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Discover New Horizons of Taitung



Come to Taitung and experience the pure call of the Pacific Ocean.
Travel through picturesque countryside and mountain-sea landscapes, delve deep into remote islands to explore paradises, freely jot down your own Taitung travel diary.

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 Seaside Adventures

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 Coastal Scenery

Feel the breezy wind along the scenic Provincial Highway 11, experience Stand Up Paddle boarding (SUP), surfing, and explore the vast Pacific Ocean, answering the call of the sea.





◉ **Sanxiantai Scenic Area**

An offshore islet formed by marine erosion, connected by an eight-arched bridge. It has come to be known as a geology museum of the coast. Also a great location to experience and witness the delightful first light of dawn.



Picture provided by the Eastern Coast National Scenic Area Tourism Administration, MOTC

◉ **Baxian cave**

A series of magnificent caves caused by coastal erosion, some reaching heights of over 10 meters. Archaeologists have found artifacts here from the Paleolithic era, dating back 30,000 years.



◉ **Changbin King Kong Avenue**

A scenic route overlooking golden rice fields and the blue Pacific. Popular among cyclists, it's adorned by terraced fields on the sides, offering ever-changing sceneries throughout the year.



◉ **Bixilian Community**

An Amis tribe fishing village adorned with colorful murals. Here, visitors can appreciate and experience traditional music and indigenous crafts.





◉ **Jinjun tied Island**

The only tied island in Taiwan. Tourists could take picturesque photographs of the "Cat Hole" at low tide for an Instagram-worthy moment. The Jinjun surf point hosts the world longboard and shortboard championships, which draw surfers from all over the world.



◉ **Jialulan Recreation Area**

Taitung's most beautiful starry sky. The vast landscape is complemented by large installation arts.





[1-Day Seaside tour]

Route 1 Fugang Geological Park (Little Yeliu) >> Jialulan Recreation Area >> Lunch >> Shanyuan Beach >> Bixilian Community >> Eight Immortals Cave

Route 2 Fushan Fisheries Resources Conservation Area >> Jinjun tied Island >> Lunch >> Duli Beach >> Sanxiantai Scenic Area >> Changbin King Kong Avenue

FUN Festivals

TECLandArts Festival

In this Pacific Ocean centric art festival, artists are invited to create large outdoor artworks along Provincial Highway 11. The event also features art markets and moonlight concerts by the sea.

Time: Held annually from June to September.



 Hot spring Villages Between the Mountains and Sea

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 South-Link Line

During the season when the daylilies bloom all over the mountains, wander through the paradise that nestles beside the mountains and sea.







◉ **Duoliang Station**

The platform offers a beautiful view of the Pacific Ocean. Known as the "Most beautiful train station in Taiwan" for its unique combination of the mountains and the sea. Additionally, tourists can also admire driftwood art crafts nearby at the Sunrise Driftwood Workshop.





◉ **Zhiben National Forest Recreation Area**

Large swallowtail butterflies flutter about inside the park as the banyan trees wind and twist intricately. The well-maintained paths allow visitors to get close to the environment.





◉ **Taimali Golden Needle Mountain**

During the spring and early summer, you can experience cherry blossoms, hydrangeas, maple leaves, and fireflies. Daylilies bloom all over the mountains between August and September, creating a stunning sight all year round.



◉ **Taimali (Sakuragi) Railroad Crossing**

Near the Taimali train station, it offers scenic views of the railway and sea, reminiscent of scenes from the Japanese manga "Slam Dunk."



◉ **Jialan Sky Walk**

Views of the Lawan Bridge and Jialan Village can be enjoyed from the walkway, which offers stunning views of canyon cliffs and mountains.





◉ **Fushan Fisheries Resources Conservation Area**

A natural classroom showcasing coral reef intertidal ecology. Available activities include intertidal zone explanations, antlion fishing, and sand crab digging.





◉ **Shanyuan Beach Park**

In addition to its clear waters and fine sand, Shanyuan Bay is the only sandy beach on the east coast suitable for water play, walking, and watching sunrises.





◉ **Heart of Dawu South Link Service Area**

The lighthouse-shaped tourist attraction offers a variety of local specialties and direct-from-source gourmet dishes. Additionally, there is a cafe with sea views where tourists can relax and enjoy the view.



◉ **A Lang Yi Trail (Nantian)**

The ancient trail between Taitung Nantian and Pingtung Xu Hai has remained untouched by modern development, preserving a pristine cobblestone beach landscape and original coastal fauna and flora. A tour guide is required to explore the trail.





[2 Day South Link tour]

DAY1 Zhiben Hot Springs >> Zhiben National Forest Recreation Area >> Lunch >> Taimali Golden Needle Mountain >> Taimali Railroad Crossing

DAY2 Jialan Sky Walk >> Duoliang Station >> Lunch >> Heart of Dawu South Link Service Area >> A Lang Yi Trail (Nantian)

 Symphony in the Fields

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 East Rift Valley Area

Take a bicycle ride, a hot air balloon ride, or a local train ride to experience the picturesque pastoral landscapes.





