Undiscovered. Taipei Special Activities I

Taipei is a city rich with tourist attractions, inspired cuisine, and pleasing blend of old and new. Separately or in combination, these are well worth a walkabout or two, and you can also take part in special experience activities, creating one-of-a-kind memories of Taipei to take home.
Free Traditional Costume Experience — Dadaocheng Visitor Center

Walk into Dadaocheng and you are immersed in a world of historic buildings, traditional folk customs, tea shops, fabric shops, Chinese herbal-medicine shops, and authentic old-time local cuisine. Traces of the history of the old city are everywhere. Come to this place where people of myriad cultural talents have congregated, and while visiting why not change into classical 1920s attire and meander the area pondering its commercial heyday from the late 19th into the early 20th centuries. These and other touches bring a striking retro look to a Taipei urban district of extraordinarily busy life.

The Free Traditional Costume Experience at the Dadaocheng Visitor Center provides fashionable retro-style attire from the 1920s, including cheongsams, suits, kimonos, Dajia straw hats, parasols, etc. Dress up to play the role of one of six period characters, capturing the experience with souvenir photos taken inside or on a neighborhood walkabout.

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DIY Silk Printing Experience — Using Printed Fabrics to Create Beauty and Good Living Together

The “Come Take a Class Together! Aesthetic DIY Silk Printing Experience Suitable for Groups” series of handcraft courses offer content that can be made exclusive and uniquely meaningful, whether for corporate team building, internal aesthetics refresher training, or brand marketing activities. There’s a DIY silk printing experience, DIY private-group workshops, customized DIY projects, and more. The rich course diversity meets differing theme, time, level of difficulty, budget, and other needs, and customized project cooperation is also offered for brand customers.

Taiwan Glove Puppetry Special Show — See-Join Puppet Theater Dining & Gold Puppetry Enjoyment

Taiwanese glove puppetry, or budai, is one of the most representative forms of traditional Taiwanese culture, and the See-Join Puppet Theater Restaurant is the first glove puppetry cultural-creative restaurant in Taiwan. Incorporating performance features of great originality, “interaction, surprise, laughter, experience,” the troupe presents the “Taiwan Budai Feast,” using three different types of puppets: palm, Golden Light, and TV. Performances are in Taiwanese, Mandarin Chinese, and English (depending on the play). The stereotype people have of budai is transformed, and Taiwanese traditional art is brought closer to people. The experience has been highly recommended by both domestic and foreign media, and in 2013 the TLC channel of the US covered it in a report on the “World’s Weirdest Restaurants.” It is a must-experience “Taiwan image” cultural attraction that draws official diplomatic delegations from Taiwan-friendly countries as well as sightseeing and other types of visiting groups from around the globe.

Team Building Centripetal Force — Taiwan Domino College

It takes a long time to set up dominoes, but just 1/10th of the time to collapse them. The patience required, and the constant facing of failure, helps in improving focus and attentiveness. The process of setting up dominoes requires team cooperation for task completion, and thus is widely used in experiential teaching and corporate training. Dominoes requires the same spirit as with most sports, requiring mutual assistance, intuition and understanding working with others, and attention to risk. And because dominoes is primarily an indoor activity, it is not affected by weather considerations. These many positives make it especially suitable for team-building activities.
South Korea is removed from CECC's list of medium-risk countries as its coronavirus situation continues to escalate with risk of nationwide pandemic

Travelers arriving in Taiwan from Philippines must undergo COVID-19 testing at airports and undergo 14-day period of quarantine at group quarantine facility

Japan is removed from CECC's list of medium-risk countries as its coronavirus cases continue to increase

People must wear masks in eight public venues; local governments and competent authority may announce and impose penalties for violators if necessary

Taipei Valentine's Day / August 23 - September 20

The theme for the 2020 edition of Taipei Valentine's Day is "Love Knows No Distance." The celebration's grand debut will take place in Dadaocheng on August 23. The organizers have also partnered with businesses in the neighboring historic Dadaocheng commercial district to launch district discount stamp-colllecting activities and exclusive guided tours. Responding to the boom in domestic post-epidemic travel, the city government's Department of Information and Tourism has launched "Deeper the Night, Deeper the Beauty" nighttime sightseeing activities, month-long neighborhood decorative lighting, and a series of other Dadaocheng-themed activities. Whether visiting daytime or nighttime, you'll feel immersed in the air of romance and the classic "little town" atmosphere.

2020 Taipei Jazz Festival September 12 - October 25

The theme for this year's festival is "Jazz Decade" celebrating the past 10 years of jazz in Taiwan. Through the staging of this year's jazz celebration, developments and achievements in Taiwan jazz over the past decade are being presented. At the same time the festival is serving in a role as bridge, connecting musicians with the public, Taiwan, and the wider world, with the goal of helping the jazz music score develop even more vigorously in Taiwan in the 10 years to come, and become an indispensable presence in the global jazz culture.

Confucius 2569th Birthday Celebration Commemoration Ceremony / September 28

To honor Confucius, the Greatly Accomplished Ultimate Sage and First Teacher, and his spirit of making no social distinctions in teaching, and to commemorate the profound influence this had had on Chinese culture, the Taipei Confucius Temple holds the Confucius Birthday Celebration Commemoration Ceremony each year on September 28. The Taipei Confucius Temple has engaged in research on the Confucian ritual system for more than 80 years, seeking to preserve the inheritance of the ancient ceremonial rituals, dance, and music, and has faithfully resurrected the complete process of 37 elaborate ritual procedures in the Three Consecrations and Yo Yue Dance. These fully reflect the essence of Confucianism. If visiting Taipei, come enjoy this rare opportunity to witness the cultural beauty of ancient rituals and ceremonies.

The Grand Hotel — World's Longest Secret Passage Slides

The Grand Hotel, perched on a low plateau on the side of Jiufen Mountain, was the first 5-star hotel opened in Taiwan. Its magnificent 14-story Chinese palace-style main building is renowned. In times past secret tunnels were built under the hotel in response to international tensions, and since their unveiling and opening for public visit they have become a well-known new Taipei attraction.

The tunnels were built 46 years ago. The one open to the public has a total length of 85 meters, with a concrete slab 20 meters long, and is about 8 stories high. There are 6 time slots for guided tours each day, with advance registration required. Tours include the grand lobby lavatory doors, plain-flower caisson ceiling, giant stone tablet, cultural gallery, Centennial Golden Dragon, secret passage, ancient Chinese opium coin (Huo Ba) wall, and Yuanshan Art and Ornamental GIFT Shop.