



# CLASSIC TAIWAN

Short Stay | 5 Days | Physical Level 1

Taipei (2N) – Sun Moon Lake (1N) – Tainan (1N)

See bustling Taipei, visit Ita Thao aboriginal village, relax at Sun Moon Lake and uncover ancient Tainan.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Daily tours and entrance fees
- Private touring with English speaking guide
- Transportation as stated
- High-speed train ticket Tainan - Taipei



## ITINERARY

**Day 1: Arrive Taipei**

Meals: None

Arrive in Taiwan's capital, Taipei, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel to check in. Taipei is a laidback and vibrant city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Its beauty lies in its blend of Chinese culture with a curious fusion of Japanese and Southeast Asian influences.

**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 2: Taipei to Sun Moon Lake**

Meals: B

Depart Taipei to journey into the heart of the island to what is arguably Taiwan's most scenic spot - Sun Moon Lake. Here, visit the impressive Wen Wu Temple adorned with red and gold features, Holy Monk Shrine, Tze-En Pagoda, which offers breathtaking views over the lake and aboriginal village of Ita Thao.

**Destination Information**

**Sun Moon Lake** – Taiwan's largest lake's name is inspired by the beauty of the area.

**Wen Wu Temple** – Before the construction of a dam in 1919 there were two temples on the shore of Sun Moon Lake, the water level rise led to these temples being consolidated at the temple's present location and rebuilt in the Chinese palace style in 1969.

**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.

**Tze-En Pagoda** – constructed in 1971 in memory of President Chiang Kai-shek's mother, it was designed with a traditional Chinese architectural style on top of Mount Shabalan.

**Day 3: Sun Moon Lake to Tainan**

Meals: B

Drive south to Tainan, the ancient capital of Taiwan, rich in preserved historical sites and cultural relics. Take a walking tour around Anping Fort, established by the Dutch East India Company in the 17th century. Wander down some of the most historical streets in the city, catching a glimpse of the Tainan of times-gone by. Also visit Chihkan Temple and stop at the Confucius Temple.

**Destination Information**

**Chihkan Tower** – An 18th-century Chinese complex with gardens, intricately carved towers and a temple erected on the foundations of Fort Provintia.

**Confucius Temple** – The Confucius Temple was built in 1665 during the Koxinga dynasty, and today the temple preserves ancient Confucian ceremonies, conducted regularly.

**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.

**Day 4: Tainan to Taipei**

Meals: B

Travel back to Taipei by high speed train. Stop by the CKS Memorial Hall to see the changing of the Guards ceremony and visit the 18th century Longshan Temple. Make a photo stop at the world famous Taipei 101. Also explore the National Palace Museum, home to the world's largest and finest collection of Chinese art and artefacts, and the Martyr's Shrine. Enjoy the evening at leisure to experience local life in the city at night.

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

**Longshan Temple** – Longshan was built 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, Taipei 101 skyscraper. From its opening in 2004 until 2010 it was classified as the world's tallest building.



**Day 5: Depart Taipei**

Meals: B

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight.



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