



# Best of Taiwan 10 Days

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**Taiwan** is a hidden gem, the perfect destination for Australia traveller. Discover this beautiful island from endless ocean view to clear tranquil lakes, from highland's forest to picturesque gorge, from temples to the bustling night market. This unique tour highlights most of Taiwan's major attractions, like Sun Moon Lake, Taroko Gorge, and Alishan. You also have the perfect opportunity to taste the wide

Taipei – Jiufen – Pingxi – Taroko Gorge –  
The East Rift Valley – Taitung – Kenting – Kaohsiung –  
Alishan – Lukang – Sun Moon Lake – Taoyuan Airport

## Tour Highlights

- The Grand Hotel - A historic hotel where preserves its tradition and hospitality.
- The National Palace Museum filled with fantastic artworks and historical items
- Take the photos with Taipei 101, the tallest building in Taiwan
- Jiufen old street: rich history, atmospheric lanes and teahouses, breathtaking views
- Launching the lantern into sky at Pingxi make your dreams come true
- Explore the spectacular mountains, marble canyons, and cliffs at Taroko.
- The East Rift Valley is an emerald treasure in the heart of Taiwan's most beautiful locale
- Relax at Kaohsiung from hipster cafes, harbour-side parks, and colourful street art at Pier 2
- Alishan, where heavily wet weather contributes the outstanding forest and climate landscape
- Experience the old way of life in one of the Taiwan's oldest towns-Lukang
- Cruise along Sun Moon Lake and experience its tranquil beauty
- Enjoy tasty Taiwan cuisines like locals



# Tour Itinerary

## Day 1 Arrival Taipei



Upon arrival in Taipei, you will receive meet and greet service at the arrival hall followed by private transfer to your hotel. Note standard hotel check-in time is at 3pm.  
Hint: Must try Taiwan's iconic drink - Bubble tea. There are many tea shops for your choice.  
Accommodation: 3\* Hotel Cloud Taipei or similar



## Day 2 Taipei Day Tour (B)



After breakfast, let's start our plentiful sightseeing tour. First stop is followed by a photo stop opportunity at the presidential office building followed by a must visit to the Chiang Kai-shek memorial hall where you may witness the changing of the Guard. Next we will briefly stop at the Grand Hotel Taipei, The Grand Hotel is Taiwan's first five-star hotel, established in 1952 by Madam Chiang, Soong Mei-ling. The 14-storey palace like building, with its vermilion columns, gilded tiles and a magnificent, grandiose, regal and classic presence, is an embodiment of eastern aesthetics and one of Taipei's representative landmarks. After lunch, you will continue to the National Palace Museum (Tickets included). The NPM houses large collections of artefacts, paintings and books from the Song, Yuan, Ming and Qing Dynasties. The museum has more than 690,000 pieces of Chinese imperial artefacts and artworks which covers more than 5000 years of historical achievement. Finally, continue to Four Four South Village where is one of the few military villages remaining. Also here is a perfect spot for you to capture Taipei 101. Take photos with one of the city's most iconic landmarks and the Taiwan tallest building.

Hint: Taiwan is truly heaven for foodies. Wide range of restaurants are around the hotel and all over the city.  
Accommodation: 3\* Hotel Cloud Taipei or similar



## Day 3 Taipei>Jiufen Old Street>Pingxi>Hualien (B)



After breakfast, your tour will start with visit to Jiufen, a location that got its name because there were once only nine families who lived there. During the late 18th century, the area became very prosperous when gold was discovered. Tourists can still experience the glorious old days while walking through the old architectures and teahouses, there is a wide variety of local food along Jiufen street. Tour will continue to Shifen Waterfall in Pingxi District, widely-known as the "Little Niagara Falls" of Taiwan. There are several viewing platforms near Shifen Waterfall, where you can see the waterfall from different angles, even have a close-up look. On sunny days, a beautiful rainbow may be created by the mist of this 20-meter tall waterfall as it splashes into the lake. The Shifen old street is lined with souvenir shops, sky lantern shops and eateries. You can also see many people set up their sky lanterns on the railway track, getting ready to release them into the sky. One sky lantern which share with 3-4 people (Tickets included). You can write down your wishes on the lantern and release it to the sky, so you can fully enjoy the tranquil and peaceful moment. Next, we travel towards Hualien via the Qingshui Cliff on the famous costal Suhua Highway. The journey will take approximately 2.5 hours before our next stop at Hualien. After checked-in at hotel, take a short walk to Dongdamen Night Market, must try some yummy street food and regional Taiwanese food.

