# **Modern Taipei**

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Date	City	Hotel	Schedule	Meal	Transportation
Day1	India → Taiwan Taipei	Taoyuan / Orchard Park or same level	→ Taipei	Flight meals	Airplane ` Bus
Day2	Taipei	Taipei / Sunworld Dynasty Hotel or same level	Taoyuan → National Palace Museum → Chiang Kai-Shek Shilin Residence→ CKS Memorial Hall → Stay in Taipei	B: Hotel	
				L:Local Reataurant	Bus
				D: Hotel	
Day3	Nantou	Xitou / LE MIDI HOTEL or same level	Taipei →National Taichung Theater → Xitou  Nature Education Area → stay in Nantou	B:Hotel	
				L:Local Reataurant	Bus
				D: Hotel	
Day4	Nantou	Xitou / Yoou Shan grand Hotel or same level	Chung Tai Chan Monastry→ Sun Moon Lake  ( Includes lake tours ) → stay in Nantou	B:Hotel	
				L:India Reataurant	Bus
				D: Hotel	
Day5	Taipei	Taipei / Sunworld Dynasty Hotel or same level	Nantou→ Jiufen Old Street → Taipei 101 shopping mall → National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall → Stay in Taipei	B:Hotel	
				L: Local Reataurant	Bus
				D: India Reataurant	
Day6	Taiwan Taipei → India	Sweet Home	→ India	Flight meals	Bus ` Airplane

# **CKS Memorial Hall**

This memorial hall is home to several classical Chinese buildings, including the stately memorial itself as well as the National Concert Hall and National Theater. Another highlight is the hourly honor guard display. 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. The material is white marble. The roofs are decorated with deep-blue glass as part of the reflection of blue sky and bright sun. It adds a touch of grandeur. The garden is planted with red flowers. As a whole, the colors of blue, white and red express the National Flag and the spirit of freedom, equality and brotherhood.



# [ National Palace Museum ]

The National Palace Museum boasts the world's largest and most impressive collection of Chinese art and artifacts, dating back more than 7,000 years. The full collection comprises over 650,000 items, including calligraphy, paintings, jade, bronze, silk and curio pieces.



# [ Chiang Kai-Shek Shilin Residence ]

Located in Shilin, Taipei City, Chiang Kai-Shek Shilin Residence is the first ecological garden of Taipei City, and was previously the home of renowned former president, Chiang Kai-Shek.

Upon entering the residence, you can find Madame Chiang's former Cadillac and her favorite rose garden along with white plum trees. Also, part of the Chiang Kai-Shek Shilin Residence is the Ecosystem Zone, which allows you to observe all sorts of plants and insects at your pleasure. In addition, the Wooden Musical Stage engrosses you in the aural feast while you relax in the beautiful garden surroundings.



# [ National Taichung Theater ]

On April 2, 2014, the National Performing Arts Center was officially established, turning a new page in Taiwanese performing arts.

The National Theater and Concert Hall, The National Taichung Theater and the National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts, from north, central, and south Taiwan, respectively, form a coalition, and are in league with the National Symphony Orchestra, providing international production experience, and specialized theater services, with the goal of educating and fostering arts appreciation and enriching life with the arts.



#### Xitou Nature Education Area

#### 1. Topography

The Xitou Forest Recreational Area is one of the concave valleys surrounded by mountains in three sides. The highest mountain is Lingtou Mountain in the south with sea level 2,025m. It extends in north to Fenghuang Mountain Range to form the east mountain boundary of this area. It extends in west to Neishu and mountain range, which extends to north forming the south and west mountain boundaries in this area. The streams flow between the mountain range and the exit is in the north. The sea level of major area is 800-2000m.

#### 2. Geology

The Fenghuang Mountain is composed of thick sandstone and is the barrier in the east of Xitou. The thick sandstone of Fenghuang Mountain is on the precipice of the mountain and it is the essential factor for fallen of huge rocks. The property of this sandstone is the deposition from shallow sea five million years ago. Nowadays, it is the mountain with sea level over 1000m. Seas change into mulberry fields and mulberry fields into seas.

