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The city and the countryside, the old and the new, high culture and the downright dirty, whatever you are looking for, Taipei has everything today's discerning traveller could wish for. Set in a natural basin amongst lush green mountains, the city is just a stone's throw away from unspoiled beaches and wild coastline, and boasts all the distractions a modern metropolis can offer while at the same time providing a glimpse into its ancient past.



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If you're looking for a taste of old Taipei, then head for the Wan Hua district. Located on the Dan Shui River, Wan Hua was an important Chinese trading post and the prosperity of the period is reflected in its ornate temples, one of which is the Lungshan temple. Another historic part of the city is the Da Tong (Tatung) district. Among the winding alleys you will find European style colonial buildings standing beside intricate Chinese temples.

Take a stroll down Di Hua Street, which is lined with traditional shops selling all manner of potions and cure-alls! The Shi Lin (Shihlin) district is renowned for its bustling night market, whilst Taipei's vibrant night scene bumps and grinds until the early hours in nearby Da An (Ta An). In the bustle of modern Taipei, Zhong Shan (Chungshan) the former commercial centre is now known for its shops, bars and cultural sights, which include the Taipei Fine Arts Museum. The current hub of commercial activities, Song Shan (Sungshan) is also one of the most cosmopolitan districts and packed with foreign restaurants. Zhong Zheng (Chungcheng), the political centre, is home to municipal parks and museums, of which the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall is the most renowned.

DO & SEE



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Taipei has so much to offer, lots to see and experience. There is everything from ancient temples to night markets to keep both first-time and return visitors occupied. There are also plenty of museums to visit, like the National Palace Museum, and abundant green parks to stroll around.

Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall



The Taipei landmark, Chiang Kai-Shek National Memorial Hall, was constructed in memory of Chiang Kai-Shek, former president of R.O.C. The

large area is dominated by the colours of the national flag: blue, white and red. These colours symbolise independence, universal love and equality.

Photo: FenlioQ/Shutterstock.com

Address: 21 Zhongshan South Road, Zhongzheng District, Taipei

Public Transport: Exit 5, CKS Memorial Hall MRT Station. Or Exit 3, Dongmen MRT Station.

Opening hours: Daily 9.00-18.00

Phone: +886 2 2343 1100

Internet: www.cksmh.gov.tw

Ximending District



Perhaps the hippest neighbourhood in Taipei, Ximending (or Shi-men Ting) is a pedestrian-only area that truly comes to life after sundown. Loud music plays and bright shopfront lights flicker, enticing local youths and tourists with their offerings, some beyond wacky: maid cafes, knife massage, curious bubble tea concoctions, KTV booths, and more - all this along with a few very well preserved historic buildings, such as the Red House. It's a great place to experience the dynamic, young side of Taipei.

Photo: Artit Wongpradu/Shutterstock.com
Address: Ximending, Taipei

Yehliu Geopark



Shaped by water and wind, the rocks of Yehliu Geopark attract many to the area. The park and its natural attractions showcase art that has been formed by natural forces over centuries. The place looks almost otherworldly: it's easy to imagine you're walking on the surface of a different planet.

Photo: CHC3537/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kantung Road, Taiwan

Lungshan Temple



Originally built in 1738, this is the oldest and most popular worship temple in Taipei. It has bronze dragons on pillars symbolising protection, and Buddha sculptures in the main hall. A visit to

this magnificent temple will grant you an understanding of Chinese architecture and religion.

Photo: By yunchen/Shutterstock.com
Address: 211 Guangzhou Street, Wanhua District, Taipei
Public Transport: Lungshan Temple MRT Station
Opening hours: Daily 06.00-22.00
Phone: +886 02 2302 5162
Internet: www.lungshan.org.tw

National Palace Museum



The National Palace Museum holds the world's largest collection of Chinese art including antiquities, paintings, calligraphy, and rare documents spanning 5,000 years. The museum is known as the treasure house of Chinese culture.

The museum offers multilingual guided tours.

Photo: vichie81/Shutterstock.com
Address: 221, Section 2, Zhishan Road, Shilin District, Taipei
Public Transport: Shilin MRT Station and then the Red 30 bus
Opening hours: Sun-Thurs 08.30-18.30, Fri-Sat 08.30-21.00
Phone: +886 2 6610 3600
Internet: www.npm.gov.tw
Email: service@npm.gov.tw

Taipei 101



Taipei 101 was ranked officially as the world's tallest building from 2004 until the opening of the Burj Khalifa in Dubai in 2010. The building stands at a height of 508m/1,667 ft. This Taipei landmark was designed in eight sections, since the Chinese lucky number is just that. The building has 101 floors with some of the fastest

elevators in the world, travelling at a speed of almost 61 kilometres per hour.

The first 5 floors are occupied by upscale stores and boutiques.

Photo: KabirK/Shutterstock.com

Address: Xinyi Road, Taipei

Public Transport: Exit 4, Taipei 101 MRT Station.

Opening hours: Daily 09.00-22.00

Phone: +886 2 8101 8800

Internet: www.taipei-101.com.tw

More Info: No.7, Sec. 5

Dan Shui Riverside Cycle Path



Part of the Golden River Bank (Tamsui Jinse Shui'an Biking Trails), this is a well-maintained path running from Tam Sui MRT to the Hung Shu Lin MRT. Beautiful scenery and access to one of the region's few remaining mangrove swamps. Before you rent a bike and begin your journey at Tam Sui MRT, try the iron eggs, fish balls, and Tamsui Agei (stuffed deep-fried tofu pockets) at the snacks stalls.

Photo: imtmphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Zhongzheng Road Tamsui, New Taipei, Taipei

The Yangmingshan National Park



The Yangmingshan National Park provides the backdrop while you hike away the strain of a hard day's city sightseeing. The park is

located just to the north of Taipei and is Taipei's closest national park. This is a very beautiful site and a must see.

