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Taichung

Taichung, the biggest city in central Taiwan, enjoys moderate weather all year round, well-developed industries, a vibrant cultural scene, and an exciting night life. **National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts**

Central Taiwan consists of Taichung City and the counties of Miaoli, Changhua.

Yunlin, and Nantou, and encompasses such well-known tourist destinations as the

Sun Moon Lake National Scenic Area, Shei-Pa National Park, Lishan Scenic Area, and

Mt. Bagua Scenic Area. Being rich in forest resources and boasting pleasant weather,

Surrounded by lush greenery, this museum boasts unique outdoor and indoor sculptures at a 230-meter art street and an art display area of almost 28,800 square feet. In addition to its own collection of valuable art, the museum holds regular exhibitions on a diversity of themes. A "forest of stone tablets" on a slope by the museum's side entrance contains rare examples of Ming, Qing, and modern calligraphy on black

granite steles about three feet wide and six feet tall. **National Museum of Natural Science** This museum, the first of its kind in Taiwan, brings natural science to life. The museum contains exhibition galleries, a Science Center, Life Science Hall, Global Environment Hall, and Chinese Science Hall as well as a botanical garden and theaters. The Science Center introduces science through interactive displays; the Life Science

Hall focuses on the evolution of life and the mysteries of nature; the Chinese Science Hall centers on agriculture, medicine, and other topics intimately related to life, and the Global Environment Hall explains the relationship between the natural environment and living things throughout the world. The theaters are modern multimedia capability. The 4.9-hectare botanical garden displays more than 800 different species in eight ecological zones. Tunghai University

Situated on the slopes of Mt. Dadu, this broad campus is lined with flame trees. The most famous structure here is the chapel, designed by the famed architect I.M. Pei, which has become a Taichung landmark.

Central Taiwan



National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts 2 Wuquan W. Rd., Sec. 1, Taichung (04) 2372-3552 Hours: 09:00 - 17:00, Tuesday-Sunday 1. From downtown Taichung take a Ren Yeou Bus line 10, 30, 40, 59, or 89 via Lingdong, Xiangshang Road, Meicun Road, and Wuquan W. Road to the museum. Ren Yeou

2.From downtown Taichung take Taichung bus line 71 via Wuquan West Road

to the museum. Taichung Bus: (04) 2222-4102 1.Freeway 1 - Exit at the Taichung Harbor (Zhonggang) Interchange - Zhonggang Road - Turn right on Meicun Road - Museum. 2.Freeway 1 - Exit at the Nantun Interchange - Wuquan W. Road (toward Taichung) To museum on left side. 3. Freeway 3 - Exit at the Zhongtou Interchange - Wucuyan W. Road - Museum.

National Museum of Natural Science Guancian Rd., Taichung (04) 2322-6940 http://www.nmns.edu.tw 1. From in front of the Taichung Railway Station take the Taichung bus line 22, 27, 46, 47, 103, 106, or 135, or Ren Yeou Bus line 22, 37, 38, 45, or 125, get off at the National fluseum of Natural Science stop, and take a five minute walk. 2. Take a Taichung bus on the Brown, Green, or Orange line to the museum

1.Freeway 1 - Exit at the Taichung Harbor (Zhonggang) Interchange - Zhonggang Road toward the city center - Turn left on Guancian Road - Museum. 2.Freeway 1 - Exit at the Jhongcing Interchange - Take Zhongxing Road - Daya Road

Chung Tai Chan Monastery

Tunghai University

underpass to the school's gate.

direction - Tunghai Unversity.

Zhongtai Rd., Yisin Li, Puli, Taichung Citv (049) 239-0215

Puli; from the station there, take a taxi to the monastery.

Chung Tai Chan Monastery

ichung Bus: (04) 2222-4102; Jyuye Bus: (04) 2436-8995;

Taichung Bureau of Transportation High Bus: (04) 2228-9111 ext. 1641

in the direction of Shalu and Taichung Harbor - about 3 kilometer drive.

By bus: Take a Kuo-Kuang bus to Puli and then take a taxi to the monastery.

Freeway 1 - Changhua Interchange - Freeway 3 - Puli Interchange - Provincial Highway

This is one of Taiwan's four biggest centers of religious worship. After the Sept. 21 earthquake in 1999, it was rebuilt in a combination of Eastern and Western architectural styles and an amalgamation of religious, cultural, academic, and artistic content, creating an institution unprecedented in the history of Buddhism. The monastery emphasizes the melding of Buddhist doctrine into life, and holds regular religious activities. Visitors can go to the Sakyamuni Garden, where the emerald green waters of a "blessing supplication" pool at the left side of the entrance wash away the weariness of the world with their flow.

this part of Taiwan contains numerous summer resorts and forest recreation areas. The

traditional Hakka culture and fields of rape blossoms of Miaoli, the modern metropolitan

aura and flourishing cultural scene of Taichung, the natural scenery and folk character-

istics of Changhua, and the relative seclusion and rich human flavor of Nantou, plus the

Lihpao Land In a constant quest for novelty and change, the Lihpao Land designs different and exotic festival performances every year. The resort is divided into a Discovery World and Mala Bay. Discovery World offers a wide variety of amusement facilities on different themes, exciting rides that test the limits of sensation. At Mala Bay, bathers can drench themselves in 3-meter high waves to the accompaniment of music

Dajia's Jhenlan Temple

Jhenlan Temple at Dajia was established during the Qing Dynasty 280 years ago. The exquisite structure is home to the statues of numerous gods and draws huge crowds of devotees, and has an important position in Taiwan's history, architecture, and religion. In the third lunar month each year the temple sends its image of Mazu, Goddess of the Sea, on a pilgrimage southward through the counties of Taichung, Changhua, Yunlin, and Chiayi, accompanied on foot by tens of thousands of the faithful, in Taiwan's biggest and longest religious procession. Along the way, the progress of the pilgrimage is interrupted by all kinds of religious rituals and folk performances, helping make the pilgrimage one of the world's most unique religious events. **Business District, Night markets**

Taichung City is the jewel in the crown of central Taiwan, and also the economic center in the region. Business districts are rather popular among Taichung residents, such

iichung Harbor Rd., Sec. 3 (04) 2395-0121 1. From the Taichung Bus Co.'s main station or Chaoma Station, take a bus line 22, 103, or 106,

get off at the Veterans General Hospital stop, and go through the underpass to the school's gate.

