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Population

2.6 million

Currency

New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$)

Opening hours

Office hours for most government agencies are from 08:30-17.30 weekdays. Banking hours are from 09:00-15:30 Monday to Friday. Private companies are usually more flexible with their working hours. Most stores stay open until late both on weekdays and weekends and there are plenty of 24-hour convenience stores throughout the city.

Internet

www.taiwanfun.com
www.taipeitravel.net

Newspapers

Taipei Times

Emergency numbers

Police: 110
Ambulance: 119

Tourist information

Head Office
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TAIPEI

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The city and the countryside, the old and the new, high culture and the downright dirty! Whatever you're looking for, Taipei has everything today's discerning traveller could wish for. Set in a natural basin amongst lush green mountains, the city is just a-stones-throw away from unspoiled beaches and wild coastline. The city itself has all the distractions a modern metropolis can offer, while at the same time providing a glimpse into its ancient past. If it's the variety of choices you're looking for then Taipei has it all!

THE CITY



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If you're looking for a taste of old Taipei, then head for the Wan Hua district. Located on the Dan Shui River, Wan Hua was an important Chinese trading post and the prosperity of the period is reflected in its ornate temples, one of which is the Lungshan temple. Another historic part of the city is the Da Tong (Tatung) district. Among the winding alleys you will find European style colonial buildings standing beside intricate Chinese temples.

Take a stroll down Di Hua St, which is lined with traditional shops selling all manner of potions and cure-alls! The Shi Lin (Shihlin) district is renowned for its bustling night market, whilst Taipei's vibrant night scene bumps and grinds until the early hours in nearby Da An (Ta An). In the bustle of modern Taipei, Zhong Shan (Chungshan) the former commercial centre is now known for its shops, bars and cultural sights, which include the Taipei Fine Arts Museum. The current hub of commercial activities, Song Shan (Sungshan) is also one of the most cosmopolitan districts and packed with foreign restaurants. Zhong Zheng (Chungcheng), the political centre, is home to municipal parks and museums, of which the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall is the most renowned.



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DO & SEE



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Taipei has so much to offer and so much to see and experience! Everything from ancient temples to night markets to amuse the newly arrived and the long-time veteran alike. Here's six popular attractions in Taipei that we really recommend you to visit.

Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall

Taipei landmark Chiang Kai-Shek - National Taiwan Democracy Memorial Hall - was constructed in memory of Chiang Kai-Shek, former president of R.O.C. The large area is covered in the colours of the Taiwanese flag, blue, white and red. These colours symbolize independence, universal love and equality.

Address: 21, Zhongshan South Road, Zhongzheng District
Subway: CKS Memorial Hall Station
Phone: +886 2 2343 1100

Longshan Temple

Originally built in 1738, this is the oldest and most popular worshipped temple in Taipei. It has bronze dragons on pillars symbolizing protection, and Buddha

sculptures in the main hall. A visit to this magnificent temple will grant you an understanding of Chinese architecture and religion.

Address: 211 Guangzhou St
Subway: Longshan Temple
Opening hours: 06.00-22.00 daily.
Phone: +886 2 2302 5162
Internet: www.lungshan.org.tw

National Palace Museum

The National Palace Museum holds the world's largest collection of Taiwanese and Chinese art spanning 5,000 years. The museum is known as the treasure house of Chinese culture.

The museum offers multilingual guided tours.

Address: 221 Chih-shan Rd, Sec. 2 Shih-lin
Subway: Shilin Station and then the Red 30 bus
Opening hours: 09.00-17.00 Extended evening hours: Every Saturday, 5:00 to 8:30 PM (during extended evening hours, free admission)
Phone: +886 2 28812021

Taipei 101

Taipei 101 ranked officially as the world's tallest from 2004 until the opening of the Burj Khalifa in Dubai in 2010. The building standing at 580 m / 1,667 ft! This Taipei landmark was designed in eight sections, since the Chinese lucky number is just that. The building has 101 floors with some of the fastest elevators in the world, travelling at a speed of 90 floors in only 37 seconds. (Approximately 64 km/hour!).

