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General Information

Geography

Population: 23,452,387

Area: 36,192.8155 km²

Language: Mandarin, Taiwanese dialect



Others

- Drives on Right
- International calling code +886
- Electricity 110 volt
- Wall socket shown as picture
- Tap water isn't drinkable, boiled or bottled water is recommended.

Climate

Type:

Tropical monsoon

Raining season:

May – Early June (mold rain)

July – September (typhoon)

December – February (monsoon, in Northern Taiwan including Taipei)

Temperature:

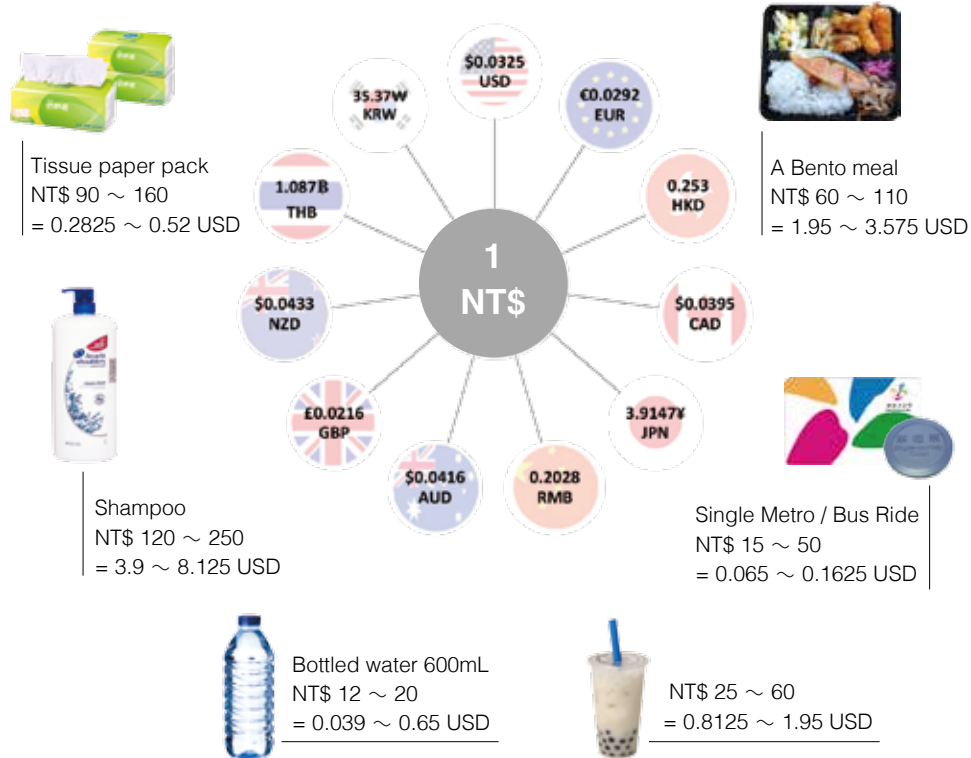
Average Summer

29 – 30°C / 84.2 – 86°F

Average winter

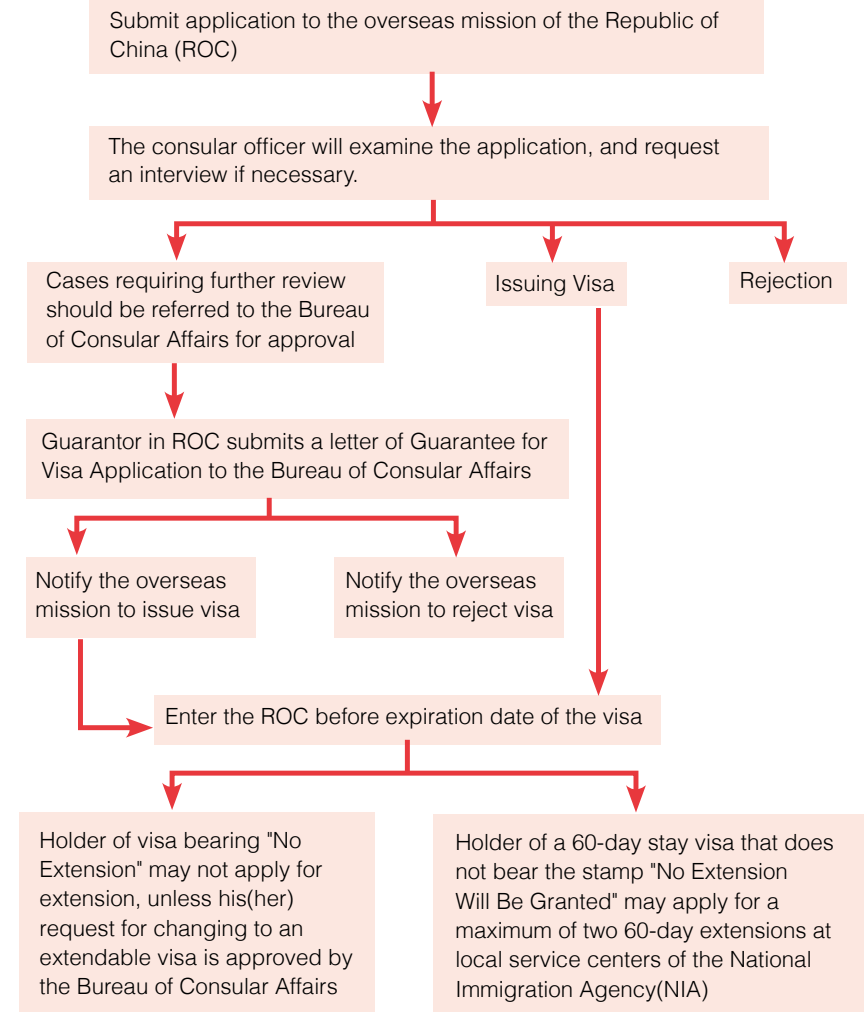
15 – 16°C / 59 – 60.8°F, can drop to 10°C / 50°F

Currency Exchange & Price Estimation of Daily Goods

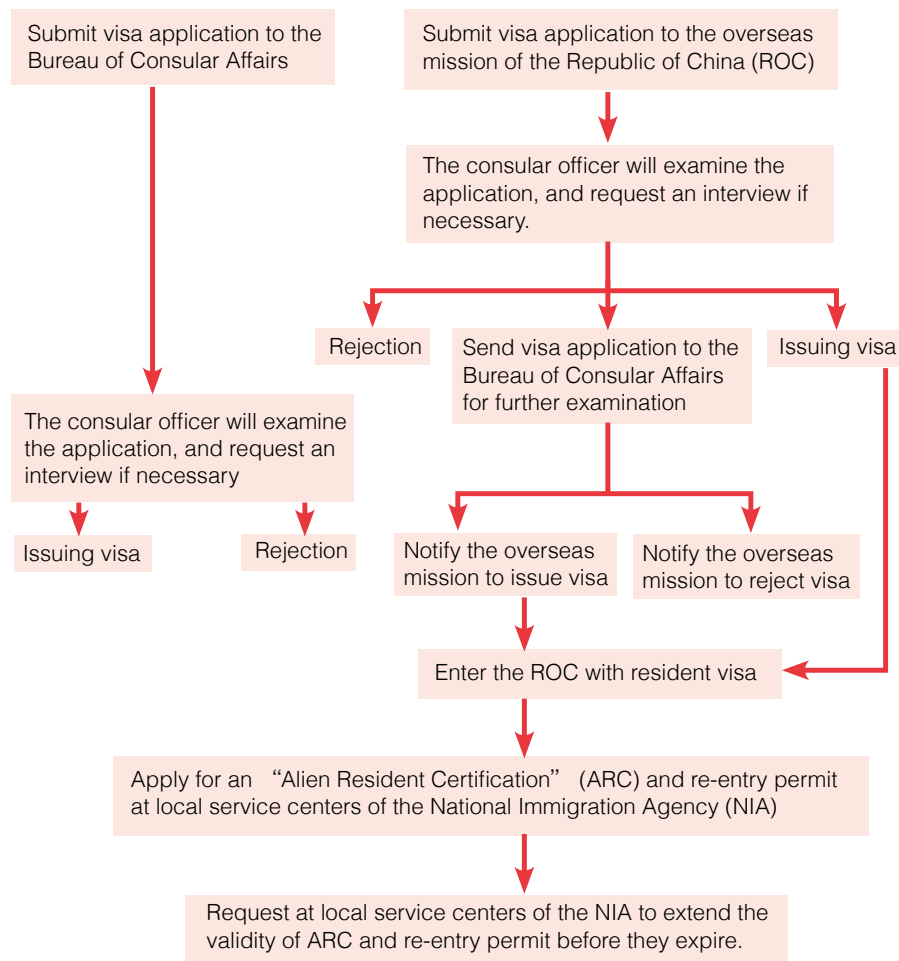


Visa Application

Flow Chart For Visitor Visa Application



Flow Chart For Resident Visa Application



For more information on VISA application, visit
<http://www.boca.gov.tw/np.asp?ctNode=776&mp=2>