2. From the Jyuye Bus Co.'s main station or Chaoma Station, take the bus for Longjing or Shalu,

get off at the Veterans General Hospital stop, and go through the underpass to the school's gate.

3. Take a High Bus to the Chaoma Station and change a Blue line bus in the direction of the

Rueilian Tiandi Station, get off at the Veterans General Hospital stop, and go through the

1. Freeway 1 - Exit at the Taichung Harbor (Zhonggang) Interchange - Zhonggang Road

By train: Take a train to Taichung Station, go to the Gancheng Station and take a bus to

2. Freeway 3 - Exit at the Longjing Interchange - Zhonggang Road in the downtown

filled travelling in central Taiwan. The Taichung Spotlight travel itinerary starts at Taichung's Caowu Path (Luyuan Path, Wuquan 5th Road to Wuquan 7th Road). This area has many restaurants with foreign cuisine and décor. Dining in these restaurants will not only satisfy your stomach, but allow you to experience through DIY activities and chatting with the business owners the hobbies and interests that they have turned into businesses. This in-depth way of traveling will allow tourists to truly feel the happy lifestyle and allure of central Taiwan. Lihpao Land www.lihpaoland.com.tw 115 Anmei Rd., Houli District, Taichung City (04) 2558-3488, 0800-054-080

2. From the Taichung Railway Station, take a Renyeou bus to Lihpao Land; or, from the

Discover the local stories, culture, and trends of central Taiwan. In this

part of the island, you can enjoy the unique local shops, cafes and restaurants.

Here, you will feel the "lohas" atmosphere of happy and carefree living and fun-

recent popularity of Gukeng coffee and the rise of local arts, offer visitors a fresh and

as Dadun District and Yizhong Business District. Both offer plenty of restaurants

Sanmin District is well-known for wedding dress shops, wedding cake shops, as well

as wedding service companies. Jingming 1st Street features European architecture

and ambience. Huanzhong Rd. has an excellent

reputation for high quality furniture. And last but

not least, the Fengija District is best known for its

night market. In the evenings, it is a bustling and

ment of the Fengija night market has exploded. It

CENTRAL REGION

'Live it, Taste it, Central Taiwan.'

buzzing place to be. In recent years, the develop-

has attracted excellent businesses and is not to be

missed by visitors.

U Bus: (02) 2555-1114; Fengyuan Bus: (04) 2524-6603; Ren Yeou Bus: (04) 2225-5492 ihpao Contract Taxi: (04) 2558-1103 Freeway 1 - Exit at the Waipu Interchange in Houli - Lihpao Land

Jhenlan Temple, Dajia 158 Shuntian Rd., Dajia District, Taichung City (04) 2676-3522 ; www.dajiamazu.org.tw By train: Take a train (sea line) to Dajia. By bus: 1. From Taichung Station , take a Kuo-Kuang bus to Dajia. 2. From the Taichung Railway Station, take a Fongyuan bus

1. From the Taipei Bus Main Station, take a U bus. to Lihpao Land.

Fongyuan Railway Station, take a Fongyuan bus across the station

3 From the Houli Railway Station, take a contracted taxi to Libnao Land.

1. Freeway 3 - Exit at the Dajia Interchange - Waipu and follow the signs to Jhenlan Tample 2. Freeway 1 - Houli interchange - Waipu and follow the signs to Jhenlan Tample.

Kuo-Kuang Bus: (04) 2222-2380; Jyuye Bus: (04) 2436-8995

∢Shei-Pa National Park

Shei-Pa National Park, established in 1992, consists mainly of the Xueshan (Mt. Sylvia) range and encompasses Wufong and Jianshih townships of Hsinchu County, Tai-an Township of Miaoli County, and Heping District of Taichung City. Mt. Sylvia is the second-highest peak in Taiwan, and the park contains numerous peaks that rise above

3,000 meters - among them the spectacular Daba Peak. The park is home to several endemic species and precious resources, including the Formosan black bear, the Formosan land-locked salmon, and the swallowtail butterfly. The indigenous inhabitants of the park belong mostly to the Atayal and Saisiat tribes. The Atayal are known for their traditional facial tattoos (now extremely rare), and the patterns and colors of their woven cloth are the most exquisite among all Taiwanese aborigines. The Saisiat is one of the smallest tribes on

the island, but its biennial Sacrifice to the Short Spirits is one of the most exotic of aborigine festivals. The park is also the site of prehistoric cultures as revealed in the Erbensong Syuejian, and Cijiawan archaeological sites.

