



Touring

the Old Five Channels

- Tainan's only city gate that is still in use - Dui Yue Gate
- The most prominent of Tainan's four main stone archways - Jieguan Pavilion (Official Reception Pavilion) Stone Archway
- Taiwan's first mission - KSK Church
- Taiwan's only temple for the wind god - Wind God Temple
- The first trading street during the Qing Dynasty - Old Beishi St.
- The cultural cord that connects Tainan's Shuangcheng Zone - Old Five Channels



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Things to Eat

Yongle Roasted Pork Rice	C07"	06-2281516
Jinde Spring Rolls	C07"	06-2285397
A-Hui Stir-fried Field Eels	C08"	06-2215540
Xin Yu Xuan Pastry Shop	C09"	06-2285606
TAIKOO	D04"	06-2211053
EMPEROR MOON CAKE	D04"	0933983950
Xiuan Tofu Pudding	D06"	06-2261069
Old Yong Rui Zhen Bakery	E09"	06-2223716
Chuang Tzu Peanut Soup	F05"	06-2218529
A-Juan's Zongzi (rice dumplings)	F06"	06-2206812
TangYin Ju Tea House	G04"	06-2216828
NINAO Gelato	G06"	
Black Bridge Foods Co.	G06"	06-2295248
Jiangshui Hao Ice Shop	G07"	06-2258494
Furong Snack Shop	G07"	06-2212805
Brown Cafe	H04"	06-2292395
Chihkan Tower Coffin Bread	H05"	06-2240014
Rongsheng Rice Cakes	H05"	06-2209545
Mei Shenzhen Candied Fruit	H07"	06-2225618
Yangcheng Snacks	H07"	06-2216609
Shuangquan Black Tea	H08"	06-2288431
Du Xiao Yue Tainan Noodles	H09"	06-2231744

Travel Information

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Things to See

Rongfa Tin Shop	C03"	06-2205653
Wang Quan-Ying Paper Mill	C08"	06-2276839
Jin Quan-Cheng Grocery Store	C08"	06-2222093
Old Five Channels Trading Store	D04"	06-2203866
Yongchuan Crafts	D04"	06-2224996
Si Fo Guo Buddha statues	D04"	06-2286486
EMPEROR MOON CAKE	D04"	0933983950
Jin De Chun Tea House	D08"	06-2284682
Yongxing Wood Products	F05"	06-2238407
Tien Teh Hang Co.	F10"	06-2285548
Fengmao Tea Shop	H07"	06-2224657

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1 Shuixian Temple

No. 1, Shennong St.

The main deity worshipped here is Shuixian Zunwang Dayu. He is flanked by King Ao, King Chu (Xiang Yu), High Officer Wu(Wu Zi-xu), and High Officer Qu(Qu Yuan). The five are known as "an emperor, two kings, and two high officers". This area was the trading hub of Taiwan. Starting from 1741 (the 6th year of Qianlong Emperor's reign), the three major commercial guilds set up Sanyi Hall in Shuixian Temple as their office. This further shows the temple's economic, religious, and political status in Tainan. TEL:06-2203019

8 Official Reception Pavilion Stone Archway

No. 8, Ln. 143, Sec. 3, Minquan Rd. (in front of the Wind God Temple)

During the reign of Emperor Qianlong, government official E Shan-chang built the Official Reception Pavilion by Anlan Bridge near Zhendutou (the Town Crossing) on the northern shore of Nanhe Port. The Pavilion was used to welcome new officials coming to Taiwan to assume their posts. In 1765 (the 30th year of Qianlong Emperor's reign), Magistrate Jiang Yun-Xun repaired it, and in 1777 (the 42nd year of Qianlong Emperor's reign), Jiang Yuan-Shu built bell and drum towers to the left of the Pavilion, dams along the harbor channels facing Nanhe Port, as well as the Official Reception Pavilion stone archway. The archway has four pillars and three openings. The four characters 繼維永奠 ("this monument shows Tainan is a place of order and has a solid foundation which will last for eternity") are carved in the front of the archway and the characters 齋柱擎天 ("this archway will stand forever like the pillar between the heaven and earth") are in the back. The area along Nanhe Port between the Official Reception Pavilion and Dajingtou became the earliest Jingting night market.

