

Taking a Walk Around Guanziling Hot Spring trea



Taiwan's Number One Hot Spring One of The World's Three Major Mud Springs **Three-hundred Years Old Fire and Water Spring** 

# Free Guided Tour of Guanziling Hot Spring Area

Summer (April - October)

Winter (November - March)

Every Saturday 2-4 pm

Every Sunday 9-11 am

Every Saturday 3-5 pm Every Sunday 9-11 am

(family-friendly route) (family-friendly route) Please make a reservation on the Travel Tainan website.



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### Tainan City Government Tourism Bureau

(Tourism Service Section)

Minzhi Civic Center 06-6353226 (Bureau HQ) Yonghua Civic Center 06-3901175

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### Travel Information

**Guanziling Linding Visitor Center** Tainan Railway Station Travel Service Center Tainan Airport Travel Service Center Former He Tong Building Visitor Information Station Anning Travel Service Center **THSR Tainan Station Travel Service Center** Xinying Railway Station Travel Service Center Tainan City Zuojhen Fossil Park Travel Service Center Wumile Travel Service Center YueJin Art Museum Service Center (Yanshui) Hutoupi Scenic Area Service Center Siraya National Scenic Area Administration

06-6008338 06-6378821 Travel Service Center 24 hours travel information 06-6622725 06-6324453 06-5901325

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## **How to Get There**

**Public Transportation** 

Houbi Train Station 06-6872055 Tainan Railway Station 06-2261314 Xinying Train Station 06-6322104 www.railway.gov.tw

Chiayi Station 05-3107000 Tainan Station 06-6009000 www.thsrc.com.tw

> Ho-Hsin Bus Xinying Station 06-6590449

Customer Service Hotline 40663000

(For cell phones, add "02" before the number.)

\* HSR Chiayi Station shuttle to Xinying

First bus

Xinying Station 06-6590449 Tainan Station 06-2281552 Tainan Station 06-2281552

By Car Baihe

Xinying Interchange → National Freeway No. 3 Baihe Interchange → City Highway No. 172 to Baihe & Guanziling

Baihe Interchange → City Highway No. 172 to Baihe & Guanziling Tainan City Bus Yellow (Main) Route Take the Yellow Route bus at Xinying Station to Baihe stop. Then transfer to Guanziling via Yellow 12 or Yellow 13.Then ransfer to Guanziling via Yellow 12 or Yellow 13. Tainan City Bus website 06-2998484

Xinying > Guanziling First Last bus Yellow Route Xinying > Baihe 06:00 Yellow Branch Line 12 | Baihe > Guanziling | 06:50 Yellow Branch Line 13 Baihe > Guanziling 08:30 18:15 Yellow Branch Line 12 Guanziling > Baihe 07:20 17:00 Yellow Boute Yellow Route State Stat Yellow Route Baihe > Xinying 05:50 22:10

Yellow 12-2 Guanziling Holiday Bus

Circles around Attractions in Guanziling Runs or lidays, including long holidays and lunar new year

Recommended Attractions

Guanziling → Nanliao Intersection → Fire and Water Spring → Huoshan Biyun Temple → Dasian Temple → Xiancaopu → Baoquan Bridge → Guanziling Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Bus No.33 Guanziling Route (Weekends)

THSR Chiayi Station → Guanziling Guanziling → THSR Chiayi Station Singing Bus 06-6322513: http://tourguide.tainan.gov.tw/

Buses in Chiayi Chiavi ↔ Guanzil-Chiayi → Guanziling ing 7214 Guanziling → Chiayi

#### Chiayi Bus 05-2750895: http://www.cibus.com.tw/ ★For bus information, please refer to the timetable on the official website

### Baihe District

Baihe lotuses (summertime), Guanziling Scenic Area, Dasian Temple, Guanziling Biyun Temple, Fire and Water Spring, Dadong Mountain hiking trail, Baihe Reservoir, Liuchong River Hot Spring. Houbi District )

Jingliao Wumiler Community, Tugo Art Village, TSC Wusulin Recreational Park, Taiwan Orchid Plantation, Xiaonan Sea Scenic Area (bike lane).

No. 175 Dongshan Cafe Road, Dongshan Coffee Cultural Hall, Bixuan Temple, Xiangong Temple, Kanding Fuan Temple, Shantou Mountain Trail, Kabua-Sua Village, Wing On Golf Country Club, Senwho Leisure Farm.

