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of the Water of Taiwan Dapeng Bay National Scenic Area Donggang Township, Pingtung County Hengchun Ancient City Tel:(08) 833-8100 located in the center of Hengchun, rl:http://www.tbnsa.gov.tw and situated on the highway to Kending, is rated as a second-grade East Coast National Scenic Area 25 Xincun Rd., Xinyi Village, Chenggong Township, Taitung County Tel:(089) 841-520 historical site. Travelers can begin their visit at the West Gate and walk along from the Queen of Heaven (Mazu) Temple, the South Gate, East Rift Valley National Scenic Area and the East Gate, where they can

168 Neighborhood 8, Hegong Village, Ruisui Township, Hualien County climb to the top to get a full view of the town. They can also watch "Fire from the earth (Hengchun's Flame rl:http://www.erv-nsa.gov.tw Wonders)" beside Chuhuo Bridge. Penghu National Scenic Area 171 Guanghua Village, Magong City, Penghu County Guanshan Guanshan rises 152 meters above the sea, offering fine views Jrl:http://www.erv-nsa.gov.tv of Nanwan (South Bay) and Eluanbi Matzu National Scenic Area to the south. This spot is especially

nded for watching the Nanwan (South Bay) This white sand beach is the most popular beach in the Kending

area, and is perfect for swimming, surfing, skin diving, and sailing. Coral formations and schools of tropical fish make it a great place for snorkeling and scuba diving. **Eluanbi Park** 

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Kaohsiung is a major transit point for travel between Northeast Asia and the South where you can still see pedicabs operating commercially. The fresh. Pacific. It is the site of Taiwan's largest commercial harbor, and it's the second-largest inexpensive seafood is available on the Old Street. city. It is the transportation and economical hub of Southern Taiwan. Kaohsiung City is

ment with fine sand beaches and coral reefs.

Southern Taiwan includes four counties, Chiayi, Tainan, Kaohsiung, and Pingtung.

This famous scenic area on the northern

The Love River is not a river at all, being a canal

This is Taiwan's first museum of applied

sensory way. A 3D theater uses striking audiovisual effects

to provide visitors an amazing and unforgettable experience.

The Qijin Peninsula is a long (11 kilometers), narrow shoal in the sea at the western

National Scenic Area

The park is situated on the Hengchun Peninsula, and is the Taiwan's first

national park. It encompasses both land and sea areas, including beaches, fantastic

rock formations, and a beautiful undersea world. It is a resort area that basks in a

South Seas atmosphere. Continuous movements of the earth's crust over millions of

years accompanied by sea erosion have created marvelous coral reefs, sea-eroded

landforms, and cliff topography. Some of the popular spots are Guanshan, Sheding

Park, Nanwan (South Bay), Eluanbi Park, Jialeshui, the Kending Forest Recreation

Area, Wind-blown Sands, Hengchun Ancient City, and the National Museum of Marine

and it is bordered by the Taiwan Straits to the west and faces Turtle Mountain to the

east. The roof of the structure is designed to resemble sea waves , symbolizing the

continuous management of the institution. The interior has three pavilions: the Water

of Taiwan, the Coral Kingdom Pavilion, and the Waters of the World. The aquarium

features a 360-degree video presentation on marine life, a million-gallon tank, and

an 84-meter underwater acrylic tunnel through the Coral Kingdom Pavilion. There is

also a family activity area, called Kid's Deck at the balcony

This is a world-class aquarium located in Checheng Township of Pingtung County,

**National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium** 

edge of Kaohsiung Harbor. This is the earliest harbor site, and it still has a number of

major historical sites, including the 300-year-old Queen of Heaven Temple (a third-grade

historical site), Cihoushan, the Qijin Lighthouse, and Qijin Beach. This the only place

demonstrating abstract concepts in a concrete

**Qijin Peninsula** 

Biology and Aquarium.

Kaohsiung

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Mt. Longevity and Sizih Bay This is the area rich in natural landscapes, including Kaohsiung's historical gallery, Mt. Longevity Park with its special limestone scenery, the Gushan ferry wharf, and Sun Yat-sen University, and etc. Mt. Longevity Park features a number must-Yuanheng Temple, and the zoo.

see spots, including Chaishan Nature Park, the Martyrs' shrin The seascapes of Xizih Bay attract couples to walk along the long breakwater - especially at sunset. **Chengqing Lake** 

high mountains; Tainan is full of historical sites, and Pingtung basks in a tropical environ-

tions of the Kenting National Park, the scenic alpine grandeur of the Yushan National Park,

The area is rich in natural landscapes, with the seacoasts and fantastic rock forma-

Kaohsiung's largest lake and, with its beautiful lake scenery and old-style pavilions, is one of the most popular tourist spots in southern Taiwan. The lake's scenic attractions, located in the round-the-lake park, include Nine Turns Bridge, Zhongsing Pagoda, Fuguo Island, and the Chengqing Lake Youth Activity Center. At the eastern edge of the lake is a bird sanctuary, which is a perfect spot for bird-watching. A "secret tunnel" left from Chiang-Kai Shek's time has been reconstructed as an aquarium, the Cheng Ching Lake Exotic Marine Life Museum and features precious marine life. **Hakka Culture of Meinong** 

Meinong is probably the best-known Hakka town in southern Taiwan, with farm fields, nountains, and green streams. Visitors are attracted by not only its rich Hakka culture, but also by its authentic Hakka cuisine. It is best known for the traditional hand-made oiled-paper umbrellas and ceramics.

