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What you need to know

Welcome to Pack Ya Bags Taiwan. Please enjoy looking through the brochure and please ask questions about any aspect of travel to Taiwan.

Explore Taiwan, a new holiday destination just waiting to be found, with fantastic scenery and fabulous places to visit, such as Taipei City, the beautiful Sun Moon Lake, the romantic Love River, sunrises at Alishan, the national parks of Kenting and Yushan and the famous Taroko Gorge.

Getting Around:

The MRT (mass rapid transit system). It's the best way to get around Taipei and Kaohsiung and together with buses and fast intercity trains, the transport infrastructure is excellent. Outside of the major cities the transport is also very good. Make use of the bullet trains between major cities.

Bus and Rail Network

The Railway network includes the western line, the eastern line, the north link line, and the south link line. Small narrow-gauge trains operate on (mainly tourist) branch lines: to places such as Alishan, Jiji, Pingxi, and Neihan. These trains give you a chance to see the scenery of Taiwan close-up as you travel around the island.

The Taiwan High Speed Rail (THSR), allows you time to easily take a day trip between Kaohsiung and Taipei. Currently eight stations are operating on the THSR line down Taiwan's western corridor: Taipei, Banqiao, Taoyuan, Hsinchu, Taichung, Chiayi, Tainan, and Zuoying (Kaohsiung), with four more in the planning stage.

Intercity buses throughout Taiwan offer excellent value, with comfort. All areas of Taiwan are accessible.



Personal Safety:

You will find Taiwan a very safe country with the local very helpful and courteous but please observe usual personal safety measures. Ask your hotel for a location card in Taiwanese and English to ensure that you are able to find your way back.

Many young Taiwanese can read a little English as the language is taught at many schools throughout the country.

Road rules:

Driving is on the right hand side of the road so be careful when crossing streets. When crossing the road DO NOT jaywalk as this is frowned upon. They have the green man system with a countdown to tell you how many seconds are left to cross. Underground crossings with a shopping mall such as the Taipei City Mall are popular underground shopping and crossing areas and connect to the main station, metro and railway.

ATMs and Credit Cards:

Most foreign cards (VISA/PLUS, MASTERCARD/CIRRUS, DINERS, AMEX) are accepted 24 hours a day with ATMs found in all major districts. Most restaurants, hotels and shops accept credit cards. You may not be able to use credit cards at small businesses, markets or in rural areas, so make sure you have some local currency for those little gifts you would like to buy.



Currency:

The Republic of China's unit of currency is the New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$), which has five denominations in paper money and five in coins. Paper money comes in NT\$2000, NT\$1000, NT\$500, NT\$200, and NT\$100 denominations. Coins come in NT\$50, NT\$20, NT\$10, NT\$5 and NT\$1 denominations.

The Language spoken in Taiwan:

The official language of Taiwan is Mandarin Chinese, but because many Taiwanese are of southern Fujianese descent, Min-nan (the Southern Min dialect, or Holo) is also widely spoken. The smaller groups of Hakka people and aborigines have also preserved their own languages.

Ask for a hotel address card before you leave the hotel. This will have the address in both English and Taiwanese. We recommend that when visiting Taiwan for the first time, visitors make use of an English speaking tour guide. This person can really show newcomers the wonderful culture, personality and differences of Taiwan. It makes a huge difference to the total experience.

Discover Taiwan



Originally called Formosa meaning 'Beautiful Island' by the Portuguese. Taiwan is a very beautiful Island indeed.

Two-thirds of the total area is covered by mountains and forests, the remainder with coastal plains. The Central Mountain Range stretches along the entire country from north to south, with the highest peak reaching 3,952 meters. 258 of its peaks are more than 3,000 meters high so, as you can imagine, mountain climbing and hiking is very popular. There are nine national parks which offer a variety of landscapes: the Taroko National Park, focuses on a narrow ravine created by a river which has cut through the mountains; Yushan National Park, containing the highest landmark of Taiwan and also the highest peak in Northeast Asia; Shei-pa National Park, featuring very steep slopes; Yangmingshan National Park, with its volcanic craters and lakes; Kenting National Park, encompassing the only tropical area in Taiwan which offers a truly Southeast Asian atmosphere; Kinmen National Park, with its white coral and shell beaches and other geological wonders. Finally, the Taijiang National Park, with its culture and natural attractions.