◉ **Luye Gaotai**

At an altitude of about 350 meters and surrounded by mountains, this location is not only one of the best natural airspaces in Taiwan but also a base for tea production. Paraglide or balloon over fields, tea gardens, and views of the Beinan River Valley.



◉ **Jianning Lake**

At an altitude of 3,310 meters above sea level, it's Taiwan's second-highest alpine lake. The clear lake reflects the blue sky and white clouds, earning its nickname as the "Sapphire of the High Mountains." Entry requires mountain permits, and a 3-4 day trip is recommended.



◉ **Lisong Hot Spring**

An undeveloped wild hot spring, where a carbonated alkaline cascade flows from the mountain side, leaving behind colorful deposits. Access requires expert guidance; can only be reached through stream trekking.



◉ **Mr. Brown Avenue (Bolang Dadao)**

A beautiful countryside path that became famous due to a popular commercial. While enjoying the aroma of rice and the pastoral beauty of the Avenue, consider cycling along it for half a day and take in the scenery of tea trees and Paradise Road.





◉ **Paradise Road**

Compared to the straight Mr. Brown Avenue, Paradise Road has a more captivating charm with a picturesque scenery of endless golden rice waves. A rice field backdrop sets the stage for the Chishang Autumn Harvest Rice Art Festival every autumn, featuring a series of exciting outdoor performances.





◉ **Taitung Yuan Sen Applied Botanical Garden**

Taiwan's only indigenous medicinal herb ecological park, which cultivates over 200 species of precious native medicinal plants from Taitung. The garden includes walking paths, dining areas, and a family ranch, serving both educational and recreational purposes.





◉ **Guanshan Water Park (Town Circle Bicycle Path)**

Taiwan's first bicycle path which circles a town. Guanshan is a paradise for cycling enthusiasts. The Water Park not only connects with the circular bike path, but also features mountains, rice and canola paddies, and railways along the route.





◉ **Chulu Ranch**

Luye has the largest sloping pasture in Taiwan, with herds of dairy cows roaming under the blue sky. Fresh dairy products are also available for those inclined.





[One-Day East Rift Valley Field Tour]

Route 1 Taitung Yuan Sen >> Chulu Ranch >> Lunch >> Guanshan Water Park (Town Circle Bicycle Path)

Route 2 Luye Gaotai >> Lunch >> Mr. Brown Avenue >> Paradise Road

FUN Festivals

Taiwan International Balloon Festival

Held amidst pure nature, this annual summer aerial event includes free-flying hot air balloons, Night Glow Concerts, styled-balloon performances, and tethered balloon rides.



Time: Held annually from June to August

 Cultural Stroll

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 Taitung City

Indulge in a stylish journey of hot springs and cuisine and fall in love with the slow life of Taiwan's eastern frontier.



◉ **Tiehua Music Village**

The old Taitung train station has been transformed into a cultural hub that combines crafts, food, and music performances. On weekends, there is a market featuring handicrafts and local farm products. An on-site painted hot air balloon is a popular photo location.





◉ **Liji Badlands Geopark**

Located beside the Beinan River, the geological formations here resulted from plate tectonics, erosion, and weathering, creating a unique desert-like landscape of sharp, uneven badlands, which serve as a prime example for tectonic movement studied by international scholars.





◉ **National Museum of Prehistory**

Researches and displays Taiwan's prehistoric culture and the Austronesian ethnic group.





◉ **Taitung Sugar Factory Cultural and Creative Park**

The old sugar factory has been revitalized with large-scale artworks, with shops specializing in tribal crafts and other creative industries. Exhibitions and activities are held periodically.





◉ **Taitung Forest Park**

Located in the suburbs of Taitung City, this park comprises "Pipa Lake," "Egret Lake" and "Flowing lake," which hosts various water activities. Cycling through vast forests and diverse wetland ecologies allows one to experience a close connection to nature. This is also a famous venue for international triathlon competitions.





◉ **Taitung Seashore Park**

Enjoy ocean views within city limits! A landscape-integrated installation art piece with a vast and boundless view of the Pacific Ocean, it's an ideal spot for viewing dawn and nighttime scenery.





[1 Day Taitung City Tour]

Taitung Seashore Park >> Taitung Forest Park >> Lunch >> Taitung Sugar Factory Cultural and Creative Park >> National Museum of Prehistory >> Liji Badlands Geopark >> Tiehua Music Village



Taitung Must-Eats & Must-Buys





Custard Apple

A representative agricultural product of Taitung, with two peak seasons during Lunar New Year and Mid-Autumn Festival.



Thick Rice Noodles (Mi Taimu)

A popular snack in Taitung made from local rice. It's chewy and delicious, especially with a savory broth.



Indigenous Cuisine

Signature dishes: "Aba" (wrapped in shell ginger leaves, grilled wild boar, and chicken soup seasoned with prickly ash).



Seafood

With its proximity to the Pacific Ocean, Taitung boasts a rich assortment of seafoods. Don't miss the fresh marlin sashimi and fried dolphinfish!



Fried Chicken

A local favorite since childhood, the chicken is marinated with special spices, resulting in juicy and tender meat.



