

TAIPEI Songshan



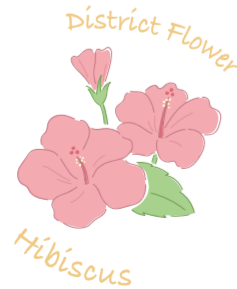
Relaxed Living with an Artsy Vibe

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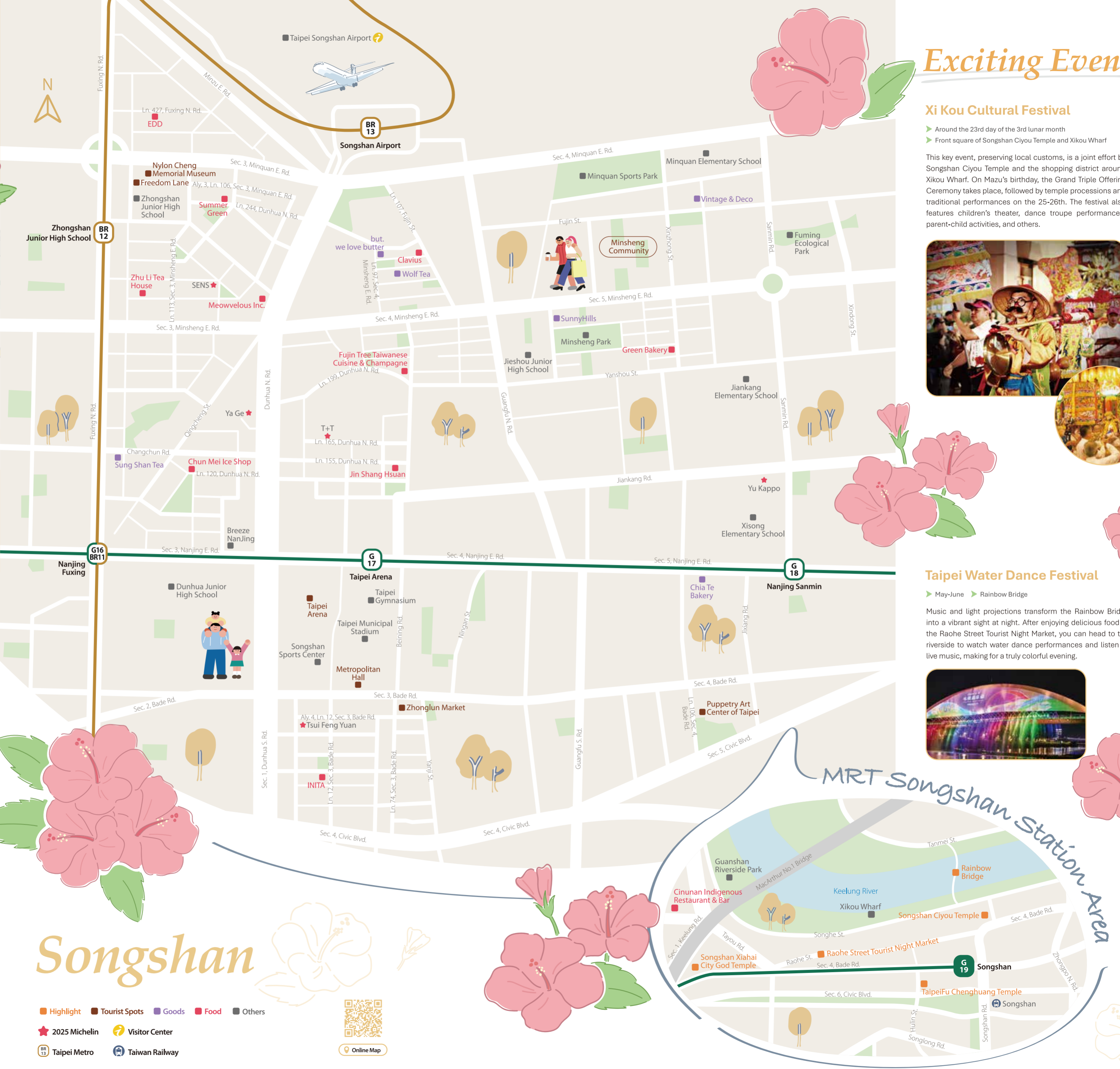


Songshan, once known as Xikou, evolved from a riverside settlement and the area around Songshan Ciyou Temple into today's bustling district core. Visitors can explore temples to grasp local history and unique traditions, sample delights at Raohe Street Tourist Night Market, or relax with tea and snacks in the tranquil specialty shops of Minsheng Community.



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Exciting Events

Xi Kou Cultural Festival

- ▶ Around the 23rd day of the 3rd lunar month
- ▶ Front square of Songshan Ciyou Temple and Xikou Wharf

This key event, preserving local customs, is a joint effort by Songshan Ciyou Temple and the shopping district around Xikou Wharf. On Mazu's birthday, the Grand Triple Offering Ceremony takes place, followed by temple processions and traditional performances on the 25-26th. The festival also features children's theater, dance troupe performances, parent-child activities, and others.



