

# Taichung

*Perfect Weekend*



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# Why do we love Taichung?

## Out and about in Taichung

Come!  
Bask in the warm sunshine.  
Enjoy all the delightful colors and sounds the city has to offer.  
Taichung is passionate and super fun.  
By day, energetic outdoor sports abound.  
At night, be free to roam amongst sensual neon lights.  
We are proud of our city, Taichung.  
Our home, your treasure.

# 1

### Laid-back, great weather Satisfy your shopping spree

Taichung is Taiwan's second biggest city. Over here the hottest merchandise is easily available, as well as small specialty items to be purchased in bazaars. Friendly prices, Taichung-specific leisurely atmosphere and good weather will make your visits extra pleasant and relaxing.

# 2

### Mountain hikes or ocean trips all in one day Head into the wind to watch the sunset

Given its central location in Taiwan, Taichung offers easy speedy access to all tourist spots, e.g. for hikes in Dakeng, bicycle rides in Hou-Feng, hot spring in Guguan or sunsets in Gaomei Wetland.

# 3

### From high-end restaurants to authentic street foods Gourmet's hotlist

Restaurants in Taichung are often massive with a grand air to them. To try local street food, you must come to Taiwan's most famous Feng Chia Night Market. Local gourmets would recommend the Taichung Second Market for its many delicious dishes. The Second Market was originally "a rich people's market" during the Japanese rule that mainly sold luxurious pricy goods, and is now full of all kinds of tasty street foods.

# 4

### From the world-class masterpiece to local arts

Taichung is blessed with robust arts and cultural scenes with Taiwan's only national museum of fine arts. Known for its Sound Cave design, the National Taichung Theater is listed the world's 9<sup>th</sup> biggest new landmark and recognized by Japan's Good Design Award. The Rainbow Military Housing with all its dazzling colors and energetic & locally-grounded ambience is one of Taiwan's most popular hotspots for foreign visitors. Come for an enriching journey of arts.

A place where vibrant cultures and awesome landscapes collide in an explosion of colors and sounds.

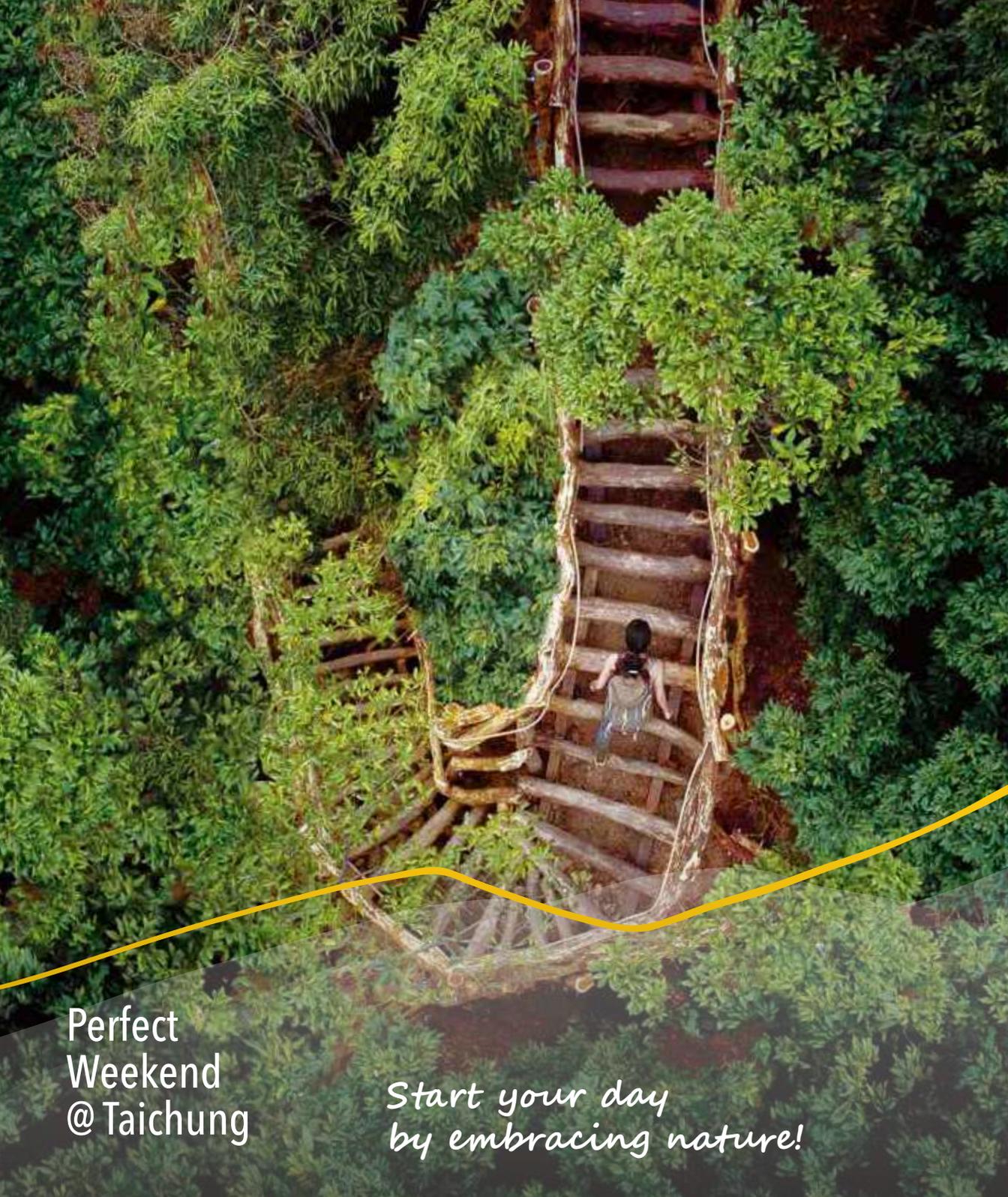
You can compile your perfect Taichung holiday out of our recommended sights.