Fo Guan Shan and The Buddha Memorial Center Fo Guan Shan, situated in the Dashu District of Kaohsiung, is the biggest Buddhist Monastery in Taiwan. It has more followers in Taiwan than any other monastery and is considered to be one of the most reputable and sacred places on the island. Dafocheng (The Buddha City) is the landmark of Fo Guan Shan. The Golden Buddha there is estimated to be around 120 meters tall and considered to be the tallest Buddha statue in Southeast Asia. Near the Buddha are 480 Ambassador Buddhas, which create a solemn

Night market

Guanshan Sunset

Houbihu

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and serene atmosphere

The Liuhe Tourist Night Market is one of the most famous night markets in Kaohsiung. Located in a short section of Liuhe Road, the night market with two rows of stalls is famous for its diversity of food, which attracts tourists from far and wide. Numerous vendors and patrons fill the market at night. Tourists barter with locals for delicious steaks, seafood, cold drinks, and local specialties. Popular places include steak houses and seafood restaurants offering fair prices and fresh ingredients. The steamed shrimp with salt recipe is one of the specialties of Kaohsiung. Kaohsiung is also the origin of papaya milk, a popular Taiwanese beverage you shouldn't miss.

Lotus Lake Park From the Jiuru Intersection in Kaohsiung take Jiouru 1st Road. turn right on Minzu Road and then left on Tiansiang 2nd Road connect with Xinzhuangzih Road and follow it to the park.

National Science and Technology Museum 720 Jiuru 1st Rd., Sanmin District, Kaohsiung (07) 380-0089 Opening hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Tuesday-Sunday

Meinong Meinong Town, Kaohsiung City

**Sheding Park** 

The park encompas

coral forests, grasslands,

shrub forests, limestone caves,

and nearly 300 species of

plants. This is also a great

place for bird-watching during

the autumn migration season.

**Houbihu Marina and** 

Houbihu is a yacht harbor

Kenting National Park Headquarters

(08)886-1321 http://www.ktnp.gov.tw

wait for an aquarium shuttle bus

596 Kending Rd., Hengchun, Pingtung County

mation: Zhongnan Bus: 0800-000-162

Eluanbi Park Hengchun Town, Pingtung County; (08) 885-1101

Hengchun- Nanwan - Kending - Eluanbi Park

National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium (08) 882-5001;

uwan Rd., Houwan Village, Checheng Township, Pingtung County http://www.nmmba.gov.tw From the bus station in front of the Kaohsiung Railway Station, take a Kaoping or

Zhongnan Bus on the Hengchun or Kending line and get off at the Baoli stop. Then

1. Sun Yat-sen Freeway (Freeway 1) - Provincial Highway 17 - Shuidiliao - Provincia

Highway 1 - Provincial Highway 26 - Follow signs to the aguarium.

2. Nanihou interchange - Provincial Highway 1 - Checheng - Aguarium.

Freeway 3 - Exit at end of freeway - South on Provincial Highway 17 - Shueidiliao

- South on Provincial Highway 1 - Fonggang - Provincial Highway 26 - Checheng -

**Fishing Port** 

unforgettable memories.

in September

Sands

Wind-blown

This is a rare

andscape in Taiwan.

When the northeasterly

monsoons strengthen

the wind picks up sand

from the harbor area and

blows it inland, creating

an unusual "sand river

Manzhou and

Manzhou, located

phenomenon

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From the railway station: Get off at the Kaohsiung Railway Station, take public bus 60 at the front of the station or 73 at the rear of the station; on weekends and holidays, a science and art bus and a 57 bus also depart from in front of the station. From the airport: Take the bus on the airport trunk route to the Kaohsiung Railway Station and then change to the buses mentioned above Freeway - Exit at the Jiuru Interchange - Turn right on Jiuru Road - Museum

the Alishan Forest Railway, mountain forests, sea of clouds, and spectacular sunrises of the

Alishan National Scenic Area, the salt fields and black-faced spoonbills of the Southwest

Coast National Scenic Area, the aboriginal culture and hot springs of the Maolin National

Scenic Area, and the lagoon and water activities of the Dapeng Bay National Scenic Area.

Take City Bus 248 in front of the Kaohsiung Railway Station, or a 99 bus at the museum of history, to Xizih Bay. Kaohsiung City Bus: (07) 749-4597 http://www.mybus.com.tw Gushan Rd. - Turn right on Linhai 2nd Rd. - Xizih Bay ticket booth - Walk into Sun Yat-sen University campus and the Xizih Bay Scenic Area.

Coastal Park; 990 Cijin 3rd Rd., Qijin District, Kaohsiung City; (07) 571-8920 Take City Bus 35 from Qianzhen Main Station directly to Cijin Peninsula. Xinsheng Rd. at Qianzhen Fishing Harbor - Fishing Harbor South 3rd Rd. - Under-harbor

Chengqing Lake 32 Dabei Rd., Niaosong Township, Kaohsiung City; (07) 370-0821 Kaohsiung Wild Bird Society; (07) 236-1086 1. From Kaohsiung City take City Bus 60, 17, or 70, or the Fengshan Line bus, to Chengging Lake.

2. From Fengshan take a Kaohsiung Bus Co. bus on the Nanzih, Gangshan, Zihguan, Renwu, or Dashe line and get off at Niaosong. 1. Exit the freeway at the Kaohsiung interchange - Turn right on Dashun Road Turn left on Chengqing Road - To Chengqing Lake 2. Jiuru 1st Rd. - Chengqing Rd. to Chengqing Lake

Meinong Folk Village: (07) 681-7508; Meinong Town Office: (07) 681-4311 1. Sun Yat-sen Freeway (Freeway 1) - Exit at Dingjin interchange -National Highway 10 - Exit at Qishan- Follow signs to Meinong. 2. Second Southern Freeway (Freeway 3) - Exit at Yanchao interchange - National Highway 10 (Kaohsiung Branch), exit at Qishan - Follow signs to Meinong

located at Dakuan, Kenting, and is also the largest fishing port in the Hengchun area.