Photo: T.Dallas/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1-20 Zhuzihu Road, Beitou District, Yangmingshan, Taipei

Phone: +886 2 2861 3601

Internet: www.ymsnp.gov.tw

Email: ymsnp@mail.ymsnp.gov.tw

Taipei Zoo



Taipei Zoo is a very nice place for families with children, there are lots of things to see and a wide variety of animals to admire. The zoo is very big with plenty of room for the animals, and you can easily wander around the whole day. Taipei Zoo is, in fact, one of Asia's largest zoos.

Photo: catmanc/Shutterstock.com

Address: 30 Xinguang Road, Wenshan District, Taipei

Public Transport: Taipei Zoo MRT Station

Opening hours: Daily 9.00-17.00

Phone: +886 2 2938 2300 #630

Internet: english.zoo.gov.taipei

More Info: Sec. 2

Taipei Eye - Show



Experience traditional Chinese and Taiwanese performing arts at Taipei Eye. Perform every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday for around 90 minutes. The rotating performances include local folklore, aboriginal dance, puppet theatre and traditional opera. On-screen subtitles in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and English are provided.

Photo: Spaceport9/Shutterstock.com

Address: 113, Section 2, Zhongshan N. Road, Zhongshan District, Taipei

Public Transport: Exit 2, Shuanglaim MRT Station / Exit 8, Minquan W. Road MRT Station / Exit 2, Zhongshan Elementary School MRT Station.

Opening hours: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 20.00

Phone: +886 2 2568 2677
Internet: www.taipeieye.com/en
Email: wayne@taipeieye.com
More Info: 3F

National Revolutionary Martyrs' Shrine



National Revolutionary Martyrs' Shrine honours the men and women who died fighting on behalf of Taiwan in the Second Sino-Japanese War and the Chinese Civil War (among others). This is a popular tourist attraction with beautiful gardens including several structures and a shrine. Do not miss the changing of the guards which happens once every hour.

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Address: 139 Bei'an Road, Zhongshan District, Taipei
Opening hours: Daily 09.00-17.00
Phone: +886 2 2885 4376
Internet: afrc.mnd.gov.tw/faith_martyr

Sanxia Old Street



Sanxia Old Street is one of the most well reserved historic streets in Taiwan, one that's about 200 meters long. This is a great place to stroll around, and one where you can admire the old street-houses with Taiwanese traditional architecture. It is also one of the most visited places in Taipei during the weekends.

Photo: [LWY/Wikimedia Commons](https://www.wikimedia.org/)(image cropped)
Address: 37-147 Minquan Street, Sanxia District, Taipei
Public Transport: Yongning MRT Station, then take Bus 916 to Sanhsia Old Street
Phone: +886 0920 767 374
Internet: www.sanchiaoyung.com.tw

Fine Arts Museum



If you love art, then this is the right place for you. The Taipei Fine Arts Museum has something for any art enthusiast. It opened its doors in December 1983 and was the first museum of modern art in Taiwan. Today it has more than 4000 works of art.

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Address: 181, Section 3, Zhongshan N. Road, Zhongshan District, Taipei
Public Transport: Exit 1, Yuanshan MRT Station
Opening hours: Tue-Fri, Sun 09.30-17.30, Sat 9.30-20.30.
Phone: +886 2 2595 7656
Internet: www.tfam.museum
Email: info@tfam.gov.tw

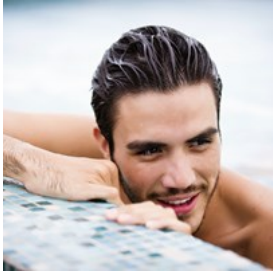
Maokong Gondola



Take a cable car ride in a glass bottom gondola all the way up to the top of the mountain from Taipei Zoo Station to Maokong Station, where you can enjoy stunning views of the city. At the top you will find food stands, tea shops and some paths for hiking. The ride takes about 20 minutes.

Photo: [qragon/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com)
Address: 8, Section 2, Xinguang Road, Wenshan District, Taipei
Public Transport: Taipei Zoo MRT Station
Opening hours: Tue-Thu 09.00-21.00. Fri & the day before national holiday 09.00-22.00. Sat & national holiday 08.30-22.00. Sun 8.30-21.00
Phone: +886 2 218 12345
Internet: english.gondola.taipei
Email: email@metro.taipei

Beitou Hot Springs



The Beitou area of Taipei is renowned for its high concentration of thermal spa centres. There are establishments to fit any budget, from the

low-priced open-air Public Hot Spring (modest swimwear required) to private hotels and resorts uphill, all offering hot spring baths at various price points. One option most resorts offer is renting a private room with a large bath that can be filled with hot spring water.

The Spring City Resort in Beitou is a great mid-range option. A session here includes access to about a dozen thermal pools of varying water temperature (from seemingly boiling-hot to rather chilly), plus robe, towel, and slipper rental. They even offer a free shuttle bus to the metro station.

For a luxurious spa treatment, look into the offerings of Hotel Regent Taipei, for example. Wellspring Spa offers a wide range of relaxing treatments including massages, body wraps, skin polishing and facials. Take the elevator to the top floor and unwind at this urban sanctuary.

Photo: Luna Vandoorne/Shutterstock.com
Address: Beitou, Taipei

Xingtian Temple



Xingtian Temple, also called Hsing Tian Kong, is a large Taiwanese temple where locals pray and conduct religious rituals.

This temple might not be as popular as Longshan, but it is a very peaceful and beautiful place nonetheless.

Photo: Nattee Chalermtiragool/Shutterstock.com
Address: 109 Er Section, Minquan East Road, Taipei
Public Transport: Xingtian Temple MRT Station
Phone: +886 2 2502 7924
Internet: www.ht.org.tw/htk_eng/index.html

Daan Forest Park



Daan Park is a quiet escape from the big city life of Taipei, and a great place to catch a breath of fresh air. The park has a wide range of flowers, plants, bamboo trees and banyan trees. It is also full of activities such as a skating rink, basketball court and children's playground.