EASY TO GET TO



Area/ 2,215 km<sup>2</sup>  
Average yearly temperature/ 23.3°C  
Administrative districts / 29 districts  
Population/ Approx. 2.8 million

Have a perfect weekend!



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*Start your day  
by embracing nature!*

# Dakeng Scenic Area

## 12 Hiking Trails



Walk into Taichung's back garden at the sunrise, Dakeng Scenic Area, for a pleasant hill-bound travel to relax your body and mind.

Taichung offers 12 hiking trails of different levels. Some are reasonably flat and suitable for the entire family. Some follow the mountain ridges, great for a mountain-top lookout to take in the city view. Still some others will test your stamina and strength and require caution. Follow

the wooden stairs ascend.

As you ascend on the trails, you will see diverse mountain landscapes and ecology. Everyone here will find his or her suitable trails and secret spots. Be one with nature, bask in the lush green forest and allow all your cells to breathe.



### Spring fireflies adventure

Taichung City Scenic Area Administration Office hosts fireflies spotting events every April, combined with environmental education and frogs-related ecological talks and events, including daytime eco trips and nighttime open-air talks. Eco specialists/lecturers will be invited to share fun facts about insects with the public.



*Come for an oceanic tour!*

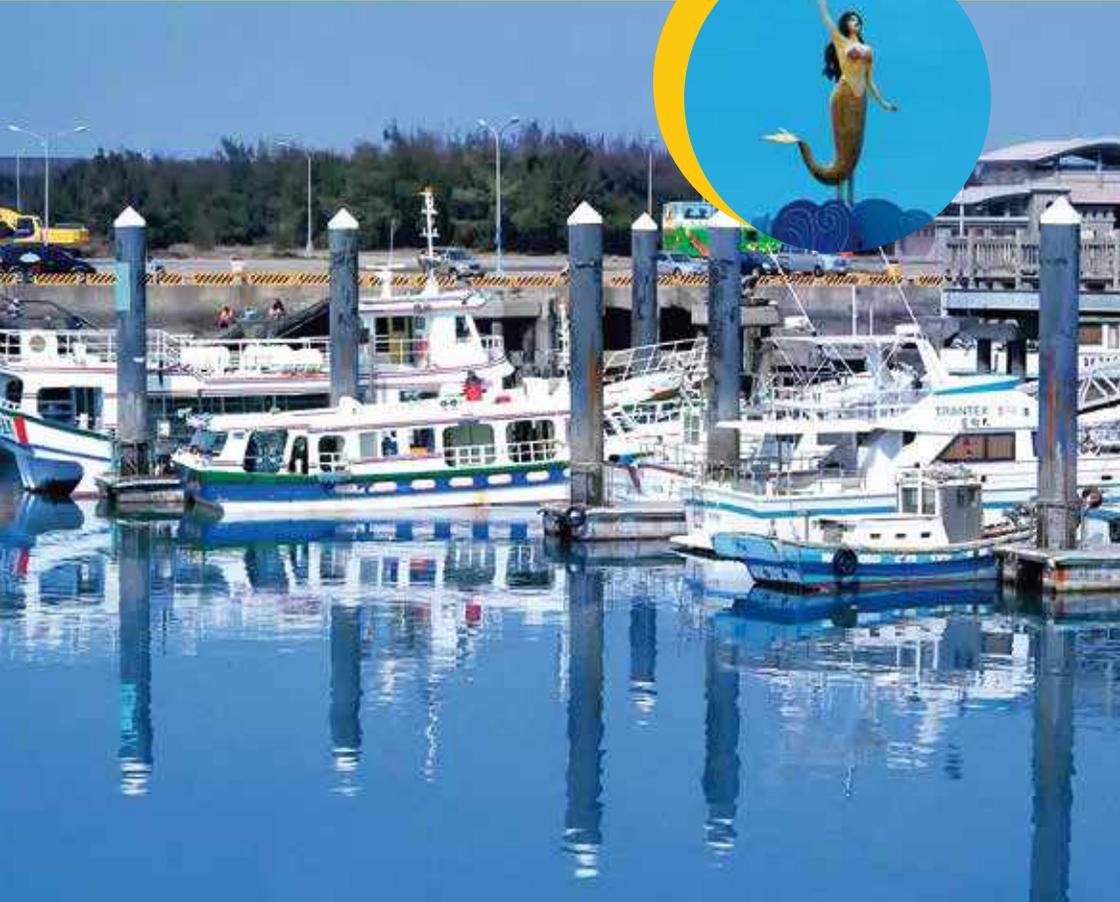
# Wuqi Fisherman's Wharf

Catch a sea breeze by the port



Full of Mediterranean-esque romanticism, Wuqi Fisherman's Wharf comes across very artistic, with its painted walls, interior landscapes, to vividly convey the ocean's rich ecology. Every morning the port is packed with fresh catches of fish attracting eager gourmets. At delicacy area, all visitors will be

treated to the freshest seafood ever. After feasting the seafood, ride the boat for a short cruise or stroll in the slightly salty wind along the coast to admire the magnificent beauty of the expansive azure sea glistening in the sunlight or the multiple shades of blue and purple draping across the dusk sky.