Application for Visitor Visa Extension

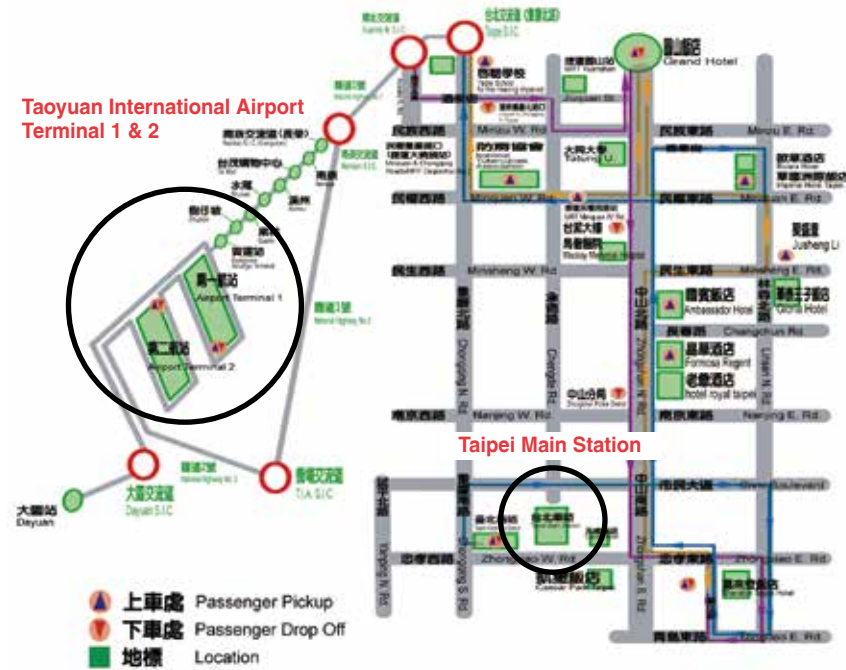
1. Receiving Unit: Local Immigration Service Center of Applicant's Residence Address.
2. The duration of stay is calculated from the next day of arrival.
停留期限自入境翌日起算。
3. Those with landing visa or visa-exemption entry, cannot apply for extension.
以落地簽證或免簽入境者，不得申請延期。
4. Those needing to extend for valid reasons, should apply for extension within 15 days before the duration of visa expired. Each extension must not exceed the originally permitted time on the visa. The cumulative length of stay must not exceed 180 days.
有合理理由需延期者，應於簽證停留期限到期前 **15** 日內申請延期。每次延期期限不得逾原簽證之停留期限，總累計停留期間不得超過 **180** 日。
5. Application form can be found at
<https://www.immigration.gov.tw/public/Data/09216474271.pdf>
More information on Visa extension can be found at
<http://www.immigration.gov.tw/ct.asp?xitem=1092487&ctNode=30085&mp=2>
6. Receiving Unit: Local Immigration Service Center of Applicant's Residence Address.
向申請人居住地服務站辦理。


Application Information for Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)

1. Foreigners holding resident visa or changing to resident visa should go to local immigration service center to apply for alien resident certificates within 15 days counted from the next day of arrival or the next day of receiving resident visa in Taiwan.
持居留簽證入境或於境內獲發居留簽證者，應於入境或取得居留簽證後 15 日內，至居留地服務站申辦居留證。
2. Application form can be found at
<https://www.immigration.gov.tw/public/Data/09216474271.pdf>
More information on ARC application or extension can be found at
<http://www.immigration.gov.tw/ct.asp?xitem=1090287&ctNode=30085&mp=2>

How to Get to Downtown Taipei?

1. From Airport to Taipei Main Station



 **About 80 minutes**
Cost / NT\$ 90

1. Get on **City Air Bus 1961** at Terminal 1 or 2 at Taoyuan International Airport
2. Get off at **Taipei west bus station 臺北西站**
The MRT / Taipei Main Station is next to the bus station building

2. From Airport to MRT Taipei City Hall Station



 **About 80 minutes**
Cost / NT\$ 145

1. Get on **City Air Bus 1960** at Terminal 1 or 2 at Taoyuan International Airport
2. Get off at **MRT Taipei City Hall Station / City Hall Bus Station 市府轉運站**

Postal Services



If you want to send a postcard back home, you have to stick a NT\$13 stamp on the postcard then drop it in the red mailbox on the road.

Banking

Postal Banking Services

The post office system in Taiwan provides banking services as well. Applicant should present a valid residency permit and passport. Applicants without a valid permit are required to present a "Record of ID Number in the Republic of China."

More information can be inquired at

http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U_english/index.jsp?ID=24030101

Inquiry hotline: 02-2388-9393 and 0800-024-111

Insurance

National Health Insurance

Foreign nationals who are legal residents of Taiwan should enroll in the National Health Insurance program upon living in Taiwan for 6 months of continuous residence in Taiwan. Foreign students can apply to enroll in the program through their school.

Mobile services

Short Term

Short term mobile network services can be found at the lobby of the airport

Internet Packages - Day Pass (only available for 3G users)			
Data Package	Price	Continuous Hours for Unlimited Data Usage	Sale Channels
1-Day Plan	NT\$100	24hours	IVR 535、CVS、myfone store、e-store
3-Day Plan	NT\$250	72hours	IVR 535、CVS、myfone store、e-store
5-Day Plan	NT\$350	120hours	IVR 535、CVS、myfone store、e-store
7-Day Plan	NT\$450	168hours	IVR 535、myfone store、e-store
10-Day Plan	NT\$600	240hours	IVR 535、myfone store、e-store
30-Day Plan	NT\$800	720hours	IVR 535、CVS、myfone store、e-store

Far Eastone 遠傳

Taiwan Mobile 台灣大哥大

Long Term

Main network service providers in Taiwan include:

- **Chunghwa Telecom 中華電信** <http://www.cht.com.tw/>
- **Far Eastone 遠傳電信** <http://www.fetnet.net/Home/index.html>
- **Taiwan Mobile 台灣大哥大** <https://www.taiwanmobile.com/index.html>
- **Asia Pacific Telecom 亞太電信** <http://www.aptg.com.tw>
- **T Star 台灣之星** <http://www.tstartel.com/CWS/index.htm>

Emergency Numbers

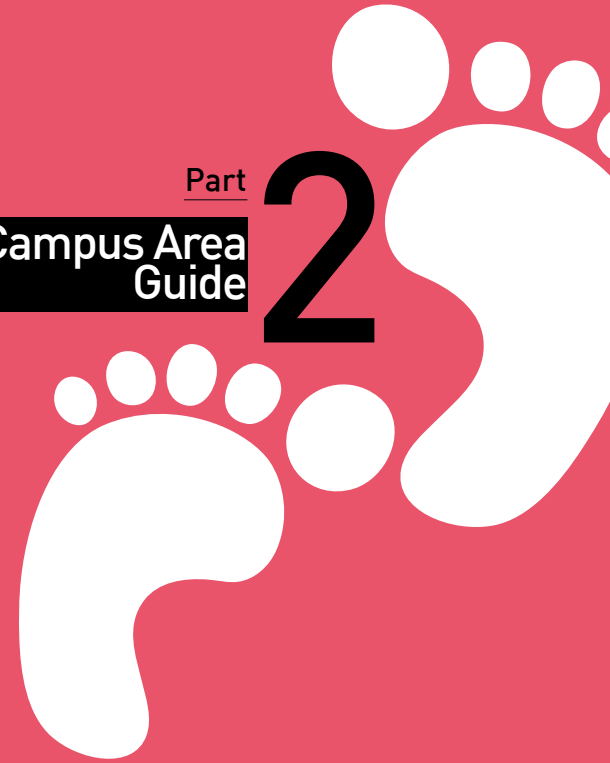
Universal Emergency Number	112
*Call when network service is unavailable	
Fire or Emergency Aid	119
Police Office	110
Phone Number Lookup	104

Taipei City Taxi

婦協無線電計程車	02-2766-2222
泛亞衛星計程車 Fanyataxi	02-8501-1122
台灣大車隊衛星計程車 Taiwan Taxi	55688
大都會衛星計程車 MTaxi	55178

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How to get to TMU?

