

2026 Grand World Voyage

ZOOM Meet and Greet

23 Sept 2025

Kaohsiung, Taipei (Keelung)

Taiwan



# Essentials

- Money
  - New Taiwan Dollar (TWD – NT\$) – Credit cards widely accepted, but not EVERYWHERE – Bring some CASH
  - Exchange rate 31 TWD or NT\$ to One USD
- VISA – Not required for USA citizens
- Safety – Normal Precautions
- Internet – Widely available



# Essentials

- Cell Service – All major providers
- Taxis & Uber are widely available
- Trains/Subway
  - Review YouTube to understand how the system works
- Organic Maps or Pocket Earth
- Google Translate – Download Offline files



# Train Tickets



TRIP PLANNING ▾

ITINERARIES ▾

PLACES ▾

ACTIVITIES

## How to Buy Train Tickets in Taiwan (step-by-step with pictures!)

<https://www.taiwanobsessed.com/buying-train-tickets-taiwan/>



# Kaohsiung, Taiwan



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- Moor at Pier 20 Kaohsiung Cruise Terminal – April 4th (Saturday)
  - Moored 8 am to 5 PM
  - Weather - Temps mid 70's (humid – chance of rain)
  - Modern, high-end city
- Walk to town (1 mile)
  - Uber, Taxis, and Pedicabs





# Kaohsiung Attractions

- Lotus Pond/Lake
- Fo Guang Shan Monastery and Buddha Memorial
- Cijin Island
  - Take Ferry from Gushan Ferry Terminal
- Pier 2 Art Center
- Love River
- 85 Sky Tower
- Dream Mall
- Hamasen Museum (Giant Banana)





# HAL Tours – Kaohsiung

Title	Price	Time	Brief Summary
Best of Kaohsiung & Tainan	\$149.95	8 hours, Departs 8:30 AM	Explore Tainan’s Chikan Towers, built on Dutch Fort Provintia ruins, surrounded by elegant gardens. Visit the historic Confucius Temple and vibrant Lotus Lake with its pagodas and Taoist Tzu-Chi Temple. Stop to photograph the avant-garde Great Harbor Bridge before returning to the ship.
Chikan Tower & Koxinga Shrine	\$99.95	5 hours, Departs 8:45 AM	Discover Tainan’s historical landmarks, starting with the Chikan Towers on Dutch Fort Provintia ruins. Visit Taiwan’s oldest Confucius Temple, restored in 1917, and the Koxinga Shrine honoring the general who ousted the Dutch. Enjoy the shrine’s garden and Tainan Folk Cultural Hall before heading back.
Highlights of Kaohsiung	\$99.95	5 hours, Departs 9:00 AM	Experience Lotus Lake’s blend of classical architecture and modern Taoist Tzu-Chi Temple. Take a ferry to Chijin Island to see Taiwan’s second-oldest lighthouse and the historic Tian Ho Temple. Photograph the striking Great Harbor Bridge and its nearby public art before returning.



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Kaohsiung & Fo Guang Shan Monastery	\$149.95	8 hours, Departs 8:30 AM	Visit Fo Guang Shan, Taiwan’s largest Buddhist monastery, and the Buddha Memorial Center with its towering bronze Buddha statue. Explore Lotus Lake’s classical pavilions and the vibrant Tzu-Chi Temple after a vegetarian lunch. Pause at the Kaohsiung Martyrs’ Shrine for its scenic harbor views before returning.
The Buddhist Monastery at Fo Guang Shan	\$89.95	5 hours, Departs 8:45 AM	Journey to Fo Guang Shan Monastery, a hub of humanistic Buddhism, nestled in a bamboo forest. Explore the Buddha Memorial Center, home to a rare Buddha tooth relic and a cultural museum of Buddhist artifacts. Return via a scenic drive, gaining insight into Taiwan’s Buddhist heritage.





# Taipei (Keelung)



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- Moor at Keelung Cruise Terminal (E2) – April 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday
  - Moored 10 am to Midnight
  - Weather - Temps mid 70's (humid)
  - Modern, high-end city,
- Taipei – about 20 Miles
  - \$20-30 Cab or Uber
  - Train Station – 8-minute walk
    - 40- 50 minutes (\$1.50 USD) to Taipei
    - <https://tip.railway.gov.tw/>
    - <https://www.taiwanobsessed.com/buying-train-tickets-taiwan/>
    - Search YouTube - Keelung to Taipei by local train on board of the newest local trains in Taiwan TRA EMU 900 train



# Taipei Night Markets

- Over 15 Major Night Markets
  - Shilin Night Market largest and most famous
- Keelung Night Market – close to ship



\$60 for Afternoon Tea  
\$130 for Dinner

YouTube reviews

# Taipei Restaurant Bus





# Din Tai Fung

- Renowned Taiwanese Restaurant Chain
  - Known for Soup Dumplings
  - Michelin Bib Gourmand – High Quality and Inexpensive
  - Seven Locations in Taipei
  - Xinyi Road is the original location – now take out only
    - Dine in across street



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Title	Price	Time	Brief Summary
Best of Taipei	\$159.95	8 hours, Departs 10:30 AM	Visit the Martyrs' Shrine, a grand monument honoring war heroes, and the historic Lungshan Temple with its intricate Ching dynasty architecture. Explore the National Palace Museum's vast collection of Chinese art and the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall's regal tribute. Enjoy a lavish lunch at the Grand Hotel and stop for photos at Taipei 101 before returning.
Historical Taipei & Temples	\$69.95	4.5 hours, Departs 11:15 AM	Discover Pao-An Temple, a 230-year-old shrine dedicated to the god of medicine, adorned with dragon carvings. Visit the Confucius Temple and Lin An-Tai, a well-preserved 18th-century Chinese house with a defensive pond. Explore Dihua Street, Taipei's historic commerce hub, known for Chinese New Year treats.
Taipei Highlights	\$89.95	5 hours, Departs 10:45 AM	View Taipei 101's bamboo-inspired skyscraper and visit the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, honoring the former president. Explore the National Palace Museum's unparalleled Chinese art collection, spanning 8,000 years. Witness the hourly changing of the guard at the Martyrs' Shrine, dedicated to war heroes.



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Title	Price	Time	Brief Summary
Taipei On Your Own	\$59.95	8 hours, Departs 10:45 AM	Enjoy a motorcoach transfer from Keelung to Taipei's city center for six hours of independent exploration. Shop and sightsee at your own pace with guidance from an English-speaking escort. Return to the ship via a scheduled pick-up at a central location.
Taipei By Night	\$159.95	6.5 hours, Departs 4:00 PM	Experience Taipei's vibrant nightlife with a visit to Nan Men Market and the 89th-floor observatory of Taipei 101 for panoramic city views. Savor dim sum, including famous Xiaolongbao, at Din Tai Fung Restaurant. Enjoy free time to immerse yourself in a bustling night market.
Wellness: Landscape & Hot Springs	\$179.95	7.5 hours, Departs 11:00 AM	Soak in sulfuric hot springs at Tienlai Resort in Yangmingshan National Park, known for their healing properties. Explore Yehliu Geo Park's surreal rock formations, including the iconic Queen's Head Rock. Enjoy a sumptuous lunch of local dishes at the resort amidst stunning natural scenery.