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Presidential Building The impressive Renaissance-style Presidential Office Building was built during the period of Japanese colonial rule (1895-1945) as the governor-general's office. Since its completion in 1919, it has been Taiwan's highest seat of power. Severely damaged by bombing in the waning years of World War II, it was rebuilt in 1946 and has served as the Presidential Office ever since the ROC government moved to Taiwan in 1949. On major national holidays the building is festooned with brilliant lighting. It is, at times, opened to visitors.

Bao'an Temple Bao'an Temple, once called "Temple of Dalangbeng", along with Longshan Temple in Longshan, and Zushi Temple in Qingshuiyan, is considered to be the most three important temples in Taipei. The deity of the temple is Baosheng Dadi, who was used to be a well-known doctor. People especially those who are infected with chronic diseases come to worship his power of healing and draw lots of medicine to pray for recovery. Also, Bao'an Temple is a three-section compound known for it's delicate sculptures, paintings, pillars, and structures. As a whole, Bao'an Temple is thought to be the classic representation of Taiwan's religious and vernacular architecture.

Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall This impressive monument in central Taipei has a roof, designed like the Temple of Heaven in Beijing, topping a pyramidal body. The vast surrounding gardens, which contain a variety of plants and carp ponds, have become a favorite leisure venue for local residents. The large plaza that fronts the memorial hall is flanked by the classical Chinese-style National Theater on one side and the National Concert Hall on the other, two institutions that present a regular program of domestic and international art performances.



Northern Taiwan

National Palace Museum

beauty of classic Chinese gardens.

If you want to encompass at one grasp Taiwan's cultural face, unique natural

scenery, and metropolitan flair, Northern Taiwan is the place for you. This is an area

that includes the cities and counties of Taipei, New Taipei, Keelung, Taoyuan, Hsinchu,

National Park, North Coast and Guanyinshan National Scenic Area, and Northeast Coast

National Scenic Area also add their natural allure to the Greater Tainei area. You can

watch the waves of the sea crashing gently onto the shore, savor an invigorating "green

Despite its facade of modern prosperity, Taipei, and New Taipei maintain historic

sites that preserve the essence of traditional culture. It provides a variety of ways to

enjoy yourself day and night, with bustling business districts, tourist night markets,

fantastic museums, quaint temples hundreds of years old-and the second tallest

building in the world, Taipei 101. Away from downtown, you have easy access to the

historic old towns of Danshui and Sansia with famous tea and temples, Yingge with

its pottery, Wulai with its hot springs, and many, many more places with a vast variety

The National Palace Museum contains the world's largest and most valuable

collection of Chinese art and artifacts covering 5,000 years of history, from Neolithic

times down to the end of the Qing Dynasty in the early 20th century. The treasures

almost 650,000 items in all. It is listed among the world's four top museums. The ex-

terior of the museum mimics that of the original in Beijing, and the displays in its main

exhibition building are categorized into bronzes, ceramics, paintings and calligraphy,

and jades. Visitors can observe how Chinese arts evolved throughout history. There

is also a gallery that displays modern and contemporary works. The Zhishan Garden

that graces the approach to the museum, was designed according to a description by

the famous ancient calligrapher Wang Xi-zhi and is a complete manifestation of the

here include porcelains, bronzes, jades, sculptures, paintings, and calligraphy—

and Yilan, each of which offers its own splendors in each season. The Yangmingshar

The Taipei Zoo is located in the district of Muzha, at the end of the MRT Muzha Line, and espouses he goals of animal conservation and environmental education. It is divided into different zones which are ategorized by habitat. The eight indoor display areas include Education Center, the Nocturnal Animal House, the Koala House, the Penguin House, the Amphibian and Reptile House, the Insectarium, and the Panda House. The eight outdoor display areas contain animals from Taiwan, desert areas, Australia, Africa, etc. The most popular animals are koalas, penguins, and of course pandas. This is an educational and fun place.

Commercial districts are located around Taipei and include Taipei 101 and the Xinyi District, the fashion leading Zhongxiao Business District, the Wufenpu Fashion District with inexpensive and fashion items, the Ximending District with fashions in Japanese and Korean style, and the American style Tianmu Business District. The variety of choices can meet everyone's needs.

Night Markets Night markets are among Taipei's most popular tourist spots. These markets get under way around dusk, with vendors offering everything from accessories nival games. If you want to try the special delicacies of different areas, a night market is the place to go. The biggest lot is the Shilin Night Market, with its pan-fried dumplings, "little roll wrapped in big roll," and the Shilin sausage. An additional attraction is the market's proximity to the night scenes and hot springs of Yangmingshan.

The Huaxi Street Tourist Night Market, located adjacent to the famous Longshan Temple, is known for its meat stew eel noodles, shrimp in wine-and the snake dishes which give the market its English nickname, "Snake Alley." The Raohe Street Night Market, near the Songshan Railway Station, is close to the old Songshan Cihyou Temple and is known for traditional snacks such as medicinal ribs and fruit ices as well as for handicraft products. The Wufenpu Fashion District is also in the neighborhood, where you can find all sorts of inexpensive fashion items.

Longshan and Xingtian Temples Longshan Temple, located at the Longshan MRT station, was originally built in 1738 and is now Taipei's best-known temple. Its host deity is Guanyin, the Buddhist Goddess of Mercy and presiding in its rear court is Mazu, the Taoist Goddess of the Sea. They are accompanied by a host of other divine personages. The structure includes unique dragon columns cast from bronze. Despite World War II bombing and several reconstructions, the temple remains one of the city's best examples of traditional temple architecture

The popular Xingtian Temple, on Minquan East Road, enshrines Guan Gong, the God of War. The temple is always busy with worshippers offering incense to the gods and begging favors of them-prosperity in business, success in academic endeavors, good health, etc. Blue-robed old men and women in the temple provide services such as recovering souls" from a frightening experience and escaping danger. The pedestrian underpass beside the temple is known for the fortunetellers who ply their trade there.

Nearby Attraction

North Coast and Guanvinshan.

