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Belly-God's YUMMY YUMMY TOUR: TAIWAN SERIES

FIRST TASTE OF FORMOSA

CLASSIC ITINERARY WITH UNFORGETTABLE CULINARY DELICACIES

Cities Covered: Taoyuan, Taipei, Kaohsiung & Tainan

Tour Package Includes

* International Flight from Honolulu

Taiwan

- ★ Deluxe Hotel Accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- * Admissions and 16 Meals as Stated
- * Natural Hot Springs
- ★ Local Delicacies: Din Tai Fung Soup Dumpling, Taiwanese Dim Sum, Hakka Cuisine...
- * Night Market Experience
- * High Speed Train (THSR) Ride
- * Hands on Experience: Pineapple Cake
- NEW Gratuity for Tour Guides & Drivers

Tour Guide System

Taiwan was voted the destination with the world's best food by a CNN poll in June 2015! It was selected as many foodies' favorite culinary destination for its delicious street food, such as dumplings, stinky tofu, oyster omelets, bubble tea drinks and beef noodles. Taipei has 20 streets dedicated to night markets and street food which cater to locals and tourists alike serving fresh Taiwan-style delicacies. Tainan, located in southern Taiwan, is often referred to as the island's food capital for its uniquely Taiwanese food.

Traveling Dates:

Sep 19 – 26, 2018 (7 **Days**)

Price per person:

\$ 2,688

Incl: Tax & Fuel Charge

Single Supp: \$650







Day 1

Honolulu – Taipei (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 Taipei

Upon arrival at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, an Air & Sea Travel representative will greet us before transferring to Taipei for an overnight stay.

Day 3 Taipei (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will start our tour to Yangmingshan National Park, a volcanic terrain-type park featuring crater lakes and sulfur fumaroles, hot springs, grassy plains and blossoming cherry trees. This area is also rich with butterflies and birds. We will visit the most active cinder cone in the park – the Little Oil Pit. After a Healthy Vegetarian Lunch, we will explore the National Palace Museum featuring one of the world's largest collections of priceless Chinese art treasures. More than 620,000 art objects are currently collected and stored in the museum.

*Lunch: Yangmingshan Vegetable Garden. This restaurant, located in the national park, offers healthy vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals. The seasonings are natural and the ingredients are all grown in the park, providing the best taste of the foods and guaranteeing its quality.

*Dinner: Silks Palace at National Palace Museum, a grand cuisine presenting the spirit of traditional architecture and food culture through modern construction and contemporary touches.

Day 4 Taipei (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will visit the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall – a famous monument, landmark and tourist attraction erected in memory of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and former President of the Republic of China. Next, we will visit the Songshan Cultural and Creative Park, one of Taipei's largest creative arts spaces with a large public park with exhibition halls, art shows, and conference spaces. Then we will enjoy our lunch at Taiwan's iconic Din Tai Fung, a world-famous, award-winning restaurant specializing in Xiaolongbao (small steamed dumplings). Afterward, we will move to Taipei 101 located in Xinyi business district, the most developed business district in the capital city of Taipei. Taipei 101 is a landmark skyscraper, formerly known as the Taipei World Financial Center and formerly ranked as the tallest building in the world from 2004 to 2010. Afterwards, we will head to our Hot Springs Resort as our accommodation for tonight. During our stay, feel free to enjoy the onsen spa inside the resort, as this rejuvenating experience will help reduce insomnia and aid in recovering from fatigue.

*Lunch: **Din Tai Fung**, a world-famous restaurant and an award-winning restaurant originating in Taiwan, specializing in Xiaolongbao (small steamed buns), with numerous branches in 9 countries.

*Dinner: Served in the dining room of the hotel.