Markets and shopping in Taiwan.

Markets can be found throughout the country and offer a great way to mix with the local culture and people. Night markets are particularly popular together with a massive range of eateries. All types of food are on offer, all at excellent prices.



Unusual things in Taiwan

There are so many activities to explore and join in with such as the sand castle competition, maybe white water rafting, cycling or ballooning. Taiwan really has something to offer everyone's tastes.



Competitions and performances in Taiwan.

The Taiwanese people love competitions and enjoy performing for themselves as well as for the public. From cultural to modern, you will be able to join in. Sporting occasions are very popular for all types of sports and activities.

Festivals

Festivals are hugely important to the people of Taiwan with its large range of festivals, unique to the island. The year kicks off with many festivals celebrating the Chinese New Year, then followed throughout the year with festivals celebrating so many things. From cultural to religious to bird watching to outdoor music events. Fit in one of the festivals on your visit to Taiwan. You will not be disappointed.



Taiwan Lantern Festival February

The 15th of the 1st lunar month, known as "Minor New Year," is the Lantern Festival and the tail end of New Year activities. Fireworks and fantastic effects set off the lanterns.



Taiwan Balloon Festival May to Aug

This International Balloon Festival includes flying shows, activities, balloon rides, a night glow music concert, balloon wedding celebrations. Very colourful and very exciting.



Hengchun Pole Climbing and Ghost Festival August

A festival where people share food with the ghosts. Lots of activities including logs around 10 metres long, hung and climbed with applied butter!



The Dragon Boat Festival

This festival is in late May and June each year. Dragon boat races are held on the rivers and lakes throughout Taiwan. If you like dragon boating and festivals, this is one you need to be at.



International Flower Drum Festival

This festival preserves the traditional Hakka culture by featuring song, dance, music, and theatre to keep the traditions alive. Other groups from around the world are invited to take part.



Yilan Folkgames Festival

During July and August the Folkgame Festival features "Children's Games". It is based on giving children time to share with parents and friends in a great, fun atmosphere.



Spring Wave Music and Art Festival

has become Taiwan's top-selling outdoor music concert within the greater region of Asia. Not to be missed by music lovers or anyone interested in music. Great fun. Great music.



Daxueshan International Bird Watching Competition (April)

It is located at an elevation of between 1,000 and 3,000 meters in dense forest with richly varied flora and fauna. With 152 species, it is colorful and varied.

Taipei



Taipei City is 42 Kms from Taoyuan International Airport. There is a bus connection from the airport to the nearby Taoyuan train station for a rapid connection into the city. Direct buses and taxis are a good alternative. Private meet and greet services are recommended for first time travellers to Taiwan. The journey generally takes between 45 minutes and 1 hour, depending on the traffic if taking something other than the train.

Taipei City is large, historical, modern and extremely easy to navigate. If your accommodation is near an MRT (subway) station, you have quick and easy, independent access to all parts of the city. MRT signage is in both Mandarin Chinese and English and there is plenty to see and do throughout Taipei. City tours also help visitors get their bearings in this wonderful city.

Taipei is famous for its recycling, "Keep Trash off the Ground" policy, public bike rental programme and many other "green" and environmentally responsible programmes.



Taipei is popular for both holiday travellers and business people. Hotel prices are more expensive during world events such as the Cycle Show, Computex and other major expos. These expos are generally held in one of the convention centres near Taipei 101.

Airport Hotels

4* Novotel Taoyuan Airport Hotel

5 minutes from Taoyuan International Airport. Full facility hotel including bars, restaurants, gym and swimming pool. Free airport shuttle running every 20 minutes. ATM in the basement.