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Address: 1, Section 2, Xincheng South Road, Da'an District, Taipei
Public Transport: Daan Park MRT Station
Phone: +886 02 2700 3830

Baby Boss



BabyBoss City opened in 2008 to provide a hands-on learning experience for children while allowing them to simultaneously have fun. There are about 50 different occupations kids can try, with everything from fire fighter to cabin crew attendant, astronaut, nurse, banker and police officer.

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Address: 138, Section 4, Bade Road, Songshan District, Taipei
Public Transport: Exit 2, Nanjing Sanmin MRT Station
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10.00-18.00, Fri-Sun 10.00-20.00.
Phone: +886 2 2171 3190
Internet: www.babyboss.tw
More Info: CP City Living Mall 7F

Cycling Tours



With the tour company like, for example, Show Taiwan, you can explore the city in a fun way - on a bicycle! Taiwan offers a very friendly cycling environment with many incredible things to discover. The tour company provides five different tours, everything from half-day to five-day tours.

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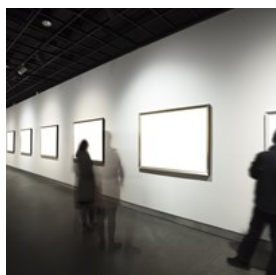
Address: 100, Section 2, Zhongxiao East Road, Zhongzheng District, Taipei

Phone: +886 2 2836 6266

Internet: www.show-taiwan.com

Email: showtown@gmail.com

Museum Of Contemporary Arts



Museum Of Contemporary Arts is the first art institution in Taiwan dedicated exclusively to contemporary art. The building that houses the museum was built in the 1920s as an elementary school, and later became Taipei's city hall. It was not until 2001 that it was converted into an art museum. Over the past years the museum has hosted more than a hundred exhibitions of local and overseas artists.

Photo: zhu difeng/Shutterstock.com

Address: 39, Chang'an W. Road, Datong District, Taipei

Public Transport: Exit R4, Zhongshan MRT Station

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10.00-18.00

Phone: +886 2 2552 3721

Internet: www.mocatapei.org.tw

Email: services@mocatapei.org.tw

Night Markets



Also known as Linjiang Street Night Market, Tonghua Night Market is a not-so-touristy market buzzing with commercial life, packed with street food vendors selling all manner of exotic delights, from dumplings to sushi. Clothing, jewellery, souvenirs and knick knacks are also sold in abundance.

Another very popular market selling a similar assortment of goods and snacks is Raohe in the Songshan district.

Photo: Baiterek Media/Shutterstock.com

Address: Alley 1, Lane 40, Linjiang Street, Da'an District, Taipei

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 18.00-2.00, Sun 18.00-24.00

DINING



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The regional cuisine is a mix of Chinese, Japanese, and aboriginal Hakka styles. It is also influenced by its island geography and the scarcity of arable land. Fish and poultry, therefore, play a major role in local cooking. However, the base of all dishes is made up of seasoning varieties particular to Asian cooking, such as soy sauce, rice wine, and sesame oil, supplemented with black beans, peanuts, chilli peppers, and a local variety of basil.

Din Tai Fung



Din Tai Fung is a restaurant chain originating in Taiwan, which now has multiple branches across Asia and beyond (the fact it

remains largely unknown in the West is a tragic shortcoming).

They are famous for their steamed dumplings (xiao long bao), which are some of the world's best: each move of the dumpling chefs is executed with careful precision in the open kitchen. It was once named among the top ten restaurants in the world by The New York Times, and many of its branches were distinguished by the Michelin Guide, as well as heralded by celebrity chefs such as the late Anthony Bourdain. The service is truly impeccable, and the price-quality ratio needs to be experienced to be believed.

Photo: HYS_NP/Shutterstock.com

Address: B1, 45, City Hall Rd, Xinyi District, Taipei City

Public Transport: Exit 4, Taipei 101/World Trade Centre MRT Station

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-7:30pm

Phone: +886 2 8101 7799

Internet: www.dintaifung.com.tw

More Info: At Taipei 101 Mall

Modern Toilet Restaurant



This wacky little place deserves a mention simply for its celebrity status on social media: the concept lends itself exceptionally well to

Instagram posts. Here, diners are seated on actual toilet bowls, and all food is served in bathroom-themed tableware (poop emoji

ice-cream in a "urinal," anyone?), with drinks that come in hand soap containers.

Photo: riNux/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Lane 50, Xining South Road, Wanhua District, Taipei City

Phone: +886 2 2311 8822

Internet: www.moderntoilet.com.tw

Ji Pin Restaurant



Ji Pin is a renowned seafood restaurant. Specialities include shark fin, abalone, and mushroom and scallop dumplings. The

restaurant has a modern New York-style decor.

Photo: 54613/Shutterstock.com

Address: 236, Section 4, XinYi Road, Da'an District, Taipei

Public Transport: Xinyi Anhe MRT Station

Opening hours: Daily 11.30-14.30, 17.30-22.00

Phone: +886 2 2700 3311

Internet: www.jipin.com.tw

More Info: 2nd floor

ShinYeh Original Restaurant



Shin Yeh serves authentic regional cuisine. The fish dishes are excellent, particularly the sweet and sour shrimp. The friendly and cheerful staff

make you feel welcome and at home.

Photo: momo2050/Shutterstock.com

Address: 34-1, Shuangcheng Street, Zhongshan Dist., Taipei

Public Transport: Exit 1, Zhongshan Elementary School MRT Station

Opening hours: Daily 11.00-24.00

Phone: +886 2 2596 3255

Internet: www.shinyeh.com.tw

Ruth's Chris Steak House



If you are craving a steak, this restaurant might be something for you. On the menu you will find prime steaks which are served sizzling on a hot plate.

