

New Taipei City Visitor Guide

Tour Around New Taipei City Starting From Banqiao!

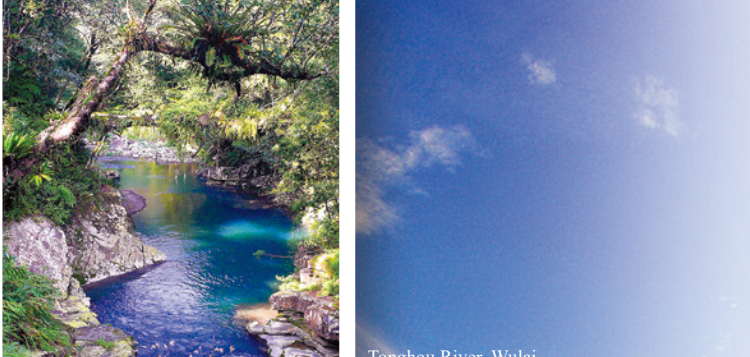
Banqiao comes from a rise of diversity and a fusion of old and the new. It has multiple modes of transportation such as the Taiwan Railway, the High Speed Rail, the MRT, and many more, which make the city a convenient place and the best starting point for visitors. New Banqiao District has a variety of hotels, shopping centers, and has many types of recreation to choose from. Plus, at every year's end, New Taipei City is full of Christmas joy, making the entire New Banqiao District one of the most romantic spots in northern Taiwan. At the same time, Banqiao still preserves its rich history and cultural landscapes. In order to get in touch with the culture of Banqiao and what it's all about, visitors can take a stroll down the small alleys and streets, enjoy delicious cuisine, taste samples or snacks, and shop in both traditional and night markets. Whether taking a nostalgic train ride or wandering along the north shore for the beauty of its mountains and sea, beginning a New Taipei City journey from Banqiao is a rewarding experience that visitors will not want to miss.



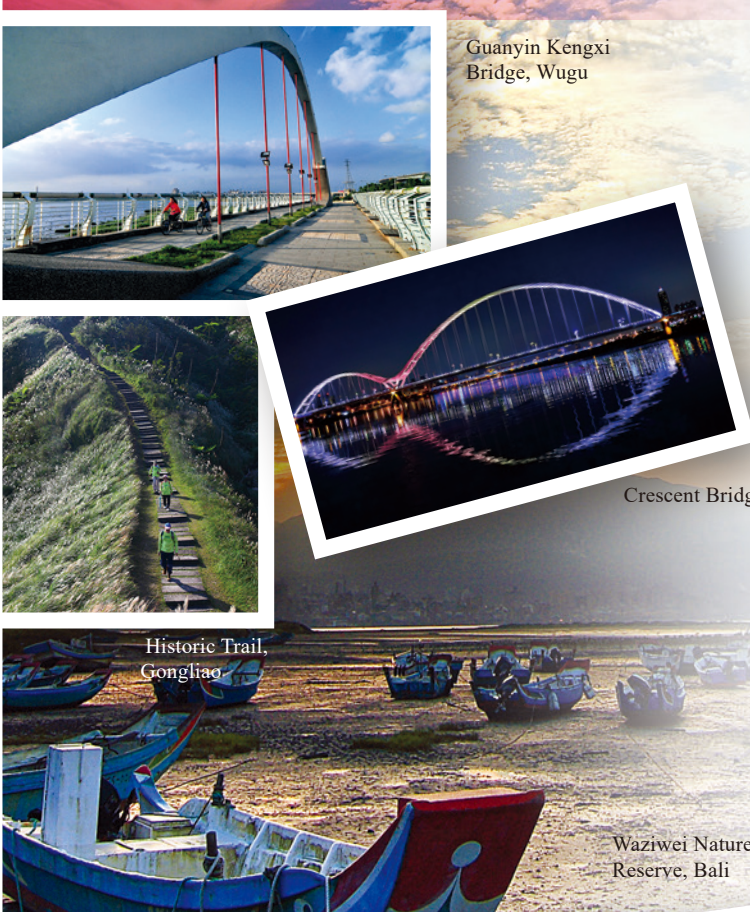
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Pedaling in the Breeze: Bicycle Tours



Art, Culture, and Festivals: Cultural Tours

Amidst a veil of incense smoke, a small temple courtyard can offer peace and an expansiveness of mind. At a Buddhist temple, the ringing of a bell and the murmuring chant of Sutras sets the tone for a moment of quiet to dispel the anxieties of life.

Tranquility also awaits in a hillside town. Against the black of night, sky lanterns rise into the skies creating a beautiful and moving image that seems also to lift away the worries of the world.

New Taipei City is one of the first areas to be developed in Taiwan. It also has preserved, to considerable extent, the traditional Chinese culture from its earlier days. This culture has fused with tribe's traditions indigenous to Taiwan to create a fascinating tapestry of culture. Religious faith is an important part of Chinese traditional culture. In New Taipei, there are many Taoist temples that have served as centers of faith and hubs of commercial activity for over a century. Many of these temples are architectural masterpieces made with exquisite craftsmanship and eruptions of color, their structural design, bell and drum towers, gallery hall carvings, skillfully crafted ceiling caissons, and the legends that follow, all adhere to a strict code of standards.