Wuling National Forest Recreation Area

This forest recreation area, located in the mountains of Heping District, Taichung City, offers spectacular scenery that changes with the seasons: a sea of peach and plum blossoms in the spring, a harvest of alpine fruits and vegetables in the summer, red maple leaves among the dark evergreens in the autumn, and snow-capped peaks in the winter. Its Taoshan (Peach Mountain) Waterfall is one of the most famous aloine waterfalls in Taiwan. and the route to it gives views of Peach Mountain and Mt. Sylvia as well as Wuling Farm. The Cijiawan River and its watershed are a reserve for Taiwan's rare land-locked salmon









Shei-Pa National Park 1. From the bus station in front of Miaoli Railway Station, take a Hs Chu bus (Miaoli-Dahu/Chuolan line) and get off at Shueiweipin the headquarters of the park.

2. From Yilan, take a Kuo-Kuang bus, or from the Taichung Railway Station take a Fengyuan bus, to the Wuling recreation area. Hsinchu Bus; (03) 522-2468; Kuo-Kuang Bus, Yilan Station: (03) 936-5441; Fengyuan Bus, Taichung Station: (04) 2222-3435 Bus, Talchiding Station: (v9-2222-936)

H. Freeway 1 - Exit at the Miaoli Interchange - Provincial Highway 6 - Gongguan - Provincial Highway 3 - Miaoli County Highway 62 - follow the sign to Shei-Pa National Park

2. Use the branch highways of the Central Cross-Island Highway to reach the Wuling Recreation

Wuling National Forest Recreation Area Take a train to Yilan and from there take a Kuo-Kuang bus to Lishan. Kuo-Kuang Bus, Luodong Station: (039) 542-054

Taichung - Tianleng - Guoxing - Taichung-Nantou Highway - Caotun - Puli - Puli-Wushe Highway - Wushe - Mt. Hehuan - Dayuling - Wuling

Area from Puli, Wushe, Mt. Hehuan, Dayuling, and Lishan, or from Yilan.

3. Zhudong - Wufeng - Qingquan - Dalu Forestry Road - Guanwu Recreation Area

pillars of the broken bridge present Miaoli is populated mainly by Hakka people who retain the traditional virtues of a beautiful vista from bygone days. hard work and austerity, and the spirit of solidarity and mutual assistance. In addition to the wood sculptures of Sanyi, the county is also famous for Hakka dishes such as Nanzhuano stir-fired ginger slice with pork intestine. Other tourist attractions include the ruins of the Longteng railroad bridge and the old Shengsing Railway Station, the strawberries

Sanyi, Shengxing, and the

draw large numbers of visitors

Longteng Bridge ruins Sanyi has long been famous for its wood carving, and from Provincial Highway 3, which runs through the town, you can see wood-sculpture shops of all sizes. Shuimei Street with the Sanvi Museum of Wood Sculpture as its center, is known far and wide. And the wood carving here is not limited to artistic creations; it also encompasses

all kinds of items for daily life that are as useful as they are beautiful. Not far from Sanyi is the old Shengxing Railway Station, which was once the highest station on the north-south trunk line. The rail line has been moved to a different location and no longer passes this place, but the station retains its plain and simple elegance and is surrounded by coffee shops and Hakka restaurants where you can relax and satisfy your hunger as you see the sights. Beside the station is an old brick railway bridge that was damaged in an earthquake, where the rays of the setting sun shining through the

of Dahu, the fruits of Zhuolan, and the Pengfong tea of Toufen. Annual events such as

the Miaoli International Mask Festival and the Sanyi Wood Sculpture Exhibition also



The town of Nanzhuang is located in the mountains of Miaoli County. High-quality

water makes Nanzhuang perfect for trout cultivation - and, consequently, trout cuisine restaurants have mushroomed all over the area. Many coffee shops have also been opened in recent years, giving visitors a variety of opportunities to enjoy a cup of rich ffee while savoring the exquisite beauty o the surrounding mountain scenery. Gongguan, Dahu, Chuolan

The fruits of Taiwan are famous and delicious. If you exit Freeway 1 at the Miaoli/Gongguan Interchange

and follow Provincial Highway 6 toward Gongguan, you will soon find yourself in Miaoli, the county of fruit. Here you can enjoy fruit all year round: the red jujubes (summer) and persimmons (autumn) in Gongguan, the strawberries and ponkan oranges (winter) in Dahu, and the grapes (all year), carambolas (summer-winter), and wax apples (summer) in Chuolan. Moreover, visitors can walk through the orchards and pick their own delicacies. In Dahu, farmers plant sunflowers when strawberry is off-season. In summertime, the two sides of the road are like yellow carpets of sunflowers attracting visitors to stop to enjoy.

Miaoli International Mask Festival Miaoli County Culture Bureau: (037) 352-961 Sanvi Museum of Wood Sculpture 1. Get off at Miaoli station and take the Hsinchu Bus (at the right-hand side of the station) to Sany

 $2. Get off at Sanyi \, station \, and \, take \, taxi \, in \, 5 \, minute. \, Or \, take \, a \, 35 \, minute \, walk \, to \, the \, museum.$ 3. Take the Fongyuan Bus in the direction to Fongyuan or Taichung, and get off at Shuimei Street Stop in Sanyi (right in front of 7-11), and take a 8 minute walk to the museum. Hsinchu Transportation Co: (03)533-5151 Freeway 1- Exit at Sanyi Interchange and turn right to the downtown of Sanyi

(Provincial Highway 13)- County Highway 130- Museum.

National Scenic Area

The Tri-Mountain National Scenic Area, which includes Lishan along with Lion's Head Mountain and Mt. Bagua, was established in 2001. It encompasses parts of one city and four counties: Taichung, Hsinchu, Miaoli, Changhua, and Nantou. Lishan is located in the middle of the Central Cross-Island Highway at an elevation of about 1,670 meters. The main peak of Mt. Sylvia is usually easy to see Lishan's fresh air, clear and unpolluted atmosphere also makes this a perfect place for viewing the stars – especially in summer.