# Things to Eat

Dongshan Coffee

### Barrel-roasted Chicken, Jar-roasted Chicken

Signs for barrel-roasted chicken, jar-roasted chicken, and teapot chicken are everywhere in Guanziling. All of these cooking methods stew-roast the chicken to lock in the freshness and sweetness of the meat. Each restaurant has its own house recipe and most of them use special Chinese herb blends to enhance the flavor. The golden roasted chicken is very tempting and the delicious flavor makes visitors come back for more.



Good coffee beans need the right environment to grow in. Dongshan's climate, altitude, and day and night temperature difference make it the perfect place for cultivating high-quality coffee beans. The No. 175 Dongshan Cafe Road near Guanziling has a variety of cafes and coffee shops where most shop owners grow their own coffee beans. If you visit Guanziling, come enjoy some fresh coffee directly from tree



## Nanliao Ponkan Mandarin

Nanliao is sandwiched between Guanziling Hot Spring and Dongshan Cafe Road. Located on the shady hillside of Dadong Mountain, this is the main production place of Tainan's ponkan mandarin. Every year after Mid-Autumn Festival, the wide difference in day and night temperatures gives Nanliao's ponkan mandarins their unique sweet and sour taste. Nanliao ponkan mandarin is also known as green ponkan. Its season is between September and December, and is the type of ponkan mandarin that hits domestic markets earliest every year. Drive along City Highway No. 175 towards the Nanliao mountain area and you will see a large ponkan mandarin landmark. Follow the ponkan mandarin landmark for some wonderful fruit.



### Wild Vegetables

Besides barrel-roasted chicken, Guanziling's restaurants offer fresh crisp wild vegetables such as mushrooms, vegetable fern, areca flower, and wild bitter gourd. The appetizing ingredients can be prepared chilled or stir-fried and bring a clean scent of the wild to the table. The dishes are perfect snacks to enjoy after a hot spring bath. Hot springs, good food and views, what can be better than this?



### (Mushroom Eggs)

It is said that Guanziling residents made created this dish with local mushrooms, free-range chicken eggs, cornsilk, and a Chinese herb house blend in 1914 when Taiwan Governor Sakuma Samata inspected Guanziling. It was a snack to welcome the Governor, who was very impressed by the texture and flavor. The recipe for mushroom eggs was lost for some time. Local restaurateurs interviewed local elders and restored the traditional recipe while reinventing it. Now we can all enjoy this dish that impressed the Governor.



### Rusty Leaf Mucuna Chicken Soup

When you come to Guanziling, don't miss the unique rusty leaf mucuna chicken soup. In addition to rusty leaf mucuna, the soup also has Chinese angelica, astragalus root, wolfberry, processed rehmannia root, and black dates, giving the dish a deep color and strong flavor. Although there are a lot of Chinese herbs in the dish, it does not have a strong medicinal scent. The soup goes down easier when it's hot because the soup pairs well with the delicious free-range chicken meat in the pot. As the sweet soup slides in from your tongue to your throat, the warmth slowly flows into your bally.



# **Dacheng Hall**



The location of Dacheng Hall was originally the site of the Guanziling Shinto shrine which was built in 1941 (the 16th year of Showa Era, Japanese Occupation Period). The main deity worshiped here was Amaterasu. It was rebuilt as Dacheng Hall (Confucius' shrine) on April 10, 1950. Now the first floor of the building is the visitor center of Siraya National Scenic Area Administration and Village Office of Kuanling Village, and the second floor is the local community activity center. There is a bronze statue of Confucius here, reminding visitors that this used to be Dacheng Hall. This is the most eye-catching building in Lingding Park and is also the starting point of the guided tour of Guanziling Hot Spring Area. (Photo courtesy of the Siraya National Scenic Area Headquarters, Tourism Administration, MOTC)



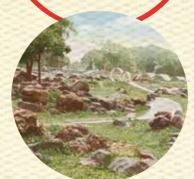
Bawcock Slope is one of the most famous attractions at Guanziling. It originally had 293 steps, thus the Japanese called it "three-hundred steps" or "the slope of man". During the Japanese Occupation Period, this was where injured soldiers were rehabilitated. Patients would run up and down the stone steps of Bawcock Slope to enhance the healing properties of the mud spring. Bawcock Slope also made the healing powers of the mud spring more famous. Interestingly, after the period of the Republic of China began, a lot of steep slopes in Taiwan were named "bawcock slopes" and people gradually forgot the origin of the name. The photo on the left is Bawcock Slope a hundred years ago, and the right is its current state.

