

# NHT Explore Taiwan Tour

08 – 21 March 2026 (14 DAYS, 13 NIGHTS)



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FGS - Nan Hua Temple

**Start:** Taoyuan Int. Airport, Taiwan

**End:** Kaohsiung Int. Airport, Taiwan

**Including:** Accommodations,  
Entrance Fees, All  
Breakfasts, 50% Meals,  
Boat Trips and Train Ride,  
and Travel Insurance

**Excluding:** Flights, Visa, 50% Meals,  
and Own Expenses



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**For more information:**



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## 2026 Taiwan Tour Individual Registration Form

Name :		Surname :	
Gender : <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Date of Birth :      year      month day	
Nationality :		Passport No. :	
Passport Expiry Date:		Education/Major :	
Company :		Occupation/Position :	
Postal Address :			
Home Phone (country code+area+ number.):		Mobile Phone (country code+area+ number.):	
E-mail :		Fax (country code+area+fax no.)	
Emergency Contact Person :			
Relations:			
Emergency Contact Number (country code+area+ no.) :			
Religion : <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist <input type="checkbox"/> Christian <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____			
Language Use : <input type="checkbox"/> Mandarin <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Cantonese <input type="checkbox"/> Others			
Do you Require a Letter of Invitation for your Visa Application? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N			
Health Conditions	Please mark where applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> Other health conditions		
Additional medical conditions (if applicable):			
Terms & conditions	All rules and regulations stipulated by the organisers in the tour information document are to be always adhered to.		
	Name		Signature:
Airport Services - Arrival		Airport Services – Departure	
Arrival Date (Taiwan)	mm/      dd	Departure Date (Taiwan)	mm /      dd
Arrival Airport	<input type="checkbox"/> Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE)	Departure Airport	<input type="checkbox"/> Taiwan Kaohsiung International Airport (KHH) Departure Terminal : <input type="checkbox"/> T1 <input type="checkbox"/> T2
Arrival Airline/ Flight No.		Departure Airline/ Flight No.	
Arrival Time (Taiwan)		Departure Time (Taiwan)	

Please complete all the items above for prompt processing. After completing the form, please email your application to [info@nanhua.co.za](mailto:info@nanhua.co.za)

### Office use only

Deposit: <input type="checkbox"/> Paid, R_____ <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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# Introduction to Taiwan

Taiwan, also known as Formosa, is an island in East Asia, situated off the southeastern coast of mainland China and in the western Pacific Ocean. Despite its small size, it features a diverse landscape of mountains, forests, vibrant cities, and scenic coastlines. With a population of 23.26 million and its capital in Taipei, Taiwan is renowned for its robust economy, advanced technology sector, and democratic values. As a global leader in semiconductor and electronics innovation, it combines modern progress with rich culture, warm hospitality, lively night markets, and natural beauty, making it one of Asia's most dynamic and progressive nations.

## Geography

Taiwan is an island situated between Japan's Ryukyu Islands to the north and the Philippines to the south, separated from mainland China by the Taiwan Strait to the west. Covering an area of about 36,000 km<sup>2</sup>, roughly twice the size of Kruger National Park, around 70% of Taiwan consists of rugged mountains and hills, while most of its plains lie along the western coast.

### i Climate

Taiwan has a humid subtropical to tropical climate, shaped by seasonal monsoons. The island experiences mild winters and long, warm summers, with an annual average temperature ranging from 14°C to 30°C and average rainfall of around 2,500 mm. Northern and eastern Taiwan receive rainfall throughout the year, while the southern regions experience distinct wet and dry seasons. By March, Taiwan transitions from winter to spring, ushering in comfortable weather and a blooming landscape. Temperatures typically range from 18°C to 26°C, with occasional light rain and increasing sunshine, making it ideal for outdoor activities and travel.

### ii Demographics

The island is inhabited by two primary races, the Taiwanese Aborigines and the Han Chinese. Over 70% of the population dwells in the five major urban centres on the West Coast. Among these, the largest metropolis, Taipei, is where the capital city is situated and one of the major metropolises in Asia.