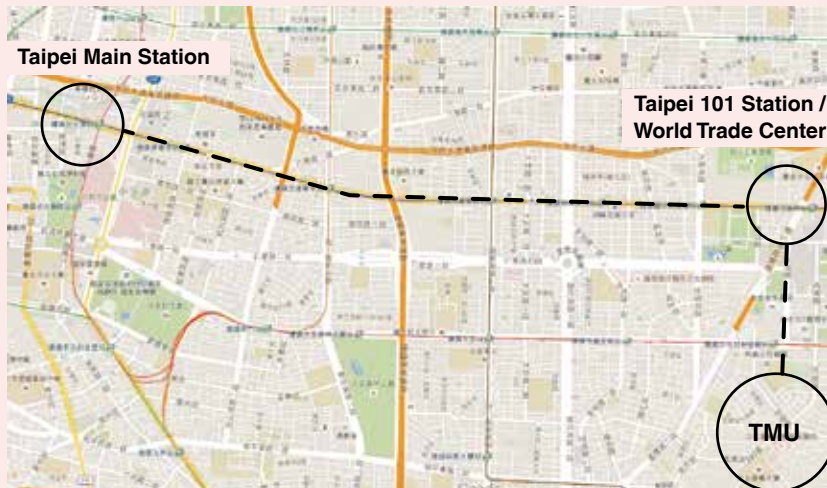
Taipei Medical University Hospital

Address : 臺北市信義區吳興街 250 號 (250 Wuxing Street, Taipei)

1. By MRT from Taipei Main Station




1. In the MRT Taipei Main Station, take the **RED LINE (LINE 2)** and get off at Taipei 101 Station.
2. After getting off the MRT, **leave from EXIT 2**. You will see an Adidas basketball court on your left hand, the World Trade Center on your right hand, and Taipei 101 behind you.
3. Turn left at the basketball court, and go along ZhuangJing Road (莊敬路). Or take **bus 22, 33, 226** or **266** for two stops from the World Trade Center (莊敬) bus stop.
4. Turn right at 勝佳百貨, and you will see TMU Hospital, with the campus next to it.




2. By Bus from Taipei City Hall



Citizen MiniBus M7 
About 9 mins (6 stops)

1. Get on the bus at Taipei City Hall station
2. Get off the bus at the stop next to TMU Hospital and Wuxing St. Police Station.

BLUE 5 
About 10 mins (7 stops)

1. Get on the bus at Taipei City Hall Station
2. Get off the bus at TMU stop on ZhuangJing and turn left at the corner. You will see the TMU Hospital on the left a block further.



Transportation Around TMU



Bus

This is the list of bus lines you may find at the bus stop that serves Taipei Medical University on Zhuang Jing Rd.

BUS 1, 22, 33, 37, 226, 266, 266 區, 288, 288 區, 藍 5

Citizen MiniBus M7 is the only bus that gets closer to TMU, and its terminal station is MRT City Hall Station.



Ubike

Ubike is a new lifestyle in Taipei. Rent bikes using your transit "EasyCard" and return them wherever you want to go. TMU's rental station with available Ubikes looks like this.

The map shows Ubike rental & return places near TMU. Check if your destination provides Ubike renting and parking services at <http://taipei.youbike.com.tw/en/f11.php>



 **DINING**



There are 3 main dining areas around TMU:

1. Around TMU
2. Cuisine Street
3. 吳興商圈 Wu Xing St.

Ask the clerk if you have special requirements.

Vegetarian 素食 / Pork 豬肉 / Beef 牛肉 / Seafood 海鮮



Restaurants and other food choices around TMU



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 甜品屋 (dessert) 2 幸福小棧 (breakfast) 3 眷村小店 (curry) 4 迎兆食品 (cake) 5 圓桌武士 (drinks & rice) 6 朝鮮閣 (Korean) 7 海力士 (Japanese) 8 漁人食堂 (Japanese) 9 SUBWAY 10 甘泉魚麵 (noodles) 11 STARBUCKS 12 COCO 都可 (beverage) 13 八方雲集 (fried dumpling & dumplings) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14 薊 (bento) 15 嘉珍港式燒臘 (roasted meat) 16 穆記牛肉麵 (beef noodles) 17 MOS burger 18 伍柒玖麵飯館 (rice & noodles) 19 鬍鬚張魯肉飯 (pork rice) 20 全國健康素食 (vegetarian buffet) 21 山益蛋糕 (Bakery) 22 爭鮮迴轉壽司 (sushi) 23 傻瓜乾麵 (Noodles) 24 COMEBUY (Beverage) 25 左岸 GO (Beverage) |
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小吃街 Cuisine Street



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| 1 順興發自助餐 (buffet) | 13 美香肉羹 (meat stew) |
| 2 祥和自助餐 (buffet) | 14 台 G 店 (Chicken food & soup) |
| 3 師大第一腿 (buffet) | 15 快餐便當 (buffet) |
| 4 九鬼魚屋 (Japanese) | 16 果汁吧 (juice) |
| 5 祥和 (rice & noodles & dumplings) | 17 料理王素食自助餐 (vegetarian buffet) |
| 6 義麵屋 (pasta) | 18 圓環頂蚵仔煎 (oyster omelets) |
| 7 龍運港式茶餐廳 (Hong kong-style) | 19 杯果 (juice) |
| 8 粥道 (noodles & gruel) | 20 甜檸檬 (rice & noodles) |
| 9 廣島屋 (Japanese) | 21 田園日式美食亭 (Japanese food) |
| 10 越泰軒 (Thai food) | 22 大蒜義式廚房 (pasta) |
| 11 黃土魷魚羹 (fish noodles) | 23 橘子工坊 (beverage) |
| 12 韓大孀韓式料理 (Korean) | |

吳興商圈 Wu Xing St.



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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 黑武藏十元壽司 (sushi) | 9 一個女生鹹水雞 (chicken) |
| 2 蜀霸王麻辣燙 (spicy hot pot) | 10 鮑魚粥香雞粥 (grain porridge) |
| 3 粥師傅廣東粥 (grain porridge) | 11 刨冰豆花 (bean curd & ices) |
| 4 葵古早味 (beverage) | 12 戀戀茶香 (beverage) |
| 5 兄弟鹹酥雞 (fried chicken) | 13 737 串烤香雞排 (fried chicken) |
| 6 小鳳麵線 (noodles) | 14 桶一天下現滷滷味 (braised food) |
| 7 好了拉超大杯 (beverage) | 15 一碗小羊肉 (lamb rice & noodles) |
| 8 手工麵疙瘩 (noodles) | 16 真鮮生魚片專賣 (sashimi) |

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TMU Information

Registration

- **Applying for admission:** <http://www.tmu.edu.tw/english/main.php>
Once you are accepted, registration for classes should be completed in person when you arrive in Taiwan.
- **Required documents for registration:**
 1. Passport and the Admission Notice
 2. Original diploma, transcripts and financial proof (the documents you presented to the Taiwan Representative Office or Embassy in or closest to your home country).
 3. Verified diploma, transcripts and financial proof (the same documents with prove of approval by Taiwan).
 4. Student must present proof of six month's overseas medical insurance coverage or purchase insurance (NT\$3,000) at time of registration.

