

8D7N Taipei / Hualien / Taitung Hot Spring / Hi Speed Railway Experience Tour

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Day	Description
Day 1	<p>Arrive in Taipei</p> <p>Upon arrival at the Taipei (Taoyuan) International Airport, please look for our local representative holding the placard bearing your name. You will be transferred to Taoyuan Hotel for check-in. In the afternoon, you are free at leisure to rest or start exploring the city. You may go to Taoyuan Shopping District where there are large department stores, night markets, movie theatres, bookstores and discount stores everywhere.</p>
	<p><i>Remarks</i> <i>Note: Kindly collect your Welcome Kit upon check-in at the hotel. The kit contains a welcome letter and a Taipei city map.</i></p>
Day 2	<p>Taoyuan / Taipei / Hualien BREAKFAST / DINNER</p> <p>After breakfast, experience a high-speed bullet train ride to Taipei. Upon arrival at Taipei Main Station, a transfer by MRT will take you to National Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, a 250,000 sqm. attraction that is a must-see by foreign tourists. The architecture of Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall is inspired by Tiantan in Beijing. The four sides of the structure are similar to those of the pyramids in Egypt.</p> <p>Proceed to Yehliu Geo Park where you will see natural rock formations (Wild Willows) and an amazing array of artistic natural sights created by erosion and other natural forces. Then, look into Chiufen Old Street to see the old fashioned way of life that still exists. With the aura of an old mining area, Chiufen radiates a variety of nostalgic emotions.</p> <p>Make a stop at Nanfang Ao, which is a hardworking fishing town and port. Besides the harbour full of boats, you can enjoy the freshest seafood affordably. Visit Nantien Temple which is dedicated to the deity Mazu, a Sea Goddess revered in Taiwan and China. The main attractions are a 200kg statue made of pure gold, and another Mazu statue carved from a single piece of jade.</p> <p>The tour continues along Suhua Highway National Road, called the most beautiful road in Taiwan. A pivotal highway on the eastern board, you will pass sheer cliffs, beautiful scenery and enjoy the wonderful Pacific Ocean view. Reach Hualien and we will proceed to Amei Aboriginal Cultural Village. Discover more of the tribe that is where A-Mei hails from. In this cultural centre, you can see A-Mei people's unique life style and enjoy delicious tribal cuisines. Thereafter, enjoy dinner and check-in to the hotel at Hualien.</p>
Day 3	<p>Hualien / Taitung BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER</p> <p>After breakfast, visits to Taroko National Park. Taroko Memorial Arch Building Established as a national park in 1986, the expansive Taroko National Park includes Hualien, Nantou and Taichung County. It is the second largest national park in Taiwan and is famous for its spectacular mountains, marble canyons, cliffs and the impressive, four million-year old canyons that stretch along Liwu River. With marvellous features like the drop height of 3,742m from Qingshui to Nanhu Peak, such special geography breeds special flora and fauna in this area.</p> <p>In addition, waterfalls characterise Taroko National Park and the most famous ones are Baiyang Waterfall, Yindai Waterfall, Changchun Waterfall, and Lushui Waterfall. Swallow Grotto (Yanzikou) and Tunnel of Nine Turns (Jiuqudong) are the most impressive natural scenes in Taroko and the canyons here are the narrowest. Tourists can appreciate the natural beauty along the tour track and watch swallows nest on the cliff, chirping and flying back and forth.</p> <p>The Taroko Memorial Arch Building is designed in Chinese style. Visit Eternal Spring Shrine which is one of the most picturesque points in the park and Changchun Temple that remembers those who sacrificed their lives building the central highway.</p> <p>Proceed to Rei Sui Leisure Farm, where you will see how the beautiful scenery, clear water, fresh air and affluent grassland made these districts suitable for development of stockbreeding. Lastly, take a rest at Taitung Hot Spring, where you can relax body and mind by soaking in hot water. However, it is advised not to bath more than 15 minutes each time.</p>