Choose a great wine from the award-winning wine list and enjoy a great evening.

Photo: Frank Chang/Shutterstock.com

Address: 135, Section 3, Minsheng East Road, Songshan District, Taipei

Opening hours: Daily 11.30-15.00, 17.30-23.00

Phone: +886 2 2545 8888

Internet: www.ruthschris.com

Addiction Aquatic Development



Another popular restaurant is Addiction Aquatic Development.

Tourists and locals come here for the fresh Japanese food and for the

inexpensive menu. This is a great place for hot pot, sushi, sashimi and all things seafood.

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Address: 18, Alley 2, Lane 410, Minzu East Road, Zhongshan District, Taipei

Opening hours: Daily 06.00-24.00

Phone: +886 2 2508 1268

Internet: www.addiction.com.tw

More Info: Cash only

La Caja de Musica



La Caja de Musica is a hidden gem in Taipei, and one somewhat hard to find, but definitely worth the search. The friendly staff serve

mouthwatering tapas and other dishes of Spanish cuisine. It also offers a good selection of

Spanish wines and German beers.

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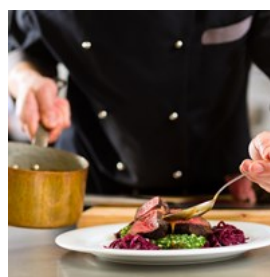
Address: Chang An West Road, Lane 138, Alley 3 no.18, Taipei

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 18.30-22.30

Phone: +886 975 330 741

Email: taipei.cjm@gmail.com

L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon



Joël Robuchon is a world-renowned 3 Michelin star chef with established restaurants all over the world. One is located in Taipei, offering

guests traditional French cuisine of high quality.

The ambience of the restaurant is elegant and modern, and the attentive staff offers professional service.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 28 Songren Road, Xinyi District, Taipei

Public Transport: Exit 3, Taipei City Hall MRT Station

Opening hours: Daily 11.30-14.30, 18.00-22.00

Phone: +886 2 8729 2628

Internet: www.robuchon.com.tw

More Info: Located on 5/F of Bella Vita Mall

Yen Chinese Restaurant



At this elegant and sophisticated restaurant you can enjoy dishes of the Chinese cuisine such as dim sum and other classics, all

well-presented with a creative touch.

Photo: Kumpol Chuansakul/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Zhongxiao East Road, Section 5, Xinyi District, Taipei

Opening hours: Daily 11.30-14.30, 18.00-22.00

Phone: +886 2 7703 8887

Internet: www.yentaipai.com/en

More Info: Located on 31/F of W Hotels

Saffron Fine Indian Cuisine



Enjoy the flavours of India at Saffron. This is a very small and busy restaurant, so good advice would be to book in advance. The

restaurant is beautifully designed with earth tones and the staff are attentive and friendly.

Photo: Linda Hughes/Shutterstock.com

Address: 38-6, Tianmu East Road, Shilin District, Taipei

Opening hours: Mon 17.30-21.30. Tue-Thu, Sun 11.00-14.00, 17.30-21.30; Fri-Sat 11.00-14.00, 17.30-22.00

Phone: +886 2 2871 4842

Email: saffrontw@gmail.com

The Kitchen Table



The Kitchen Table serves breakfast, lunch, dinner, and brunch. The a la carte menu offers everything from Caesar salad to pizza, to

Thai-style seafood toss and Taipei-style braised beef noodle. It has a great mix of Asian and Western food. The atmosphere can be described as both casual and sophisticated.

Photo: FernandoChee/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Zhongxiao East Road, Section 5, Xinyi District, Taipei

Phone: +886 2 7703 8887

Internet: www.thekitchentabletaipei.com

Email: bf.taipei@whotels.com

More Info: Located inside W Hotels

Minder Vegetarian



This Buddhist vegetarian restaurant chain has multiple locations around Taipei, and it is a buffet-style restaurant with cold and warm

dishes - all vegetarian. Minder is an inexpensive restaurant and offers salads, mock meat, fried sweet potatoes, lots of tasty vegetables, noodles, tofu, beans, spring rolls and desserts. You can also order food from the menu.

Photo: Jade Y/Shutterstock.com

Address: B2, No. 11, Songgao Road, Xinyi District, Taipei City

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-9:30pm, Fri-Sat 11am-10pm

Phone: +886 2 2729 8969

Internet: www.minder.com.tw

More Info: At Eslite Xinyi Store

Night Markets



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food vendors selling all manner of exotic delights, from dumplings to sushi. Clothing, jewellery, souvenirs and knick knacks are also sold in abundance.

Photo: Baiterek Media/Shutterstock.com

Address: Alley 1, Lane 40, Linjiang Street, Da'an District, Taipei

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 18.00-2.00, Sun 18.00-24.00

CAFES



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After a long day of city sightseeing or shopping, there is nothing better than to relax with a cup of coffee at a cafe. Taipei has a great cafe culture, and you will find plenty of coffee shops around the city. Many of them offer fresh coffee, tea, and if you happen to be craving something sweet they have an assortment of tasty desserts, too.

Coffee Alley



Coffee Alley is a chain of cafes that can be found at several locations across Taipei. They specialise in Western fare, such as waffles and sandwiches.

The menu contains pictures of each dish as well as an explanation in English.

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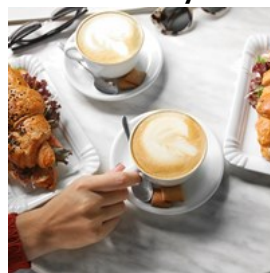
Address: 2F, No. 18, Guanqian Rd, Zhongzheng District, Taipei City

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-10pm

Internet: www.coffee-alley.com

Email: service@coffee-alley.com.tw

Florida Bakery



This cafe has been around for more than 70 years and has kept its well-respected status throughout them all. Take your pick from its wide and tasty selection of both Western and typical Taiwanese baked goods and pastries, and make sure you try its signature garlic French bread.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 23-5, Section 3, Zhongshan N Road, Zhongshan District, Taipei City

Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-11pm

Phone: +886 2 2594 6923

Internet: www.bread.com.tw

Email: info@bread.com.tw

Smith & Hsu



This is a modern coffee shop with a million different teas to choose from. If you order by the pot, you can choose from green tea, white tea, fruit tea, oolong tea, black tea - the list goes on. Apart from coffee and tea, they offer delicious scones, freshly baked and still warm, served with cream and farm jam.