Religion has also given rise to other cultural dimensions of Taiwan. Traditional foods, ceremony, puppet theater, lion dancing, traditional Taiwanese opera, deity pilgrimages, and even the daily livelihood of the people all have ties to religious culture in Taiwan.

Visitors to New Taipei City can also discover traditional culture in festivals and museums. Examples include the Sky Lantern Festival, Lion Dance Culture Festival, Ceramics Museum, Indigo Dyeing Festival, and the Gold Museum. Festivals are held throughout the year, each with activities and performances that bring the local culture alive.

Religion and Temple Culture
There are countless temples in New Taipei. Both Taoist and Buddhist temples can be found on city streets, on mountainsides, and by the sea, indicating the richness of faith in traditional Chinese culture. The temple architecture, chief deities, and legendary stories surrounding this tradition of faith also have an irresistible magnetic appeal.

Zushi temple in Sanxia was built during the Qing Dynasty under the reign of Emperor Qianlong. The renovation was led by artist Li Mei-Shu known as "The Oriental Arts Center". Temple visitors will find it time well spent admiring fine stone engravings and wood carvings crafted many decades ago. Yonglian Temple in Luzhou Chung Lin Monastery, Longshan Temple in Tamsui, and other century-old temples display not only the power of folk religion, but also reflect the traditional architectural aesthetics.

The Xinzhuang Old Street (night market), also known as Temple Street, has the notable feature of a high density of temples. With over three hundred years

Down brings a bustling new day to New Taipei City. The city is alive with urban activity, as well as the beauty and rhythm of nature: the mountains, rivers and sea are all abundantly present.

The natural beauty of New Taipei has made the city a cyclist's paradise. In fact, one of the best ways to enjoy the city's charm through healthy recreation is by cycling along the river banks in its cycling-friendly environment.

The New Taipei City area combines the modern conveniences of fast-paced urban living with an abundance of nature. The city is surrounded by numerous mountains and several major rivers, the Tamsui, Keelung, Dahan and Xindian rivers.

Starting the journey from downtown, visitors can easily take a day trip to enjoy the scenic riverbanks full of ripe green vegetation, or visit a tranquil hillside town. Also, cycling is a great way to appreciate the views in a healthy, low-carbon footprint way.

New Taipei City is exceptionally cyclist friendly. The city has numerous bike rental stations and an extensive network of scenic bikeways. Riverside bikeways pass through urban areas along riverbanks with cityscape views. The North Coast cycling route brings one up close to the sea, with the mountains on one side and the beauty of the Pacific Ocean on the other. There are also several mountain routes for a more challenging ride. These routes lead to tree growing areas, old mining towns and other scenic getaways.

Leisurely Escapes: Riverside Bikeways
New Taipei City is crisscrossed by rivers with broad sandbanks and lush green settings, creating popular places for recreation. Riverside bikeways in the city are safe and friendly for all types of cyclists and families. From the city, you can choose from a number of scenic routes, including the Crescent Bridge that connects Banqiao to Xin Zhuang, and the nearly 20-km-



of history, it's a microcosm of the history of Taiwan's development, making it an epitome of historical sites. Aside from the bustling night market, there are historical temples and monuments, set in an atmosphere of century-old tradition. The market area is worthy of tourists to savor their elegant treats, including pastry shops, dried bean curds shops, drum factories, and blacksmith shops.

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Visitors will rate highly Tamsui's Wuji Tanyuan Temple, which was modeled after the Temple of Heaven in Beijing, and is one of the best-known places for enjoying the cherry blossoms in New Taipei City.

Traditional Culture and Festivals
Around the time of the Chinese lunar New Year, the normally quiet hillside township of Pingxi comes alive with the activity of the Sky Lantern Festival. During this several-day event, visitors write their prayers and wishes over the year ahead on traditional tissue paper lanterns that are released together by the thousands into a skyward ascent. It's a sight that you won't want to miss during the Chinese New Year festivities. Releasing a sky lantern at Pingxi was chosen by CNN as a must-do activity in their list of "52 Things to do in 2013," attracting many tourists from all around the world.

Every year during May to June, there is an international Drum Arts Festival in New Taipei City. Based on the historical background of world-famous Xiang Ren He Drum Factory, it popularizes the exclusive drum making strategies and the enjoyment of beating drums through cultural and educational understanding in order to enable people's appreciation of the beauty of drum arts. August brings about the Sanxia Indigo Dyeing Festival: an art and cultural feast that introduces traditional dyeing techniques and attracts thousands of visitors.

From October to November, Taishan hosts the annual Lion Dance Culture Festival, which features a lively lion dance competition.

The History of Architectural Aesthetics
To learn more about local history, make sure to visit the Lin Family Mansion and Garden in Banqiao. The Lin clan traces its wealth back to the Qing dynasty

long route along the Erchong Floodway, with views of the urban and natural landscape along the way. The Bai Left Bank route follows the beautiful Tamsui River past mangrove woods and the Shihshanhang Museum of Archaeology. The Gold Coast Bikeway links to Tamsui past the Old Street area and all of its snacking attractions. This is also a good spot to rest and enjoy the sunset.

Riding by the Sea: Coastal Cycling Routes
The North Coast cycling route is a good choice, accompanied by the sound of the waves. This route extends along the coast from Jinshan to Wanli past beautiful rock formations, historic old streets, hot springs, and traditional fishing harbors. The scenic beach areas here are also suitable for surfing, snorkeling, canoeing, paragliding and other water sports. From the deep blue sea to emerald peaks, nature follows you on the ride with its world-class beauty.

