

# Travels in Time

Non-stop Fun in Taoyuan



**Insider Spots** Taiwan's best preserved Japanese-era Shinto shrine

**Taoyuan Martyrs' Shrine and Shinto Shrine Cultural Park**  
Built in 1938, Taoyuan Martyrs' Shrine was known in the Japanese occupation period as the Tōen Shinto Shrine. The temple was made with the best Taiwan cypress and retains many of its original architectural elements, including the torii, main hall, worship hall, intermediate gate, and shrine office.

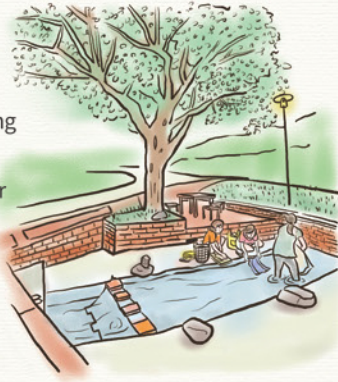
📍 No. 200, Sec. 3, Chengong Rd., Taoyuan Dist., Taoyuan City (Hutou Mountain) 📞 (03)332-5215 🕒 09:00-17:00 🌐 www.tycg.gov.tw/confucius

**Insider Spots** A social hub in a Hakka community

## Xiaoli Clothes Washing Pond

In earlier years, many residents of Xiaoli washed their clothes at this spring-fed pool. The Clothes Washing Pond was a social center where women would do the laundry under the trees and catch up on the local gossip while the kids played in the water.

📍 Lane 160, Xiaoli Rd., Bade Dist., Taoyuan City 🕒 Open year-round



**Insider Spots** Classic temple art

## Jingfu Temple

Dedicated to the god Kaizhang Shengwang, this century-old temple has significant artistic value. The front and rear halls are topped with a rare double-eaved gable and hip roof supported by dragon bracketing unrivaled in Taiwan for their number and variety.

📍 No. 208, Zhongzheng Rd., Taoyuan Dist., Taoyuan City 📞 (03)333-7552 🕒 06:00-21:00

**Insider Spots** Spanning the decades

## Daping Red Bridge

This mottled red brick bridge spans the Datiekeng River in a quiet escape off the Sankeng Bikeway. Voted one of Taiwan's top-100 historic buildings, it was built in the Japanese occupation period and once served as the main access link to the area.

📍 Lane 55, Shimen Rd., Longtan Dist., Taoyuan City (Follow the signs to Hongjiao and walk along the river for about 2-3 mins) 🕒 Open year-round

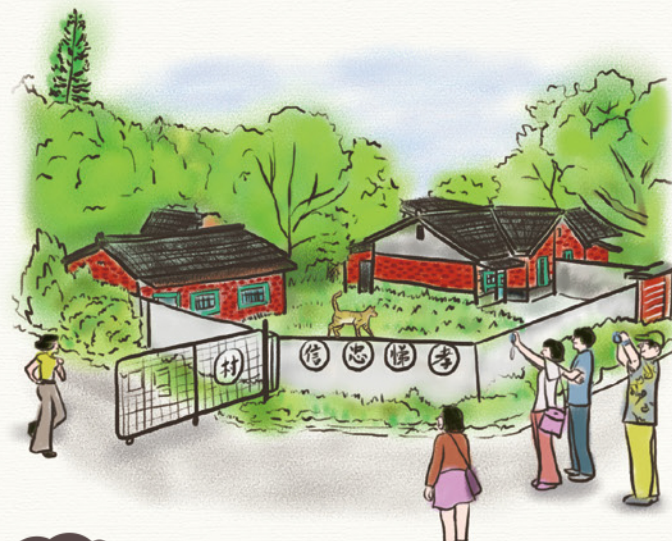


**Insider Spots** A Japanese building reborn for art

## Taoyuan 77 Art Zone

Taoyuan 77 Art Zone occupies four wooden buildings used during the Japanese occupation period as police dormitories. The buildings are now used as a space for art and cultural activities, including classes, exhibitions, and performances.

📍 No. 5, Lane 77, Zhongzheng Rd., Taoyuan Dist., Taoyuan City 📞 (03)332-1969 🕒 11:00-22:00; Closed Mon 🌐 www.facebook.com/Taoyuan.77CityPlay



**Insider Spots** New cinema at an old military village

## Military Dependents' Village Cultural Creative Space, New Matsu Village

New Matsu Village was built in 1957 to house the families of troops stationed in Matsu. The red brick, blue-green window framed homes served as an activity center and more recently have become home to the art-film oriented Taoyuan Arts Cinema.