Yingge

Yingge is a pottery town, known as the "Jingdezhen of Taiwan." This town has several hundred pottery plants, and equal numbers of pottery shops that sell their products. Jianshanpu Road is the origin of the local ceramics industry, and even today it has an old square coal-fired kiln chimney that serves as its landmark. Every October, the town holds the Yingge Ceramics Festival; and, if you want to learn about the development of ceramics in Taiwan, the Yingge Ceramics Museum is the place to go. Wulai



Wulai is a mountain township bounded by the Nanshi and Tonghou rivers. It has abundant hot spring resources, which are especially popular with visitors in the fall and winter. The mineral water from these springs is colorless and odorless, and is good for drinking as well as for bathing. Visitors who come to enjoy the hot springs can also savor the traditional cuisine of the Atayal tribe in restaurants on the streets, and shop for Atayal handicrafts here.

shower," soak in healthful hot-spring mineral water, enjoy the tranquility of small towns

and the nostalgia of historic sites, taste delicious local products, and wonder at creations

of art in this area so filled with life and vigor. Yangmingshan is known as "Taipei's back

vard". Only 30 miles from the city, you can enjoy the sight of well-developed volcanic

topography. Spectacular stone coasts and reef-rock formations, can be found at the

Sanxia Old Street and Zushi Temple Sanxia Old Street-the southern section of Minguan Street in Sanxiaconsists of a row of old Western-style buildings with a baroque archway gallery of red brick. Decorations on the buildings consist of intricate wood carvings as well as bronze and stone sculptures, giving the street the sobriquet "Oriental Art Palace." Pinglin is situated at about the



fields. The museum's displays cover the history of tea, the tea culture, and tea implements, making it the best place to learn about this quintessentially Chinese beverage Taipei Live House Taipei is an energetic city, full of creativity and opportunity. In recent years, more and more "Live Houses" have been set up for non-mainstream bands to perform. These places may have only a simple and small stage, and may not be able to ac-

commodate more than 50 people. Guests can order soft drinks while watching artists demonstrate their ideas through music. This is not "Spring Scream" or the "HoHaiYan Festival" Yet, you'll be treated to a feast of musical creativity, and perhaps you will find the next A-Mei or Jay Chou here. National Palace Museum

221 Zhishan Rd., Sec. 2, Shilin District, Taipei (02) 2881-2021 1. Take the MRT to the Shilin station, then change a line Red 30 bus to the museum

. Take city bus 255 or 304, minibus 18 or 19, or Holiday Bus 101 to the museum Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall 21 Zhongshan S. Rd., Taipei (02) 2343-1100-3 Take a train on the MRT Xindian or Nanshijiao line and get off at the CKS Memorial Hall station. Taipei Zoo 30 Xinguang Rd., Sec. 2, Wunshan District, Taipei (02) 2938-2300 1. Take city bus Brown 3, Brown 11, Green 1, 236, 237, 282, 294, 295, 611, to the zoo. 2. Take a train on the MRT Wenshan-Neihu line to the terminal station.

Commercial Districts 1 Xinyi District: Both sides of Songshou Road from Songzhi Road to Songren Road Take the MRT to the Taipei City Hall station and walk 5-10 minutes 2. Zhongxiao Business District: Primarily Section 4 of Zhongxiao East Road. Take the MRT to the Zhongxiao East Road station.

3. Wufenpu Fashion District: Bordered by Yongji Road, Songshan Road, and Zhongpo North Road 4. Ximending Business District: Stretches from Zhonghua Road in the east to Kangding Road in the west, and from Hankou Street in the north to Chengdu Road in the south. 5. Tianmu Business District: Most business activities are in the area of Tianmu East and West Road Holiday Flower and Jade Markets Take the Xinyi Line bus or city bus 20, 22, 204, or 270 to the Jianguo South Road, Central Broadcasting

Night Markets 1. Shilin Night Market: Bounded by Wunlin Road, Dadong Road, and Anping Street.

2. Huaxi Street Tourist Night Market: Between Xiyuan Road and Huanhe South Road Take the MRT to the Longshan Temple station. 3. Raohe Street Tourist Night Market: Opposite the rear of Songshan Railway Station. Longshan Temple 211 Guangzhou St., Taipei

2. Take a train to the Wanhua Railway Station and walk north for 8 minutes. Xingtian Temple 109 Minquan E. Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei (02) 2502-7924 Yingge Take a train to the Yingge Railway Station.

1. Take the MRT on the Banqiao line to Longshan Temple Station.

Wulai Take the MRT train to the Xindian station, then take a Xindian bus to Wulai. Xindian Bus: (02) 2368-1551 Sanxia Old Street Minquan Rd., Sanxia District, New Taipei City nipei Sanxia Sanchiaovung Culture Association: (02) 2671-8058

From the Taipei Circle or Minsheng West Road stop in Taipei, take a Capital bus to Sanxia; or, from near the Ximen stop on Zhonghua Road, take a Taipei bus to Sanxia. Capital Bus: (02) 2982-3322; Taipei Bus: (02) 2968-4188 Exit the freeway at the San-Ying interchange - Follow Zhongshan Road - Turn right on Minquan Road

1. Taipei - Provincial Highway 9 - Xindian - Taipei-Yilan Highway - Pinglin 1. Taipei - Provinciai riighway 9 - Aliudaii - Taipei - Haut Tighung,
 2. Jingmei - County Highway 106 - Muzha, Shenkeng, Shiding - Exit the freeway at the Shiding change - Freeway 5 - Exit the freeway at the Pinglin interchange

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 Yangmingshan-Jinshan Highway: Yangmingshan - Jinshan
 Yankara 3. Freeway 3: Exit at the Wanli interchange - Keelung-Jinshan Highway - Jinshan

1. Sanchong Bus (Beimen-Bali): From the Tacheng Street stop, take Bus No. 704 through Sanchong and Luzhou to Formosa Fun Coast. 2. Danshui Bus (Guandu-Bali): From the MRT Guandu Station, Ferry From the Danshui Ferry Wharf take a boat to Bali and then take a Red 22, Red 13, or 704 bus to

Formosa Fun Coast 106 Xiaguzih, 1 Lin, Xiagu Village, Bali District, New Taipei City (02) 2610-5200, 0800-200-198

Yangmingshan

National Park

Yangmingshan, which was originally named Cao Mountain, is surrounded by Datun Volcanoes and is the major area in Taiwan for volcanoes. The unique conical or bell-shaped structure of the mountain, along with craters, fissures, and lakes have formed unique geological formations. Hot springs and geothermal phenomenon have therefore become the most important natural resources in Yangmingshan National Park.