Challenging Nature: Forest and Hillside Town Cycling Routes
For a challenging hillside ascent, there are several cycling routes in Pinglin to choose from. These routes pass along forests and rivers with scenic tea fields dotting the landscape along the way. The Pingxi-Ruilang cycling route is another good choice, linking to old hillside mining towns and following the branch rail line. In Pingxi, you can also release sky lanterns to carry your wishes into the sky. Visitors may also want to take pictures of and around the famous Pingxi Police Station (Sky Lanterns Museum). Nearby, you can also find the Bike Safety Center, which not only provides basic maintenance service, but also gives bikers the opportunity to visit the multifunctional facility.

From scenic mountains and coasts to lush riverside settings, the natural beauty of New Taipei City needs to be experienced to be fully appreciated. Slow down and match the rhythm of nature on a biking excursion in New Taipei City.

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C4 Luzhou-Sanchong Bikeway · B3 Bai Left Bank Bikeway · E2 Jinshan Wanli Bikeway · F6 Jinguashan River Bikeway · F5 Pingxi Ruilang Bikeway · C4 Crescent Bridge ·



and the family has not only preserved its affluence over the years, but has also endowed its community with the most complete traditional garden and residence in Taiwan.

The historic Lee Family Estate historical buildings in Luzhou have been carefully restored and preserved. The family is well-known for their family traditional spirit: plowing, studying, medicine, love, patriotism, and preservation.

In addition, there is a perfectly preserved residence in Shengkeng Old Street. It was built with sun-dried bricks and stone slate with one main building and two side buildings around a central courtyard. It has eye-catching red brick arched doorways. Visitors can stop by the Huang Family's Yang An Residence which is also called "The Museum of Minnan-style Architecture".

Museums of Local Culture
The local museum and cultural center enables visitors to deepen their knowledge of the local traditions and practices. The Gold Museum in the hillside town of Jinguashi opens a window to Taiwan's early mining history, with displays of mining equipment, DYE gold panning activities, and a mine car ride.

Ceramics Old Street, which has over 200 years of history, is located in the area of Jianshanpu Road, Yingge. After the area went through a reorganization, ceramic works of art can be seen everywhere. The old buildings combine with the new art work giving this ancient street a newer and more diversified charm. In Yingge Ceramics Museum, the first ceramics museum designed to focus on pottery culture, visitors are able to experience century-old pottery making techniques as well as the beauty of the ceramic arts. The unique architectural design, public ornaments outside, and an atmosphere of cultural art enrich the museum experience.

Since the 17th century, Tamsui has become a major trade port among eastern and western countries because of its location. In addition to this point, the colonial period has contributed and enriched this city. Some historical scenic spots include Tamsui Historic Museum, Fort San Domingo, Hobe Fort, and Qing Dynasty Chief Taxation Officer's Residence.

In Sanzhi, make sure to visit the Li Tien-lu Hand Puppet Historical Museum, which presents the world of puppetry with displays of antique puppets and traditional puppet theaters, as well as live puppet performances.

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The Atayal are known for their textiles, woven handicrafts, and wood carvings. Such items are sold by shops along Waterfall Old Street and Wulai Old Street, along with specialty aboriginal foods: mochi (sticky rice cake), millet wine, roasted boar meat and venison, shellflower rice, and bamboo tube rice. Hot spring cooked eggs are another local treat.

The ancestors of the Atayal tribe live in the area today known as Fushan. The Tranan tribe is the most indigenous tribe in Wulai. Consume this delectable tour and admire the Five Creek Falls, and hike the Waterway Trail. Visit the Fushan Church and Elementary School, and visit the tribe to experience the simple, slow life and culture of the Atayal people.

Hot Spring Paradise
The Atayal have long used the hot springs of Wulai for their daily baths. Today, the springs can be enjoyed in a variety of ways. The spring water in Wulai is normally at a comfortable temperature of about 80°C, slightly alkaline, and rich in sodium bicarbonate. It's clear, and suitable for drinking and bathing. Its mineral content is also beneficial to the skin, earning the springs here the nickname, "beauty baths".

From forest escapes to bird watching, hot spring bathing, to delicious cuisine, Wulai invites you to experience the beauty of nature and the richness of Taiwan's indigenous culture, all within easy reach of the city.

Map Reference
D7 Wulai Old Street, Wulai Waterfall, Yuen Hsien Holiday Resort · E7 Wulai Atayal Museum



townhouses, which are two-story high. On Pingxi Old Street, one can see where the train used to pass, which is one of the most significant characteristics about this place. Pingxi is just the right place to celebrate the Lantern Festival, as people can light and send up lanterns into the sky. Not only did The Discovery Channel have this activity in their countdown as the world's second greatest festival, but it also appeared on CNN's list of "52 Things to do in 2013." It was even praised by the world's biggest tourism press, *Forbes*, as one of the "15 Festivals to Attend Before You Die" list, which was followed by the Carnival in Rio and the Oktoberfest in Munich. These factors have brought many tourists to Pingxi to light up their own lanterns, causing it to be an international phenomenon for Taiwan. Pingxi is a place you don't want to miss!