** Tonight we will pack an overnight bag for our hot springs resort. Your big suitcase will be delivered to Taipei. This is for your convenience & safety when traveling on the high Speed Train where we will likely encounter traffic at the train station. **

Day 5 Taipei – Kaohsiung (B, L)

In the morning, feel free to use the hot springs facilities in the resort for restoring your energy, and to prepare for our next adventure. After lunch, we will go to Taipei Railway Station and board the High-Speed Railway to Zuoying. This is the most scenic and fastest way to travel through Taipei, reaching Kaohsiung in just 1.5 hours at a top speed of 300 km/hr. Kaohsiung is the largest municipality and second-most populous city in Taiwan. Upon our arrival, we will visit the Lotus Pond – famous for the lotus plants on the lake and the numerous temples around the lake, including the Spring and Autumn Pavilions, the Dragon and Tiger

Pagodas, and the Confucian Temple. Tonight, we will take a tour of the bustling Liu Ho Night Market, one of the most popular markets in Taiwan where local merchants sell snacks and provide entertainment. We will then walk around and experience Taiwan's nightlife. Enjoy dinner on your own in the night market before returning to the hotel.

*Lunch: Shin Yep Restaurant, a soul of Taiwanese food restaurant, running with a promise – a promise they make to their guests to offer the best quality cuisine and cordial service. Taiwanese food, home-cooking, they have it all.

Kaohsiung

This morning, we will drive to Fo Guang Shan Monastery, one of the most famous Buddhist sites in southern Taiwan whose name literally means "Buddha's Light Mountain". After a hearty vegetarian lunch, we will drive to the Chijin Old Street, the earliest developed area in Kaohsiung. Next, we will board a ferry and transfer to Gushan Station for a visit to The Pier-2 Art Center, built in 1973 and located within the third ship trench in Kaohsiung harbor. It is now the best place in Kaohsiung for modern art fans, and the area is bustling with young art lovers and visitors every day. After dinner, we will return to our hotel.

*Lunch: Fo Guang Shan Vegetarian Restaurant, a famous Buddhism vegetarian restaurant in Taiwan. Not only are they focused on the taste, but also the artistic design for each dish; it's where you can have a combination of a feast for the eyes and a delicacy for the palate.

*Dinner: Banana Pier Restaurant, a restaurant located inside a historical building that offers different varieties of Taiwanese local dishes praised by the locals.

Day 7 Kaohsiung – Tainan (B, L, D)

After breakfast, our first stop is Golden Pineapple Castle, where we will have an enjoyable Hands-on DIY Experience Making Pineapple Cake. After lunch, we will transfer to Mangrove Green Tunnel. Mangrove is a tropical tree that grows in or near water and grows new roots from its branches. We will take a boat ride tour to the mangrove green tunnel and the wetlands along Sihcao Wildlife Preserve, a protected ecological environment in Tainan. Our next stop is Fort Zeelandia, also known as Anping Fort, the first fortress built in Taiwan. It was constructed in the 17th century by the Dutch East Indian Company, and served as an international trading post.

*Lunch: **Du Hsiao Yueh Restaurant.** Today's lunch will serve all the Taiwanese traditional local snacks and meals, such as danzai, noodles and Golden Fried Shrimp Rolls. It allows you to enjoy a good range of Taiwan's delectable specialty dishes, which are exquisitely presented.

*Dinner: Tainan Fucheng Restaurant, a traditional Chinese style decorated restaurant, serving all the Tainan's local snacks and meals that will satisfy your appetite while you enjoy Tainan's local cultural atmosphere in the restaurant.

Day 8 Tainan – Changhua – Taoyuan – Honolulu 🗡 (B, L)

After breakfast, we will visit Chihkan Tower, built by the Dutch during their colonization of Taiwan. The tower was designed in a classical Chinese-style with red tiles and cornices and reflects one of the many prominent heritages of Taiwan. After lunch, we will spend some time to explore Changhua. 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. We will also see the Lukang Artist Village. Afterward, we will transfer to Taoyuan International Airport for our return flight home, ending our fantastic tour to Taiwan.

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





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
- Refer to "General Condition of Air & Sea"
- We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
- Gratuity for Tour Guides and Drivers is 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 time of listing and pricing on Feb 26th, 2018

Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of \$350 per person is required at the time of application. The balance of payment is due 70 days prior to departure. In the event balance 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 days before departure.

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

** 69-31 days prior 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 service as substitute shall not be accepted.

We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make a reservation.