year, in accordance with the Council's proposal, the city hall raised a rainbow flag on the day of Taiwan LGBT+ Pride for the first time. In recent years, the city government has further promoted LGBT+ friendliness to create an inclusive environment.

Taipei City Hall 🏠 1, City Hall Rd., Taipei City  
Taipei City Council 🏠 507, Sec. 4, Renai Rd., Taipei City



### 3

## INCOMING BAR



A Korean-style lesbian bar, INCOMING BAR regularly hosts LGBT-themed parties and karaoke nights. Enjoy singing and mingling to the music in the open lounge or cozy private rooms. From romantic dates to fun nights with friends, the relaxed atmosphere ensures a great time.

🏠 69, Sec. 1, Dunhua S. Rd., Taipei City

☎ (02)2577-0131

### 4

## Fairy



This popular bistro features a well-stocked liquor cabinet as its most eye-catching art installation. The extraordinary craftsmanship in both cuisine and cocktails makes this place irresistible. During weekends, it turns to a real-life "fairyland" for regulars seeking a carefree night out.

🏠 3F, 2, Ln. 49, Sec. 4, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Taipei City

☎ (02)2741-8852



### 5

## HypE



Tucked away in the alleys, HypE is a Korean-style bar pulsing with thumping electro beats – from the latest K-pop hits to popular Chinese and English dance anthems. Drag queen performances and vibrant dance shows add to the excitement, making this place a must-visit for everyone.

🏠 B1, 2, Ln. 190, Sec. 1, Dunhua S. Rd., Taipei City





## 6

### Match Taipei



Match is a karaoke bar with dopamine decor, creating a lively and vibrant atmosphere. It features various themed parties, including unique Open Mic sessions where professional musicians provide live accompaniment and backing vocals, allowing you to be the star and sing your heart out! Handsome staff and fruit cocktails are also major highlights.

📍 3F-4, 177, Sec. 4, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Taipei City  
☎ (02)2778-8821

## 7

### L Bar



L bar is a casual space gently enveloped in a sea-blue hue, in which patrons can easily clear their minds as they sip the house special cocktails. While no meals are served, the place allows outside food that you are welcome to share with others and spark beautiful friendships.

📍 135, Tonghua St., Taipei City ☎ 0952-188-353



## 8

### Belle's in Taipei



Belle's features a round counter under a carousel-like canopy, surrounded by vibrant graffiti murals, as is fitting for a magical place that comes alive only in the depths of the night. Let the pulsating music take you to the elevated stage, where stylish men, alluring ladies, and dazzling drag queens showcase their charms to the fullest just like in the film *Burlesque*.

📍 7F, 12, Songshou Rd., Taipei City (ATT 4 Fun)



# Charming North

## A Symphony of the Old and New

This old sector of Taipei captivates visitors with its rich historical heritage and the brand-new look it now exhibits. The Tiaotong Commercial District has not only preserved traces of the Japanese culture but also emerged as a hotspot for LGBT+ pub nightlife. Beneath the mysterious ambiance is a secret invitation for you to explore.





# 1

## MoCA Taipei



As Taiwan's first museum geared toward contemporary art, this facility once staged "Spectrosynthesis — Asian LGBTQ Issues and Art Now," the first LGBT-centered art exhibition in Asia. It has continued to organize such exhibitions and lectures, helping gender equality bloom throughout Taipei.

🏠 39, Changan W. Rd., Taipei City  
☎ (02)2552-3721

# 2

## Illumination Books & Athena Books



These two sister bookstores are both located in converted old houses. Illumination Books features a vintage feel like a soft-spoken whisper. In contrast, Athena Books exudes an Old Europe highbrow grandeur reminiscent of a more impassioned tune. The two frequently co-host LGBT-friendly events.



Illumination Books

🏠 2F, 16, Ln. 47, Chifeng St., Taipei City  
☎ (02)2550-7288



Athena Books

🏠 7, Ln. 41, Chifeng St., Taipei City  
☎ (02)2559-1988

### 3

#### HIWOW STUDIO



Established by a gay couple, the studio specializes in photographing testaments of love for same-sex couples. Every year, the studio attends Taiwan LGBT+ Pride to take snapshots, using their lens to document the LGBT+ movement. Each touching instant is thus captured for eternity.

