

## Discover Taiwan 10 Days

~~\$3,999.00~~ **\$1,999.00**

Taipei, Nantou, Taichung, Kaohsiung, Kenting, Taitung, Hualien, Taroko

A country of stunning beauty and jaw-dropping natural landscapes, Taiwan was the chosen location for the filming of the 2013 Oscar winning blockbuster, "Life of Pi", directed by Ang Lee.

As one of the most diverse destinations in Asia, Taiwan has been increasingly attracting travellers from all over the world, showcasing not only it's spectacular scenic landscapes, but also a thriving folk culture, museums bursting with treasures – including the best of imperial China, its bustling night markets – famous for their delicious xiaochi (literally "small eats"), and the latest in high-tech gadgets.

### Tour Highlights

- Visit Taipei 101, the world's second tallest building
- Stroll through the famous bustling Night Markets of Taiwan
- Cruise along Sun Moon Lake and experience its tranquil beauty
- Explore the largest Buddhist monastery in Taiwan, Foguangshan Monastery
- Immerse yourself in the natural splendour of Taroko National Park

In stock

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### Guaranteed Departure Dates

2016 Dates			Price Per Person	Single Supplement
<del>21 Mar</del>	<del>25 Apr</del>	22 Aug	<div><del>\$3,999</del></div> <div>From</div> <div>\$1,999</div>	\$450
<del>28 Mar</del>	<del>02 May</del>	19 Sep*		
<del>04 Apr</del>	<del>30 May</del>	31 Oct*		
<del>11 Apr</del>	27 Jun	14 Nov		
<del>18 Apr</del>	08 Aug	21 Nov		
2017 Dates				
22 Mar	14 Jun	20 Sep*		
29 Mar*	28 Jun*	04 Oct*		
05 Apr*	12 Jul*	18 Oct		
12 Apr*	26 Jul*	01 Nov		
26 Apr*	09 Aug	15 Nov		
17 May	23 Aug			
31 May	06 Sep*			

### Package Inclusions:

- Economy class international airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges departing Sydney or Melbourne flying China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines or China Airlines (subject to availability)

- 7 nights hotel accommodation (twin/double occupancy)
- Daily meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Coach transportation
- Round trip airport and hotel transfers
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- English speaking tour guide(s) service

### Package Exclusions:

- Tipping and gratuities prepaid in Australia: \$80
- Optional Taipei 101 Observatory Fee: From \$25 payable to the guide
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenditure and anything not stated

### Price Guide:

- **\* Peak Season Surcharge:** \$200
- **Interstate Surcharge:** Brisbane/Adelaide \$300, Perth \$600 (interstate flights may be via Sydney or Melbourne)
- **Early Arrival/Stay Behind/Stopover Surcharge:** From \$200 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- **Pre/Post-Tour Accommodation:** From \$200/twin room/night (subject to availability)
- **Triple Share:** Not available
- **Child Price:** Same as adult
- **Visa:** Australian passport holders are exempt for a stay of up to 30 days
- **Airline Upgrade (economy class)~:** Cathay Pacific via Hong Kong from \$500, Singapore Airlines via Singapore from \$740 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- **Premium Economy Upgrade~:** Cathay Pacific from \$2200 (subject to availability)
- **Business Class Upgrade~:** China Southern Airlines from \$3000, Singapore Airlines from \$4300, Cathay Pacific from \$5300 (subject to availability)
- **Please Note:** Flight itineraries are not available until approximately 3 weeks before departure and involve transits

(~) International long haul sectors only.

All prices, itineraries, airlines, hotels and cruise ships are subject to availability and change without prior notice. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar standard and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Passengers must remain with the tour group at all times and must not deviate from the set itinerary. The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land. Please check all information before booking. By booking, you accept all **Booking Conditions**.

## Optional Pre-Tour Extension

### Japan Golden Route 8 Nights

**From \$2,599 pp. twin share**

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## Hotel Accommodation

Taipei	Tucheng Amain Boutique Hotel	or similar
Nantou	Nantou Cheng Pao Hotel	or similar
Kaohsiung	Kaohsiung Hotel Sunshine	or similar
Taitung	Taitung Dong Tai Spa Hotel	or similar
Hualien	Hualien Charming City Hotel	or similar

## Day 1: Australia ✈ Taipei

Board an overnight connecting flight via an intermediate city to Taipei.

