



# TREASURES OF TAIWAN

Classic Tour | 15 Days | Physical Level 1

Taipei – Sun Moon Lake – Tainan – Kaosiung – Kenting –

Chihpen – Taroko - Yilan – Taipei

Explore the cities of Taipei and Tainan, where ancient and modern sit side by side, and lose yourself in the natural beauty of Sun Moon Lake and Taroko National Park. This magical and diverse island has so much to offer, and on our Treasures of Taiwan tour you can experience it for yourself!

- Explore bustling Taipei
- Unwind at beautiful Sun Moon Lake
- Visit Foguangshan Monastery
- Relax on the beach in Kenting
- Spend time in magnificent Taroko National Park
- Discover the first capital city in Taiwan, Tainan

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## TOUR MAP

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### TREASURES OF TAIWAN TOUR INCLUSIONS:

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- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- All accommodation
- All meals (From dinner on the day of arrival to breakfast on the last day)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- English speaking National Escort
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Comprehensive travel guides

The only thing you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, early check in or late checkout and other items not specified on the itinerary.

## CLASSIC TOURS:

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These tours are designed for those who wish to see the iconic sites and magnificent treasures of Taiwan on an excellent value group tour travelling with like-minded people. The tours are on a fully inclusive basis so you will travel with the assurance that all your arrangements are taken care of. You will be accompanied by our dedicated and professional National Escort and local guides, whose unparalleled knowledge will turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience.

## PHYSICAL LEVEL 1:

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Our tours come with a physical rating to guide you in selecting a holiday that suits your comfort level. Joining any of our tours involves independent mobility and the ability to stay active throughout the day, which is essential for fully enjoying the unique charm of each destination.

'Treasures of Taiwan' falls under a Physical Level 1 category. This indicates a level of fitness that allows you to comfortably remain on your feet with occasional rests. Expect to effortlessly navigate boarding and disembarking from various modes of transport, including coaches, trains, and boats. You'll be walking around remarkable sites and ascending steps to capture those awe-inspiring views!

Please Consider:

- On several days, there will be sightseeing on foot for extended periods of time, often involving steps or uneven ground
- You will be required to get on and off various sizes of boat without assistance

Of course, our National Escort and local guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

## JOINING YOUR TOUR:

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The tour is 15 days in duration including international flights. Please note that due to flight schedules passengers may depart/arrive on Day 2. For travelers booked on 'Land Only' packages, the price includes your arrival/ departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour. Please advise your international flight times to reservations.

Join the tour on Day 2 in Taipei and end the tour on Day 14 in Taipei. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure.

## ITINERARY CHANGES:

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It's our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate. In these circumstances we'll make the best possible arrangements maintaining the integrity of your trip.

## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 1-2: Fly to Taipei

Meals: D

Fly overnight to Taipei, Taiwan's buzzing capital. On arrival you will be met by driver and transfer approximately 1 hour to your hotel. In the evening, meet your guide and enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

*Please note: Early check in is not included. If your flight arrives in the morning and you wish to arrange this, please speak to your reservations consultant.*



#### Destination Information

**Taipei** – Taipei has an interesting blend of Chinese culture with a fusion of Japanese, Southeast Asian and American influences. The city is a modern metropolis and is known for its lively street-food scene and many night markets.

### Day 3: A Day in Taipei

Meals: B, L, D

Enjoy a full day Taipei City tour, beginning with a visit to the impressive Martyrs' Shrine. After lunch, proceed to visit CKS Memorial Hall and Longshan Temple before reaching the observation tower at Taipei 101 for panoramic views over the city. This evening, a walking street food tour awaits at one of Taipei's lively night markets. Enjoy 2-3 different local foods along with a beverage before time at leisure to wander the markets. You will be on your feet sightseeing for several hours today.



*Please note, there is minimal seating during the evenings walking street food/market tour.*

#### Destination Information

**Martyr's Shrine** – The National Revolutionary Martyrs' Shrine was built in 1969 to honour the fallen Kuomintang soldiers after the Chinese Civil War. It is home to around 390,000 spirit tablets.