At sunset, when the fishing boats come back from the ocean, the local residents and

the numerous tourists will purchase fresh seafood at the harbor. This is also a popular

destination for snorkeling. There are always visitors snorkeling in the water under their

instructors' guidance, and communicating with tropical fish within coral reefs, leaving

National Park

The Yushan National Park is a subtropical alpine park that is situated in the Central Mountain Range and covers more than 100,000 hectares in Nantou, Chiayi, Kaohsiung, and Hualien counties. It contains 30 of Taiwan's famed "100 Top Peaks," including those of Yushan (Jade Mountain) itself. Mt. Sjouguluan. Mt. Mabolasih, Dafen Peak, Mt. Sinkang, and Mt. Guan. With an altitude of 3,952 meters, Jade Mountain is the tallest in Eastern Asia and contains complete subtropical temperate, and frigid ecological systems as well as a rich variety of plant life. The park has 34 species of mammals including the Formosan serow, the Formosan sambar, the Formosan black bear, the Formosan wild boar, the Reeve's muntiac, and the Formosan rock-monkey. Almost all of the forest bird species can be found in Taiwan, Moreover, the park also has an abundance of butterflies, reptiles, amphibians, and some rare fish species. Cultural remnants in the park include the Batongguan Historic Trail, developed during the Qing Dynasty. The main tribe of indigenous people inhabiting

Great Mt. Guan Tunnel the area is the Bunun **Yushan National Park** 

Taiwan. Yushan (also known as Jade Mountain) is the tallest peak in Taiwan, and is located at the center of the park. There are four access paths to the park: (1) the

three paths lead mountain climbers to the entrance to the trail that takes them to the Jade Mountain peak. The (4) fourth path is the Southern Cross-Island Highway, within Meishan, Zhongzhiguan,

Taiwan's spirit, tenacity, and

perseverance.

Tataka Mountain Saddle of the New Central Cross-Island Highway: (2) the path ocated at Dungpu by the Salixian River, Xinyi Township, Nantou County; and (3) the path at Nanan by the Lekuleku River in Yuli Township, Hualian County. The Tianchi to Yakou, and the Tristar mountain area Yushan, known as the ridge of Taiwan, symbolizes

Yushan National Park is one of the most popular mountaineering spots in

New Central Cross-Island Highway (Yushan Line)

a.m.) Kuoguang Bus: (089) 322-027

Kuokuang buses depart from the Taitung Bus Station and run through

Haiduan up to Tianchih, stopping at various scenic spots along the Southern Cross-Island Highway. (One bus a day; departs Taitung Station at 6:40

1. Tainan City - Provincial Highway 20 - Yujing - Southern Cross-Island Highway

2. Taitung City - Provincial Highway 9 - Haiduan - Southern Cross-Island Highway

Yushan National Park

National Scenic Area

This long, narrow scenic area stretches from north to south and covers parts of Taoyuan, Liouguei, and Maolin District in Kaohsiung City, and Sandimen, Wutai, and Majia townships in Pingtung County. Steep-walled river valleys here form tortuous streams, circular-flow hillocks, waterfalls, and other types of natural scenery. The hot springs of Baolai and Bulao, the world-class butterfly valleys, white-water rafting on the Laonong River, and paragliding at Saijia all offer visitors an exciting experience of the vast diversity of the Maolin National Scenic Area. The area is also home to four indigenous tribes-the Bunun, Rukai, Paiwan, and Tsou-each of which has its own distinct customs and practices. The traditional handicrafts and stone-slab houses provide additional attractions for tourists.

Saijia Recreation Area The Saijia Air Park is perfect for hang-gliding and paragliding, with an altitude drop of 300 meters and strong uplifting winds. The area below the launch site is flat and obstruction free, providing a large area for landing-perhaps the best place in Taiwan for aerial competitions. A Japanese aviation magazine n fact, has called it the best place in Asia for such flying activities. On weekends and holidays, hanggliders and paragliders fill the sky with colors that contrast with the blue heavens and white clouds. This ecreation area also features campgrounds, a grassskiing slope, an arched bridge, a water recreation site and physical challenge facilities for young folks that fulfill the needs of travelers.

Sandimen Recreation Area

Sandimen is the site of three Paiwan indigenous villages: Shuimen, Sandi, and Beiye. Here you can experience the unique romance of Taiwan's ndigenous peoples. You can delve into the past of the indigenous tribes, observe traditional Paiwan stoneslab houses, stone implements, and wood carvings. You can also enjoy aboriginal cuisine and buy the unique aboriginal glass beads, clothing, embroidery, pottery, and art works. The harvest festivals take place each August, where the indigenous people wear their traditional clothes and perform their traditional folk dance

**Indigenous Cultural Park** The park is situated by Ailiao River in Maiia and features the displays of the

architecture and living style of 10 aboriginal tribes. The exhibition of aboriginal structures, living customs, cultural artifacts, and traditional dance performances illustrates the traditional cultures of Taiwan's indigenous peoples. Rafting on the Laonong River The Laonong is Taiwan's second-

largest river, with seven major tributaries and countless smaller ones. Its swift current makes it ideal for rafting and it is rated as a four-grade rafting route by the Taiwan Tourism Bureau There are two rafting sections with spectacular landscapes. The upper part runs 19 kilometers from Baolai to Sinfa and takes about three hours, which is the most exciting part. The lower part is from Liouquei to Sincheng, for about 15 kilometers long that takes around two and a half hours, and at this part, the flow is relatively tranquil, and is suitable for general



rafters. The best time for rafting here is from May through October. **Eighteen Arhats Mountain** It is named for its series of more than 10 peaks, with precipitous terrain and

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of Guilin in Mainland China.

