

TAIPEI Wanhua



A Trending District with Nostalgic Charm

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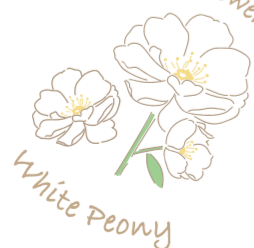
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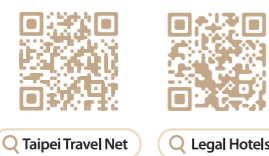
Wanhua

Wanhua, implies "ever-lasting prosperity." Also known as Bangka, is one of the Taipei's earliest developed areas, displaying its historical roots through many long-standing shops, historic sites, and temples. Ximending Shopping District serves as a vibrant hub for Taipei's youth. The southern part of Wanhua, also known by its old name Kalah, bordering the Xindian River, creates a harmonious blend of dynamic urban living and natural relaxation.

District Flower



White Peony



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Exciting Events

Taipei Lantern Festival

- ▶ Around the Lunar New Year Lantern Festival
- ▶ Along Sec. 1 Zhonghua Rd., Ximending Area

This event blends modern technology with traditional craftsmanship, resulting in enchanting visual effects. Apart from the lanterns on display, there are also live music and street art performances. This is a unique opportunity to experience lively Lantern Festival atmosphere.



Wanhua Coffee

- ▶ September-October
- ▶ Wanhua Dist., Taipei City

A must-visit for coffee lovers, with coffee workshops, lectures, and guided neighborhood tours. Visitors can enjoy exclusive coffee creations and gifts while immersing in the rich culture and charm of Wanhua.



Kalah Festival

- ▶ October
- ▶ Machangding Memorial Park

The festival focuses on creating educational and fun parent-child experiences. Visitors can explore creative markets, join hands-on activities, workshops, and enjoy lively music performances. This is a good opportunity to get to know Kalah.



Qingshan King Festival

- ▶ Around the birthday of King Qingshan Ligan (23rd day of the 10th lunar month)
- ▶ Bangka Qingshan Temple

Also known as the Bangka Great Pilgrimage event, it features a series of vibrant religious rituals, including midnight patrols, the midday pilgrimage, welcoming the arrival of deities, and the rushing of palanquins.



Ximeng Play and Buy

- ▶ December
- ▶ Ximending Shopping District

This event combines shopping and entertainment. Attractive discounts are given by participating stores alongside check-in installations. It's an excellent opportunity to do some year-end shopping.



Highlight

Ximending Area

Ximending Shopping District

► Area bounded by Sec. 1 Zhonghua Rd., Kangding Rd., Chengdu Rd., and Sec. 2 Hankou St.

This is a vibrant hub for street culture and a beloved gathering spot for young people, where visitors can find graffiti art and hip-hop elements, tattoo parlors and body painting studios, shops selling costumes and props, and numerous movie theaters. The district's alleys are also brimming with irresistible snack food options.



Rainbow Six

► Exit 6, MRT Ximen Station

This vibrant ground painting, beautifully symbolizes the city's welcoming and equality-focused spirit, drawing many visitors who come specifically to capture memorable photos.

The Red House

► 10, Chengdu Rd. ► (02) 2311-9380

This historical structure, once served as a market and theater. Today, it has been revitalized into a cultural-creative space hosting exhibitions and performances. The surrounding area is home to a significant number of LGBTQ+ bars, making it a key nightlife destination.



Taipei Cinema Park

► 19, Kangding Rd.
► (02) 2312-3717

This open space is vibrant with street art. It features an outdoor cinema venue and frequently hosts events showcasing graffiti, street dance, and skateboarding.



Wan Nian Commercial Building

► 70, Xining S. Rd.

This landmark is a shopping mall, housing watch shops, trendy clothing stores, and anime figurine retailers. The underground level offers a range of well-known local eats. There are also a cinema and entertainment spaces – perfect for food, fun, and relaxation.



Taipei Tianhou Temple

► 51, Chengdu Rd. ► (02) 2331-0421

This temple, also known as Ximending Mazu Temple, is dedicated to the goddess Mazu and contains an antique bell and a shrine created during the Qing dynasty. This is the only temple in Taiwan that enshrines Kōbō-Daishi, leading to annual religious services conducted by high-ranking monks from Japan.