# Aofengshan

## Best fun sports park



The park is filled with so much laughter of children playing that even adults will have their inner child woken and recall a time when they used to run free in nature. This is a children's paradise with sand pits, composite ball courts, climbing areas, rope areas for balance training, creativity, fitness and five-sense experiential

adventures. One will be enticed by the ecological sights that change with the season to sit or lie on this vast lush meadow. Have a summer picnic delightful and be treated to this expansive lush green mountain view.

# Gaomei Wetland

## Taiwan's most beautiful sunset



At dusk before the sun sets, leisurely follow the boardwalk to the wetland and you will see birds dancing in the twilight, fiddler crabs crawling on the muddy beach. In front of you is the out-stretching horizon, infinitely expansive. Welling up inside is a sense of serenity for being part of the horizon. Right now, what lies in the front is the most beautiful sunset ever. In orange and indigo blue splashes, the sky and the ocean are blended into one. This unique ambience imbued with romanticism and peace is well worth a visit.

*Watch the most beautiful sunset in Taiwan*



## Taichung Park

### A romantic night view in the centennial historical site

The a-century-old Taichung Park is extra charming at night. The glistening Sun Moon Lake is ablaze with lights all along the lake-side path. The vintage-looking Lake-Heart Pagoda in the middle of the lake looks like a sumptuous palace from a distance. Whether you admire it from far away or stroll through

it, you will be immersed in history and a gently-lit ambience. Take a boat ride to enjoy the pleasure of rowing under the moonlight and you will immediately feel the serenity, free of all city bustles and get tipsy by all the poetic beauty of a utopia.