Saijia Air Park Saijia Park: (08) 799-2221 From Pingtung, take a Pingtung Bus on the Sandimen line and g off at the Shuimen Station; then take a taxi to Saijia Air Park. From the Second Southern Freeway (Freeway 3), exit at the Jiouru interchange

craggy landscapes. It can compete with those spectacular limestone mountain terrain

Sala Waterfall

Turn left on Provincial Highway 3 and connect with 22 - Xinnanshih - Drive south on County Highway 185 to the air park. Sandimen Scenic Area From Pingtung, take a Pingtung Bus on the Sandimen route and get off at Shueimer then walk onward for 200 meters to the scenic area. Pingtung Bus: (08) 235-8352

From the Second Southern Freeway (Freeway 3), exit at the Jiouru interchange - Take Provincial Highways 3 and 24 to Pingtung - Drive to Shueimen and up the mountain to Sandimen. Taiwan Indigenous Peoples Cultural Park 104 Fongjing Lane, Beiye Village, Majia Township, Pingtung County; (08) 799-1219 Rafting the Laonong River

Laonong River Rafting: (07) 688-2996; Baomei Rafting: (07) 688-2580 Sun Yat-sen Freeway (Freeway 1) - Exit at the Tainan interchange - Expressway 8 - Exit at the Xinhua interchange - Provincial Highway 20 - Yujing - Jiasian - Laonong - Baolai Eighteen Arhats Mountair

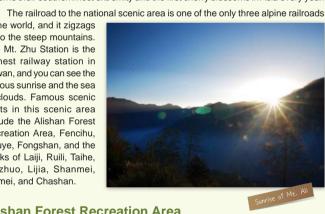
Liugui, Kaohsiung County; (07) 689-1002 Sun Yat-sen Freeway (Freeway 1) - Exit at the Tainan interchange - Expressway 8

Sun Yat-sen Freeway (Freeway 1) - Landa did Isalian Market Sun Yat-sen Freeway (Freeway 3), Tianliao interchange - Qishan - County Highway 184 - Liugui

National Scenic Area

The Alishan National Scenic Area is located in the mountains of Chiayi County, covering the townships of Meishan, Zhuxi, Fanlu, and Alishan. The area is well-known for its alpine railroad, verdant forest, the sea of clouds, and spectacular sunrise and sunset. It is covered by luxuriant forests and, with abundant rainfall, the cypress and other trees have grown to huge sizes. Alishan is also known for its cherry trees, which is their southernmost extremity and the first cherry blossoms in Asia every year.

in the world, and it zigzags up to the steep mountains The Mt. Zhu Station is the highest railway station in Taiwan, and you can see the famous sunrise and the sea of clouds. Famous scenic spots in this scenic area include the Alishan Forest Recreation Area, Fencihu, Tefuye, Fongshan, and the peaks of Laiji, Ruili, Taihe, Shizhuo, Lijia, Shanmei, Xinmei, and Chashan.



**Alishan Forest Recreation Area** Located at the terminus of the Alishan railroad and surrounded by forests, the

Alishan Forest Recreation Area is rich in deep valleys and grand precipices. The average temperature is mild. Spring is the best time for cherry blossom viewing here. Because of its cooler climate, this area is also a great place to escape to in the summer in Taiwan. Major tourist attractions in the area include: Zhaoping Park, the exhibition of old steam locomotives. Shouzhen Temple. Two Sisters Pond. Civun Temple. Shuling Pagoda, the remains of the famous Sacred Tree, and an alpine museum. Alishan Forest Rail and Fengihu Alishan Forest Railway, which stretches for a length of 71.9 km, spans the

area from Beimen. Chiavi City at 30 meters above sea level to Mt. Ali at 2.316. meters above sea level. The railway is considered one of the three most beautiful and highest mountain railways in the world, along with Darjeeling railway to Mt. Himalaya of India and the Trans Andean Railway crossing the Andes between Chile and Argentina. The railway, with its unique Z-shaped switchbacks and railway zigzags, runs through 50 tunnels, and over 77 wooden bridges. It is a tourist attraction. It covers tropical, temperate and alpine vegetation and provides spectacular views. Only two lines today remain intact and operational. The Zhushan Line operated to transport tourists to see, amongst other things, the sunrise from Mt. Zhushan, while

The Divine Tree Line takes passengers through the Divine Tree Areas of Mt. Ali. Parts of steam train and train wrecks are well-preserved for exhibition, and some of the railway carriages are used as hotel rooms at Zhaoping Station. Fenqihu is the middle station of the Alishan Forest Railway, and

Eluanbi sits at the southernmost tip of Taiwan, facing the Bashee Channel and the

Philippine Islands in the distance. Inside the park stands the famous white 21.4-meter

Eluanbi Lighthouse, built in 1882, which can project a light up to 20 nautical miles to

guide ships at night. The park also features huge coral rock formations with luxuriant

growths of tropical vegetation. This is also a good place for bird watching, especially

below the station lies an old street with a length of around 500 meters. Railway meal boxes, train cakes, and grass jelly can be purchased here. The old street is regarded as the highest in Taiwan, and nicknamed "The Kingdom of Alishan Meal Box". Around the station, many tourist attractions such as a Japanese Shrine, Menchai Kiln, Fenglinxia, and Gaozikan Old Trails are around, and waterfalls, clean rivers, strange rock formations and woods are part of the natural scenery Dabang and Tefuye

