

Walking Around Tainan City

Tainan City Cultural Walk

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Places to Visit



National Museum of Taiwan Literature

No. 1, Zhongzheng Road
Built in 1916, this building was originally the Tainan Prefecture Hall during the Japanese Occupation Period and later served as Tainan City Hall. This museum is Taiwan's first national-level literature museum. In addition to collecting, preserving, and researching literature-related documents and items, the museum also organizes exhibitions, activities, and education events to further introduce literature and culture to the public.



Tainan Art Museum Building 1

(former Tainan Police Headquarters)
No. 37, Nanmen Road
The building was designed and expanded by architect Joe Shih and Pritzker Prize winner Shigeru Ban Architects. The main building was originally the Tainan Police Department and is listed as a Tainan City special municipality historic site. The eclectic Art Déco building, which was completed in 1931, was designed by Tainan Prefecture engineer Sutejiro Umezawa. The current building integrates the old and the new to offer a space to display works by local Tainan artists and major artists from other regions, promote aesthetics education, and offer art education and related activities.



Former Tainan Patriotic Women's Association

No. 195 & 197, Sec. 1, Fuchiang Rd.
The Japanese Patriotic Women's Association was one of the major women's groups in Japan during WWII. Its Tainan HQ was located in Taipei and the location in Tainan was built in 1940. After the war ended, all Patriotic Women's Association buildings were transferred to the Red Cross Society. Starting from 2013, some of the buildings were gradually used as offices for the Tainan City Government Cultural Affairs Bureau Cultural and Creative Industries Development Section.



Lane 3, Kaishan Rd.

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The present Lane 3 at Kaishan Road was called "Shuilu Guanyin Street" during the Qing dynasty, "Qingshui Temple Street" during the early Japanese Occupation Period, and "Lane 3, Kaishan Rd." after WWII. Now you can find artworks by the Yintong Community elders, showcasing local stories by local residents.



Qingshui Temple

No. 10, Ln. 3, Kaishan Rd.
Qingshui Temple, which was originally the worship site for Qingshui Zushi, was built during the rule of Qing Emperor Kangxi. Legend has it that during a flood, a piece of ancient driftwood which roughly resembled the shape of Buddha lingered and did not float away. The locals picked it up and carved it into a Guanyin statue. It is known as the Shuilu Guanyin and is now mainly worshipped at Qingshui Temple.



Tainan Confucius Temple

No. 2, Nanmen Road
This is Taiwan's oldest Confucius temple. Originally called "the Sacred Temple of the First Teacher", it was built at the suggestion of Koxinga's military advisor Chen Yung-Hua. Since it was the highest education institution run by the government and the starting point for Confucianism in Taiwan, this cultured Confucius Temple is honored as the "First in Learning in Taiwan". The Memorial Ceremony for Confucius held on Teacher's Day is the most important rite of the Tainan Confucius Temple Culture Festival. The entire ceremony requires the completion of 38 procedures. Tainan Confucius Temple is the only Confucius Temple that still holds this complete rite which was established in 1713.