Hint: Having your wishes ready for the sky lantern  
Accommodation: 3\* Fish Hotel Hualien or similar



## Day 4 Hualien>Taroko Gorge>Hualien (B/L)



The highlight of today is a visit to the world class renowned Taroko Gorge, which was created by a combination of tectonic movement and river erosion. You will experience the spectacular steep cliffs, grand canyons, marble rocks, caves and tunnels that stretched along Liwu River. Following the walking trails at a leisurely pace is a good way to experience the beauty of Taroko Gorge and the other scenic areas. Lunch (included) is carefully planned at the Taroko Village Hotel where the set lunch is like a piece of artwork with indigenous favour. Thereafter, tour continues to Tunnel of Nine Turns, you can see numerous types of chasm scenery where the road goes right through the precipices. The most beautiful section is between the Tunnel of Nine Turns and Swallow Grotto. In this section, we can clearly see the river cutting through the mountain range, and the curvature of terrain is the most beautiful fascination with its natural design. Next, we visit Eternal Spring Shrine, also called Changchun Shrine where is one of the major picturesque points of the park, with the view of the mountains and the waterfall, and one of the main memorials for veterans. The shrine is built right above the waterfall streams, offering picturesque views of mountains and the waterfall. It is noted as one of the most photographed sites in the Taroko National Park. With full day of activities, have a good rest after we turn to hotel.

Hint: Wearing a pair of comfy shoes to across flat trails  
Accommodation: 3\* Fish Hotel Hualien or similar



# Tour Itinerary

## Day 5 Hualien>The East Rift Valley>Taitung (B/L)

After breakfast, we will head toward Liyu Lake, a charming lake hidden up in the mountains of East Rift Valley of Hualien County. Continues to the Guangfu Sugar Factory, where you can enjoy up to 30 types of flavoursome popsicles and ice creams. We will sample the ice cream products that have become one of the "must-do" activities for tourists. A traditional lunch box (included) is included at Chishang, home of Taiwan's best rice. After lunch, we travel to Mr. Brown's Boulevard. Here we have the opportunity to hire a bicycle (Own Expense) to ride through the rice paddies of the Chishang Bicycle Trail. We then continue to Luye Highland, it is a hill in Taitung County's Eastern Rift Valley, and it is one of the most popular spots in the country for hot air ballooning and paragliding. The area has beautiful scenery, especially the surrounding eastern rift valley.

Hint: Why not take a short walk back to the hotel along the busiest street in Taitung  
Accommodation: 3\* Fish Hotel Taitung or similar



## Day 6 Taitung>Southern Link Highway>Kenting>Kaohsiung (B)

This morning we travel towards Kaohsiung via the South Link Highway. Enroute to stop at Douliang railway station (Tickets included), the famous station due to the juxtaposition of railway, mountain and ocean. Next, we visit Taiwan's southernmost point – Eluanbi (Tickets included), and one of the peninsula's most notable landmarks, the Eluanbi Lighthouse, also called "The Light of East Asia". (Ticket included) The Eluanbi Lighthouse is the oldest lighthouse in Taiwan. It was originally built to protect ships in the Taiwan Strait during the Qing Dynasty. Continue towards to Sail Rock, the limestone rock resembles a sailboat setting sail and has been shaped by years of erosion. The lighthouse and the Sail rock are part of Kenting National Park. The southern borders of Kenting National Park are surrounded by the vast sea of the Pacific Ocean to the east, the mild Taiwan Strait on the west, and the cerulean waters of the Bashi Channel to the south of the park. Kenting National Park boasts a rich variety of oceanic landforms including coral reefs, sandy beaches, and the perpetually evolving sandstone coast. This is the most beautiful local coastline. The afternoon journey will take approximately 2.5 hours to Kaohsiung.

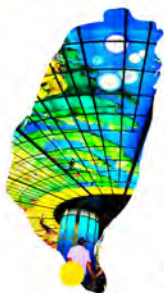
Hint: After dinner, walk around the Pier 2 Art centre where the foundations of Kaohsiung's cultural and creative industries. Every corner is full of fun, and every scene is impressive  
Accommodation: 3\* City Suite Chen-ai Kaohsiung or similar



## Day 7 Kaohsiung Day Tour (B)

After breakfast, we will briefly stop at the Formosa Boulevard station which is known for its "Dome of Light", the largest glass work in the world, designed by Italian artist Narcissus Quagliata. Following we will visit Lotus Pond, opened in 1951, it is famous for the lotus plants on the lake and the numerous temples around the lake, including the Spring and Autumn Pavilions, the Dragon and Tiger Pagodas, and the Confucian Temple. Next, we continue towards the Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum. The museum was completed in 2011 and fuses traditional and modern elements, it is equipped with the facilities to assist in spiritual cultivation and the attainment of wisdom. We will spend the rest of the morning at this place to enjoy the serene atmosphere before proceeding to lunch at Hi-Lai vegetarian restaurant (Own expense). Thereafter is Shoushan Park to enjoy the full panoramic view of Kaohsiung, followed by a trip to the Sizihwan for the excellent panoramic view of the Sizihwan and Kaohsiung port from the top.