**CKS Memorial Hall** – The National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall is a famous national monument erected in memory of the authoritarian leader Chiang Kai-shek, former President of the Republic of China.

**Longshan Temple** – One of the largest and oldest temples in Taiwan, Longshan was built in 1738 by Han immigrants from Fujian as a gathering place for Chinese settlers. Today it is one of the city's top religious sites, and it is a wonderful mix of the Taoist, Buddhist and Confucian faiths.

**Taipei 101** – Taipei's skyline is crowned by the iconic 509m-tall, bamboo-shaped Taipei 101 skyscraper. From its opening in 2004 until 2010 it was classified as the world's tallest building.

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**Day 4: Scenic Sun Moon Lake**

Meals: B, L, D

Start the morning with a visit to the National Palace Museum. After a Dim Sum style lunch, drive around 3 hours south to the popular resort that lies in the heart of Taiwan, Sun Moon Lake, and visit the local landmark, Wen Wu Temple. Take a shared motorboat cruise around the lake and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Also visit Holy Monk Shrine, Tze-En Pagoda and Tehua Village (the aboriginal village). Check in to your hotel for a two-night stay.



### Destination Information

**National Palace Museum** – The National Palace Museum has a permanent collection of nearly 700,000 pieces of ancient Chinese imperial artefacts and artworks, making it the world's largest and arguably finest collection of Chinese art. The collection covers 5,000 years of China's historical and artistic achievements and includes treasures in painting, calligraphy, bronzes, lacquerware, ceramics, jade and religious objects.

**Sun Moon Lake** – Sun Moon Lake is Taiwan's largest lake. The name is inspired by the beauty of the area. The east side of the lake is round, like the sun, while the west side is long and narrow, like a crescent moon. The lake and its surrounding countryside have been designated one of 13 national scenic areas in Taiwan. Due to low rainfall and droughts over recent years as a result of climate change, please be mindful that water levels may be low during the time of your visit.

**Wen Wu Temple** – In the past, two temples were located on the shore of Sun Moon Lake. In 1919, a dam was constructed, causing the lake's water level to rise, and the temples were torn down and consolidated at the temple's present location in 1938. In 1969, Wen Wu temple was rebuilt again in the Chinese palace style. There is walk of around 5 minutes on a steep slope up to the top and three-story steps down to the entrance.

**Holy Monk Shrine** – Syuentzang Temple, also known as Holy Monk Shrine was constructed for the famous monk Tang Xuanzang who contributed greatly to Chinese culture and the spread of Buddhism in China. There are some steep steps at the entrance and the shrine itself is situation over three floors.

**Tze-En Pagoda** – The octagonal Tse En Pagoda was constructed in 1971 in memory of President Chiang Kai-shek's mother. It was constructed with a traditional Chinese architectural style on top of Mount Shabalan, overlooking beautiful Lalu Island and Sun Moon Lake. There is a steep slope with some stairs to reach the pagoda to/from the coach.

**Tehua Village** – Tehua Village is the last residence of the thao people at Sun Moon Lake. The thao people established the "thao Cultural Village" for people to appreciate their traditional culture, songs, and dancing.

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**Day 5: Tea Plantation**

Meals: B, L, D

This morning, drive 20 minutes to the nearby township named Puli to visit a famous Tea farm and see a tea plantation. In the afternoon, take a cable car and visit the Formosan Cultural Village. Here you can choose to take a walk to visit the homes of Taiwan's main indigenous tribes, experience the exciting rides of the theme park or stroll through the grounds of Taiwan's largest and most authentic European garden. Take the cable car back down and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

**Destination Information**

**Tea farm** – The speciality here is Assam black tea, introduced to the area from India by the Japanese. In its heyday, this factory had over 200 workers, but it was forced to close down in the early. A handful of veteran workers persisted and began growing organic Assam and turned the factory into a tourist attraction filled with educational and cultural values. There is a gentle slope to/from the coach to access the tea farm.