Day 4	<p>Taitung / Kaohsiung BREAKFAST / LUNCH</p> <p>After breakfast, proceed for Kaohsiung Tour which inclusive visits to Fo Guang Shan. At Fo Guang Shan (Buddhist Centre of Taiwan), you will see hundreds of gilded Buddha images standing in line, which is one of the wondrous attractions of the monastery. Next, visit Mei Non Hakka Village to see their traditional Hakka Handicrafts of handmade umbrella, bamboo handicraft, etc. Take a taste of some Hakka traditional food, such as Ban Tiao, Ice block and Le Tea (at own expense).</p> <p>Thereafter proceed to Spring & Autumn Pavilions where the gigantic statues of Dragons and Tiger Pagodas at the Hsuan Tien Shangti Temple will amuse you. Enjoy also the lakeside atmosphere at Lotus Lake. Proceed for some retail therapy at Dream Shopping Mall, a major recreational landmark in the capital of Kaohsiung. As the largest shopping mall in Taiwan and East Asia, it comes shopping, leisure, dining, arts and culture. You can opt for a ride on the Hello Kitty Ferris Wheel. (at own expense).</p>
Day 5	<p>Kaohsiung / Taichung BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER</p> <p>After breakfast, proceed to the exceptional Sun Moon Lake. As the largest lake in Taiwan, it is 33km in circumference and over 100sq km in size. The northern half is shaped like the sun and the southern half like a crescent moon, inspiring the lake's name. The 748m high lake is set in a picturesque mountain area. To fully appreciate its allures a boat tour and swim are highly recommended.</p> <p>Visit the Peacock Garden that has over 200 peacocks and other rare and valuable birds, such as the mountain chicken, Formosan blue magpie, long-tailed pheasant, golden pheasant, amperst pheasant, and the black coot. Also, many specimens of butterflies are on display in the Butterfly Museum, adding to your knowledge of butterfly ecology.</p> <p>Then, proceed to Wenwu Temple located midway up a steep slope on the north end of Sun Moon Lake, towards which it faces. This impressive structure is laid out with one courtyard, two gardens and three halls in the manner of high-ranking temples. The front hall, a tower-like structure called Shueiyun Hall, is devoted to the founding temple gods. The main Wushen Hall is devoted to Kuan Yu and the rear Dacheng Hall is devoted to Confucius.</p> <p>Enjoy a boat ride on Sun Moon Lake and savour the tranquility. Lastly, end the day at Taichung Feng Jia Night Market, said to be Taiwan's largest and a lively marketplace usually thronged with people. Find delicious snack foods, quality clothes to express your personality, and trendy mobile phones at bargain prices. See Taiwan from the rural spots to its bustling markets, all in one day.</p>
Day 6	<p>Taichung / Miaoli - Taipei BREAKFAST / LUNCH</p> <p>After breakfast, start your day in an ambience of flowers and fruits by visiting Miaoli Fruit Ranch. You may pick fruits including strawberries while admiring the lush mountains (fruit-picking at own expense). (If it isn't the fruit season, this activity will be changed to a visit to Sankeng Tofu Street. The 'Old Street' is famous for tofu, and you can find tofu in all form including regular tofu, stinky tofu, dessert tofu, tofu cake, dried tofu and tofu ice-cream. Other snacks include chewy peanut candy, brown sugar mochi (sticky rice cake), steam cake, milk candy, egg roll, winter melon candy and many more. Truly a dining and food shopping hotspot.)</p> <p>Next, return to Taipei to visit Martyrs' Shrine that rests on the slopes of the Qing Mountain and oversees the Keelung River. Built in 1969, this grand architecture resembles that of the Taihe Dian Imperial Palace in Beijing and commemorates the Martyrs' brave spirit.</p> <p>Proceed to the National Palace Museum that houses the world's largest collection of priceless Chinese art treasures, spanning nearly 5,000 years of China 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.</p> <p>Discover more contemporary art at the Handicraft Centre, a non-profit organisation and one-stop shopping place. It is the largest in its kind covering more than 20,000 different items of art furniture, jewelries, home furnishings, and general gift items, and services of money exchange, packing and shipping. Then, drop by 101 Shopping Mall at Taipei 101, where global brands such as Louis Vuitton, Dior, Celine and many fine restaurants provide luxurious indulgence (observatory at own expense).</p>
Day 7	<p>Taipei BREAKFAST</p> <p>After breakfast, you are free at leisure to rest, take it easy or continue to explore the fascinating city of Taipei on your own.</p>
Day 8	<p>DEPART TAIPEI BREAKFAST</p> <p>Get a good start to the day with a full breakfast. Thereafter, please meet the driver according to the assigned pick-up time and place, in the hotel for your transfer to Taipei International Airport for your return flight home.</p>