These two villages form the cultural center of the local Zou aboriginal tribe, and they take turns holding the tribe's most important annual festival. Both of them have the ceremonial "kuba" men's gathering house and the "hufu" rest pavilions, with traditional thatched roofs. Tourist spots in the area include the Rainbow Waterfall, the Dadean Waterfall, the Ghost Lake, the Shuishan Historic Trail, the Tefuye Trail, and the Mystery Valley. Visitors can take Provincial Highway 18 to the Danayi Valley Nature Ecology Park and Chashan (Tea Mountain) from the villages. Ruili & Ruitai

The Ruitai Area of Alishan covers three villages - Ruili, Ruifeng and Taihe. Ruili is the earliest developed by the Hans among the three villages. Recently, the local Scenic Area Administration used the concept of the movie, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," as the "Chivalric Ruitai" to promote the beauty of the bamboo grove here. With the forest trails and firefly watching in April and May, Ruili and Ruitai have become popular tourist destinations. Waterfalls & Valleys in Alishan In the trail system of the "Eight Views of Ruili", designed by the Alishan National

Scenic Area Administration, Yentze Cliff offers the most spectacular view, that of an unusual geological landscape, with parallel stripes surfacing approximately 40 meters wide, folded nutually by sandstone and shale after thousands of years of weathering. Among the Eight Views of Ruili, "Yuentan Falls" is considered the best view. About 200 meters high, the waterfall has three layers. The first layer, about 25 meters high, is the most commonly seen by tourists. The huge volume of water falling straight into a deep pond makes it the most beautiful scenery of all. Another tough challenge is Dragon Waterfall, about 1,000 meters high, located by Tashan. Yet, the path from Fengshan is steep and winding. It is not easy for non-professional mountaineers to approach it.

Alishan National Scenic Area

far and wide to enjoy bird-watching here.

mountains and seas.

**Kending Forest Recreation Area** 

1. From Chiayi or Beimen Railway Station in Chiayi, take the Alisha Forest Railway to Alishan. 2. From the front of the Chiavi Railway Station, take the county bus to Alishan. 1. Freeway 3 (Second Southern Freeway) - Exit at Zhongpu interchange -East on Provincial Highway 18 - Alishan.

2. Freeway 1 (Sun Yat-sen Freeway) - Exit at Chiayi interchange County Highway 159 - Provincial Highway 18 - Alishan.

Chiayi County Bus: (05) 224-3140; for forest railway schedule, contact the Chiayi Forest District Caution Whether in summer or winter, there is a large difference between day and night temperatures at Alishan. Be sure to take warm clothing.

at the southeastern end of Taiwan Island, faces the Pacific Ocean on the east and the

Bashi Channel to the south. Connected to the Central Mountain Range, it can be regarded

as the most ideal place in Taiwan to learn about the richness of the island's ecological

systems. The Nanrenshan Ecology Conservation Area is full of zoological and botany

habitats. In October, near the Lide bridge, the Red Abdomen Hawk and the Gray-faced

Buzzard Eagle rest and roost when they migrate south. It attracts numerous tourists from

movements, sea erosion, and weathering, forming potholes, cliff indentations, chessboard

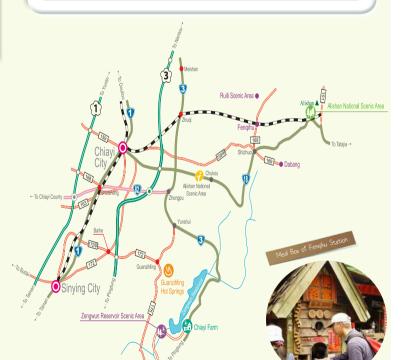
rock, and other strange and wonderful sights. The passing Japan Current brings many

coral-rock topography. From Sea Vista Pavilion you can see grand views of the surrounding

species of large migrating fish, making it a fine area for boat fishing.

Jialeshui is coral and sandstone landscape has been created by millennia of crustal

This is one of the best places in Taiwan for observing tropical vegetation and natural



## National Scenic Area

The Southwest Coast is an area of sand shoals, sand dunes, wetlands, lagoons, and other coastal landscapes stretching for dozens of kilometers and nurturing a plethora of plant and wild life. The tourism resources of the area are enriched by its unique salt and fisheries industries. Another well-known attraction is the Black-faced Spoonbill Sanctuary, which has more endangered birds flying in for winter than any other place in the world. This is the earliest developed area in Taiwan by the Han Chinese, therefore it has a rich heritage of temples, religion, and historical sites.

Tile-lined Salt Fields of Jingzaijiao, Beimen

These salt fields were developed in 1818. Here, workers painstakingly laid down a payement of broken pottery pieces on the mud on the salt fields to prevent salt from mingling with mud. Under the rays of the sun, these tile basins under a shallow laver of seawater sparkle like colorful mosaics.

**Qigu Salt Mountains** 

Qigu, so called the Salt Country, is situated in the coastal area of southwestern Tainan City. It has the second-largest saltern in Taiwan. Qigu is famous for the pyramid-shaped white salt mountains. Visitors can taste salt popsicles, bathe in a concentrated saltwater spa, and experience a variety of other salt-themed activities

Black-faced Spoonbill Sanctuary at the Zengwun Estuary The Zengwun Estuary forms an alluvial fan where

saltwater and fresh water mix, and the abundance of zooplankton in the vast wetlands attracts large numbers of migratory birds. The endangered black-faced spoonbills are the main attraction for tourists. The 300-hectare Black-faced Spoonbill Sanctuary is the wintering home of about 800 spoonbills-two-thirds of the entire world population – which start flying in from Siberia in October and stay for six months before returning north to their breeding grounds. This is one of Taiwan's top-10 birdwatching sites. Sicao Ecology Area Sicao has ancient mangrove forest wetlands, salt

fields, and lots of fish farms , therefore, the area attracts a large number of migratory birds in the winter. Because of its special environmental conditions. Sihcao is rated as one of Taiwan's top-four wetlands. Sicao is also a home of the mangrove forest plant family, including Rhizophora stylosa, Lumnitzera racemosa, and Avicenna marina. Other than the wetland habitat, the nearby fort remains is also worth a visit.