📍 2F, 5, Ln. 96, Sec. 2, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei City  
☎ 0980-455-045



### 4

#### SPOT-Huashan



Located in the Huashan 1914 Creative Park, this is the country's first national art cinema. Apart from showcasing art films, classic reruns, and film festivals, it also screens films with LGBT+ themes from time to time. Amidst the interplay of light and shadow, this is where myriad stories unfold and inspire many souls.

📍 1, Sec. 1, Bade Rd., Taipei City ☎ (02)2394-0622

### 5

#### Chè-lâm Presbyterian Church in Taipei



The church played an important role in the history of Taiwan's LGBTQ+ movement, and it has displayed the rainbow flag at several key moments in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights, publicly expressing its support for LGBTQ+ equality and the legalization of same-sex marriage.

📍 3, Zhongshan S. Rd., Taipei City ☎ (02)2321-7391



### 6

#### Tong-Kwang Church



Being Taiwan's first church formed by the LGBT+ community, it stands as a beacon of acceptance and spiritual refuge. Through Sunday services, weekday meetings, and various charity works dedicated to the underprivileged, the church fosters a positive impact on both its members and society.

📍 7F, 50, Sec. 1, Changan E. Rd., Taipei City  
☎ 0970-641-420



## 7 1st. Floor Bar Taipei

This is an LGBTQ-friendly space that combines cocktails, music, and human interaction. The rainbow flag on the stage wall symbolizes diversity and freedom. Visitors can take the stage and belt out their inner diva, fostering connections and friendships with each other.

🏠 B1, 32, Ln. 135, Sec. 1, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei City  
☎ (02)2537-6051



## 8 G\*star Club

Energetic singing and dancing defines this incredibly popular longtime gay club in Taipei. The glittering dance floor is filled with stylish men and women. From Western electro to K-POP, everyone can groove to the music and follow the beat. From the second-floor balcony, you can lock eyes on the party queen or king of your heart!

🏠 B1, 23, Longjiang Rd., Taipei City ☎ (02)2721-8323



## 9 TABOO

A renowned lesbian bar, this is a must-visit spot for LGBT+ travelers from around the world. It has even been invited to host parties abroad. Relaxed and carefree, TABOO is considered a spiritual home for many lesbian souls. Its wide range of exciting events and parties constantly bring people back for more.

🏠 B1, 90, Sec. 2, Jianguo N. Rd., Taipei City ☎ (02)2518-1119



## 10 Wonder bar

This popular lesbian bar is internationally famed within the LGBT+ community. In addition to themed parties, the bar often presents recommended LGBT+ films, and even initiates crowdfunding to support such works. With a female-only staff, it is a safe and cozy environment perfect for an enchanting girls' night out.

🏠 183, Fuxing N. Rd., Taipei City ☎ (02)2716-6036





## *Pride Celebrations*

## Where Rainbows Meet

Taipei is home to a proud group of activists. A variety of initiatives have been taken to convey friendliness and inclusiveness, welcoming the LGBT+ community from across the globe for wonderful encounters.

## May

**International Day  
Against Homophobia**

This day is to advocate for an end to discrimination and violence against the LGBT+ community. As the first Asian city to join the Rainbow Cities Network, Taipei has raised the rainbow flag symbolizing gender equality at the city hall on May 17 every year since 2020.

## June

**LGBT Pride Month**

The Stonewall Uprising in New York in June 1969 was a tipping point for gay rights movement and has later evolved into an annual celebration worldwide in the form of various gender equality initiatives. International leading brands and friendly businesses in Taipei actively show solidarity.



# October

**Taiwan LGBT+ Pride**

**Taipei Rainbow Festival**

Taiwan LGBT+ Pride is held on the last Saturday of every October. This largest gay pride parade in East Asia has had different advocacy themes over the years, from ending discrimination to calling for equality, with a view to uniting collective efforts and driving progress.