Photo: Magdanatka/Shutterstock.com

Address: 35, Hengyang Road, Taipei

Public Transport: Exit 4, Ximen MRT Station. Or Exit 1, NTU Hospital MRT Station.

Phone: +886 2 2370 0785

Internet: www.smithandhsu.com

Email: atyourservice@smithandhsu.com

More Info: Hengyang Store

Fuhang Soy Milk



This could be the ticket if you're searching for an authentic experience. There are no menus in any foreign language, and it's one of the locals'

favourite spots for a fast traditional breakfast.

Photo: yuruphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2F, 108, Section 1, Zhongxiao East Road, Zhongzheng District, Taipei

Opening hours: Daily 05.30-12.30

Phone: +886 2 2392 2175

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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As the sun sets on another day of trading, the city turns its attention to the serious business of fun. Under the shimmer of the neon-lit sky, the city's bars come alive to the sound of laughter and the shouts of "Gan Bei" (dry the cup!). If you still have the energy after the day's exertions and are looking to shake it off, then head off to one of Taipei's nightclubs. The pace is frantic and the atmosphere charged as crowds groove until the early hours.

Ximending District



Perhaps the hippest neighbourhood in Taipei, Ximending (or Shi-men Ting) is a pedestrian-only area that truly comes to life after sundown. Loud music plays and bright shopfront lights flicker, enticing local youths and tourists with their offerings, some beyond wacky: maid cafes, knife massage, curious bubble tea concoctions, KTV booths, and more - all this along with a few very well preserved historic buildings, such as the Red House. It's a great place to experience the dynamic, young side of Taipei.

Photo: Artit Wongpradu/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ximending, Taipei

Ounce



Scheduled to change locations in October 2017 (check their website for updates), Ounce is everyone's favourite Taipei speakeasy, whose secret is now well and truly out. Patrons enjoy the privacy and sense of exclusivity forged by the hidden location and dim lighting.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com

Address: 40, Lane 63, Section 2, Dunhua South Road, Da'an District, Taipei

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 18.00-22.00

Phone: +886 2 2708 6755

Woobar



For a night out in style, try the swanky W Hotel and its bar serving refined cocktails by the on-site poolside. Casual by day, the bar gains an increasingly more stylish feel as the night progresses and neon lights come on throughout.

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Address: 10 Zhongxiao East Road, Taipei

Phone: +886 2 7703 8887

Internet: www.woobartaippei.com/en

More Info: 10F, W Hotel

Frank Taipei



The swanky Frank Taipei knows how to throw a solid party, and offers unbounded partying of the most varying calibre - from casual evening drinks to all-out celebrations (it's a good deal for special occasions and the year's hottest party, New Year's eve). Has an outdoor area with views over towering Taipei 101.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Xinyi District, Taipei

Phone: +886 909 332 333

Shaka Lounge Bar



The establishment's interior is planned out according to the principles of feng shui, which promises to bring good luck to those who enter. This venue is popular for after-work drinks and gatherings. Happy Hour is from 7-9:30pm Sunday through Thursday.

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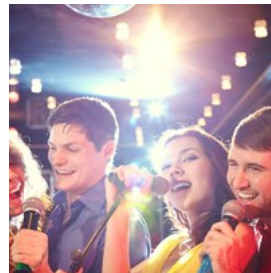
Address: 2, Lane 23, Section 2, Anhe Rd, Da'an District, Taipei City

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 6pm-2am, Fri-Sat 6pm-3am

Phone: +886 2 2705 3337

Internet: www.shakataippei.com

Partyworld



Karaoke bar with booths for groups of friends to croon the night away. This is definitely worth a trip to get infected by the apparent joy and the ardour with which the visitors engage in the fine art of karaoke.

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Address: 199, Songjiang Rd, Zhongshan District, Taipei City

Phone: +886 2 2503 1688

Internet: www.cashboxparty.com

More Info: Sungjiang Branch

SHOPPING



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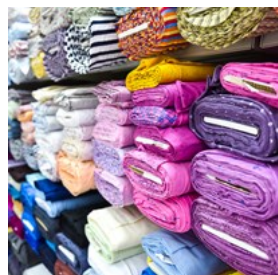
Taipei is a shopping extravaganza that caters to every budget. For those who are looking for an authentic Taipei shopping experience and like a bargain, the night markets are the places to head for. At Shi lin (Jiantan MRT) you can find everything from clothes to traditional regional foods.

Stop for a bite to eat at one of the roadside food

vendors, whose specialities include oyster omelettes. Looking for souvenirs? Then try the Chinese handicraft market (1 Syujhou Road), or Lin-Tien Bucket Shop, the only handmade wooden bucket shop in Taipei (108 Zhongshan N. Rd), or visit the Zau Ho Market where you will find the Shandong Hsiaomo Sesame Oil Shop, which has been trading for nearly 150 years and sells all manner of cooking oils.

If it's a more up-market shopping experience you're looking for then head towards (Taipei City Station MRT) and the Living Mall (Core Pacific City). These stock the usual brand name goods.

Yongle Fabric Market



The building's second floor is completely given over to this well-known fabric market, a collection of all manner of colourful textiles on sale at dozens of shops set back-to-back. In the third floor, your newly purchased fabrics can be transformed into complete garments at one of the many tailor shops.