Address: 8 Sung-Chih Road, Hsin-Yi District
Subway: City Hall Station
Opening hours: 10.00-22.00
Phone: +886 2 8101 8898

Dan Shui Riverside Cycle Path

A well maintained path running from Tam Sui MRT to the Hung Shu Lin MRT. Beautiful scenery and access to one of Taiwan's few remaining mangrove swamps.

Address: 40 Roosevelt Road, Section 5

Beitou Hot Spring Park

The Yangmingshan National Park provides the backdrop while you soak away the stresses and a strain of a hard day's sightseeing.

Address: No. 6, Zhongshan Rd
Subway: Xinbeitou Station
Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 09.00-17.00
Phone: +886 2 2893 9981
Internet: www.ymsnp.gov.tw

EATING



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Taiwanese cuisine is a mix of Chinese, Japanese and aboriginal Hakka styles. It is also influenced by its island geography and the scarcity of arable land. Fish and poultry, therefore, play a large part in the local cooking. However, the basis of all the dishes is the array of seasonings that is particular to Asian cooking such as soy sauce, rice wine and sesame oil, supplemented by Black beans, peanuts, chilli peppers and a local variety of basil.

Tainan Tan-tsu-mien

This seafood restaurant has a european ambiance with an interior design reminding you of Vienna or Versailles. Their cuisine holds a high standard and the menu is quite varied.

Address: 31 Huaxi St Old Town Centre
Subway: Longshan Temple
Phone: +886 2 2308 1123

Ji Pin

Renowned seafood restaurant. Specialities include shark fin, abalone and mushroom and scallop

dumplings.

Address: 2nd floor, 236 XinYi Road
Subway: Taipei City Hall
Phone: +886 2 2700 3311
Internet: www.jipin.com.tw

Haw Ji Tan Jai Men

This restaurant is named after its most famous dish, Haw Ji means delicious, and Tan Jai Men is a noodle soup with spicy minced pork on top. Apart from that particular dish, they also serve other Taiwanese food as well as seafood. You don't have to worry about reading the menu, since you can simply point at the dish of your interest, they're all presented at the counter.

Address: Qi Lin Lu 79
Phone: +886 2 521 5999

Flavors

Flavors is an excellent option if you're getting tired of the exotic Asian food. Try the swedish twist: Swedish meatballs, meat of deer or a rhubarb dessert perhaps?

Address: Ren Ai Rd. Sec.4 No.13 Alley 26 Lane 300
Phone: +886 2 2709 6525

Shin Yeh

Authentic Taiwanese cuisine! The fish dishes are excellent, particularly the sweet and sour shrimps.

Address: 34-1 ShuangCheng Street
Phone: +886 2 2596 3255
Internet: www.shinyeh.com.tw

Din Tai Feng

Internationally renowned for its selection of delicately steamed dumplings. High quality raw material is one of their secrets.

Address: B 1F., No.45, Shifu Rd., Xinyi District
Opening hours: Sun - Thu 11:00-21:30 Fri, Sat & before Holiday 11:00-22:00
Phone: +886 2 8101 7799
Internet: www.dintaifung.com.tw

CAFES



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Coffee Alley

Coffee Alley is a chain of cafés that can be found on several locations in Taipei. They specialize in Western fare, such as waffles and sandwiches. The menu contains pictures of each dish as well as an explanation in English.

Address: 12, Song Shou Rd.
Phone: +886 2 7737 0700
More Info: Att 4 Fun, 3 floor

Florida Bakery

This café has been around for more than 60 years and has kept its well respected reputation. They have won a number of awards during the years and they're famous for their garlic bread.

Address: Zhong Shan North Rd. Section 3, #23-5
Internet: www.bread.com.tw

smith & hsu

A modern coffee shop with a million different teas to choose from. If you order by the pot, you can choose from example green tea, white tea, fruit tea, oolong tea, black tea and so on and so forth. The list goes on. Apart from coffee and tea, they offer delicious scones, freshly baked and still warm, served with cream and farm jam.

Address: 33, Zhong Xiao E. Road, Sec. 5
Phone: +886 2 2747 4857
Internet: www.smithandhsu.com

Ariél Le Café

A nice spot for people watching, and for eating yummy waffles. The menu contains plenty of brunch / afternoon tea options like scones, quiches and dessert cakes.