Along the ecological trails here you can catch sight of the white-eared sibia and redheaded tit, as well as the endemic Atrophaneura horishana swallowtail butterfly. In the Cijiawan River you can see the rare land-locked salmon. Many travelers come to Lishan for its apples, peaches, pears, and alpine vegetables, as well as for the locally produced Fushou spring tea. Lishan is a major area of settlement for the Atayal aborigine tribe, which is known for its custom of tattooing faces (now rarely seen) as well as for its woven cloth in bright colors.

Nearby Attractions



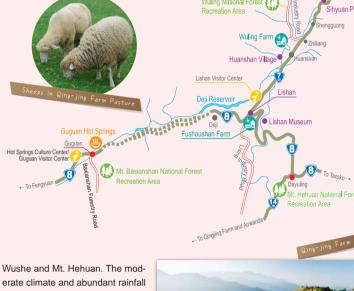
Forest Recreation Area This recreation area is noted for its hot springs and autumn maple leaves. The maple-leaf season runs from November through February. The Chyubing archaeological site here is the first to be excavated in Taiwan's high mountains, and has revealed such artifacts as stone axes, stone spears, and stone coffins. It is an important spot in the study of Taiwan's prehistoric cultures. Aowanda presents

a different face with each season and features two hot-spring areas - Beisi and Nansi along with Ataval and Bunun indigenous cultures, maple trees, precious bird species, and other types of trees that allow visitors to enjoy nature's natural aroma.

Aowanda National

Qingjing Farm

This "Little Switzerland" is perched in the mountains of central Taiwan at an altitude of around 1,750 meters, and on a branch of the Central Cross-Island Highway between



erate climate and abundant rainfall has aided the development of cattle and sheep-cultivation and the growing of temperate-zone vegetables, fruits, and flowers. In spring, peach, pear, and apple trees blossom in turn, followed by various flowers in April and May. In October, visitors love maple watching. The scenery changes with the seasons. Qingjing Farm also produces large amounts of alpine vegetables. The farm fea-

tures a hotel, Qingjing grasslands, a visitors center, a leisure center, and an ecology center. Mt. Hehuan National Forest Recreation Area

With its main peak at 3,416 meters, this mountain is the watershed of major rivers such as the Daja, Zhuoshui, and Liwu. Because of its high altitude, Mt. Hehuan has four distinct seasons and the scenery is varied. Visitors love to enjoy the exuberant green and colorful blossoming in spring, and in July, it is a nice time for bird watching, especially for the mountain tundra species such as the Formosan laughing thrush and wren. From

December through March, snow fall makes Mt. Hehuan a silver world. This is the most popular spot in Taiwan for snow fun.



95 Zhongzheng Rd., Lishan, Heping District, Taichung City (04) 2598-13 From Yilan, take a Kuo-Kuang bus to Lishan. Kuo-Kuang Bus, Yilan Station: (03) 936-5441; Luodong Station: (03) 954-2054 1. Freeway 3 - Exit at Caotun - Provincial Highway 14 - Wushe - Provincial Highway 14A - Qingjing Farm - Davuling - Provincial Highway 8 - Lishan

Lishan Ranger Station, Tri-Mountain National Scenic Area

 Taipei-Yilan/Coastal Highway - Qilan - Provincial Highway 7A - Wuling Farm - Lishan
 Hualien - Provincial Highway 8 - Taroko National Park - Tiansiang - Dayuling - Lishan Qingjing Farm 25 Dingyuan Lane, Datong Village, Renai Township, Nantou County (049) 280-2748 Take a train or bus to Taichung; from there take a Nantou bus to Puli, and change a Nantou bus to Qingjing Farm.
 At the Kuo-Kuang North Station in Taipei, take a bus to Puli;

2. At the Kuo-Kuang Nothin Sation in Taper, take a bus to Puli, then change a Nantou bus to Qingjing Farm.

3. At the Kuo-Kuang East Station in Kaohsiung, take a bus to Puli and from there switch to a Nantou bus to Qingjing Farm.

Taichung Railway Station: (04) 2222-7236; Kuo-Kuang West Station, Taipei: (02) 2311-9893; Kuo-Kuang Station, Kaohsiung: (07) 235-2616; Nantou Bus, Puli: (049) 298-4031 From north:Freeway 1 - Exit at Wangtian Interchange - Provincial Highway 14 C -

Provincial Highway 14 - Caotun - Puli - Wushe Cingjing Farm From south:Freeway 3 - Exit at the Caotun Interchange - Provincial Highway 14 - Puli - Wushe - Provincial Highway 14 A - Wushe - Cingjing Farm Aowanda National Scenic Area 153 Da-an Rd., Cinai Village, Renai Township, Nantou County (049) 297-4511 - Freeway 1 - Exit at the Wangtian Interchange - Provincial Highway 1 - Jhongjhuang - Provincial Highway 14 - Caotun - Puli - Wushe - Industry Road - Wushe - Aowanda

2. Freeway 3 - Exit at the Wufong Interchange - Freeway 6 - Exit at the Puli Interchange Puli - Wushe - County Highway 83 - Wanda - Aowanda Mt. Hehuan National Forest Recreation Area From Puli, take the Cueifong-bound Nantou Bus line to the last stop and walk the rest of

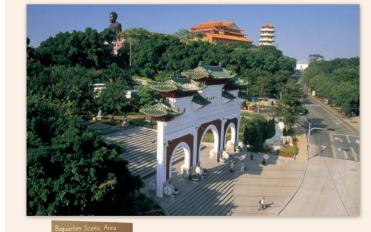
the way. Alternatively, take the Lishan bus from Hualien to the Dayuling stop and wal up the mountain.Nantou Bus Co.: (049) 298-4031 Hualien Bus Co.: (03) 832-3485 1.Freeway 3- Exit from Caotun Interchange - Provincial Hwy 14 - Puli - Wushe -Provincial Highway. 14A- Hehuanshan
2.Taroko Gorge (Hualien) - Provincial Highway 8 (Central Cross-island Expressway)
- Dayuling - Provincial Highway 14A - Hehuanshan
3.Yilan- Yilan Branch of the Central Cross-island Expressway (Provincial Hwy. 7A)Lishan - Dayuling - Provincial Highway 14A - Hehuanshan.