Evergreen Airside Transit Hotel

Single, twin and triple room options. Small and compact but complete with private bathroom facilities and wake up call. Day room bookings from 09.00 with a 3 hour minimum. 24 hour stay options also available. Shower only also available for "freshen up" purposes.



Taipei Hotels

There are many hotels in Taipei for all budgets. We have access to any hotel that you require. Below are just a few examples. Contact us with your request.

2* - Empress Hotel

A budget hotel with small, clean and comfortable rooms. The hotel is near the MRT Yuan Shan Station and close to nightlife and shopping.



3* Golden China Hotel

Located in the central part of Taipei City. Close to shops and commercial area. Both western and local meals provided in the hotel restaurant.



4* Cosmos Hotel

Excellent location, adjacent to the main Taipei Train Station and the MRT. VIP lounge access available for a small charge. Popular with groups. Great icecream parlour in the reception area.



4* Caesar Park Hotel

Once the Hilton Taipei, this hotel has been rebranded and has a fresh, modern and unique décor. 3 x FOC beer in each room, twin and double rooms with rainshower bathrooms. Has an underground connection to the mall, MRT and central Taipei Train Station.



4* Quote Hotel

Award winning, luxury, boutique hotel in the centre of Taipei. Close to the MRT and adjacent to Taipei Arena. This is a special hotel and perfect for people wanting a touch of luxury. Twin and double room configurations.



4* Royal Seasons Hotel Beitou

Beitou is a northern suburb of Taipei and connected to Taipei City by MRT. Try a totally different take on Taipei and stay in the hot springs area. Soak in your own hot spring tub, try the public baths or one of the private hot spring huts.

Taipei Daytours and Stopovers



Taipei is a city to totally enjoy. It is recommended to splurge out on an English speaking guide for at least one day so that you can fully appreciate the diversity and excitement that this city has to offer. Must do things in Taipei include a visit to Taipei 101 (The world's tallest building when it opened in 2004), dumplings at the Michelin star Din Tai Fung Dumplings on the bottom floor of Taipei 101, a wander through an Eslite bookstore, some hours at the National Palace Museum which has the largest collection of Chinese artifacts in the world, beef noodle soup in the Old Taipei district, a night market visit where you can try stinky tofu, and the Hot Pot restaurants will make your mouth water. Here are a few suggestions.

National Palace Museum

The world's largest collection of Chinese art and artifacts, dating back over 7,000 years. There are over 650,000 items in the full collection. Also houses a great souvenir shop.

Martyrs' Shrine

A shrine to 330,000 people who died during the establishment of the R.O.C (Republic of China), the Sino-Japanese War and the Chinese Civil War. Guarded by military officers who remain motionless while on duty and provide a changing of the guard ceremony.

CKS Memorial Hall

Home to several classical Chinese buildings including the National Concert Hall and the National Theatre. Hourly honour guard display.



Taipei City Tour

A fantastic way to get your bearings in this busy city. 3 hours, either morning or afternoon. Includes the National Palace Museum. (ET)

Taipei Night Tour

Explore the city by night and try a Mongolian BBQ. (ET)



Taroko (Marble) Gorge Tour

A full day tour, with an English speaking guide to an impressive canyon situated on the East coast of Taiwan. It's an early start with a domestic flight to Hualin. Bus to Taroko Gorge Gateway and explore the gorge with its waterfalls, cliffs and grottos. The drop height of the Liwu River is 3,742 meters and the natural features are impressive. Lunch is included as is the train back to Taipei. (ET)

Taipei 101

The world's tallest building when it opened in 2004 and it still holds the title for the fastest lift with a speed of up to 60 kmls per hour. It takes 37 seconds to get to the top of the building. There are fabulous 360 degree views of Taipei City.

Night Markets

Shihlin, Huaxi, Rahoe, Tonghua. Not only for shopping but for cheap and tasty street food and market food halls.

Beitou

On the northern rim of Taipei City, Beitou was popular with the Japanese and many signs of their presence is still felt. Hot spring bath houses and amazing Japanese restaurants including SGarden.



Chiufen Village and North East Coast

A 4 hour, afternoon tour to the tip of Taiwan. The coastal scenery is stunning with eroded coral shores and sandstone rock formations.