Recommended Attractions Around Old Five Channels

Jinan Temple
No. 61, Ln. 108, Shinyi St.
06-2255817

Jinan Temple is located on the northeastern side of Dui Yue Gate and the northwestern side of Zhong St.. It is the temple of The Lady of the Heavens. During the reign of Emperor Qianlong, the temple had many followers and performed many miracles, thus gradually became the local center of worship. The locals and port workers were grateful to the deity for protecting them and jointly built this temple. It was named Jinan Temple to thank the soldiers from Jinchuan and Jinmen who escorted the deity to Taiwan.

Lingzhou Temple
No.502,Chengong St.
06-2214993

This temple was originally known as the Guardian Protector Lord Hall and was a shrine for the Qian Sui Lords of four families (Tian, Lei, Zhu, Xu). Later the deity Beiji Xuan Tian Shang Di was added and became the main deity worshipped here. The temple was renamed Lingzhou Temple. (The area is sandbar formed by Deqing River and its branch. Between the two water channels, the sandbar extends towards the west and some of its areas are wide and some narrow. It is said that a scholar by the name of Hu observed the area and thought it looked like a water chestnut, thus called it Lingzhou "water chestnut sandbar").

Mazulou Tianhou Temple
No. 118, Zhongxiao St.
06-2206946

Mazulou Tianhou Temple is located on the southwest side of present Cheng-gong St. and Hai-an Road. This site was originally a river mouth next to the Taiwan military shipbuilding factory during the Qing Dynasty and was called Sentry Ship Port. In 1755 (the 20th year of Emperor Qianlong's reign), the locals raised money to build a temple which was referred to as Mazulou ("Mazu House") since the incense from Mazu Temple in Meizhou was placed in the temple's attic. Some scenes from the film Zone Pro Site: The Moveable Feast were filmed here.

2 Jingfu Temple

No. 44, Puji St.

An original temple of Fotou Port, this is the temple of the Earth God. Late Qing Dynasty jinshi degree holder Xu Nan-ying wrote a poem depicting the area: "racing dragon boats in Fotou Port, the crowds are so big they spread to the edges of the water banks." Yet now Fotou Port is a worn-down alley and does not have the same appeal. TEL:06-2292933

7 Wind God Temple

No. 8, Ln. 143, Sec. 3, Minquan Road

During the reign of Emperor Qianlong, government official E Shan-chang built the Official Reception Pavilion by Anlan Bridge at Zhendutou (the Town Crossing). He also asked the Wind God to reside in the Pavilion as they believed only the gods could grant safe passage to the commuting boats and ships. Statues of the Wind God and Guanyin were worshiped in the temple to protect the boats carrying government officials to and from Taiwan. TEL:06-2277540

9 Haian Temple

No.31, Ln. 44, Sec. 4, Jinhua Rd.

In 1736 (the 1st year of Emperor Qianlong's reign), commercial guild members brought a branch of Meizhou's The Lady of the Heavens to Taiwan. They set up the temple at Zhendutou (the Town Crossing). The temple sits in the east and faces the west and is located at the river convergence point at Old Five Channel's center, therefore the deity is referred to as the "Town Port Lady" and has many worshippers. During WWII the temple was bombed and destroyed. The current temple was rebuilt after the war. TEL:2209605

14 KSK Church

No. 33, Heping St.

