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## Taipei Spring Tours

In early spring, as the winter chills are shaken off and the sun puts on a bright, warm face, it's time for a little travel. In spring, Taipei is like a flower bursting into bloom, filled with vigor and vitality. Heading out to enjoy this great seasonal blossoming is akin to a ritual festival celebration for people in Taipei. The splendid variety of flower festivals burst into bloom up on Yangmingshan, Taipei's "backyard garden," and the harvest of mouthwatering bright-red strawberries in the Neihu hills, are all prime tourist attractions in spring.

In this issue, *Fun Taipei* presents three Spring Tour routes, inviting you out to explore the city in springtime. First up is a Yangmingshan flower outing, to enjoy its mountainside display of cherry blossoms and elegant calla lily blooms. Then it's over to Neihu for strawberry-picking; hence enjoy rural scenery and natural ecology. Completing our trio is a Dadaocheng foray. This year, Chinese New Year is in February. We give you a first-hand experience of the Taipei New Year, and Dadaocheng's nostalgic atmosphere. Welcome to Taipei, and enjoy your spring travel feast.



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Taipei City Government  
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## Yangmingshan Flower Tour

Located on the outskirts of Taipei, Yangmingshan is one of the most famous attractions in the greater Taipei area. The highlight of its rich natural landscape is its hot springs, but there is much else here: US military personnel were stationed here in the past. The mountains are also home to the Chinese Culture University, Yangmingshan National Park, Zhongshan Hall, and other well-known tourist attractions, making it a culturally rich tourist destination. In spring the cherry blossoms, azaleas, and calla lilies on the mountains burst into bloom in succession, painting lovely canvases.

Cherry Blossom,  
Yangmingshan



### 1 Yangmingshan National Park

This sprawling park is centered around Mt. Datun, Mt. Qixing, Mt. Shamao, and Mt. Xiaoguanyin. It's the closest national park located to any city in Taiwan. With a rich ecology, it's home to a variety of precious, protected species. Each season has its own special character: spring means cherry blossoms; summer, azaleas; autumn, silver grass flowers and color-changing maple leaves; and winter, hot-spring soaking. The visitor center has an ecological experience area, humanities exhibition area, audiovisual room, and "volcano theater." Meanwhile, advice, tourist trail guidance, tour itinerary recommendations, and guide services can be found at the counter.

**Add:** 1-20 Zhuzihu Rd., Taipei City (Yangmingshan National Park Visitor Center)

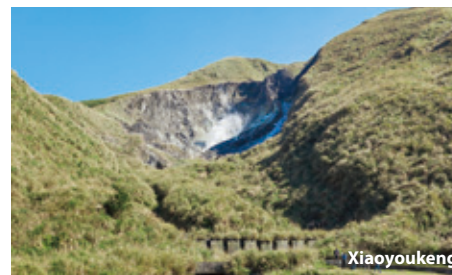
**Tel:** (02)2861-3601, ext. 850 (Closed on the last Monday of each month and Chinese New Year's Eve)

### 2 Lengshuikeng

The waters of the Lengshuikeng area's famed hot spring rush forth from a fissure at the eastern foot of Mt. Qixing. The water, warmed by geothermal heat, emerges at about 40°C. Because the temperature of the neutral bicarbonate spring is significantly lower than the waters at other hot springs in the area, it was given the name "Lengshuikeng", which means "cold water pit" in Chinese. The site offers free-use public baths. If you don't have the time for a full soak, you can use a shallow pool for soaking feet.

**Add:** 170, Lane 101, Jingshan Rd., Taipei City (Lengshuikeng Visitor Center)

**Tel:** (02)2861-0036 (Closed on the last Monday of each month and Chinese New Year's Eve)



Xiaoyoukeng



Yangmingshuwu



Menghuan Pond

### 3 Xiaoyoukeng

Xiaoyoukeng, near Zhuzihu, is a place of post-volcanic activity and terrain, characterized by fumaroles and sulfur crystals. Intense weathering has caused the cliff-face to crumble. For safety reason, fences have been built along the trail. It is still really beautiful even viewing from a distance.

**Add:** 69 Zhuzihu Rd., Taipei City (Xiaoyoukeng Visitor Center)

**Tel:** (02)2861-7024 (Closed on the last Monday of each month and Chinese New Year's Eve)

### 4 Yangmingshuwu

Built in 1969/1970, this originally served as a venue for President Chiang Kai-shek to meet dignitaries and as a summer-getaway villa. Today it has become one of Yangmingshan National Park's important examples of historical architecture. The interior has been kept as it looked when used by the first couple, with artifacts relating to their life here on display. Original forest surrounds the house, creating a quiet, tranquil environment. Guided tours are given at 09:10 and 13:30.

**Add:** 12 Zhongxing Rd., Taipei City

**Tel:** (02)2861-1444 (Closed on the last Monday of each month and Chinese New Year's Eve)

### 5 Menghuan Pond

Menghuan Pond, 850 meters in altitude, is located along a trail in the Lengshuikeng area. It's 15 minutes walk taking the trail beside the Menghuan Pond parking lot. The mountain vistas along the way are broad, with views of Lengshuikeng, Mt. Huangzui, and Qingtianggong grassland. The pond is a wetland area with rich aquatic-plant life; the most representative resident of the ecological conservation zone is the protected Taiwan quillwort, an official "national treasure." A pond-side viewing platform facilitates a good place to enjoy the site's ecology.

**Transportation:** Take no. 108 Yangmingshan Leisure Bus, get off at Menghuan Pond stop

### 6 Qixing Park

Qixing Park occupied a wide, flat space on the flank of Mt. Qixing. Tourists can enjoy fine views of the Taipei Basin. It features elegant pavilions on a broad grassland, which are rest areas for hikers. They can enjoy the panoramas of the surrounding mountains and the confluence of the Tamsui and Keelung rivers as they flow into the blue-green sea.

**Location:** From Lengshuikeng, take the mountain trail in the direction of Menghuan Pond; the walk takes about 1 hour.





Calla Lily, Zhuzihu

## 7 Zhuzihu

Zhuzihu (Bamboo Lake) is in a basin located 670 meters above sea level, between Mt. Datun, Mt. Qixing, and Mt. Xiaoguan Yin. The area is often shrouded in misty beauty. Take the Hudi Circular Trail deep into the basin's flower-farm fields, savoring the seas of flowers that open in succession from spring through autumn. February through May is calla lily season, this year the calla lily festival will be held from Mar. 18 to Apr. 17. Mid May to the end of June is hydrangea season, bursting with color. Sunflowers fill the fields from the latter part of July to mid-August. Breezy autumn brings silver grass flowers, swaying and swirling like waves on the ocean.

**Location:** Zhuzihu Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2892-4185, ext. 540 (Calla Lily Festival hotline)

## 8 Calla Lily Boulevard

Zhuzihu Road is also called "Calla Lily Boulevard." Various farm businesses line along the route, and visitors are welcome to visit the spacious calla-lily and other flower fields to enjoy the fun of flower picking. Restaurants serve delicious meals based on stir-fried vegetables, free-range chicken, and other mountain produces. Farmers also sell a splendid range of bonsai, fresh flowers, decorations, etc. If you want to take a break, why not choose a place with a nice view of "flower sea", sit down and take a fresh-brewed floral tea or coffee and enjoy the beauty of nature.