Taipei Water Dance Festival

- ▶ May-June
- ▶ Rainbow Bridge

Music and light projections transform the Rainbow Bridge into a vibrant sight at night. After enjoying delicious food at the Raohe Street Tourist Night Market, you can head to the riverside to watch water dance performances and listen to live music, making for a truly colorful evening.



Highlight

Around MRT Songshan Station

Raohe Street Tourist Night Market

► Raohe St. (between Tayou Rd. and Sec. 4, Bade Rd.)

This night market is a must-visit culinary spot for travelers. It features Michelin Bib-recommended vendors selling pepper buns, vermicelli noodles, and mochi, alongside Taiwanese favorites like fresh-boiled squid and crispy stinky tofu.



Songshan Ciyou Temple

► 761, Sec. 4, Bade Rd. ► (02) 2766-3012

Built in 1753, this temple enshrines the Black-faced Mazu and serves as a renowned local center of faith. It features fortune-telling poem machines with translations in six languages, allowing foreign visitors to gain deeper insights into Taiwan's traditional religious beliefs and ceremonial culture.



Rainbow Bridge

► Songhe St. (outside Raohe Evacuation Gate)

Rainbow Bridge, which spans the Keelung River, connects Songshan and Neihu districts. It's only open to pedestrians and bicycles and appears even more striking at night under its light projections.



TaipeiFu Chenghuang Temple

► 3, Hulin St. ► (02) 2769-2220

This temple is also known as Zhaoming Temple, so named to signify "clear retribution and distinct good and evil." Its main hall houses the City God and attracts numerous devotees who come to worship.



Songshan Xiahai City God Temple

► 439, Sec. 4, Bade Rd. ► (02) 2765-2046

This temple houses deities including the City God, God of Wealth, and Matchmaker God. Each year on the 5th day of the Chinese New Year, it hosts a God of Wealth welcoming ceremony, featuring traditions like distributing fortune money to pray for good luck throughout the year.



Goods

Wolf Tea

► 8, Aly. 6, Ln. 97, Sec. 4, Minsheng E. Rd. ► 0970-844-235

This shop carefully selects high-mountain teas from across Taiwan, hand-brewing them to create unique, sweet aftertaste flavors. They offer seasonal tea tastings and sell their own tea ware and customized gift boxes.



but. we love butter

► 102, Fujin St. ► (02) 2547-1207

This store specializes in butter desserts. Their signature rich butter cookie adds sun-dried salt, and has a soft texture with a milky aroma. The cookie comes in various flavors, satisfying any dessert lover's cravings.



Vintage & Deco

► 1, Ln. 429, Fujin St. ► 0916-216-828

A charming shop specializing in European and American antiques and vintage collectibles. Browse through tin toys, vinyl records, old cameras, and other treasures that carry the marks of time. Each visit promises new discoveries and hidden gems waiting to be found.



SunnyHills

► 1, Aly. 4, Ln. 36, Sec. 5, Minsheng E. Rd. ► (02) 2760-0508

This pineapple cake brand, originally from Nantou County, uses native Taiwanese pineapples in its cakes. The cakes are blended with malt sugar, preserving the fruit's sweet and sour taste and fibrous texture.



Sung Shan Tea

► 422, Changchun Rd. ► (02) 2507-9165

With direct delivery from their own tea plantation, the proprietor of this shop uses traditional craftsmanship to produce premium teas such as oolong, black tea, and pu-erh. The store also features a tea tasting area where you can learn about each tea's characteristics.



Chia Te Bakery

► 88, Sec. 5, Nanjing E. Rd. ► (02) 8787-8186

Established in 1975, this bakery brand is a perpetually popular shop to buy souvenirs. Among its bestselling items are pineapple, cranberry pineapple, and phoenix cakes with salted egg yolk.



Tourist Spots

Taipei Arena

► 2, Sec. 4, Nanjing E. Rd. ► (02) 2578-3536

This is a sports arena that frequently hosts various sport events, large-scale concerts, and performances. It also features an ice-skating rink, restaurants, and a fitness center.



Zhonglun Market

► Around 76 and Ln. 74, Sec. 3, Bade Rd.

This traditional market preserves local ingredients and cultural character, offering groceries, fresh produce and other daily necessities. Its indoor food court has stalls selling sushi, lotus root tea, beef noodles, guabao, teppan steak, and various other snacks and cooked foods.



Food

EDD

► 20, Ln. 427, Fuxing N. Rd. ► (02) 8712-0058

This dessert shop is in a traditional Chinese medicine store. Their signature Dark Plum Chocolate Tart features a sauce made from cooked roselle, hawthorn, and dark plum, paired with chocolate and whipped cream, and garnished with osmanthus.