## Day 2: Taipei

Upon arrival in Taipei, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel. Standard hotel check in time is 3pm.

## Day 3: Taipei (B, D)

Today's highlight is a visit to the **Presidential Building** and **Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall**. Explore the **National Palace Museum** which has the world's largest Chinese art and painting collection, and then proceed to the traditional Martyrs' Shrine. Continue on to a traditional local **Chinese Temple**, and then on to a Taiwanese Handicraft Centre, where you can purchase Taiwanese souvenirs. This afternoon, visit **Danshui** – a laid back waterfront town on the northern part of Taipei city. One of the main settlements for the Spanish in the 1600s, and settled by the Japanese during World War II, this is a town filled with history and unique 1900s architecture and infrastructure. Enjoy lunch today at **Danshui Old Street**, where you can feast on many famous Taiwanese snacks. In the evening, explore the bustling night life of Taipei. Have a traditional Taiwanese Local Dinner before visiting the oldest temple in Taiwan – **Longshan Temple**. Proceed to the most colourful night market in Taiwan – **Huahsi Night Market** and experience soaring heights at the world's second tallest building – **Taipei 101** (at your own expense – from AUD\$25).

## Day 4: Taipei 🚌 Nantou (B, L)

This morning travel to **Sun Moon Lake**, located in the middle of Taiwan, and situated 762 meters above sea level in the lofty mountains of central Taiwan. Stop at the famous **Wenwu Temple** and **Literature Warrior Temple** – dedicated to Confucius, the Master of Pen and Kuan Ti, the Master of Sword. Continue on to the **Holy Monk Shrine** and **Peacock Garden**.

## Day 5: Nantou 🚌 Taichung 🚌 Kaohsiung (B)

Head to the pier this morning, gently cruise on a boat over Sun Moon Lake and see the sights (**Xuanguang Temple**, **Lalu Island**, **The Lalu Hotel**) as you relax on its tranquil waters. Disembark from the boat this afternoon and proceed to **Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Monastery**, the largest Buddhist monastery in Taiwan. Stroll around the monastery on a walking tour and learn more about Buddhism as you explore this sacred place. Taste a Buddhist vegetarian lunch (at your own expense), chat with some of the monks and discover the towering Buddha Statue in the Main Shrine. Later, travel by coach to Kaohsiung – the second largest city in the country and visit the **Love River** and a local **Night Market**.

## Day 6: Kaohsiung 🚌 Kenting 🚌 Taitung (B, D)

The highlight today is a visit to **Kenting National Park**, Taiwan's first nationally recognised park and undoubtedly one of the most spectacular landscapes you will see. Be awestruck by the vastness of the natural reserve and stand on the most southern tip of the island at Maopitou. Don't miss the **Eluanbi Lighthouse**, also known as 'The Light of East Asia' as its light intensity is one of the most powerful along the Taiwan coast. This afternoon, head to **Kenting Main Street**, the heart of the area and bustling with locals, tourists, and vendors. Spend lunch time discovering the numerous stalls offering a range of local snacks and restaurants offering a variety of cuisines. Travel up the scenic Southern Link Highway to Taitung County.

## Day 7: Taitung 🚌 Hualien (B, L, D)

The highlight today is a visit to the **East Coast National Scenic Area**, known as Taiwan's Last Unspoiled Land, stretching 170 kilometres down the east coast of Taiwan. Weathering and erosion have produced a wide range of breathtaking landforms here which can only be experienced first-hand. Stop at **Siaoyeliou**, **Sansientai**, **Stone Steps**, **Caves of the Eight Immortals** and take in the views. Proceed to Hualien this afternoon.

## Day 8: Hualien 🚌 Taroko 🚌 Taipei (B, L)

Today's highlight is a visit to **Taroko National Park**. Just 15km north of Hualien lies Taroko Gorge, Taiwan's top tourist destination. The park covers over 120,000 hectares and rises from sea level in the east to over 3700m further west. The aquamarine **Liwu River** cuts through the centre, forging deep slitted valleys before joining the sea. Take in the majestic scenery of the Taroko Gorge, a place that has to be seen to be believed. Stop off at the **Eternal Spring Shrine**, **Swallow Grotto**, **The Tunnel of Nine Turns**, **Marble Bridge Tianshiang** and the Marble Factory. Return to Taipei City. Make the most of your last night in Taiwan at your leisure.