Yangmingshan National Park and

Hot-Spring Tour

North of Beitou and called Grass Mountain during the Japanese Occupation. Soak in the hot springs. Afternoon, 4 hour tour. (ET)



3 Day / 2 Night Taipei

2 nights hotel accommodation including breakfast, round trip airport transfers in private vehicle, and a half day City and National Palace Museum Tour on a seat in coach basis with an English speaking guide. Tour can be taken morning or afternoon. 3, 4 and 5* hotel options.

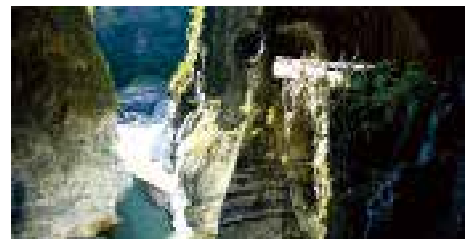


Wulai Aboriginal Village Tour

A 4 hour, afternoon tour to northern Taiwan. Discover the culture of the Tai Ya Tribe, one of Taiwan's indigenous peoples. (ET)

Folk Arts Tour

The arts and crafts of Taiwan include pottery, textile dyeing and carving. 4 hour afternoon tour takes you to Sanxia and Yingge, northern Taiwan to see and experience the arts. (ET)



4 Day / 3 Night Taipei and Taroko Gorge

3 nights hotel accommodation including breakfast, round trip airport transfers in, half day City and National Palace Museum Tour on a seat in coach basis and one day Taroko Gorge Tour which includes lunch, domestic flight and train ticket. Tours have an English speaking guide. 3, 3+, 4 and 5* hotel options. (ET)

Central Taiwan



Access to the Central area of Taiwan, from either Taipei in the North or Kaohsiung in the South, is by air, road or rail. Rail is the most frequent and popular as the rapid transit trains are inexpensive and circle the whole of Taiwan. Venturing into the heart of Taiwan is done by road once you have arrived in Taichung or Chiayi and we recommend travelling with an English speaking guide as travel in these areas can be complicated without local knowledge or Mandarin Chinese language skills. Notable places to visit in the Central Taiwan region are Sun Moon Lake, Alishan and Taroko Gorge on the eastern side of the island. The central district is famous for its coffee, oolong tea, betel nut plantations, fruit growing, paper making and arts and crafts. The area is mountainous with roads clasped to the cliffs and plantations of tea, coffee, fruit trees, pineapples, and betel nut palms perched throughout. The region is spectacular and a photographer's paradise.



Sun Moon Lake

The only large, natural lake in Taiwan and nestled in the central mountains. Mist, little villages, mountains and temples around its shores make this area incredibly beautiful. The annual, cross lake swim attracts around 25,000 competitors.

Alishan

The home of oolong tea. Tea and arabica coffee plantations with tastings, ensure you will have a memorable time. Oolong tea can be sampled together with the local food cooked over an open, hot coal brazier.



Jiji and Fenchi Lake

A definite for the train enthusiast. Jiji has the oldest train station in Taiwan and Fenchi Lake has old steam engines in the yard.

Puli

Just to the North of Sun Moon Lake and famous for hot springs, fresh flowers, paper-making, wines and distilleries.



Sunny Hills

The home of the famous pineapple cake using New Zealand butter. The factory provides every visitor with a complimentary "applecake" and a cup of oolong tea. Absolutely delicious.

East Coast and Hualien

The arrival point to visit the Taroko Gorge but also for fabulous coastal scenery. Whales and dolphin watching. White water rafting in summer.