Beitou, located in the northern part of the Taipei basin, is the earliest settlement in northern Taiwan. In the past, the Huanggang River divided Beitou in half. The south side of the Huangang River was called "Beitou" or "Old Beitou", which is the neighborhood of current MRT Beitou Station. The north side of Huangang River, on Guangming Road, was named "Xin Beitou", (New Beitou) which is located near the current MRT Xin Beitou Station, Xin Beitou is a well-known historical hot spring scenic area

History of Hot Springs

The Yangmingshan Hot Springs spans from Yangmingshan National Park's Lengshuikeng, Macao and Huogengziping. Geological and geothermal activities vary in different areas. The mineral composition, water temperature and quality differ accordingly, and each area has its unique features. With the passage of time, and modernization, a whole new "Hot Spring Culture" has emerged, combining natural resources, convenient facilities, and artistic spaces, all of which have become firm Beitou is located in the neighborhood

favorites with scores of visitors. of the Datun Volcanoes. The geothermal activities of an active volcano have made Beitou the biggest hot spring area in the northern part of Taiwan. The metamorphic heat has generated green, white, and iron sulfur springs which ensure the prosperity of the hot spring culture.

Yangming Library_ **Historical Humanitarian Architecture**

Yangming Shuwu falls at the intersection of Yangjing Highway, Zhongxing Road, Dongsheng Road, and the famous flower clock is right beside it. Yangming Shuwu originally was named "Zhongxing Villa", which was once former president Chaing Kai-shek's summer hideout and the reception area for VIP guests. Nowadays it has become one of the important historical humanitarian architectures. Nowadays, the Yangmingshan National Park administration authorities provide services such as travel information, video presentations, guides, as well as displays.

Yulu Historical Trail

The path that foretold the story of our ancestor The Yulu historical trail, also known as Jinbaoli Path, is approximately a 30 km

historical trail that spans from Huanggang Fishing Harbor of Jinshan District, and crosses Yangming Mountain Area to Shihlin District. In the early days of the Qing Dynasty, fishermen from Jinshan District (also known as Jinbaoli) accessed the trail and sent fish to

> Secret garden - Jingshan Road & Pingdengli In Yangmingshan Shanzaihou, a country road leads to Neishuanshi called Jingshan

Qing Dynasty along the route are worth seeing.

waterfall) is on the must-see list. From the north, the historical site of masonry, and Xuyan

Bridge are also well-known attractions. On top of that, some historical remains from the

an agricultural area where you may find oriental cherry blossoms in the beginning of Spring, falling maple leaves in autumn, and sweet and juicy Yangming oranges in winter. Of course, its greenery certainly serves summer sanctuary for all. When admiring standalone villas, people may rest or eat in various restaurants and coffee shops. Looking up at the blue sky and white clouds, and hearing winds whispering in

Road, which offers exquisite scenery and green views with peasant houses. The

secret passage, popular with students who study nearby may take you to Pingdengli,

your ears, you can enjoy the simple pleasures in life. **Hot Spring Guardian Guanyin – Puji Taoist Temple**

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Beitou, Yangmingshan, Fountains and culture

Puii Taoist Temple, 112 Wuncvuan Road Beitou, is located on top of a hot spring area. The main god worshiped here is "Tangshou Guanyin" hot spring protector. Its original name "TienCheng Yuan", built by a Japanese government officer in 1905 during the Japanese colonial rule. The Japanese Shingon Buddhism Temple, with a simple but elegant appearance showing dignified solemn and its respectfulness, is a typical Japanese old style construction. In 1998, this temple was officially named as one of historical sites in Taipei. This is a true testimony to a hundred years of history and culture for Beitou hot spring.



Yangmingshan National Park (02) 2861-3601 1. Take the MRT to the Jiantan station, then take a No. 60 Capital bus or Re the Taipei city market. There is an old description that says: "Wind of Caoshan, rain of 5 bus to the park. You can also go to the MRT Shilin station and from there take city bus 303 to the park. Capital Bus: (02) 2861-3601 Ziuzihu, and the Path of Jinbaoli. "Jinbaoli path is what we called "Yulu historical trail" 2. From New Beitou, take city bus 230; or, from the Beitou MRT Station, take minibus 9 to the park today. Nowadays, the path from Dingbayan to Shanzihou, spaning Henan Yong Rd. and Exit the freeway at the Taipei interchange - Chongqing North Road - Zhongzheng Road - Yangde Riren Rd. is the most well-preserved. Among them, Qingtiangang, Shanzhuhu, Shanzhuu Boulevard - Follow the signs to the park are relatively famous attractions. If you pay a visit from the south, Juansipubu (Juansi

Beitou Hot Spring Museum 2 Zhongshan Road, Beitou District, Taipei (02) 2893-9981

北海岸及觀音山

Hours: 09:00-17:00, Tue.-Sun. Closed on national holidays

1. Take city bus 216, 218, or 266 to the New Beitou stop. 2. Take city bus 302, minibus 6, minibus 7, or minibus 9 to the Beitou Primary School stop. 3. Take the MRT to New Beitou Station, then walk for five minutes

North Coast and Guanyinshan

National Scenic Area

The North Coast and Guanyinshan National Scenic Area encompasses Wanli, Jinshan, Shimen, and Sanzhi. The greatest tourist attraction here is mountain and ocean scenery, which comes interspersed with soft sand beaches and fantastic rock formations along with hot springs, old town streets, and restaurants serving fresh seafood. The area contains both sandy and rocky seacoasts, with special topographic features and a variety of attractions including Mt. Guanyin, Yeliu, Jinshan, Greenbay, Baisha Bay, Danshui, and Keelung.

Sanzhi Visitor Center and Memorial Gallery On the hill surrounded by others, the Sanzhi Visitor Center com-

mands a fine view of the town. Its Tang-style architecture, combining with multimedia display provides indoor and outdoor services. The memorial gallery enlightens tourists about the history and landscape of Sanzhi by honoring four famous natives who have contributed their talents to

Baisha Bay This bay, which stretch es between Fugui Cape and

Linshan Cape, is known for its sparkling white sand and clear water beautiful beach. much favored for leisure activities.