## Day 9: Taipei ✈ Australia (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your overnight connecting flight via an intermediate city to Australia.

## Day 10: Australia

Arrive home this morning

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## Day 1: Australia ✈ Osaka

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Board an overnight flight from Australia via an intermediate city to Osaka.

## Day 2: Osaka

Arrive in Osaka. Your friendly tour guide will be waiting at the airport to transfer you to the airport hotel.

## Day 3: Osaka (B)

Today, visit one of Osaka's most famous landmarks, **Osaka Castle**; which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the sixteenth century of the Azuchi-Momoyama period, before being dropped off at **Dotonbori** a street known to exemplify Osaka's vibrant night life.

## Day 4: Osaka 🚆 Nara 🚆 Kyoto (B, L, D)

This morning, travel to Nara and visit **Todaiji Temple**, one of Japan's most famous temples, with its Great Buddha Hall housing the world's largest bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Wander through **Nara Park**, where over 1,200 wild sika deer roam free before heading onwards to Kyoto, one of the country's oldest cities. In the afternoon, visit **Nishijin Textile Centre** and enjoy a traditional kimono show, before capping off your day at the UNESCO World Heritage **Kiyomizu-dera Temple** and drink to your fortune from the streams of the Otowa Waterfall.

## Day 5: Kyoto 🚆 Mount Fuji (B, L, D)

This morning, visit **Nijo Castle**, the Kyoto residence of the Tokugawa Shogunate and **Kinkakuji: Golden Pavilion**, a Zen temple and World Heritage site with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold and detailed architecture incorporating three distinct styles of Shinden, Samurai and Zen. Also visit **Togetsu Bridge**, the landmark of Western Kyoto's Arashiyama District for over four hundred years, before travelling onwards to Mount Fuji by bullet train (maximum speed 320km/h).

## Day 6: Mount Fuji 🚆 Hakone 🚆 Atami (B, L, D)

Today, visit **Oshino Hakkai**. Known as the Springs of Mount Fuji, the eight ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by the locals. Later, visit **Gotemba Peace Park** to capture a breathtaking view of **Mount Fuji**, before taking a cruise on **Lake Ashi**, and savour the numerous delights of nature. Visit **Owakudani Valley**, an active volcanic zone with hot springs and hot spring rivers. Also visit **Hakone Shrine**. Standing at the foot of Mount Hakone along the shores of Lake Ashi, the shrine buildings are hidden in dense forest, its location given away only by the temple's huge torii gates.

## Day 7: Atami 🚆 Kamakura 🚆 Yokohama 🚆 Tokyo (B, L, D)

This morning, visit **Odawara Castle**. Then travel to Kamakura and visit **Daibutsu**, the Great Buddha which is the second tallest bronze Buddha statue in Japan, surpassed only by the statue in Nara's Todaiji Temple. Then head back to Tokyo this afternoon to visit **Yokohama China Town**, the largest Chinatown in Asia.

## Day 8: Tokyo (B)

Spend today free at your own leisure. You may spend a day in Tokyo **Disneyland** or **DisneySea** (admission \$120). Or alternatively, you can join our wide range of optional programs (**Tea Ceremony**, **Pottery-making Experience**, **Golden Joinery**, **Kimono Photo Shoot**, **Cooking Class**). All activities are not guided and transportation is self-arranged.

## Day 9: Tokyo (B, L, D)

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Visit **Meiji Shrine** in the morning, dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Later, stroll through the **Asakusa Kannon Temple**, one of Tokyo's most colourful and popular temples and browse for souvenirs at **Nakamise Shopping Street**. Relax on a **Sumida River Cruise**. Your last stop today is **Tokyo Tower**, before heading to a hotel near Narita Airport. (Optional: For guests staying behind in Tokyo, consider an upgrade of tonight's group accommodation to a hotel in Tokyo CBD from \$250/twin share room, transfer is not included).

## Day 10: Tokyo ✈ Taipei (B)

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