2 Day 1 Night, Sun Moon Lake Tour (Dep Mon to Thu)

Overnight at Sun Moon Lake. Bus one direction and train on the return. Lakes, temples, indigenous villages, shrines and historical Taiwan. A great way to explore Central Taiwan's highlights. Accommodation and breakfast, English speaking guide, entry fees and transport included. (ET)

3 Day 2 Night, Alishan and Sun Moon Lake Tour (Dep Tue)

Visit pagodas, shrines, and local villages, then on to Alishan for Oolong tea tasting and Chiayi overnight before visiting the historical and cultural town of Lukang. Includes 2 night's accommodation with breakfast, transport, entry fees and English speaking guide. (ET)



3 Day 2 Night, East/West Cross Island Scenic Tour

Taroko Gorge, the cross island Scenic Highway to Sun Moon Lake, Puli and paper making workshop, Chung Tai Buddhist monastery and return to Taipei. Includes 1 night near Taroko Gorge, 1 night Sun Moon Lake, breakfasts, transfers, entry fees and English speaking guide. This tour is subject to road conditions. Departs Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed. (ET)

2 Days 1 Night, Taroko Gorge

For those wanting to spend more time exploring this remarkable area. Train in both directions from Taipei with accommodation and breakfast at Taroko Gorge. Departs daily. (ET)



Southern Taiwan



Kaohsiung is the entry point for Southern Taiwan. There are both direct international flights plus domestic flights, train and coach transfers from Taipei to the city. The city is vibrant, fast paced and interesting. Kenting is even further south and has fabulous beaches for surfing, diving, swimming and fishing as well as Kenting National Park with extensive birdlife, traditional culture and hot springs. Green Island and Orchid Island are to the east in the Pacific, the Penghu archipelago is to the West and for the extreme, Kinmen Island tucked into the coastline of Mainland China.

Kaohsiung stopovers

Just stopping for a short time? Take one of the **3 Day 2 Night Kaohsiung stopover packages.**

A choice of 3, 4 or 5* hotels. Accommodation, breakfasts, round trip airport transfers and a morning, half day Kaohsiung City Tour is included. Additional nights can be added if required. (ET)

Kaohsiung Hotels – LOTS of options at various levels and locations. Below are four suggestions.



Taiwan has a very rich marine ecology. You can see groups of bottlenose dolphins, spinner dolphins, Risso's dolphins, and tropical spotted dolphins jumping out of the Pacific Ocean. Azure seas and magnificent coral reefs can be found in Kenting (Kenting) at the southern tip of Taiwan, and on Green Island and the Penghu Archipelago. This is a place for you to discover and be amazed.



2 Day 1 Night Kaohsiung tour

From Taipei, travelling on the high speed rail, visit the highlights of Southern Taiwan. Kenting National Park, Oluanpi Light house, and a Kaohsiung City tour. Overnight in Kaohsiung before returning to Taipei. (ET)



5* Grand Hi-Lai Hotel.

Grand and imposing. Located in Downtown Kaohsiung.



3*Forte Orange Hotel Kaohsiung

Adjacent to the Liuhe Night Markets and the MRT Formosa Boulevard station. Standard, deluxe, family and suite rooms.



4* Garden Villa Hotel

Central Kaohsiung. Close to Rail, MRT and shopping.



3* Urban Hotel 33

Located in the commercial district of Kaohsiung. Business and budget room options.

In line with other parts of Taiwan there is so much to experience. Fantastic scenery, culture of the local people through art and dance and local ways of preserving food. Many of these traditions are still in use today and are passed on from family to family.

Art tours, food tours, adventure tours to suit almost any interest are to be found in Taiwan. A small country with a wealth of interests, sports, and sightseeing. Weddings and honeymoons are also very popular.



Special Interests



Taiwan is a country of surprises. While it is a small country, it has high mountains, deep gorges, fertile plains, wonderful beaches, hot springs, a rich culture and wonderful food. That's a lot of different things to pack into one small country. Here are just a few of the activities to get involved in.

Culture tours, photography tours, canyoning, hiking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, paragliding, whitewater rafting, cycling, mountain biking, surfing, diving, cooking, gold panning, bird watching, motor cycling.



Hiking in Taiwan

Hiking in the mountains of Taiwan is stunning. Soaking in a hot spring at the end of a day's trek is a glorious treat. Try one of these options. A little fitness is required.

3 day 2 night Jade Mountain.