Finally, next to the Jingong Train Station is the Jingong Old Street. Just follow the railroad, and you will notice the slate tiles that are remnants of the coal mining days. On the streets, you'll find traditional dishes, souvenir stores, famous chicken rolls, and many popular vendors nearby. At night, you can visit the multifunctional Pingxi Police Station (Sky Lantern Museum), which is the first building in Wulai to be shaped like a lantern. Watch an extraordinary light show at night on a giant lantern shaped screen made of 193,924 LEDs, or write your wishes on your own lantern and send it into the sky.

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B3 Tamsui Old Street · B2 Former British Consulate and Fort San Domingo, Tankang University, Tamsui Presbyterian Church · B6 Sanxia Old Street, Zushi Temple · A6 Yingge Historic Street · E5 Shengkeng Old Street, Huang Family's Yang An Residence · H3 Chiufen Old Street · C4 Sanhe Night Market, Luzhou Temple Street Night Market, Xinzhuang Temple Street Night Market · E2 Jinbo Old Street · D1 Fuji Fishing Harbor · F5 Pingxi Police Station (Sky Lantern Museum) · G4 Houtong · G4 Shifen · F5 Pingxi, Jinglong ·



Tantalizing Taste Buds: Cuisine Tours

Fish crisps, Tamsui

Soybean curd pudding, Xinzhuang Night Market, Xinzhuang

Steamed rice dumplings in bamboo leaves

Taiwanese burger, Sanchong

Stinky tofu, Shengkeng

Eight treasures ice

Beef noodles

Rice with pork spareribs, Tamsui

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With the streetlamp lights on, vendors gather one by one, flooding the evening with warmth, light, and mouth-watering aromas. As the sky darkens, the street market fills the night with the energy of food and friendship.

New Taipei City is bustling with fun-filled food fairs and night markets, which play an important role in the daily lives of their neighborhoods, as well as in the experiences of the casual visitor.

The 29 administrative districts of New Taipei City each have their own food and market culture. This city will conquer your heart through your stomach; from streets touting foreign cuisine to fresh seafood found in traditional and night markets, you'll fall in love with New Taipei City. Come by for a taste!

Street foods are an excellent way to experience Taiwanese culture. The difficult part is in picking from among the countless eateries in New Taipei City. Night market snacks are the perfect starters with great variety served in small portions. If you're feeling up to the challenge, you're welcome to try them all!

Yonghe soy milk, minced meat on rice, beef noodles, Taiwanese Fried chicken, pearl milk tea, and bean curd pudding are just a few of the local favorites. In addition to foods, numerous shopping districts, old streets, and night markets are the perfect places to shop for anything you might need. From clothing and accessories to electronics, even arcade sellers offer very reasonable prices. Just follow the vendors' call and let their enthusiasm infect you.

Night Market Snacks

There are night markets the world over, but few have the warmth and energy of Taiwan's night markets. They are the daily haunts of locals, and well-known for their culinary delights. New Taipei City is home to many famous night markets. Near the MRT Fuzhong exit, the Nanya and Huangshi night markets are the kitchens of Banqiao District. Countless vendors have set up shop in these streets over the past 30 years, selling Chinese herb-steamed ribs, chicken in sesame oil, freshly stir-fried squid, and many other local favorites. Located just outside an MRT entrance, Zhonghe District's Xingnan Night Market boasts a great complementation of bargains and local specialties and light eateries. Sanchong District's Sanhe Night Markets are home to many bargain finds, as well as top quality vermelli, cuttlefish steak, and delicious papaya milk. The vendor booths at Daan Garden Night Market in Shulin are divided into several sections according to what they sell. All kinds of food, drinks, games, and other entertainment events can be found there.

Inland Night Markets

In addition to night markets, New Taipei City has many shopping malls and street markets. Tamsui Old Street is famous for its fish ball soup and agei (meats and vermicelli wrapped in tofu and steamed); Jinbo Old Street is known for its great variety of uia dishes and ice creams, as well as its duck restaurants, which sell out every day; Fuji Harbor on the north coast boasts a row of ship-to-plate seafood restaurants, where you can not only pick the liveliest of ingredients, but tell the chef exactly how you would like them cooked. Moreover, the Turtle Roar Fishing Port in Wanli District is rich in crafts throughout autumn and winter which is a tasty local cuisine worth trying. Along Zhonghe District's South Pacific Street, the food markets boast of a great variety of authentic South East Asian foods made by the local immigrant population; Luzhou and Xinzhuang districts are famous for having many century-old temples with must-eat traditional snacks. Last, but not least, Nannan (South Gate) Market in Banquo district has many traditional Taiwanese pastry stores, where visitors can find a great variety of pastries that are a delight to the eye.

With nice weather all year round, New Taipei City eateries are privy to the best and freshest ingredients for unique local cuisine. If you're not sure where to go, just follow the crowd, or better yet, ask a local, who is likely to go to any lengths to make sure you eat well, even if you don't happen to speak the same language.