**Formosan Cultural Village** – The Formosan Aboriginal Culture Village is an amusement park distinctive for its Formosan aboriginal culture theme.

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**Day 6: Discover Tainan**

Meals: B, L, D

Drive around 2 and a half hours this morning to the first capital city in Taiwan, Tainan. Visit the Chihkan Tower and Confucius Temple before enjoying lunch in a local restaurant. Spend the afternoon in the Anping area, wandering down the old streets, seeing Anping Fort, Anping Tree House and Tait & Co. Merchant House. You can also enjoy the beautiful sunset view at Anping Harbor. Check in to your hotel and in the evening, join an optional night market tour (payable locally).

**Destination Information**

**Tainan** – Tainan is the oldest city in Taiwan and was the island's capital from 1683–1887 under the Qing dynasty. Today it's known for its centuries-old fortresses and temples. Traditional culture continues to thrive.

**Chihkan Tower** – Chihkan Tower is an 18th-century Chinese complex with gardens, intricately carved towers and a temple erected on the foundations of Fort Provintia, a Dutch outpost dating to the mid-1600s. There are the occasional steep steps at the tower.

**Confucius Temple** – The Taiwan Confucius Temple, also called the Scholarly Temple, was built in 1665 during the Koxinga dynasty, but has been renovated several times over the past 300 years. Today the temple preserves ancient Confucian ceremonies, which are conducted on a regular basis.

**Anping** - The history of Anping dates back to the 17th century, when the Dutch East India Company occupied the area. In the Japanese period, the history of trade between China and Japan unfolded at Anping. Anping Old Street is lined with traditional rammed earth houses, low brick houses as well as Western mansions, and a myriad of street food, including fried wontons, shrimp rolls and deep-fried sandwich.

**Anping Fort** – In 1624, Dutch built the first fort in Anping, Taiwan, called "Fort Zeelandia", now known as Anping Old Fort. It is the oldest fort in Taiwan. There are some steps at the fort.

**Day 7: Explore Kaohsiung**

Meals: B, L, D

Drive approximately 1 hour south to Kaohsiung and visit the Dragon & Tiger Pagodas as well as the Spring & Autumn Pavilions. There are many stairs to climb inside the pagodas, but you can choose to stay outside if you wish. Continue to the biggest monastery in Taiwan, Foguanshan Monastery. After a vegetarian lunch, explore the Main Shrine, the Buddhist Museum and the Great Buddha Land. You will spend around 2-3 hours sightseeing on foot here. Proceed to the Martyrs' Shrine at Shoushan Park to have a nice view over Kaohsiung Harbor.



### Destination Information

**Kaohsiung** – Taiwan's second largest city, Kaohsiung is reinventing itself from an industrial port to a cultural hub. The city has plenty of night markets, temples and good restaurants, and warehouses by the harbour are morphing into galleries and theatres. The city's focal point is the Love river.

**Dragon & Tiger Pagodas** – The Dragon and Tiger Pagodas are located on the southern edge of Lotus Lake. They were built in 1976. It is said that it's good luck to enter the dragon and exit the tiger.

**Spring & Autumn Pavilions** – Close to the Dragon & Tiger Pagodas are the fun and gaudy Spring & Autumn Pavilions. The two octagonal towers are dedicated to Guandi, the God of War, and feature Guanyin riding a dragon that you can walk through.

**Foguanshan Monastery** – Foguangshan is an international Chinese Buddhist monastic order based in Taiwan that practices humanistic Buddhism. The Foguangshan Monastery in Kaohsiung is the largest Buddhist monastery in Taiwan.

**Buddha Museum** – The sensational-looking Buddha Museum, added to Foguangshan Monastery in 2011, has several pagodas, a giant golden Buddha statue and a small but interesting museum of Buddhist artefacts.

**Martyr's Shrine** – The site was originally established during the Japanese rule of Taiwan in 1910. Throughout history the shrine has been renovated, renamed, demolished and rebuilt. It is located on the mountainside of Shoushan so you can enjoy great views over the city.