**Location:** From car park at Zhuzihu entrance, walk about 40 minutes along Zhuzihu Rd.

**Transportation:** Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Beitou-Zhuzihu Route (Small 9) : Take Small 9 bus from MRT Beitou Station, get off at Zhuzihu stop

## 9 Grass Mountain Chateau

Located on the border of Yangmingshan National Park, this was the first official residence of President Chiang Kai-shek. It was once severely damaged by a fire and has been rebuilt and reborn as a cultural-arts venue, with a display space featuring artifacts related to President Chiang and a creative-cuisine restaurant.

**Add:** 89, Hudi Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2862-2404 (Closed on Monday)



Calla Lily Boulevard



Grass Mountain Chateau



Zhongshan Hall

## 10 Zhongshan Hall

Located within Yangmingshan National Park, this facility was built in 1965 in commemoration of Sun Yat-sen. The façade is in classical Chinese style, and the interior is laid out with meticulous care. In the past the hall was used for National Assembly gatherings, receiving heads of state and other foreign dignitaries, and was the venue for state banquets. Today it's an official city heritage site. Guided tours are offered daily at 09:00, 10:30, 13:30, and 15:00.

**Add:** 15, Sec. 2, Yangming Rd., Taipei City

**Tel:** (02)2861-6391 (check the official website for closed days: [www.ntl.edu.tw/mp.asp](http://www.ntl.edu.tw/mp.asp))

## 11 Yannick Sweet Village

Yannick Sweet Village, an "old building, new life" project, is located in the biggest US military housing complex built in the 1950s. The village is designed in southern US country house style: primarily bungalows with large front lawns. This former residence has been reconstructed to be a bakery where visitors can listen to jazz, enjoy art exhibits and performances, and savor American-style sweet desserts.

**Add:** 481, Aly. 4, Changchun St., Taipei City (shop 1) / 274 (shop 2)

**Tel:** (02)2862-5609



Yannick Sweet Village





Chinese Culture University / Lovers' Slope

## 12 Chinese Culture University / Lovers' Slope

Chinese Culture University, established in 1962, is located on the edge of Yangmingshan National Park. The buildings are built in distinctive antique architectural style, featuring traditional ceramic-tile roofs. The mountain slope at the rear of the campus is commonly called "Lovers' Slope." It's a great spot for sparkling night views of Taipei and a favorite spot with sweethearts.

**Add:** 55, Huagang Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2861-0511

## 13 Floriculture Experiment Center

Located along Yangmingshan's Yangde Boulevard, the Floriculture Experiment Center spreads out for over 4 hectares. It cultivates and conducts experiments on all sorts of different flowers and plants. During the annual Yangmingshan Flower Festival, a camellia show and many other activities are staged here. In spring, the blooming cherry starts to blossom and attracts many couples for wedding-photo shoots.

**Add:** 32, Lane 175, Sec. 4, Yangde Blvd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2861-6361

## 14 The Lin Yutang House

After lived in different countries around the world, the famous Chinese writer, Lin Yutang, chose to spend his old age here. The eminent architect Wang Dahong designed this lovely residence of blue and white color contrasts, brimming with Mediterranean character. After Lin passed away, the residence became a venue for displaying Lin-related artifacts and a culture space for rest and relaxation. Lin loved *runbing*, or popiah, and each spring the Lin Yutang Popiah Festival and a series of cultural-arts talks are staged.

**Add:** 141, Sec. 2, Yangde Blvd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2861-3003 (Closed on Monday)

## 15 Qingtiangang Grassland

Also known as "Sun Valley," this is a spot that, in the old days, Taiwanese aborigines had to pass through on the way to hunting area and sulfur-collecting grounds. A loop trail circles the large, pretty grassland, and visitors often get to enjoy cattle that have been put out to pasture feeding on the emerald grass. The scenery is alluring and the views broad, making this a popular choice for idol-drama and wedding-photo shoots. In autumn white silvergrass flowers spread out over the green, creating a rolling white sea when breezes sweep through. The great natural beauty makes this a destination that tourists can not miss.

**Add:** 246, Ln. 101, Jingshan Rd., Taipei City (Qingtiangang Grassland Visitor Center) **Tel:** (02)2861-5404



Floriculture Experiment Center



Qingtiangang Grassland



### Transportation

#### Yangmingshan National Park

1. Take Taipei Metro to MRT Taipei Main Station and transfer to bus No. 260, to MRT Jiantan Station and transfer to No. 260 or Red 5, to MRT Shipai Station and transfer to Small 8, or to MRT Beitou Station and transfer to Small 9. (Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Beitou-Zhuzihu Route)
2. During Yangmingshan Flower Festival, from end-January to end-April, take No. 108 Yangmingshan Leisure Bus from Yangmingshan Car Park No. 2 to tour each spot in the park.

#### Zhuzihu

1. At MRT Shipai Station, take No. 128 Leisure Bus or Small 8 bus
2. At MRT Beitou Station, take No. 129 Leisure Bus or Small 9 bus



## Neihu Countryside Berry Picking Tour

Spring is here, and strawberries are turning red. At the cluster of leisure farms in Neihu's Dahu and Baishihu communities and along Bishan Road, December through May is strawberry season. Each plum, sweetening piece of fruit hangs like a bright-red lantern. It is time to enjoy flowers and pick berries. With guidance from the Taipei City Government, in recent years Baishihu has become a prime Taipei outdoor leisure and recreation destination. Baishihu Suspension Bridge and other nearby attractions nicely complementing the berry-picking fun.



### 1 Neihu District Tourist Strawberry Farms

Neihu's tourist strawberry farms are spread out along Dahu Street and Bishan Road. Most Neihu strawberries are grown organically in greenhouses, using no insecticides or pesticides. The result is high-quality fruit that can be eaten at ease. The production period lasts (approximately) from December through May: a great time for rustic fruit-picking.

**Location:** Neihu District, area along Dahu St. and Bishan Rd.

**Tel:** (02)2790-7263 (Neihu District Farmers' Association)

**Transportation:** Take Exit 1 at MRT Line 1 (Wenhu Line) Neihu Station, walk to bus stop across next to 452, Sec. 2, Neihu Rd. (Yentou Earth God Temple), and take Small 2 bus. Alternatively transfer to Small 3 bus at MRT Dahu Park Station (no marked stops in mountain area; flag buses down anywhere on the route).

**Taipei Recreational Agriculture website:** [www.recreational-agriculture.taipei](http://www.recreational-agriculture.taipei)

#### S.Garden

**Tel:** (02)2790-2492, 0937-458-986

#### Martin Organic Farms

**Tel:** (02)2790-2706, 0975-638-765

#### Neihu Strawberry Farm

**Tel:** (02)2796-0876, 0938-536-669

※Opening hours varies for each strawberry farm ;  
it's recommended to dial ahead for confirmation



Baishihu Suspension Bridge



Bishanyan Kaizhang Shengwang Temple

### 2 Baishihu Suspension Bridge

Rather than the towering ones commonly found at suspension bridges, this bridge features a straight abutment, helping it to blend perfectly with the lovely surrounding farmland scenery, and giving it a cable-less "invisible" style. At the other end of the bridge is Baishihu Community, featuring the 100-meter Chunqiu Trail. Traverse the trail to enjoy the meticulously cultivated, professionally engineered horticultural, the rich local rural character, and the landscape ecology.

