



# TASTE OF TAIWAN / 12 Days 10 Nights



## Heart of the Ocean

UK — Taipei — Nantou (Sun Moon Lake) — Kaohsiung — Pingtung (Kenting) —  
Taitung — Hualien (Taroko Marble Gorge) — Taipei — Penghu — Taipei — UK

One of very classic routes for travelling around Taiwan main island, experiencing the unexpected beauty like Sun Moon Lake, Toroko Marble Gorge, and so many unique nature scenery! Besides that you have a great chance to visit Penghu which attracts sun-worshippers & island-hoppers!

**Capital City**  
**Taipei**

**Tropical Climate**  
**12°C-35°C**

**Language**  
**Mandarin**

NI HAO!  
(Hello)

**DAY 01 / Thursday Departure- Flight from UK**

**DAY 02 / Friday Welcome to Taiwan!**

Our chauffeur driver will greet you at the airport (TPE) arrival hall, then transfer you to the hotel in central Taipei. Depends on the arrival time, of course you are free to take a rest at hotel, walking around nearby, or we recommend you to spend the night visiting the spectacular *XiangShan*, in Chinese means elephant mountain. This is one of the best place affording *the night view of Taipei 101* along the hiking trail. You will need only within 30 minutes to get to the lookout. For dinner, the most well known traditional food or snacks can be found at *night markets!* A big part of Taiwanese culture and foodies will be able to experience local cuisine at reasonable prices from friendly locals. We recommend you taste the unique flavours of their traditional recipes such as Giant Fried Chicken Steak, Tempura, Bubble Tea, Oyster Vermicelli, Oyster Omelet, Fried Buns and of course, the notorious Stinky Tofu.

**Wonderful night View at XiangShan**



**High quality Oolong tea**





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**DAY 03  
(SAT)**

**Explore Taipei-free time (morning & night)  
Chiufen Village & Northeast Coast Tour (afternoon)**



Enjoy the morning at your leisure. Maybe walk around the "*Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall*" a national monument, erected in memory of a former President of this country. The landmark, surrounded by a park, stands at the east end of Liberty Square. The National Theatre and National Concert Hall flank the structure on the north and south. All these buildings offer a stunning example of neo-classical Chinese architecture! Or why not pay a visit to the *Taipei National Palace Museum*: a world-class museum hosts an eclectic collection of artworks and artefacts. It is designed in the style of a Northern Chinese palace that houses nearly 700,000 pieces that span 8,000 years of Chinese history, sharing its roots with the Palace Museum in the Forbidden City in Beijing, as during the Chinese Civil War the collection had to be evacuated to Taiwan to protect it from the risk of destruction. We highly recommend you to visit as it offers the world's most comprehensive collection of ancient Chinese artefacts! \*Note: Entrance ticket fee is not included!



**Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall**



**Chiufen Village**



**Afternoon (4 hours) tour includes  
(Estimated start from 13:00-13:30 at hotel)**

- \*Chiufen Village (80 min)
- \*Nanya Rock Formations
- \*Bay of Two Colors (pass by)
- \*Jinguashi 13 Ruins  
(Remains of the 13 Levels)

In afternoon, your destination is the former *gold mining village of Chiufen*, where a picturesque setting of old homes clinging to steep mountainsides will enchant you. Meander past the cosy *teahouses of Chiufen Old Street*, a narrow, cobbled street that offers glimpses into the past. Along the way we will stop at several locations where postcard views can be enjoyed, such as the *Yin-Yang Sea (Bay of Two Colours)*.

**DAY 04  
(SUN)**

**Pingxi Sky Lantern Experience & Old Street Walk Tour (morning)  
Explore Taipei-free time (afternoon & night)**

**Morning (4 hours) tour includes  
(Estimated start from 08:00-08:30 at hotel)**

- \*Pingxi Sky Lantern Experience
- \*Shifen Old Street
- \*Shifen Waterfall
- \*Shifen Railway Station

Experience the old-world charm of *Shifen* and *Pingxi* and get to make your very own *sky lantern* in this half day guided tour. Pingxi was an important coal-mining town in the early 20th century, and is home to the famous Taiwanese lantern festival, which is one, the biggest New Year's Eve celebration in the world! Here you will get a chance to participate in a local custom that has been practiced for over hundred of years: building a sky lantern. After this creative exercise, you will then explore *Shifen Old Street*, a collection of lanes and alleys in and around the Shifen railway station area. It is a great place to grab some snacks, and quirky souvenirs. Your final stop is the scenic, 40-meter tall *Shifen Waterfall*, located 30 minutes away by walking northeast from the train platform area.