### iii Culture

The social fabric of Taiwanese society is composed of Fukien culture, represented by Hokkien, Hakka culture, represented by Hakka, New Culture, represented by Mainlanders, as well as South Island culture, represented by the aborigines. Furthermore, the 50 years of Japanese Occupation also resulted in the appropriation of Japanese, European, and American culture in Taiwanese Culture. The popular use of the folk calendar dictates daily life, recording the perfect dates for housewarmings, grand openings, weddings, and funerals. The Chinese horoscope in the folk calendar also acts as a guideline for arranged marriages and wedding arrangements. The aborigine tribes hold numerous indigenous religious rituals, such as Bunun chorus, Saixia sacrificial rites, and Dawu Flying Fish rites.

# Itinerary \*

Date	Itinerary	Memo
03/08 Sunday Day 1	Arrival at Taoyuan International Airport	Flight must arrive before 12:00
	National Centre for Traditional Arts (NCFTA) - Yilan Park	
	Fo Guang Shan University	
	Fo Guang University Million-Member Fundraising Memorial Hall	
	Night View	
	Accommodation: Fo Guang University Million-Member Fundraising Memorial Hall	
03/09 Monday Day 2	Fo Guang University Million-Member Fundraising Memorial Hall Water Drop Teahouse	
	Tangweigou Hot Spring Park	
	Fo Guang Shan Lan Yang Temple	
	Lanyang Museum	
	Fo Guang Shan Tai Pei Temple	
	Raohe Street Night Market	Dinner not provided (at your own expense)
	Accommodation: Fo Guang Shan Tai Pei Temple	
03/10 Tuesday Day 3	National Palace Museum	
	Taipei 101 Shopping Mall	Lunch not provided (at your own expense)
	Miaoli Old Mountain Line Rail Bike (Sheng-Hsing Station, Longteng Broken Bridge)	
	Shengxing Old Street	Dinner not provided (at your own expense)
	Accommodation: Hotel	
03/11 Wednesday Day 4	Traditional Indigo Dyeing Experience	
	Miyahara	
	Fo Guang Shan Hui Chung Temple	
	Hui Chung Water Drop Teahouse	
	Accommodation: Fo Guang Shan Hui Chung Temple	

<b>03/12 Thursday Day 5</b>	Wufeng Lin Family Mansion and Garden	
	Sun Moon Lake National Scenic Area	
	Ita Thao Old Street	Dinner not provided (at your own expense)
	Accommodation: Hotel	
<b>03/13 Friday Day 6</b>	Fenqihu Old Street	Lunch not provided (at your own expense)
	Alishan National Forest Recreation Area	
	Alishan Restaurant	Dinner not provided (at your own expense)
	Accommodation: Hotel	
<b>03/14 Saturday Day 7</b>	Alishan Train Station	
	Zhushan Train Station	
	Fo Guang Shan Yuan Fu Temple	
	Hinoki Village	
	Wenhua Road Night Market	Dinner not provided (at your own expense)
	Accommodation: Hotel	
<b>03/15 Sunday Day 8</b>	Orchid City Tourism Factory DIY: Green Tea Hand Wash Mousse	
	Shanhua Sugar Factory Cultural Park	Lunch not provided (at your own expense)
	Nan Ting Flowing Cups on Winding Stream Experience	
	Sicao Green Tunnel	
	Anping Old Fort	
	Accommodation: Fo Guang Shan Nan Tai Temple	
<b>03/16 Monday Day 9</b>	Fo Guang Shan Nan Tai Temple	
	Ten Drum Culture Village	Lunch not provided (at your own expense)
	Chimei Museum	
	Dadong Night Market	Dinner not provided (at your own expense)
	Accommodation: Hotel	
<b>03/17 Tuesday Day 10</b>	Meinong Folk Village (Oil Paper Umbrella, Hakka Lei Cha DIY)	DIY (at your own expense)
	Meinong Folk Village	Lunch not provided (at your own expense)

	Qishan Old Street	
	E-DA Outlet Mall	Dinner not provided (at your own expense)
	Accommodation: Hotel	
03/18 Wednesday Day 11	Lotus Pond Scenic Area	
	Hanshin Arena Shopping Plaza	Lunch not provided (at your own expense)
	Kaohsiung Confucius Temple	
	Cloud Rises Cultural Space	Dinner not provided (at your own expense)
	Accommodation: Hotel	
03/19 Thursday Day 12	Fo Guang Shan Activity	
	Water Drop Teahouse	Dinner not provided (at your own expense)
	Accommodation: Hotel	
03/20 Friday Day 13	Fo Guang Shan	
	Water Drop Teahouse	Lunch not provided (at your own expense)
	Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum	
	E-DA Outlet Mall	Dinner not provided (at your own expense)
	Accommodation: Hotel	
03/21 Saturday Day 14	Fo Guang Shan Shou Shan Temple Water Drop Teahouse	
	Fo Guang Shoushan Temple	
	Pier-2 Art Centre	
	Kaohsiung International Airport	<b>Flight should depart after 19:50</b>

**\*\*Please note the itinerary is subject to adjustment when required.**

# Additional Information\*\*

## *WhatsApp Group*

After participants are confirmed, we will create a WhatsApp group to share updates and important information about the trip.