Hang Sik ("looking westward") St. was an important street that ran north-south in Old Five Channels. The St. houses faced west (the sea), thus the name of this street. In 1865 (the 4th year of Emperor Tongzhi's reign), Taiwan opened its harbor. Presbyterian church doctor James Laidlaw Maxwell became the first missionary in Tainan and introduced western civilization to Taiwan. He set up the KSK Church on Hang Sik St.. Later the church was relocated to Heping St.. TEL:06-2225808

Puji Temple
No.79,Puji St. 06-2268774

Built during the reign of Ming Emperor Yongli, the temple mainly worshipped Chi Fu Wang Ye and was originally known as Puji Shrine. Ming Dynasty Lord Ning Jing Zhu Shu-gui gave it the name Puji Temple. The temple is located on the northwestern side of Tainan and is one of the earliest areas of land to resurface in the city west harbor area. Legend has it that in the past the area had so many street, it was like an octagonal spider's web. Puji Temple is located right at the center of the octagon and is referred to as "the lair of the spider". The outline of old Tainan is similar to a phoenix spreading its wings to fly north and the head of the bird is right here.

3 Jifu Temple

No. 51, Sec. 3, Minzu Rd.

The main deity worshipped here is the Dark/Mysterious Heavenly Upper Emperor. The temple is located at the upstream of former Fotou Port and was built by the Cai family from Qianpu, Jinjiang in Quanzhou. There is an old common saying in Tainan which depicts the conflict between two Cai families from Jinjiang and Dalu in Qianpu, respectively, which happened at Fotou Port during the reign of Emperor Jiaqing. TEL:06-2230916

6 Silo Temple

No. 90, Heping St.

This site was originally where the Zhendutou (the Town Crossing)'s Great West Gate was located. During the reign of Emperor Qianlong, the city walls of Taiwan Prefecture were rebuilt and the Great West Gate was relocated to Gonghou St.. The Guo family, which members lived near the surrounding area, sponsored the expansion construction and renamed the structure Silo Temple. Tainan's Coming of Age Ceremony originated from the customs of the Guo crossing workers at Nanhe Port. TEL:06-2285354

10 Yaowang Temple

No. 86, Sec. 4, Jinhua Rd.

This temple of Bian Que ("Emperor of Medicine") was built during the reign of Emperor Kangxi and was repaired in 1764 (the 29th year of Emperor Qianlong's reign). The temple sits in the west and faces east, right across Shuixian Temple. From a feng shui perspective, Yaowang Temple (sits in the west and faces east) and the five temples (which sit in the east and faces west) at the end of Old Five Channels form the "five deities looking out to the harbor and one looking back" layout. TEL:06-2277763

13 Ximen Qiancao Shopping Zone

No. 26, Sec. 3, Guohua St.

The original Qiancao Mall/Ximen Market was formed in 1933 (the 8th year of the Showa era). The Japanese built stores around Ximen Market and called it Qiancao Mall. It was Tainan City's first public market built during the Japanese Occupation Period and was referred to as the "large vegetable market". Due to the large number of stalls, the city government eventually managed to reach a consensus with the locals and built the new Qiancao Shopping Zone on the plaza next to West Market. The Shopping Zone features products targeted at the younger generation, such as clothes, handicrafts, and bags. TEL:06-2251702

Nansha Temple
No.55, Heping St. 06-2212225

Nansha Temple is located at the intersection of Heping St. and Renai St., not far from KSK Church and Hang Sik St.. Heping St. was Nanhe Port during the Old Five Channels era and boats often docked in front of the temple; thus this temple was also known as "Temple at the Port". In the early days, this was the family temple of the Lu family who worshipped Bao Qingting (Yan Luo) and was originally named the Baogong Temple. It is said that the Baogong statue has hundreds of years of history.

Jifu Temple
No. 83, Shinyi St. 06-2234889

Right next to Dui Yue Gate, this temple mainly worships Xuan Tian Shang Di and has many worshippers. In 1822 (the 2nd year of Emperor Daoguang's reign), it was renamed Jifu Temple and was assigned as the main temple in the area's civilian vigilance organization. Now is the area temple on Coral Stone St. and is part of the "four temple zone alliance" with Puji Temple, Jinan Temple, and Mazulou.

4 Shennong St.

Known as Beishi St. in the past, Shennong St. runs east-west starting from Shuixian Temple and crosses Hai-an Road, Kanle Street, all the way to the front of Yaowang Temple. Built during the last year of Emperor Kangxi's reign, it was an important street in the heart of Old Five Channels during the Qing Dynasty. The street was about 300 meters in length and 4 meters wide. This area was a major commercial hub for trade ships that docked at Beishi Port and Fotou Port, as well as the center harbor channel and business zone of Old Five Channels.