Mt. Bagua National Scenic Area

The Mt. Bagua Scenic Area stretches from the southern shore of the Dadu River in the north to the northern shore of the Zhuoshui River in the south and from the Taichung Basin in the east to the Changhua Plain in the west, encompassing the cities, towns, and townships of Changhua, Huatan, Tacun, Fenyuan, Yuanlin, Xitou, Tianzhong, Ershui, Nantou, and Mingzian in Changhua and Nantou counties. The terrain slopes upward from north to south. Mt. Bagua is divided into three recreation areas: Mt Bagua, Mt. Baiguo, and Songboling. Its specialties include the Songbo Evergreen tea of Songboling, the preserved fruits of Mt. Baiguo, the lychees and pineapples of Fenvuan, and the famous Taiwanese meat balls of Changhua. Mt. Bagua is suffused with a rich religious flavor with its Great Buddha sculpture and temples such as Hushan, Baozang, Bishan, and Qingshui. Hikers and bikers love the Qingshui Temple Forest Area, Tianzhong Forest Park, Fongbo Plaza at

Ershui, and the Dengmiao Trail. Great Buddha Scenic Area The Changhua Great Buddha statue, 22 meters in height from its lotus seat to the top, is the landmark of Changhua. Stone carving Bodhisattvas stand along two sides of the entrance to the Great Buddha statue. In front of the statue, there is a Nine Dragon Pond after stepping down a platform which allows people a bird's

eye view of the whole Changhua City. The neighboring attractions include , the



Mt. Bagua Ranger Station, Tri-Mountain National Scenic Area 81 Mingsong Rd., Sec. 2, Mingijan Township, Nantou County (049) 258-052 . From Nantou, take a Changhua bus on the Songboling route

2. From the Tianihong Railway Station, take a Changhua bus on the Songboling route Freeway 3 - Exit at the Mingjian Interchange - Provincial Highway 3 - County Highway Lugang Folk Arts Museum 52, Chungshan Rd., Lukang, Changhua County (04)777-2019 Operating hours: 09:00-17:0

 From Taipei, take a Kuo-Kuang or Ubus to Changhua (departure every half hour) and then change a Changhua bus to Lugang. From Taichung or Changhua, take a Changhua bus to Lugang. 3. From the Chaoma in Taichung, take a United minibus to Lugang.

Kuo-Kuang Bus, Taipei North Station: (02)2558-3060, Ubus, Taipei Bus Main Station (02)2555-1115, Changhua Bus: (04)722-5111 Freeway 1 - Exit at the Changhua Interchange - County Highway 142 - Jhanglu

Queen of Heaven Temple, Lugang 430 Zhongshan Rd., Lugang, Changhua County (04) 777-9899

1. From Taipei, take a Kuo-Kuang bus or U bus to Changhua and then change a Changhua bus to Lugang. 2. From Taichung or Changhua, take a Changhua bus to Lugang.

2. Provincial Highway 1 - Changhua

2. Provincial Highway 19/17 - Changhua

Kuo-Kuang Bus: (02) 2311-9893; United Bus: 0800-241-560; Changhua Bus: (04) 722-4603 Freeway 1 - Exit at the Changhua Interchange - County Highway 142 - Lugang - Jhanglu Road - Jhongshan Road - Minsheng Road - Queen of Heaven Temple Confucius Temple, Changhua 30 Kongmen Rd., Changhua Operating hours: 08:00-17:30 From north: 1. Freeway 1 - Exit at the Wangtian Interchange - Changhua

From south: 1. Freeway 1 - Exit at the Changhua Interchange - Changhua

▼Yunlin

Longshan Temple, Lugang

This temple was originally established the most impressive temples on the island.



sance structures that were once the home of a prominent landowning family. The main structures are a Western-style Baroque building and a southern-Fujianstyle Chinese building. More than 6,000 items are on display including architectures, furnitures, household utensils, and other valuable collections dated from the mid-Qing to the early Republic period. The displays also include a traditional delivery room, a study room, an accountants' office, and wedding ceremony display,faithfully representing how the local people lived in Taiwan's early



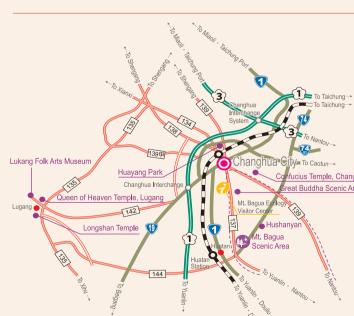
Silver Bridge Children Water Park, a literature trail and the C-119 landscape area. The

wonderful environment with beautiful scenery will give you a sense of peace and tranquility.