After morning, spend the rest of the day at your own leisure. You may spend some time in *Longshan Temple*, which is situated in the city's oldest neighbourhood, *Wanhua*. It's a place where generations of locals have come to seek good fortune, health, and even guidance on who to marry. Another good option is *Dihua Street*, part of the *Da Dao Cheng* precinct, was established in the 1850s as a key trading port in Taipei, home to businesses dealing in tea leaves, Chinese medicine, fabric and more. Here allows you to glimpse directly into Taiwan's past while enjoying all the amenities of the present



**Longshan Temple**



**Da Dao Cheng**





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## DAY 05 (MON)

### Taipei – Nantou (Sun Moon Lake + natural hot spring)



To be picked up (07:30-08:30) at the hotel lobby in Taipei City, we will drive (3.5 hr approx.) to **Sun Moon Lake**, which is located in the middle of Taiwan and situated 762 meters above sea level in the lofty mountains of Central Taiwan. We will take bus, and firstly stop at **Ita Thao**, the origin of Thao people and continues to convey the history of this aboriginal tribe in Taiwan, and **CiEn Pagoda**, erected by Chiang Kai-Shek (former president) to commemorate his mother.

**The Xuanzang Temple (Holy Monk Shrine)**, the place said to be housing the relics of the eminent monk Xuanzang, who contributed greatly to Chinese culture and the spread of Buddhism in China. **Wenwu Temple**, also known as Literature-Warrior Temple, dedicated to the Military Saint of Guangong. After check-in hotel, enjoy **natural hot spring!**

## DAY 06 (TUE)

### Nantou (Sun Moon Lake) – Kaohsiung (Fo Guang Shan Monastery – City)



Enjoy the mountain, lake view at **Xiangshan Visitor Center** at Sun Moon Lake area, then drive (2.5 hr approx.) to **Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Monastery**, the most famous and largest in Kaohsiung. Take part in a monastery walking tour where you will learn about Buddhism and explore the vast grounds till you reach the **“Buddha Memorial Centre”** where atop sits the world’s tallest bronze sitting Buddha statue. Along the way communicate with some of the monks/nuns and take the opportunity to taste a Buddhist vegetarian lunch (at your own cost).

Afternoon, we will drive (within an hour approx.) back to **Kaohsiung city!** We encourage you can take a walk near the scenic **Love River area**. Another recommend attraction is **Formosa Boulevard metro station** near **Liuhe night market**. The station is rewarded one of the most beautiful metro station in the world due to the design: **“Dome of Light”**. (designed by Italian artist Narcissus Quagliata)

## Kaohsiung – Kenting – Taitung (Chihpen hot spring)

Morning drive (2.5 hr approx.) to **Kenting National Park**, located at Taiwan’s southern tip with 37 miles of coral-rimmed shoreline along three sides of the park provides its main attraction. Stops will be made at **Mao Bi Tou coastal scenic area**, **Chuan Fan Rock**, **E Luan Bi lighthouse**, and **Long Pan Park**. Kenting always attracts all sea! sunshine! lovers. The salty breeze from ocean and beaches make it the paradise in Taiwan! For spending the night and the famous **hot spring at Chihpen** in Taitung, we will drive 2.5 hours (approx.) in the late afternoon!



## DAY 07 (WED)

## Taitung – East coast national scenic area – Hualien

On day 08, departure from hotel to **East Coast National Scenic Area** (40 min approx.) known as "Taiwan's last unspoiled land", stretches 170 kilometres down the east coast of the island and provides stunning views of the Pacific Ocean. Weathering, erosion, and accumulation have produced a wide range of landforms and the perfect habitat for a rich diversity of flora and fauna. Our tour will stop at **XiaoYeLiou**, **SanXienTai**, **ShiTIPing** and **FanShuLiao**. Late afternoon, we will proceed (1 hour drive approx.) to **Hualien** for **the Marble Factory and Exhibition Hall** & (another hour drive approx.) overnight stay at Taroko Marble Gorge.



## DAY 08 (THU)





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## DAY 09 (FRI)

### Hualien (Taroko Marble Gorge – Qingshui Cliff) – Taipei



In the morning, make visit to *Taroko Marble Gorge: Shakadang Trail or Lushui Trail, Eternal Spring Shrine (Changchun Temple), Yanzikou (Swallow Grotto), Cihmu Bridge* is famous for its spectacular mountains, marble canyons, and cliffs stretch along Liwu River. After millions of years of wind erosion, the marble rocks were exposed and cut by Liwu River, creating impressive grand canyons. Such special geography has also bred special flora and fauna in this area. At *Yanzikou (Swallow Grotto)* the rock cliffs of the Liwu River gorge seem to reach to heaven while the river runs its swiftest and the distance between the gorge walls so narrow that they almost seem to touch each other. You can enjoy the sights of the Liwu River from nearly straight above the water, the potholes on the cliff faces, the springs sprinkled along the lower parts of the walls, as well as the famous rock formation “Chieftain’s profile rock”. Approximately 40 min by drive to *Qingshui Cliff*: a 21 km length of coastal cliffs in Hualien. The tallest peak, Qingshui Mountain, rises 2408 meters (the highest coastal cliff in Taiwan) directly from the Pacific Ocean. The cliff is located at the southern part of the Suhua Highway that connects the counties of Yilan and Hualien in eastern Taiwan. At night, drive back to (2.5 hr approx.) estimated arrive at central Taipei at 6 p.m.