📍 No. 155, Longji 2nd St., Zhongli Dist., Taoyuan City 📞 (03)284-1866 🕒 09:00-18:00; Closed on Mondays 🌐 www.facebook.com/ArtMatsuVillage



**Insider Spots** Consummate craftsmanship

## Fan Jiang Residence

The Fan Jiangs were a prominent family in Xinwu. The family residence is formed by five Qing-period houses arranged in a three-sided courtyard enclosed with a red brick wall. The structures evoke the simple charm of a traditional Hakka residence from earlier times.

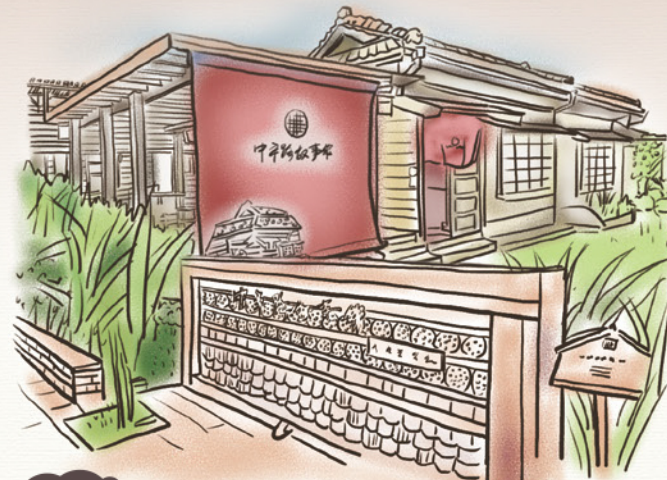
📍 No. 1, 2, 3, 6 & 9, Lane 110, Zhongzheng Rd., Xinwu Dist., Taoyuan City 📞 (03)477-7343 🕒 08:00-16:00

**Insider Spots** A shining beacon from the Japanese era

## Baisha Cape Lighthouse

More than a century after its opening in 1901, Baisha Cape Lighthouse continues to shine as a beacon on the Guanyin Coast. A sundial from the Japanese occupation period and century-old China berry trees grace the grounds of this top-100 historic building.

📍 No. 16, Xinpoxia, Guanyin Dist., Taoyuan City 📞 (03)473-2249 🕒 Apr-Oct 09:00-18:00; Nov-Mar 09:00-17:00; Closed on Mondays



**Insider Spots** Recalling the civil servant life in the past

## Zhongxing Road Story House

This wooden duplex was built in 1930 as housing for civil servants during the Japanese occupation period. Tucked away in the bustling Zhongxing Commercial District, the brick and tile buildings have been restored as a space for art and cultural exhibitions.

📍 No. 99, Fuxing Rd., Zhongli Dist., Taoyuan City 📞 (03)425-5008 🕒 Wed-Sun 10:00-18:00 🌐 www.facebook.com/ZhongxingRoadStoryHouse

**Insider Spots** From military cinema to haven of books

## Taoyuan Public Library Danan Branch

Taoyuan Public Library Danan Branch occupies a refurbished military cinema which retains the characteristics of military architecture in the 1950s. The old ticket window now serves as a book return box and the auditorium houses the reading area. The retro military architecture has been preserved, inviting one back to an earlier time.

📍 No. 2, Lane 53, Chongqing St., Bade Dist., Taoyuan City 📞 (03)366-4614#13 🕒 08:30-21:00; Sun & Mon. to 17:00 🌐 www.typl.gov.tw



**Insider Spots** Center of Hakka faith

## Baozhong Temple in Pingzhen (Yimin Temple)

Baozhong Temple was built in 1788 to honor martyrs of the Hakka defense militia. Affiliated with the Yimin Temple in Fangli-ao, this is the only Yimin temple in Taiwan with spirit tablets and a golden statue of Yiminye.

📍 No. 8, Lane 23, Sec. 2, Fudan Rd., Pingzhen Dist., Taoyuan City 📞 (03)493-2246 🕒 06:00-21:00 🌐 www.facebook.com/imin4932246

**Insider Spots** Baroque elegance

## Fugang Old Street

Fugang is a rural town that thrived with the arrival of rail in 1908 and subsequently declined with the train line was re-routed. The Lu Chia-sheng Building on Zhongzheng Road is an elegant example of the area's baroque style architecture from that time.

