

TAIPEI INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

The city is situated in a basin in northern Taiwan that was inhabited by aboriginal people until settlers from China moved into the area about 300 years ago. Eastern Taipei was largely underused fields until the nineteen-seventies, when the city began to develop the area as a financial and commercial district. Here, the modern face of Taipei shines through, with its glass and steel skyscrapers, wide boulevards, and the world's tallest building, Taipei 101.

Taipei also boasts dozens of world-class performance venues, where you can enjoy world-class theater and concert events. The city also offers a wide range of other diversions -- shopping malls, nightclubs, live-music bars, quality hotels, and exotic restaurants.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Taipei Mass Rapid Transit System (MRT)

The system operates according to a spoke-hub distribution paradigm, with most rail lines running radically outward from central Taipei.

- Operation Hour: Daily from 6AM to midnight; extended services during special events.
- Frequency: 1.5 to 15 minutes intervals depending on the line and time of day.
- Fare:
 - ◎ "Single-journey Ticket for Cyclists" costs NT\$80 valid for one person with a single bicycle.
 - ◎ "One-day Pass" costs NT\$150 with unlimited travel within one day; can be purchased from a service booth.

See page 55 for Taipei Metro Map.

City Bus

Taipei City Bus operates daily from 6AM to midnight with extended services during special events.

Learn more about Taipei Bus routes and schedules at <http://www.taipeibus.taipei.gov.tw/TPBUS.aspx?lang=eng>

Sightseeing in Taipei



SHILIN NIGHT MARKET

is the one of the largest night markets in Taipei. Shilin Market is famous for various snacks and eatery. Many visitors have come to Shilin Night Market to enjoy the delicious foods, such as large pancake enfoldng small pancake, hot pot on stone or Shilin sausage. Shilin Night Market has become a renowned place for great foods.

Address: Between end of Wenlin Rd., Jihe Rd. and Zhongshan N. Rd.

MRT: Take the MRT and exist at the Jiantan Stop.



GUANGHUA MARKET

is the place to go in Taipei for computer equipment and other electronic gadgets, with over a hundred shops selling the high-tech items. In addition to computers and other electronic peripherals, the market also sells branded sportswear and athletic gear, DVDs and CDs, posters, PC and console games, books, stereo equipment, mobile phones and more. The market is known for its wide variety, low prices and convenient comparison shopping, making it a magnet for budget-minded student shoppers.

Address: No.77, Jinshan N. Rd., Jhongjheng District, Taipei City

MRT: Take the MRT and exist at Zhongxiao Xinsheng Station (Exit 1) then walk about 5 minute towards Civic Blvd.



THE NATIONAL PALACE MUSEUM

houses the world's largest collection of priceless Chinese art treasures, one which spans China's nearly 5,000-year history. Most of the museum's 620,000 art objects were part of the Chinese imperial collection, which began over 1,000 years ago in the early Song dynasty.

Address: No.221, Sec. 2, Zhishan Rd., Shilin District, Taipei City

MRT: Take the MRT to the Shilin Station and take bus R30 (Red 30) to the National Palace Museum.



CHIANG KAI-SHEK MEMORIAL HALL

is located in the heart of Taipei City. The area is 250,000 square meters and it is the attraction most visited by foreign tourists. Outside the gate of Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, there are poles carrying the sign of true rightness. The architecture of Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall is inspired by Tientam in Beijing. The four sides of the structure are similar to those of the pyramids in Egypt.

Address: No.21, Zhongshan S. Rd., Zhongzheng District, Taipei City

MRT: Take the MRT and exist at CKS Memorial Hall (Exit 5).



LONGSHAN TEMPLE

is a famous old temple in Taiwan for worshipping Guanshiyin Buddha and other divine spirits. Its architecture is a three-section design in shape built in Qianlong 5th year in Qing Dynasty. On each 1st and 15th day each month of lunar year, regular visitors will come to the temple for worship ceremony. Longshan Temple is not only a temple, a sightseeing attraction, but also a second-degree historical site.

Address: No. 211, Guangzhou St., Wanhua District, Taipei City

MRT: Take the MRT and exist at Longshan Temple Station.



TAIPEI 101

, with a mass of shops on the lower floors, incorporating many top brands under the LVMH group, such as Louis Vuitton, Dior, Celine, etc. The fourth floor houses the Page One bookstore from Singapore, with the highest-roofed coffee house in Taipei and many fine restaurants.

Address: 89F, No. 7, Sec. 5, Xinyi Rd., Xinyi District, Taipei City

MRT: Take the MRT and exist at Taipei City Hall Station then walk about 5 minute towards Xinyi Shopping District.



MAOKONG GONDOLA

is located in the southern tip of Taipei City, and the system began operation in July 2007. Since then it has evolved into a favorite tourist destination for locals and visitors. It is Taipei City's first high-altitude gondola. This French POMA-made system makes a circuit of four stations: Taipei Zoo Station, Taipei Zoo South Station, Zhinan Temple Station, and Maokong Station.

Address: Sec. 2, Xinguang Rd., Wenshan District, Taipei City

MRT: Take the MRT and exist at Taipei Zoo.