

Tainan



Old House, Old Store, Old Lifestyle!

Being part of Tainan's daily life

Guided Tours: every Saturday
 April - October 4-6 pm / November - March 3-5 pm
Meet-up Spot: the space diagonally across Quanmei Movie Theater
 (No. 187, Sec. 2, Yongfu Rd., West Central District)
Register online: <https://www.twtainan.net/>

Travel Information

Tainan City Government Tourism Bureau 06-3901175
 Bus Information 06-2998484
 Tainan Railway Station Travel Service Center 06-2290082
 Tainan Airport Travel Service Center 06-3359209
 Former He Tong Building Visitor Information Station 06-2215527
 Anping Travel Service Center 06-2281382
 THSR Tainan Station Travel Service Center 06-6008338
 Xinying Railway Station Travel Service Center 06-6378821
 Tainan City Zujhen Fossil Park Travel Service Center 06-5132629
 Wumile Travel Service Center 06-6622725
 Yuejin Art Museum Service Center (Yanshui) 06-6324453
 Hutoupi Scenic Area Service Center 06-5901325



Travel Service Center
 24 hr. Online Travel Information

Tainan City Government Tourism Bureau

Minshi Civic Center (Bureau HQ) 06-6353226
 Yonghua Civic Center (Tourism Service Section) 06-3901175



Travel Tainan website



Travel Tainan app

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Things to Eat

- A-Hui's Stir-fried Field Eel** | No. 352, Sec. 2, Ximen Rd. | 06-2215540
- Qingzi Meaty Snacks** | No. 248, Sec. 2, Minzu Rd. | 06-2206158
- Martial Temple Granny's Handmade Grilled Sandwiches (outer shop)** | No. 223, Sec. 2, Yongfu Rd. | 06-2216658
- Uncle Peanut's Tainan Peanut Candy** | No. 200, Sec. 2, Yongfu Rd. | 0918221983
- Liangjiaoyin Old-fashioned White Gourd Tea** | No. 51, Ln. 227, Sec. 2, Yongfu Rd. | 06-2216818
- Ice Country** | No. 160, Sec. 1, Minsheng Rd. | 06-2234427
- Gongzai Stewed Mincemeat Noodles** | No. 32, Sinmei Rd. | 06-2217506
- Yuejin Savory Congee** | No. 332, Sec. 2, Ximen Rd. | 06-2228490
- Yucheng Fruits** | No. 122, Sec. 1, Minsheng Rd. | 06-2296196
- Yicheng Fruits** | No. 116, Sec. 1, Minsheng Rd. | 06-2282507

- Shenzuo Cafe** | No. 231, Sec. 2, Minquan Rd. | 06-5115398
- The Bird Club** | No. 192, Sec. 2, Minquan Rd. | 06-2219688
- Diamond Hall** | No. 206, Sec. 2, Ximen Rd. | 06-2288611
- 182artspace** | No. 182, Sinmei Rd. | 0911031789

★ For accommodation and dining details, please refer to notice by business operators.

Places to Visit



Quanmei Movie Theater + Movie Billboards

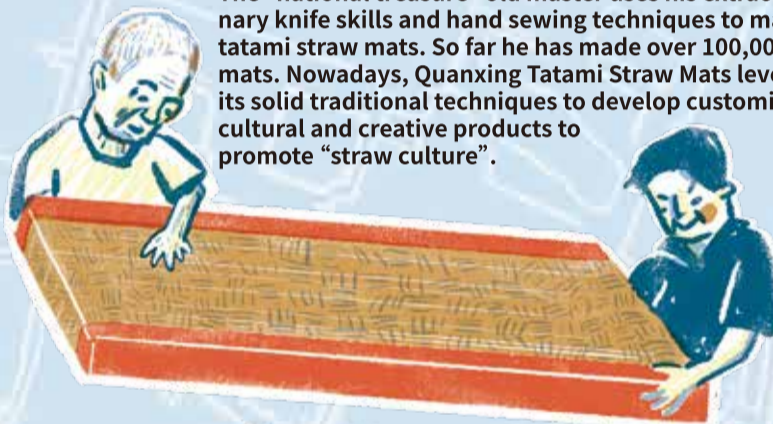
No. 187, Sec. 2, Yongfu Road

This is the place that inspired world-famous director Ang Lee's movie dream. Quanmei Movie Theater is not only a movie theater but also a venue for theater and dance productions. It still uses traditional hand-painted movie billboards and hosts hand-painted movie billboard workshops as well.