## Taipei – Penghu Island

## DAY 10 (SAT)

The driver will pick you up from the hotel lobby in the early morning for the domestic flight to Penghu. (TSA 09:30-MZG 10:30 estimated.) The tour kicks off from the *Penghu National Scenic Area* around 12:00. We will visit *Erkan Village* which oozes charm from every coral wall, stone walkway and brick facade. The 50 or so houses are built in a melange of southern Fujian, Western and Japanese styles, and they mostly hail from the early 20th century. Next up is *Penghu Great Bridge*, where we will walk the length of the bridge, whilst viewing the awesome oceanic vistas, listening to the roaring tides, and feeling the bracing sea breezes, in a uniquely refreshing experience. Finally we will go through an ancient fishing village, *FongGuei*, which means the wind cabinet. Whenever large waves crash against the shore here, the holes resound like claps of thunder.

### Whole day tour includes

- \*Penghu National Scenic Area
- \*Erkan Village
- \*Daguoye Columnar Basalt
- \*Penghu Great Bridge
- \*Tongliang Great Banyan
- \*FongGuei Temple
- \*Shanshui Beach
- \*Shetou Hill Recreational Area

## DAY 11 (SUN)

### Penghu Island (half day free time) – Explore Taipei-free Time



Free time in Penghu until transfer to the airport to catch the returning domestic flight back to Taipei. (MZG 18:50-TSA 19:45 estimated) Upon arrival, pick up and transfer to the hotel. Tonight, you might be interested in visiting “*Yong Kang Street*” which is famous for many Taiwanese snacks and gourmet foods. World-famous Taiwanese restaurant “*Din Tai Fung*” is well-known for its “*XiaoLongBao*”. Delicious! Please, don't miss the opportunity to also try, Mango shake smoothies and Yong Kang beef noodles! You will love and enjoy the charming food culture here in Taipei!

## DAY 12 (MON)

### Fly back to UK from TPE airport

One or few extra day tours (or free time) in Taiwan will be a perfect option. Please refer to optional experiences or talk to your agent. Our chauffeur driver will meet & greet you at the hotel lobby, then transfer you directly to the airport.





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## Hotel ★★★★★

## Meals

## Price Guide & Other Info

**DAY 02  
(FRI)**

Taipei Garden Hotel  
or the same level

N/A

**DAY 03  
(SAT)**

Taipei Garden Hotel  
or the same level

Breakfast at hotel

**DAY 04  
(SUN)**

Taipei Garden Hotel  
or the same level

Breakfast at hotel

**DAY 05  
(MON)**

Fleur De Chine Sun Moon Lake-  
Mountain View or the same level

Breakfast at hotel

**DAY 06  
(TUE)**

Grand Hi-Lai Hotel Kaohsiung  
or the same level

Breakfast at hotel

**DAY 07  
(WED)**

Hotel Royal Chihpen Taitung  
or the same level

Breakfast at hotel

**DAY 08  
(THU)**

Silks Place Taroko  
or the same level

Breakfast at hotel

**DAY 09  
(FRI)**

Taipei Garden Hotel  
or the same level

Breakfast at hotel

**DAY 10  
(SAT)**

Hilton Hotel  
or the same level

Breakfast at hotel

**DAY 11  
(SUN)**

Taipei Garden Hotel  
or the same level

Breakfast at hotel

From **£ 2700** / person

### Included

- Airport arrival and departure transfers (*chauffeur drive*)
- 5 stars hotels accommodations (*twin room basis*)
- Meals & Transportation & Entrance fee tickets as indicated
- Professional English-speaking tour guide(s)
- International economy class return flights (UK-Taiwan)  
(*upgrading to premium or business class available!*)
- Domestic economy class return flights (Taipei-Penghu)

### Not Included

- Single supplement from £1070
- Meals & transportation & entrance fee tickets as not indicated
- Insurance of any kind
- Personal expenditure, such as laundry service, souvenirs, internet SIM cards, snacks etc.

**Departs all year round, every Thursday**

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