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7D6N BEST OF TAIWAN TOUR

(SUN MOON LAKE – TAROKO GORGE – KAOHSIUNG – TAITUNG)



HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ Discover the wonders of the world's biggest marble gorge – Taroko Gorge
- ✚ Enjoy a tranquil night at Sun Moon Lake
- ✚ Discover the unique landform and biodiversity in Kenting National Park
- ✚ Enjoy a scenic drive along the last unspoiled land of Taiwan – East Coast National Scenic Area

OVERVIEW

Located in the Asia Pacific Region, Taiwan is also known as Formosa, which means “a beautiful island”. It is believed in the 16th century, the Portuguese sailors were impressed by the stunning scenery of the island; hence it was dubbed “Ilha Formosa”.

In this tour you will explore the diversity of this island with professional guidance. This tour covers the most popular tourist hot spots in Taiwan: Sun Moon Lake, the heart of the island; Kaohsiung, a romantic harbor city; Kenting, a tropical paradise, and Taroko, a masterpiece of nature.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 ARRIVAL TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – FREE & EASY

Arrival at Taipei International Airport, pick up and transfer to hotel. Free and easy.

DAY 2 TAIPEI - SUN MOON LAKE

This morning you will depart from central Taipei and head for the heart of the island, Sun Moon Lake National Scenic Area. Sun Moon Lake is the biggest freshwater lake in the island. Divided by Lalu Island, the lake got its name from the unique terrains that look like sun on one side and crescent moon on the other side. The area around the lake is also the home to the Thao people, a group of Taiwanese aborigines.

After lunch, tour around the lake by bus and visit the most well-known attractions in this area: Ita Thao Indigenous Village, Ci'en Pagoda, Xuanzang Temple and Wenwu Temple.

Tonight, enjoy a charming stay in a 4-star hotel.

DAY 3 SUN MOON LAKE – KAOHSIUNG (BREAKFAST)

After breakfast in hotel, enjoy a pleasant walk around Xiangshang Visitor Center, a unique building that allows people to enjoy the beautiful views of Sun Moon Lake from the top.

After that, depart for Kaohsiung, the most populated city in South Taiwan, also a romantic harbor city. Your first stop is Fo Guang Shan, a large monastery founded by Master Hsing Yun in 1967. The signature of the temple is the huge statue of Buddha Amitabha in gold color that can be seen from miles away.

After the monastery visit, move down the hill to the center of the city. It's time to fulfil your appetite with some local delicacies at Liuhe Night Market, the oldest and most typical night market in Kaohsiung. Here you have a chance to taste the city's signature street foods like the seafood congee, steamed salted shrimps, papaya milk drink, rice cake and stinky tofu.

Today you will stay overnight in a centrally located 4-star hotel with department store, convenient stores and drug store nearby to get supplies for the trip.

DAY 4 KAOHSIUNG – KENTING – TAITUNG (BREAKFAST)

After breakfast in hotel, head for the south of the border, also where Taiwan's first national park is situated. Kenting National Park is well-known for its coastal geographical features and marine biodiversity due to crustal deformation and

tropical climate. Kenting is also a paradise for surfers and divers. Today you will stop at Maopitou, Chuanfan Rock, Eluanpi Park & light house and Longpan Park. Maopitou (literally meaning cat's nose), is a unique natural rock formation. From a distance, it looks just like a giant crouching cat. Chuanfan Rock (literally meaning sail), is another unique natural rock formation. It looks just like the sail of a ship or a portrait of US former president Richard Nixon.

Eluanpi Lighthouse was built during the Qing Dynasty. It was listed as one of the Eight Views of Taiwan during the period under Japanese rule. Longpan Park is a coral limestone tableland eroded by rainwater. It keeps the original features of the landscape with wide grassland and faces the Pacific Ocean.

After that, head for Taitung via South-Link Highway, and enjoy the scenery along the way. Tonight you will stay in a 4-star hot spring resort in Chihpen, Taitung. Chihpen is a hot spring spot that is famous for carbonate hot springs therapy. The hot spring water is effective for improving blood circulation and fatigue relief.

DAY 5 TAITUNG – EAST COAST – HUALIEN (BREAKFAST)

Enjoy a rich breakfast in hotel, you will travel along the east coast, the last unspoiled place of the island. Wherever you go, there are picturesque places of natural and human features. Along the way, stop at the most famous scenic spots:

- ✚ Xiaoyeliu
- ✚ Sanxientai
- ✚ Shitiping
- ✚ Fanshuliao



Each and every stop features unique geographic characteristics.

The first stop is Xiaoyehliu (literally meaning little Yehliu). The natural rock formations in this area look similar to those found in Yehliu in the northern coast of Taiwan, hence the name. Here you can have an up-close look at those unique landforms of erosional coasts.

Then you will visit Sanxientai (literally meaning terrace of the three immortals), which is composed of offshore islands and coral reefs. The most famous landmark is the cross-sea bridge, connects the mainland and the island.

The next stop is Shitiping (literally meaning stone steps). Situated at the 65-kilometer point on the coastal highway, it was formed when volcanic rock worn smoothen by sea erosion was uplifted in layers that resemble stone steps, which is just what the Shitiping of the name means.

Before the marble factory visit, stop by Fanshuliao, a unique canyon also regarded as a small version of Taroko Gorge.

Marble mining and processing was an important industry in Hualien, that helped boost prosperity of the city. You will have an overview of the major industry in Hualien in the marble factory and its exhibition hall.

Enjoy a peaceful night stay in a resort hotel, tomorrow you will be marvelled at the world-famous nature wonder – Taroko Gorge.