Nearby Attractions

in the 16th century and was moved to its present location in 1786. Successive reconstructions have produced the expansive, elegant temple we see today. It is generally recognized as the most complete Qing Dynasty structure left in Taiwan, with exquisite workmanship and artistry unmatched in other temples on the island. The main entrance gate and the finely crafted ceiling plafond, along with the paintings executed by a famous artist, are unparalleled. The opera stage in front of the temple, too, is now a rarity in Taiwan. In sum, this is one of





Queen of Heaven Temple, Lugang

This temple, built in 1573, is devoted to Mazu, the Goddess of the Sea, whose originally red face was blackened by the smoke of incense offered by countless worshippers over the centuries. For this reason, this Mazu is also known as the "Black-faced Mazu". The temple's structure, paintings, and delicate wood and stone carvings make it a marvelously artistic temple. Among the historical and religious artifacts in the temple are wooden tablets written by the Yongzheng, Qianlong, and Guangxu emperors of the Qing Dynasty. The rear court of the temple now serves as a museum with displays of the divine palanquins used by the goddess on tours of her realm, her crowns, and other artifacts. Special religious exhibitions are held on an irregular basis. The celebrations for Mazu's birthday on the 23rd day of the third lunar month draw in huge crowds of

Mazu's adherents as well as tourists every year Confucius Temple, Changhua

Built in 1726, this temple is listed as a first grade historical site, with carvings in its main hall that are considered among the best in Taiwan. Its two central columns were carved from white stone of Chuanzhou in Fujian Province It is similar in style to the Longshan Temple in Lugang. The temple's main element is a memorial tablet devoted

to Confucius, with wooden commemorative inscriptions written by the late President Chiang Ching-kuo and the Qianlong Emperor of the Qing Dynasty. On Teachers' Day on Sept. 28, which is celebrated as Confucius' birthday, the ancient and solemn "Eight Rows Dance" is held here every year. Jiji Railway Station and the "Green Tunnel"

The Jiji Railway has been in existence for 79 years. It is approximately 30 km

long, encompassing the stations Ershui, Yuanguan, Zhuoshui, Longguan, Jiji, Shuili, and Checheng. The Jiji Railway Station is at the midpoint of this railway line and has an antique and lovely architectural design. It has become a tourist attraction over the years. Tourists often find themselves enveloped in the nostalgic atmosphere as trains move along the "Green Tunnel." The "Green Tunnel" is actually not a tunnel. It's a portion of 152 County Road in

Jiji Township that runs parallel to the railway line. Luxuriant camphor trees grow on the

two sides of the road and the tree branches cross over to form the shape of a tunnel,

hence the name. The tree shade covers more than 4.5 kilometers of the road, giving



National Scenic Area

This lake, nestled in the mountains at the center of Taiwan, is the island's largest lake and one of the most beloved sce nic spots. Viewed from the top of Cih-en Pagoda, the eastern part of the lake resembles the disl of the sun while the west side looks like the crescent moon. The lake's famous scenery can be enjoyed from its surface, by



Nearby Attractions

boat, or by car.

Formosan Aboriginal Culture Village

This unique theme park, which covers 63 hectares of land at an altitude of about 900 meters, includes a European-style garden, an amusement park, and the aboriginal village. A cable car takes passengers from the entrance to the other end of the park, offering views of reconstructed aboriginal villages along the way. The amusement park features (among many other attractions) the first "UFO" free-fall ride in East Asia. The park contains separate presentations of the lifestyles and cultures of Taiwan's 14 main tribes of indigenous peoples-the Tau, Amis, Atayal, Saisiat, Tsou, Bunun, Puyuma, Rukai, Paiwan, Shao, Kavalan, Taroko, Sakiraya and Seediq. A 1,865-meter shaded walkway gives access to authentic reconstructions of the stone-slab, bamboo, and wooden houses of the tribes, and a stage and "stone music" theater offer folk dance performances. Oriental cuisine is also available. This is the largest presentation of aboriginal cultures in Taiwan, and also the site of central Taiwan's biggest Cherry Blossom Festival, held when the cherry trees burst forth in a riot of colorful blooms in February each year.

Snake Kiln Ceramics Cultural Park

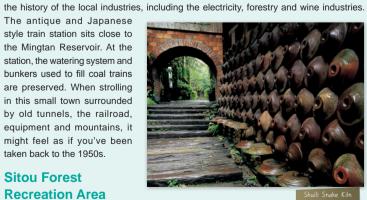
This traditional brick kiln, which resembles a long snake rising from the ground, was built in 1926 and is the oldest, the most traditional wood-fired kiln that is still operating in Taiwan. The pottery from this kiln is characterized by a variety of color permutations and a rustic touch which most modern kilns cannot reproduce. Here vou can admire the 6.63-meter-tall pottery vase-

World Records. CheCheng

created a few years ago and

listed in the Guinness Book of

Checheng is the terminal station of the Jiji Line, one of Taiwan's heritage railway routes. The Checheng Wood Museum there is an ideal tourist destination. When the lumber industry was prosperous decades ago, there were 2,000 residents in Checheng, of which half worked for the Jhenchang Logging Factory. After the Forestry Law was revised to prohibit logging, only a few dozen households remained. In the early 1990s, the Jiji Line was reconstructed for tourism purposes. Residents wanted to turn the small town into a popular tourist destination by taking advantage of resources such as the railroad, and



This recreation area, located at an altitude of about 1.150 meters on the flanks of Phoenix Mountain in Lugu Township, is an experimental forest operated by National Taiwan University. With good overnight accommoda-

of trails crisscrosses the area, giving access to more than 50 species of bamboo and all kinds of trees. Here you can also see



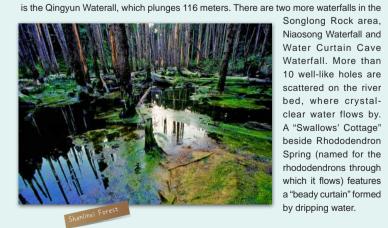






Shanlinxi Forest Recreation Area

This 40-hectare scenic area, situated at an elevation of around 1,600 meters, has a moderate monsconal climate and primeval mountain forests, and offers a view of Mt Hehuan in the distance. There are campgrounds and wooden cottages for overnight accommodation. A variety of flowers blossom all year round, and maple leaves turn red in the autumn. The flower center here is best known for its endemic peonies, which blossom in April. One of the most beloved sights among the abundance of natural scenery here



10 well-like holes are scattered on the river bed, where crystalclear water flows by. A "Swallows' Cottage" beside Rhododendron Spring (named for the rhododendrons through which it flows) features a "beady curtain" formed by dripping water.