Fugui Cape

This is Taiwan's northernmost cape, and the northeasterly monsoon winds have worked with sea erosion to sculpt unique regular patterns into the stones here. The cape's landmark is an octagonal lighthouse. Yeliu Geo-park

This park encompasses Yeliou's best-know attraction, fantastically shaped rocks

that have been fashioned by wind and sea including Queen's Head Rock, Cinderella's Slipper, candlestick rocks, and many others. Besides observing the natural scenery, here you can also engage in water activities such as skin diving and windsurfing. A commercial operation, Ocean World offers dolphin and sea lion performances along with other fun and education in oceanic ecology





Danshui Old Streets

Danshui is an intensely nistoric town. It was opened as an international port in 1858, the first in northern Taiwan. Its role as

a busy seaport has long faded, but on its old streets you can still see remnants of those prosperous days, including buildings in the Western, Southern Fujianese, and Japanese style, giving the streets a rich flavor of the past. On the old streets you can also savor such

missionary Dr. George Mackay.

local delicacies as fish balls, "iron" eggs, and sour plum drink, and restaurants offer fresh, inexpensive seafood. Danshui is on the mouth of the Danshui River, and visitors come to enjoy mountain and river scenery. Thanks to the Danshui MRT line, the town is extremely easy to reach from Taipei. Fisherman's Wharf

Located on the right side of the mouth of the Danshui River, this relatively new

attraction features a boardwalk, riverbank coffee shops, and a large harbor park. The mouth of the harbor is spanned by a white "Lovers' Bridge," offering a new place to

This first-grade historic site is more than 300 years old, and was first built by the Spanish in 1629, then occupied and rebuilt by the Dutch. The structure is made of red brick, giving it a sort of medieval European ambience. In 1867 it was leased to

the British, who used it as a consulate and built a residence which today serves as a

gallery for the display of old artifacts and photographs. Nearby is the Huwei Fortress,

Oxford College, and a whole complex of buildings related to the early Canadian

arrive at Bali Left Bank. Bali, with its back to Mt. Guanyin, has a boardwalk along the waterfront to the Laorong Fortress, Left Bank Park, Left Bank Ferry Wharf, Keelung Miaokou Miaokou

around it have

old Queen of Heaven (Mazu) Temple.

become a favor-

Bali Left Bank

Shihsanhang Archaeological Site, and Shihsanhang Museum of Archaeology meaning "tem

Take the ferry across the river from Danshui, and in just six minutes you will

ple mouth", is located at the front of Dianii Temple. This old temple is an integral part of the lives of Keelung's people, and the food stalls that have sprung up

ovster omelets, tempura, "potside stickers," and shaved ice. **Badouzih Coastal Park** This park is known for its exquisite mountain and ocean scenery, with all manner of sea-eroded rocks and forested landforms. The grassy plain in Wangyou Valley is

ite destination for gourmands. All kinds of local snacks are offered here including

considered the most beautiful sight in the area. On Heping Island you can observe bean curd rock, mushroom rock, and other

interesting rock formations. You can also visit a tourist fish market and a three-century-

Yeliu Visitor Center (02)2492-2016 Take a Kuo-Kuang bus to Yeliu from North Station in Taipei or from the Kuo-Kuang stop on Zhongxiao East Road, Sec. 4, diagonally across from the United Daily News. From Keelung, take a Keelung bus from Keelung Station on the Jinshan line and get off at the Yeliu stop.

 Freeway 1 - Exit at the Badu interchange - Provincial Highway 2 - Greenbay - Yeliu
 Freeway 3 - Exit at the Keejin interchange - Provincial Highway 2 - Greenbay - Yeliu
 Syangmingshan-Jinshan Highway - Jinshan - Yeliu
 Danshui - Provincial Highway 2 - Yeliu
 Nangang (Taipei City) - Xizhi - Cidu - Provincial Highway 2 – Yeliu. Take the MRT to Danshui Station.

1. Chongxing interchange in Taipei - Provincial Highway 2B - Provincial Highway 2 - Danshu 2. Keelung - Provincial Highway 2 - Danshui; or Badu interchange - MacArthur-Jinshan Highway - Provincial Highway 2 - Danshui 3. From the south, Wugu interchange - County Highway 107 - Zhuwei - Danshui.

Take a Keelung City Bus No. 5 on the Wanghai line, or take a passenger bus on the Fulong line, and get off at Badouzih. Freeway 1 - Exit at the Keelung interchange - Zhongzheng Road - Provincial

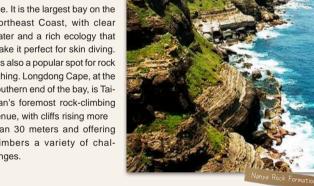
Northeast and Yilan

National Scenic Area

The Northeast and Yilan Coast National Scenic Area, nestled between the mountains and the sea, is rich in fantastic rock formations, sea-eroded topography. golden beaches, and a varied marine ecology, as well as historic remnants. It is an all-purpose leisure destination that combines nature with seashore playgrounds, where you can go skin diving, rock fishing, swimming, windsurfing, surfing, and other fun activities. Honeymoon Bay at Daxi is the site of numerous surfing competitions.

Longdong Bay Park Longdong is a bay created

by a vertical break in a fault line. It is the largest bay on the Northeast Coast, with clear water and a rich ecology that make it perfect for skin diving. It is also a popular spot for rock fishing. Longdong Cape, at the southern end of the bay, is Taiwan's foremost rock-climbing venue, with cliffs rising more than 30 meters and offering climbers a variety of chal-



Longdong South Ocean Park

This is a virtual natural classroom and playground, with seawater swimming pools, coffee shops, and ecology and topography exhibition galleries as well as a marina. It also offers a Cape Trail that gives access to scenes of majestic coastal formations. Longdong South is popular with rock climbers, divers, rock fishermen, and observes of the oceanic ecology.

The Longmen Camping Resort, located on the bank of Shuangxi River, offers the most comprehensive range of camping facilities in Taiwan. In addition to a camping area

Longmen Camping Resort and Fulong Beach

it also provides overnight cabins and a riverside park, as well as a bicycle path through coastal and countryside scenery. Here you can row boats, fish, ride a bike, and observe Longmen Beach is a spit of sand at the mouth of the Shuangxi River. The broad. calm surface of the river invites visitors to wind surf, paddle canoes, and engage in other

and other beach activities. **Caoling Historic Trail** This trail is 8.5 kilometers long and takes about four hours to walk. Along the way,

non-motorized water activities, while the beach itself is perfect for swimming, sun bathing,

hikers enjoy beautiful countryside scenery, a rich plant ecology, and two historic stone

By train From Taipei, take a train to Yilan or Hualien line, and get off Fulong or other stations along the Northeast Coas By bus From Taipei North Station, take a bus on the ations along the Northeast Coast. Kuo-Kuang Bus: (02) 2558-3060 Keelung Bus: (02) 2433-6111 Freeway 1 - Exit at the Badu or Keelung interchange - Provincial Highway 2 (Coastal Highway) Jinguashi Gold Ecological Park: (02) 2496-2800

From the Keelung Railway Station, take a Keelung bus to Jinguashi. Get off at Jiufen and Ruifang. Keelung Bus: (02) 2432-3721 1.From the No. 1 exit at the Taipei MRT Zhongxiao-Fuxing Station, take a Keelung bus to Jiufen or Jinguashi. 2.From Keelung, take a Keelung bus on the Jinguashi line and get off at Jiufen.