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Blue Skies and Watersides: River Tours

There are many significant rivers that run through New Taipei City, such as the Tamsui River, the Keelung River, Dahan River, and more. The estuary of the Tamsui River resides in Danshui District. In a former era, rivers played an important role in New Taipei City where they were used as shipping channels. There were many bridges that connected to administrative areas. However, due to sediment deposition, evolution of the society, and the development of ground and sea transportation, inland river ports began to slowly disappear. As a result, the bustling street was on its way to turning into dust. Recently, however, these harbors have attracted a myriad of tourists, making them one of the most popular recreational hotspots. Standing on the left bank of the Tamsui River, one can look across the water to the cityscape, green mountains, and ferries, with an occasional fishing boat to remind one that Tamsui was once a small fishing port. Returning to the Right Bank, visitors can stroll along the banyan-lined embankment, gaze out to the sea, and wait for the sun to make its beautiful descent. With nightfall, the lights flicker on and make one even more hesitant to leave.

If you're looking for historical sceneries in Taipei, going along the shore is one method. The Tamsui River, which carried the burden of having the most shipments, is now on its way to becoming obsolete. However, the harbor is being restored to its original beauty. Whether taking the charter boat, the ferry, or the waterbus, the roads all overlap from the northern shore to the islands of the Tamsui River, the Huajiang Wharf in Banqiao, and many more scenic estuaries that attract hordes of tourists. You can even get across from Taipei City to New Taipei City by taking the ferry or cycling. Both are considered excellent ways of getting the full view of the New Taipei City shore. Waterbus tourists can enjoy views of the plants and critters that dwell there, and moving on to the next scenic harbor is very convenient. You can learn more about the New Taipei City Waterbus here: <http://www.traffic.nptc.gov.tw/webpage/waterbus0224/>

Left Bank: Cycling through Nature
Setting out from the beautiful Left Bank area in Bali, cyclists can follow the riverbank to the Left Bank Park, with a welcome breeze blowing over the broad estuarine area. At the Wazwei Nature Reserve to the north, one can see riverside mangroves and the natural wetland ecology. Further along is the Shihshanhang Museum of Archaeology, Formosa Fun Coast recreation area, and Tang Spa hot springs theme park.

The route south from Bali Ferry Wharf passes through a riverside park and a number of scenic spots, including the Mangrove Forest Ecology Exhibition Hall, Guandu Temple, Guandu Nature Park, and Huajiang Wild Duck Nature Park.

Right Bank: Strolling and Eating in the Old Street Area
Situated on the estuary of the Tamsui River, the Tamsui has evolved over the years from a small fishing village in the Qing period to the visitor hot spot it is today. Despite a steady throng of visitors, the Old Street area still retains a yesteryear spirit, evident in the traces of the town's colonial past and the traditional snacks sold here. On clear days, Tamsui is a popular spot to enjoy the sunset. Lover's Bridge at Fisherman's Wharf offers a panoramic view to watch the sun slip into the sea. And from the hilltop vantage of Hobe Fort, one can see the Tamsui River as it snakes from the city to the sea. Though the era of sailboats on the Tamsui has gone, a ferry ride on the river still offers a novel view of New Taipei. A riverside bicycle ride is also a good way to experience a different side of the city. Whatever the season, a Blue Highway journey in New Taipei is an experience that shouldn't be missed.

Inland River: Enjoy Riverside and Waterside Sightseeing by Day or Night
Next to the Zhongxiao Bridge in Sanchong District is the Zhongxiao Wharf. You can rent a bicycle near the Riverside Park and feel the cool breeze when riding along the riverbank. You can also take a stroll at what is now one of the most relaxing locations in Zhongxiao Wharf. You can go bicycle riding along the shore towards the New Taipei Bridge and enjoy the rhythm of the wind and the turning of the wheel. It is an unforgettable experience for bicycle riders. Inside the Huajiang Watergates is the Huajiang Wharf. Upon noticing the blue road, you are entering a new place. Nearby is the wetland that is rich in living things, causing every season to possess different views in every landscape. Near the wharf and under the Huacui Bridge, children can play and watch people perform on stage at the Jianguo Gravel Waterfront Park. To get away from the hot temperature, walk under the bridge to chat with your friends. The waterbuses in New Taipei City are scheduled according to the irregular tides, and even pull all-nighters. One of the most popular tourist routes is the "Huajiang Wharf to the Crescent Bridge."

Map Reference
B3 Bai Left Bank Park · Wazwei Nature Reserve · Shihshanhang Museum of Archaeology · C3 Mangrove Forest Ecology Exhibition Hall · B3 Tamsui Old Street · Tamsui's 2nd Fishing Port (Fisherman's Wharf) · Hobe Fort ·

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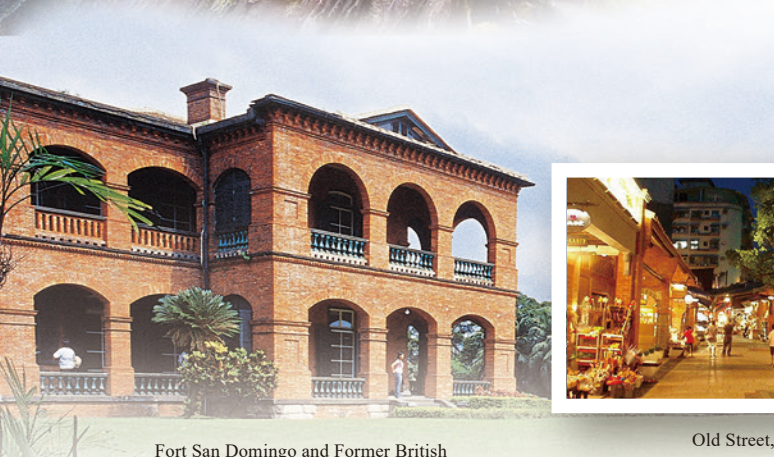
Mountain Highs: Eco Indigenous Tours

The dawn sun pierces the forest canopy in bolts of golden light, warming the mist into an accelerating ascent. The murmur of the river, the roar of the falls, the twitter of birds, and the activity of the forest creatures in the trees all coalesce into a symphony of nature in Wulai.

