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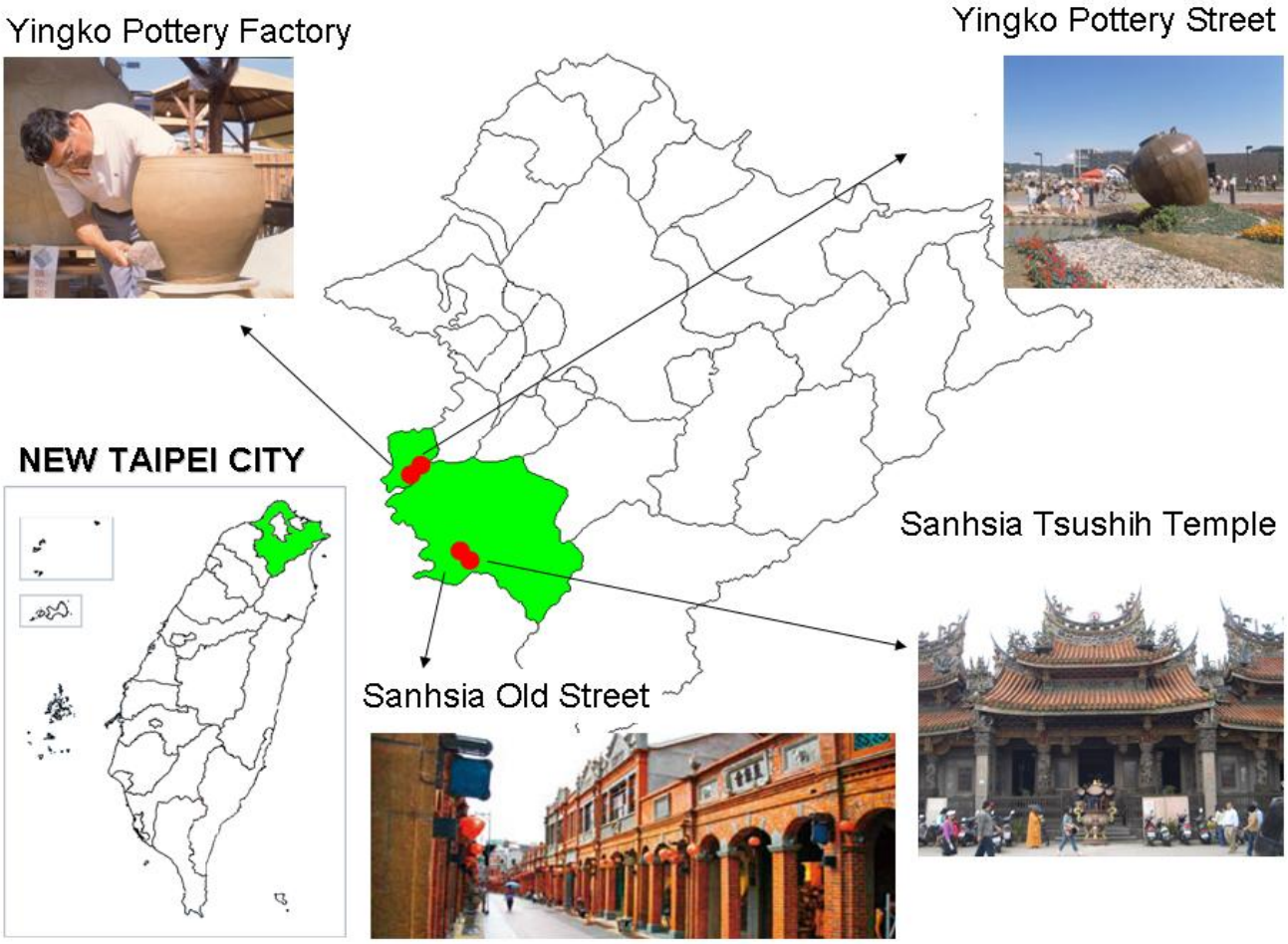
Folk Arts Tour
三峽、鶯歌民俗藝術觀光半日遊

CODE	TOUR NAME / DURATION / ITINERARY	Rack Rate A: Adult C: Child
No.5 HE	Folk Arts Tour (4 hours) (afternoon) Tour stops: Sanhsia Tsushih Temple, Old Street in Sanhsia, Yingko's Pottery Factory & Showroom, Pottery Street in Yingko 民俗藝術觀光 (4 小時) (每日下午) 景點: 三峽祖師廟、三峽老街、鶯歌陶瓷器工廠和展示區、鶯歌陶瓷街	**A: NT$1,300 C: NT$1,100**



Detail Itinerary

【Sanxia】

Sanxia (Sansia) is a traditional district located in northern Taiwan, easily accessible from Taipei. It has become known in recent years mainly because of its Qingshui Zushi (Divine Ancestor) Temple, which is unique among all the Chinese temples of the world for the painstaking and time-consuming dedication to classical temple arts that is manifested in its modern reconstruction work.

The town, originally named Sanjiaoyong after its location at the confluence of three rivers, was given its present name of Sanxia (Sansia) (Three Gorges, also the name of its main river) in 1920. Nestled where fertile plains meet mountain foothills, and blessed with convenient inland river transport, Sanxia (Sansia) offered excellent conditions for development in the early years of Taiwan's settlement by the Chinese. It quickly became an important goods distribution center and a base for the production of camphor, the growing of tea, and especially the dyeing of cloth. As transport shifted elsewhere and the use of river transportation declined, however, Sanxia (Sansia) gradually lost its importance as a commercial center.

Even as the town lost its economic importance, though, its cultural value remained undiminished, mainly because of Qingshui Zushi Temple. With its unparalleled combination of religion and art, this temple is the epitome of exquisite carving and complex structure as well as dynamic center of Chinese religious worship. These features have also made it a powerful attraction for tourists from all over Taiwan and the world.

【Yingge】

Yingge is a pottery town, known as the "Jingde Township of Taiwan." The town has several hundred pottery plants, and equal numbers of pottery shops that sell their products. Jianshanpu Road is the origin of the local ceramics industry, and even today it has an old square coal-fired kiln chimney that serves as its landmark. Every October the town holds the Yingge Ceramics Festival; and, if you want to learn about the development of ceramics in Taiwan, the place to go is the Yingge Ceramics Museum. Yingge was called Geshi in the past, because there was a bird-shaped stone near the town. After World War II, the government named this place. The so-called Ge Old Street is Jianshanpu Rd. After reconstruction, the old street has become a modern street, along which are pottery and porcelain shops. Though the old street no longer has its antique looks, some ancient buildings can still be found in Yingge Town. The new street is paved with beautiful rocks. Visitors can not only appreciate the pottery and porcelain works, but they can also enjoy the street performance and coffee on the street.

There are over 100 stores on the street. The products were pretty much the same in the past, but now the shops have their own workshops and artists. Each shop has its own characteristics and the pottery works are exquisite and refined. Some of the restaurants will give diners the cups or plates they use for free. Even the ice cream stand has lovely mugs and cups for customers to choose from. Besides purchasing the pottery and porcelain products, you can even learn how to make your own pottery works.