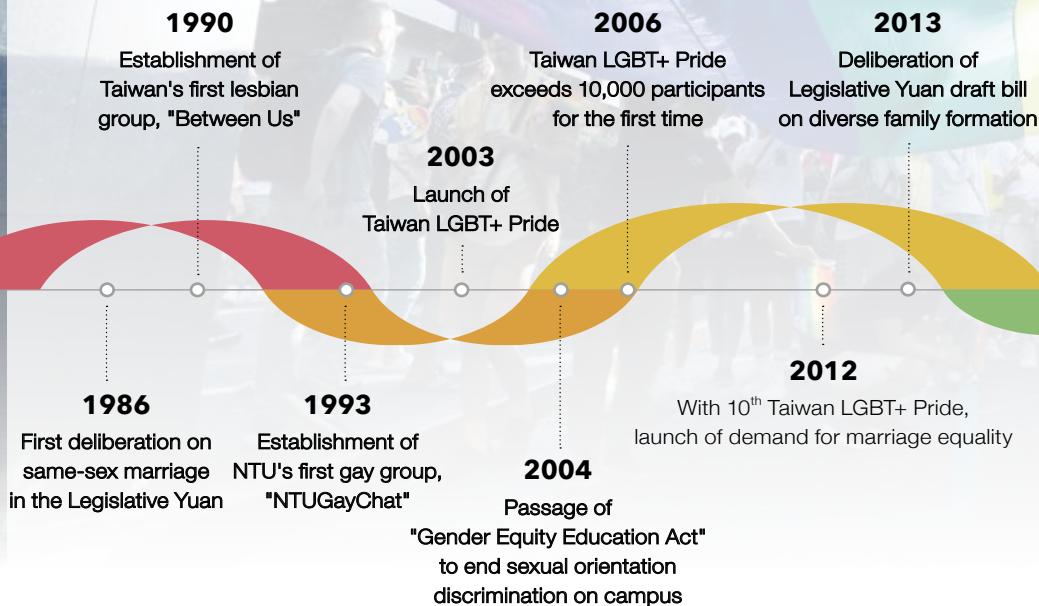
Co-organized by the Taipei Culture Foundation and The Red House, this event coincides with Taiwan LGBT+ Pride. Gender-friendly brands are joined by distinguished figures from the LGBT+ community presenting a free and vibrant rainbow carnival for like-minded individuals.

## Milestone Retrospect

### Moving Forward Together

Taiwan's LGBT+ movement began as early as the 1990s. Far from a road of roses, the collective power built up and a social consensus was forged. Slowly but surely, the living space for the LGBT+ community is eventually expanded.

From hiding in the shadows of 228 Peace Park to proudly embarking on Ketagalan Boulevard to fight for rights, Taiwan's LGBT+ movement has turned a new page. Yet we must keep moving forward for an even brighter and colorful future.



Taipei Travel Net-Travel by Rainbow  
[travel.taipei/en/must-visit/rainbow](http://travel.taipei/en/must-visit/rainbow)

Taipei Friendly Store  
[friendlystore.taipei/index.php/en](http://friendlystore.taipei/index.php/en)

Taiwan Rainbow Civil Action Association  
[taiwanpride.lgbt/about](http://taiwanpride.lgbt/about)

Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBTQ+) Hotline Association  
[hotline.org.tw](http://hotline.org.tw)

Taiwan Equality Campaign  
[equallove.tw/en/about-us](http://equallove.tw/en/about-us)

Taiwan LGBT Family Rights Advocacy  
[lgbtfamily.org.tw/?lg=en](http://lgbtfamily.org.tw/?lg=en)

Taiwan Alliance to Promote Civil Partnership Rights  
[tapcpr.org/english](http://tapcpr.org/english)

Chè-lâm Presbyterian Church in Taipei  
[chi-nanchurch.tw](http://chi-nanchurch.tw)

Tong-Kwang Light House Presbyterian Church  
[tkchurch.org](http://tkchurch.org)

True Light Gospel Church  
[truelightgc.org](http://truelightgc.org)



**2017**

Taiwan LGBT+ Pride exceeds 100,000 participants for the first time

**2020**

Taiwan LGBT+ Pride is the world's largest pride parade of the year thanks to Taiwan's success in COVID-19 containment