Roselle

Roselle is Taiwan's top producer of roselle, which is turned into candied snacks, dried tea, or tangy jams.



Meat Buns

The buns are soft on the outside and juicy on the inside, while being very cheap.



Fengzi Pastry

A traditional Chinese pastry has popular in the region for the past 80 years. Various fillings including a variety of bean pastes and meat.



Red Oolong Tea

Taiwan has the perfect conditions for tea production in Eastern Taiwan. This tea boasts a combination of fragrances of oolong and the sweetness of black tea.



Taitung Rice

Many award-winning rice varieties are grown in the Huadong Valley. In Changbin, there are also high-quality, organic Ba Xian and King Kong rice varieties.



Handmade Mochi

Using locally produced rice and stuffed with natural ingredients, Mochi have long been viewed as the perfect souvenir.



Coffee

North as the indigenous township of Changbin, south to the southern tip of Daren, coffee beans cultivated in Taitung possess a fruity aroma which embodies the vitality of the land.



Master Han Dan Pastry

Named after the deity Master Han Dan, the crunchy pastry is filled with millet mochi, red quinoa, and mung bean paste.



Qima Cake

Sachima, which is a Chinese pastry similar in structure to a Rice Krispie. The Qima Cake has been redesigned from into bite-sized "gold bricks" with 11 flavors.



Sweet Potato Crisps

Suitable for all ages, this popular traditional snack is made from thinly sliced sweet potatoes coated with special syrup.

Hualien County

Kaohsiung City

Pingtung County

Pacific Ocean

Taitung County

Green Island (Lüdao)

Orchid Island Township

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- Hot Springs
- Port/Harbor
- Airport
- Train Station
- Railway
- Township Road



The Ethereal Edge of the World





X Orchid Island

A radiant pearl seemingly lost in the vast Pacific, Orchid Island offers travelers a chance to immerse themselves in an unparalleled cultural and natural experience.





📍 Dongqing Bay

As the largest bay on Orchid Island, it's a popular sunrise viewing spot. Along its shores, traditional canoes stand ready, glowing against the dawn's first light.



📍 Tank Rock (va Rai ni manok)

This imposing rock formation, created by volcanic eruptions, stands alongside other unique rock formations on the island such as Alligator Rock, Dragon Head Rock, and Twin Lions Rocks.



📍 Battleship Rock (Junjianyan)

This offshore islet, reminiscent of a battleship, is a traditional fishing ground for the Dongqing tribe. The dreamy sunrise view behind this rock is unmatched, and it's also a prime location for snorkeling.



📍 Warship Rock and Lover Cave

Years of erosion by the sea waves have carved out this natural archway. As the sun rises, it shines through the arch, painting a breathtaking picture.



📍 Dongqin Secret Gem

Surrounded by natural reefs, a clear and transparent seawater pool emerges, brimming with diverse ecology and colorful tropical fish.



📍 Ye-Yin Old Tribe (Jivalino)

This village has the best-preserved traditions of the Yami (Tao) tribe. Its ancient underground houses showcase traditional Orchid Island architectural features and its harmonious ways of life that respects nature.



📍 Orchid Island Weather Station

Situated at a vantage point on Orchid Island, it offers a 360-degree panoramic view, which allows visitors to see the Eastern Dongqing Bay, Yeyin old village, and the Western Badai Bay.



📍 Yeyin Cold Spring

Emerging from the crevices in the rocks, this 19°C spring forms tiered pools surrounded by reefs, offering an unparalleled view where the sea and the sky align.



📍 Qingqing Grasslands

Raised coral platforms that once served as traditional farmlands for the Yami (Tao) tribe now present vast meadows with expansive views, also making it an excellent sunset viewing point.

[3-day trip to Orchid Island]

DAY1	Kaiyuan Fishing Harbor >> Orchid Island Weather Station >> Lunch >> Yeyin Cold Spring >> Qingqing Grasslands
DAY2	Dongqing Bay >> Ye-Yin Old Tribe (Jivalino) >> Lunch >> Dongqing Secret Gem >> Warship Rock and Lover Cave >> Battleship Rock
DAY3	Tank Rock >> Kaiyuan Harbor




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Orchid Island, with its pristine environment, has been home to the Yami (Tao) indigenous tribe for generations. The tribe's deep-rooted reverence for nature, along with its traditional ways of life and values, remains unchanged to this day.

- ➊ Respect the privacy of the tribe members. Seek permission before taking photos of private residences, ongoing activities, or elders in traditional attire.
- ➋ Refrain from disturbing or catching any animals and plants on the island. Taking or transporting endangered species like coconut crabs and butterfly orchids is strictly prohibited.
- ➌ Honor the tribe's ceremonial taboos. During the Flying Fish Festival, for instance, women must avoid touching the canoes, and everyone should avoid accidentally entering traditional sea territories.
- ➍ The Small-leaved Barringtonia, which is known as the "Qipan foot" is considered ominous. Do not bring its leaves or branches into local homes or place them on canoes.
- ➎ Protect the coral reef ecology, wear stinger suits, or use eco-friendly sunscreen when swimming.
- ➏ The underground houses are private residences. Photography or entry is permitted only with a guided tour.