DAY 6 HUALIEN – TAROKO GORGE – TAIPEI (BREAKFAST)

After breakfast in hotel, visit the most spectacular place in Taiwan, also the largest marble canyon in the world – Taroko National Park. Situated in the eastern part of Taiwan, Taroko National Park was established in the year of 1986. This park features high mountains and sheer gorges with a diverse range of wildlife and geological characteristics.

The most well-known parts of this park are the marble cliffs, which can soar up to 1,100 meters high. Today we will stop at the most popular attractions: Shakadang Trail/Lushui Trail, Eternal Spring Shrine (Changchun Temple), Swallow Grotto and Cihmu Bridge. After lunch, stop by a spectacular attraction on the section of the Suao-Hualien Highway - Qingshui Cliff.

First, take a walk along Shakadang Trail or Lushui Trail, where the crystal clear blue water of Liwu River is running beside you. This river has cut through the marble over millions of years, and created the deep, narrow gorge.

Next, stop by Eternal Spring Shrine, which commemorates the 226 personnel (military veterans) who died during the construction of the Central Cross-Island Highway. If weather permits, you may take a walk through the tunnel below the shrine. Before lunch, walk through the tunnel of Swallow Grotto, where you will enjoy a stunning view of the cliffs reaching up to the sky. The potholes on the cliff surface were created by the ground water and the rapid stream of the river. In the past, they were the natural nesting location of swallows; hence it got the name Swallow Grotto.

After lunch, stroll around Tianxiang, where Cihmu Bridge (Motherly Devotion Bridge) is located, an H-Shape hanging bridge built of marble by late President Chiang Jing-guo, for a heart-touching story about a loving mother.

After a breathtaking tour of Taroko Gorge, stop by Qingshui Cliff and admire the scenery of the cliffed coastline. Then head back to Taipei and arrive in the hotel later this afternoon.

DAY 7 DEPARTURE TAIPEI TO SINGAPORE (BREAKFAST)

After breakfast in hotel, free and easy until time for transfer to Taipei International Airport for your flight departure to Singapore.

Day 01	Arrival at Taipei International Airport
	Pick up from Airport and transfer to hotel. Free & easy.
Day 02	Taipei – Sun Moon Lake
07:30-08:30	Pick up from hotel and depart for Sun Moon Lake
12:00-13:00	Lunch: based on clients' arrangement
13:00-15:45	Sun Moon Lake National Scenic Area (Ita Thao Village, Ci'en Pagoda, Xuanzhuang Temple, Wenwu Temple)
16:00	Check in hotel
18:00	Dinner: based on guests' arrangement
Overnight:	Hotel
Day 03	Sun Moon Lake – Kaohsiung
07:00	Breakfast in hotel
09:00-09:10	Check out hotel
09:20-09:40	Xiangshan Visitor Center
12:30-13:30	Lunch: based on guests' arrangement
14:15-17:00	Fo Guan Shan Monastery
18:00-18:30	Liuhe Tourist Night Market
18:30	Dinner: based on guests' arrangement
19:00	Check in the hotel
Overnight:	Hotel
Day 04	Kaohsiung – Kenting – Taitung
06:30	Breakfast in hotel
09:00-11:30	Check out hotel and depart for Kenting
11:30-14:00	Kenting National Park (Maobitou, Chuanfan Rock, Eluanbi Park(Light House), Longpan Park)
12:00-13:00	Lunch: based on guests' arrangement
14:00-17:00	Depart for Taitung
17:00	Check in hotel
18:00	Dinner: based on guests' arrangement
Overnight:	Hotel
Day 05	Taitung – East Coast – Hualien
06:30	Breakfast in hotel
09:00-14:45	Check out hotel and depart for East Coast National Scenic Area (Xiaoyehliu, Sanxiantai, Shitiping, Fanshuliao)
12:00-13:00	Lunch: based on guests' arrangement
15:00-15:30	Marble Factory and exhibition room

16:00	Check in hotel
18:00	Dinner: based on clients' arrangement
Overnight:	Hotel
Day 06	Hualien – Taroko – Taipei
07:00	Breakfast in hotel
09:00-09:10	Check out hotel and depart for Taroko
09:10-12:30	Taroko National Park (Cihmu Bridge, Shakadang Trail/ Lushui Trail, Eternal Spring Shrine, Swallow Grotto)
11:30-12:30	Lunch: based on guests' arrangement
12:40-13:10	Qingshui Cliff
16:30	Arrive hotel
Day 07	Taipei - Singapore
07.00	Breakfast in hotel
	Free & easy until time for transfer to Taipei International Airport.

INCLUSIONS

- + 6 Nights in hotel
- + Daily breakfast in hotel
- + Professional licensed tour guide (Mandarin Chinese/English/Japanese)
- + Private local transfer by air-conditioned vehicle
- + Local General Liabilities Insurance



EXCLUSIONS

- + All International & Domestic Air Tickets
- + All Travel Insurance
- + All Personal Expenses
- + All Meals not mentioned above
- + Tipping for guide and driver
- + All drinks and beverages





IMPORTANT NOTICE

- ✚ Tour commentary will be provided in Mandarin, English and Japanese.
- ✚ Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by adults.
- ✚ Infants must sit on laps and share existing bedding with adults.
- ✚ 2 people will share 1 twin room; for an odd number of individuals, 3 people will share 1 triple room.
- ✚ The sequence and time of stay at tour stops might be adjusted according to the traffic/weather condition.
- ✚ Please advise your designated meeting point (within Taipei city limits) and provide your SMS contact info or e-mail address. We will contact you directly and advise the pick-up time.
- ✚ If the tour has to be cancelled due to bad weather, the tour operation will contact you no later than the evening before the excursion day by e-mail or SMS.
- ✚ Please arrive at the meeting point 5 minutes earlier than the pick-up time.
- ✚ This tour is not accessible to wheelchair users and people with physical disabilities.