Important Administrative Offices

1. International office (國際事務處)

Location: Second floor of the Health Science Building.

Website: http://io.tmu.edu.tw/~TMU_OIA/main.php

2. Office of Academic Affairs (教務處)

Location: Fourth floor of the United Medical Back Building

Website: <http://aca.tmu.edu.tw/main.php> (Chinese site)



3. Office of Student Affairs (學生事務處)

Location: Third floor of the United Medical Front Building

Website: <http://osa.tmu.edu.tw/bin/home.php> (Chinese site)

4. Office of Information Technology (資訊處)

Location: Fourth floor of the United Medical Front Building

Website: <http://oit.tmu.edu.tw/> (Chinese site)

Course Selection

Step 1. Go to TMU Website: <http://www.tmu.edu.tw/> → 學生 (Student)

Step 2. Pull down the webpage → click 學習 (Learning) and click TMU Course Selection System

Step 3. Key in your student ID and password

Step 4. Selecting courses



Accommodation

TMU have 5 international dormitories, they are:

1. Dorm A (Liuzhangli)
2. Dorm B (Mu Shan)
3. Dorm C (Wu Xing Street)
4. Dorm D (Fu Yang Street)
5. Dorm F (Wu Xing Square)

More information is available at:

http://www.tmu.edu.tw/english/files/archive/460_757950db.pdf

Campus Map



Root and Streets

- A. 220 Lane, Wu Xing Street
- B. Wu Xing Street
- C. 248 Lane, Wu Xing Street
- D. 22 Alley, 284 Lane, Wu Xing Street

Entrances

- i. University entrance
- ii. Hospital entrance
- iii. Ambulance entrance

Building

- 1. Health Science Building
- 2. Auditorium
- 3. United Medical Building (Front)
- 4. United Medical Building (Back)
- 5. Oral Medicine Building
- 6. Instruction Building
- 7. Medical Laboratory Science and Biotechnology Building A.
- 8. Medical Laboratory Science and Biotechnology Building B.
- 9. Morphology Building
- 10. Gymnasium
- 11. Mu Shan Dormitory
- 12. First Building, Taipei Medical University Hospital
- 13. Second building, Taipei Medical University Hospital
- 14. Third building, Taipei Medical University Hospital

TMU Degree Program

Program	Bachelor	Master's	Ph.D.
Medicine	☆		
Clinical Medicine		✱	✱
Medical Sciences		✱	✱
Dentistry	☆	✱	✱
Oral Hygiene	☆		
Dental Technology	☆		
Biomedical Materials & Tissue Engineering		✱	✱
Pharmacy	☆	✱	✱
Pharmacognosy		●	
Nursing	☆	✱	
Public Health	☆	✱	✱
Nutrition and Health Sciences	☆	✱	✱
Injury Prevention and Control		✱	
Health Care Administration (MBA)	☆	✱	
Global Health and Development		✱	
Humanities in Medicine		✱	
Medical Laboratory Science and Biotechnology	☆	●	
Biomedical Informatics		✱	✱
Cancer Biology and Drug Development			✱
Neuroregenerative Medicine			✱

✱ taught in English ☆ taught in Chinese ● limited courses offered in English

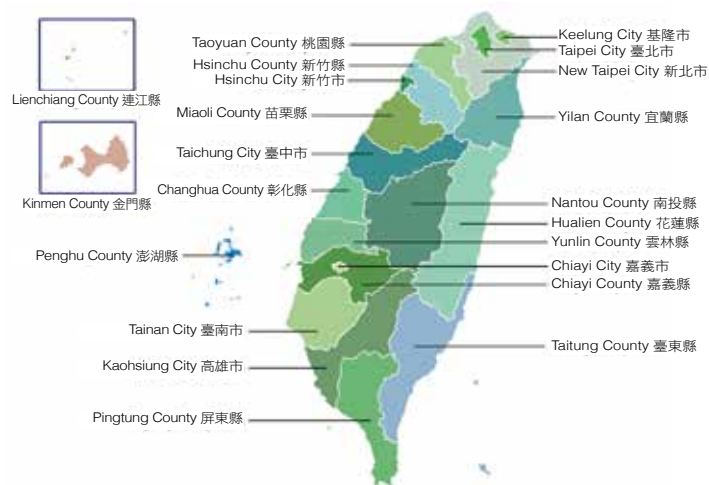
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About Taiwan

Taiwan's total land area is about 36,000 square kilometers (14,400 square miles). It is shaped like a leaf that is narrow at both ends. It lies off the southeastern coast of China, across the Taiwan Strait. To the north is Japan and to the south lies the Philippines. Many airlines fly to Taiwan, making it the perfect travel destination.



Climate

Taiwan enjoys warm weather all year round. Weather conditions fluctuate during spring and winter, while in summer and autumn the weather is relatively stable. Taiwan is extremely suitable for traveling, as the annual average temperature is a comfortable 22 degrees Celsius with the lowest temperatures on the lowlands generally ranging from 12 to 17 degrees Celsius (54-63 Fahrenheit). With the exception of a few mountain areas, no snow can be seen in Taiwan. When visiting Taiwan during the "plum rains" season of daily downpours, remember to carry an umbrella. Although it might seem romantic to have a stroll in the rain, it is no fun to travel when you're soaking wet. During the summer (June to August), typhoons sometimes hit the country.

We suggest you to keep an eye on weather reports because weather conditions are often unpredictable, especially when typhoons hit Taiwan. In addition, the roaring waves along the coast are not to be regarded as one of Taiwan's tourist scenes. During autumn (September to October), you can enjoy the cool and comfortable weather, while Taiwan's winters are relatively warm and short (November to February). The sporadic cold fronts that reach Taiwan are greatly welcomed by the island's hot-spring lovers. In short, Taiwan, where it always seems to be spring, is a perfect travel destination!

History

In the first half of the 17th Century, the Dutch established a presence at Anping (in modern-day Tainan city). They conducted missionary activities, and the production various goods. They also recruited Han Chinese immigrants from the China coast, leading to the multicultural history of Taiwan. The number of Han Chinese immigrants in Taiwan steadily increased during the short-lived Cheng (Koxinga) regime and Qing period over the next 200 years.

In the late 19th century, further imperialism touched the shores of Taiwan. The island became a Japanese colony and remained under Japanese rule for 50 years, and during that time Taiwan began to modernize. Since the end of World War II in 1945, Taiwan was liberated from colonial rule. Since then, the island has experienced an economic miracle and even established a democracy that has attracted the world's attention.

Today, Taiwan is proud of its excellent infrastructure, convenient transportation system, and high-quality communication services. It also has accomplished, in the face of several international energy crises and economic downturns, a remarkable record of economic development and political democracy by virtue of the perseverance and resilient efforts of its people.

Religion

For the most part, the traditional religions practiced in Taiwan are Buddhism, Taoism, and folk religions. Except for a small number of purely Buddhist temples, however, most of the island's traditional places of worship combine all three traditions. Confucianism is another important aspect of religion in Taiwan.

Language

The official language in Taiwan is Mandarin Chinese but because many Taiwanese are of southern Fujian descent, Hokkienese (Minnanyu, which is known as Taiwanese by locals) is widely spoken, especially in the southern part of Taiwan. Other groups including Hakka Chinese and indigenous tribes have also preserved their languages. Many elderly people can also speak some Japanese, for they were under Japanese occupation before 1945.

The most popular foreign language in Taiwan is English, which is part of the regular school curriculum. However, for your own convenience, when taking a taxi in Taiwan, it is advisable to prepare a note with your destination written in Chinese to show the taxi driver.

Festivals



Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival is celebrated on the first fifteen days of the first month of the Chinese Lunar Calendar. Literally, Chinese people refer to this festival as "passing the year," which signifies bidding farewell to the old and welcoming the new. Many customs and traditions go along with the festival. Normally, on the 23rd or 24th day of the last month of the

Chinese lunar calendar, people make offerings to the Hearth God and send him off on his annual journey to Heaven, signaling the start of the Chinese New Year holidays.