Photo: JGA/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1, Minle St., Datong District, Taipei

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 22.00-18.00

Herb Alley

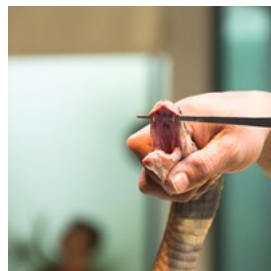


The tiny alley of no longer than a few dozen metres contains the wealth of knowledge on traditional medicinal herbs and potions passed down through generations of healers. Shop around and do not miss the medicinal drinks in Xichang St.

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Address: Lane 224, Xichang Street, Taipei

Snake Alley



Hua Xi St, or Snake alley as it is better known, is located in the Wan Hua district and is more a bizarre tourist attraction than a real market.

Ophidiophobics beware! Here you will find everything - snake-performances, snake blood drinks and all manner of snake dishes.

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Address: Huaxi Street, Wanhua District, Taipei

Phone: +886 2 2388 1818

Lin Hua Tai Tea Company



The city's oldest tea shop still sells a wide variety of teas, all available for sampling upon request. Prices are indicated per 600 grams. Those who

wish to take a tour of the factory may feel free to approach the staff and be shown around.

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Address: 193, Section 2, Chongqing North Road, Datong District, Taipei

Phone: +886 2 2557 3506

Internet: www.linhuatai.okgo.tw

Ximending District



Perhaps the hippest neighbourhood in Taipei, Ximending (or Shi-men Ting) is a pedestrian-only area that truly comes to life after sundown. Loud music plays and bright shopfront lights flicker, enticing local youths and tourists with their offerings, some beyond wacky: maid cafes, knife

massage, curious bubble tea concoctions, KTV booths, and more – all this along with a few very well preserved historic buildings, such as the Red House. It's a great place to experience the dynamic, young side to Taipei.

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Address: Ximending, Taipei

Taipei 101



Taipei 101 was ranked officially as the world's tallest building from 2004 until the opening of the Burj Khalifa in Dubai in 2010. The building stands at a height of 508m/1,667 ft. This Taipei landmark was designed in eight sections, since the Chinese lucky number is just that. The building has 101 floors with some of the fastest elevators in the world, travelling at a speed of almost 61 kilometres per hour.

The first 5 floors are occupied by upscale stores and boutiques.

Photo: KabirK/Shutterstock.com
Address: Xinyi Road, Taipei
Public Transport: Exit 4, Taipei 101 MRT Station.
Opening hours: Daily 09.00-22.00
Phone: +886 2 8101 8800
Internet: www.taipei-101.com.tw/en/index.aspx
More Info: No.7, Sec. 5

Night Markets

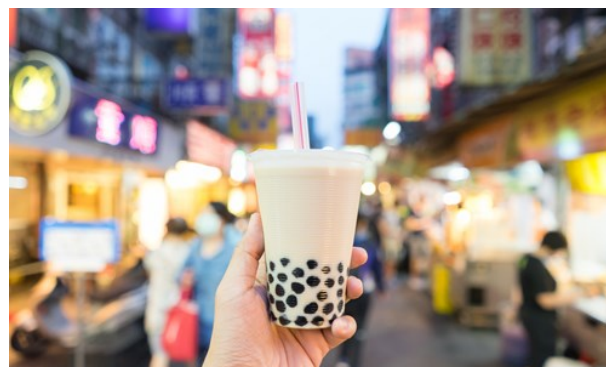


Also known as Linjiang Street Night Market, Tonghua Night Market is a not-so-touristy market buzzing with commercial life, packed with street food vendors selling all manner of exotic delights, from dumplings to sushi. Clothing,

jewellery, souvenirs and knick knacks are also sold in abundance.

Photo: Baiterek Media/Shutterstock.com
Address: Alley 1, Lane 40, Linjiang Street, Da'an District, Taipei
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 18.00-2.00, Sun 18.00-24.00

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport/Visa



Nationals of many countries are eligible for a visa exemption program, provided they fulfil a number of requirements: passport validity for at least 6 months following the date of entry, along with a confirmed return ticket or confirmed ticket to the following destination.

The list of countries whose nationals are eligible for the visa exemption program is continuously updated, and varying periods of stay are allowed to different nationalities (consult the Taiwan Consular Affairs website for current information). Nationals of other countries will need to apply for a visa; individual requirements vary by nationality.

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Internet:

www.boca.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=1443&ctNode=779&mp=2

Best Time to Visit



To avoid the hot and humid temperatures of the summer, it's best a trip to Taipei (and more generally, Taiwan) is planned for either

autumn (October - November), or March - April. It can get crowded around Chinese New Year (February), as many come for the festivities.

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Airport



Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport is located 40 km southwest of Taipei. There are several busses to choose from between the airport

and Taipei. The bus number 1819 goes to Taipei Main Station and the journey time is 55 minutes. It departs from the airport every 15-20 minutes between 05.40-01.30 (03.00 additional departure). Tickets are sold at bus counters. There is also the bus number 5201 that runs between the airport and to Taipei City every 15-20 minutes. Further routes available.

www.taiwanbus.tw

The most efficient transport from the airport to Taipei is the high-speed train, which takes around 22 minutes. Frequent shuttle busses (leave every 15-20 minutes) transport passengers between the high speed train station and the airport from 06.20 to 23:15.

Tickets must be purchased ahead for each journey. Tickets are sold at the Taoyuan Airport: UBUS service counters at

Arrivals Lobby of Terminals 1 and 2.

www.thsrc.com.tw

At the Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport taxis are located at the north side of the Terminal 1's Arrivals Lobby and the south side of the Terminal 2's Arrivals Lobby. Taxi fare is based on the meter plus a 15% surcharge.

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Address: Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, Taoyuan

Phone: +886 3 398 3728

Internet: www.taoyuan-airport.com

Public Transport



Subway (MRT) is easy and fast to use around the city. You can buy your ticket from the machines located in every MRT station (coins and bills

are accepted). MRT day passes (TaipeiPass) without limits on journeys, distance and can be used on all routes. You can also get the transportation card EasyCard at any stations and convenience stores.