Before the arrival of Chinese settlers, Taiwan was inhabited by indigenous peoples, both agrarian flatland tribes and highland tribes that lived from hunting. These natives have developed beautiful songs, dances and ritual ceremonies to mark the seasons. They worship nature and share its fruits, passing on their unique languages and culture across generations.

Centuries ago, the Atayal people settled the mountainous area of Wulai, now a southern district in New Taipei City. The villages sit high on the mountain and are surrounded by the natural beauty of the valleys, the waterfalls, and the towering trees of the forest. Wulai is also a hot spring area, and earns its name from the Atayal word for "hot water."

The forests of Wulai were logged during the Japanese occupation period. The trees have steadily recovered their beauty, but vestiges of the era can still be seen in the logging transport trains that have survived. The hot springs and convenient transportation links have further added to Wulai's appeal, as have the richness of the local indigenous culture, which can be appreciated along Wulai Old Street. Make sure to also enjoy a moment's peace with Wulai Waterfall during your journey to this mountain escape.



Fort San Domingo and Former British Consulate Tamsui

Old Street, Shengkeng

INTRODUCTION TO NEW TAIPEI CITY

New Taipei City is located in northern Taiwan. It surrounds Taipei City and has a total area of over 2,000 sq. km. The northeastern, northern, and western districts all border the sea with a combined coastline 120 kilometers long. The city's 29 districts are home to over 6 million residents, making it the most populous of Taiwan's administrative regions.

New Taipei is an expansive area generously endowed by nature: from the peaks of Yangmingshan, the Datun Mountains, and the Hsuehsan Mountains, to the breathtaking northeastern coast ocean views and rock formations like "Queen's Head" on the northern coast. Other attractions include the sunsets of Fisherman's Wharf in Tamsui, and a high-quality bicycle system connects Linkou, Bai, Jinshan, and Yeliu.

Apart from its natural charms, New Taipei City is rich in its culture and festival activities. These include the Lin Family Mansion and Garden in Bangiao, pottery in Yingge, the bridge in Sansia, the Qinghai Zushi Temple, the Fisherman's Wharf, and the Blue Highway in Tamsui, the Cat Bridge in Hougang, Juifen Old Street, Pingxi sky lanterns, scenic railways, and much more. Each season also has its unique allure: flower viewing and tea tasting during spring; water activities and the sand sculpture festival in summer; the Indigo Festival and the Silver Grass Festival in the time of fall, and finally, the Hot Spring Season in winter. Lots of festival fun for all year round.

Season	Month	Festival
Spring	Feb	Sansia Qinghai Zushi Temple Festival, Yeliu Harbor Purification Festival, Pingxi International Heavenly Lantern Festival, around the Lantern Festival Period, Wulai Cherry Blossom Festival, Sanzhi Cherry Blossom Season
	Mar	Yoshiho Cherry Season at Tianyun Temple in Damsih
	Apr	New Taipei City Multicultural Festival, Tucheng Tung Blossom Festival, Shengkeng Tung Blossom Festival
Summer	May	Juifen Matsuri Temple Festival (first day of the fourth lunar month), New Taipei City Tea Festival (Spring), Fulong Sand Sculpture Festival, Sanzhi Cherry Blossom, New Taipei City International Drum Arts Festival
	June	Xinzhong Temple Festival (first day of the fifth lunar month), Xindian Dragon Boat Race (5th day of the fifth lunar month), Tamsui Zushi Temple Festival (around the Dragon Boat Festival period in the fifth lunar month), Shuangqi Ginger Lily Festival, Green Bamboo Shoot Festival, Gold HomeTown Art Festival
	July	Hohayuan Rock Festival in Gongliao, Midsummer Night's Dream, Sansia Indigo Dye Festival, Suller Pai Fishing Festival, Four-treasure Festival in Shengkeng, Wulai Atayal Cultural Festival, Shuangqi Lotus Festival
Autumn	Aug	Fanshuliao Festival, New Taipei City FUN Street
	Sep	North Coast Kite Festival
	Oct	International Environmental Arts Festival, Taichien Lian Dance Cultural Festival, (18th day of the ninth lunar month, a week before the Zushi pilgrimage), Linkou Zidui Luzhou Divine Generals and Soup Noodles Festival (Oct. Nov.), Sandy Water Oats Festival, Shanchong Halloween Carnival, Red Yeast Rice Festival, Wuli Crab in New Taipei City, Bangiao Kuchang Marketplace Halloween, Shengkeng Tofu Cuisine Banquet
Winter	Nov	Sword Grass Season on the Caoling Historic Trail, Jinshan, Wanli, and Wulai Hot Spring Season, Shengkeng Traditional Art and Culture Festival
	Dec	Bangiao Happy Xmas Festival, New Taipei City Tea Festival (Winter)