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**Day 8: Visit Kenting National Park**

Meals: B, L, D

Transfer around 2 hours to the beach resort of Kenting and visit Kenting National Park, which has abundant Fauna & Flora as well as breathtaking ocean view. There will be around 2 hours of walking in the park. Proceed to visit Maopitou, where you can see some interesting rock formations. Check in to the hotel and relax with some time at leisure to enjoy this beach resort. Dinner this evening is at Kenting Street Night Market. Enjoy a walking food tour and sample 2-3 different local foods along with a beverage before returning to your hotel.



*Please note, there is minimal seating during the evenings walking street food/market tour.*

**Destination Information**

**Kenting** – Kenting National Park, commonly known as Kenting, is Taiwan's oldest and southernmost national park on the main island. The park is well known for its tropical climate, scenic mountain and beach. The terrain here is relatively flat but on slightly rocky terrain with occasional slope and steps.

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**Day 9: Discover Sheding Nature Park**

Meals: B, L, D

In the morning, drive 15 minutes and visit Sheding Nature Park, part of Kenting National Park. You will be on your feet for 30-60 minutes, and there are some stairs and steep hills to walk up. Continue another 15 minutes to visit Oluanpi Light House. Return to your hotel for lunch and spend the rest of the day at leisure, enjoying the beach resort.





### Destination Information

**Sheding Nature Park** – Sheding is a nature park within Kenting National Park. The park features rock formations formed from ancient coral reefs, limestone caves and has an impressive range of flora and fauna. The terrain here is relatively flat but on slightly rocky terrain with occasional slope and steps.

**Oluanpi Lighthouse** – Oluanpi, or Eluanbi, Lighthouse is located on the southernmost point of Taiwan. The Lighthouse is also known as "The Light of East Asia" because its light is the most intense of those on Taiwan. It was built during the Qing Dynasty in 1883 and an English architect was hired to construct it.

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### Day 10: Ocean Drive to Chihpen

Meals: B, L, D

Enjoy a leisurely morning. After lunch at a local restaurant, drive around 2 and a half hours along the East Coast to Taitung, with the magnificent Pacific Ocean view right in front of you. Continue to Chihpen, the hometown of hot springs. After checking in to your hotel, the rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the relaxing hot springs in the hotel. Tonight's dinner is at the hotel, where there will also be an aboriginal music and dance performance.



### Destination Information

**Taitung** – The coastal town of Taitung is the starting point for countywide attractions, including whale watching, hot springs and surfing.

**Chihpen** – Chihpen lies in a canyon around 15km southwest of Taitung and is a popular hot spring area. At the far end of the canyon is a lush jungle park with a beautiful banyan forest. The minerals in the hot spring water are good for you, and the heat from the water helps drive toxins from the body.

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### Day 11: Chihpen - Hualien

Meals: B, L, D

Head north to Taroko, a journey of approximately 5 hours. Stop several times en route and visit Siaoyeliou, Dulan, Donghe (where there is a chance to see wild monkeys), Sansiantai and the scenic Cisingtan Lake area. Here you can choose to enjoy the lakeside cycling (payable locally).

Check in to your hotel in Hualien for a two-night stay and enjoy dinner there. After dinner there will be an optional aboriginal dance show you can watch.



### Destination Information

**Siaoyeliou** – Siaoyeliou is a natural stone sculpture park with a unique landscape.

**Dulan** – Dulan is a small coastal town in Taitung County. It has one of the largest Ami settlements along the east coast and boasts beautiful coastal scenery, as well as a thriving local art scene.

**Donghe** – Donghe is a rural, seaside town located in northeastern Taitung County. The population is mainly the indigenous Amis people. It has become very popular among artists and surfers escaping the city.

**Sansiantai** – A beach and several islands and coral reefs make up the Sansiantai area. It is well known for its long footbridge, completed in 1987, in the shape of a sea dragon that connects the coast to the largest island. The name Sansiantai means "three immortals' platform", referring to three huge rocks found here.

**Cisingtan Lake** – Not an actually a lake, Cisingtan or Seven Star Lake, was once the name of a series of small lakes situated where Hualien Airport now stands. When the lakes were filled in as part of a modernization drive in 1936 the local people retreated to the coastal area. It is a great place for cycling and hiking.