# Cigu Salt Mountains

**Southwest Coast National Scenic Area** 

http://www.swcoast-nsa.gov.tw/ Jingzaijiao Tiled Salt Fields, Beimen Provincial Highway 17 - Jiangjyun - Beimen - To the left of Beimen you can see the Jingzaillao tiled salt fields. Qigu Salt Mountains 66 Yancheng Village, Qigu Township, Tainan County Take a train and get off at Tainan Station, then take a Singnan Bus to Jiali and proceed

Black-faced Spoonbill Sanctuary Tainan County Black-faced Spoonbill Conservation Society (06)788-0064

Highway 176 - Provincial Highway 17 - Jiali-Qigu

on to the Qigu Salt Mountains. Xingnan Bus: (06) 265-3121

## Sihcao Wildlife Reserve Annan District of Tainan City;

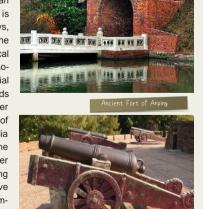
Sun Yat-sen Freeway (Freeway 1) - Exit at the Madou interchange - South on County

southeast of Luermen River, Provincial Highway 17 and north of the Yanshuei River

## Nearby Attractions

Eternal Fortress & Ancient Fort of Anping The Eternal Fortress was built in the

French-style in 1875 to strengthen coasta defenses, and was the first fort in Taiwan equipped with Armstrong cannons. It is surrounded by a moat that, in the old days. fortress is rated as a first-grade historical site, and has a bronze statue of Shen Baojhen and three old cannons. A memorial tablet on the west side of the gate records events in the history of the fortress. Another first-grade historical site, the Ancient Fort of Anping, contains the ruins of Fort Zeelandia built by the Dutch in the 1620s during the colonization period. It was the first fort ever to be built on the island. When the Ming Dvnasty patriot Zheng Cheng-gong drove the Dutch out of Taiwan in 1662, he commemorated the event by renaming this area Anping, meaning "peace." The only piece of the original red-brick wall remaining is now



in the embrace of curling banyan roots. Here you can ascend the observation tower to view the splendors of the sunset and the fishing boats scattered about the vast waters of the Taiwan Strait.

This is the site of Fort Provintia, built by the Dutch during their colonization of Taiwan. It was reportedly built using material from overseas, and served the Dutch as the center of commerce and administration. It is a first-grade historical site. The sunrise here and the sunset at Anping are listed among Taiwan's eight premier vistas. The three-story tower that exist today was built on the foundations of the original fort. The only two parts you can visit are a cannon emplacement and the gate In front of the towers, where nine large stone tablets are carried by nine stone turtles.

**Confucius Temple** This temple, build during the Ming Dynasty and located on Nanmen Road, is dedicated to the great teacher-philosopher Confucius. It was the first Confucius Temple in Taiwan, and is now a first-grade historical site. The classical architecture of the temple is elegant and restrained, and ancient trees not only provide shade in the courtyard, but also add a strong nostalgic flavor of the past. The temple is the venue for elaborate and solemn ceremonies every year on September 28, a celebration of the Teacher's Day, also known as Confucius' Birthday

The Hukou Wetlands in Kouhu Township, Yunlin County used to be rice fields. But because the soil had been salinized for years, it has become a haven for wild birds. People nowdays come here to enjoy the natural scenery, bike leisurely along the country trail. and feel the sea breeze at sunset Dongshi Fisherman's Wharf

The Dongshi Fisherman's Wharf is a wharf with a little Dutch-styled touch. The

great seafood and beautiful sunset are the best payoff for tourists who come here. The Dongshi Fisherman's Wharf reveals different ocean themes-wind, sunshine, fish, boats, sea and the lighthouse. These are developed to revive the local economy. The main facilities include the Ocean Culture Hall, the Production Center, the Special Products Hall, the Shopping Street, the Sea-Watching Pavilion, the Floating-Bridge Market, and the Coastal Walking Platform. This is the place for the family play on the beach, fly kites



Along with Beitou, Yangmingshan, and Sihchongsi, Guanzihling, located in Baihe Town,

Tainan County, is one of Taiwan's four top hot-spring areas. The hot springs here are of the rare turbid water type. The mud and minerals that the water brings up from underground strata give the water a gray-black color, and so these are called "black hot springs" and "mud hot springs." The sodium carbonate water is not suitable for drinking. A bath in this water makes skin soft and smooth, therefore, it is a natural beauty treat



These springs were developed back during the period of Japanese occupation (1895-1945). Located beside the Laonong River in Liouguei Township, Kaohsiung County, the springs produce weak carbonic acid water. In addition to the hot-spring facilities here. Bulao also offers a barbecue area and a campground beside the river, giving visitors the opportunity to enjoy a variety of vacation fun.

These springs are located in Liouguei Township, Kaohsiung County, deep in forested mountains adjacent to the Laonong River. The water has a carbonic acid content. It is suitable for drinking. Besides enjoying the hot springs, visitors here can also fish or go rafting in the river, camp out, and have barbecues.



These open-air hot springs are six kilometers distant from Baolai, where the clear mineral water flows from the flanks of a gorge. The carbonic acid water is good for both bathing and drinking. The surrounding dense forests and streams fill the area with a profound atmosphere of natural tranquility.