On Chinese New Year's Eve, families complete their spring cleaning, signifying the sweeping away of the misfortunes of the previous year. After the spring cleaning, a New Year's rice cake is made (the cake is a symbol of "reaching new heights"). The second to last day of the last month of the Chinese lunar calendar is when families stick up spring couplets and New Year's prints on their doors and windows to bring good luck. On the last day of the last month of the Chinese lunar calendar, families gather together for a New Year's Eve dinner, called the "Gathering around the stove." Adults then give the younger members of the family, particularly children, red envelopes with cash inside. This monetary gift is thought to bring peace and good fortune to the recipients. Then there is the "Keeping of the Year," which is seeing the old year out and the New Year in by staying up on New Year's Eve. This starts after the family has finished eating the New Year's Eve dinner. Once the clock strikes midnight, people set off firecrackers to welcome the arrival of the New Year.



Lantern Festival

The Lantern festival is on the fifteenth day of the new year." Aside from the usual worship of the gods, the occasion involves guessing lantern riddles, eating rice-flour dumplings, and releasing lanterns into the sky in New Taipei City's Pingxi Township. The Yanshui Beehive Rocket Festival in Tainan County is another major event during the Lantern Festival. Colorful lanterns of all sizes and shapes have always been the main attractions of the Lantern Festival.



Dragon Boat Festival

Together with the Chinese New Year and the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, the Dragon Boat Festival is one of Taiwan's three major annual traditional holidays. Because of its origins and customs, it is closely related to the remembrance of Qu Yuan, a poet who lived during the Warring States Period. That is why, from ancient times, people have also referred to the Dragon Boat Festival as the "Poet's Festival."



At the time of the Dragon Boat Festival, the most common customs are holding dragon boat races and eating glutinous rice dumplings called zongzi. Legend has it that when the poet Qu Yuan jumped to his death in the Miluo River, the local people rowed their boats to and fro in search of him. Later, this practice evolved into the dragon boat races.

The practice of making zongzi came from the people who tried to save Qu Yuan from being eaten by fish by stuffing rice into bamboo sections and throwing them into the river to feed the fish. Today, the zongzi are wrapped in bamboo leaves and eaten by people.



Zhongyuan Festival

The seventh month of the Chinese lunar calendar is Ghost Month. Traditionally, it starts from dawn on the first day of the month, when the gates of the underworld open, and ends on the 29th day of the month, when the gates close. During the festivities of the month, which reach a peak on the 15th day, people hold rituals to solicit salvation from disaster and misfortune.



Zhongyuan Universal Salvation Ceremonies

Traditionally, on the day of Zhongyuan Festival every household has to prepare meat, fruit, fresh flowers and other items, which they offer to the "hungry ghosts" at temples or on temporary altar tables set up in front of their homes. They also ask monks to say prayers for their deceased loved ones as well as those lost souls who have

no living descendants left on earth. This is known as Zhongyuan Pudu, or Universal Salvation.

The ceremonies take place in temples and on streets. On the afternoon of Pudu, local residents prepare offerings and carry them to the main altar at a temple to join in the ceremonies there. For the street festivities, local residents prepare chicken, duck, and fish as offerings in front of their homes in a ceremony known as "doorway worship." Grappling with the Ghosts is a pole-climbing competition held during Ghost Month. In Taiwan, it is carried out only in Toucheng, Yilan County and Hengchun, Pingtung County. Of these two locales, Toucheng has the larger celebration.



Mid-Autumn Festival

The Mid-Autumn Festival, also called the Moon Festival, is the holiday with the most romantic atmosphere. Because this holiday occurs during the autumn, when the harvest season is over, people in earlier days chose this day to make offerings and thank the gods for the bountiful harvest. The celebration has become a time for families to get together. The most notable myth concerning this festival is that Chang-e flying to the moon after secretly drinking her husband's

elixir of life. Aside from this, there are also tales of the Jade Rabbit and of "Wu Gang chopping down the cassia tree." Because most of the activities held on this holiday are related to the moon, it has come to be known as "Moon Day." Important activities at this time include eating moon cakes, which symbolize unity and camaraderie; strolling under the full moon; and eating pomelos, since the Chinese term for pomelo sounds like "care and protection." Originating in Taiwan, the new custom of barbecuing has been gaining popularity in recent years.



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Taipei 101

The Taipei 101 was once the tallest skyscraper in the world and also the landmark of Taipei. There is a large, high-end shopping mall in lower floors. In the main building, there are many branch offices of international companies. Taipei 101 is also famous for its observatory, where it provides a bird-eye view of Taipei. Every New Years Eve, there is a spectacular and breathtaking firework show at the Taipei 101. It is a ten minute walk from TMU.



Songshan Cultural and Creative Park

The park was initially constructed in 1937 as a tobacco factory and was shut down in 1998 due to urban planning, tobacco and liquor marketing regulatory changes, and declining tobacco demand.

In 2001, the Taipei City Government designated the defunct tobacco factory as Taipei's 99th historic site and converted it into a park comprised of the city-designated historic sites, historical structures and architectural highlights. The site is known as Taipei Cultural and Sporting Complex.

For more efficient reuse of space, in 2011 the former factory was turned into a creative park by its current name to provide venues for diverse cultural and creative exhibitions and performances. The park is accessible within walking distance northeast from the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall Station or North West from the Taipei City Hall Station.

National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall

Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall is located in the Xinyi District. It is a memorial to Dr. Sun Yat-sen and was completed in 1972. The building area covers 29,464 square meters (7.3 acres) in an open space of 115,000 square meters (28.4 acres). It contains memorials to Sun's life and the 1911 revolution, and is also a multi-purpose social, educational and cultural center for the public.



Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall

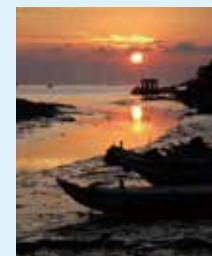
Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall is also located in the heart of Taipei City. The architecture of the main building is inspired by the Tiantan in Beijing. It is made of white marble; the roof tiles are deep-blue glass. It is a popular attraction because of its main building. The National Theater and National Concert Hall are also situated in the square, which host plenty of international performances.



Taipei Confucius Temple

The Taipei Confucius Temple is modeled after the original Confucius Temple in Qufu, Shandong Province of China. It is located on Dalong Street, Datong District, Taipei City, Taiwan. Among the Confucius temples in Taiwan, the temple in Taipei is the only one with southern Fujian-style ceramic adornments. At the main

hall one can see a black plaque with gold lettering inscribed by Chiang Kai-shek that reads "Educate without Discrimination." Every year on September 28, a ceremony with traditional music and stylized dancing is held at the temple in honor of Confucius.



Tamsui

Tamsui is a river outlet located in Northwest Taipei. It's surrounded by mountains and river so it has beautiful scenery and it's also famous for a romantic sunset view. There is a renowned historical heritage called Hongmao Castle or Fort San Domingo which was built by the Spaniards in 1626 and rebuilt by the Dutch when they colonized Taiwan. You can ascend to the overlook platform

and enjoy the breathtaking view of this harbor. Nearby there are Oxford School, the residence of Dr. MacKay and Tamsui College. They are all old Western buildings that have been preserved pretty well. Another highlight must be the old street along the riverbank. There are many vendors selling various Taiwanese special snacks such as fish dumplings, A gei, hard eggs, etc. Also, there are some street artists performing on instrument, dancing, or drawing portraits for people. All in all, Tamsui is a charming place with history, art and marvelous views where visitors cannot miss.

Guandu National Park

Guandu Nature Park is situated in northern Taiwan at the junction of Tamsui River and Jilong River.

The landscape consists of a mosaic of freshwater and brackish ponds, mudflats, marsh, rice paddies, and woodland that host many species. The mission of this park is to protect these valuable natural resources.



Guandu is a major stopover site for migrating birds, especially waterfowls and shorebirds, as well as an important wintering and breeding ground for many species. 229 species of birds have been recorded at Guandu so far, qualifying this wetland as an Important Bird Area recognized by BirdLife International.