## Dajia Jenn Lann Temple

### World-renowned religious event

To check out the beauty of Taiwan's traditional beliefs and temple architecture, be sure to visit the most representative Mazu Temple in Taiwan: Dajia Jenn Lann Temple.

A 200 plus-years-old historical monument features exquisitely carved totems, stacked-up ornaments, interior rooftops and dragon-draped columns, and a very splendid, opulent

yet serene and timeless ambience. With a solemn ambience, the temple greets year-round non-stop visitors, disciples and followers that come to pray for bliss and safety. They will be wowed by this centennial cultural treasure. The pilgrimage on the third lunar month has become a world-renowned religious event on a scale so massive that it's well worth a visit.

# The unknown Taichung

## Taichung Mazu Lin Moniang Eagerly visited by hundreds of millions of followers

The 9-day 8-night Dajia Jenn Lann Temple Mazu pilgrimage is Taiwan's most important folk ceremony in spring and also among the world's top 3 religious events. On the 3rd lunar month every year, over 1 million followers take part in the Dajia Mazu pilgrimage.

Massive restaurants

Famous snack: Sun Cakes

## Where is Taichung's first steel and concrete building?

Built during the Japanese rule over one century ago, the Taichung Shiyakusho shares the same Tatsuno-esque Baroque architectural style as the Presidential Office Building. Featuring red bricks and grey/white decoration, as well as crown-like towers and domes, it is Taichung's first steel and concrete building.

## Corners to see Green

The average green space  
enjoyed by every person in Taichung

9.62M<sup>2</sup>

Everyone is welcome to enjoy music by home and overseas Jazz bands in this annual Jazz festival on the Taichung Civic Square and have a beautiful tipsy evening on the grand.

## The Bluest night Tipsy Jazz Night

## Why Taichung is the most livable city in Taiwan? Recommended by CNN: Taichung is Taiwan's most liv- able city

Taichung offers a perennially pleasant weather with its annual average temperature at 23 °C plus superb night markets, delicious food, diverse art and culture, famous hot spring and friendly people! Don't miss out!!

Tasty pineapple cakes

Taichung-style brunch: fried noodles (or braised porkrice)

+ greasy tofu + pig's intestines & blood soup

Taichung folks eat their fried noodles with DongQuan chili sauce. Try it!

## Insiders' Taichung breakfast

## Never heard of Taichung accent? Hio hio Really?!

People from Taichung speak with a rising intonation plus amplifying sounds at the end of a sentence. The trick to detect Taichung accent from others.

## An urban myth even feared by the locals

Many of Taichung's roads are designed in a circular shape to center around the Taichung Train Station and radiates outwards. For instance, if you follow ZhongMing Road all the way through, you will return to the starting point. You will discover that five different roads may at some point meet on the same road.

## The best heat-defying Taichung snacks

Taichung's exclusive heat-defying jute soup. Jute soup has a special and gooey texture and a slightly bitter taste. Reportedly only the locals dare to taste it. MaYi, also named MaWei, refers to jute's tender leaves and buds which can be added with little dry fish, sweet potatoes and flour-based thickeners for a fulfilling texture and body-cooling effect. Such a Taichung's exclusive summer snack.

## Birthplace of bubble tea

# Guguan Hot Spring



## Natural, beautiful hot spring excursion

A trip to central Taiwan for Taiwan's oldest hot spring starts with a free dip of your feet in the public hot spring, followed by a proper soak in hot spring places that have been operated for over a century. Soak in the smoky hot spring and you will be treated to a breathtakingly beautiful view and

unprecedented release and relaxation for all your five senses and your body.

*Relax your body, replenish your mind*



## Dong-Feng / Hou-Feng Bicycle Way

### Taiwan's first green corridor on disused railway line

Picture a bicycle ride under a glorious blue sky against cool breezes along a path lined with picturesque countryside views. This is Taiwan's first bicycle lane built on disused railway lines shaded by trees all along the way, plus chirping birds, fragrant trees, farm lands and flowers. This view includes the same beautiful sceneries alongside Taichung's former mountain line, poetic and unforgettable. Ride through Tunnel No. 9, and the

temperature drops as it's shielded from sunlight. Imagine in the old days when the train followed the distant spot of light ahead, one had to raise voice over one's own echoes. When crossing the "Hualiang Steel Bridge" above Dajia River, you can hear the running water under the bridge. Riding the bike, you will feel that cool and expansive sensation from the valley and running water, very relaxing indeed.