Address: 1, Cheng De Road, Sec. 1
Phone: +886 2 2552 5269
Internet: www.qsquare.com.tw
More Info: Q Square shopping centre, 2 floor

Fuhang Soy Milk

This could be the ticket if you're searching for an authentic experience, there are no menus in any foreign language and it's one of those favourite spots for the locals.

Address: 2F, No.108, Section 1, Zhongxiao East Road
Phone: +886 2 2392 2175

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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As the sun sets on another day of trading, the city turns its attention to the serious business of fun! Under the shimmer of the neon-lit sky, the city's bars come alive to the sound of laughter and the shouts of "Gan Bei" (dry the cup!) If you still have the energy after the day's exertions and you're looking to shake that booty, then head off to one of Taipei's nightclubs. The pace is frantic and the atmosphere charged as the crowds groove until the early hours.

Shaka

Decorated according to feng shui and apparently bringing good luck to those who enter, this venue is popular for After Work drunken nights. Happy Hour

from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

Address: 2, Lane 23, AnHe Rd, Sec 2
Opening hours: 7 pm-2:30 am (open to 4:30 am Fri/Sat)
Phone: +886 2 2705 3337
Internet: www.shakataipei.com

Cash Box

Karaoke bar with booths for groups of friends to croon the night away. Definitely worth a trip to get infected by the apparent joy and the ardour with which the visitors obviously engage in the fine art of karaoke.

Address: 199 Song Jiang Road
Opening hours: 24 hours
Phone: +886 22503 1688
Internet: www.cashboxparty.com

Club Wax

Club Wax caters to the younger crowd, and attracts a lot of students. It's the perfect place if you are into hip hop and R'n'B. Wednesday is foreigner night, which means cheaper entrance.

Address: 67 Roosevelt Rd., Sec. 2
Opening hours: Wed: 22:00-05:00 Fri-Sat: 22:00-05:00
Phone: +886 2 3365 3041
Internet: www.clubwtaipei.com

Luxy

Luxy is an elegant club, frequented by foreigners as well as locals. There are three areas, each one with it's own style of music: lounge, house and hip hop. They arrange events from time to time and are often visited by celebrities.

Address: 5F, No. 201 Zhongxiao E. Rd., Sector 4
Opening hours: Wed 10 pm-4:30 am, Fri-Sat 10 pm- 4:30am
Phone: +886 9 5590 4600
Internet: www.luxy-taipei.com

Lava Club

Situated in the basement of the Neo 19 building in the happening XinYi district. Drawing a young and dashing crowd.

Address: B1, No.22, Songshou Rd.

Opening hours: Wed-Sun: 22:00-04:00
Phone: +886 9 2823 3166
Internet: www.lava-club.com.tw

Roxy Vibe

Open until the early morning, this is the place where the night owls converge. Roxy is said to be the "Mecca for pop music and modern fashion".

Address: B1 69 Jinshan South Rd, Section 2
Subway: Kuting
Internet: www.roxy.com.tw

SHOPPING



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Taipei is a shopping extravaganza that caters for every budget. For those who are looking for an authentic Taipei shopping experience and who likes a bargain, then the night markets are the places to head for. At Shi lin (Jiantan MRT) you can find everything from clothes to traditional Taiwanese foods.

Stop for a bite to eat at one of the roadside food vendors, whose specialities include oyster omelettes. Hua Xi St, or Snake alley as it is better known, is located in the Wan Hua district and is more a bizarre tourist attraction than a real market. Ophidiophobics beware! Here you will find everything - snake-performances, snake blood drinks and all manner of snake dishes.

Looking for souvenirs? Then try the Chinese handicraft market (1 Syujhou Road +886 2 2393 3655), or Lin-Tien Bucket Shop, the only handmade wooden bucket shop in Taipei (108 Zhongshan N. Rd +886 2 2541 1354), or visit the Zau Ho Market where you will find the

Shandong Hsiaomo Sesame Oil Shop, which has been trading for nearly 150 years and sells all manner of cooking oils.