**Add:** 24, Bishan Rd., Taipei City

### 3 Farmhouse Café Trattoria

Operated by a local farmer, the menu here contains much ingenuity and imagination. Fresh seasonal vegetables are stir-fried in olive oil, and every bite is filled with natural flavor. The strawberry treats feature home-grown fruit which is free of pesticides. Be sure to try the delicious strawberry muffins and strawberry au lait.

**Add:** 38, Bishan Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2793-5448



### 4 Woodcraft Workshop

This workshop, a showcase of Master Huang Guo-tai's 40 years of experience in woodworking arts, will please travelers with an interest in handicrafts and wood products. Mr. Huang uses natural Taiwan cypress to craft furniture items that are all works of art, and shares his story with visitors on site.

**Add:** 14, Bishan Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2791-3623



### 5 Yuanjue Temple

Built in 1924, this temple's main deities are the Sakyamuni Buddha, Guanyin, Kshitigarbha, and other Buddhist holy figures. The atmosphere is solemn, simple, and sober. Beside the temple is the head of the Yuanjue Temple Trail, which leads down the mountain and offers a pleasant, unhurried walk. This trail connects with the Liyushan (Mt. Carp) Trail to form a loop, taking walkers by gurgling streams and through rich greenery.

**Add:** 39, Bishan Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2790-9868

### 6 Bishanyan Kaizhang Shengwang Temple

The original structure was built in 1814, and originally enshrined just three "god stones." Steadily expanded over the years, today it is a far larger, more majestic temple complex. Its lofty mountainside position affords a magnificent view over the Taipei Basin, notably Taipei 101, the Grand Hotel, Songshan Airport, and other major city landmarks. The meandering Tamsui River, Liyushan (Mt. Carp), and other prominent natural features complete the grand scenery. This is also a prime site for watching Taipei's spectacular annual New Year's Eve fireworks show.

**Add:** 24, Bishan Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2790-0657





Dahu Park



Dagouxi Ecology and Water-Control Park



Bihu Park

## 7 Dahu Park

Because of egrets, wild ducks, and other waterfowl that gather at 10-hectare Dahu, or "Big Lake," it is also called "Egret Lake." The lovely shape of the elegant Jindai Bridge attracts eyes, and the lake's calm surface is like a mirror, which reflects the bridge, clouds, sky, and trees. This poetic scene attracts many photographers. The lush foliage, zigzagging bridge of nine turns (reaching over the lake to a picturesque shade-giving pavilion), and lakeside Bailusi (White Egret) Mountain seem to gaze across the water at each other, which create a vivid, harmonious tableau.

**Add:** 31, Sec. 5, Chenggong Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2585-1430

## 8 Bishan Campground

Because mountain area has fewer effect of light pollutions, Bishan Campground is a favorite location for stargazing in Taipei. Framed by mountains and hills, the nightscapes are lovely, with views of Shilin, Beitou and Mt. Guanyin. Hikers and bike-riders often take the Jinlong Industrial Road to this fine LOHAS spot of splendid scenery, which is also a pleasant spot for exercise.

**Add:** 26-7, Bishan Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2794-9435

## 9 Dagouxi Ecology and Water-Control Park

Located at the end of Dahu Shanzhuang Street, the original watercourse of the Dagouxi (Dagou Stream) has been preserved. In addition, an artificial wetlands habitat has been created and other measures are taken to build water-accessible spaces. Walk along the steps of the Dahu Shanzhuang Ladder Trail, you can have a great view of lovely 4000m<sup>2</sup> sea of flowers. The waterside trail offers a new canvas each season. You can enjoy spotting insects of all sorts, white egrets, Taiwan blue magpies, and many other species.

**Location:** End of Dahu Shanzhuang St., Taipei City

## 10 Bihu Park

The lake in Bihu Park was used for agricultural irrigation in the Japanese era (1895-1945). The park, built in 1987, is a fine location to enjoy the landscaped scenery, exercising, fishing, and short hikes. There are six hill trails, dotted with rest pavilions. This is a peaceful environment.

**Add:** 175, Sec. 2, Neihsu Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2585-1430



Neihu District Hiking Trails

## 11 Neihu District Hiking Trails

Neihu District, on Taipei's eastern edge, has mountains on its east, west, and north sides. The hills, lakes, rivers and streams create a compelling natural tapestry. In addition to the attraction, there are the mountain trails, great draws for healthy exercise and leisurely sightseeing. The main trails are: Daluntouwei Mountain Trail, Jinmianshan Hiking Trail, Zhongyong Mountain Trail, Zhongyong Mountain Crossing Trail, Longchuanyan Trail, Liyushan Hiking Trail, Yuanjue Temple Trail, Dagouxi Waterside Trail, Bihu Trail, and Bailusi Mountain Trail. There is great variation of scenery and natural ecology among them. Travelers, come check them out!

**Tel:** (02)2759-3001, ext. 3222 (Geotechnical Engineering Office, Public Works Department, Taipei City Government)

**Taipei City "Go Hiking" Website:** [www.hiking.taipei](http://www.hiking.taipei)







## Dadaocheng Riverside & Old City Tour

In the decades before and after the turn of the 20th century, Dadaocheng was Taipei's prime commercial hub. With time passes, it has emerged as a prime heritage neighborhood. Before the Chinese New Year, the Taipei Lunar New Year Festival (a key annual celebration) brings a large number of shoppers to Dadaocheng. This is a great opportunity for travelers to experience traditional Chinese New Year flavors. Bicycles can be rented in the waterside. Visitors can ride bicycles and enjoy the riverside along the bike path by the Tamsui River.

Dadaocheng Wharf

### 1 Dadaocheng Wharf

Dadaocheng's historical development was intimately tied to Dadaocheng Wharf, on the Tamsui River. After Tamsui was opened as a treaty port in 1860, Dadaocheng Wharf flourished, with foreign merchants arriving in Dadaocheng to set up trading houses. Dadaocheng emerged as the Taipei Basin's key trading center. Access today's wharf via a colorful water gate, to enjoy the fine wharf-area scenery, scale replica of a Tang dynasty junk, wharf arch bridge, and Yanping Riverside Park. Blue Highway river cruises can also be boarded from this point, with the Tamsui River route which takes you to Guandu Nature Park.

**Location:** Sec. 1, Huanhe N. Rd., Taipei City

### 2 Taipei Xia Hai City God Temple

An official city heritage site, this key Dadaocheng folk-religion center is renowned as a place where single tourists can wish for true love. The main deity is the City God. Among the other deities here are the Wife of the City God, Old Man Under the Moon, Eight Judges, Civil and Martial Judges, and Generals Fan and Hsieh. The temple is renowned for its incredible display of over 600 deity icons.

