



Eastern Taiwan 5-Day Essential Highlights Tour (CITTWE)

Taiwan, once known as Formosa, meaning “Beautiful Island,” boasts a great variety of beautiful natural areas and picturesque scenery. Our itineraries are designed to take you to all of the tourist destinations and attractions in Taiwan most worth visiting. After going on one of our tours, you will have gained a basic understanding of Taiwan’s cultural characteristics and seen its distinctive island scenery, which will give you quite a different impression than that of Mainland China.

Please note:

* *This itinerary is intended to be used as a tour extension for travelers who are already in China. We can arrange a longer and more comprehensive Taiwan itinerary for travelers who wish to travel only to Taiwan.*

* *The Chinese names listed in the itinerary are written with the traditional characters used in Taiwan. In English, names are generally rendered in both the Wade-Giles system traditionally used in Taiwan for romanizing Chinese and Hanyu Pinyin, the Mainland Chinese standard that Taiwan has officially converted to in recent years.*

Day 1: Origin – Taipei (Táiběi)

After your arrival in Taiwan, you will first visit the **National Palace Museum**, which boasts a collection of well over 600,000 of China’s most precious artifacts, though only a small percentage can be put on display at any given time. This prodigious collection was originally housed in the Forbidden City in Beijing until it was moved in 1933 by China’s Nationalist government to keep it from falling into the hands of the Japanese army. Ranked among the best museums in the world, the National Palace Museum is an absolute must-see for any visitor to Taiwan. Next, you will proceed by coach to the largest night market in Taipei: the lively **Shihlin Night Market** in the city’s Shihlin District, where not only locals but also Taiwanese from other parts of the island flock to go strolling and shopping.

Day 1 Attractions:

National Palace Museum (故宮博物院, Gùgōng Bówùyuàn)

Shihlin Night Market (士林夜市, Shílín Yèshì)

Taipei Accommodations: **Gala Hotel** 台北慶泰大飯店 or equivalent

<http://www.galahotel.com.tw/index.php>

Day 2: Taipei – Hualien (Huālián)

After breakfast, you will begin your trip along Taiwan’s East Coast by passing through the **Hsuehshan Tunnel**, an 8-mile mountain passage that is the fifth-longest road tunnel in the world. You will then enjoy beautiful ocean and mountain scenery as you ride along the coastal highway through Taiwan’s **Northeast Coast National Scenic Area** to Ilan (Yílán), where you will stop briefly. As you resume your journey southward to Hualien, you will take in the sight of the majestic **Chingshui Cliff** sloping precipitously down to the water. Then you will tour **Taroko National Park** and be stunned by the world-class scenery of its magnificent gorge, which is often compared to Mainland China’s famous Three Gorges. Your tour will take you to a number of specific points of interest in the park, including **Eternal Spring Shrine**, **Swallow’s Mouth**, and the **Tunnel of Nine Turns**.

Day 2 Attractions:

Hsuehshan Tunnel (雪山隧道, Xuěshān Suidào)

Northeast Coast National Scenic Area (東北角海岸國家風景區, Dōngběijiǎo Hǎiàn Guójiā Fēngjǐngqū)

Chingshui Cliff (清水大斷崖, Qīngshuǐ Dàduànyá)

Taroko National Park (太魯閣國家公園, Tàilǔgé Guójiā Gōngyuán)

Eternal Spring Shrine (長春祠, Chángchūn Cí)

Swallow’s Mouth (燕子口, Yànzi Kǒu)

Tunnel of Nine Turns (九曲洞, Jiǔqū Dòng)



Hualien Accommodations: Parkview Hotel 花蓮美侖大飯店 or equivalent

<http://www.parkview-hotel.com/>

Day 3: Hualien – Taitung (Táidōng)

After breakfast, you will take a sightseeing trip along the Hualien-Taitung Coastal Highway, beginning at the Tropic of Cancer in the north and ending at Shiao-yeliou (Xiǎoyěliǔ) in the south. As you ride through the **East Coast National Scenic Area**, you will have a chance to stop and admire sights like the **Long Red Bridge**, **Eight Fairy Cave**, and **Three Fairy Platform**. This area stretches 170 kilometers along the coast, with mountains on one side and the vast Pacific Ocean on the other. Known as “Taiwan’s last unspoiled land,” it is renowned for its well-preserved natural beauty.

Day 3 Attractions:

East Coast National Scenic Area (東部海岸國家風景區, Dōngbù Hǎi'àn Guójiā Fēngjǐng Qū)

Long Red Bridge (長紅橋, Chánghóngqiáo)

Eight Fairy Cave (八仙洞, Bāxiān Dòng)

Three Fairy Platform (三仙臺, Sānxiān Tái)

Taitung Accommodations: Hoya Resort Hotel 台東富野大酒店 or equivalent

<http://www.hoyaresort.com.tw>

Day 4: Taitung – Taipei

After breakfast, you will take a trip back up the coastal highway to Taipei, stopping in Ilan to rest. In the evening you will visit **Taipei 101**, the tower that in 2004 set the record for tallest skyscraper in the world. Here you can take in the magnificent view of the entire Taipei Basin. Whether you happen to visit Taipei 101 while it's still daylight or after the sun has already set, this stunning view is guaranteed to excite you. Afterward, you will have dinner and then retire to your hotel to rest.

Day 4 Attractions:

Taipei 101 (台北 101, Táiběi Yīlíngyī)

Taipei Accommodations: Gala Hotel 台北慶泰大飯店 or equivalent

Day 5: Taipei – Origin

Today you will say goodbye to Taiwan as you fly back to your point of origin via Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport.

The tour will also include a few “shopping stops” at selected locations where you can buy local goods and special products like Taipei coral and Hualien marble.

Tour Price: \$470 per person (for a group of 5 or more), \$540 per person (for a group of 4 or fewer)

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