The most outstanding feature of the Yusui Hot Springs, which are located in Kaohsiung County's Taoyuan Township, are that three types of water flow from the same source into separate pools. The first pool has white sulfur water, the second sodium carbonate water, and the third cold-spring water. And as they bathe, visitors can also enjoy the beauties of nature.

These hot springs, located in Mudan, Pingtung County, were discovered during the Guangsyu reign (1875-1907) of the Qing Dynasty. In earlier days the local residents had to ford the river when going from or returning to their homes; in fact they had to ford the

winding river four times, and so they named it Sihchong--meaning "four times"--River. The clear carbonic acid water contains a number of minerals.

Attention Hot-spring Bathers Before taking a hot-spring bath, please shower and warm up. Then splash some 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 wine away the water gently If your hotel has water therapy facilities, please refer to the related regulations.





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# National Scenic Area

The Sirava National Scenic Area stretches across Tainan City and Chiavi County and include 15 townships featuring beautiful scenery, abundant hot spring resources, agricultural products, historical sites and the culture of the Siraya indigenous tribe. There are many famous spots in this area including Taiwan's largest reservoir, Zengwen Reservoir. Wushantou Reservoir was one of the top three hydraulic engineering projects in the world when it was built. The Hutoupi Reservoir is Taiwan's number one reservoir. Guanziling has the most unique mud spring in Taiwan. And there is the Caoshan Moon World with its unique geographical landscapes. Here, you can also find the origins of the culture of Taiwan's Pingpu (or flatland) indigenous tribes **Zengwen Recreational System** 

The Zengwen Reservoir is the largest reservoir in Taiwan with water capacity at more than 900 million cubic meters. It offers multifunctional irrigation, electricity generation, flood prevention and sightseeing. The reservoir is surrounded by green mountains, a vast reservoir lake, and enchanting scenery. Tourists enjoy ecological activities such as hiking, camping, barbecuing, bird watching, forest bathing and

**Wushantou Recreational System** and the Hatta Yoichi Memorial Hall If you have a bird's eve view from the sky, the Wushantou Reservoir is like

a green coral. That's why it is also called "Coral Pond." Its size is around 1,300 hectares, covering more than 30 branches. The water flowing out of the reservoir forms a waterfall called the "Coral Flying Spring," one of the "Eight Sceneries of Tainan." On the west side of the reservoir, there are Sanjiaopi Park, the Temple of Heaven, a suspension bridge, and Zhongzheng Park. The Hatta Yoichi Memorial Hall was built in honor of Japanese hydrological engineer, Hatta Yoichi, who is also called the "Father of the Chianan Wushantou Reservoir." He contributed his life and knowledge for years to designing and building the reservoir and Chianan Irrigation System in order to prevent flooding in this area. This place is perfect for tourists interested in Taiwan's culture and history. **Hutoupi Recreational System** Hutoupi means "tiger-head pond" literally in Chinese because the mountains

here look like a fierce tiger's head. Hutoupi Reservoir was built early to solve water scarcity and to irrigate paddy fields. There's a small island inside the lake with a suspension bridge above the lake connecting the island to the shore. The famous "Moonlight on Hutoupi" is ranked as one of the Eight Sceneries of Hutoupi. The recreation system here offers a boat wharf, barbecue facilities and a camping area. Trails also zigzag through the mountain, making this an excellent destination for a relaxing holiday.

Jianshanpi Reservoir The Jianshanpi Reservoir was established in 1938, and is located at the east side of Xushan Village of Liuvin Township in Tainan City, It once served exclusively as the source of water for the Sinyi sugar mill of Taiwan Sugar Corporation. The reservoir holds a water capacity of 3,000,000 cubic meters. This area offers picturesque natural scenery which may be called the "Little Jiangnan of Formosa." Jiangnan means "the southern bank of the Yangtze River," an area known for its scenic beauty.

Baihe This is one of Taiwan's major lotus-cultivation areas. The best season for lotus-viewing is summer. Here you can enjoy delicious dishes made of lotus seeds and savor the sight of lotus flowers in Lotus Blossom Park. In addition, you can go to the lotus information center to learn all about the lotus ecology and the lotus industry. **Guanzihling Hot Springs** 

These hot springs are located in Baihe District of Tainan City, listed with Beitou, Yangmingshan, and Sichong River as the four major hot-spring areas in Taiwan. This is also one of the three places in the world with turbid hot springs, locally known as "black hot springs" or "muddy hot springs." The waters provide a natural spa treatment. There are a number of famous scenic spots in the area of Guantzuling, including the Baihe Reservoir, Dasian Temple, Biyun Temple, "Shuei Huo Tong Yuan,", Siangong Temple, Earth God Temple, Tough Man Slope, and the Wushantou Reservoir. The most unique of these sights is "Shuei Huo Tong Yuan" which means flames sprouting from spring water.



Siraya National Scenic Area (06) 699-0335 Chiayi Farm (05)252-1054 No 3, Xixing Village Dapu Township, Chiayi Cor Take trains to Tainan Station then change to Xingnan Bus to Zengwen Reservoir. 1. National Highway 3. - Wushantou Interchange - County Routes 174.

Provincial Highway 3 - Nanxi - Zengwen Reservoir 2. Kaohsiung - Qishan - Provincial Highway 3 - Nanhua - Nanxi - Zengwen Reservoir Wushantou Reservoir (06) 698-2103 No.68-2, Jianan, Guantian Dist., Tainan City 1. Take Xiecheng Bus from Madou to Wushantou. One bus per hour. . Change Xinnan Bus From Tainan Train Station to Wushantou Reser National Highway 1 - Xingying Interchange - County Route 172 - Provincial Highway 1 - County Route 174 - Wushantou Reservoir.