Quanxing Tatami Straw Mats

No. 46, Sinmei Road

The "national treasure" old master uses his extraordinary knife skills and hand sewing techniques to make tatami straw mats. So far he has made over 100,000 mats. Nowadays, Quanxing Tatami Straw Mats leverages its solid traditional techniques to develop customized cultural and creative products to promote "straw culture".



Former Baomei Restaurant

No. 315, Sec. 2, Ximen Rd.

"Kang San Lau Restaurant in Taipei, Baomei Restaurant in Tainan" Before the 1970s, Baomei Restaurant was a major socializing venue for Tainan's prominent and wealthy figures. The famous song "Remembering Anping" also has connections to this restaurant - the lyricist Chen Da-ru was inspired by the love story between a local Anping girl and a Dutch ship doctor he heard here.

Tainan Wooden Clogs Store

No. 318, Sec. 2, Ximen Rd.

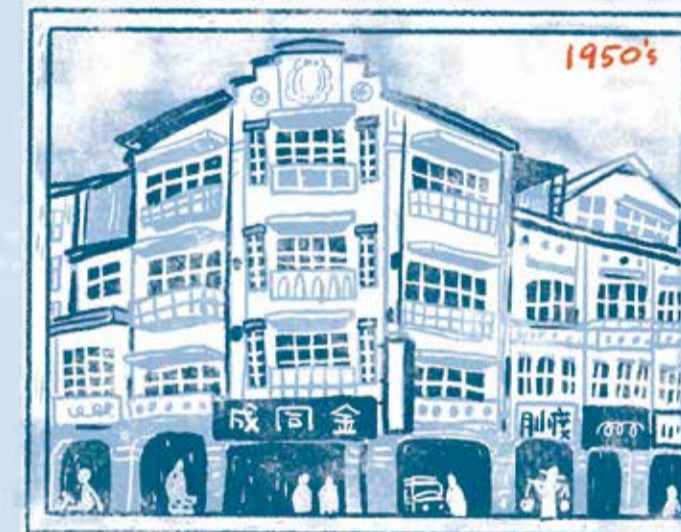
Established during the late Qing dynasty, the store is currently run by the third and fourth generations. Wooden clogs can be customized and are practical, sturdy, and fashionable as well. The wood absorbs water, offering good ventilation to prevent Athlete's foot. As long as the clog is not broken in half, it can be continuously worn, only the vamp needs to be changed. Guests can experience making their own clogs here.



Jin De Chun Tea House

No. 109, Sinmei Rd.

Jin De Chun Tea House has a longer history than the Eternal Golden Fort. The large tea vats in the store are more than a hundred years old and bear witness to the store's transition through five generations. This old tea house insists on selling "tradition" and only sells aged teas and the best teas.



Jin Tong Cheng General Store

Starting from the intersection of Ximen and Minquan Road in the north, all the way south to Lane 228, Sec. 2, Ximen Road

A counterpart to Suehirochō, this main business street was located in the Honmachi zone (present Sec. 2, Minquan Road area) and was where the Taiwanese did business. Jin Tong Cheng was the name of the general store when it was opened by Qiu Tian-si during the Japanese Occupation Period. In 1940, he built a row of townhouse storefronts which connected twenty buildings from the Honmachi triangle window to "Poop" Hill.

Tainan Glory Embroidery

No. 186-3, Sec. 2, Yongfu Rd.

"National treasure" embroidery master Lin Yu-quan has been dedicated to this craft for over 60 years. Traditional embroidered pieces were mostly religious items, such as the clothing of the buddha, table skirts, Daoist robes, and embroidered banners depicting the Eight Immortals. Here at Tainan Glory Embroidery, embroidery art is combined with fashion, culture and creativity, and can be customized so that each piece is a unique artwork.