Nishi Honganji Temple Square

► 174, Sec. 1, Zhonghua Rd.

This square includes a bell tower and a main hall in Japanese style. It is an excellent spot for taking photographs. The adjacent Shuxin Hall is frequently used to host a variety of themed exhibitions.



Tourist Spots

Huaxi Street Night Market

► Huaxi St. (between Sec. 2, Guiyang St. and Guangzhou St.)

Featuring traditional and quaint archways and red palace-style lanterns, this night market is home to numerous time-honored stalls, such as seafood, as well as classic snacks like braised pork rice and Taiwanese hamburgers (*guabao*).



Herb Lane

► Ln. 224, Xichang St.

Formerly the folk medicine hub of Bangka, this alley once had the moniker "Life-Saving Street." Today, it is lined with traditional herbal shops, where the scent of fresh herbs fills the air. Visitors can even stop by for a cup of herbal tea.



Longshan Temple Underground Shopping Bazaar

► B1, 145, Sec. 1, Xiyuan Rd. ► (02) 2306-5988

Connected to MRT Longshan Temple Station, this place hosts a range of shops showcasing local culture. These include fortune-tellers, shops selling collectibles, beauty and nail salons, and massage parlors.



Longshan Cultural & Creative Base

► B2, 145, Sec. 1, Xiyuan Rd.
► (02) 2302-1598

This venue features unique shops, artistic events, and experiential activities. Also hosting guided tours, it truly highlights the cultural and creative side of Wanhua.



Bangka Shopping District

► Area bounded by Guilin Rd., Kangding Rd., Sec. 1 Xiyuan Rd., and Bangka Blvd.

This area is the origin of Taiwan's garment industry, and remains a major wholesale clothing market. Additionally, nearby sites include the Wanhua Lin House and the Fashion Institute of Taipei.



Dongsanshui Street Market

► Sanshui St.

This market has over a hundred stalls selling various fresh foods, cooked dishes, and daily goods. It's perfect for getting a taste of authentic Taiwanese flavors and experience the charm of a local market.



Culture

Bangka Qingshui Temple

► 81, Kangding Rd. ► (02) 2371-1517

Master Qingshui is the main deity worshipped at this temple, which contains a significant plaque from the Guangxu Emperor. The couplets at the main entrance and the brick carvings are notable elements that have been preserved since the temple's Qing Dynasty renovation.



Bangka Qingshan Temple

► 218, Sec. 2, Guiyang St. ► (02) 2382-2296

King Qingshan Ligan is the main deity of this temple, which is also the starting point for the annual Bangka Great Pilgrimage event. Among the noteworthy architectural elements of the temple are its octagonal caisson ceiling and stone pillars.



Bangka Longshan Temple

► 211, Guangzhou St. ► (02) 2302-5162

As a major local religious site, this temple displays remarkable craftsmanship, notably in its bronze dragon pillars, spiral caisson ceiling, and porcelain art. Each year, it hosts events like the Lantern Festival, Buddha Bathing Festival, and Ullambana Festival.



Bopiliao Historic Block

► Ln. 173, Kangding Rd. ► (02) 2302-3199

Featuring a preserved old streetscape with red-brick architecture, arched arcades, and carved window details, the venue offers multilingual guided tours by reservation. It also frequently holds arts and cultural events.



U-mkt

► 70, Sanshui St. ► (02) 2308-1092

Featuring a unique horseshoe-shaped structure, this cool building from the Japanese era is well preserved and a favorite for photo shoots. It currently serves as an arts and cultural space where markets and workshops are held.



Taipei Sugar Refinery Cultural Park

► 132-10, Dali St. ► (02) 2306-7975

Former sugar warehouses here have been restored and repurposed. The site now serves as a cultural venue focused on the sugar industry's history. In the park, you'll also find a sugarcane field and a small train with a platform.



Food

The Duck House

► 98-2, Sec. 1, Zhonghua Rd. ► (02) 2371-3918

In business for over 70 years, this restaurant is known for goose dishes — the firm texture and enhanced flavor with their special sauce. Don't miss the rice noodle soup with bean sprouts and sliced pork.