3. Take a train to Suao or Hualien and get off at Ruifang; then change a Keelung bus on the Jinguashi line and get off at Jiufen. Keelung Bus: (02) 2433-6111 Keelung Bus, Ruifang Station: (02) 2497-2055 1.Keelung - Provincial Highway 2 (Coastal Highway) - Rueibin - Turn right onto the industry road beside the Rueibin filling station and proceed up the mountain - Oingyundian - Jiufer 2. Freeway 1 - Exit at the Badu interchange - Ruifang Highway 8 - Turn right at Ruifang Bridge - Jiufen 3. Muzha, Shenkeng, Shiding - County Highway 106 - Ruifang - Jiufen 4.Provincial Highway (Coastal Highway) - Turn right to Fulong - County Highway 102 -

Gongliao, Shuangxi - Jiufen 1. From the Muzha District of Taipei, take Taipei bus 15 or 16; or, from Ruifang, take a Keelung bus to Pingxi. 2. Take a train on the Yilan line to Houdong, then change a Pingxi 1.Exit the freeway at the Shiding interchange - County Highway 106 - Pingxi 2.Freeway 1 - Exit at the Badu interchange - Ruifang-Badu Highway - Nuar

3. Freeway 3 - Exit at the Muzha interchange - Shenkeng - County Highway 106 - Shiding - Pingxi Cilan National Forest Recreation Area 1 Qilan Rd., Taiping Village, Datong Township, Yilan County (03) 980-9606 From Yilan, take a Kuo-Kuang bus on the Lishan, Nanshan Village, or Taipingshan line; or, from Luodong, take a bus on the Tuchang or Taipingshan line, and get off at Qilan Nursery.

Yilan Station: (03) 936-5441; Luodong Station: (03) 954-2054 1.Yilan - Provincial Highway 7A - Yuanshan - Qilan Nursery 2.Luodong - Sansing - Datong - Qilan 3.Daxi, Taoyuan County - Northern Cross-Island Highway - Baling - Mingchi Provincial Highway 7A - Oilan Nursery Taipingshan National Forest Recreation Area

58-1 Taiping Lane, Taiping Village, Datong Township, Yilan County (03) 954-5114

Yilan Station: (03) 936-5441; Luodong Station: (03) 954-2054 Taipei - Provincial Highway 9 (Taipei-Yilan Highway) - Yilan - Provincial Highway 7 - Tuchang - Yilan Special Highway 10 - Renze - Taipingshan Fushan Botanical Garder 1.Entry by prior arrangement. Open daily except Tuesday (or, if Tuesday is a holiday, then the following Wednesday), the Qingming Grave Sweeping Festival, Dragon Boat Festival, Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, and Chinese New Year's Eve through the fifth day of the first lunar month. Also closed all of March, and on election days.

2.Entry limited and by permission. For information and application, go to the website www. tfri.gov.tw. Service phone: (03) 922-8900, ext. 103 or 129

1.Provincial Highway 2 (Coastal Highway) - Toucheng - Jiaoxi - Yilan - Yuanshan - Juntou -

On weekends and holidays, take a Kuo-Kuang bus from Yilan or Luodong to Taipingshan

cial Highway 9 (Taipei-Yilan Highway) - Xindian - Jiaoxi - Yilan - Yuanshan - Juntou Shuanglianpi - Fushan access road (about 50 minutes to the control station National Center for Traditional Arts 201 Wubin Rd., Sec. 2, Wuji Township, Yilan County (the 158 kilometer marker on Provincial Highway 2) (03) 970-5815 www.ncfta.gov.tw Take a train to Luodong Station and switch to a taxi; the drive takes about 15 minutes about 10 more minutes. Luodong Railway Station: (03) 954-2117; Kuo-Kuang Bus; (03) 954-2054 1.Provincial Highway 2 (Coastal Highway) to 158 kilometer marker - Kemalan Bridge -Jialiyuan Bridge - Onward about 100 meters to the Center

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- Provincial Highway 2 (Coastal Highway) - Traditional Arts Center Dongshan River Water Park 20-36 Xiehe Rd., Wujie Township, Yilan County (03) 950-2097 From in front of the Luodong Railway Station, take a Kuo-Kuang bus to Dongshan River Water Park. Kuo-Kuang Bus, Luodong Station: (039) 542-054 1.Provincial Highway 2 (Coastal Highway) - Turn right on Provincial Highway 7C - Water Park 2.Taipei-Yilan Highway - Provincial Highway 9 - Luodong - Turn left to Provincial Highway 7C (Zhongshan Road) - Cross the railroad - Water Park

2.Luodong - East on Provincial Highway 7C - Dongshan River Water Park - Left at Lize Bridge

inscriptions--"Tiger" and "Bravely Quell the Wild Mists"--written in the old days to suppress inclement weather. A fine place for a leisurely walk **Beiguan Tidal Park**

In early times, this was a pass garrisoned by Qing Dynasty troops. It is known for its rock with bean curd patterns. The park is located atop the biggest cuesta, and along the pathway to the top you can observe interesting rock formations and huge waves that rise on all sides. A number of nearby restaurants wait to satisfy visitors hungry for seafood.