■ New Taipei City Travel Information
● MRT System
● Hours 6:00-24:00
● Lines in Service:
Headway (First train 6:00 / Last train 24:00)

Section	Peak	Off-peak	After 23:00
BR Wanhua	2-4 mins	4-10 mins	12 mins
R Tamsui-Xinyi			
G Songshan-Xindian			
O Zhonghe-Xinlu	3-7 mins	5-10 mins	12-15 mins
BL Bannan Line			
Y Circular line			
Xinbeitou Branch	7-8 mins	10-12 mins	12-15 mins
Xiaobitan Branch		10-20 mins	
V Danhai light rail		10-15 mins	
K Ankeng light rail	10-15 mins	15 mins	

* Peak periods : Mon-Fri 7:00-09:00 and 17:00-19:30
● Fare Type

Type	Fare
Single trip	NT\$20-45
One-day pass	NT\$140 (One Day pass is valid for unlimited Taipei Metro rides from first use until the end of service in Taipei Metro within 24 hours from the first use. It is only valid for one passenger at a time.)
24hr Taipei Metro Pass	NT\$200 (The ticket is valid for unlimited travel on the Taipei Metro within 24 hours from the first use. It is only valid for one passenger at a time.)
Tapei Pass	EasyCard Deposit \$10 (Additional top-up is needed. Pay by each way with different prices.)
Passengers with bicycles	NT\$80 (Good day of discount for single trip and one bicycle)

● Transfer Services: Transfer buses (those with a BR, R, O, G, or BL prefix to the route number) serve stops near the station along with regular public buses.
● City Buses & Taiwan Tourist Shuttle: New Taipei City has a well-developed bus system, including regular buses, MRT transfer buses, and other types of bus lines (Taiwan Tourist Shuttle "Crown Northern Coastline", "Gold Highway", "Majia Road", etc.), with frequent service. Fares can be paid with an EasyCard or cash. Fares are charged by number of route sections traveled at a rate of NT\$15 per section. EasyCard users can also enjoy a discounted adult fare rate of NT\$6 for bus travel within one hour after riding the MRT.
● Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Website: <http://www.taiwantrip.com.tw>
● Highway Buses: Highway buses provide convenient service to scenic sites further afield, such as Juifen, Jinshan, and Yeliu. Buses depart from the New Taipei City Bus Station (next to Bangiao Train Station) and Taipei Bus Station.
● Taipei Bus Station Address: 209, Sec. 1, Civic Blvd., Datong Dist., Taipei City (near Taipei Main Station between Civic Blvd., Chengde Rd., and Zhongshan N. Rd., Train station) Tel.: +886-2-7733-5888
● Bangiao Transfer Station: New Taipei City, Bangiao District, Xinzhan Rd., No. 66 (next to Bangiao train station) Tel.: +886-2-8681-568

● Train: Taiwan has a well-developed rail network with service to all parts of the island. It is advisable to book your tickets in advance online or by phone. Tickets can be picked up at the station ticket counters and at post offices.
● Taiwan Railways Administration Website: +12-11113338
● +886-2-2191-0096 (local calls and cell phones) Website: <http://railway.hinet.net>

● Taxi: The cabs in New Taipei City can be hailed from roadside, from a taxi stand, an APP or you can call for pick-up. The meter starts at NT\$75 (NT\$100 from Tamsui district) for the first 1.2km. Fares increase by NT\$5 per additional 200 meters traveled or per additional waiting time (60 sec.). There are also an NT\$20 additional charge between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Some specific routes in Ruifang and Wulai district are charged under government regulations.
● Taiwan Tour Bus: The Taiwan Tour Bus system serves all of the visitor hot spots in New Taipei City. The fare includes all transportation, guide service, and insurance, with fixed-time daily service.
● Website: <http://www.taiwantourbus.com.tw>

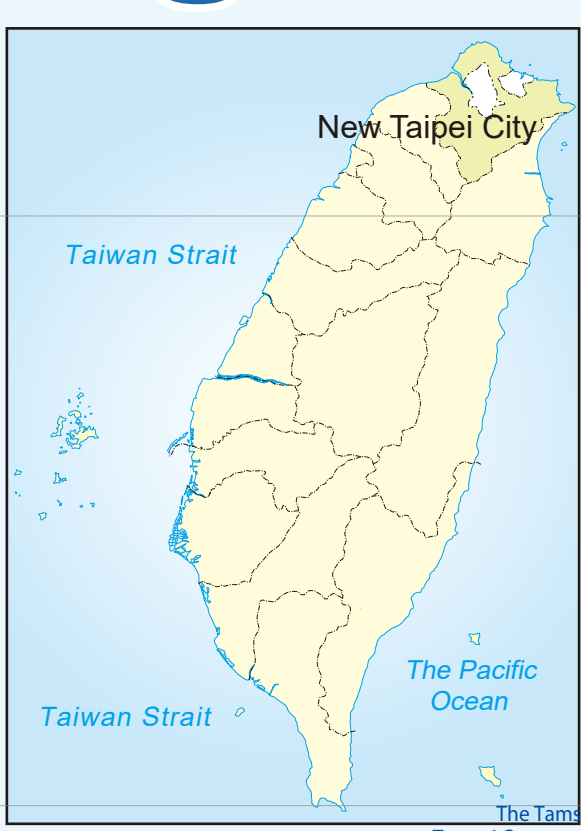
● Travel Services: Useful Phone Numbers/Websites
- New Taipei City Hotline: 1999
- Taiwan Tourism Bureau Hotline: 02-2717-3737 (8:00-19:00)
- Call Center 24-hour Toll-free Travel Information Hotline: 0800-011-765
- Police: 110
- Fire/Emergency: 119
- Emergency (for mobile phone users): 112
- Executive Yuan Consumer Hotline: 1955
- Weather: 166
- New Taipei City Tourism Website: <http://tour.mtc.gov.tw/>
- Taiwan Tourism Bureau: <http://taiwan.net.tw>
- Taiwan Tourism Bureau Hotel and Homestay Management System: <http://taiwanstay.net.tw/>