Songlong Rock area,

Niaosong Waterfall and

Water Curtain Cave

Waterfall, More than

Renveou Bus: (04) 2225-5166; Nantou Bus: (049) 298-4031; Puli Minibus: (049) 299-6937 1. Freeway 1 - Exit at the Wangtian Interchange - Caotun - Puli - Provincial Highway 21 - Yuchih - Formosan Aboriginal Culture Village 2. Freeway 3 - Exit at the Caotun Interchange - Caotun - Puli -Provincial Highway 21 - Yuchih - Formosan Aboriginal Culture Village

Snake Kiln Ceramics Cultural Park (049)277-0967 1.Take MRT or train to Ershui Station, then change a train on the Jiji Branch line and get off at Shuili.

Sitou Forest Recreation Area (049)261-2210

2.From Gancheng in Taichung, take a Zongda bus to Puli. Zongda Bus: (04) 2213-3023 1. Freeway 1 - Exit at the Taichung Harbor (Zhonggang) Interchange - Provincial Highway 74 - Provincial Highway 14 - Nantou - Provincial Highway 3 - Mingjian - Shuili
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3. Freeway 3 - Exit at the Mingjian Interchange - Mingjian - Provincial Highway 16 - Shuili

1. From Gancheng Station in Taichung, take a U bus to Xitou, Gancheng Station; 0800-800126 From Zhushan, take a Yuanlin bus to Xitou.
 Yuanlin Bus: (049) 264-2205; U Bus-Changhua Bus: (049) 233-3502 From north:Freeway 3 - Exit at the Zhushan Interchange - Zhushan - Lugu - Xitou From south:Freeway 3 - Exit at the Zhushan Interchange - Zhushan - Lugu - Xitou

Sunlinkxi Forest Recreation Area (049)261-1217 From Gancheng Station in Taichung, take a bus to Sunlinkxi.
 From the Nantou-Changhua Bus Station, take a bus to Sunlinkxi. 1.Freeway 3 - Exit at the Zhushan Interchange - Provincial Highway 3 - Zhushan -

County Highway 151 Lugu - Xitou - Xitou-Alishan Highway - Sunlinkxi 2.Freeway 1 - Exit at the Taichung Harbor (Zhonggang) Interchange – Provincial Highway 74 (Taichung-Changhua Expressway) - Freeway 3 - Kuaiguan Interchange - Exit at the Zhushan Interchange - Provincial Highway 3 - Zhushan – County Highway 151 Lugu - Xitou-the Xitou-Alishan Highway - Sunlinkxi 1.Freeway 3 - Exit at the Zhushan or Douliu Interchange - Provincial Highway 3 - Zhushan County Highway 151 - Lugu - Xitou - the Xitou-Alishan Highway – Sunlinkxi 2.Freeway 1 - Exit at the Dounan Interchange - Douliu - Provincial Highway 3 - Douliu-Zhushan - County Highway 151 - Lugu - Xitou - the Xitou-Alishan Highway - Sunlinkx

Mot Springs

Tai-an Hot Springs This hot-spring area is located in Tai-an Township, Miaoli County. The alkaline carbonic

acid water emerges from the ground at 47°C. The hot springs of Tai-an are surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery, and Mt. Manabang, located on the border between Tai-an and Dahu Township, is a favorite spot for maple watching. The Tai-an hot-spring area embraces the hot springs of Hushan as well as those of Tai-an, but the sources of the mineral water are all in Tai-an. The water is good for drinking and bathing. After taking a bath, the skin is left smooth and comfortable.

These hot springs are located in Heping District, Taichung City, and produce alkaline carbonic acid water at a temperature of 60°C. The Guguan Hot Springs are located on the western end of the Central Cross-Island Highway and have long been a favorite of hot-spring aficionados. The water contains a lot of sulfides, and the pungent odor of sulfur hangs in the air. Unlike the sulfuric springs of Mt. Datun, the mineral water of Guguan is good to drink as well as to bathe in.



Guguan Hot Springs

Lushan Hot Springs

These hot springs, located in Ren-ai Township. Nantou County. produce acid sodium carbonate water at temperatures of 40°C to 90°C. The highquality water of the Lushan Hot Springs is colorless and odorless, without the pungent smell of sulfur.

The water is piped

into a large number

Chunyang Waterfall.



also boil eggs in the hot springs. Other prominent local products are sticky rice cakes, millet cakes, and wild lilies. Chunyang Hot Springs

Located in Ren-ai Township, Nantou County, these springs produce alkaline carbonic acid spring water. These hot springs are also known as "Cherry Hot Springs," and the water is colorless and odorless. They are surrounded by beautiful scenery, and the springhead is graced by the Chunyang Suspension Bridge. There is accommodation

gpu Hot Springs These springs, located in Xinyi Township, Nantou County, produce carbonic acid water that emerges from the ground at a temperature of 48°C. It is also good for drinking. Dongou is the Bunun settlement close to Jade Mountain (Yushan), and a major gateway to Yushan National Park. The village is famous for its hot springs, with pure, clear water. The area is also famous for its flowers: plum, cherry, pear, and peach from January

for camping. Cross the suspension bridge and turn left, and you will soon arrive at the

of hotels, and there is also a pool at the spring head. Besides bathing, visitors can

Attention Hot-spring Bathers

through April, betel nut in September, and bitter tea in October.