Hint: Highly recommended the best of Taiwan handmade pastry – Ruyi Sunny Cake. Please inform our tour guide in the morning if you are interested to visit the shop  
Accommodation: 3\* City Suite Chen-ai Kaohsiung or similar



## Day 8 Kaohsiung>Alishan>Chiayi (B)

After breakfast, we will head towards Alishan National Park (Tickets included), and the journey takes approx. 3 hours. There are eighteen mountains surrounding Alishan, making up the ridge of Jade Mountain – one of Taiwan's most extensive mountain ranges. Taking the Alishan Forest Rail (Tickets included) to explore this region highlights this is a once in a life time experience for most Taiwanese people. The Alishan Forest Railway was originally constructed for logging activities during the Japanese colonial period. It has become a popular tourist attraction over the years. Walking distance of approximately 1 to 1.5 hours is recommended. After visiting the beautiful Alishan, continue to Chiayi. Overnight at Chiayi.

Hint: Wenhua Road night market offers a decent selection of Taiwanese street food  
Accommodation: 3\* Orange Hotel Chiayi or similar



Day 9 Chiayi>Lukang>Taichung (B)



After hotel breakfast, we will visit Hinoki Village. This village was originally the dormitories of the Chiayi Forest division of Forestry Bureau of the Taiwan Governor General Office during the Japanese rule of Taiwan where also known as Taiwan's little Kyoto. The village consists of 28 wooden Japanese-style dormitories and you can experience Japanese kimono and take photos in Japanese style garden. Continue toward to Lukang. Today's highlight is exploring one of the oldest towns in Taiwan, Lukang. The red brick streets of the Lukang Old Street area are lined with traditional buildings and snack shops. The grand Lukang Longshan Temple features carved dragon poles and garden courtyards. Next we travel to Lukang Tianhou Temple which has Qing dynasty inscriptions. We will visit an art village to see local crafts and perhaps bring back a souvenir or two. Lunch is planned at Lukang which has delicious seafood, baked goods, and distinctive street food which are part of Lukang's signature appeal. We toward to Taichung for the last stop today. Overnight at Taichung.



Hint: Take a short walk to one of the most famous night markets. Described as a "sensory feast for both eyes and palate", Feng Chia Night Market is not to be missed  
Accommodation: 3\* GoGo Hotel Taichung or similar

Day 10 Taichung>Sun Moon Lake>Taoyuan Airport (B)



Today's highlight is to explore the Sun-Moon-Lake by sightseeing cruise (Tickets included). Across the lake and you will take in the spectacular view of Xuan-Guang Temple, and Lalu Island. Sun Moon Lake is located in the heart of Taiwan, which is surrounded by lush misty peaks and tea plantations. After lunch, we will visit the famous black tea museum, Hohocha (Tickets included), where you smell the fragrance of tea before even drinking your first cup. Continue to Taoyuan Airport (TPE) before leaving this beautiful island. Please book your flight to depart TPE airport after 20:00 pm. There are still many places awaiting you to explore in Taiwan. Look forward to see you again in the near future.



Tour Prices Per Person (Valid from Jan 2024)

Tour Code : 10A-TPE-EN	2 Pax	3 Pax	4 Pax	5-6 Pax	Single Suppl.
Adult (Twin/Triple)	\$2949	\$2269	\$1999	\$1759	\$660
Child Ages 2-11 (Note 1)	\$2805	\$2155	\$1900	\$1675	N/A
Child Ages 2-11 (Note 2)	N/A	\$1705	\$1500	\$1320	N/A

\*Prices include entrance fees and activities valued up to \$115

Note 1 : Child occupied bed option where all items are included as per adult option.

Note 2 : Child share existing adult bed option where entrance fee is included, breakfast is excluded and hotel amenity is not provided.

- Valid to depart within 9 months from the time of booking (Except blackout dates listed below)
- Prices include transportation, tickets, meals, and accommodations mentioned in the itinerary, Taiwan local travel insurance, delicate English-speaking driver-guide
- Prices exclude airfares, personal expenses, comprehensive travel insurance, all items not listed in the itinerary
- Tips are not compulsory but welcome to reward your friendly driver-guide
- Pre-tour and post-tour hotel and airport transfer from \$120 pp twin share or \$100 pp triple share
- Hotel upgrade to 4-star hotel twin/triple share from \$25 pp/pn or single from \$50 pp/pn
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