Hutoupi Reservoir (06)590-1325 No.36, Ln. 42, Zhongxing Rd., Xinhua Dist., Tainan City Take Xinnan Bus to Xinhua from Tainan Train Station, then change bus to Hutoupi National Provincial Highway 1 - Yongkang Interchange - Provincial Highway 1 - County Route 177A - Hutoupi Scenic Area 2. National Highway 3 - National Highway 8 - Xinhua Interchange Provincial Highway 20 - Hutoupi Scenic Area Jianshanni Reservoir (06) 623-3888 No.60 Xushan Liuving Dist., Tainan City

 Take Xinying Bus from Xinying Train Station, and get off at Erchongxi Jianshanpi Stop.
 Take Xinying Bus from Tainan Train Station, and get off at Baiheshan Zijiao Stop. National Highway 1 - Xinying Interchange - County Route 172 - Provincial Highway ional Highway 3 - Baihe Interchange - County Route 165 - Jianshanpi Reservoir The Lotus of Baihe Take Xinying Bus from Xinying Station to Baihe.
 Take Chiayi Bus from Chiayi Train Station to Baihe.

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**Guanziling Hot spring** 

National Highway 3 - Baihe Interchange - County Route 172 - Turn left at approximately

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National Highway 3 - Baihe Interchange - County Route 172 - Guanzilin



southwest coast of Taiwan, at the border of Donggang Town and Linbian Township. To its west stretches the Taiwan Straits. This is a rare lagoon for Taiwan, and its environment provides a perfect habitat for wildlife. If also offers a wealth of ecological scenery and recreational resources. The tropical climate is perfect for water activities The area is developing into an international standard multipurpose recreation area. The bay and its surrounding area were under the management of the

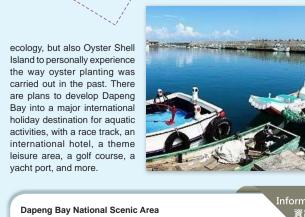
military administration during the Japanese Occupation (1895-1945) and after Taiwan Restoration, so the facilities are left intact. The mysterious tunnels, a submarine base, and a seaplane base, along with those legendary tales about them are considered to have historical importance. A 20-meter tall seaplane observation platform and other facilities for land and water activities have been newly built.

This is Taiwan's only coral island. It offers rich seashore resources and endlessly varied undersea with the surrounding waters containing more than 800 species of fish, shellfish, algae, and coral. The ferry ride from Donggang to Xiaoliuqiu takes about 30 minutes and the transportation on the island is convenient as well. Travelers can take advantage of a public bus that runs

two hours. Popular scenic spots on the island include Black Dwarf Cave and Beauty Cave, and tourists can also take a glass bottom boat at Baisha Port and pay a visit to the mysterious undersea world to savor the pleasure of swimming with the fish. Dapeng Bay Scenic Area Dapeng Bay was once also called "Biexing Harbor", "Qieteng Harbor", "Guandi Harbor" and "Nanping Harbor". It was also called DaTan during the Japanese

around the island and stops at all the scenic spots. The tour takes around one to

occupation. After the Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) moved to Taiwan, it was renamed as Dapeng Bay. The main recreation facilities are the Dapeng Bay Tourist Center, Qingzhou Seaside Recreation Area, PengBay National Leisure Zone and "Tour de Bay" Cycling Path. Visitors can take a yacht trip not only to check out the mangrove



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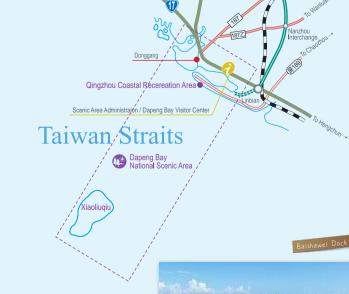
Drive south on Freeway 1 (Sun Yat-sen Freeway) - Xiaogang Airport - Provincial Highway 17 - Donggang - Donggang Wharf - Take ferry to Xiaoliuqiu.

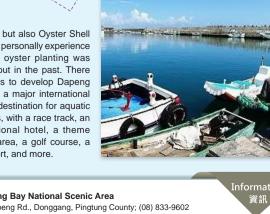
2.Drive south on Freeway 1 - Bitou Harbor, Fengshan - Take ferry to Xiaoliuqiu. Kaoping Blue Highway (Fengshan, Pitou Harbor - Xiaoliuqiu): (07) 871-9317, 871-9333; Liouciou Visitors Association: (08) 861-1188.





53 Dapeng Rd., Donggang, Pingtung County; (08) 833-9602





Railway: Take a train to Linbian in Pingtung County, then switch to a bus.Pingtung





Bus: (08) 723-7131 Air: Take a TransAsia, Far East, or Uni Air flight to Kaohsiune or Pingtung, then switch to a Kuo-Kuang bus of Pingtung bus on the Kending line. Freeway 1 (Sun Yat-sen Freeway) - Provincial Highway 17 - Donggang - Follow the signs to the area

on the grassfields, and watch the sunset. **Orchid Discovery World** 

Orchid Discovery World, located in Houbi, Wushu Village, in Tainan, is an orchid tourist garden combining fine agriculture, biotechnology and cultural creativity. The four theme pavilions here are "the Crystal Palace," "Dream Work," "Orchard Castle," and "Orchard Park." They provide tourists a chance to experience DIY orchid creativity, and taste orchid-flavored gourmet. The most special dish is orchid ice cream, which has a light flower fragrance enriching the sweetness of the ice cream.

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