Jiufen and Jinguashi

of its quaint traditional flavor, attracting countless numbers of artists, film-makers, and photographers to take advantage of its unique scenery. "A City of Sadness", a film by prominent director Hou Hsiao-hsien, was shot here. Visitors can wander the precipitous old streets of the town and recapture some of the flavor of a simpler past. They can also savor local delicacies such as taro balls. After sunset, this is a favorite place for enjoying a cup of tea and watching the lights of fishing boats on the distant sea

Jinguashi, the rustic little town, was once a bustling copper-and-gold mine community, and it still retains a number of cultural sites along with alluring scenery-the old mines, the twin-color sea formed by runoff from mine sediments, a winding mountain road, a Gold Ecological Park, and old Japanesestyle houses. The gold park and abandoned mines, along with surrounding residential areas, form Taiwan's first "living museum." Other sites of historical interest here include a Shinto shrine, a memorial to British prisoners of war (this was once a Japanese prison camp), and a 13-level ore processing plant

Shifenliao

Shifenliao is located in northeastern Taiwan on a tribuis best known for its spectacular waterfall. Erosion by the the terrain here have created numerous faults, odd stone formations, and cascades including Shihfenliao Waterfall, the greatest curtain waterfall in Taiwan. Besides sightseeing, the most popular activity at nearby Pingxi is the releasing of "sky lanterns" at the time of the Lantern Festival every year.

situated on the Yilan-Lishan branch of the Central Cross-Island Highway, and is covered mainly with reforested cyrptomeria trees. The area features

Kai-shek, a flower and tree appreciation area. walkways among flowering cherries and peaches, a "green shower" trail, and "Little Tarzan" physical challenge area. The most prominent local product is monkey-head mushrooms. The recreation area also boasts Yilan's only stand of giant red cypress trees, thousands of years old; each tree is named for a person from Chinese history who lived at about the time of its germination: Confucius, Tang Dynasty Emperor Tai-zong, Liou Zong-yuan, and Wang Jhao-jyun, among others.

Taipingshan is located in Yilan County's Datong Township and covers more than

12,000 hectares, much of which is forested with red and yellow cypress. It was once one of Taiwan's three biggest logging areas. The recreation area encompasses the Renze Hot Springs, Primeval Forest Park, Mt. Duli Wildlife Reserve, and Cuifeng Lake. This is a favorite destination for tourists to enjoy forest scenery as well as spectacular sunrises, seas of clouds, and (in winter) snowscapes. **Fushan Botanical Garden**

other wildlife, making up a complete ecological system. **National Center for Traditional Arts**

addition to organized displays and performances of culture and art, it also provides a stage where performing artists can show off their creative works. The emphasis here is on the continuous propagation, innovation, and renewal of traditional arts. You can stroll casually among artistic creations, listen to elegant music, and enjoy exciting opera performances and you can even participate in the process of artistic creation yourself. From the Center, you can take a boat to visit the Dongshan River Water Park.

Dongshan River Water Park

cuesta landscapes, with gentle slopes on one side and sharp drops on the other, and its

Nearby Attractions Jiufen is an old gold-mining town built on a steep mountain slope. It retains much



Scenic Area

tary of the Keelung River, and Keelung River and the nature of

Chilan Forest Recreation Area

a cottage once used by the late President Chiang

Taipingshan National Forest Recreation Area

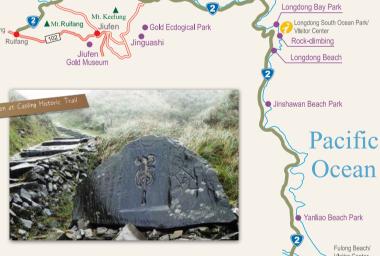
This is the biggest botanical garden in Asia, covering 1,096.5 hectares. In addition to

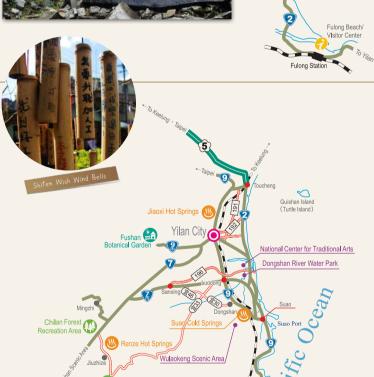
natural forests, it contains more than 3,200 planted trees of 441 species. There are also

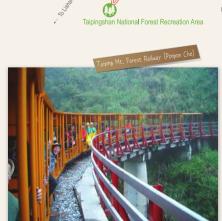
areas for the display of bamboo and other plants, and also for plants with special uses.

Along with the plants there are large numbers of birds, butterflies, dragonflies, frogs, and

This new 24-hectare facility is located beside beautiful Dongshan River in Yilan. In

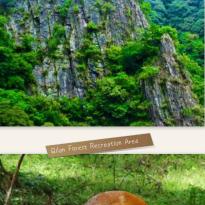






straightened and its two banks beautified, with a variety of themed attractions. The arched bridge over the river is the park's landmark. Several major annual events are held here, including the International Folk Toy and Folk Game Festival and the International Scholastic Regatta. Visitors here like to savor the special products of Yilan, including pressed duck, candied fruits, and ox-tongue (named for their shape, not their ingredients) cakes.

Here the river has been



Lanyang Museum Lanvang Museum, which is located at Wushi Harbor, has a state-of-the-art design and has regular immersive exhibitions. Each

floor of the building is named after

mountains, prairies, and oceans.

The museum shows the topogra-

phy, history, and endeavors of the

local people to fuel the imagination of vistors. Apart from that, there is the "Kid's Discovery Area" decorated in lively colors, and intriguing lighting. Interactive teaching tools for children are available to help them discover the secrets of the oceans. By doing so, they will be able to learn more about marine life and habitats, and hopefully better understand the importance of all ecosystems. It will also hopefully make them cherish marine life and resources.

Northeast Coast Scenic Area

The abundant geographical resources of the Northeast Coast offer surprises at each and every corner. In a way, the Northeast Coast is a miniature projection of Taiwan developed after trillions of years of geographic revolution. The area of Nanya is full of the landscape of this geological erosion. Bitou features mushroom rocks, sea cliffs, eroded caves, and erosion platforms. Beiguan has cuestas, cuesta terrain, and tofu rocks. These are the traces of erosion history and are the best destinations to appreciate the beauty Old Caoling Tunnel

Old Caoling Tunnel, a 2,167-meter long train tunnel from Fulong to Shicheng, was

abandoned in 1986. The local Scenic Area Administration spent many years reconstructing

the tunnel into a museum-like tourist bike tunnel. Bikers can now appreciate the history,

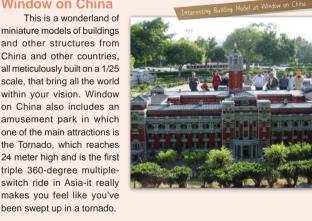
culture and scenery, and leave with unforgettable memories .