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### Day 12: Taroko National Park (Hualien)

Meals: B, L, D

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Visit Taroko National Park, one of the 7 wonders in Asia, to see the only marble gorge in the world and visit Gorge Gateway and see the Eternal Spring Shrine. From the bus there is around 30 minutes of walking. After lunch, enjoy some light hiking in the national park for about 30 to 60 minutes, depending on your energy and interest. Return to your hotel in Hualien.

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Start your tour of Hualien at Gangtian Temple, an impressive example of traditional Taiwanese architecture and a serene place of worship. Next, visit the historic Pine Garden, once a military office during the Japanese occupation, now a tranquil spot offering beautiful views and art exhibitions.

Continue to Ji'an Qingxiu Temple, where you can admire the intricate carvings and vibrant decorations that make this temple a visual delight. Finally, immerse yourself in the local arts scene at Hualien Culture & Creative Park. This vibrant space, housed in a former distillery, features galleries, shops, and cafes, showcasing the creativity and craftsmanship of Hualien's artists.

### Destination Information

**Taroko National Park** – Taroko National Park features high mountains, many of its peaks towering above 3,000m, sheer gorges, waterfalls and lush vegetation. The park was named after the Taroko Gorge, the landmark gorge of the park carved by the Liwu River. Almost all the bio-geographical zones in Taiwan are represented here, providing a sanctuary for half of the island's plant and animal species.

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### Day 13: Return to Taipei

Meals: B, L, D

Start your journey back to Taipei early this morning. Drive around 30 minutes to the scenic Cingshuei Cliff to enjoy the scenery. Continue a further 2 and a half hours to visit Kavalan Whisky Distillery in Yilan to learn about the whisky-making process and get a small taster. Finally, take the express train for 1 hour and 20 minutes to Taipei. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner.



*When you take the express train, your luggage will be transferred back to Taipei separately by coach.*

### Destination Information

**Qingshui Cliff** – Qingshui Cliff stretches more than 21km and rises vertically from the Pacific Ocean, with an average height of over 800m. The tallest peak, Qingshui Mountain, rises 2408 meters directly from the Pacific Ocean. It is a magnificently scenic area and was designated as one of the island's "Eight Wonders" in 1953.

**Kavalan Whisky Distillery** – Kavalan Whisky Distillery is named after the indigenous Kavalan people. The distillery was completed in December 2005 and released its first bottling in December 2008. In January 2010, one of the distillery's products caused a stir by beating three Scotch whiskies and one English whisky in a blind tasting organised in Scotland. The distillery and its products have won several awards.

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### Days 14-15: Depart Taipei

Meals: B

This morning is free at leisure before you transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home.

*Please note: Only breakfast is included today. Late check-out is not included. If you wish to book a late check-out for your final day in Taipei, please contact our reservations department who can confirm the additional price and make this arrangement for you, subject to availability at the hotel.*



## TAIWAN TRAVEL INFORMATION

### VISAS:

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A visa is not required for Australian citizens visiting Taiwan for stay up to 90 days.

### INSURANCE:

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We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance. We also encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the original.

### GROUP SIZE:

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Most of our groups consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by both a National Escort and local guides. There will be no more than 28 travellers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu our groups while you are travelling.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 10 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so. For groups with fewer than 10 travellers, departures will operate with local guides only.

### ACCOMMODATION:

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Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between the UK/Ireland and Taiwan. We cannot guarantee the availability of double beds. All group tour hotels have private western bathroom facilities, air-conditioning, TV and telephone. Hotels in Taiwan often do not have porters and you will be required to carry your own luggage. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort/local guide. Rest assure that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners difficulty, please speak to your National Escort/local guide. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

## EATING IN TAIWAN:

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Taiwanese cuisine is delicious, colourful and healthy. Meals are usually served with a bowl of rice and several dishes of vegetables, sea food (normally fish and/or shrimps), and meats (pork, beef or chicken). Taiwan's other main staple is noodles, most famous being beef noodle. Food is an important element of Taiwanese culture. It is a time for families and friends to come together and much of family life revolves around the dinner table. Most food is eaten with chopsticks so best get practicing as cutlery is not always available at restaurants.