5 Jinhua Temple

No. 71, Shennong St.

The main deities worshipped here are Lord Guan Yu, Wang Ye Li, Wang Ye Ma, and Wang Ye Huang. It under-went repairs during the reigns of Tongzhi and Guangxu Emperors, and the Taisho Era (Japanese Occupation Period), and now it is one of the few temples in Tainan which is a St. house-type temple that sits on a traditional St.. This is the most authentic old temple in Tainan. TEL:06-2288374

11 Dui Yue Gate

The intersection of Wenxian Rd. and Shinyi St.

Built during the reign of Emperor Daoguang, Dui Yue Gate is the center gate of the old Taiwan capital's west outer city walls. It is the only outer gate that still exists today. Since it is located in the west, which is the "dui" position in the Bagua, the gate is named "Dui Yue". The foundation of the gate is built with laogu stones. This is the only city gate that is still in use today and has witnessed the development of Tainan's streets.

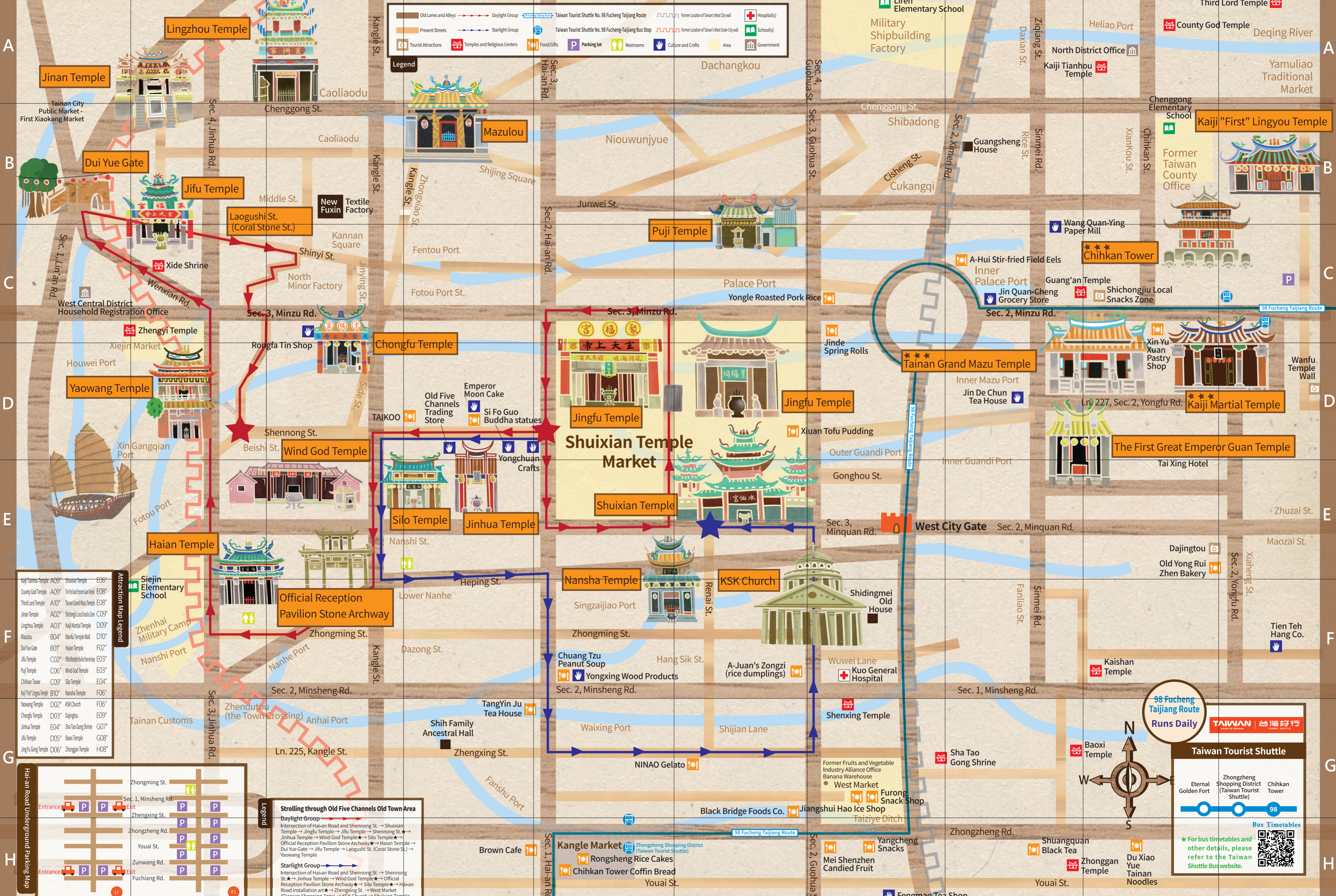
12 Laogushi St. (Coral Stone St.)