National Palace Museum

National Palace Museum has the largest collection of priceless Chinese art treasures and ancient artifacts from throughout Chinese history. There are lots of precious antiques and paintings which were in ancient Chinese emperors' collections. The museum not only displays their collections but also holds different exhibitions every so often.

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Shilin Night Market

The Shilin Night Market is one of the well-organized and most popular night markets. It is separated into two major sections. One sector covers the streets surrounding the traditional Yangming Theatre and stretches to the Chicheng Temple on Danan Rd. The other sector is a centralized food court serving a wide variety of snacks that attract large crowds. At the Shilin Night Market, visitors can shop from store to store and have a large selection of clothes and accessories that they can bargain for reasonable prices.

Also a lot of the food vendors from Shilin Night Market are famous for their local flavors and are only available at the Shilin Night Market. Visitors are able to enjoy a wide range of local food, including Sausage Wrapped in Glutinous Rice, Stir-fried Squids, Oyster Omelets, Shilin Super-Size Sausages, Ribs Stewed in Chinese Herbal Medicine, Shanghai Bun, Qinwaxiadan, Scallion Pancakes, Paopao Ice, Huge Chicken Cutlet, and many more.



Din Tai Fung



Din Tai Fung is well-known for its delicacies ; especially dishes like Steamed Pork Dumplings, Steamed Chicken Soup, and Fried Rice with Eggs and Shrimps are classic cuisines with high recommendations. The new developed dishes, "Shrimp-and-Pork Wontons in Red Chili Oil" and "Pork-and-Vegetable Wontons in Red Chili Oil", are spicy, delicious, and most important of all, contain hints of Chinese herbal medicine. In recent years, Din Tai Fung keeps computerizing operations to improve their services and efficiency which win them a good reputation in the restaurants industry.

Yongkang Beef Noodle Soup Restaurant

If you are entertaining someone hard to please, Yongkang Beef Noodle Soup Restaurant, the favorite of Taipei residents, is the place to go. Its Sichuan-style hot and spicy soup with huge chunks of beef—cooked just to perfection—leaves everyone satisfied. Besides having a large variety of side dishes, the restaurant also serves steamed spare ribs and steamed intestines—another must try!



Starch Ball Desserts (東區粉圓)



Located next to the ATT and Ming Yao department stores, this shop has been serving up traditional handmade starch ball desserts for over 20 years. Sinfully sweet and generously portioned, these treats are made with the best ingredients and no artificial flavoring. As a testimony to its uncompromising attitude to quality, the shop won the "ROC Consumers Association Golden Award" and "Customer Satisfaction Gold Award."

Yong Kang Street (永康街商圈)

Taiwanese cuisine's mecca and home to the original (and world-renowned) Din Tai Fung restaurant (located along Xinyi Road), Yong Kang Street is a must visit destination for all travelers to Taipei City. Housing restaurants and cafés that cater to all budgets, Yongkang Street and its neighboring lanes and alleys are home to more than 30 operations, not including night market carts and independent merchants that line the streets selling all types of food, including pan-Chinese cuisine, Korean, Japanese, Western, and unique fusion dishes unique to Yong Kang.



The Eastern District (東區)

The Eastern District of Taipei refers to the newly developed area in eastern Taipei, Taiwan. In its broadest sense, the Eastern District of Taipei is the whole region east of Fuxing South Road. In general, however, the Eastern District refers to the area between Civic Boulevard and Xinyi Road, including most part of Daan District, Xinyi District and Songshan District, the administrative districts in eastern Taipei. With a plethora of business buildings, department stores and shopping districts, the Eastern District has now become one of the most cosmopolitan parts of Taipei. Taipei City Hall, Taipei City Council and Taipei 101 are all located in this district.



Ximending (西門町)

Ximending has been called the "Harajuku of Taipei" and the "Shibuya of Taipei". Ximending is the source of Taiwan's fashion, subculture, and Japanese culture. Ximending has a host of many clubs and pubs surrounding the area.

This area is in the northeastern part of Wanhua District in Taipei and it is also the most important consumer district in the Western District of Taipei. The well-known Ximending Pedestrian Area was the first pedestrian area built in Taipei and is the largest in Taiwan.

Wufenpu (五分埔)

Wufenpu is an area, best known for wholesale garment market, located in the Xinyi District of Taipei, Taiwan. It is located at the foothill of Sishou Mountain and includes all five neighborhoods in Section 5 of Zhongxiao East Road, east to Songren Road, and Zhongpo North Road. It is the largest clothing market in Taipei. The area is nearby both the TRA Songshan Station and the Taipei Metro Houshanpi Station.





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One-Day Trips

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Day Trip to YangMing Mountain

 **Metro:** Take Red (Danshui) Line to Beitou Station

 **Bus:** Take minibus 9 just outside of MRT Beitou station (05:25-22:55, comes every 35 mins) to YangMingShan Bus Stop. From there, take 108 Bus to get around the national park

Recommended Sites

YangMing ShuWu (陽明書屋)

Built in 1969, Yangming ShuWu was once a summer home where VIPs were received. Today, it is one of the most important cultural and historical sites of Yangmingshan National Park, featuring both natural and human history. It is both an intellectual and sentimental recreational site.



- **Where:** Bus 108 YangMing ShuWu (陽明書屋) bus stop
- **Opening hours:** 09:00-16:30
- **Tours in English must be booked in advance**



ZhuZiHu (竹子湖)

Blessed by its geographical location and cool climate, ZhuZiHu is renowned for its calla lily blooming season from March to May. In addition, hydrangea and sunflowers blossom at the height of summer, and silver pampas grass graces Datun Mountain in autumn!

- **Where:** Bus 108 ZhuZiHu (竹子湖) Bus Stop

XiaoYouKeng (小油坑)

Highly recommended to those who enjoy natural scenery. The viewing platform here offers views of the volcanic cones of Mt. Zhuzi, Mt. Datun, Mt. Qixing and Mt. Xiaoguan Yin, and also allows peeks of the Jinshan coastline. The Arrow Bamboo Trail nearby displays other plants that flourish in volcanic areas.



- **Where:** Bus 108 XiaoYouKeng (小油坑) Bus Stop

LengShuiKeng (冷水坑)

A low-lying depression which was created when the lava from various mountains formed a barrage. The water temperature of the hot springs in this area only reaches 40 °C (104 °F), far below that of other springs in other areas, hence its name Lengshuikeng, which means "cold water pit."

- **Bus 108 LengShuiKeng (冷水坑) Bus Stop**



QinTianGang (擎天崗)

A ranch was established and the area was used as a pasture for grazing cattle during the Japanese occupation. A great getaway away from the hustle and bustle of the city, as well as the summer heat!

- **Where:** It can be reached foot via a trek from LengShuiKeng, otherwise; Bus 108 QinTianGang (擎天崗) Bus Stop
- **Opening Hours:** 09:00-16:30
- **Take 108 back to YangMingShan Station, then take minibus 9 back to MRT Beitou Station**

Eating Options

It is best to eat breakfast around TMU because there are few breakfast stands en route. For more information, please refer to your guide to TMU surroundings.



As for lunch, various delicacies such as free-range chicken, gingered sweet-potato soup and rice-noodle soup are the specialties. Around ZhuZiHu area, there are many choices to choose from. However, each portion is quite large hence unsuited for those traveling alone, so bringing a sandwich along and having a picnic is another option.

Veggie Garden: QingTsaiYuan (青菜園)



This is the most famous garden restaurant in the area. However, like all other restaurants in the area, it can only be reached by foot, so if you're up for a little adventure, this is for you!

This is a map from ZhuZiHu Station to Veggie Garden. According to Google Maps it would take around 10 minutes by foot. If you think it's too much of a hassle, there are several other restaurants serving the same kind of cuisine on the way, feel free to walk in and try!



Big Steak House: DaQuaiNiuPai (大塊牛排)

Dinner also can be eaten at the night market near MRT Beitou Station. A cheap Taiwanese-style steakhouse is recommended, because for under NT\$200 you can get a filling piece of steak with a sauce of your choice, served with an egg sunny side up and pasta.



