

## Discover Taiwan 10 Days

~~\$2,299.00~~ **\$1,999.00**

Taipei, Sun Moon Lake, Kaohsiung, Kenting, Taitung, Hualien, Taroko

### Tour Highlights:

- Visit **Taipei 101**, the world's sixth tallest building
- Stroll through the famous bustling **Night Markets** of Taiwan
- Cruise across **Sun Moon Lake** and experience its tranquil beauty
- Explore the largest Buddhist monastery in Taiwan, **Fo Guang Shan Monastery**
- Immerse yourself in the natural splendour of **Taroko National Park**

It's a wonderful place to get a taste of modern Asia, but Taiwan remains a mystery to most Australians. The country remains close to its ancient cultural roots, yet it's super-contemporary, with the urban action sitting comfortably alongside pristine natural settings. Having escaped the Cultural Revolution and decades of social engineering on the mainland, in some ways it's 'more Chinese than China' on this beautiful island.

Emerging from military dictatorship in 1987, Taiwan has become a thriving democracy. Tourism has boomed, attracting travellers who come to enjoy a thriving indigenous folk culture, museums bursting with treasures, bustling night markets with a unique food culture, and the latest in high-tech gadgets. But what really makes visiting Taiwan such a pleasure is the friendly outlook of the 23 million people who call the island home.

In stock

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### Departure Dates

2018			Price Per Person	Single Supplement
<del>18 Sep</del>	<del>22 Oct**</del>	<del>13 Nov*</del>		
<del>30 Sep</del>	<del>23 Oct**</del>	19 Nov*		
2019				
26 Mar*	28 May	27 Aug		
02 Apr*	04 Jun	01 Sep		
09 Apr**	11 Jun	03 Sep		
16 Apr**	25 Jun	10 Sep**		
23 Apr**	08 Jul**	30 Sep**		
30 Apr	16 Jul**	22 Oct*		
14 May	30 Jul*	12 Nov*		
21 May	13 Aug	19 Nov*		
* = Peak Season Surcharge: \$200pp ** = School Holidays Surcharge: \$400pp				

### Package Inclusions:

- Economy class international fares, taxes and fuel surcharges departing Sydney or Melbourne flying China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines or China Airlines (subject to availability)
- 7 nights hotel accommodation (twin/double occupancy)
- Daily meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Coach transportation
- Round trip airport and hotel transfers
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- English speaking tour guide(s) service

### Package Exclusions:

- Tipping and gratuities prepaid in Australia: \$80
- Optional Taipei 101 Observatory Fee: From \$25 payable to the guide
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenditure and anything not stated

### Price Guide:

- **Seasonal Surcharges:** \* = Peak Season: \$200pp, \*\* = Peak Season: \$400pp
- **Interstate Surcharge:** Brisbane/Adelaide \$300, Perth \$600 (interstate flights may be via Sydney or Melbourne)

- **Early Arrival/Stay Behind/Stopover Surcharge:** From \$200 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- **Pre/Post-Tour Accommodation:** From \$160/twin room/night (subject to availability)
- **Triple Share:** Not available
- **Child Price:** Same as adult
- **Visa:** Australian passport holders are exempt for a stay of up to 30 days
- **Airline Upgrade (economy class)-:** Cathay Pacific via Hong Kong from \$500, Singapore Airlines via Singapore from \$500 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- **Premium Economy Upgrade-:** Cathay Pacific from \$2200 (subject to availability)
- **Business Class Upgrade-:** China Southern Airlines from \$3000, Singapore Airlines from \$4300, Cathay Pacific from \$5300 (subject to availability)
- **Please Note:** Flight itineraries are not available until approximately 3 weeks before departure and involve transits

(-) International long haul sectors only.

All prices, itineraries, airlines, hotels and cruise ships are subject to availability and change without prior notice. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar standard and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Passengers must remain with the tour group at all times and must not deviate from the set itinerary. The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land. Please check all information before booking. By booking, you accept all **Booking Conditions**.

## Tour Extensions

### Impressions of Japan 9 Days from \$1,499

*Osaka, Nara, Kyoto, Nagoya, Hakone, Mt. Fuji, Tokyo*

This tour offers a great way to take in the cultural heritage of Japan. You'll start with three nights based in Osaka, exploring that city as well as Nara and Kyoto – cities famous for their well-preserved ancient temples and monuments. Travel east to Nagoya, then visit scenic Hakone and sacred Mount Fuji, before two days in Tokyo for sightseeing, shopping, or your choice of a diverse range of optional activities.

For details, please click here.

## Stopovers

### Hong Kong Stopover from \$389

Once a sleepy fishing village, Hong Kong has developed into one of the premier financial powerhouses of the Far East. It is a city which boldly blends modernity with Chinese heritage and British colonial influence. A safe, well organised, fast paced shopping paradise, it also offers up some unmatched cuisine experiences.

For details, tap the image above or click here.