# **Huo Wangye Temple**



Lingquan is an unstable hot spring zone. In the past century, it periodically collapsed at random points and causes geological disasters. Therefore, the Japanese and locals invited the deity Fudō Myōō to reside here in hope that the deity can make the hot spring zone more stable. In the following years, the area went through a couple of crises yet the damage was minimum. Local residents believed it was due to the power of the deity and prayed fervently to him. After the Japanese left, Fudō Myōō was localized as Huo Wangye and is still ardently worshiped by the locals to this day. Starting from 2012, local residents started the Huo Wangye Ritual which includes pulling a dashi to bring in good fortune. This is a local event worth experiencing. The most recent collapse of the hot spring was in 2013. On the left is the present status of Huo Wangye Temple. The picture on the right is taken during the Huo Wangye Ritual (Photo courtesy of the Siraya National Siraya National Scenic Area Headquarters, Tourism Administration, MOTC)

# **Lingding Park**



In 1932, the Japanese set up Taiwan's first mini-golf course here. The course was fun: the golf ball went over small hills and through caves, passed narrow bridges and small islands in ponds. Now you can still find traces of the old golf course in Lingding Park. The above image is of Lingding Park a hundred years ago.

### Wu Jin-Huai Plaza



An important Taiwanese musician and composer who changed the modern Taiwanese Hokkien music scene and influenced famous Taiwanese Hokkien singers such as Kuo Chin-fa, Huang Yee-ling, and Chris Hung. Singer Jody Chiang shot to stardom by singing Wu's "Don't Wanna Think About Him" One night when Wu Jin-Huai and friends stayed at Guanziling, he felt that the waitress at the hot spring hall was attracted to him. Touched, Wu wrote the classic song "The Love Story of Guanziling"

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#### **Erjiewan River Cutoff View Point**



A hundred years ago, travelers going to the hot spring area from Cukeng Village must pass by Erjiewan River Cutoff. Hot Spring Valley is right behind it. Erjiewan River Cutoff was later paved with asphalt and the road was no longer used after Hongye Tunnel was built. Nevertheless, Erjiewan River Cutoff is still there. Visitors who come here can still experience this challenging landscape known as "iron valley and hero pass" in Guanziling. The image is of Erjiewan River Cutoff a hundred years ago, not much has

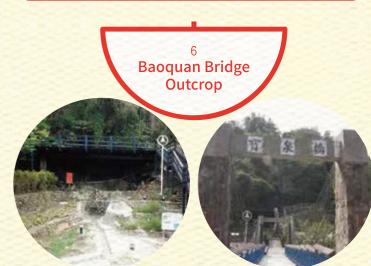
# **Hot Spring Valley** Scenic View



right is the current view.

Guanziling Hot Spring Area can be divided into the hot spring area (which was developed first) and Linding area. Visitors can learn more about the area through century-old ehagaki postcards of Hot Spring Valley and guided tours. You can also take in the details of the past century: standing here, you see not concrete buildings, but the time and history of a hundred years. On the left is the image of Hot Spring Valley a hundred years ago and on the

# ou can walk from the upper entrance of Bawcock Slope downwards to Baocyuan Park.



In 1898, when the Japanese military was clearing out resistance forces that occupied the Guanziling region, they accidentally discovered Baocyuan outcrop (present Baocyuan Park). Japanese expert 早川政太郎(Hayakawa Setarou ) later identified that the unique water quality of the local mud hot spring has healing properties. Its healing powers were spread by mouth and writing and the area gained much attention. In 1920, Guanziling Hot Spring was named Taiwan's Number One Hot Spring.

Note: To preserve the hot spring outcrop, do not enter the outcrop area without a permit. Visitors can still observe the hot spring flowing out of the outcrop from the fenced area.

# Huo Wangye Lingquan



The present Huo Wangye hot spring outcrop was known as Lingquan during the Qing dynasty. In 1920, Lingquan and Baoquan outcrops were jointly referred to as Taiwan's Best Hot Spring. In the past century, the hot spring outcrop changed quite often. Lingquan outcrop dried up in 1968 and spring water never flowed out from there again. It was reconstructed in May 2015 by the Tourism Bureau of Tainan City

Government with old photos as references. Note: To preserve the hot spring outcrop, do not enter the outcrop area without a permit. Visitors can still experience the warm steam from the hot spring on City Road

# Sky Ladder



The Sky Ladder was built in 2009 as the former Tainan County government wanted to fully connect the entire Guanziling Hot Spring Circular Trail and let visitors access Lingding Park via the old and new Bawcock Slopes from Baocyuan Park. The Sky Ladder added a new observation point for visitors to look out to Hot Spring Valley as well.

