



Mountains & Nature Explorers

UK — Taipei — Nantou (Xitou Forest Recreation Area — Sun Moon Lake

— Qingjing Farm — Hehuan Mountain) — Yangming Mountain(in Taipei) — UK

"To walk in nature is to witness a thousand miracles." Far away from city for unique experiences when surrounded by mountains & lake iconic views. Just relax, enjoy and discover the nature wonders that you never imagined in a beautiful island- Taiwan.

Capital City
Taipei

Tropical Climate

Language Mandarin



DAY 01 / Saturday Departure- Flight from UK

DAY 02 / Sunday 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 can spend the night visiting the spectacular <code>XiangShan</code>, in Chinese means elephant mountain. This is one of the best place affording the <code>night view of Taipei ror</code> 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 <code>night markets!</code> 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











DAY 03 (MON)

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 (TUE)

Taipei — Hiking in Nantou (Xitou Forest Recreation Area — Sun Moon Lake)

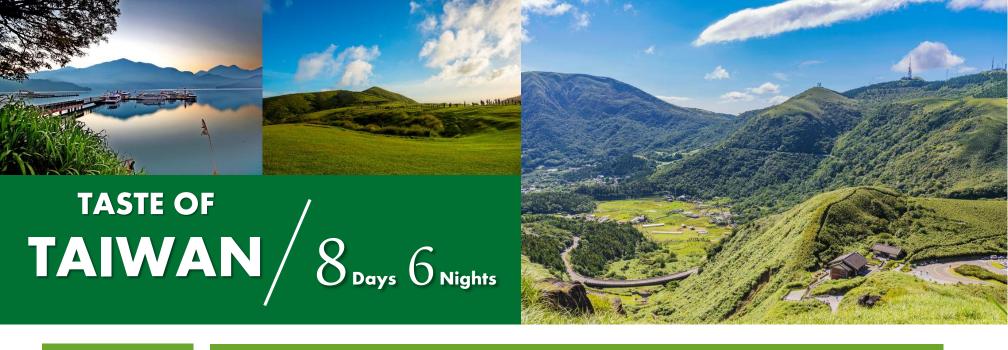
To be picked up (07:30-08:30) at your hotel lobby in Taipei City, we will drive (3.5 hours approx.) to **Xitou Forest Recreation Area**, which is located in Nantou county in central Taiwan. It is embraced by mountains from three sides and its sea level of major area is 800-2000 m. Generally speaking, the feature of the forest here is beautiful and tidy. Having a lunch when arrival, then here you can visit the unique pure ginkgo forest, the rare plant of redwood, the divine tree 46 meter high and 16 meter broad and with an age approaching 3,000, birds observing footpath. Buildings in Xitou are made of wood and have a smell of natural harmony.

Later on, after hiking & relaxing, our accommodation & dinner is at *Sun Moon Lake*(about 1-1.5 hour away from Xitou only). Take a rest within astonishing well-known lake views at night.









DAY 05 (WED)

Nantou (Sun Moon Lake — Qingjing Farm)



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. First stop is the famous Wenwu Temple, also known as Literature-Warrior Temple, dedicated to the Military Saint of Guangong. 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.; and CiEn Pagoda, erected by Chiang Kai-Shek (former president) to commemorate his mother. Ita Thao is the origin of Thao people and continues to convey the history of this aboriginal tribe in Taiwan. Xiangshan Visitor Center will be the last stop at Sun Moon Lake.

Afternoon, 2 hours *(approx.)* from Sun Moon Lake, *Qingjing Farm* (foggy eden) widely known as the Alps of Taiwan (altitude 1748m above the sea level), is a place where "elevates" you away from the busy city life. Surround yourself by fresh and crisp air,

lush forests, and flocks of sheep on the grasslands. and enjoy a night in tranquil Qingjing under the starry sky.

When the sun breaks through the clouds, put on your shoes and get on the roof of the island!





DAY 06 (THU)

Nantou (Hehuan Mountain) — Taipei

After a good night sleep, this morning we will have a tour to *Hehuan Mountain Forest Recreation Area.* (40 min by drive approx.). The peaks with a narrow and winding paved road along the mountain ridge, that connects the west coast to the east coast. This area is also a popular hot spot for climbers, botanists and geologists from overseas, to experience the amazing change of the natural environment from the low-elevation to the top. We will first stop (20 min estimated) by *Wuling*; the highest point of Taiwan's Highway System located at an altitude of 3,275 meters above sea level, where you can have a splendid view of the mountain landscapes. Then we will take a short walk to *Mt. Shimen Trail*, the easiest hike out of the high altitude Hehuans mountain range. From the mountain trail, it only takes about half an hour to reach the peak, the rooftop of this island. Take a deep breath, admire the magnificent creation of the Mother Earth. After that, we will drive back to Taipei (4.5 hours approx.)



DAY 07 (FRI)

Yangming Mountain in Taipei



Guests will need to meet the guide at Taipei main station (east gate NO.2 at o8:00) this morning, after transfer (30 min by drive approx.) to Yangming Mountain, a wide national park near modern city, Taipei. This tour (9 hours) today combines hiking among the volcanic landscape, and a little bit challenging climbing up to the highest dormant volcano: Qixing Mountain. Some other highlights in Yangming Mountain is Xiaoyoukeng (a post-volcanic geological landscape area), Menghuan Lake, LengShuiKeng (It's actually a hot spring although in Chinese means cold water pit). Estimated to leave at 16:00, will arrive at 17:00 back to Taipei main station.

(*Note: Hiking all day long on the mountain will be expected, and you can prepare some sandwiches for lunch before departure.)

DAY 08 (SAT)

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.



Accommodation

Meals

Price Guide & Other Info

DAY 02 (SUN)

Taipei Garden Hotel or the same level (5 stars)

N/A

DAY 03 (MON)

Taipei Garden Hotel or the same level (5 stars)

Breakfast at hotel

DAY 04 (TUE)

Sun Moon Lake Hotel— Mountain View or the same level (4 stars)

Breakfast at hotel

DAY 05 (WED)

MingGing Farm or the same level (B&B)

Breakfast at hotel

DAY 06 (THU) Taipei Garden Hotel or the same level (5 stars)

Breakfast at B&B

DAY 07 (FRI)

Taipei Garden Hotel or the same level (5 stars)

Breakfast at hotel

DAY 08 (SAT)

N/A (on flight)

Breakfast at hotel

From £2145 / person

*Private Tour (minimum two people)

Included

- Airport arrival and departure transfers (chauffeur drive)
- 3-5 stars Hotels/B&B accommodation (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!)

Not Included

- ■Single supplement from £680
- Meals & transportation & entrance fee tickets as not indicated
- ■Insurance of any kind
- Personal expenditure, such as laundry service, souvenirs, internet SIM cards, snacks etc.

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