Day Trip to Jiufen

Transportation

Step1: Taipei Medical University → MRT Taipei City Hall station
Shuttle bus stop at the Third Medical Building

Fee: free

Time: 10 minutes

Service Interval:

(Mon-Fri) 07:00-21:30 (Sat) 07:00-16:00

Every 15 minutes

Step2: MRT City Hall station → Zhongxiao Fuxing station ex1.
Line 5 (Bannba Line; blue line)

Fee: NT\$16 (Easycard); NT\$ 20 (one-way ticket)

Time: 7 minutes

Service Interval:

From Taipei: (weekdays) 06:01-00:50

Every 3-4 minutes

Step3: Zhongxiao Fuxing station exit 1. → bus stop → Walk (black line)



Step4: Zhongxiao Fuxing bus stop → Jiufen

Bus #1062

Fee: NT\$ 90 (Easycard); NT\$ 95 (one-way ticket)

Time: 1.5-2 hours

Service Interval:

From Taipei: (weekdays) 07:10-21:10 (weekends) 07:10-20:40

From Jiufen: (weekdays) 05:55-21:30 (weekends) 06:30-21:30

Every 20 minutes



Recommended Sites

Jishan Old Street (基山老街)

Stepping into Jiufen's most bustling Jishan Street, you'll find countless shops and restaurants overflowing with rich, fragrant smells. The diverse array of handicraft stalls and old-style grocery stores and teahouses are filled with an air of nostalgic festive atmosphere.

- **Jishan St., Ruifang Dist., New Taipei City 224, Taiwan**
- **Hours: 08:00-18:30**



Jiufen Elementary School (九份國小)

Standing atop the podium of the field lends a perfect view of Keelung Islet, so perfect, that it seems as if it is right in front of your eyes. The deep blue sea reflected by the light blue sky and puffy white clouds is so mesmerizing that one almost forgets that he/she is actually inside a school.

- **No.145 Lunding Rd., Ruifang Dist., New Taipei City 224, Taiwan**
- **Hours: 09:00-17:00**

Shengping Theater (昇平戲院)

During the golden era of the mountain city, Shengping Theater can be the representative of the luxurious and opulent lifestyle of Jiufen. The theater's interior was decorated to imitate the style of Baroque architecture and houses over 600 seats. Many movies such as "A Borrowed Life", "City of Sadness" or "Blue Mountain Coffee" have used the theater as a backdrop for their movies and were able to capture numerous classic images.



After extensive repair in 2011, the theater's former elegance and glamour has been reproduced. Aside from periodical showing of old movies, the theater also holds special exhibits and art seminars.

- **Shuqi Rd., Ruifang Dist., New Taipei City 224, Taiwan**

Shuqi Road (豎崎路)

The next spot to visit is Shuqi Road where the entire street is made up of various flights of stone stairs that ascended directly upwards. The slightly rugged trail is a path that must be taken if you come to Jiufen or else your visit would not count.

You can find a teahouse for your legs to get a well-deserved rest. "Ah Mei Tea House (阿妹茶樓)" is one of the most popular of places to visit for visitors. A few scenes from "Spirited Away", written by Hayao Miyazaki, are similar to Jiufen Old Street. Rumor has it that Miyazaki's source of inspiration came from Ah Mei's Tea House. For this reason, many Japanese tourists come to Jiufen in search of the scenes in the animation and a mask that resembles "Yubaba", the bathhouse witch.

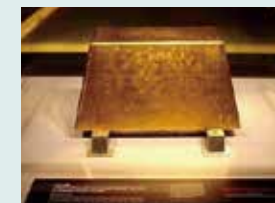


- **Shuqi Rd., Ruifang Dist., New Taipei City 224, Taiwan**
- **Hours: 08:00-18:30**

Jiufen Gold Museum (金瓜石黃金博物館)

Finally, follow Chicher Road and walk for 15 minutes before reaching Jiufen Museum of Gold Mine. A provincial exhibition center operated by former local miners exhibits Jiufen's mining history, alchemical equipment and dozens of raw mineral stones, all of which have been collected across three decades by the curator with a mining background.




Aside from mineral stones, the center also displays an array of old pictures that evoke fond memories of the past. Those interested in fulfilling the dream of mining can surely find it come true here!



- **No.66 Shipi Ln., Ruifang Dist., New Taipei City 224, Taiwan**
- **(Mon~Fri) 09:30-17:00 ; (Sat-Sun) 09:30-18:00**

Day Trip to Yehliu:

Transportation

-  Bus: take bus M7 at TMU station (right opposite of TMUH ER) to MRT Taipei City Hall Station (MRT and Bus station share the same building)
-  Bus: take KuoKuang 1815 at terminal 8 of Taipei City Hall Bus Station to Jinshan District Office Station (金山區公所) (06:00-23:00, comes every 10-20 minutes)
-  Shuttle Bus: catch the free shuttle to JuMing Museum at Jinshan District Office Station (金山區公所)

Museum Shuttle Van:

Tue. - Fri.

Departure from Jinshan District Office: 10:30 & 14:00

Departure from the Juming Museum: 13:40 & 17:00

Weekends & National Holidays

Departure from Jinshan District Office: 10:30, 12:30 & 14:00

Departure from the Juming Museum: 13:40, 15:40 & 17:00



Recommended Sites

JuMing Museum (朱銘美術館)

Juming is a Taiwanese art master renowned for his sculptures; the museum is where his masterpieces are displayed. Surrounded by lush forests, ample space and infinite views, it is the largest outdoor art museum in Taiwan. Juming himself participated in locating, designing and constructing this museum.

- **Hours: Tues-Sun 10:00-18:00**
- **Admission Fee: NT\$ 220 for student**



JinShan Old Street (金山老街)

also known as JinBaoLi, it is an old market place that is not to be missed! The duck noodle stall in front of Guang An Temple is a must-try. Packed with sumptuous Taiwanese delicacies, this is the place for curious foodies. Other delicious snacks include various traditional Taiwanese pastries sold by Shuangsing Bakery.

- **Where: Take free shuttle bus from JuMing Museum to JinShan (金山) Station**

Yehliu GeoPark (野柳地質公園)

is truly a park of natural wonders: rocks carved by wave-cutting and weathering over decades were formed into shapes resembling figures. The most famous is undoubtedly the Queen's Head. Among other "statues", there are: the Fairy's Shoe, the Mushroom Rocks, the Tofu Rocks, and the Elephant Rocks, along with interesting potholes.

- **Where: take Bus 790 from JinShan Station to Yehliu Station**
- **Hours: 07:30-18:00 daily**
- **Admission Fee: NT\$ 80**
- **Free tour at 10:00, 10:30, 14:00, 14:30**



Yehliu Ocean Park (野柳海洋世界)

is the first ocean world in Taiwan. With various marine animals, there is a show with dolphins and sea lions. There is also an aquarium which contains many exotic sea creatures.

- **Hours: 09:00-17:00**
- **Admission Fee: NT\$ 330**
- **Dolphin/Sea lion show at 10:30, 13:30, 15:30**

Keelung Night Market (基隆夜市)

is just a 7 minute walk from the Keelung train station. It is arguably one of the most famous and best night markets in the country. It is centered on a temple, and sometimes called the "Temple Entrance Night Market." There are dozens of local delicacies for you to discover!



- **Where: take Bus 790 from Yehliu station to Keelung train station**

Eating options

Basically, breakfast is best eaten around TMU because there are seldom breakfast stands en route. For more information, please refer to your guide of TMU surroundings!

For lunch, it is recommended that you dine at JinShan Old Street, after you visit JuMing Museum.



JinBaoLi Duck Meat (金包里鴨肉)

A must eat in the JinShan Old Street. Its' signature dish is the duck meat platter, you can also order some stir-fried noodles and assorted deep fried dishes to go with your meal.

- Each dish priced around NT\$200-400

Ah-Yu Malao (阿玉)

Packaging is printed with the cute portrait of Grandma Ah-Yu. Grandma Ah Yu's sincere demeanor coupled with the crispy and chewy texture of the malao (crispy fried sesame balls) makes it hard to resist to have just one, also, free tasting is available!