If it's a more up-market shopping experience you're looking for then head towards the gleaming shopping malls. The most exclusive include the Taipei 101 Mall (Taipei City Station MRT) and the Living Mall. These stock the usual brand name goods.

SLEEPING



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Taipei has a large selection of hotels in all price ranges - from the highest luxury to simple and inexpensive rooms. Whether you are planning a holiday, a special weekend or a business meeting, Taipei surely has something that appeals to you.

Regent Taipei

This luxury hotel lies in the very heart of Taipei and offers spacious and beautifully designed rooms. The premises include a Wellspring Spa urban resort, a Health Club & Sauana and a rooftop pool.

Address: 41 Section 2, Chungshan North Road
Phone: +886 2 2523 2828
Internet: www.grandformosa.com.tw/EN

Donghwa Hotel

A good value hotel with professional staff that aim to make your stay as warm and inviting as possible.

Address: No.156, Sec. 4, Nanjing E. Rd., Songshan Dist.
Phone: +886 2 2579 6162
Internet: www.donghwa.com.tw

KDM Hotel

A budget hotel with a very convenient location, close proximity to shopping, restaurants and entertainment. The interior design goes for simple, yet elegant, and on-site facilities include a Chinese restaurant, a business center and availability to ADSL internet access.

Address: 8, Sec. 3, Zhong Xiao E. Rd. Taipei City
Subway: Exit no. 3 of MRT Zhongxiao Xinsheng Station
Phone: 2)2721-1162
Internet: www.kdm.hotel.com.tw/eng

Shangri-La Far Eastern Plaza Hotel

Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel is an Asian-inspired five star hotel with 43 impressive stories towering over Taipei's business district. The views are amazing and the service outstanding.

Address: 201 Tun Hwa South Road, Section 2
Phone: +886 2 2378 8888
Internet: www.shangri-la.com/en

Eight Elephants Hostel

This hostel was rated best hostel in Taiwan a few years back, and they haven't lost that quality. Clean, homey and stylish centrally located in a cool student district.

Address: Jinjiang St., Lane 48, Alley 4, No.6, 1F
Phone: +886 9 6848 4614
Internet: www.eehostel.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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<http://www.forex.se/sv/Om-FOREX/Bankbutiker/>

Airport

Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport is located 40 km southwest of Taipei.

The most efficient transport from the airport to Taipei is the high-speed train and it takes around 22 minutes. Frequent shuttle buses (leaves every 15-20 minutes) transport passengers between the high speed train station and the airport from 06:20 to 23:15.

Address: No.9 Hangjan S. Rd. Dayuan Shiang Taoyuan 33758
Phone: +886 3 398 3728
Internet: www.taoyuanairport.gov.tw

Public transport

The bus network in Taipei is frequent and efficient. Hours 05.30-23.00. Main transfer hub is Taipei main Station. An underground (MRT) one day pass ticket without limits on journeys, distance and can be used on all routes. Hours 06:00-24.00.

Taxis

Flag charge is NT\$ 70 for the starting 1.5 kilometres, NT\$ 45 thereafter. Between the hours of 23.00-6.00 there is a 20 percent surcharge.

Toll Free Taxi Hotline: 0800-055850.

Pharmacy/dentistry

For all off-hours' emergencies contact:

National Taiwan University Hospital

Address: 7 Chung Shan S. Rd., Taipei
Phone: +886 22312-3456

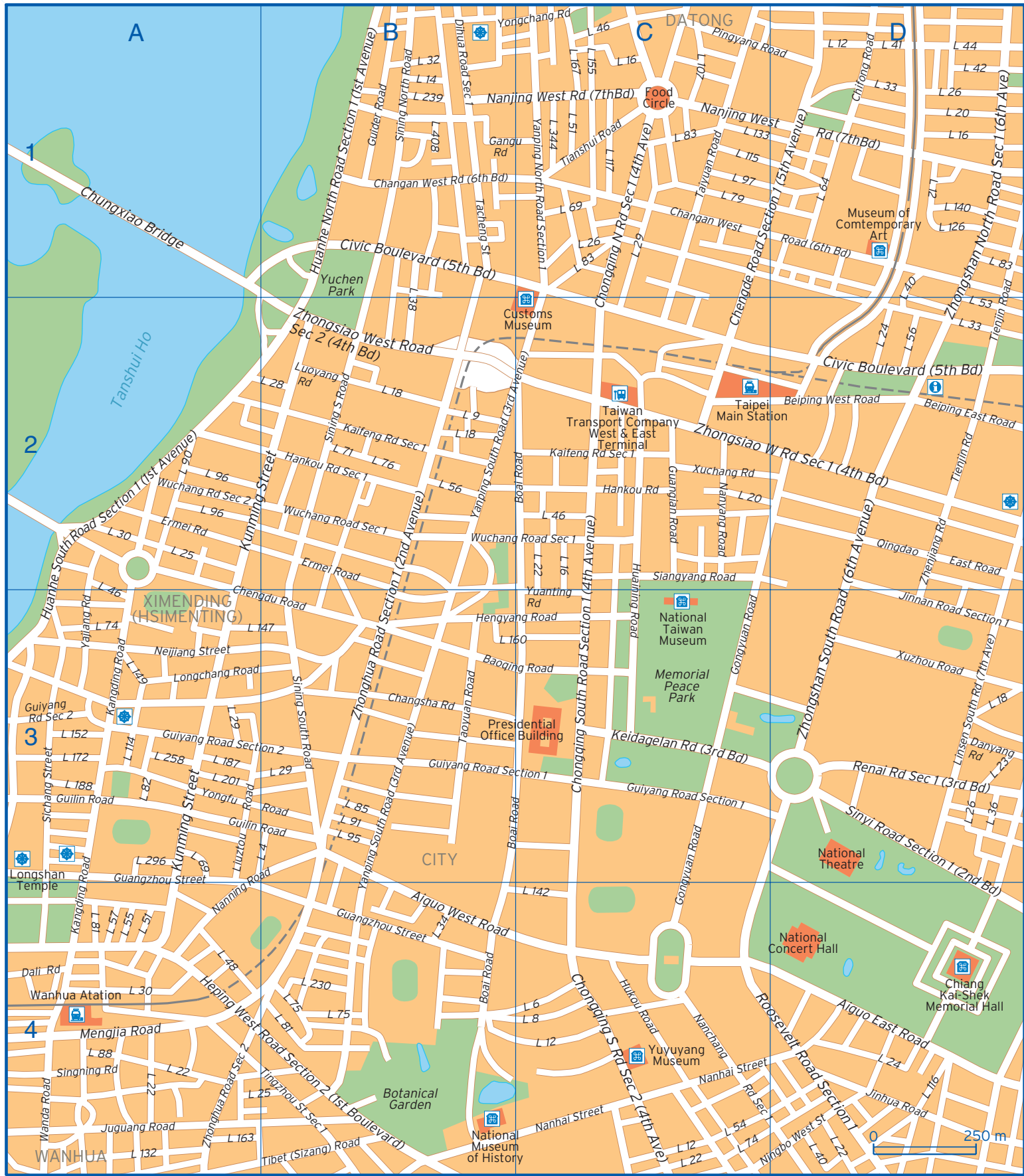
Telephone

Country code: + 886

Area code: 02

Electricity

110V / 60Hz



	Chongqing South Road Section 1 (4th Avenue)	C2 C3
	Chongqing South Road Section 2 (4th Avenue)	C4
	Chungxiao Bridge	A1
	Civic Boulevard (5th Boulevard)	B1 D2
	Dali Road	A4
	Dalong Street	E5 E6 E7 E8
	Danyang Road	D3
	Derhui Street	F7 G7
	Dihua Road Section 1	B1
	Duenhuang Road	E5
	Ermei Road	A2 B2
	Fushun Street	E7
	Fuxing North Road (11th Avenue)	H7 H8
	Gangu Road	B1 C1
	Gongyuan Road	C3 C4
	Guangian Road	C2
	Guangzhou Street	A3 A4 B4
	Guider Road	B1
	Guilin Road	A3 B3
	Guishi Street	E8
	Guiyang Road Section 1	B3 C3
	Guiyang Road Section 2	A3 B1 B2 C3 D3
	Hami Street	E6
	Hankou Road	C2
	Hankou Road Section 1	B2
	Hengyang Road	B3 C3
	Heping West Road Section 2 (1st Boulevard)	A4 B4
	Herchiang Street	H8
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	Huanhe South Road Section 1 (1st Avenue)	A2 A3
	Hukou Road	C4
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	Jinhua Road	D4
	Jinnan Road Section 1	D3
	Jiuquan Road	E6 F6
	Juguang Road	A4
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	Kangding Road	A3 A4
	Keidagelan Road (3rd Boulevard)	C3
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Beiping East Road	D2 L 116	D4
Beiping West Road	D2 L 117	C1
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Changan West Road (6th Boulevard)	B1 C1 D1 L 126	D1
Changji Street	E7 L 132	A4
Changsha Road	B3 L 133	C1
Chengde Road Section 1 (5th Avenue)	C2 D1 L 133	E7
Chengde Road Section 3 (5th Avenue)	E6 E7 E8 L 135	G7
Chengdu Road	A3 B3 L 137	F8
Chifong Road	D1 L 14	B1
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Chinghsi Street	E8 L 142	C4