# **Guanziling Hot** Spring Old Street



A hundred years ago, this was the only street in Guanziling. In 1920, Guanziling already had hydroelectricity and electric lamps. Back then people compared the prosperous Guanziling with Jiufen in northern Taiwan. The most famous view in Guanziling Old Street was the back view of the four hot spring beauties which has inspired many interpretations in the past century.

# Xianyun Bridge



A century ago, the entrance to Hot Spring Valley was a simple wooden bridge named Xianyun Bridge over Gunshui River. The poet Lin Chun-Shui wrote a poem describing himself standing on Xianyun Bridge and reminiscing a love affair that happened at the hot spring. Unfortunately, he was disturbed by the chickens at Jing Leh Resort Hotel in the middle of the night and the tender feelings were gone. On the left is an image of Xianyun Bridge a hundred years ago and on the right is its current state.



Guanziling is famous for its mud spring. During the Japanese Occupation Period, Guanziling Hot Spring and the hot springs in Beitou, Yangmingshan Mountain, and Sizhong River comprised Taiwan's four major hot springs. In 1920, the water quality of the hot spring was widely praised and was even regarded as "Taiwan's best hot spring" by the Japanese author友寄景清(Tomoyori Kagekiyo) in his book《關子嶺の溫泉》("The Hot Spring at Guanziling"). Since the spring water flows through mudstone formations and mixes in fine grains of mudstone and various minerals and saline matter, the water is black; thus the mud spring is also known as the "black hot spring". The large amounts of minerals and saline matter make the skin soft and smooth after a bath in the mud spring. In other words, this mud spring is the best natural beauty product!

In 2012, Guanziling became the only hot spring area in Taiwan to obtain all hot spring certifications. The area has passed inspections conducted by water resources, tourism, and health agencies and received the Hot Spring Certificate. This certification not only guarantees the quality of hot spring baths and accommodations at Guanziling but also lets consumers know they can safely enjoy the hot spring brand of "Tainan Hot Springs".

### (Accommodations with Hot Spring Certificates)

A05	Mingyuan Hotspring	06-6822586
D05	Zhang Hong Hotel (Yosemite Hot Spring Resort)	06-6822831
D04	Guanziling Police Lodge 06-6822626	06-6822626
E04	Chinya Hotspring Hotel 06-6822550	06-6822550
D03	Jing Leh Resort Hotel (Jing Leh Building)	06-6822678
E03	Fuyu House Mineral Hot Spring	06-6822888
E03	Chidzuru Hot Spring Resort	06-6822313
E02	Xi Xin Guan Hot Spring Resort	06-6822302
E02	Lingyi Hostel	06-6822325
E02	Li Tang Resort	06-6822322
D02	Qingxiu Hotel	06-6822322
D02	Guanziling Hotel	06-6822321
C01	Fungo Hotel (Fun Go House - Mud Hot Springs)	06-6822222
C02	Hong Lin Hot Spring Resort	06-6822347

B03 A	I-Mei Hot Spring	06-6822804
A03 S	Shangda Mineral Mud Spring Resort	06-6822780
A03 M	Muchen Hot Spring B&B	06-6823003
A03 G	Gulugulu Mountain Villa	06-6822086
A02 X	(inxin Homestay	06-6823325
A02 Q	Qingshuang B&B	06-6822532
A02 0	Old Tree Creek Resort (Old Tree Creek Hot Spring Resort)	06-6822093
B01 M	Muchun Hotspring Resort	06-6823232
A01 L	i Quan Hot Spring Resort	06-6822582
B01 G	Guanziling Lin Kuei Yuan Hot Spring Resort	06-6823122
B01 H	Hongye Hotel (New Hongye Hotel)	06-6822822
B01 R	Reikei Hot Spring Resort - Lifestyle Building	06-6822588
B01 J	oy Day Villa (King's Garden Villa)	06-6822500
A01 G	Guanshanling Mud Hot Spring Resort	06-6823099

