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Taiwan

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TOUR IN TAIWAN

SHOP UNTIL WE DROP

Cities Covered: Changhua, Taichung, Hsinchu & Taipei

Tour Package Includes

- * International Direct Flight from Honolulu
- * 5* Deluxe Hotel Accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- * Admissions and **11** Meals as Stated
- * Night market experience: Fengjia & Shilin Night Market
- * Christmas Shopping:
 - Park lane by CMP
 - Ximending Shopping District
 - YongKang Shopping Street
 - Xin Yi Commercial Center
- * Local Delicacies:
 - Traditional Hakka Cuisine
 - All you can eat Hot Pot
 - Din Tai Fung Soup Dumpling
- * Yangmingshan National Park
- * The National Palace Museum
- * Hands on Experience: Hakka Leicha & Taro Cake

FREE
Use of
Wireless
Tour Guide System



Traveling Dates:

**Dec 3 – 10, 2017
(8 Days)**

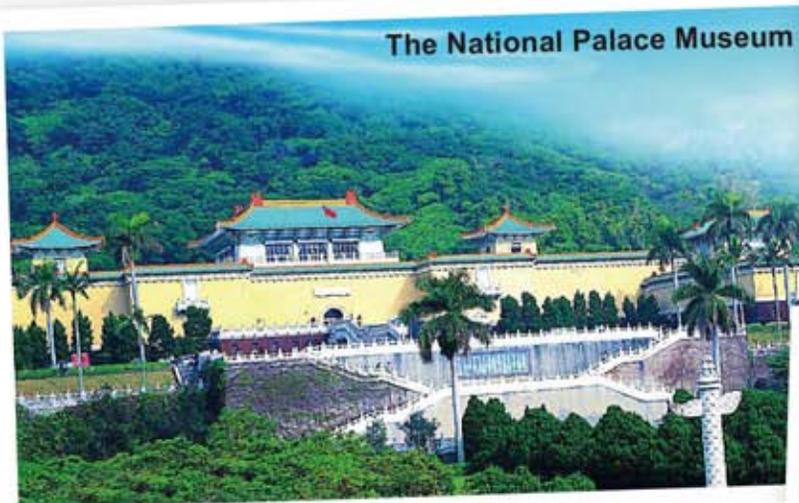
Price per person:

\$ 1,888

Incl: Tax & Fuel Charge

Single Supp: \$ 500

"Ni Hao" or "Welcome" to Taiwan! During Taiwan's long history, prehistoric people, indigenous tribes, Dutch, Spanish, Japanese, and Han Chinese have successively occupied Taiwan, creating a varied culture and developing different local customs and traditions along the way. We will encounter all aspects of this beautiful country's multifaceted culture. Taiwan's capital Taipei is a shopping heaven in its own right. Taiwan itself hosts at least 3,000 markets in such a small country. In fact, with so many retail shops, it is the densest in the world in terms of the number of shops over land area. Let us enjoy shopping in Taiwan before Christmas.



Day 1**Honolulu- Taoyuan →**

We start our adventure by boarding an international flight to Taipei, the capital city, and also the political, economic, and cultural center of Taiwan (ROC). Meals and snacks will be served on the plane.

Day 2**Taoyuan – Changhua – Taichung****(L)**

Upon arrival at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, an Air & Sea Travel representative will greet us and get us started on our Christmas shopping tour in Taiwan. We will transfer to Changhua which is ranked first by population among county-controlled cities. The Hans used Changhua as a base when they invaded Taiwan and built a fortress out of bamboo to defend themselves from the Taiwanese aborigines. Lukang is an important port in Changhua from the Qing Dynasty and also one of the oldest towns in Taiwan where merchants, fishermen, and businessmen gathered. Let's walk around Old Street and explore the little shops that sell souvenirs and interesting snacks. After lunch, we will visit Taiwan Glass Gallery, a unique building with a glass tunnel & maze that has many collections of artistic & practical glassware. We can find many glass art-crafts, and observe glass blowers create a work of art. We will also have a chance to go through the Golden Tunnel which is a space surrounding by glass and mirrors. Temples in Taiwan are like folk arts museums. But, have you seen a temple made out of glass? Mazu Glass Temple is the only one in the world made out of glass. Mazu is the indigenous goddess of the sea who protects fishermen and sailors, and is invoked as the patron deity of all Southern Chinese and East Asian people. We can find many temples in Taiwan honoring Mazu, but this is the only temple constructed entirely out of glass. Please enjoy the visit to the glass temple. After that, we will transfer to our hotel and enjoy free time for the rest of the afternoon. Tonight, we will take a tour of the bustling Fengjia Night Market, one of the popular markets in Taiwan where local merchants sell snacks and provide entertainment. We will then walk around to experience Taiwan's nightlife and enjoy our dinner here.

