In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods What's where

Explore Taipei

The best things to see and do. neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights Make the most

of your visit



Local Life The insider's city

The Best of Taipei

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks See the city on foot



Taipei's Best... The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless. hassle-free city experience



Getting Around

Travel like a local



Essential Information

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:



Eating

Orinking

Entertainment

Shopping

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
- P Parking
- Nonsmoking
- ▼ WI-FI Access

 Vegetarian Selection
- fil English-Language

- ₱ Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
- Ferry
- M Metro
- S Subway
- London Tube
 □ Tram
- ₩ Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Lonely Planet's Taipei

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because vou want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Taipei.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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Welcome to Taipei

Taipei is the Yin and Yang of cities: modern malls and trading towers stack next to smoky temples and Qing-era shophouses. Its beauty is born from a blend of Chinese, Japanese, Southeast Asian and American influences, seen from its cuisine to the courtesy of its people. Taipei today is a celebration of tolerance and taste. Welcome to Asia's most progressive capital!



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This slimline symbol of the city stands head and shoulders above everything else. Get your eagle-eyed cityscape view from the observation deck in the clouds.