- NT\$100 per pack



Candied Sweet Potato (拔絲地瓜)

As one of the main area for sweet potato cultivation, it is not surprising that this all-time favourite snack is a local must-eat. After all, who can resist sweet potato covered in caramel, sprinkled with sesame?



Keelung Night Market is a nice ending for this day trip. One can stroll down the street with food stalls packed at each side. Just in case you are overwhelmed by the choices, we have some personal favourites to share:



Chen's Bubble Ice (陳記泡泡冰)

After a long day under the sun, why not get a cup of refreshing shaved ice? There are many flavours to choose from, each costing only NT\$ 40. Peanut flavor is recommended as it is the most popular, plus it is a flavor unique to Taiwan.



Taiwanese Tempura (天婦羅)

With many stalls selling this item, it is probably what most people relate with Keelung Night Market. Simple deep-fried fish cake served with sweet savoury sauce and pickled cucumber at the side. Tempura is a popular side dish commonly found all around Taiwan, be sure to try!

Crab Stew and Sticky Rice (螃蟹羹+油飯)

Still not full? Don't worry; this combination will fill you up. As Keelung is a port, seafood is abundant, and for this dish, fresh crab meat is added to traditional Taiwanese stew. Sticky rice is also a common rice dish eaten by the locals, it goes exceptionally well with the stew. Flavoured by soy sauce, it is where it got its brown colour.




- Walk back to Keelung Station and take Bus 1815 to MRT ZhongXiao DunHua Station and take the metro. Take the direction heading to NanGang Exhibition Centre, get off at MRT Taipei City Hall Station and take Bus M7 back to TMU just outside exit 2.

Day Trip to Ping Xi

According to the Taiwan Railway Administration, the Pingxi Line is one of the most popular among the eight branch railway lines. The Pingxi Line was used for coal transportation during a prosperous era when coal-mining towns sprang up all over the northeastern part of Taiwan. After the mining industry's decline, the line no longer served its original purpose and was transformed into a tourist railway. Towns along the Pingxi Line have retained much of their personality while maintaining a more peaceful and slower pace of life. Through these picturesque villages, you will find thrilling hikes, magnificent waterfalls, a cat town, and the remains of what was once a thriving coal industry.

At the Shifen Scenic Administration Office, near Shifen station, you can pick up English-language brochures and refer to the large maps on the 1st floor.

Transportation

-  **Train:** From Taipei Main Station, take a northbound train (except Keelung bound train) towards Ruifang Station. First, purchase a One Day ticket (NT\$64) for Pingxi Line in Ruifang Station and transfer to Pingxi Line. (the time interval of Pingxi Line is about an hour)
-  **MRT + Bus:** take the MRT Line 1 (Brown Line) to Muzha Station, and take bus 1076 or 795 towards Pingxi.
-  **MRT + Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Bus:** take the MRT Line 1 (Brown Line) to Muzha Station, and take the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Bus (charge by section, NT\$15 per section, one-way ticket NT\$45) (EasyCard payment acceptable) towards Shifen tourist center. (you can also buy a one-day ticket for Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Bus in 7-11 for NT\$100)



Recommended Sites

Pingxi Line is a branch line located in the northeastern part of Taiwan. There are seven stations on Pingxi Line, but Houtong is an additional stop if you start your trip from Ruifang. Start from Ruifang, you will pass the stops in this order, first Houtong, and then Dahua, Shifen, Wanggu, Lingjiao, Pingxi, and lastly, Jingtong. Among the stations mentioned above, Houtong, Shifen, Pingxi, and Jingtong are the most worthy of visit.

Houtong (猴硐)

Houtong is a small mining town located in Ruifang district in New Taipei City. During its most prosperous age, Houtong was one of Taiwan's biggest coal-mining sites up until the 70s.



It was said that around 2008, a team of cat lovers volunteered to take care of neighbors abandoned kitties. They posted the cats' pictures onto the web and got an overwhelming response from other cat lovers. Soon, people started to flood this area to photograph the cats and Houtong, a dilapidated mining town, surprisingly turned into a hotbed for felines.

Most of the Houtong residents now live on this "cat industry" by selling cat-related souvenirs and cat-shaped pineapple cake. They even remodeled the footbridge leading from the station's exit across the tracks to the hillside cat village into a "cat-look" with ears at one end and a tail at the other.

- **Basic Info:**
 - Houtong is the first stop from Ruifang.
 - Bringing dogs to Houtong is prohibited.
 - For the health of the cats and the environment of Houtong, please try not to feed the cats.

Shifen (十分)

Shifen is the most famous stop along Pingxi Branch Line. One may notice that Shifen Railway Station is larger than other stations on Pingxi Line as it has dual tracks that allow trains to intersect here.

Shifen Old Street lies on the both sides of the railway. This results in a very interesting scene: upon hearing the sound of the train, sky lantern vendors will start to yell at each other and to tourists, signaling that the train is coming and that everyone should clear the railway. The train runs so close to you that you can literally feel the wind due to its speed. Shifen Old Street is filled mainly with sky lanterns and souvenir shops and food stands.



Shifen Old Street is full of savory traditional Taiwanese food. The picture above is one of the most famous restaurants. It is a century-old restaurant and was originally a little food stand. The name 榕樹下米粉湯 means selling rice noodles soup under a banyan tree, and there are literally two banyan trees beside the restaurant. According to its name, of course the rice noodles soup is its best seller.



This stand is located right next to the train station. It only sells barbecue chicken wings with fried rice filled in it. During weekends, there are usually long lines in front of this stand. Due to its unique flavor, it is very popular and sells out quickly.

The name sky lantern is the translation of the Chinese name Tian-deng. Sky lanterns were first used as signals. People in Pingxi were once terribly harassed by bandits. Most of the villagers went up mountains seeking for shelter while they left some strong men in the village as defense. After the bandits were gone, those men would set off sky lanterns to signal the villagers that it is safe enough to come back to the village. This tradition has now become a unique way of making



wishes. People write their wishes on sky lanterns and release them, as if those wishes will float up high into the sky and also into the gods' ears.

- **Basic Info:**
 - Sky lanterns are about NT\$100-200 each

Another 15-20 minutes walk will take you to the famous Shifen Waterfall. The waterfall is Taiwan's broadest waterfall. The round trip to and from Shifen Waterfall is about a 45-60 minute walk, it is unlikely that you can catch the next train immediately after the one you arrive on.

- **Basic Info:**
 - No admission fee to Shifen Waterfall
 - Hours: 09:00-16:30



Pingxi (平溪)

Although Pingxi station got the name Pingxi, it is actually not the most bustling town along the Pingxi Line. However, there is also an old street in Pingxi where you can get some traditional Taiwanese foods such as soybean pudding, rice noodles, and Taiwanese sausage with sticky rice. Pingxi is another place to set off sky lanterns besides Shifen.



Jingtong (菁桐)

With 80 years of history, the wooden houses and the slightly leaning old dormitory on Jingtong Old Street give an elegant and nostalgic feeling that attracts tourists to this very last station on Pingxi Line. It was once a coal-mining town too. But with the decline of coal mining industry, the bustling atmosphere has disappeared and only the traces of the settlement remain.

Located along the railway, Jingtong coalmine museum was originally the dormitory of Taiwan Railway Administration. The building was abandoned after the mining industry was no more. However, it was chosen by the Council of the Cultural Affairs as a local cultural museum and was officially renamed "Jingtong coalmine museum".



Once you arrived at Jingtong, you might be overwhelmed by numerous bamboo tubes hanging on the fences of the railway. This is a very special scene that you will probably see only in Jingtong. People buy bamboo tubes and write their wishes such as being in good health or doing well on the upcoming test onto the tubes. Then those bamboo tubes were hang on the fence or the scaffold next to the train station.



Jingtong Railway story house, on Jingtong Old Street, is owned by a railway fanatic. He negotiated with Taiwan Railway Company and decided to open a shop that not only displays train-related designs and figures, but also sells souvenirs of the railway history of Taiwan.