Ay-Chung Flour-Rice Noodle

► 8-1, Emei St. ► (02) 2388-8808



This nearly 50-year-old establishment is a local must-try, famous for its handmade thin noodles served with chewy large intestines. Customers enjoy their food standing, a quirky tradition that defines the shop's character.

Lao Shandong Homemade Noodles ★

► B1, 70, Xining S. Rd. (inside Wan Nian Commercial Building)
► (02) 2389-1216

Founded in 1949, this eatery is celebrated for its handmade knife-cut noodles in beef broth, created by simmering with Chinese herbs and beef bones, making it a popular choice for food lovers.



Fong Da Coffee

► 42, Chengdu Rd. ► (02) 2371-9577

Over the past 60 years, this shop has been attracting visitors with its rich and mellow cold-brew coffee, pairing it with traditional pastries like walnut cookies, chick biscuits, and mung bean cakes for an even better unforgettable taste.



Favor Tonic Soup

► 142, Neijiang St. ► (02) 2371-0898

Founded in 1965, this eatery specializes in four-herb soup. Pork offal, such as small intestines and tripe, is stewed in the herbal broth until perfectly tender. The soup is light with a subtle herbal aroma.



Yi Jia Zi ★

► 79, Kangding Rd. ► (02) 2311-5241

A family business now run by the third generation, this eatery is known for its rich and flavorful braised pork rice, with pickled cabbage, cucumber, and braised dried tofu. The braised minced pork rice and pork blood soup are also popular items.



Healing Herbar

► 84, Xichang St. ► (02) 2314-1878

Operating for over half a century, this shop was a key herb supplier in Wanhua. Now it offers customized herbal drinks and signature items such as herbal fresh milk tea and a vitality-boosting tea.



FullDone Old Tea

► 196, Sec. 2, Guiyang St. ► (02) 2375-6527

This shop serves fragrant hot tea, roasted by a century-old traditional method. Apart from selling Taiwanese tea, they also offer tea tasting and tea art classes, during which visitors can learn about traditional tea roasting techniques.



Guangzhou Street Night Market

► Guangzhou St. (between Wuzhou St. and Sec. 2, Huanhe S. Rd.)

This is a must-visit for traditional eats like shacha cuttlefish, crispy pork ribs, and *aiyu* jelly, along with general stores and entertaining game stalls, making it easy to eat, drink, and enjoy yourself all in one place.



Huaijiang Wild Duck Nature Park

► Near Huanhe Expressway and Huaijiang Bridge

This park, a designated wild-bird conservation area, is an important stopover location for migratory birds. Birdwatching events and guided tours are held every year.



Huazhong Riverside Park

► Right Bank of Xindian River (between Guangfu Bridge and Huazhong Bridge)

With sports facilities, a children's play area, riverside cycling paths, and large grassy fields perfect for events, sunset watching, and birdwatching, the park also has a camping ground that can be reserved, and camping trailers are available for rent on location.



Yuan Fang Guabao ★

► 17-2, Huaxi St. ► (02) 2381-0249

Recommended by the Michelin Bib Gourmand, this eatery is known for its handmade *guabao* filled with pork belly and other flavorful components. The popular four-herb soup is also highly regarded.



Wang's Broth ★

► 17-4, Huaxi St. ► (02) 2370-7118

Recommended by the Michelin Bib Gourmand, the signature dish is mushroom minced pork rice, which has a rich texture. Another popular item is the pickled cucumber and minced pork soup, characterized by its fragrant broth and chewy, flavorful meat.



Tainan Tan Tsu Mien Seafood Restaurant

► 31-1, Huaxi St. ► (02) 2308-1123

Operating for almost 70 years, this restaurant is known for its *Danzai* noodles, featuring a tasty broth and springy pasta. It also serves excellent seafood, with the steamed lobster being a highly recommended choice.



Lung Tu Shaved Ice Specialist

► 192, Sec. 3, Heping W. Rd. ► (02) 2308-2227

This century-old establishment is a go-to for shaved ice, particularly its signature *Babao Bing*, featuring a generous topping of eight different ingredients, perfect for cooling off in the summer.