Summarised Itinerary:

Day 1	Arrival at Taoyuan International Airport (Taipei), transfer to hotel and check-in.
Day 2	Taoyuan / Taipei / Hualien (B/D) Ride on the high-speed bullet train to Taipei. Visit Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall and Yehliu Geo Park. Visit Jiufen Old Street and savour local delicacies at own expenses Visit Nanfang Ao, Nantien Temple and Mazu Statue Drive pass the scenic Suhua Highway National Road and proceed to visit Amei Aboriginal Cultural Village.
Day 3	Hualien / Taitung (B/L/D) Proceed to visit Taroko National Park (Baiyang Waterfall / Yingdai Waterfall, Changchun Waterfall, Lushui Waterfall, Swallow Grotto, Tunnel of Nine Turns, Taroko Memorial Arch Building, Eternal Spring Shrine, Changchun Temple). Transfer to Rei Suei Leisure Farm and enjoy farm-stay activities. Then rest at Taitung Hot Spring. enjoy hot spring bath
Day 4	Taitung / Kaohsiung (B/L) Visit Fo Guang Shan & Mei Non Hakka Village Therafter, visit Spring & Autumn Pavilions, and enjoy the scenic Lotus Lake. Visit Dream SHopping Mall (Hello Kitty Ferris Wheel ride at own cost).
Day 5	Kaohsiung / Taichung (B/L/D) Transfer to visit Sun Moon Lake with boat ride. (covers Peacock Garden, Wenwu Temple, Butterfly Museum) Evening, visit Taichung Feng Jia Night Market
Day 6	Taichung / Miaoli - Taipei (B/L) Visit Miaoli Fruit Ranch (fruit-picking at own expenses). Visit Sankeng Tofu Street, savour local delicacies (at own expenses) Visit Martry's Shrine, National Palace Museum, Handicraft Centre and 101 Shopping Mall
Day 7	Taipei (B) Free at own leisure.
Day 8	Check-out hotel and transfer to airport for return flight. (B)

	Inclusion	Exclusion
Flight	Return ticket to Taipei by Air Asia X (inclusive taxes - RM 202)	
On Board Meal		Optional add on : RM 13 per meal per way
Check in baggage		Optional add on : International (up to 15kg) RM 50 per way International (up to 20kg) RM 65 per way International (up to 25kg) RM 80 per way International (up to 30kg) RM 95 per way International (up to 35kg) RM 110 per way
Hotel Accomodation	3 star hotel at Taoyuan (1N) / Hualien (1N) / Taitung Hotspring (1N) / Kaohsiung (1N) / Taichung (1N) & Taipei (2N)	
Sightseeing / Transfer	Transfer, tours & sightseeing as stated in the itinerary	
Highlight	Hi Speed Bulloet Train Experience / Hualien Taroko National Tour / Amei Aboriginal Cultural Village / Rei Suei Leisure Farm / Taitung Hot Spring / Sun Moon Lake / Wen Wu Temple / Peacock Garden / Fo Guang Shan / Mei Non Hakka Village, Spring & Autumn Pavillions	
Meals	Daily breakfast, 4 lunches, 3 Dinners Savour local delicacies : A-Mei cuisine & bamboo-tube meal (Hualien), Hakka meal (Kaohsiung), Five Cents Driftwood House (Taichung Special), King Ping Tea Restaurant (Taipei Special)	
Tipping		NTD 150 x 7 days = NTD 1050 (pay directlv to the guide)
Tour Manager services		No tour leader service
Tour Guide	Mandarin speaking local guide	