## *About Flights*

### Suggested Flight Schedule:

**To:** 8<sup>th</sup> March: From South Africa (SA) to Taoyuan International Airport  
**(Flight must arrive before 12:00)**

**Return:** 21<sup>st</sup> March: From Kaohsiung International Airport to South Africa (SA)  
**(Flight should depart after 19:50)**

### Group Schedule:

**8<sup>th</sup> March 12:00** → Group meet and greet at Taoyuan International Airport (Terminal 1)

**21<sup>st</sup> March 17:00** → Tour ends Kaohsiung International Airport.

- Transport from Pier-2 Art Centre to Kaohsiung International Airport will depart at 17:00, with an estimated travel time of approximately 30 min - 1 hour.
- Please ensure your **return flight departs after 19:50** to allow sufficient time for airport check-in and security.
- Participants their own travel will proceed independently after the tour concludes at Kaohsiung International Airport.

### Flight Booking:

Booking through an agency might be easier, with any agent you prefer!

Travel agent we use:

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Mobile / Whatsapp: 082 401 6135

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## *About VISA*

We will apply for the visa together on **6<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. More information will be shared in the WhatsApp group closer to the date.

- An invitation letter will be provided by the temple for this tour.
- For South African passport holders, there will be no visa fees for a holiday single entry visa. (Fast track application R400.00)
- For other African countries, eg. Tanzania, the VISA fees is R800.00 (Fast track application R1200.00)
- Visa application takes 7 – 10 working days.

Document required for a holiday visa application as per Taipei Liaison office:

1. Complete Application Form (online)
2. 2 x Passport size colour photos
3. Letter of invitation
4. Plane ticket
5. Proof of Accommodation (pending confirmation)
6. Proof of Employment (pending confirmation)
7. 3 months bank statement (pending confirmation)

Final list of required documents to be confirmed on the WhatsApp group as the Taipei Liaison Office has been contacted and informed of this tour.

## *Tour includes*

Accommodation, Entrance fee, all breakfast, approximately 6 lunches, 3 dinners, Boat trips, Train Rides, and Travel insurance.

## *NOT included*

Flight, Visa, Partial meals, and own expenses.

## *Special accommodation conditions*

1. Most accommodation will be arranged at hotels, with a few nights at Fo Guang Shan temple/monasteries. During the temple stay, all participants are expected to obey the temple/monastery rules.
2. Lodging conditions will vary at each hotel and the temple/monastery. Room assignments will be made at each location. Please note that single or double rooms may not always be available. There might also be group rooms (3-4 people per room) as well as rooms separated by gender (couples will be separated).

## *Registration*

All participant re required to register **before 20th January 2026**.

(Registration ends on 20th January 2026)

## *Cost*

**Total Cost: R38,000**

Register before **20th January 2026 + R8000 deposit** with proof of payment sent to [info@nanhua.co.za](mailto:info@nanhua.co.za).

## *Payment and Cancellation Policy*

### **Payment Policy**

- **50% of the total cost (R15,000)** to be paid on or **before 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.
- **Remaining 50% (R15,000)** to be paid on or **before 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

## Cancellation Policy

### Deposit

- Cancellation before **27<sup>th</sup> January 2026**: Deposit will be fully refunded.
- Cancellation after **27<sup>th</sup> January 2026**: Deposit is non-refundable.

### Tour Fee

- Cancellation between **8<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**: only 50% of the total tour cost will be refunded.
- **20<sup>th</sup> February onwards**: No refunds will be available.

## *Zoom Meeting*

An online Zoom meeting will be held on **21<sup>st</sup> February 2026 at 19:00**. During the meeting, we will review the full itinerary, discuss what to pack and bring for the trip, and cover important considerations such as travel tips, temple etiquette, and any special arrangements. This will also be a great opportunity to ask questions and clarify any concerns before the journey.

<b>**Please note the terms and conditions are subject to change when required.</b>
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