Chiuchuan Street	E6 L 147	A3 B3

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L 25	A2 A4 B4	L 90	A2	Taoyuan Road	B3
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L 258	A3	L 92	G8	Tibet (Sizang) Road	B4
L 26	C1 D1 D3	L 95	B3	Tienjin Road	D1 D2
L 28	A2 B2	L 96	A2	Tingzhou Street Section 1	A4 B4
L 29	A3 B3 C1	L 96	E8	Tungho East Road Section	E5 F5
L 296	A3	L 97	C1	Wanda Road	A4
L 30	A2 A4	Lanzhou Street	E7	Wuchang Road Section 1	B2 C2
L 32	B1	Laoning Street	H7 H8	Wuchang Road Section 2	A2
L 33	D1 D2	Linsen North Road (7th Avenue)	F7 F8	Wuchang Street	H7
L 330	G8	Linsen South Road (7th Avenue)	D3	Xinsheng North Road (8th Avenue)	F6 F7 F8
L 34	B4	Liuzhou Road	A3	Xuchang Road	C2
L 344	C1	Longchang Road	A3	Xuzhou Road	D3
L 36	D3	Lungchiang Road	H7 H8	Yajiang Road	A3
L 38	B1 B2	Luoyang Road	B2	Yanping North Road Section 1	C1
L 384	H7	Mengjia Road	A4	Yanping South Road (3rd Avenue)	B2 B3 B4 C2
L 4	B3	Mingshui Road	H5	Yongchang Road	B1 C1
L 40	D1 D2 D4	Minquan East Road (9th Boulevard)	F8 G8 H8	Yongfu Road	A3 B3
L 408	B1	Minquan West Road (9th Boulevard)	E7	Yuanting Road	C3
L 41	D1	Minsheng East Road (8th Boulevard)	G8 H8	Zhenjiang Road	D2
L 42	D1	Minsheng West Road (8th Boulevard)	E8 F8	Zhonghua Road Section 1 (2nd Avenue)	B2 B3
L 429	H7	Minzu East Road (10th Boulevard)	G7	Zhonghua Road Section 2	A4
L 44	D1	Minzu West Road (10th Boulevard)	E7 F7	Zhongshan North Road Section 1 (6th Avenue)	D1 D2
L 46	A2 A3 C1 C2	Nanchang Road Section 1	C4	Zhongshan North Road Section 1 (6th Avenue)	F6 F7 F8
L 48	A4	Nanghai Street	C4	Zhongshan South Road(6th Avenue)	D2 D3
L 485	F8	Nanjing West Road (7thBoulevard)	B1 C1 D1	Zhongsiao West Road Section 1 (4th Boulevard)	C2 D2
L 51	A4 C1	Nanning Road	A4 B3	Zhongsiao West Road Section 2 4th Boulevard	B2
L 53	D2	Nanyang Road	C2	Zhongyuan	F7 F8