Includes local train ride, 2 nights in Yushan National Park and a professionally guided hike to the main peak of Yu-Shan, the highest mountain in East Asia. Departs from Taipei daily with a maximum of 10 pax. (MTT)

3 Day 2 night Jiaming Lake Hiking Tour

Departs from Taipei on weekdays. Minimum of 4 people required for departure. Camping in tents or mountain lodge accom in Xiangyang National Forest Recreation Area. Explore the mountain area near Hualien. (MTT)

3 day 2 Night Snow Mountain Hiking



Bird Watching

Birds can be observed from the high mountains and huge forests, to the flat plains, streams and rivers. Around 500 bird species have been recorded in Taiwan. The good thing about bird watching in Taiwan is the sheer variety of countryside and mountains. Together with fabulous walking it is certainly a thought for your next trip outside of your own country.



Surfing

Day 7 Night Surfing Taiwan.

Based on the most consistent, wave-rich and uncrowded stretch of Taiwan's coastline, only meters from the beach. Wake to the sound of crashing waves and stunning ocean and mountain views every day. Consistent swell patterns year round, combined with the excitement of chasing typhoon swells during the summer ensure plenty of water time and an abundance of waves. Airport pick up / transfers, 3 grades of beachfront accommodation (ocean and mountain views), Air conditioned transport, Island wide surf exploration, local guides and additional activities available.



Golf

Taiwan has many fantastic courses. By the sea to mountains and all budgets. The International Golf Society of Taipei (IGST) is a social group that arranges golfing and social events for all those interested in golf and making new friends.

Gold Panning

Yes. Taiwan even has a gold history. A gold panning day tour departs from Taipei daily and includes a gold panning experience, the gold walking tour and a visit to the narrow streets and steep steps of Jiufen township. (MTT)



Diving

It is little known that Taiwan has some excellent diving in places such as Green Island and on the East Coast. Green Island is around 33kms south east of the mainland. The island is known as the 'Fire Island' due to it being formed by volcanic action. Many types of underwater flora and fauna together with warm water makes this a spot for the diver and snorkeller.



Taiwan Food and Cooking Classes

Taiwanese food is delicious and available everywhere. The night markets, the food stalls, top end hot pot restaurants, dumpling restaurants, Japanese restaurants, Chinese restaurants, little local beef noodle restaurants. Taiwan Cooking Class requires a minimum of 4 people and a maximum of 6. Saturdays only. Meet at Zhishan MRT station, shop in a traditional market for your ingredients, then prepare your meal with a Taiwanese cooking expert. Choose from 3 menus: A - Pot sticker (Fried dumplings), Hot and sour soup, Kungpao chicken. B - Poached chicken with spring onion and ginger dip, Braised beef noodle soup, Eggplant with basil. C - Braised minced pork with rice, Three cups chicken, Oyster omelette. Is your mouth watering yet? (MTT)

Special Interests



Taiwan on 2 Wheels.

Taiwan hosts the annual Taipei Cycle Show at which cycle retailers from around the world come to Taipei to see what is new. The annual Taiwan KOM challenge is from Hualien on the Eastern Coast to He Huan Mountain, a ride of 105 kms and a rise from sea level to 3,375 meters. Cycling in Taiwan is magnificent and an up close a personal way to experience Taiwan. Motorbikes over 250 cc were illegal in Taiwan until recently so large motorbikes are expensive. Remember that it snows in the mountains during winter.

11 Days 10 Nights, Cycle Taiwan

The tour climbs the highest road in East Asia, then down 3270 metres to Taroko National Park, the East Coast and East Rift Valley together with hot springs. Ride over the Capricorn Pass and down to the white sand beaches of Kenting. Transfer to Kaohsiung where the tour ends. This is a 937 klm tough cycle tour with 8 ½ full days of cycling. Departures in Mar, Apr, Sep, Oct and Nov. (SR)

Weekend trips

From Taipei. Tea Lined Valleys of Pinglin
From Hualin. The Lost World Tour
From Kaohsiung. The Southern Mango Plantations and the Paiwan Tribal Route.
From Kenting. Tropical Paradise in Kenting.



