Zhongshan & Datong
The historical quarter, with restored temple complexes, puppet theatres, and Qing-era shopfronts mixed with cafes and wine bars.

Ximending & Wanhuua
Gritty, messy and true to life. Traditional temples thronging with prayer, dubious backstreets and a neon-bathed youth shopping hub.

Zhongzheng
The capital’s political heart. Admire colonial grandeur, tree-lined boulevards, memorial parks, halls and museums.

Bao'an Temple
Dihua Street

Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall
Huashan 1914 Creative Park

Shilin Night Market

National Palace Museum
Shilin
Gateway to the hills’ fresh air, ancient treasures in a world-class setting, the changing of the guard and a brilliant night-market.

Top Sights
National Palace Museum
Shilin Night Market

Worth a Trip
Top Sight
Maokong Gondola

Songshan
Sprawling with rowdy night-time markets, the Las Vegas of temples, and a sleepy, funky neighbourhood of hip local designers.

Xinyi
This is Taipei’s top real estate, planted with glassed towers and malls. Dig deeper to find heritage sites, parks and a mountain trail.

Top Sight
Taipei 101

Da’an
Modern and middle-class, a university district meets high-street shopping, boutiques, cafes and cosmopolitan restaurants.