



Taiwan Uncovered

Taiwan Uncovered– Comfortable Pace tour

11 Days

Fully Inclusive from the UK

Delightfully undiscovered, Taiwan delivers dramatic landscapes, dynamic cities, sensational cuisine and a heady cultural melting pot of Chinese, Japanese, Western and indigenous influences.

Fully Inclusive price includes:

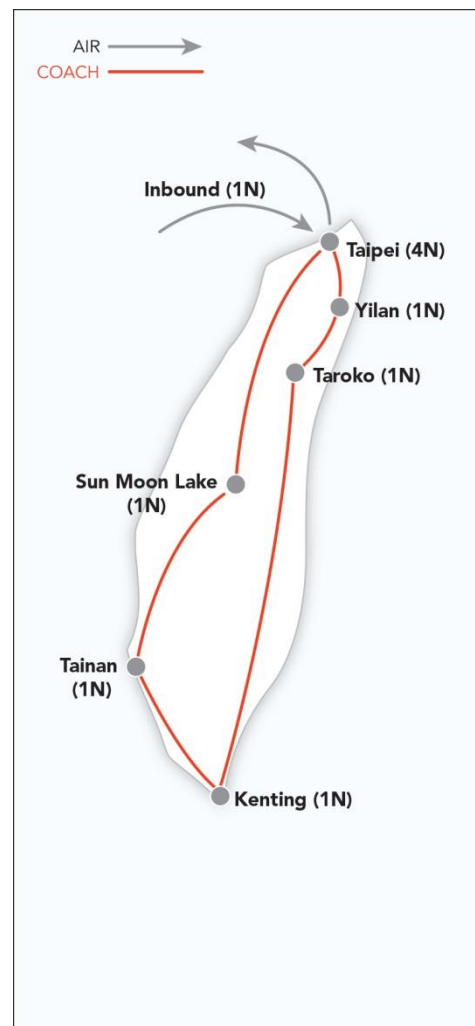
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- All meals (excluding drinks)
- Touring with Guides and entrance fees

Your Tour Dossier

This document is designed to be read in conjunction with the other pre-departure information provided by Wendy Wu Tours including the tour itinerary as described in our brochure and/or website. It aims to provide a straightforward description of the physical activities involved in sightseeing or travelling during the tour.

If there are any particular challenges, from the length of time spent on your feet, the length of drives and flights, to the standard of remote accommodation; they will be explained here.

All passengers must read this document to ensure the itinerary is suitable for their interests and physical capabilities. This is not your final itinerary and therefore does not mention all the sites visited.



Welcome to Wendy Wu Tours

Taiwan continues to amaze, fascinate and thrill our passengers, many of whom have travelled to one country in Asia with us, then another, year after year. We urge you to keep in mind all the rewards, as well as challenges of travelling in a country with a history, culture and attitude so unlike your own.

A typical day's sightseeing may include the bustle and noise of a city street, sights and smells of a local market and interacting with the locals. Although Taiwan is a modern country, travelling there requires patience and potential delays are to be expected due to standards of service. There is a low level of English spoken throughout Taiwan, so your local guides or National Escort will be indispensable during your trip.

Almost everything will be different to what you may be used to. We have found that our passengers who embark with a sense of humour and adventure, who accept that things do not always go to plan, are those who find their experience most rewarding. It is essential that all passengers recognize the demands of factors such as basic facilities and cultural differences they may encounter in some areas.

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These tours are accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. This tour involves some accelerated walking and a few long days of touring.

The pace of this tour is at a medium level. The city tours in Seoul, Gyeongju and Busan are comparatively long days and may be a bit more tiring. Your time at Mt. Seorak and Mt. Gaya may involve some accelerated walking which may feel slightly more strenuous compared to walking on a flat surface.

Our local guides always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance, but they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

NB: Please note that times and distances listed in the tour dossier are approximate.

Days 1-2: UK/Taipei

Fly overnight to Taipei for a two night stay. Be met by your Wendy Wu Tours local guide/national escort who will escort you to your transport. The drive from the airport to your hotel is approx. 1 hour. Enjoy the rest of your evening at leisure.

Day 3: Taipei - City Tour

Today you will tour the city of Taipei, sights including the Martyrs' Shrine, the National Palace Museum, the observation deck on 91st floor of Taipei 101, Chinag Kai Shek Memorial Hall, Lungshan Temple and the fashion district of Ximending. Touring will be approx. 8 hrs of casual sightseeing.

Day 4: Sun Moon Lake

Travel to Sun Moon Lake (approx. 4hrs). Spend the day in a relaxed setting including visits to Wen Wu Temple, Tse-En Pagoda and a lake cruise.