**Add:** 61, Sec. 1, Dihua St., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2558-0346



Yongle Fabric Market



Lin Wu Hu Ancestral House / Chen-Wey Teahouse

### 3 Yongle Fabric Market

The 2F/3F of Yongle Fabric Market has over a hundred fabric shops, and is a veritable treasure-hunting paradise for those who love needlework. It's Taipei's greatest fabric emporium, and pretty much anything needed can be found here. With materials from Taiwan, Japan, America, Europe and the rest of the world, you'll find all types of floral pattern, traditional and modern. Better yet, everything comes at reasonable prices. Vendors on the third floor provide custom-made curtains, pillowcases, bed sheets, etc., enabling a completely new decorative look for the home.

**Add:** 2/3F, 21, Sec. 1, Dihua St., Taipei City

**Tel:** (02)2556-8483 (2F closed on the second and fourth Sunday of each month; 3F closed on Sunday)

### 4 Dadaocheng Theater

Located on the upper floors of Yongle Market, this is a fine place to watch, listen to, and study theater. There are traditional opera performances each Saturday and Sunday afternoon. In spring and autumn, classes are offered on Huangmei, Taiwanese, and Hakka opera, as well as *beiguan* and *nanguan* music.

**Add:** 8/9F, 21, Sec. 1, Dihua St., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2556-9101

### 5 ArtYard2022

ArtYard2022 is a Dadaocheng cultural-creative townhouse facility. It reproduces the Western-style heritage townhouse from the 1920s, which was transformed into a single three-floor facility with two entrances. After the partition wall that separated the two inner skylight courtyards was removed, there are now 12 separate cultural-creative spaces, operated respectively by 10 groups, focused on folk crafts, local culture, retro styles, contemporary design, living with taste, and aesthetics education.

**Add:** 20, Minle St., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2556-1120

### 6 Lin Wu Hu Ancestral House / Chen-Wey Teahouse

The Lin Wu Hu Ancestral House is a fine example of Taiwanese traditional south Fujian (Minnan) architecture. Built in 1851, it is Dihua Street's oldest preserved Minnan-style townhouse. Mortise-tenon technique is featured throughout: not a single nail was used in its construction. Of special note is that Lin-family ancestral tablets are still kept in the rear section, and some Lin descendants still reside here. Visitors are welcome on weekdays, and tour guides are offered on Saturdays. The Chen-Wey Teahouse, purveyor of fine Taiwan teas, takes up the front space. Lingering over premium tea amidst the aromatic atmosphere of this special old place is an unusual treat indeed.

**Add:** 156, Sec. 1, Dihua St., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2944-7716/(02)2557-5333

**Guided Tours:** Second and fourth week of each month, on Saturday morning 10:00~12:00  
First and third week of each month, on Saturday afternoon 14:00~16:00





Dihua Street Shophouses



Lin Feng Yi Store



Lao Mian Cheng Lantern Shop



Boan 84 Space

## 7 Dihua Street Shophouses

Dihua Street is lined with old shophouses, long and thin buildings with narrow facades. Each has a shop at the front with a factory, warehouse, and/or residential quarters behind. Together they form a unique showcase of early-style townhouses. There is a mix of Minnan, neo-Baroque, modern, and yanglou (colonial Western-style building) motifs. The city government has awarded grants and subsidies for renovations that preserve original features, encouraging residents to protect the original outer appearance of the buildings, and enabling the city to preserve its compelling heritage scenery.

**Location:** Sec. 1, Dihua St., Taipei City

## 8 Lin Feng Yi Store

This business, over a century old, was established in 1906. On walking in, visitors are met with a forest of traditional hand-crafted bamboo-weave products. Meanwhile there are other old-time daily necessities on display include cutting boards, steamers, cooking utensils, etc. This is a space with an air of nostalgia.

**Add:** 214, Sec. 1, Dihua St., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2557-8734

## 9 Lao Mian Cheng Lantern Shop

Opened a century ago, in 1915, the age-old methods of hand-painted lantern craftsmanship are still faithfully followed here. In the past, lanterns were made with a paper exterior on a bamboo-strip skeleton. After the paper was painted, a protective oil covering was added. This work took times and labor. Today the process has been refined, with the paper lantern first semi-finished, then Chinese characters or designs would be added with a brush. Creating precious treasures, this shop, inheritor of a timeless artistic tradition, is a precious treasure.

**Location:** 298, Sec. 1, Dihua St., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2557-8856 (Closed occasionally on Sunday)

## 10 Dadaocheng Cisheng Temple

One week after the birthday of the god *Baosheng Dadi* (on the 15th day of the 3rd lunar month) is the birthday of the Queen of Heaven (on the 23rd), also called *Mazu* or "Maternal Ancestor," the patron deity of seafarers. Mazu is the main deity at this temple, which is also called Dadaocheng Mazu Temple, and is one of Dadaocheng's three main temples together with Fazhu Temple and Taipei Xia Hai City God Temple. In the plaza in front of the temple, there is a concentration of vendors selling such folk-snack delicacies as pork-rib soup, pork congee, and various seafood treats: great if you're looking for local tastes.

**Add:** 17, Lane 49, Baoan St., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2553-9978

## 11 Boan 84 Space

Formerly the Shuntian Surgical Hospital, it was opened in 1912. Today, as part of the city's "old building, new life" program, the former hospital building has become a multifunction art space where exhibits, music, books, and light cuisine are combined. Visitors are immersed in a tranquil atmosphere of unique old-time flavor and character.

**Add:** 84, Baoan St., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2550-1280





After a winter of indulging in hearty food, as spring arrives, why not enjoy a light and relaxed meal to balance things up? Taiwan produces fruit and vegetables in abundance all year round, and Taipei has much creative cuisine which makes use of fresh vegetables and fruit, offering tourists healthy options. As spring finally arrives, allow us to welcome you as we step into the new season.

### Vege Creek

In contrast to most *luwei* (braised dishes) shops in Taipei, which offer mostly non-vegetarian food, Vege Creek takes all manner of vegetables, mushrooms and bean products, marinating them in Chinese medicine ingredients such as angelica sinensis, wolfberry, black dates, and liquorice root. Vegetarians are thereby also given the chance to enjoy delicious food braised in spices. Even more unique is that customers are able to choose their own base ingredients, and as they make their selection then follow it to the kitchen, as a light, enjoyable, healthy and delicious vegetarian meal is boiled up.

**Add:** 2, Ln. 129, Yanji St., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2778-1967

### BANAGREEN

The gastronomic feature of this restaurant is that salads and main courses are equally important. Rich vegetable salads are paired with three hot dishes, allowing Western cuisine lovers to sample even more vegetables and fruit. The restaurant is partially self-service, with each person first given a base vegetable salad, upon which he or she is then asked to choose 3 out of 7 options. Finally, the customer chooses his or her own favorite salad sauce to create a delicious portion of light meal.

**Add:** 33, Ln. 513, Ruiguang Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2797-2795

### The V:F

Taking inspiration from the creative cooking methods of Italian-style vegetarian cuisine, each dish in this restaurant originates from the chef's own innovation. For example truffle and cucumber Italian fried dumplings, stuffed with shiitake mushrooms, cucumber, cabbage, carrot, basil, and truffle sauce. These are paired with Hawaiian barbecue roasted vegetable skewers, which are rich in flavor and not at all greasy to the taste. Their calzone pizzas are filled with 6 kinds of vegetables and cheeses which bring a distinctive and unique taste.