Before taking a hot-spring bath, please shower and warm up. Then splash some ot 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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Yunlin is a county rich in both tradition and innovation, with folk arts such as Cikan martial arts performances, flower-drum performances, and puppetry along with cultural attractions such as Gukeng coffee and the Gukeng ostrich park. The county also contains a wide variety of ecological scenery and historic sites for tourists to enjoy.

Gukeng Green Tunnel The "green tunnel" stretches for two kilometers along Provincial Highway 3 from Chaili Bridge in Douliu in the direction of Yongguang. Taiwan Sugar Corporation's railroad, with its unique tracks, stations, and carriages, runs beside the green tunnel. Every October, the Taiwan Coffee Festival is held here, combining the park, the tunnel, and railroad into a uniquely romantic "Coffee Boulevard."

Huashan Recreation Area

The Huashan area of Gukeng is Taiwan's best-known coffee-growing region, where Arabica coffee from Africa has been successfully planted with help from government agencies. The coffee of Gukeng has a slightly sour, bitter taste that quickly sweetens in the mouth, giving this Taiwan coffee its unique flavor. Many coffee shops have been opened to bring a new industry to the

area, and couples are especially fond of the night scene here. The "Paper-making Street" here is the only place in Taiwan that preserves the purely natural traditional method of hand made paper. **Janfusun Fancyworld** This is the largest amusement park in central and southern Taiwan, a place that



is always filled with joy and laughter, with artificial landscapes and all kinds of amusement

facilities. It is also covered with old evergreen and plum trees. The exciting, fun-filled rides

Taiwan and the world visit it on pilgrimages every year. The temple with its structure, all the intricate carvings and paintings, as well as its religious significance, holds an important position in Taiwan. On the day of the birthday of Mazu on the 23rd day of the third lunar month, a constant stream of pilgrim's groups bearing religious images from other temples throughout Taiwan converge on Chaotian Temple in one of the world's most awesome religious events. The birthday celebrations include tours of her realm by the goddess, thunderous explosions of mountains of firecrackers, and impressive processions of floats. Another important annual event for the temple is its lantern competition, held on the 15th day of the first lunar month (the Lantern Festival). Xiluo Bridge

This bridge, across the lower reaches of the Zhuoshui River in Yunlin County, stretches 1,939 meters and was once a hub for transportation in Taiwan's western corridor.



Douliu City - Provincial Highway 3 - Drive in the direction of Yongguang

Gukeng Green Tunnel

-Yongguang - County Highway 210 - Huashan. Meishan - County Highway 149 - Huashan Service number: 0800-053-888 website: http://fancyworld.ianfusun.com.tw/ 1.From Douliu Railway Station, take a Taisi Bus to Janfusun Fancy World. 2. From Taichung Railway Station, take a Jenyou Bus to Janfusun Fancy World.

3.From Taipei, take a Solar Bus(11, Jhongsiao W. Rd., Sec. 2) to Janfusun Fancy World. Taisi Bus: (05)532-2016, Jenyou Bus: (04)2225-5166, Solar Bus: (02)2558-3131 1. Freeway 1-Exit at any interchange in Yunlin-Expressway 78- Exit at Gukeng Interchange-Province Highway 3 in the direction of Gukeng or Yungguang- Janfusun Fancy World 2. Freeway 3- Gukeng Interchange- Janfusun Fancy World

Provincial Highway 145- Beigang

3. Freeway 3- Exit at Gukeng Interchange- Expressway 78- Huwei-Provincial Highway 145- Beigang Xiluo Bridge Xiluo, Yunlin (05)533-6104 From Douliu Railway Station, take a taxi to there

There are two round trips per day. Then take the path toward Fuhua Temple or Dingcuo. 2. From Dounan, take a Taisi bus to Huashan. There are six round trips per day. 1. Freeway 1 - Exit at the Dounan Interchange - Dounan - County Highway 158/158B Caotun - Freeway 3 - Exit at the Gukeng Interchange - Provincial Highway 3 - Yongguang - County Highway 210 - Huashan
 Freeway 3 - Exit at the Meishan Interchange - County Highway 162 -Janfusun Fancyworld (05)582-5789 67 Dahukou, Gukeng Township, Yunlin County

4. From Zhongshan Rd in Chiayi, take a Chiayi Bus to Beigang. 5.From Kaohsiung, take a Ubus to Beigang.
Ubus in Taipei Main Station: (02)2311-9893, Taichung Bus: (04)222-4102, Taisi Bus: (05)532-2016, Chaiyi Bus: (05)275-0895 1. Freeway 1-Exit at Chiayi Interchange-Expressway 78-Exit at Huwei Interchange- County Highway145- Beigang
 2. Freeway 1- Exit at Dounan Interchange- Huwei- Provincial Highway 158-

Freeway 1- Exit at Xiluo Interchange-Provincial Highway 1- Datong Rd.- Daciao

Huashan Recreation Area . From Douliu City, take a Taisi bus on the Shiqiao line and get off at the Huashan station vacation or camping. A network

Chaotian Temple, Beigang

178, Zhongshan Rd., Beigang Township, Yunlin County (05)783-2055, (05)783-0535

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2.From Taichung Railway Station, take a Taichung bus to Beigang.

3.From Douliu Railway Station, take a Taisi bus to Beigang.

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