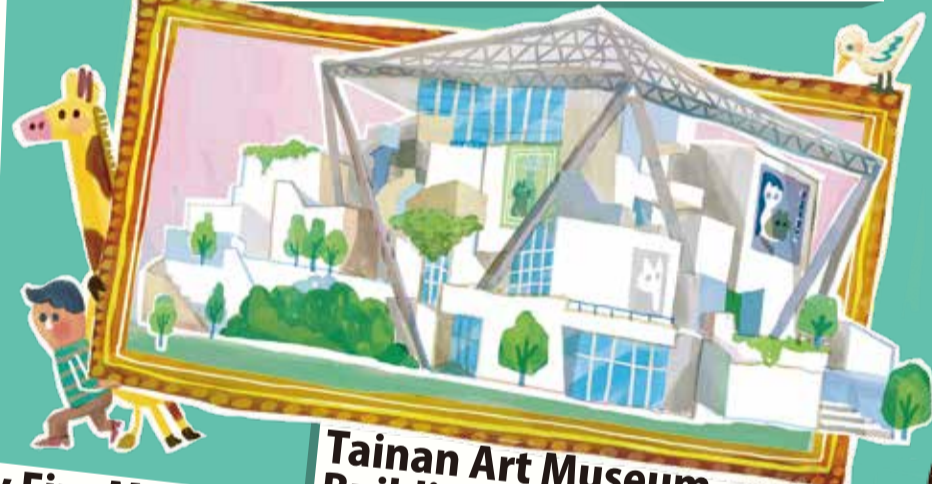
Fuzhong Street

Right across the "First in Learning in Taiwan" decorated archway of Confucius Temple
Originally only 4 to 5 meters wide, Fuzhong Street was expanded to 9 meters in 1993. The sides are lined with East Indian coral trees. Fuzhong Street has its own commercial district committee which works together to develop the Confucius Temple commercial district. Fuzhong Street also has many old lanes and alleys, such as Wongzai Well Street, "Pickled Vegetable Lane", and Yonghua Temple where Chen Yong-hua is worshipped. Tourists also flock to the area to visit the many cultural and creative industries brands and shops located here.



Fang River

Fang River is a branch of the Deqing River. Since it originated at Shanzeiwei, the river is also known as Shanzeiwei Creek or Gouzeiwei River. It flows past the front of Qingshui Temple, then through Zhongshan Road, the north of Maxwell Memorial Church, through Wu Garden Art Center, and eventually enters Deqing River in front of Tainan Far Eastern Department Store.



Tainan Art Museum Building 2

No. 1, Sec. 2, Zhongyi Road
The building was designed and expanded jointly by architect Joe Shih and Pritzker Prize winner Shigeru Ban Architects. The design of the main symbolic of Tainan, into a simplified pentagon shape and then employs vertical layers and unaligned rectangular spaces to create a flexible visiting route. The museum is Tainan's new cultural landmark and aims to become an exchange platform for Tainan and international groups in the fields of exhibition, research, and art education.

Tainan City Fire Museum

(Former Tainan He Tong Building)
No. 2-1, Zhongzheng Road
The Tainan City Fire Museum is located on the first and third floors (facing Minsheng Road) of the former Tainan He Tong Memorial Park. The building was where Tainan's very first fire department was based, making this museum very meaningful. In addition to viewing the artifacts and documents on display, visitors can also try on firefighter garments and experience a VR rescue mission.



National Historic Monuments Tainan District Court

No. 307, Sec. 1, Fuchiang Rd.
Completed in 1912, the former Tainan District Court is the only fully-preserved district courthouse from the Japanese Occupation Period. Currently, it is the only judicial museum in Taiwan, with a mission to promote basic law and justice concepts to the public. The building has an asymmetrical design - it has a dome in the east and a tower in the west. It is a western-style historical building with a grand and solemn structure. The District Court, Presidential Office, and National Taiwan Museum are listed as the three iconic Japanese Occupation Period buildings in Taiwan.



Fuan Keng River

Fuan Keng River originated near the Xiaonanmen area (east side of the Koxinga mountain base where the Koxinga Shrine is located). The river then flows west past National Tainan Girls' Senior High School, Jian Sing Junior High School, the former Tainan District Court, and eventually enters Taijiang Lagoon at Tujicheng.



Narrow Door Cafe

2F, No. 67, Nanmen Road
Narrow Door Cafe was originally a private residence (the first floor is a store, and the second floor is a private home). The alley that leads to the second floor is only 38-cm wide. The Cafe was nominated for the Tainan Area "Old House, New Life" Award.



Jian Sing Junior High School

(former Tainan City Hall)
*The campus is not open to public
During the Japanese Occupation Period, this was originally the Tainan Second High-Level Elementary School. In 1921, it was reassigned as Nanmen Elementary School and renamed as Nanmen High-Level Elementary School in 1934. After WWII, the location served as Tainan City Hall and was later transferred and used as the location for Jian Sing Junior High School in 1969. This is why the road in front of the school is still called Fuchiang Road ("in front of the city hall" road).

Things to Eat

Kaishan Fangyuan Popsicles
No. 6, Kaishan Rd.

Luji Buns
No. 27, Ln. 3, Kaishan Rd.

Guangzai Milkfish Balls
No. 58, Kaishan Rd.

Ebisu Sushi
No. 5, Kaishan Rd.

Klin Pastry Shop
No. 218, Sec. 1, Fuchiang Rd.

Bulao Zhuang Sausages
No. 53, Nanmen Road

Zang-a Lin A-Quan Savory Rice Pudding (wa-gui)
No. 218, Sec. 1, Fuchiang Rd.

Narrow Door Cafe
2F, No. 67, Nanmen Road

Quanji Rice Store
No. 31, Sec. 2, Yongfu Rd.

Yongji Milkfish Balls
No. 82-1, Kaishan Rd.