**Add:** 2F, No. 7, Sec. 3, Xinyi Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2706-7755



### Ooh Cha Cha

This health food business, which takes veganism as its central concept (no eggs nor milk), adopts the "Raw Food" style in vogue in Europe and the U.S. Making use of fresh produce and cooking it at low temperatures (below 40°C), thereby allowing the full flavors of the food to come to the fore. Ooh Cha Cha's whole wheat vegetable buns make use of oat bread and sandwich spread. As well as the vegetable stuffing of lettuce, tomato and pickle. Furthermore, it uses cashew nut paste instead of eggs, and paired with a spiced and seasoned salad, the taste is quite sublime.

**Add:** 207, Sec. 2, Nanchang Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2367-7133

### Easy House Vegetarian Cuisine

This restaurant's proprietor makes use of fresh fruit and vegetables, high-fiber wheat flour, and fresh mushrooms as base ingredients, allowing customers may sample 10 different kinds of produce. In addition to the natural and the healthy, emphasis is also placed on the creative and the tasty. For example, their lily noodles make use of the lily's delicate sweetness set against the tender and smooth texture of Ruffles; flash-fried in XO sauce, and paired with sesame flatbread. All the fresh and fragrant flavors unify together as they titillate the taste buds.

**Add:** 51, Aly. 4, Ln. 345, Sec. 4, Renai Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2721-8326

### NAKEDFOOD

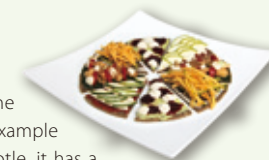
This restaurant uses non-processed fruit, vegetables, nuts, and seeds as main ingredients. By cooking at low temperatures, the nutritional composition of the food can be kept, so it's healthier. Take the raw chipotle brownie dessert as an example of creativity: with an internal layer of walnut butter, dates, raw cacao, and chipotle, it has a particularly distinctive taste. The specially-made "pizza tartlet" does not use flour, but blended fresh zucchini, walnut, and flax seeds as natural ingredients for the base. With the base dried over the stove at a low temperature of less than 45°C, fresh ingredients such as avocado, pumpkin, and fragrant celery sauce are then added to give a unique and natural taste.

**Add:** 22-1, Ln. 160, Sec. 1, Xincheng S. Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2396-2202 (Closed on Monday and Tuesday)

### Vegetaurant

Using foreign cooking methods which allow vegetarians to sample the exotic cuisine of various countries, this restaurant's owner has developed distinctive cuisine. The dish "What Is This?" stir fries sliced stinky tofu sautéed with cheese and tomato to give a strong fragrance and unusual texture. In the popular dish "Korean Army Stew," substitute meat, rice cake and instant noodles are boiled together, to which cheese is added, giving a flavor which is rich and delicious.

**Add:** 3, Aly. 2, Ln. 66, Sec. 5, Nanjing E. Rd., Taipei City **Tel:** (02)2765-5762





The MRT Tamsui-Xinyi line was the first new subway line reconstructed from traditional railroad, with elevated, underground and at-grade sections. It passes through mangrove conservation area, and also includes the Xinbeitou branch line which may be used to reach the Beitou hot springs area. The attractions which sit along this line are rich and varied, and some stations along the route are built in a Chinese style. Jiantan station, which takes the dragon boat as its central design concept, is the most unique.



Guandu Nature Park

## MRT Guandu Station

### Guandu Nature Park

This is Taipei's biggest wetland area, and is an intermediary station for birds migrating across the Pacific Ocean. In autumn and winter you can catch sight of common snipe, plover, wild geese, and ducks as they rest here temporarily. Looking through telescopes and listening to the explanation of volunteers, you can observe the movement of groups of birds and enhance your ecological knowledge. At this point, you can also enjoy the expansive landscape as river and sea merge, with a vast stretch of ecologically rich mangrove forest and wetland. Within the park, the bicycle lanes are another good way of watching birds and getting in touch with nature.

**Location:** 55, Guandu Rd., Taipei City (15 minutes by foot from MRT Guandu Station Exit 1) **Tel:** (02)2858-7417 (Closed on Monday)

## MRT Zhishan Station

### Zhishan Cultural and Ecological Garden

Taiwan's very first prehistoric remains were discovered here. It's also Taiwan's first culture and ecology park. The park has huge trees and incorporates the Zhishan Green Garden Exhibition Hall. On Saturday and Sunday there are free Chinese tours, and foreign visitors can reserve paid foreign language tours in advance that will explain its rich ecology.

**Add:** 120, Yusheng St., Taipei City (15 minutes by foot from MRT Zhishan Station Exit 1) **Tel:** (02)8866-6258 (Closed on Monday)

## MRT Shilin Station

### Shilin Official Residence

In the early days of the Japanese era, Shilin Official Residence was established as the Shilin Horticultural Experimental Station, and later it became the official residence of Chiang Kai-shek and his wife Soong Mei-ling. As Madame Chiang loved roses, a rather extensive rose garden was established. The main hall of Shilin Official Residence has an exterior which is designed in Western style, whereas the interior still possesses a strong Chinese traditional flavor. The green surroundings are a mixture of both, and offer up a fine scene.

**Add:** 60, Fulin Rd., Taipei City (5 minutes by foot from MRT Shilin Station Exit 2) **Tel:** (02)2881-2512, 2883-6340 (Closed on Monday)



Shilin Official Residence

## MRT Jiantan Station

### Yuanshan Shinto Shrine

Yuanshan Shinto Shrine, situated opposite to Jiantan MRT station, was built in 1938. It can be reached by the steps alongside the Yangming branch of the Taipei Water Department. Inside you'll find Yuanshan Reservoir, which is an important water reserve of the Caoshan aqueduct system. It still retains the stone lanterns, social club plaques, and hand-washing pools from the time of construction; all of which give rise to a nostalgic and tranquil atmosphere.

**Location:** Take the steps alongside the Yangming branch of the Taipei Water Department (82-1, Sec. 5, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei City) 10 minutes by foot from MRT Jiantan Station Exit 2)



Yuanshan Shinto Shrine

## MRT Yuanshan Station

### Taipei Expo Park/ Maji Maji

Taipei Expo Park and Maji Maji are part of the former site of the 2010 Taipei International Flora Expo. Now, they are transformed into a city park which includes Yuanshan Park, Fine Art Park and Xinsheng Park Areas. As well as the indoor spaces, which are used for exhibitions and performances, the outdoors areas are also used as a farmers market on holidays. In one corner is the Maji Maji food and entertainment area, where tourists can wander around many unique stores and enjoy various kinds of exotic foods.

**Add:** 1, Yumen St., Taipei City (MRT Yuanshan Station Exit 1)

**Tel:** (02)2182-8886 / 2597-7112



Taipei Expo Park/ Maji Maji

## MRT Shuanglian Station

### Taipei Wenchang Temple

Located at the exit of Shuanglian MRT station, this is the only temple in Taipei City where Wenchang Wang (the deity of scholarly luck and exams), is the main god enshrined. Every time the exam season comes around, the temple finds itself unusually lively, as many young students come to pray for top marks in exams.