**2022**

Taiwan LGBT+ Pride's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**2015**

Taipei's mass weddings made accessible to same-sex partners  
Taipei City Government petitions for constitutional interpretation on same-sex marriage

**2019**

Passage of "Act for Implementation of J.Y. Interpretation No. 748," making Taiwan first in Asia to legalize same-sex marriage

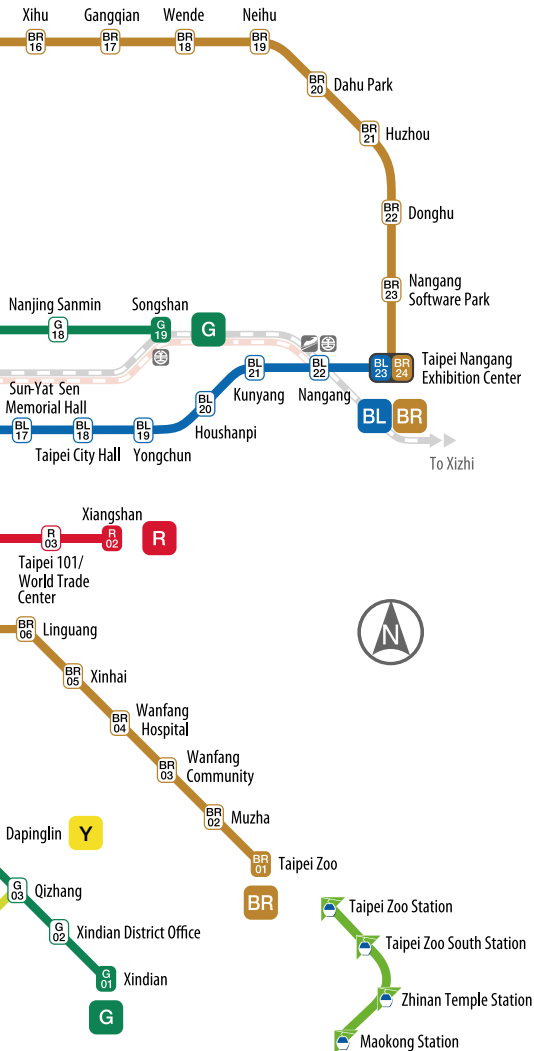
**2023**

Transnational same-sex marriages are allowed  
Passage of an amendment to "Act for Implementation of J.Y. Interpretation No. 748," allowing adoption of children neither partner is related to





## Legend

-  **BR** Wenhua Line
-  **R** Tamsui-Xinyi Line
-  **G** Songshan-Xindian Line
-  **O** Zhonghe-Xinlu Line
-  **BL** Bannan Line
-  **Y** Circular Line
-  **Maokong Gondola**
-  **Airport**
-  **HSR**
-  **TR**
-  **Taoyuan Airport MRT**
-  **V** Danhai LRT
-  **K** Ankeng LRT



## Transportation Information

### Metro Taipei

-  (02)218-12345 (24/7 Customer Service)
-  [english.metro.taipei](http://english.metro.taipei)



### Taipei Fun Pass

-  [funpass.travel.taipei](http://funpass.travel.taipei)



### YouBike Public Bicycles

-  1999 (outside Taipei City, please dial 02-2720-8889) ext. 5855
-  [en.youbike.com.tw](http://en.youbike.com.tw)


### Maokong Gondola

-  (02)218-12345(24/7 Customer Service)
-  [english.gondola.taipei](http://english.gondola.taipei)


### Blue Highway

-  [english.dot.gov.taipei](http://english.dot.gov.taipei)
-  [river-fun.taipei](http://river-fun.taipei)
- (Please contact boat companies for cruise info.)

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-  MRT Beitou Station—Zhuzihu
-  [taiwantrip.com.tw](http://taiwantrip.com.tw)

### Taipei Sightseeing Bus

-  [taipeisightseeing.com.tw/en](http://taipeisightseeing.com.tw/en)

### Visitor Information Centers

-  [travel.taipei/en/information/servicecenter](http://travel.taipei/en/information/servicecenter)

### Route Map



Routes are depicted schematically  
and do not reflect the exact location.