Hours 06:00-24.00.

The bus network in Taipei is frequent and efficient. There are several bus lines operating around the city and most of them have English signs. At the bus stop make sure to flag the bus down when you see it. Easy Card is accepted by all busses. Main transfer hub is Taipei main Station and operating hours for the busses are 05.30-23.00.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +886 2 218 12345

Internet: www.trtc.com.tw

Taxi



Toll Free Taxi Hotline:
0800-055850. Taiwan
Taxi
www.taiwantaxi.com.tw
Service hotline: 55688 by
cell phone 405-88-888 by

pay phone

Taipei Taxi Service
www.taipei-taxi.com
+886 935 998 959

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



Taipei's central post
office is located south of
the train station. There is
another post office in the
station itself. Red post
boxes are for

international mail, green - for local postings.

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: 114 Zhongxiao West Road, Taipei
Phone: +886 2 2311 4331

Pharmacy



There are many
pharmacies throughout
Taipei: Healthcare
Franchise No. 133 Déxing
East Road, Shihlin
District, Taipei City +886

2 8866 2055
www.prohealthcare.com.tw
Opening hours: 9.00 - 22.00

Far Drugstore
Nanjing West Road, Datong District, Taipei City
+886 2 2559 4835

Opening hours: 09.00 - 20.00
www.yeschain.com.tw

For all off-hours' emergencies contact:
National Taiwan University Hospital

Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: 1 Changde Street, Taipei
Phone: +886 22312 3456
Internet: www.ntuh.gov.tw
More Info: Zhongzheng District

Telephone

Country code: + 886 Area
code: 02



Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

110V / 60Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population
2.6 million (2019)

Currency
New Taiwan Dollar (TWD)
NT\$10 ~ US\$0,33

Opening hours
Office hours for most government agencies are from
08.30-17.30 weekdays. Banking hours are from 09.00-15.30
Monday to Friday. Private companies are usually more
flexible with their working hours. Most stores stay open until
late both on weekdays and weekends and there are plenty
of 24-hour convenience stores throughout the city.

Newspapers
Taipei Times

Emergency numbers

Police: 110

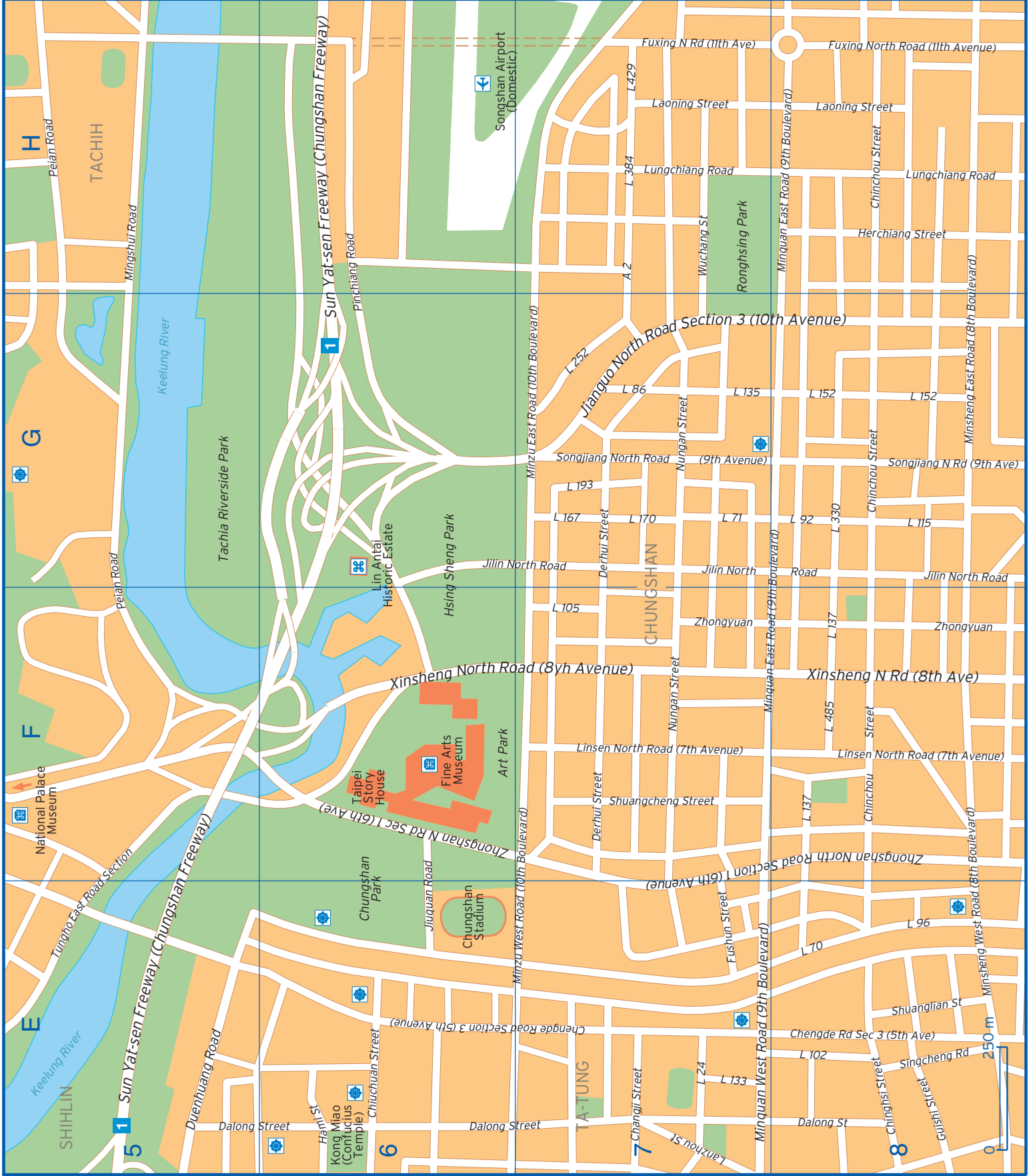
Ambulance: 119

Tourist information

No.3, Beiping W. Rd., Zhongzheng District, Taipei City 100,
Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Open Hours : 08.00 - 20.00 daily