**Add:** 9, Ln. 45, Mingsheng W. Rd., Taipei City (3 minutes by foot from MRT Shuanglian Station Exit 2) **Tel:** (02)2521-0366



Taipei Wenchang Temple

## MRT Zhongshan Station

### Chifeng Street

In former times, Chifeng Street was a small alley that specialized in the sale of automobile parts and in breaking down cargo, thus it is commonly referred to as "iron forging street." Following the establishment of the MRT station and department stores, the nearby alleys one after another saw the emergence of coffee shops, art and craft shops, fashion shops, and hair salons. Chifeng Street now has a new aspect. Along with artists' graffiti murals. This street is particularly popular with young art enthusiasts.

**Location:** Cifeng St., Taipei City (3 minutes by foot from MRT Zhongshan Station Exit 5)



## Taipei Highlights



Neihu Restoration Park

Taipei is an international design capital, and in recent years has instituted a "New Life for Old Buildings" campaign, bringing new life and function to neglected old structures. Their heritage character and fresh new management style have given birth to distinctive new city highlights.

### Neihu Restoration Park

In former times this was a trash tip, but now it has been transformed into a beautiful restoration and cultivation park. Inside there is a forest area, a large lawn, a landscaped public square and an observation deck. There are no less than 162 species of plants and 41 species of animals within the park. Rich in natural ecology, it also attracts large groups of birds, and also retains a 40-meter high hill, which allows visitors to enjoy Taipei's nightscape from above.

**Add:** 587, Tanmei St., Taipei City (20 minutes by foot from MRT Donghu Station Exit 2)

### Yuan Taipei

The WENISM team have transformed an unused old house near Jian-Cheng Circle into a combined bookshop and restaurant imbued with a distinctive industrial style. The store makes use of iron shutters as part of walls, and early period lightbulbs hang down from the ceiling, with electric drills transformed into dining tables and air compressors transformed into workbenches. In addition, there are also steps made from millstones, which were once commonly used in Taiwan, along with green design all around. As such, this 80 year-old house was honored with silver medal in the 2015 "Old Building New Life Awards".

**Add:** 12, Sec. 2, Chongqing N. Rd., Taipei City (10 minutes by foot from MRT Zhongshan Station Exit 5)

**Tel:** (02)2555-5705



Yuan Taipei



Sculptor Barber

### Sculptor Barber

Owner Zhou Shi-xiong, who has travelled to the U.S. and the UK to study art and sculpture, replicates experiences of his time in Europe and America by bringing the barber shop concept to Taiwan. An art exhibition space is merged with a male barber shop as its central focus, offering artists the chance to host irregular exhibitions. Sitting alongside the three black retro barbers chairs is a permanent art installation, and this place overturns the stereotypical image of market as places of hubbub and crowds. This premises also received special recommendation in the 2015 "Old Building New Life Awards".

**Add:** 2F, No. 6, Ln. 265, Sec. 2, Dunhua S. Rd., Taipei City (8 minutes by foot from MRT Liuzhangli Station)

**Tel:** (02)2737-5832

### Neihu Public Assembly Hall

Formerly the Neihu Village Conference Hall, founded in 1930, this is the only public hall which is a designated municipal heritage site. The building itself looks like a granary building from the outside, and was constructed during the Japanese era. Even after being converted into a public hall, it retained the original brickwork and broad wooden trusses. People would find out the old houses were given a new life. The hall was also the first in Taipei City to implement participatory budgeting, which allocated funds for improvements in people's parks, community environments, and sidewalk regeneration.

**Add:** 342, Sec. 2, Neihu Rd., Taipei City (10 minutes by foot from MRT Neihu Station Exit 1)

**Tel:** (02)8791-0048 (Closed on Monday)

### Taiwan Bussan/ ASW Tea House

Within the century-old Watsons Pharmacy building on Dihua Street, there are two small stores brimming with culture and style. The Taiwan Bussan sells high-quality, hand-selected specialties, foodstuffs, arts and crafts, and snacks from all over Taiwan. ASW Tea House combines British style with a library as its spatial concept. It provides excellent quality black tea from all over Taiwan, and uses quality agricultural produce as ingredients in its food. For the past century, the Dadaocheng area has been the commerce and distribution center for tea and produce from all around Taiwan. These 2 spaces are an optimal mix of historical building, creativity and culture.

**Add:** 34, Sec. 1, Dihua St., Taipei City (8 minutes by foot from MRT Beimen Station Exit 3)

**Tel:** (02)2552-1853 (Taiwan Bussan) / (02)2555-9913 (ASW Tea House)



Taiwan Bussan



ASW Tea House





## 2016 Taipei Lunar New Year Festival

**Time:** 1/23-2/6

**Venue:** Commercial districts of Dihua Street, Taipei Station rear area, Huayin Street, Ningxia, Rongbin, and Taipei City Mall

**Tel:** 1999 (For callers outside Taipei City, dial 02-2720-8889), ext. 6477

**Website:** [www.facebook.com/Taipei.Lunar.NewYearFestival](http://www.facebook.com/Taipei.Lunar.NewYearFestival)

Through the promotion of Taipei City Government, "Taipei Lunar New Year Festival" has already become a first choice for Taipei residents to purchase Chinese New Year merchandise. Dihua Street in Dadaocheng is particularly popular. It has been crowded to bursting with people buying goods for years. The sound of hawkers and the sampling of food makes it the best location for foreigners to feel the exciting New Year atmosphere of Taipei. 2016 Taipei Lunar New Year Festival will run from Jan. 23 to Feb. 6, and will be held in 6 Taipei City commercial districts. From all kinds of food, snacks and fresh ingredients to household goods, everything you could want is here. On site there will also be many promotional events, giving visitors a truly happy New Year!



## Yangmingshan Flower Festival

**Time:** 1/30-3/20

**Venue:** Yangming Park (26, Sec. 2, Hushan Rd., Taipei City)

**Tel:** (02)2861-6361

**Website:** [2016.yms.taipei](http://2016.yms.taipei)

February and March each year is the most anticipated season for blossoming flowers in Yangmingshan. Large numbers of travelers always head there to watch the flowers as they burst into blossom within the park. Guests are often enthralled with the charm of "Taipei's backyard garden". This year during flowering season, not only will there be performances by school and community groups from Yangmingshan district on Mar. 5, a special invitation has been extended to The Humble Administrator's Garden, one of the four great gardens of Suzhou, China. In the 2nd floor exhibition hall of the Xinhai-Guangfu Building in Yangming Park there will be a wonderful display of the garden's pictures, opening on Jan. 30. On Mar. 12, Suzhou's master craftsmen will come to Taipei, putting on a demonstration of traditional exquisite Suzhou Embroidery.



## Taipei International Book Exhibition 2016

**Time:** 2/16-2/21

**Venue:** Taipei World Trade Centre, Exhibition Halls 1 and 3

**Tel:** (02)2767-1268 ext. 103

**Website:** [tibe.org.tw](http://tibe.org.tw)

The 24th Taipei International Book Exhibition will be held in exhibition halls 1 and 3 at the Taipei World Trade Center from Feb. 16 to 21. This year the theme country will be Hungary, which possesses a rich literary and artistic tradition. The exhibition will show the work of a wide range of Hungarian publications, literary works, and art awards. Seminal Hungarian writers and artists will come to Taiwan, and this is a great opportunity for book fans to meet them. Free admission for under 18s, which was implemented first time last year, continued this year so that the younger generation can indulge in a fine literary feast.

