

TAIPEI MICE

Undiscovered. Taipei Secret Places I

In this era of rapid technological advancement, busy work, and ever-increasing life pressure, let's get far away from this city's hustle and bustle, exploring Taipei's secret travel spaces and immersing ourselves in Mother Nature's embrace!



Old Tianmu Hiking Trail



Yangmingshan Sapphire Spring

The Yangmingshan Sapphire Spring (Yangming Spring) is also known as “Asia’s first spring,” because it has a light blue color and the character of the water is sweet and it can be consumed directly. In the past, as part of Tienmu Aqueduct Festival celebrations along the Old Tianmu Hiking Trail, the facility was temporarily opened to special-booking tour groups. Starting in October 2020, for the first time the Taipei Water Department has opened the facility for visits by the general public (using a booking system). For the future, consideration is being given to staging blind drinking contests, to enable visitors to personally verify that the moniker “Asia’s first spring” is by no means undeserved.



Yangmingshan Sapphire Spring / photo by Taipei Water Department

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Mt. Ding-Mt. Shiti Trail

This Yangmingshan National Park trail is about 6.6km in length. You can start out from either Qingtiangang on the west or Fengguizui on the east. The natural landscape is highly variable along the way, passing along silvergrass slopes, forest, cedar forest, and grassland. This trail’s two most eye-catching highlights are its fairytale Black Forest-like cedar forest landscape and the sprawling Qingtiangang plateau grassland, where water buffalo are occasionally seen contentedly grazing. If looking for adventure exploring Yangming-shan’s wondrous scenery, the Mt. Ding-Mt. Shiti Trail is the way to go!



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Mt. Ding-Mt. Shiti Trail

Taipei Grand Trail

The Taipei Grand Trail, which has a length of 92km, is divided into 7 route sections. Each section, with return the same way, can be traversed in a single day. This urban long-distance hiking route connects numerous renowned Taipei mountains and scenic spots. These include the volcanic landscape of Mt. Datun, neighboring Mt. Qixing, which is Taipei’s highest peak at 1,120m, the seas of calla lilies and hydrangeas at Zhuzihu (Bamboo Lake), the campgrounds at Bishan, strawberry picking and tasting at Baishihu, tea-tasting fun at Maokong, and brilliant Taipei 101 night view from Sishoushan (Four Beasts Mountain). Because of the route’s length, and considering the time, fitness, logistics, and gear required, it’s recommended that adventurers proceed in stages.

Everyone is welcomed to join the 2021 Taipei Grand Trail certification event. Unique certificates and prizes await those who complete the journey by collecting photos at the activity columns at 12 designated locations or by using the “HIKING BIJI” APP!

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Taipei Grand Trail



- 01 Hospitals in Taipei City, New Taipei City, and Taoyuan City to suspend visitation starting from today with certain exceptions; only one person can be allowed to accompany a patient
- 02 The COVID-19 pandemic reaches its peak and slows down globally though the situation remains serious; public should continue following quarantine and epidemic prevention measures
- 03 City Cancels CNY Street Bazaar, Postpones Lantern Festival in Light of COVID-19
- 04 Vote for Top 100 Taipei Must-visit Sites and Win Great Prizes

Events



Taipei Rose Festival / photo by Parks and Street Lights Office, Public Works Department, Taipei City Government

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2021 Taipei Rose Festival 3/12-4/04

The Taipei Rose Garden is located in the Taipei Expo Park's Xinsheng Park Area. This is the first rose garden in Taiwan with a classical garden and tea rose design theme combination. Over 800 rose types have been planted to date, and through exquisite horticultural management an elegant floral landscape has been crafted. To stroll through this springtime sea of roses is to immerse yourself in the romantic beauty of the rose!



Taipei Azalea Festival / photo by Parks and Street Lights Office, Public Works Department, Taipei City Government

2021 Taipei Azalea Festival 3/14-3/31

The city's official flower, the azalea, is the creative starting point for the Taipei Azalea Festival. The festival brings together the communities of the city's south area, markets and commercial districts, cultural-arts activities, diversified educational activities, and other elements. The wide-ranging series of spring-time flower season activities is designed to add a strong flower-themed component to the city's brand image.

One and all are warmly welcomed to come enjoy the floral beauties and experience the sensual charms of Taipei in azalea season!


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Zhuzihu Calla Lily & Hydrangea Festival / photo by Parks and Street Lights Office, Public Works Department, Taipei City Government

2021 Zhuzihu Calla Lily Festival 3/26-4/25

Each year from February through May, Zhuzihu's brilliant-white calla lilies are in full bloom, bringing a romantic atmosphere to Yangmingshan and attracting great numbers of foreign and domestic tourists up the mountain for floral enjoyment and sampling of local culinary treats. Also grown in quantity at Zhuzihu are hydrangeas, which begin their bloom in May. The rich variety and colors have made this a favorite with the public, with the vibrant spring and early summer flower fields scenery making this a hotspot destination for outdoor photography and social media check-ins.

In response to the impact of the Wuhan epidemic, Zhuzihu's major farms have all stepped up their cleaning and disinfection measures. Cleaning tools such as alcohol and hand sanitizer are provided at such locations as farm entrances and washrooms. These measures provide visitors with an even more secure and comfortable travel environment.

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Exclusive Experience



Taiwan's First Western-style Pharmacy - A.S. Watson & Co. Building

Dihua Street's iconic A.S. Watson & Co. Building was built in 1917. This was home to Taiwan's first Western-style pharmacy, engaged in the wholesale import of Western medicines. Tea leaf was long Dadaocheng's most important export item, with black tea the export majority for some time, with tea merchants from all around the globe engaged in dealings here.

Today, the ASW Tea House celebrates this history and continues tradition, with a primary focus on back teas and heavily fermented Oolongs from all around Taiwan. The tea menu clearly lists place of origin and other key info for all teas, and for all food menu selections premium agri-products from small farms are sourced in cooperation with local markets. The goal is to use Dadaocheng's historical role as an international window to once again showcase Taiwan's unique, enticing terroir on the world stage.

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ASW TEA HOUSE

The Island Coffee · Green Island Serenade

In the "Er Tiao Tong" used in the Chinese name of this café, the "tiao tong" is a borrowed term from Japanese meaning "small road; lane."

During the 1895~1945 Japanese colonial era, today's Tiao Tong Commercial District was called Taisho-cho or Taisho District. This neighborhood, which brims with Japanese-style architecture, is rich in Eastern cultural ambiance. After the Second World War it transformed from a high-end residential district into an enclave of Japanese eateries, bars, and other establishments. "Er Tiao Tong," or "No. 2 Lane," refers to Lane 33, Sec. 1, Zhongshan North Road. Hidden along the lane is this two-story Japanese-style wooden house, once home to Japanese photographer Sasaki Hachijo. Natural lighting streams in through the atrium, bringing great shifts of character and flavor sunny through rainy days. If in the area, why not slip into this neighborhood's tiao tong world for a fine cup of coffee in a genteel old wooden house, immersed in small-lane quiet?

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Taipei City Souvenir Merchandise