Meals as listed in the itinerary (excluding drinks) are included. Breakfast will be at your hotel and mostly buffet style but may be a set-menu. Dinners where included are usually the hotel is usually buffet-style, featuring a wide selection of high-quality Taiwanese and Western dishes, whereas lunch at a local restaurant is usually Taiwanese pre-set options. We usually find this style of dining suits the wide and varied tastes of our customers on tour. Beverages will be at your own expense and are readily available.

Please note: if you have any dietary requirements, you must inform us before your tour starts, and please be aware that restaurants may not always be able to accommodate these. Gluten-free food may not be as readily available as in Australia.

**PLEASE INFORM US OF ANY ALLERGIES AND/OR SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF BOOKING.**

## TRANSPORT:

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**Coaches:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. Roads in Taiwan are fairly modern, especially in the more populated areas.

**Express trains:** Second class reserved seats are booked for our groups on trains; there will be toilet facilities on board. Due to the limited space on trains, a separate luggage transfer service will be arranged for all suitcases.

## DEVELOPMENT IN TAIWAN:

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Taiwan is a developed country and as such matches the west in modernity and technological advances in many aspects. Taiwan is a safe country to visit and the locals are very friendly and willing to help visitors.

## LUGGAGE:

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All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 5kg. It is essential that your luggage is lockable. In general, we recommend packing only as much as you can lift as you will need to carry your own luggage on and off trains. Please note that authorities will only allow bottles onto the aircraft if they have been checked in as main baggage. Bottles in hand luggage may be confiscated.

## PERSONAL EXPENSES AND OPTIONAL TOURINGS:

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Personal Expense - You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks, laundry and souvenirs, plus any additional sightseeing that may be offered to you. Based on the advice of previous customers an approximate amount of \$300AUD per person, per week should be sufficient; however, for those that can't resist a bargain or may wish to participate in all of the optional excursions, consider allocating a higher amount.

Optional Tours - May be offered in each city you visit during your tour. These are not included in the standard itinerary and will only be available if time permits and if seats are available. In your Final Documentation an Optional Excursion Sheet will be included outlining the activities available in each city and local cost associated. Please ensure you have additional funds available if you feel you may wish to participate in any extra activities. Each option will be arranged locally by your National Escort/Local Guide, participation and tipping for optional excursions is completely at your discretion.

## TIPPING:

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Tipping in Taiwan is a way to show satisfaction with the service of guides and drivers. It is not always clear who it is appropriate to tip and how much. Furthermore, travellers may not have the right amounts of cash available at the right time. Therefore, in order to avoid any inconvenience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a tipping policy where a stated amount is given to your National Escort at the beginning of your tour and tips are disbursed throughout your tour. The amount is designed to be at a reasonable level for travellers while being fair to the local people and includes a gratuity for the National Escort. If you are travelling in a smaller group, we ask for slightly higher amounts per traveller, to be fair to the guide(s). We generally find that most customers appreciate the convenience of our tipping policy but we do recognize that it may not suit everyone. However, as this is a group tour we ask that everyone follows the same protocol to be fair to other group members and to ensure smooth operation of your tour. Porterage is not included on our Taiwan tours and you will be expected to carry/move your own luggage.

## VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

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We recommend that you contact either your GP or Travelvax (1300 360 164) for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Travelvax has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful [www.travelvax.com.au](http://www.travelvax.com.au)

## BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

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We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au) as in the event of an emergency, Australian Consular assistance will be more readily available. You can also access the Australian Government's travel advisory service for up to date information about your destination on the same website.

### AFTER YOUR BOOKING:

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Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive an email with your invoice, along with a link to our website where you can find your visa information (if applicable) and other important information. Please note that it can take 2-7 business days to confirm a Private Tour. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2 weeks prior to departure.

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