Custom made, 5 Day Plus Mountain Biking
 Custom designed to ensure the best trail. Accommodation, local food, BBQs and western food.

The Mighty Central Pass. Including Taroko Gorge, NengGao and Sun Moon Lake.

The Stunning Southern Traverse. Off the beaten track including Mt Yushan, East Coast and Kenting National Park. Truly epic.



Cycling Tours

11 Days 10 Nights, Bike Taiwan

Cycle the coast to Taroko Gorge, and down the East Coast on little used mountain roads to the East Rift Valley. On to Fugang and Zhiben for a soak in the hot pools. finishing in Kenting. This is graded 3* difficulty with 6 days riding and covering 415 kms. There is a support vehicle. Departures in Jan, Mar, May, Jun, Sep, Oct, Nov. (GA)



Mountain Biking Tours



Motorcycling Tours

Motorcycle Taiwan

Limited departures and availability from Kaohsiung. Generally 7 days in duration. Sample tour is a circuit of Taiwan in the Eastern and Central mountains. Relatively slow paced with lots of opportunities to take photos of the people, landscapes, temples, and coastlines. Enjoy the local culture, food and hot springs. Included is motorbike rental and all fuel, 3rd party collision insurance, Kaohsiung airport pick-up, full board, some activities, English speaking guide and a support vehicle for groups of 4 or more. Motorbikes are 150cc with the largest available 250 cc. (RTI)

Shorter Cycling Tours.

Pineapple Express 4 Days from Kaohsiung back to Kaohsiung through Taiwan's pineapple and banana region.

Backroads of the South 5 days Kaohsiung to Kenting to Kaohsiung.

Eastern Escape 7 days Taipei to Zhiben. East Coast including Taroko Gorge.

Road Ride 7 days Taipei to Kenting. A top to bottom tour along the East Coast. Good for fit cyclists and limited time. Covering 470 kms with 5 days cycling. (GA)



3-5 day Mountain Biking Excursions

The Northern Screamer. 3 days. A roller coaster ride in Taiwan's mountainous interior.

The Striking Central Ridge. From Hualien, flexible 3-5 days including the Rift Valley and Taroko Gorge.

The Southern Slopes of Mt Yushan. Flexible 3-5 days. Some of the most naturally rugged terrain on the island.

The Southern Mango Plantations. Flexible 3-5 days with hot pools.

The Paiwan Tribal Route Route Two. Adding 2 more days to a weekend ride. 4 days of high altitude forest roads.

The Pingdong Express. A round circuit from Kenting.



Touring Taiwan



Design your own tour

Tailor make your own itinerary, picking out the highlights of Taiwan, the duration and the level of comfort you require.

Down to Earth: Sensible, unpretentious accommodation in comfortable, well-maintained guesthouses, hostels and hotels at an affordable price. Itineraries may include camping in tents. Discover the local flavours of Taiwan as you enjoy traditional cuisine, local delicacies and desserts, premium teas, and famous street food. Extras are kept to minimum to let you discover Taiwan yourself. Transport is on public buses, MRT and rail.

Comfort: Quality accommodation at reasonable rates in a selection of guesthouses and hotels providing the comfort of home with modern hospitality. Accommodation is chosen for its location, value and traditional charm. Hotel pickup, shuttle service included. Enjoy traditional Taiwanese cuisine, local delicacies and street food, and first-rate teas as well as other western and eastern style cuisines. Enjoy 3~4 star hotels and resorts without maxing out your credit card. Use the MRT, high speed rail and private vehicles.

Premium: Travel in style and treat yourself to a luxury experience. Enjoy Taiwan's world-class facilities, elegant dining, and breathtaking scenery and sites. Explore Taiwan's wide range of local delicacies and treats, western and eastern cuisines, and famous teas and liquors. Enjoy 5 star hotels and resorts, airport/hotel pickup, shuttle services, upgradeable rooms, and bicycle rental. Transport is bullet train and private vehicles. (MTT) (ET)



4 Day 3 Night Formosa Holiday

Using high speed rail lessens the time required to move around Taiwan so this itinerary is great for those who want to see lots but are short on time.