## 2016 Taipei Lantern Festival

**Time:** 2/20-2/29

**Venue:** Yuanshan Park Area (1, Yumen St., Taipei City)

**Tel:** 1999 (For callers outside Taipei City, dial 02-2720-8889), ext. 6237

From Feb. 20 to 29, Taipei Lantern Festival will spring to life at Yuanshan Park, and this year the theme is "Taipei Energy, Freedom Unbound". The main lantern area will exhibit creativity, display artistic skill, and have the effect of creating a gorgeous visual display. Besides the variety of different thematic approaches in the lantern area of Taipei Expo Park, the temples, businesses and schools of 12 administrative districts have been specially invited to participate in a joint lantern installation. Each area's lantern landscape will unify together to light up the Taipei night sky as the watching viewers share this Lantern Festival holiday.



## Velo-city Global 2016

**Time:** 2/27-3/1

**Tel:** (02)8780-5689 ext. 138

**Website:** [www.velo-city2016.com](http://www.velo-city2016.com)

In Taipei, riding a bicycle has become a popular activity. It's also an environment-friendly transport method which allows visitors to get in touch with the city around them. Velo-city Global is the world's biggest cyclists' conference, and Taipei is the first Asian city to host it. It is the greatest affirmation of Taipei's proactivity in promoting green transportation. Feb. 27 to Mar. 1, there will be a series of seminars, hands-on cycling around the city, a bicycle carnival, and vendor's exhibitions. It will allow the whole world an insight into the strengths and possibilities of Taipei's bike industry.



## Tianmu Water Source Festival

**Time:** 3/26 9:00-12:00 Waterpipe Path Walking Tour:

follow Tianmu Shuiguan Road to the 3rd Water Source

3/29 8:30-12:00 Street Walking Activity:

Tianmu Sanyu Temple (Intersection of Sec.7 Zhongshan N. Rd. and Tianmu E. Rd.) to Sanjiaopu Power Plant (end of Sec. 7, Zhongshan N. Rd.)

**Tel:** (02)2826-2369

**Website:** [www.facebook.com/tienmuaqueduct](http://www.facebook.com/tienmuaqueduct)

The Tianmu area TSAO-SHAN ECHA (Ecology, Culture and History Alliance) is hosting 14th Tianmu Water Source Festival this year. On the morning of Mar. 29, more than 10 schools and residents from Tianmu will show their creativity in dressing up, performing street walking activities and putting on stage dramas. The area will become a Lively carnival! On Mar. 26, youngsters and volunteers will host an ecological tour along the site of the old water channel, including the municipal heritage site at the 3rd Water Source, which is not normally open to the public. On this day, however, the public is invited to look around, drink natural water, and share in protecting water resources!





## Art Exhibition Calendar

### Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei

**Tel:** (02)2552-3721

**Add:** 39, Chang'an W. Rd., Taipei City

**Website:** www.mocatapei.org.tw

#### Constant Dropping Wears Away A Stone-Ni Youyu

Time: Until 2/14

#### Cross - Design<sup>+</sup> x Art<sup>+</sup>

Time: 1/23-3/6

### Huashan 1914 Creative Park

**Tel:** (02)2358-1914

**Add:** 1, Sec. 1, Bade Rd., Taipei City

**Website:** www.huashan1914.com

#### Ito Junji Horror Manga Art Exhibition At Taiwan

Time: Until 2/28

#### TAKASHI OHTA - Paper Crafts Exhibition

Time: Until 2/29

#### Incident In Conan Exhibit

Time: Until 3/13

#### Rébecca Dautremer's Illustration Exhibition

Time: 1/30-4/10

### National Taiwan Museum

**Tel:** (02)2382-2566

**Add:** 2, Xiangyang Rd., Taipei City

**Website:** www.ntm.gov.tw

#### Deconstruction: Architectural Drawings Of The National Taiwan Museum By LI Chien-Lang

Time: Until 2/21

### Taipei Fine Arts Museum

**Tel:** (02)2595-7656

**Add:** 181, Sec. 3, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei City

**Website:** www.tfam.museum

#### Animal Farm : The Painting of Su Wong-shen

Time: Until 2/14

#### 2015 Taipei Arts Awards

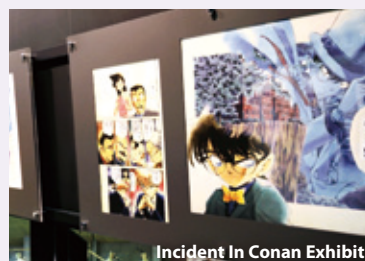
Time: Until 3/13

#### Yang Mao-Lin Retrospective Exhibition

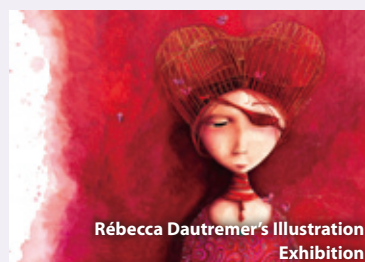
Time: 1/30-4/24



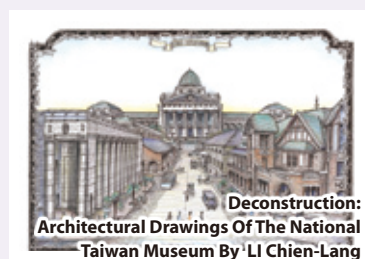
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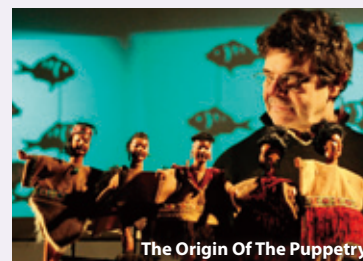
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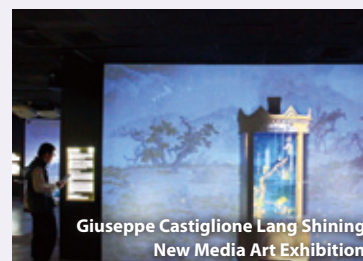
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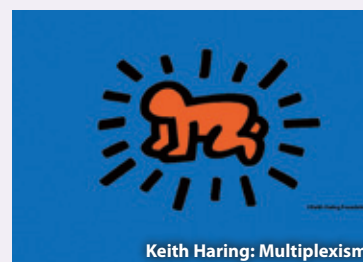
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The Origin Of The Puppetry



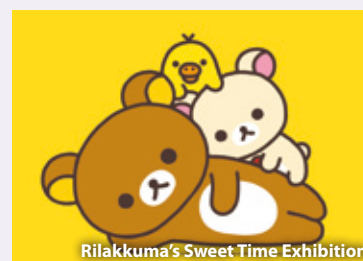
Giuseppe Castiglione Lang Shining New Media Art Exhibition