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Songshan Airport (Domestic)

Keelung River

Tachia Riverside Park

Lin An Tai Historic Estate

Hsing Sheng Park

Taipei Story House

Fine Arts Museum

Art Park

Chungshan Park

Chungshan Stadium

Kong Miao (Confucius Temple)

Dalong Street

TA-TUNG

Changji Street

Lanhou St

Dalong St

Chinghsi Street

Singcheng Rd

Guishan Street

CHUNGSHAN

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Baoqing Road	B3 C3
Beiping East Road	D2
Beiping West Road	D2
Boai Road	B4 C2 C3
Changan West Road (6th Boulevard)	B1 C1 D1
Changji Street	E7
Changsha Road	B3
Chengde Road Section 1 (5th Avenue)	C2 D1
Chengde Road Section 3 (5th Avenue)	E6 E7 E8
Chengdu Road	A3 B3
Chifong Road	D1
Chinchou Street	F8 G8 H8
Chinghsi Street	E8
Chiuchuan Street	E6
Chongqing North Road Section 1 (4th Avenue)	C1 C2
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Chungxiao Bridge	A1
Civic Boulevard (5th Boulevard)	B1 D2
Dali Road	A4
Dalong Street	E5 E6 E7 E8
Danyang Road	D3
Derhui Street	F7 G7
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Duenhuang Road	E5
Ermei Road	A2 B2
Fushun Street	E7
Fuxing North Road (11th Avenue)	H7 H8
Gangu Road	B1 C1
Gongyuan Road	C3 C4
Guangjian Road	C2
Guangzhou Street	A3 A4 B4
Guider Road	B1
Guilin Road	A3 B3
Guishi Street	E8
Guiyang Road Section 1	B3 C3
Guiyang Road Section 2	A3 B1 B2 C3 D3
Hami Street	E6

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Hengyang Road	B3 C3	L 188	A3	L 75	B4
Heping West Road Section 2 (1st Boulevard)	A4 B4	L 193	G7	L 76	B2
Herchiang Street	H8	L 20	C2 D1	L 79	C1
Huaining Road	C2 C3	L 201	A3	L 8	C4
Huanhe North Road Section 1 (1st Avenue)	B1	L 22	A4 C2 C4 D4	L 81	A4 B4
Huanhe South Road Section 1 (1st Avenue)	A2 A3	L 23	D3	L 82	A3
Hukou Road	C4	L 230	B4	L 83	C1 D1
Jianguo North Road Section 3 (10th Avenue)	G7 G8	L 239	B1	L 85	B3
Jilin North Road	G6 G7 G8	L 24	D2 D4	L 86	G7
Jinhua Road	D4	L 24	E7	L 88	A4
Jinnan Road Section 1	D3	L 25	A2 A4 B4	L 9	B2
Jiuquan Road	E6 F6	L 252	G7	L 90	A2
Juguang Road	A4	L 258	A3	L 91	B3
Kaifeng Road Section 1	B2 C2	L 26	C1 D1 D3	L 92	G8
Kangding Road	A3 A4	L 28	A2 B2	L 95	B3
Keidagelan Road (3rd Boulevard)	C3	L 29	A3 B3 C1	L 96	A2
Kunming Street	A2 A3 B2	L 296	A3	L 96	E8
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L 152	A3	L 53	D2	Nanning Road	A4 B3
L 152	G8	L 54	C4	Nanyang Road	C2
L 155	C1	L 55	A4	Neijiang Street	A3
L 16	C1 C2 D1	L 56	B2 D2	Ningbo West Street	C4 D4
L 160	B3 C3	L 57	A4	Nungan Street	F7 G7
L 163	A4	L 6	C4	Peian Road	F5 G5 H5
L 167	C1	L 64	D1	Pinchiang Road	G6 H6
L 167	G7	L 69	A3 C1	Pingyang Road	C1 D1
L 170	G7	L 70	E8	Qingdao East Road	D2
L 172	A3	L 71	G7	Renai Road Section 1 (3rd Boulevard)	D3

Roosevelt Road Section 1	C4 D4	Taoyuan Road	B3	Yanping North Road Section 1	C1
Shuangcheng Street	F7	Tianshui Road	C1	Yanping South Road (3rd Avenue)	B2 B3 B4 C2
Shuanglian Street	E8	Tibet (Sizang) Road	B4	Yongchang Road	B1 C1
Siangyang Road	C2	Tienjin Road	D1 D2	Yongfu Road	A3 B3
Sichang Street	A3	Tingzhou Street Section 1	A4 B4	Yuanting Road	C3
Singcheng Road	E8	Tungho East Road Section	E5 F5	Zhenjiang Road	D2
Singning Road	A4	Wanda Road	A4	Zhonghua Road Section 1 (2nd Avenue)	B2 B3
Sining North Road	B1	Wuchang Road Section 1	B2 C2	Zhonghua Road Section 2	A4
Sining South Road	B2 B3	Wuchang Road Section 2	A2	Zhongshan North Road Section 1 (6th Avenue)	D1 D2
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Sun Yat-sen Freeway (Chungshan Freeway)	E5 F5 G6 H6	Xuchang Road	C2	Zhongsiao West Road Section 1 (4th Boulevard)	C2 D2
Tacheng Street	B1	Xuzhou Road	D3	Zhongsiao West Road Section 2 4th Boulevard	B2
Taiyuan Road	C1	Yajiang Road	A3	Zhongyuan	F7 F8