Day 5: Historic Tainan

Travel to Tainan (approx. 2hr 30 mins). Whilst in Tainan, explore the Confucius Temple, Anping Fort and the former Tait & Co Merchant House. In the evening wader the old streets and sample delicious local food.

Day 6: Kenting National Park

Kenting National Park sits right in the south of Taiwan Island. Drive 2hrs and stop at Maopitou, Kenting Forest Park and Eluanbi Lighthouse. At the Eluanbi Lighthouse, enjoy panoramic views over the Pacific Ocean.

Day 7: Travel to Taroko

Depart this morning at 09:00. Explore more of Kenting this morning with visits to Lungpan Park and Jialeshuei Scenic area. Travel up the east coast of Taiwan stopping at Siaoyeliou, the Caves of the Eight Immortals and Bachi Scenic Lookout.

Day 8: Discover Taroko

Continue to discover Taroko Gorge. Travel further up the coast to Yilan approx. 4 hours. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 9: Gold Ecological Park

Transfer to Jinhuaoshi to visit the Gold Ecological Park. Also enjoy some free time in Chiufen, a quaint village once the centre of Taiwan's gold mining industry. Return to Taipei

Day 10: Yangmingshan

Transfer to Yangmingshan National Park for a day of sightseeing. Return to Taipei this afternoon.

Day 11: Taipei/UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

Land Only

If you are travelling on a land only basis, then you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel in Taipei on Day

2. On Day 11, you will checkout from your Taipei hotel, and continue as per your own arrangements.

Please refer to the Wendy Wu Tours brochure and/or website for details on departure dates, prices, itineraries,

inclusions and tour extensions available as well as full booking conditions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**Before You Leave**

Itinerary Changes - The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. Your Local Guide or National Escort will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Some road construction and/or weather conditions may lengthen the driving times in Taiwan.

Vaccinations and Your Health - We recommend that you contact either your local GP or a travel doctor for advice on vaccinations and travel health. www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk is a comprehensive website that you may also find useful.

Climate - Please refer to our website or brochure for detailed temperature charts.

Insurance - It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance. You must provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book with us or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

What to Expect on Tour

Group Size – Your group will operate with 8 customers or more and you will be accompanied by local guides only. When there are 10 customers or more, you will be presented with local guides and a National Escort, who will accompany you throughout your trip. There is a maximum of 28 pax in a group.

Accommodation - Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between the UK and Taiwan. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

Tipping - As with most countries, tipping is a way of life in Taiwan. For our passengers' convenience we ask for a compulsory amount to be paid at the beginning of our group tours to cover tipping for guides, drivers, restaurant staff etc. Approximate tipping amounts can be found in our brochure and/or website; however exact tipping amounts will be stated in your final documentation pack.

Respecting Local Customs and Traditions – Taiwanese society and culture is built on intricate social etiquette and customs. As foreigners, we are not expected to be knowledgeable about all etiquette, but it will make your time in Taiwan more enjoyable if you are respectful of local customs. Some examples of scenarios you may encounter include removing your shoes and hats when entering a temple. You may be supplied with slippers at some places, but please come prepared with plenty of clean socks with no holes, and shoes that are easy to take off for the fairly regular occasions when they must be removed. You will mention some of these other customs to you in the first few days of your tour.

Meals - All meals (excluding drinks) are included in our fully inclusive group tours from the groups' arrival until the day of departure. Our schedule of meals is designed so that you can experience the local dishes, their individual flavours as well as the different ways they are prepared and cooked throughout Taiwan.

Breakfast will be buffet style. Lunches and dinners are pre-set options as is custom in many local restaurants. These are also pre-booked in advance prior to your arrival by your guides. This will provide greater flexibility and allow you to sample a broad range of local cuisines and dishes. All beverages will be at your own expense and are readily available.

Book now on **0844 499 3899** visit www.wendywutours.co.uk or see your preferred travel agent.

Food is an important element of Taiwanese culture. It is a time for families and friends to come together and much of family life revolves around the dinner table. Most food is eaten with chopsticks so best get practicing as cutlery is not always available at restaurants.

Tea and coffee facilities are not always available in hotels in Taiwan, so bring your own supply of coffee and tea bags.

Personal Expenses- You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks, laundry and souvenirs, plus any additional sightseeing that may be offered to you. Based on the advice of previous customers an approximate amount of £150 per week should be sufficient; however for those that can't resist a bargain, consider allocating a higher amount.

After Your Booking

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice followed by deposit documentation, help sheet, and a fact sheet. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approx. 2 weeks prior to departure, and will include a travel wallet, badge, lanyard, suggested packing list and a phrase book, along with your final itinerary and international e-tickets.