Day 3**Taichung****(B, L, D)**

Taro Cake is a famous Taiwanese dim sum. It is one of the best souvenirs appraised by the Taichung Government and the designated dessert for the 2004 state banquet. Today after breakfast, we will have an enjoyable Hands-on DIY Experience making taro cake at Ah-Tsung-Shih Taro Culture Museum. We will enjoy our lunch at the Wu Wei Tsao Tang Teahouse. With a reputation of being a tea empire, Taiwan has the topography and climate perfect for growing tea plants. There are many varieties of tea available in Taiwan. Let's enjoy some tea and dim sum. Then we will proceed to The National Taichung Theater where performing arts is promoted. As a public cultural venue, it is also responsible for holding free cultural activities and incubating creative cultural brands. Taichung is the center of central Taiwan (Taichung Region) and attracts visitors from everywhere. Park Lane by China Metal Products (CMP) is a new concept of 'integration of life' in department store design. The outside wall is covered with 150,000 plants, making it a beautiful building with natural green. The department store also introduces new innovative brands not found in other stores. Tonight, we will have All You Can Eat Hot-Pot for dinner.

Day 4**Taichung – Hsinchu – Taipei****(B, L)**

After breakfast, we will head north to Beipu Township, a rural township in Hsinchu County in northern Taiwan. Beipu is well known as a center of Hakka culture, dongfang meiren tea, and its special Hakkinese blends of tea

and nuts called Leicha. Today, we will have a fun hands-on experience making leicha and walk around the Beipu Old Street. After enjoying Hakka Cuisine, we will drive back to Taipei. We will visit Longshan Temple, an emblematic example of Taiwanese classical architecture full with literature, religious and sightseeing value. After visiting the temple, we will enjoy shopping in Ximending. Ximending is a neighborhood and shopping district in the Wanhua District of Taipei and the first pedestrian zone in Taiwan. It is the source of Taiwan's fashion, subculture, and Japanese culture, and is really popular among the younger generation. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own in this famous shopping district.

Day 5

Taipei

(B, L)

Today after breakfast we will explore the National Palace Museum which has one of the world's largest collections of priceless Chinese art treasures. More than 620,000 art objects are currently stored in the museum. Afterwards, we will have lunch near the Shilin area. Then we will go to Yangmingshan National Park, a volcanic terrain-type park featuring crater lakes, sulfur fumaroles, hot springs, grassy plains, blossoming cherry trees and many butterflies and birds. We will see the most active cinder cone in the park – the Little Oil Pit, which is a post-volcanic geological landscape area. After that, we will experience another one of Taiwan's nightlife by walking around the popular, bustling Shilin Night Market, largest and most famous night market in Taiwan. Enjoy dinner on our own in the night market before returning to the hotel.

Day 6

Taipei

(B)

Full day at leisure. "Shop till you drop; eat till you overflow!" Enjoy this free day to shop around the city and eat whatever looks interesting.

Day 7

Taipei- Honolulu →

(B, L)

After breakfast, enjoy free time in the morning. Then we will go to Yong Kang Street, one of the most famous streets in Taipei, known for its delicious foods and drinks. Feast on unforgettable dim sum and try the refreshing mango shaved ice on your own. We will visit Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, a famous monument, landmark and tourist attraction erected in memory of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, former President of the Republic of China. Then we will visit The National Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, a memorial to the Republic of China's National Father, Dr. Sun Yat-sen. The building contains displays of Sun's life and the revolution he led, and is also a multipurpose social, educational and cultural center for the public. Afterwards, we will drive to Taipei 101, located in Xinyi business district and is the most developed business district in the capital city of Taipei. Taipei 101 is a landmark skyscraper of Taipei, formerly known as the Taipei World Financial Center and was ranked as the tallest building in the world from 2004 to 2010. We can also walk around the Xin Yi Commercial Center, a newly developed area in Taiwan. It is a modern place for the younger generation to hang out. Then we will enjoy our dinner at Taiwan's iconic Din Tai Fung, a world-famous, award-winning restaurant specializing in Xiaolongbao (small steamed dumplings). After dinner, we will transfer to Taoyuan International Airport for our return flight home, ending our fantastic Christmas shopping tour in Taiwan.

We wish you a safe journey and many wonderful memories to share with family and friends! ☺

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner



Remarks:

- ✦ Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
- ✦ Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
- ✦ Local English speaking tour guide service
- ✦ All transfers and sightseeing by air conditioned coach, except on the free day
- ✦ Refer to "General Condition of Air & Sea"
- ✦ We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
- ✦ Tips and gratuities are not included
- ✦ Tour price is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
- ✦ Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at the time of listing and pricing on July 15th, 2017

Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of \$ 350 per person is required at the time of application. The balance is due **70 days prior to departure**. In the event balance payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a cancellation fee. Written notice is required for any cancellation. \$ 350 deposit is non-refundable if you cancel **within 70 day before departure**.

 Within 70 days before departure, the cancellation fee will be as follow:

- ** **69-31 days** prior to departure, 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;
 - ** **30 days** prior to departure or withdrawing during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, 100% of total price, and request for other services as a substitute shall not be accepted.
- We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make a reservation.