■ New Taipei City Travel Service Centers
● Hours: Open year-round (9:00-12:00 on Lunar New Year Eve)

Name	Address	Tel.	Service Hour
Bangiao Visitor Information Center	No.1, Sec. 2, Baermen Boulevard, Bangiao District, New Taipei City (Rt. 6 of Bangiao Train Station)	(02)2665-7908	Service Hours: 9:00AM to 6:00PM
Tamsui Visitor Information Center	No.1, Zhongxing Road, Tamsui District, New Taipei City	(02)2626-7613	for all information centers.
Xindian Visitor Information Center	Next to No.2, Sec. 1, Beitou Road, Xindian District, New Taipei City	(02)2914-6009	for all information centers.
Ruifang Visitor Information Center	No.32, Sec. 1, Mingyong Road, Ruifang District, New Taipei City	(02)2497-3813	First Station opens at 10:00AM.
Wulai Visitor Information Center	No.34, Pudu, Wulai District, New Taipei City	(02)261-6942	
Wulai Visitor Center	No.45-1, Wulai St., Wulai District, New Taipei City	(02)261-6335	Service hours change due to holidays and different seasons.
Shifen Visitor Center	No.136, Nanshan Road, Nanshan Village, Pingxi District, New Taipei City	(02)2495-8409	
Juifen Visitor Center	No.85, Ciche Road, Ruifang District, New Taipei City	(02)2495-3270	
Guanyinshan Scenic Area Administration (Kuan-Yin Shan management station)	No.136, Sec. 3, Lingyun Road, Wugu District, New Taipei City	(02)262-8888	Travelers can make requests by calling (phone number) for an appointment.
Beitou Bay Visitor Center	No.33-4, Xayuan Road, Beitou District, New Taipei City	(02)2635-5100	
Sanzhi Visitor Center	No.16-2, Putzhang, Piping Village, Sanzhi District, New Taipei City	(02)8635-5143	
Jinshan Visitor Center	No.17-2, Huanggang Road, Jinshan District, New Taipei City	(02)2498-8900	
Yeliu Visitor Center	No.167-1, Gangrong Road, Wanli District, New Taipei City	(02)2492-2016	
Hougang Travel Information Station	15, No. 42, Chailiao Road, Ruifang District, New Taipei City	(02)2497-4143	
Hougang Visitor Center	Entry of Xinyue Bridge, Ruifang District, New Taipei City	(02)2497-4169	
Shuangding Visitor Center	No.158-8, Roof Road, Ruifang District, New Taipei City	(02)2496-1588	
Fulong Visitor Center	No.36, Xinglong Street, Fulong Neighborhood, Gongliao District, New Taipei City	(02)2499-1210	
Jingdong Visitor Center	101, No.10, Sec.1, Jingdong Road, Pinglin District, New Taipei City	(02)2495-2358	

Guanyin Mountain, Sanzhi, Jinshan, Yeliu Open everyday, including Chinese New Year.

New Taipei City Sightseeing Map



Scale: 1/100,000

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Diagram example	Attractions	Bike trail
1 National Freeway	● Attractions	● Park
2 Expressway	● Temple	● Hot spring
3 Provincial road	● Recreational trails	● Flower trail
4 County road	● Museum	● Pier
5 General road	● Shopping	● Beach
6 Railway	● Department stores	● School
7 High-speed railway	● Church	● Train station
8 County boundary	● Tourism Factory	● Power plant
9 Township boundary	● River	● Tamsui-Kavalan Trails
10 Bikeway		

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The East Sea

Scale: 1/150,000
Following from the lower-left map

Route on this map is schematic and does not reflect the exact location.

New Taipei City Tourism Factory and Cultural Museum Index			
1	Glastory Arts Center	13	ATOP Time Art Pavilion
2	Taiwan Fuji Condoms Discovery Center	14	Hsin-Wang Shu Ceramics Memorial Museum
3	Taiwan's Socks Museum	15	Aconpure Green Technology Inc.
4	Vigor Pineapple Cake Kobo	16	Taiwan Tea Corporation
5	Amed Advanced Medication	17	PingLin Tea Cultural Museum
6	Wei Zhuan Doggy Willie	18	Siang Shuai Cake
7	Yunye Meat Curd	19	Prince Creative Stationery Kingdom
8	Indian DIY Leathercraft	20	Popsmile Popcorn Factory
9	Yumeiren Maternity Garment Museum	21	Taiwan Head Brewers
10	Sunnery Danish Bread Garden		
11	Shu Shin Bou Wagashi Museum		
12	Teasop Tourism Factory		