National Scenic Area

Lion's Head Mountain rises 496 meters at the boundary between Hsinchu and Miaoli counties, and is said to resemble the head of a lion. Buddhists long ago built temples into the natural caves that dot the mountainside (two century-old temples. Yuangguang Temple and Cyuanhua Hall, are said to have been the first), making this a revered place of pilgrimage for devotees. Residents of the surrounding areas include Hakka and Hoklo Taiwanese, as well as the Saisiat and Atayal indigenous peoples. The predominant culture is Hakka. Every two years the local Saisiats organize a "Sacrifice to the Short Spirits", one of Taiwan's quaintest and most interesting indigenous festivals. The area is also known for its fruit orchards and tea plantations. Nearby Beipu and Emei produce the famous Oriental Beauty tea, tea-cooked eggs, and persimmon cakes:

Sanwan is famous for its pears, and Nanjhuang for its bamboo shoots and orchids. Nearby Attractions

Window on China This is a wonderland of miniature models of buildings and other structures from China and other countries. all meticulously built on a 1/25 scale, that bring all the world within your vision. Window on China also includes an amusement park in which one of the main attractions is the Tornado, which reaches 24 meter high and is the first triple 360-degree multipleswitch ride in Asia-it really



been swept up in a tornado **Leofoo Village**

This theme park, located in Guansi Town, Hsinchu County, is a multi-purpose theme park developed out of what was originally a safari park. Its rides include a U-shaped suspended-track spiral roller coaster that is the first of its kind in Asia and second in the world. It also has one of the world's four largest "pirate ship" rides, 18.5 meters long and 2.5 meters wide, that swings to the height of an eight-story building. Another feature is Southeast Asia's biggest animal education park, Monkey Garden.

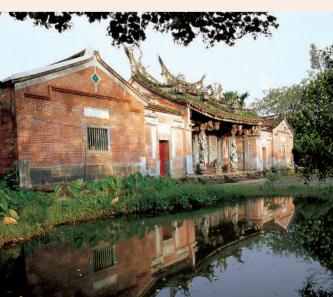
This is one of the earliest Hakka settlements in Taiwan, and its old streets

contain well-preserved historic buildings from the distant past. Tianshuei Hall is the

most imposing residence left from those days, and along with the Jinguangfu Official

Residence it is listed as a Hsinchu first-grade historical site. The spiritual center of

the settlement, Citian Temple, is a third-grade historical site. Beipu also boasts cold



mineral springs, with weak alkaline carbonic acid water. The temperature varies from 15°C in summer to about 10°C in winter. There is no better way to sooth away the aches and worries than getting soak in this

Neiwan is the terminal station of one of the three branch railways in Taiwan.

This branch is 27.7 kilometers long and runs through areas of beautiful scenery. The old-type Hesing Station sports a turntable that is rarely seen today. The development of the Neiwan area owes much to the coal-mining and forestry industries, as well as the railway. The town is on the upper reaches of the Toucian River, whose broad

waters nourish a kind of fish that has

become a local delicacy. The center

of religion here is Guangji Temple,

which contains a number of deities

that symbolize the harmonious co-

existence of the different groups that

make up the local population. This is

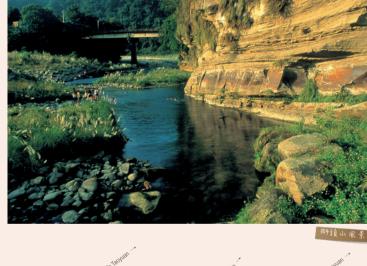
a small Hakka town, where visitors

Neiwan Scenic Area

can enjoy distinctive Hakka cuisine **Shimen Reservoir** Scenic Area This reservoir, nestled in the valley of the Dahan River in Longtan Township, Taoyuan County, contains 680,000 cubic meters of water backed up by a dam that rises 135 meters.

special local attraction.

From the dam you can view most of the surface of the reservoir; you can go boating on the lake, and you can direct your boat toward Amuping for camping or barbecuing. The area is also the site of a couple of amusement parks. The culinary specialty of lakeside restaurants is fresh fish prepared at least eight ways. The plump, succulent fish that flourish in the clean water of the lake have become a





Lion's Head Mountain Ranger Station 60-8 Liuliao, Qixing Village, Emei Township, Hsinchu County (03) 580-9296

to Zhudong. From there, take a Hsinchu bus to the Lion's Head Mountain Visitor Center 2.Both Hsinchu and Miaoli bus companies offer shuttle services to the various scenic spots in the area from Zhudons and Toufen stations. Hsinchu Bus, Zhudong Station: (03) 596-2018; Miaoli Bus, Toufen Station: (037) 662-111 1. Freeway 1 - Exit at the Toufen interchange - County Highway 124 - Provincial Highway 3 - Emei -County Highway 41 - Lious Fread Frounds...

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1. Take a train on the west coast trunk railway to Hsinchu Station, then change a train on the Ne

Emei - County Highway 41 - Lion's Head Mountain Visit Window on China Henggangsia, Kaoyuan Village, Longtan Township, Taoyuan County (03) 471-7211 1. Take a train to the Zhongli Railway Station and switch to a Hsinchu bus (opposite the railway direct to Window on China. 2. Take a Taiwan United bus from Songshan Domestic Airport in Taipe to Window on China, via Tunhua North and South Road, the Jingan MRT station in Zhonghe, and Freeway 3. Taiwan United Bus: (02)2515-9899

1.Freeway 1 - Exit at the Yangmei interchange - Pusin - Longtan - Window on China

2.Freeway 3 - Exit at the Guansi interchange - Through downtown to Window on China

Taiwan United Bus: (03) 480-3885; United Bus: (02) 2218-2380 Sanchong Bus (weekends and holidays only): (02) 2988-2133 2.Fron Taoyuan, Zhongli, or Hsinchu, take a Hsinchu bus to Leofoo Village. 1.Freeway 1 - Exit at the Youshi interchange - Leofoo Village 2.Freeway 3 - Exit at the Guanxi interchange - Leofoo Village Shimen Reservoir Scenic Area 1 Huanhu Rd., Daxi Town, Taoyuan County (03) 471-2000

Provincial Highway 3B - Shimen Reservoir

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3.Freeway 3 - Exit at the Longtan interchange - Longtan - Window on China

Leofoo Village 60 Gongzihgou, Ren-ai Li, Guanxi Town, Hsinchu County 0800-006-565

1.From Taipei, take a Taiwan United bus, United bus, or Sanchong bus to Leofoo Village

Neiwan Scenic Area At the Hsinchu Railway Station, take a train on the Neiwan Branch Line to Neiwan.