## Hotel Accommodation

Taipei	Taipei Grace Hotel	or similar
Nantou	Nantou Hotel Formosa	or similar
Kaohsiung	Kaohsiung City Suite Hotel	or similar
Taitung	Chihpen century Hotel Hot Spring	or similar
Hualien	Hualien Park City Hotel Hualien	or similar
Tamshui	Tamshui Park City	or similar

## Day 1: Australia ✈ Taipei

Fly to Taipei via a connecting city. Note: Some flights may depart one day later.

## Day 2: Taipei

Arrive at Taipei Taoyuan International Airport, you will be greeted warmly at the airport by your local tour guide and transferred to your hotel. Standard hotel check-in time is 3pm.

## Day 3: Taipei (B, D)

Today's highlight is a visit to the **Presidential Building** (outside) and **Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall**. This afternoon, visit Tamsui – a laidback waterfront town on the northern part of Taipei city. Enjoy lunch today at **Tamsui Old Street**, where you can feast on many famous Taiwanese snacks. Visit **Lin An Tai Historical House and Museum**. This elegant building is built in the style of prosperous houses in China's Fujian province, where many Taiwanese migrated from, and the paving stones in the courtyard were once ballast in merchant ships. In the evening, explore the bustling night life of Taipei. Have a traditional Taiwanese dinner of Xiao Long Bao, then proceed to colourful **Huahsi Night Market**.

## Day 4: Taipei 🚗 Sun Moon Lake (B, D)

This morning travel to **Sun Moon Lake**, situated 762 meters above sea level in the lofty mountains of central Taiwan. Cruise across the lake and take in the view of Xuanguang Temple & Lalu Island, as you relax on the lake's tranquil waters. Then, take Sun Moon Lake Ropeway to the **Formosan Aboriginal Culture Village** and observe Taiwan's traditional indigenous lifestyles and traditions. After a dinner of Taiwanese-style roasted chicken, check in to the hotel.

## Day 5: Sun Moon Lake 🚗 Fo Guang Shan 🚗 Kaohsiung (B, D)

After breakfast, we will head to an Oolong Tea Farm before continuing south towards Kaohsiung and **Fo Guang Shan Buddha Memorial Centre (BMC)**. Completed in 2011, BMC has enshrined a relic of the Buddha, gifted by Tibetan Lama Kunga Dorje Rinpoche, since the beginning of contraction in 2001. We will be spending most of our day at this place to enjoy the serene atmosphere and explore the entire area at our leisure. Then, learn how to make Pineapple Tarts at the popular **Vigor Pineapple Factory**. Later we will be enter **Kaohsiung City** and explore Pier 2 Art Central, where 25 former warehouses have been converted into a thriving arts precinct. After dinner (Taiwanese Shabu Shabu hotpot), explore one of Kaohsiung's bustling night markets.

## Day 6: Kaohsiung 🚗 Kenting 🚗 Taitung (B, D)

The highlight today is a visit to **Kenting National Park**, Taiwan's first nationally recognised park and undoubtedly one of the most spectacular landscapes you will see. Be awestruck by the vastness of the natural reserve and stand on the southernmost tip of the island at **Maopitou** and **Longpan Park**, also known as 'The Light of East Asia' as its lighthouse is one of the most powerful along the Taiwan coast. This afternoon, head to **Kenting Main Street** in the heart of Kenting, an area bustling with locals, tourists and vendors. Spend lunch time discovering the numerous stalls and restaurants offering a variety of local snacks and cuisines. **Travel up the scenic Southern Link Highway** to Taitung Country, ending the day with dinner at the hotel.

## Day 7: Taitung 🚗 Taroko 🚗 Hualien (B, D)

The highlight today is a visit the **East Coast National Scenic Area**, known as 'Taiwan's last unspoiled land', stretching 170 kilometres down the east coast of Taiwan. Weathering and erosion have produced a wide range of breathtaking landforms here which can only be appreciated first-hand. Stop at **Siao-ye-liou** ('little wild willow' geological formations), **San-sien-tai** (Three Immortals Island), **Shi-ti-ping** (Stone Steps) and take in the spectacular views. Proceed to Hualien, to **Taroko National Park**. Encompassing Taroko Gorge, Swallow Grotto, and Shakadong Trail, the park covers over 120,000 hectares and rises from sea level in the east to heights of over 3700m further west. The aquamarine Liwu River cuts through the centre, forging deep slit valleys before joining the sea.

## Day 8: Hualien 🚗 Taipei (B, D)

Today, visit a **Marble Factory** on the return trip to Taipei. Depending on the size of the group, **visit local scenic towns** Yilan or Shifen. These towns are both rich in culture and local history, and provide a nice glimpse of Taiwan's beautiful natural scenery. Later, visit **Taipei 101** (admission fee at your own expense, payable to the guide). Experience soaring heights and impressive views at the tallest building in Taiwan, and the 6th highest in the world. Taipei 101 was the first building to exceed 500m in height and has a unique design that mimics the shape of bamboo. Dinner will be hotpot (or similar, depending on availability).

## Day 9: Taipei ✈ Australia (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home via a connecting city.

## Day 10: Australia

Arrive home this morning

