

Taiwan Facts:
Population: 24,000,000
Area: 14,000 sq mi (FL = 66,000)
Capital: Taipei
GDP per capita (nominal): US\$25,000
Language: Taiwanese Mandarin
Writing: Traditional characters

Flag of the Republic of China
Adopted 1928

Blue sky = Liberty.
White sun = Democracy.
Red earth = Blood of the revolutionaries who died to overthrow the Qing Dynasty and create the ROC.

Some more facts:

President: Tsai Ing-wen

Ethnicity: 95% Han Chinese

Currency: New Taiwan dollar NT\$31 = US\$1

Drive: On right

Religions: Buddhist 35%, Taoist 33%, Non-religious 19%, Christian 4%, Others 9%

Brief History of Taiwan - 1
17th c and before: Taiwan was aboriginal.
1620s: Dutch and Spanish settlements.
1662-1682: Independent Kingdom of Tungning.
1683: Qing dynasty annexed Taiwan. Thereafter Taiwan was part of China.

Brief History of Taiwan - 2
1895 Japan defeated China in First Sino-Japanese War. China ceded Taiwan to Japan by treaty.
1895-1945 Japan ruled Taiwan as a colony.
1927-1950 Meanwhile, China Civil War. Republicans (Chiang Kai Shek) vs Communists (Mao Zedong).

Brief History of Taiwan - 3
World War 2 Cut short Japan's harsh efforts to impose its culture, language, names in Taiwan.
 – 1945 Japan surrendered.
 – 300,000 Japanese expelled from Taiwan.
 – Japan renounced sovereignty over Taiwan.
But to this day it is debatable who got sovereignty over Taiwan.

Brief History of Taiwan - 4
1927-1950 While WW2 battles raged in China, China was in a Civil War!
 – **Republicans under Chiang vs. Communists under Mao.**
 – **Estimated 15,000,000 casualties.**
 – **1949 Communists chased Chiang and his army onto Taiwan.**
 – **From Taiwan, Chiang proclaimed he was still leader of all of China.**

Brief History of Taiwan - 5
Sovereignty over Taiwan
 – A few say Japan's 1945 surrender created a new country: Taiwan.
 – PRC says Communist victory in 1949 gave it control of all of historic China, including Taiwan.
 – Others say no. In 1949 ROC had control of Taiwan (and a few other islands) and it remains a separate Republic of China.

Brief History of Taiwan - 6
1971: ROC lost its United Nations seat as "China" – replaced by PRC.
Jan 1, 1979: US broke relations with ROC. Embassy closed.
 – **But maintains relations through a "representative office".**
 – **Formed a nonprofit to issue visas, accept passport applications, and assist Americans in Taiwan.**

Only 17 countries today recognize ROC:

Africa	Caribbean
– Eswatini	– Haiti
– (Swaziland)	– Saint Kitts and Nevis
Europe	– Saint Lucia
– Holy See	– Saint Vincent & Grenadines
Oceania	Central America
– Kiribati	– Belize
– Marshall Islands	– Guatemala
– Nauru	– Honduras
– Palau	– Nicaragua
– Solomon Islands	South America
– Tuvalu	– Paraguay

57 more countries have "representative offices" that function like embassies.

Today, 148 countries plus Hong Kong accept the ROC passport for entry without need for a visa.

Some of the 148 do not stamp the ROC passport to avoid implying that ROC is a "country".

Mainland China (PRC) does not accept ROC passport for entry. But ROC "citizens" can get a special "Mainland Travel Permit" to travel to PRC.

ROC's traditional political and military allies are:

- United States of America.
- Canada.
- Japan.
- Australia.
- New Zealand.

Military Budgets

- USA \$575 billion
- China \$131 billion
- Russia \$69 billion
- UK \$57 billion
- Japan \$47 billion
- India \$40 billion
- Taiwan \$11 billion



"The government of President Tsai Ing-wen (centre), has approved a 5.6 increase in Taiwan's military spending this year, to US\$11.34 billion, with plans for further incremental rises over the next 10 years, mainly in response to threats from mainland China." *South China Morning Post 15 Apr 2019.*

In 2005, PRC (Mainland China) passed a controversial Anti-Secession Law" stating conditions for military invasion of Taiwan:

- Change of ROC name to eliminate the word "China".
- Political action by Taiwan to demonstrate separation from China.
- If all possibility of peaceful unification is lost.

That's the status quo today.

Air China vs China Airlines...



What's the difference?

Air China

Mainland China Code CA



Planes in service 405

Affiliation: Star Alliance



China Airlines Taiwan (Republic of China)

Code CI

Planes in service 88



Affiliation: Skyteam



New Taiwan Dollar Why "New"?