Combined rail and air conditioned coaches will be used. Visit Taichung, Sun Moon Lake, Puli Town, Tainan City, Kaohsiung, Kenting National Park, Taroko National Park, Hualien and return to Taipei. Stay in 5* hotels, lunch and breakfasts are included as are entry fees, transfers and English speaking guide. (ET)



10 Day 9 Night Circle Taiwan

In this round-island excursion, enjoy tea plantations and misty forests, stunning gorges and pitch-black tunnels, fabulous lakes and beaches, picturesque wetlands and towering mountain peaks. Join in various activities with local tribes people and go off the beaten track to discover untouched Taiwan and it's diverse ecology. Includes 3*, 4* and 5* accommodation, 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners, entry fees, transport and English speaking guide. Departs on Thursdays from Taipei. This is a fabulous way to experience Taiwan for the young and young at heart. Min of 4 pax required to depart but maximum of 6 in the group. (MTT)



8 Day 7 Night Gorgeous Taiwan

Providing a little time in Taipei prior to circuiting Taiwan.

Arrive Taoyuan Airport on Friday and transfer. The tour includes a Taipei Morning City Tour, Sun Moon Lake and Puli, Tainan and the Confucius Temple, Kaohsiung, Foguanshan Monastery, Taitung, Chihpen and the hot springs, East Coast Taiwan and Hualien, Taroko Gorge and back to Taipei City via the Su-Hua highway (road conditions permitting). A transfer to the Taoyuan Airport concludes the tour. (GF)



5 Day 4 Night. Round Island Tour

Departs from Taipei every Monday morning.

This is a seat in coach option and there may be others on the tour, depending on bookings.

Sun Moon Lake, Jiji Railway Station, Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Monastery, Kaohsiung, Kenting National Park, Oluanpi Light House, Taitung, Taiwan's East Coast, Hualien, Taroko Gorge and back to Taipei.

A perfect overview of Taiwan's scenic highlights. 5* accommodation x 4 nights, breakfasts, transfers, entry tickets and English speaking guide are included. (ET)

Responsibilities and Conditions

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Deposits and final payments:

A deposit of 20% per person is payable on confirmation. Final payments are to reach Pack Ya Bags no later than 45 days prior to departure, unless agreed. If for any reason your balance payment is not received by us by the due date, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled and to apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

Cancellations:

Are subject to a charge to cover the estimated costs and the scale of charges, per person, in the event of cancellation or failure to travel without formal cancellation, is as follows:

Land arrangements:

Cancellations prior to 14 days before departure. 20%
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Air arrangements: (guide only)

Cancellations within 14 days of departure. 25% of the airfare or any other amount as required by Airline Tariff.
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Refunds:

No refund is available for cancellations after the tour has commenced or in respect of any tours, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised.

Prices:

Prices are detailed on the attached price insert. Please check that the price list is the current issue. Prices are subject to change. Please check with your Travel Agent or Pack Ya Bags.

Booking arrangements:

Pack Ya Bags communications will be sent to your Travel Agent for all booking arrangements made through your Travel Agent.

Your Travel Agent shall, on the receipt of any tour monies, hold such monies for each and every person named in the booking until that booking is confirmed, at which time those monies shall be promptly remitted by your Agent to Pack Ya Bags.

Tickets and/or vouchers shall be forwarded on receipt of full payment to Pack Ya Bags. Tickets and/or vouchers may be provided as e-tickets or hard-copy.

Travel insurance:

We strongly recommend that, at the time of your reservation, you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy of your choice.

We suggest that the policy should include, but not be limited to the following features:

Loss of deposit through cancellation. Personal baggage and loss of money. Medical expenses in case of illness or accident.

Additional expenses to cover hotel accommodation and repatriation costs should the tour need to be extended or curtailed due to illness while overseas, or due to the needs to return to your country because of unexpected death or illness. This feature should also cover cancellation of transport services due to industrial action.



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