Summer Green

► 37, Ln. 244, Dunhua N. Rd. ► (02) 2713-4533

This restaurant specializes in fine Italian cuisine made with traditional Chinese medicine. They combine chili peppers, cordyceps flowers, angelica, and other elements with beef and seafood, enhanced with scallop broth to create Spaghetti and other innovative dishes.



Zhu Li Tea House

► 15, Aly. 6, Ln. 113, Sec. 3, Minsheng E. Rd. ► (02) 2717-1455

This restaurant serves vegetarian cuisine in a tea house setting. The most popular product is Loofah Xiaolongbao. They also offer Mung Bean Paste Rice Roll with Osmanthus, Black Rice Cake with Red Bean, and other tea snacks, perfectly paired with Taiwan tea for exquisite flavors.



Minsheng Community

► Area bounded by Minquan E. Rd., Tayou Rd., Yanshou St., and Dunhua N. Rd.

Tree-lined streets and wide sidewalks connect several parks in this community, creating a comfortable atmosphere perfect for leisurely walks. It is also home to uniquely styled furniture stores, restaurants, and cafés.



Freedom Lane

► Aly. 3, Ln. 106, Sec. 3, Minquan E. Rd. ► (02) 2546-8766 (Nylon Cheng Memorial Museum)

This lane marks the daily route of Nylon Cheng, editor-in-chief of *Freedom Era Weekly*, and the site where he died by self-immolation in support of freedom of speech. His former magazine office, at 3F, 11 in the lane, is now the Nylon Cheng Memorial Museum. Visitors can learn about his life and contributions through guided tours and documentaries. Reservations are required in advance.



Chilled noodles



Meowvelous Inc.

► 218, Dunhua N. Rd. ► (02) 2717-7596

This restaurant-bar offers Chinese/Western cuisine and cocktails. They creatively upgrade classic Taiwanese snacks, such as beef noodles, poached chicken, and chilled noodles, and serve sweet treats like pearl milk tea and tiramisu.

Clavius

► 120, Fujin St. ► (02) 2514-0356

This restaurant offers a unique vegetarian dining and wine experience. The space is designed in a modern wabi-sabi style, while the cuisine creatively fuses characteristics from across Asia.



Green Bakery

► 64, Aly. 8, Ln. 36, Sec. 5, Minsheng E. Rd. ► (02) 2747-7668

This pure-vegan dessert shop uses soy milk and tofu as alternatives to eggs and milk. Their French Orange Vegan Pound Cake swaps sugar and butter for trehalose and coconut oil, adding orange zest sauce and candied orange for a multi-layered flavor.



Fujin Tree Taiwanese Cuisine & Champagne (Songshan)

► 17, Ln. 199, Dunhua N. Rd. ► (02) 8712-8770

This restaurant promotes the essence of "slow food" through refined Taiwanese cuisine. Signature dishes include the crispy and tender Sauteed Pork Liver with XO Sauce and the classic Minced Pork with Chives, Century Eggs, and Peppers.



Puppetry Art Center of Taipei

► 2F, 99, Sec. 5, Civic Blvd. ► (02) 2528-9553

This center focuses on puppet exhibitions, education, and theater, showcasing the development of hand puppetry, marionettes, and shadow puppetry, offering something for all ages to explore the history and culture of puppet theater.



Metropolitan Hall

► 25, Sec. 3, Bade Rd. ► (02) 2577-5931

This performance venue hosts children's theater, traditional opera, and various types of stage plays. It often invites theater directors and artists to give lectures, aiming to integrate performing arts into people's lives.



Jin Shang Hsuan

► 111, Ln. 155, Dunhua N. Rd. ► (02) 8770-6086

Specializing in Chinese banquet cuisine, this restaurant's Golden Cordyceps Chicken Soup is a fragrant, stomach-warming dish made by slow-cooking whole free-range chicken with red dates, Sichuan lovage, and mushrooms.



Chun Mei Ice Shop

► 54, Ln. 120, Dunhua N. Rd. ► (02) 2712-9186

This shop's pineapple ice combines honey pineapple with aiyu jelly. Other must-tries include almond tofu, taro milk ice, and seasonal desserts like mango snowflake ice.



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► 1, Aly. 52, Ln. 12, Sec. 3, Bade Rd. ► (02) 2577-0886

This Japanese-chef-led restaurant offers creative cuisine with seasonally changing menus. Their signature appetizer, raw beef *dorayaki*, features minced beef with egg yolk sauce and homemade pancake skin, drawing gourmets from afar.



Cinunan Indigenous Restaurant & Bar

► 393, Sec. 5, Nanjing E. Rd. ► (02) 8787-1157

This lively tavern offers authentic indigenous cuisine, such as bamboo tube rice and salt-grilled fish. It also features live singing performances and karaoke, making it perfect for group gatherings.



Please drink responsibly.