Tianzhong Herb Tea
No. 45, Sec. 2, Yongfu Rd.

Fuji Taiwanese Meatballs (ba-wan)
No. 215 & 299, Sec. 1, Fuchiang Rd.

Youai Market
No. 117, Youai Street

Taiwan Oden
No. 74, Kaishan Rd.

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

Pan Li-shui

Folk Heritage Art Awards - Traditional Painting Master
Pan Li-shui (1914-1995) was born in Tainan City. His courtesy name was "Yunsan". Since his father, Pan Chun-yuan, was a well-known folk-art painter, Pan Li-shui learned the art from his father since he was a young boy and mainly focused on ink painting. After WWII, Pan Li-shui began to fuse styles from the north and south into his creations. Noticing his unique style, many temples started to invite Pan to paint their interiors. Pan eventually earned his place in the field of traditional painting masters and won the Folk Art Heritage Award in 1993. Pan Li-shui is the first traditional painter in Taiwan to win such an honor.

Yeh Shyr-Tau Literary Memorial Museum

(Former Forestry Affairs Office)
No. 8-3, Youai Street
Established in 1925, this location (the Forestry Affairs Office) was a tree nursery during the Japanese Occupation Period. It was later used as the tourist information center for Confucius Temple Cultural Park and officially set up as the Yeh Shyr-Tau Literary Memorial Museum in 2012. Two three-story-tall Norfolk pines, which were planted in 1951, stand three meters apart in the courtyard. After weathering the elements for many years, the two trees both bend to the right, which makes them seem like they are in a close embrace. Thus the locals nicknamed them "the couple".



Guan-Di Temple of Ba-Ji-Jing

No. 11, Ln. 40, Youai Street
The Guan-Di Temple of Ba-Ji-Jing was built during the rule of Qing Emperor Kangxi and was originally located on the left side of present Zhongzheng Road). In 1929, the city moved to its current address. The temple was deity (Lord Guan Yu) is worshipped with the God of Ba-Ji-Jing Dongyuan Gate. In 2012, building. The temple is also known as the "Museum of Pan Li-shui's Color Paintings" as almost all of the paintings here are done by Pan Li-shui and are fully preserved.

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← Youai Market

U.I.J Hotel & Hostel
 Tianzhong Herb Tea
 Quanji Rice Store
 Scholar Cakes

National Historic Monuments, Tainan District Court

Suggested Route
 ▷ National Museum of Taiwan Literature → Tainan City Fire Museum → Ln. 3, Kaishan Road (former Qingshui Temple Street) → Fang River → Qingshui Temple → Tainan Art Museum Building 1 (former Tainan Police Headquarters) → Tainan Confucius Temple → Fuzhong Street → Narrow Door Cafe → Tainan Patriotic Women's Association → Fuan Keng River → Jian Sing Junior High School (former Tainan City Hall) → National Historic Monument Tainan District Court → Tainan Art Museum Building 2 → Guan-Di Temple of Ba-Ji-Jing → Yeh Shyr-Tau Literary Memorial Museum → Nanmen Road/Youai Street intersection

Gender Equality for All through Love



Ln. 54, Sec. 2, Yongfu Road
 Guan-Di Temple of Ba-Ji-Jing

Hayashi Department Store

Tainan City Fire Museum
 Former Tainan He Tong Building

Tang Te-chang Memorial Park

Tainan Art Museum Building 2

Yeh Shyr-Tau Literary Memorial Museum
 Former Forestry Affairs Office

National Museum of Taiwan Literature
 Former Tainan Prefectural Hall

Lane 3, Kaishan Rd, former Qingshui Temple St.

Ebisu Sushi

Fang River
 Now the river runs underground

Qingshui Temple

Fuji Taiwanese Meatballs (ba-wan) Store no.2

Former Tainan Shinto Shrine Office

Tainan Confucius Temple

Tower of the God of Literature

Tainan Art Museum Building 1
 former Tainan Police Headquarters

Guangzai Milkfish Balls

Zang-a Lin A-Quan Savory Rice Pudding (wa-gui)

Fuji Taiwanese Meatballs (ba-wan)

Fuan Keng River

Jian Sing Junior High School (former Tainan City Hall)

Lily Fruit Store

Fuan Keng River
 Former Tainan Patriotic Women's Association

Bulao Zhuang Sausages

Baoge's Oden

Narrow Door Cafe

CaoJi Book inn

Klin Pastry Shop

Yongji Milkfish Balls

Heluoxuan Stamp Carving Shop