Currency of Taiwan since 1949, when it replaced the Old Taiwan dollar, at a rate of 40,000 old dollars per one new dollar. Inflation under Japanese rule had made the old dollar nearly worthless.



How to write "Taiwan" in Chinese:

Simplified 台湾 Used Mainland China
Traditional 台灣 Used HK and Taiwan

Telephone Country Codes:

- Taiwan 886
- Mainland China 86
- Hong Kong 852
- Macau 853

TAICHUNG

Population 2.8 million



Taipei to Taichung

- 100 miles.
- Train (many):
High Speed 1 hour
Ordinary 2 hours
- Drive 1.75 hours
- Bus 2+ hours



2 or 3 Flights a Day Between Hong Kong and Taichung Under 2 hours

HK Express



Cathay Dragon



Holiday Inn Express
No major 5-Star Hotels (Yet)
No metro (subway) system (Yet)
Taxis always available



Buses are fairly easy to use
Most centre-city fares NT\$20 (US 70 cents)
English electronic signs on board...
... but signs at bus stops Chinese only



Once on board, your phone with Google Maps or Apple Maps will be a great help!



English and Chinese signs and announcements

Can pay cash or use stored value card



Taichung's first metro line is under construction

Where We Will Go in Taichung

Temples:
 Fengyun Tzu Chi Temple
 Nantien Gong Temple
 Leh Cheng Temple
 Wenchang Temple
 Tin Hau Temple (several)

Markets
 Yi Zhong Night Market
 Fengyuan Miao Dong Night Market
 Wenchang Market
 Gancheng Flea Market

Museums:
 Taiwan National Museum of Natural Science
 National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts
 Suncake Museum
 Old City Hall

Dining specialties:
 Shabu Shabu
 Miyahara Ice Cream
 Food Courts



Fengyun Tzu Chi Temple - 1726



Fengyun Tzu Chi Temple - 1726



Fengyun Tzu Chi Temple - 1726



Shabu-Shabu Restaurant
 Japanese-style hot pot
 All you can eat including ice cream
 NT\$570 for 2 people = US\$18 for two



At your table they will set up burner with broth – and also a griddle for frying meat. Pick up your veggies...



...and from refrigerators pick up chicken, pork, beef, dumplings, sausages, tofu etc.



2 different flavors of broth
 Refill as needed



Noodles Wontons



Griddle -- paper absorbs grease but won't burn



Many choices of seasonings to put in the broth or right on your food



Taichung has 5 or 6 big night markets. This is Yi Zhong Night Market. Street vendors 6pm to midnight. Daily. Stores open 10am or so.



Yi Zhong Night Market
 Near the Holiday Inn



Yi Zhong Night Market
Unfortunately you have to stand and eat -- no tables and chairs.



Yi Zhong Night Market
Near Holiday Inn
Beef Cubes
Octopus



Yi Zhong Night Market
Lots of young people -- lively place
And plenty of restaurants where you can sit



National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts
Mainly Taiwanese art since 1300s



Miao Dong Night Market (aka Fengyuan Night Market)
Indoor market and some stalls daytime too



Fengyuan Miao Dong Night Market



Custard Apples (aka Sweetsop)



Purple Dragon Fruit
Flesh inside is purple



Longan - Same family as lychee



Herbal Jelly (aka Grass Jelly)
Sweet. Served Chilled.
Made from dried Mesona plant (kind of mint).

Mesona



Fengyuan Miao Dong Night Market



Fengyuan Miao Dong Night Market



Fengyuan Miao Dong Night Market



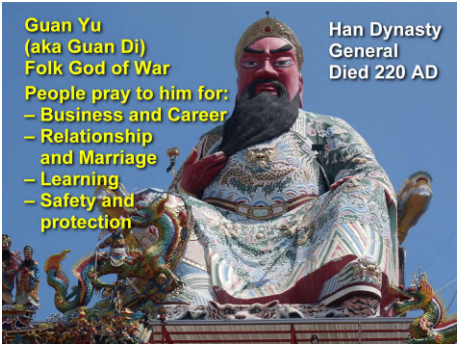
Fengyuan Miao Dong Night Market

Eggplant White Bitter Melon Guava



Fengyuan Miao Dong Night Market





Guan Yu
(aka Guan Di)
Folk God of War
People pray to him for:
- Business and Career
- Relationship and Marriage
- Learning
- Safety and protection

Han Dynasty
General
Died 220 AD



Nantien Gong Temple
Lion Dancers



Nantien Gong Temple
Main prayer hall



Nantien Gong Temple



Nantien Gong Temple
6 stories tall
Shrines to different
gods on each floor



Nantien Gong Temple



Taoist Priest Blessing
Enter to cross bridge to a new life
(end to problems)



Nantien Gong Temple



Le Cheng Temple
1750s. Taoist.