Shinyi St.

Laogushi is actually coral stone. Back then the street and city gate foundations were laid with laogushi and this is how the street got its name. Laogushi St. used to be a business St. in former Xin Gangqian. The harbor channels were still usable during the reign of Emperor Daoguang and ships could directly sail to the crossing of Anping Harbor. Merchant houses that did business in Old Five Channels would mainly go through this route. Legend has it that the locals did not get along well with the Anping harbor porters, therefore the locals positioned laogushi and Dui Yue Gate to form a bow and arrow that shot towards Anping.

Chongfu Temple
No. 119, Sec.3, Minzu Rd. 06-2213323

Chongfu Temple is next to Fotou Port and mainly worships Xuan Tian Shang Di. It is also the only temple that houses Lady Zhutai, a deity that safeguards women and children, bestows safe birth to mothers, and protects the newborn. The temple also has Wang Ye's from different families, including the Ma family. In 1728, Cai Ke-rong welcomed the deities ashore at the Oyster Port and worshipped them in the Cai family shrine. During the 27th year of Emperor Qianlong's reign, Cai Bi and others raised money to build Chongfu Temple for the deities. During the 14th year of the Taisho Era, Yongle Road was built and the temple was repositioned as sitting in the south facing north. The present temple was reconstructed in 1984.



Attraction Map Legend

Kaiji Tianhou Temple	A03*	Shuixian Temple	E06*
County God Temple	A09*	Taiwan Grand Mazu Temple	E08*
Third Lord Temple	A10*	Kaiji Martial Temple	D09*
Jinan Temple	A02*	Wanfu Temple Wall	D10*
Lingzhou Temple	A03*	Haian Temple	F02*
Mazulou	B04*	Silo Temple	E04*
Dui Yue Gate	B01*	Nansha Temple	F06*
Jifu Temple	C02*	Chongfu Temple	E09*
Puji Temple	C06*	Jinhua Temple	G07*
Chihkan Tower	C09*	Wind God Temple	G08*
Kaiji "First" Lingyou Temple	B10*	Shuixian Temple	H08*
Yaowang Temple	D02*		
Chongfu Temple	D03*		
Jinhua Temple	E04*		
Jifu Temple	D05*		
Jingfu Gong Temple	D06*		



Legend

Strolling through Old Five Channels Old Town Area

Daylight Group
 Intersection of Haian Road and Shennong St. → Shuixian Temple → Jingfu Temple → Jifu Temple → Shennong St. → Jinhua Temple → Wind God Temple → Silo Temple → Official Reception Pavilion Stone Archway → Dui Yue Gate → Jifu Temple → Laogushi St. (Coral Stone St.) → Yaowang Temple

Starlight Group
 Intersection of Haian Road and Shennong St. → Shennong St. → Jinhua Temple → Wind God Temple → Official Reception Pavilion Stone Archway → Silo Temple → Haian Road installation art → Zhengxing St. → West Market (Qiancao Shopping Zone) → KSK Church → Shuixian Temple.

98 Fucheng Taijiang Route
Runs Daily

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