📍 Zhongzheng Rd., Xinyi Rd., and Minsheng St. in Yangmei Dist., Taoyuan City 🕒 Open year-round

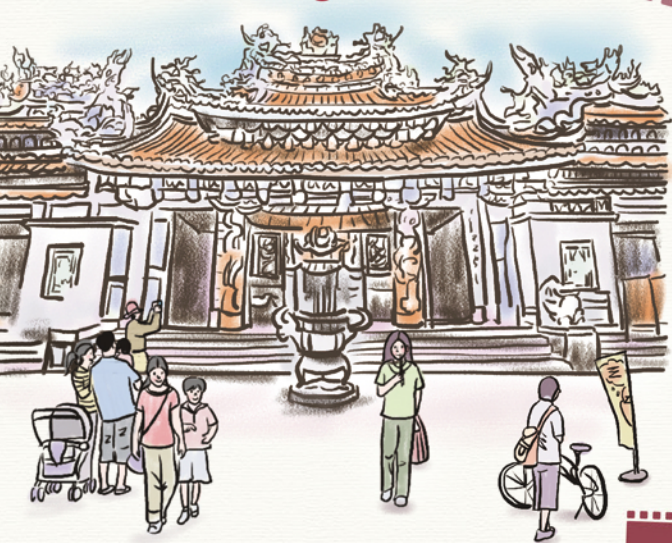


**Insider Spots** Honoring the written word

## Shengji Pavilion in Longtan

This "Respect Words Pavilion" was a place where paper with writing could be devoutly burned, indicating the high regard placed on education and the written word in earlier times. Shengji Pavilion is the largest and best-reserved of such pavilions in Taiwan.

📍 Plot No. 20, Zhuowou Sec., Longtan Dist., Taoyuan City 🕒 Open year-round



**Insider Spots** Historic residence with a literary spirit

## Former Residence of Lee Teng-fang

This elegant historic residence sits in a rice field with crisscrossing paths. Completed in 1871, the brick house was home to the family of Lee Teng-fang, a successful candidate in the provincial level imperial exams. Today it is listed as national historic site.

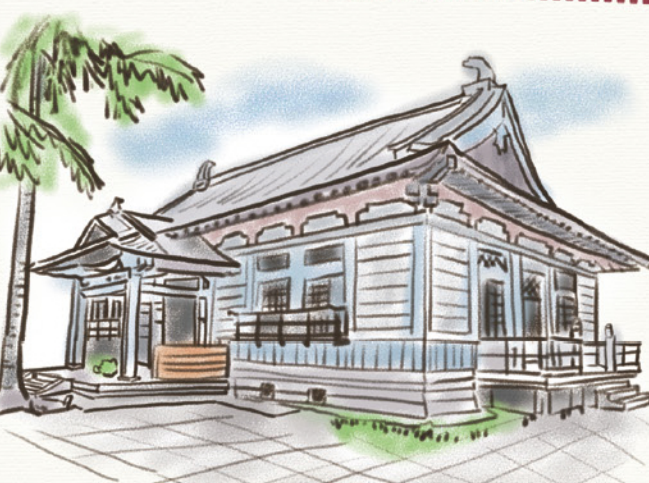
📍 No. 34, Yumei Rd., Daxi Dist., Taoyuan City 📞 (03)388-8600 🕒 09:30-17:00; Closed on Mondays 🌐 wem.tycg.gov.tw

**Insider Spots** Southern Fujianese architecture

## Dexin Ancestral Hall

Topped by a swallowtail roof with upturned ridge, the Chen Family Dexin Ancestral Hall is a rare well-reserved example of southern Fujianese residences from the Qing period. The large owl doll at the hall entrance adds a new energy to this historic site.

📍 No. 86, Sec. 3, Nanshan Rd., Luzhu Dist., Taoyuan City 📞 (03)332-2592 🕒 08:00-18:00



**Insider Spots** A shrine-like hall for martial arts

## Daxi Wood Art Ecomuseum Wude Martial Arts Center

The Wude Martial Arts Center embodies the elegant simplicity of a traditional Japanese temple hall. Completed in 1935, the building is served as a police judo practice hall during the Japanese occupation period, and later as barracks for MPs at Chiang Kai-Shek Villa before becoming a museum.

📍 No. 35, Puji Rd., Daxi Dist., Taoyuan City 📞 (03)388-8600 🕒 09:30-17:00; Closed on Mondays 🌐 wem.tycg.gov.tw

**Insider Spots** Old-world craftsmanship

## Shoushanyan Guanyin Temple

Built in 1742, Shoushanyan Guanyin Temple is renowned for its elaborate sculptural ornamentation and exquisite craftsmanship, including distinctive coiling dragon stone pillars. In spring, the temple garden erupts with the blossoms of a hundred cherry trees.

📍 No. 111, Lane 6, Sec. 2, Wanshou Rd., Guishan Dist., Taoyuan City 📞 (03)329-4697 🕒 05:00-21:00 🌐 www.shoushanyan.org.tw