*Feel the wind, pedal the bike*



# Rainbow Military Housing

Filled with fantastical energy and imagination.

This is a Taiwanese village straight out of fairy tales. Here you will see dazzling colors and drawings on the walls. Inside this military dependents' compound, originally the Gancheng 6th military housing, lived Grandpa Rainbow who had a sudden crazy idea one day of painting all the old decaying one-story houses in multiple colors, added with vivid images and naughty characters, hence the name, Rainbow military housing. Everywhere you turn, you will find perfect spots for photography.

Every step you take will lead you to surprises and discoveries of exquisite and playful totems. It also contains auspicious and highly playful text to immerse you in colors and magic. Over here you will sense Grandpa Rainbow's child-like mirth and bliss.

*Walk into the most dazzling world of fairy tales*





National Museum of Natural Science

# The Lin Family Mansion and Garden in Wufeng

National-designated historical site with exclusive opulent beauty



Visit the Lin Family in Wufeng for Taiwan's architectural gem. It is part of the Two Lins along with the Lin Family in Banqiao. The Wufeng Lin Family Mansion and Garden is known for retaining all the architectural details and structures built in Qing Dynasty, including all the walls, columns, windows and gates. This is a classic example of officials' residence with all the sumptuous grandiose and extremely exquisite architectural craft. Gongbaodi features a grand structure of five-layer depth

and 11-room breadth, a display of magisterial magnificence in Taiwan's no.1 Qing-Dynasty court official's residence. The Grand Flower Hall, a venue exclusively for banqueting and drama enactment, has a particularly high pointed curled roof with layers upon layers of exquisite lavish flora carving, evoking a distant bustling scene of the Lin family entertaining guests. One will be overawed by the beauty of Taiwan's last remaining Fuzhou-style theatre stage.

## Calligraphy Greenway

A stroll in alleyways



Sunlight coming through the branches, taking a walk through this urban green corridor as poetic as Cao-style calligraphy is a great way to experience this metropolis infused in arts and nature. The green corridor stretching from the National Museum of Natural Science, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts and Liuchuan Canal Waterfront allows for leisurely walks through a straight path with dense green shades. The botanic garden is akin to a tropical

rainforest offering a cool spot from the blazing sun. Turn into a quiet alley to chance upon a coffee shop filled with books fragrance or sit in a forest-style restaurant to savor exotic cuisine. You might even stumble into dessert shops, independent corner bookstores and other artsy space tucked away in old houses. Falling for the pleasant and carefree lifestyle here is only inevitable.





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# National Taichung Theater

## The world's biggest architectural feat

Designed by Japanese maestro Toyo Ito, the Taichung National Theatre features rigorously time-tested theatre architecture and world-renowned difficulties in its curved walls techniques with almost zero vertical lines. It breaks free from rigid squares as seen in conventional buildings. With curves and ingenious designs, the theatre conveys an imagery that appreciating art can be as intoxicating as savoring wine. The overall presentation is like a piece of

art swaying to music, embodying the concept of sound caves where people can walk about in this gentle supple space to feel the fluid movement of light, wind and sound as they fuse into echoes of cozy and calming artistic energy. At night, by the interchange of light and shadow, the theatre blends into the city's nighttime landscape with its opulent presence. All visitors cannot help but slow down to savor its beauty.



*Meet and converse with art*



### Sky Garden

The Sky Garden is on the theater's sixth floor of the National Taichung Theatre, accessible by indoor elevators or escalators. It exudes a special ambience by day and at night. It is suitable for both open-air concerts and outdoor movie projection. Don't miss out.

# Feng Chia Night Market



## Delicacies all along the streets

At nightfall, be sure to visit the biggest and most famous night market in central Taiwan. It offers great food and lots of fun and gets even busier as the night goes on. They call this place the genesis of Taiwan's exotic night markets. It is frequented by endless hordes of people day in, day out, attracting home and international gourmets to sample countless exotic special-

ties, beverages, ice dishes and creative exotic delicacies, plus trendy garments, bags, shoes, cosmetics. If you are into youth culture, Feng Chia Night Market will have you covered. Massive shopping options on a huge space at an affordable price will satisfy all your shopping needs.



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