#### 3. Climate

According to the data from Xitou observation station, the average temperature of the month of Xitou is  $11.0 - 28 \, ^{\circ}$ C, and the average annual temperature is  $16.6 \, ^{\circ}$ C. The average annual rainfall is 2635.18mm. According to the Thornthwaite climate classification, it belongs to AB'ra' type, which means warm and humid weather. The rainfall is sufficient in the whole year. The effective temperature does not focus in summer and is



# **Chung Tai Chan Monastry**

In 1987, Grand Master Wei Chueh built Lin Quan ("Spiritual Spring") Chan Monastery in response to his disciples' needs for a place of spiritual cultivation and refuge.

With an inimitable aura of calmness, a penetrating mind, and the ability to clearly elucidate the profound wisdom of the Buddha, the Grand Master was instrumental in revitalizing Chan (Chinese Zen) Buddhism in Taiwan. Soon Lin Quan Chan Monastery was too small to accommodate the ever-increasing number of followers eager for the Grand Master's teaching.

Following the Grand Master's compassionate vow to provide a complete environment for all who wish to learn the Buddhist teachings, the design of Chung Tai Chan Monastery began in 1992.

After three years of planning and seven years of construction, this landmark building opened its doors on September 1, 2001, initiating a new era of Buddhism dissemination for Chung Tai.



# **Sun Moon Lake**

The Sun Moon Lake, located in the middle of Taiwan, with an elevation of 748 meters above sea level, is the only natural big lake in Taiwan. The southern part of Lalu Island is shaped like a new moon, and the northern part is shaped like a sun; hence the name Sun Moon Lake. Scenic resources The most famous sights around Sun Moon Lake are the Itashao, Lalu Island, the Xuanzang Temple, the Ci-en Pagoda, and the Wenwu Temple and so on. The natural forests bordering these roads are good places for bird watching. There are a lot of birds that live on the mid-elevation, such as the Grey-cheeked Fulvetta, Grap-throated Minivet, Formosan Yuhina, Gray Tree Pie, Bamboo Partridge, Chinese Bulbul, Muller's Barbet, and the Black Bulbul. Colonies of Black-crowned Night herons and Egretta garzettas, and birds such as the common kingfisher and the Green-winged Teal can be seen at the Dazhuhu water reservation, situated around the water gate. Besides these birds, fish, insects and wild vegetables are flourishing in the region as well. These are all natural resources of the Sun Moon Lake region. The Shao Clan is the earliest clan that lived in the Sun Moon Lake region. The Harvest Festival, Sowing Festival and their special handicraft fair every year, as well as their articles have helped to preserve the particular culture of the Sun Moon Lake region.



# **Chiufen Old Street**

Located in New Taipei City (Taipei County), Chiufen village used to be the center of gold mining. This small village is located within hills, next to the mountains, and facing the ocean. Due to its special location, Chiufen village is well known for its foggy weather condition which creates a romantic atmosphere. The name Chiufen comes from a legend where nine families used to live in this village. Before the development of Chiufen, there was a lack of transportation which made trips to the market inconvenient. Therefore, whenever one family goes grocery shopping at the market, they would be divided what they have bought into nine pieces for each of the families. "Chiufen" literally means "nine pieces" in Mandarin, and this is how the village name came from. Today, Chiufen features an old street that is full of local snack vendors and special accessory stores. Various foods such as "Yu Yuan" (taro balls), fried meat balls, steamed taro cakes, and herbal rice cakes, are the Chiufen's specialties. In addition, Chinese teahouses in this area are also very popular for both local and foreign tourists. Chiufen have beautiful sceneries so many tourist came to drink tea during night to appreciate the night view.



# **Taipei 101 shopping Mall**

Taipei 101 is the tallest building in Taiwan, 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.



# National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall

To commemorate the national founding father Dr. Sun Yat-Sen's unparalleled morality, revolutionary conducts and to excel Dr. Sun Yat-Sen's doctrine, the Republic government had in 1964 begun drafting the building of National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, which not only served to provide a place of remembrance for all to emulate the national founding father, but also encompassed the functions of cultural and artistic education, leisurely recreation and academic research.



# 【Tour bus】





