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Taipei In A Day Includes: Taiwan From A To Z, First Edition



Synopsis

Taipei In A Day is the most comprehensive, up-to-date guide to thoroughly enjoy Taiwan. Discover relics and know where to stay and play by using the included maps, complete Taipei dining, hotel, museum, night market, parks, temple and pub guides. Active globe trekkers will appreciate the detailed Taipei Guide to Mountain Climbing. For a soothing spot of tea, find serenity at Tea Station. Names and addresses are also listed in Chinese, along with local phone numbers, so major attractions and interesting out-of-the-way locales around the island are readily found. Helpful communication tips, important vocabulary and useful phrases are at your fingertips. The encompassing "Taiwan From A To Z" section introduces local cues, customs and important cultural information so readers can be travelers rather than tourists. After reading Taipei In A Day you should be prepared for your visit, whether it spans a month, week, or weekend.

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Customer Reviews

This wonderful compact country reference book came in handy during a recent family trip to Taiwan. We landed in Kaohsiung and used the book to plan day trips in Kaohsiung, Tainan and Taichung, and used the high speed railway system to get around the island based on the book's suggestions. The itineraries are well-planned and offer good options for things to do. We had an itinerary for Taipei but had to change it because of the weather, and this book provided alternatives. We found the Taipei metro map with photos helpful, and used the map with the metro "MRT" ride described in the back of the book, which highlights what there is to do along the Taipei metro. The Chinese translations under the names and addresses of restaurants and attractions around the island came in especially handy, and the "Taiwan From A To Z" section provided good information about the rest

of Taiwan and its outlying islands. We truly enjoyed the restaurant guide! I can't recall a time when we've eaten so much. The restaurant guide is up-to-date and we appreciated the hotel and hot springs descriptions, which helped us find accommodations and relaxation around the island. The photos introduced us to some of the interesting foods my husband ended up trying, such as stinky tofu (I wasn't that brave) and we learned about Taiwanese culture prior to our visit from the "Taiwan From A To Z" section. We found the maps detailed and clear. After reading "Communication Corner" we had a much better idea of what to expect about Taiwanese culture. We found people friendly but not fluent in English, so we used the English/Chinese phrases in the book on several occasions. Along with the well-planned tour itineraries we discovered culture and humor as well as ample hiking, accurate hotel descriptions, and excellent restaurants. After reading this book we knew exactly what to expect, as if a local friend were helping us. In a nutshell, this book is exactly how a Taiwan travel guide should be, a well-planned communications book with both English and Chinese introducing the entire island of Taiwan. We were quite pleased with this book and recommend it to others.

Recently completed a 1 week trip to Taipei and used this guide exclusively for planning side trips and sightseeing. Everything was in this book. Needed to go through it cover-to-cover a couple of times because of the organization of the book, but could plan a whole day of activities with it. But if I just wanted to look something up quickly (like when I was on the MRT and trying to get all the info about Tamsui and all the activities/restaurants/sights) it took a lot of scanning. The index is not complete, has some incorrect page references and transliterations are also not complete in the index. The book didn't stress how incredibly easy it was to get around Taipei on the MRT. After we got our EasyCards and took our first ride we realized that we could cover twice as much as we had planned. Taipei has the BEST rapid transit system in the world! All-in-all it was a great guide - covered a lot of material. Thanks!!

I'm researching for a trip I'm planning to Taiwan with my wife and son -- and I bought this book because of the great reviews on . This book reads like a great collection of personal notes that a long time resident of the region would write on note cards and a loose leaf binder. These tidbits are grouped alphabetically by category (museums, parks, shopping, etc), so it makes it easy to find a type of place you want to visit. The book contains only smaller black and white pictures, so if you're looking for color glossies you'll need to check out other books like *National Geographic Traveler: Taiwan 2nd Edition*. Chinese characters are provided for many place names which is a big

plus for getting directions or telling taxi drivers where you want to go. I'll update this review after the trip to comment on the accuracy and usefulness of the information.

While attempting to plan a trip to Taiwan from Australia I found practically nothing existed on Taiwan. The travel agents knew nothing about the country and even questioned why anyone would want to go to Taiwan. While reading the Travel Advisor Forum I came across a reference from another Forumer who had read "Taipei In A Day" and found it very helpful. I immediately ordered a copy from Amazon and found that the book not only covered Taipei but the whole of Taiwan. Without reading the book before going on our trip we would have found it more difficult than we did. I recommend the book as an excellent guide to Taiwan and Taipei. John D Smith Salisbury East South Australia

Concise, engaging, well categorized and informative.

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