Wu Wan-Chun Incense Shop

No. 253, Minquan Rd.

Established in 1895, this hundred-year-old shop has old masters with 50 years of experience. They make incense the old traditional way and insist on using natural ingredients. The incense sticks are dried naturally under the sun and wrapped with red paper.



Old Houses to Visit

- Feng Ice Fruit** | No. 183, Sinmei Rd. | 0911686713
- PEKO (former old WIRE house)** | No. 5, Ln. 132, Sec. 1, Minsheng Rd. | 06-2287219
- KOKONI CAFÉ** | No. 23-1, Ln. 372, Sec. 2, Ximen Rd. | 06-2231591
- PO-JEN STORE** | No. 27, Ln. 300, Sec. 2, Ximen Rd. | 06-2226473
- BAR TCRC** | No. 117, Sinmei Rd. | 06-2228716
- My Beverage** | No. 142-1, Sec. 2, Yongfu Rd. | 0935311949
- Linking Travel** | No. 212, Sec. 2, Minquan Rd. | 06-2221727
- König Western-style Mansion(König foods)** | No. 275, Sec. 2, Ximen Rd. | 06-2242200
- Wabi Sabi B&B** | No. 2, Gonghou St. | 06-2237659
- Dao Nanguang Coffee** | No. 248, Sec. 2, Minquan Rd. | 06-2258377
- Hanamiwa Sweets** | No. 222, Sec. 2, Ximen Rd. | 06-2236593

Jin Quan Cheng Grocery Store

No. 284, Sec. 2, Minzu Rd.

This hundred-year-old store is located in a fancy baroque-like building. The old owner is still here with his ancient shining tools, selling all sorts of grains by the liter and welcoming the next century.



Chi Kan West House Restaurant

No. 10, Ln. 372, Sec. Ximen Rd.

The former owner wanted to let his mother, who had bounded feet, enjoy theater performances easier, so he built this western-eastern fusion style house next to a theater. The old house is now repurposed into a restaurant that offers wonderful vegetarian dishes with cherry blossoms in the springtime and mangoes in the summer.



Rice Street (Feng Ice Fruit, Wang Quan-Ying Paper Mill, Xinxieyi Paper Store, etc.)

In the past, this street had a rice mill and rice store, thus the street was called Rice Street. Now the rice shop is gone, and after witnessing hundreds of years of prosperity and tranquility, this old street is welcoming new stores which use "the new" to revive its old prosperity and "the old" to preserve the old houses' memories.

Sinmei Road Mural Lane/Ln. 125, Sinmei Rd.



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Suggested route

Quanmei Movie Theater → Carvers' Lane → Yeh Shih-Tao Literature & Installation Arts → Fanliao Buddha Temple → "Poop" Hill → Jin Tong Cheng General Store → Former Baomei Restaurant → Ballot Lane → Jin Quan Cheng Grocery Store → Chi Kan West House Restaurant → Rice St. → Fortune Tellers' Lane → Ai Gate → Dajingtou → Quanmei Movie Theater

Map Legend

- Roads
- Suggested Walking Route
- Recommended Attractions
- Things to Eat
- Special Old Houses



How to Get There

- Take No. 88 Tainan Loop Route or No. 99 Anping-Taijiang Route and get off at Chihkan Tower stop. Walk along Sec. 2, Yongfu Road for about 5 mins (280 meters) to the guided tour meet-up spot at Quanmei Movie Theater.
- Rent a public bike (YouBike) in front of Tainan Railway Station. Ride along Zhongshan Road and turn right on Sec. 2, Minzu Road (about 1.2 km), arrive at Chihkan Tower and return the bike. Then walk along Sec. 2, Yongfu Road for about 5 mins (280 meters) to the guided tour meet-up spot at Quanmei Movie Theater.

Tainan City Bus app

Tainan City real-time bus information, pre-departure bus route planning, bus stop location signage, and other services.