Keith Haring: Multiplexism



Attack On Titan Exhibition



Rilakkuma's Sweet Time Exhibition

### Puppetry Art Center of Taipei

**Tel:** (02)2528-9553

**Add:** 2F, 99, Sec. 5, Civic Blvd., Taipei City

**Website:** www.pact.org.tw

#### The Origin of the Puppetry

Time: Until 3/27

### National Palace Museum

**Tel:** (02)2881-2021

**Add:** 221, Sec. 2, Zhishan Rd., Taipei City

**Website:** www.npm.gov.tw

#### Giuseppe Castiglione Lang Shining New Media Art Exhibition

Time: Until 1/31

#### Treasures From Heaven: A Special Exhibition Of Artifacts From The Holy See

Time: 2/6-5/2

### National Museum of History

**Tel:** (02)2361-0270

**Add:** No.49, Nanhai Rd., Taipei City

**Website:** www.nmh.gov.tw

#### The Golden Age Of The Tang Dynasty: Tricolor-Glazed Wares From Luoyang

Time: Until 1/24

#### Keith Haring: Multiplexism

Time: 1/20-4/10

### Songshan Cultural and Creative Park

**Tel:** (02)2765-1388

**Add:** 133, Guangfu S. Rd., Taipei City

**Website:** www.songshanculturalpark.org

#### Attack On Titan Exhibition

Time: Until 2/29

#### Rilakkuma's Sweet Time Exhibition

Time: Until 3/20

#### One Piece Animation 15th Anniversary Celebration

Time: Until 3/29

### National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall

**Tel:** (02)2343-1100

**Add:** 21, Zhongshan S. Rd., Taipei City

**Website:** www.cksmh.gov.tw

#### Nippon Railway Museum

Time: 1/16-4/17



## Transportation Information

### Metro Taipei

**24-Hour Customer Service Hotline:** (02)218-12345 **Website:** [www.metro.taipei](http://www.metro.taipei)

### Metro Tickets

#### One-way Trip



NT\$20 ~ NT\$65

#### Day Pass



NT\$150

#### 24hr Pass

NT\$180

#### 48hr Pass

NT\$280

#### 72hr Pass

NT\$380

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### Taipei Pass



The Taipei Pass is activated upon first use on bus or metro ticket readers and valid for unlimited use till expiration. The Taipei Pass can be purchased at all Metro stations, and is used on the Taipei Metro and on Taipei and New Taipei City public buses (with Taipei Pass stickers showing).

One-day pass: NT\$180

Two-day pass: NT\$310

Three-day pass: NT\$440

Five-day pass: NT\$700

Maokong Gondola One-day pass: NT\$250

### Maokong Gondola

**24-Hour Service Hotline:** (02)218-12345 **Website:** [www.gondola.taipei](http://www.gondola.taipei)

### YouBike Public Bicycles

**Tel:** 1999 (outside Taipei City, please dial 02-2720-8889) ext. 5855 or (02)8978-5511

**Website:** [www.youbike.com.tw](http://www.youbike.com.tw)

### Blue Highway

**Taipei Department of Transportation:** [www.dot.gov.taipei](http://www.dot.gov.taipei)

**Taipei River Cruise Mini Trip Website:** [www.riverfun.net](http://www.riverfun.net)

(For detailed information about cruises, please contact the boat companies.)

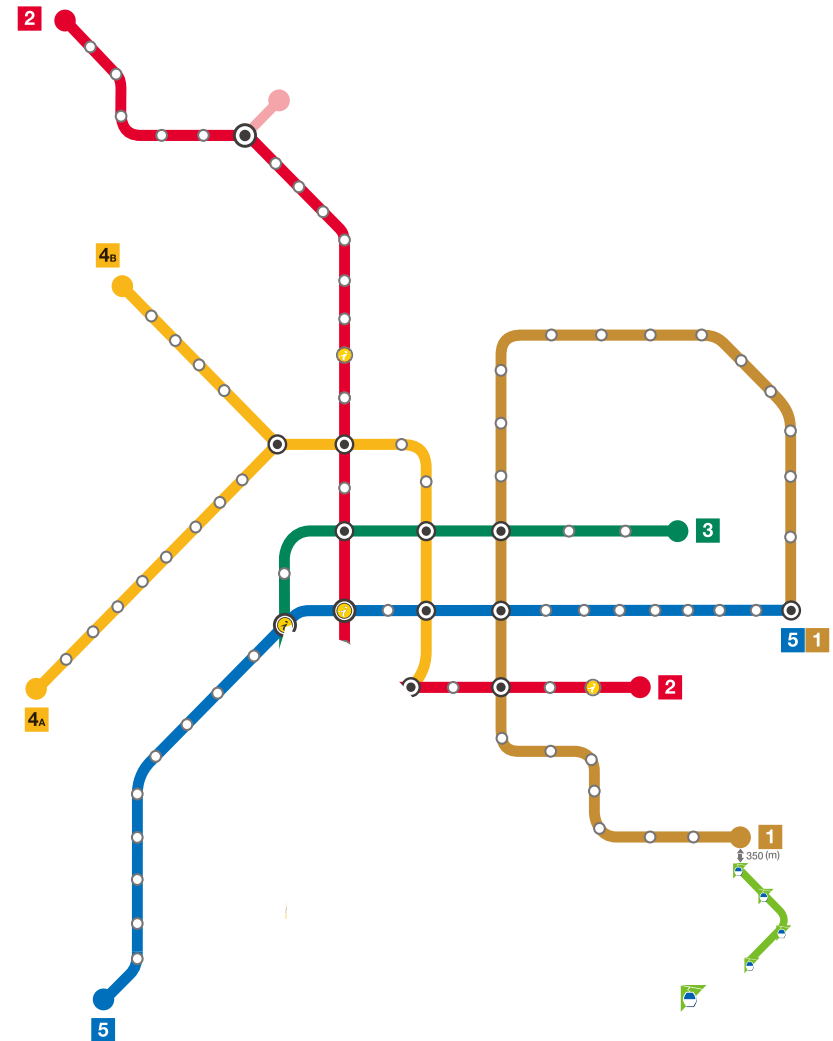


**Taiwan Tourist Shuttle-Beitou Zhuzihu Route**

**Origin-Destination:** Beitou Bus Stop – Zhuzihu

**Website:** [www.taiwantrip.com.tw](http://www.taiwantrip.com.tw)

## Taipei MRT Map







Raised by First Super in its own farm, King Pork is HACCP-certified. This certified-as-safe (CAS) pork contains no ractopamine or other pharmaceuticals. The First Super is now promoting an exclusive recipe of the traditional Taiwanese braised pork sauce. A specific fat and lean meat ratio cooked in Mori & Company mushroom sauce and Aichi prefecture Mirin, it is quality meat and deliciousness in every bite. A combo meal includes a stewed soy egg, Japanese pickled radish, King Pork meatball soup, and braised pork over rice. This is the most popular dish for Taiwanese and international tourists alike. Please come and try it out at one of the First Super stores!

**Add:** 1, Sec. 4, Nanjing E. Rd., Songshan Dist., Taipei City  
**Tel:** (02)8712-3626  
**Time:** Monday~ Friday 9:30~21:30,  
 Saturday and Sunday 10:30~21:30  
**Website:** www.facebook.com/kingmori1



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