Le Cheng Temple
Taoist Priests



Le Cheng Temple
Courtyard



Le Cheng Temple
1750s



Celebration of Birthday of Guan Yu



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Celebration of Birthday of Guan Yu
Guan Yu was a general under
warlord Liu Bei

Born 160 AD
Died 220 AD



Celebration of birthday of Guan Yu



Celebration of birthday of Guan Yu



Taiwan National Museum of Natural Science



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Taiwan National Museum of Natural Science



National Museum of Natural Science
Jade Burial Suit
Around 200 to 100 BC



National Museum of Natural Science
Neolithic
Around 3000 BC
Middle Neolithic China



National Museum of Natural Science



Wanhe Temple
1726



Wanhe Temple - 1726
Principal god is Mazu
(Tin Hau)
Goddess of the Sea



Wenchang Temple, 1888
Dedicated to
god of literature



Wenchang Temple
1888
One of the 10 main hand positions of the Buddha.
Meaning: Teaching and discussion or intellectual debate.
Closed circle of index and thumb on right hand means no beginning or end, only perfection.

Buddha's Hand Positions 1

- Attaining enlightenment.
- Concentration. Serenity.
- Strength. No fear.

Buddha's Hand Positions 2

- Teaching.
- Greeting. Devotion.
- Expelling negative thoughts. Removing sickness.

These are examples.



Wenchang
God of Literature
Scholars gather
at this temple
for discussions.





Taichung Park



Tin Hau Temple - 1723
One of six temples in Taichung dedicated to Tin Hau



Tin Hau Temple - 1723
She is also known as Mazou



Suncake Museum - Taichung
Pastry filled with brown sugar and honey



Shiyakusho - 1911
Taichung's first city hall under Japanese rule
Now an art gallery



Old City Hall - 1924
Taichung's second city hall under Japanese rule
Now government offices

KAOHSIUNG
Population 2.8 million

Where We'll Go in Kaohsiung

Temples not Lotus Pond:	Museums and History:
Sanfeng Temple	Cijin Island (Temples, Lighthouse, Fort)
Jade Palace Temple	Chen Family Clanhouse
Fo Guang Shan	History Museum
Temples - Lotus Pond:	228 Memorial
Confucius Temple	Markets:
San Sang Temple	Liuhe Night Market
Tian Fu Temple	Ruifeng Market
Zhi Yuen Temple	Miscellaneous:
Wuan Monastery	Metro and Light Rail
Yuandi Temple	City Walls
Shun Tian Temple	Old Japanese RR Station
Dragon & Tiger Pagodas	Railway Museum
Ciming Temple	
Ciji Temple	



Sanfeng Temple - Kaohsiung
Early 1700s



Sanfeng Temple, Kaohsiung



Jade Palace Temple, Kaohsiung



Jade Palace Temple, Kaohsiung



Liuhe Night Market
7 nights a week
Mostly food
Opens 6pm



Liuhe Night Market
Fresh Fruit



Liuhe Night Market - Entrails (for soup)



Liuhe Night Market Skewers



Liuhe Night Market Various seafood



Liuhe Night Market Pork Knuckles



Liuhe Night Market 20 Prawns



Liuhe Night Market Grilled Prawns



Liuhe Night Market Fried Seafood



Liuhe Night Market Squid Skewers



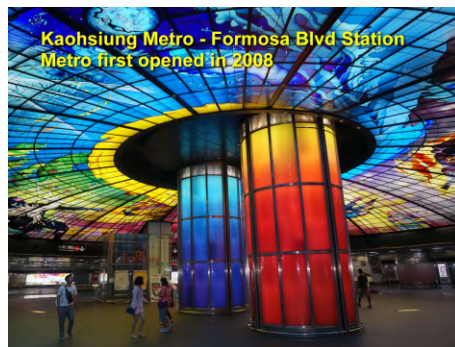
Sausage wrapped in glutinous rice



Fresh Seafood



Liuhe Night Market There are places to sit and eat



Kaohsiung Metro - Formosa Blvd Station Metro first opened in 2008



Kaohsiung Metro is small - 2 lines - 45 stations - 175,000 daily riders



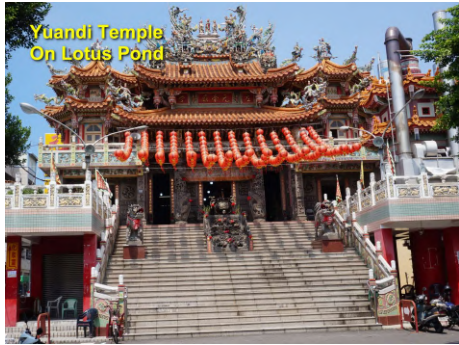
Zuoying Station - Metro - Trains - High-speed rail