1. Freeway 1 - Exit at the Toufen interchange - County Highway 124 - Shanzhuhu

2. Freeway 3 - Exit at the Zhulin interchange - County Highway 120 - Zhulin Bridge

1.Freeway 1 - Exit at the Zhubei interchange - Cyonglin - Zhudong - Provincial Highway 3 - Hengshan Junior High School - County Highway 120 - Neiwan 2. Freeway 3 - Exit at the Guanxi interchange - Provincial Highway 3 - Turn left at Hexing - County Take a train to Hsinchu, then take a Hsinchu bus to the Zhudong Station, and change a bus to Beipu Hsinchu Bus, Hsinchu Station: (03) 522-2468

Mot Springs

There are a number of places to take a hot-spring bath amidst the exquisite natural scenery of Yangmingshan, including the hot-spring areas around Yangmingshan Park, Lengshuikeng, Macao, and Gengzihping. Because of the intensive geothermal activity here the minerals carried by the water of the different hot-spring areas is also different. Each area has its own

characteristic minerals, water temperature, and therapeutic effect. The water of Lengshuikeng, which is relatively cool is said to help those who suffer from an excess of uric acid, inflammation of the bladder, and similar ailments, however, people should not bathe in this water.

These acidic sulfate spring are located in Wanli District of New Taipei City, and the temperature is from 40°C to 99°C. The water is not suitable for drinking. The Sihhuangping Hot Springs are located about 500 meters southeast from Tianlai, approximately 2.1 kilometers off the Yangmingshan-Jinshan Highway. Because the water's composition and temperature are similar to those of Gengzihping, it is surmised that both springs may arise from the same geothermal source. The springs are distributed along a distance of 150 meters, where the

fumaroles, mud pools, and bubbling hot water create a most impressive scene. The sulfur spring water here emerges at 52°C to 75°C. It is not suitable for drinking. The hot springs of Beitou are encompassed by Mt. Shamao, Mt. Datun, and Mt. Cising, and emit sulfuric steam all vear round. For hot-spring aficionados, Beitou is a Mecca that cannot be missed. This area provides both hot and cold springs, and is a favorite for mineral-spring bathers--especially at night. The New Beitou Park is situated just in front of the New Beitou MRT Station, and in the nearby drainage channels you can roll up your trousers and soak your feet directly in rela-

tively cool hot-spring water. Just up the road you can visit the Beitou Hot-spring Museum, a

rebuilt Japanese-era bathhouse that was once the biggest and most famous in Taiwan. The

museum contains artifacts and photographs that explain the development of hot springs in Taiwan, as well as the original public bathing pools. There are also multimedia presentations that introduce the hot springs in Beitou.

These hot springs, located in Jinshan and Wanli District of New Taipei City, produce carbonic acid water at 45°C to 86°C The springs are good for drinking and bathing. These hot springs arise in the Datun geothermal zone, like those of Yangmingshan, and are the northernmost hot springs in Taiwan. While other hot-spring areas are lucky to have two types of water Jinshan provides four: oceanic sandy, sulfuric, carbonic acid, and iron. Hot-spring hotels have sprung up in the Jinshan area in recent years, making it a haven for visitors who enjoy the variety of water types.

These hot springs, in Wulai District of New Taipei City, produce alkaline carbonic acid water at 55°C to 80°C. The water is suitable for drinking. The hot springs of Wulai produce mineral

water in abundance and were found long ago; the very name Wulai, in fact, is said to have

come from the Atayal aborigine word for "hot springs." The water is clear, colorless, and

odorless. Wulai boasts the largest free-of-charge hot-spring area in Taiwan. It is especially popular in early spring, when red cherry blossoms fill the mountainsides so that visitors can enjoy the beautiful scenery as they soak in the hot springs and bask in the romance of the Atayal aborigines.

These cold springs in Beipu Township, Hsinchu County, produce alkaline carbonic acid water at 10°C to 15°C. The water is not for drinking. The clear waters of the Daping River in Waiping Village of Beipu Township flow through green hilly country that offers a rich variety of beautiful scenery, with water plunging over dams adding a special attraction to the area. The water of $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($ the Beipu Hot Springs is a bit alkaline, and draws a large number of visitors to enjoy and relax Located in Jiaoxi, Yilan County, these sodium carbonate springs are 58°C. Their water is also

are rare in Taiwan. The water is clear and odorless, and leaves the skin smooth with no trace

of stickiness. Its rich mineral content makes it healthy for bathing and, after processing, for drinking. The hot spring district covers a 1.2-kilometer area around the railway station, with nearly 100 hotels and bathhouses.

Located in Suao. Yilan County, these carbonic acid cold springs flow from the earth at under 22°C. Naturally carbonated water is hardly found anyplace else in the world, with the exception of Venice. You will feel cold when you first immerse yourself in this water, but your body will heat up in five minutes. In early days the water from these springs was used to make drinking soda, and today it is still used in cooking a special product of Suao, mutton stew.

These springs are located in Datong Township, Yilan County (they are actually part of the

Taipingshan Forest Recreation Area) and produce calcium carbonate water at 95°C. The

colorless, odorless water leaves the skin smooth and lustrous. After (or before) bathing, visi-

tors can enjoy a "green shower" and spot birds along the nearby forest trail. The Luodong

Forest District operates the Renze Villa here, and other facilities include a bridge over the Duowang River, a egg-boiling area, open-air hot-spring spa, and an indoor spa where you can soak in a large cypress bath tubs.

Attention Hot-spring Bathers hot spring water on your body to help your body get accustomed to the temperature Test the water temperature with your foot, then immerse your whole body gradually. Your first time in a high-temperature pool should last no more then 10 munutes; and you should take a rest every 15 minutes. When getting out of the pool, raise your body slowly to avoid dizziness or

fainting. Take a 30-minute post-bath rest, and drink lots of water. The hot-spring residue left on your skin after a bath will be absorbed by your skin, so all you need to do is to wipe away the water gently. If your hotel has water therapy facilities, please refer to the related regulations.

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