Kaohsiung City Bus Roughly 40 US cents a ride



Lotus Lake Dragon and Tiger Pagodas


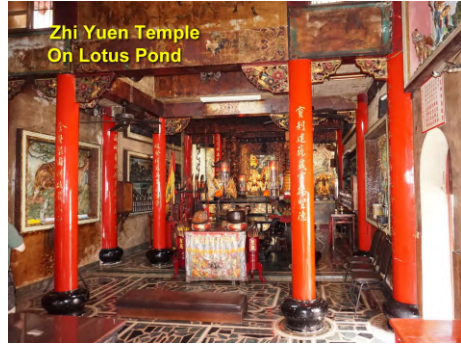


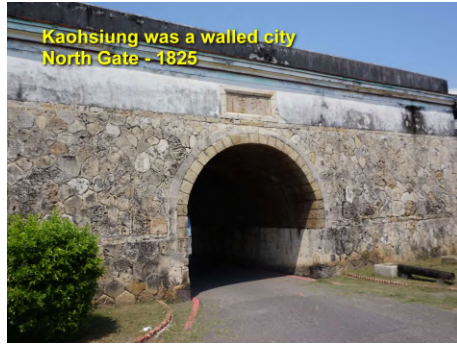
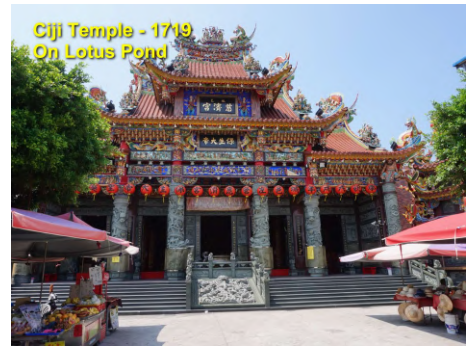
Confucianism
A system of philosophical and ethical teachings. Founded by Confucius (551 to 479 BC). Emphasizes personal and governmental morality, social relationships, justice, and sincerity.

"Act with kindness but do not expect gratitude."

Three essential values:

- Filial piety.
- Humaneness.
- Ritual and Tradition.





God of the Earth Temple
Kaohsiung



Kaohsiung Railway Museum
1912 locomotive



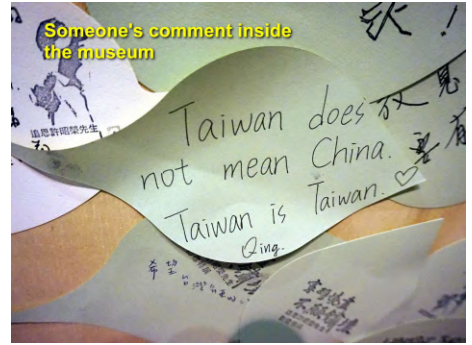
Chen Family Clan House
Kaohsiung



Kaohsiung Circular Light Rail
14 stations operating, will be total 38



Kaohsiung History Museum
Built 1939 by
Japanese as
Governor's
Office



Someone's comment inside
the museum



Memorial to Feb 28, 1947 Massacre
of thousands of locals by Chiang Kai Shek
army



Ruifeng Night Market
7 nights a week



Ruifeng Night Market



Ruifeng Night Market



Ruifeng Night Market



Ruifeng Night Market



Fo Guang Shan Museum and Monastery
1 hour bus ride outside of Kaohsiung
Full day (or more) to see everything



Fo Guang Shan 350 foot Copper
Buddha Statue
Below is a huge
museum



Worldwide called Buddha's Light Assn.
1000 monks and nuns
50 countries
1 million followers



Important News!
The National Palace Museum in Taipei will be CLOSING in 2020 for 3 years for major renovations. Parts of the Taipei collection will be exhibited at the Museum's existing branch in Chiayi.

If you go to either Taichung or Kaohsiung, easy to get to Chiayi by High Speed Train. Under one hour. Several each hour.

Taichung
Chiayi
Kaohsiung



- Lots of other things to see in Chiayi. Examples:
- Chia-Le-Fu Night Market.
 - Chiayi Botanical Garden.
 - Chiayi Jen Wu Temple.
 - Chiayi Municipal Museum.
 - Chiayi Confucian Temple.
 - Kagi Shrine.
 - Museum of Ancient Taiwan Tiles.
 - St. John's Cathedral.
 - Wenhua Road Night Market.
 - Alishan Forest Railway.



Tomorrow
Taiwan North: Taipei
Wed, May 8, 2019
2:00-3:30 PM
Orange Blossom

THE END
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