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## 1-Day Beitou & Yangmingshan Tour

Just 7 miles away from downtown Taipei City, Yangmingshan National Park is the 3rd national park in Taiwan that covers a wide area of volcanic geological features. It is also a quiet place where you can take a break from busy routine and give yourself a mini outdoor retreat close to the mother nature.

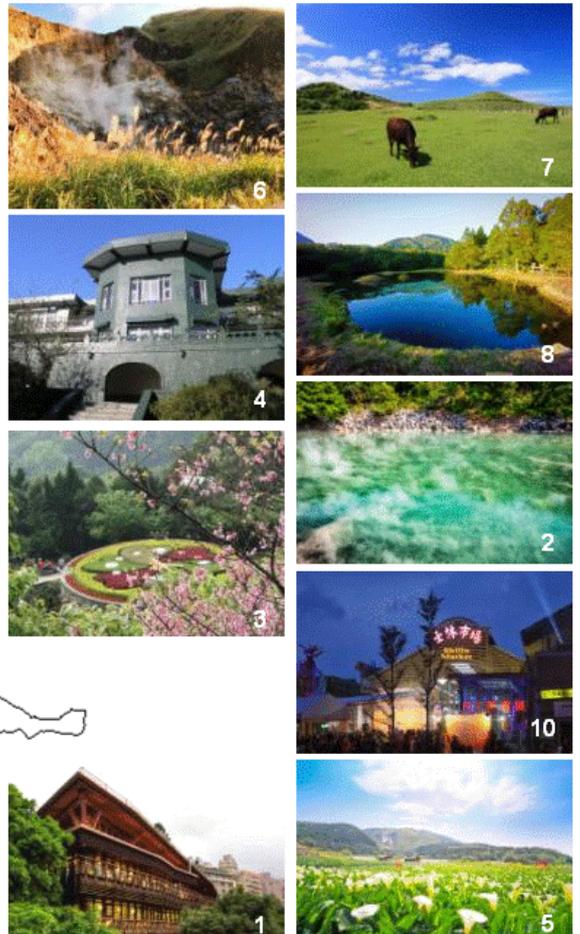
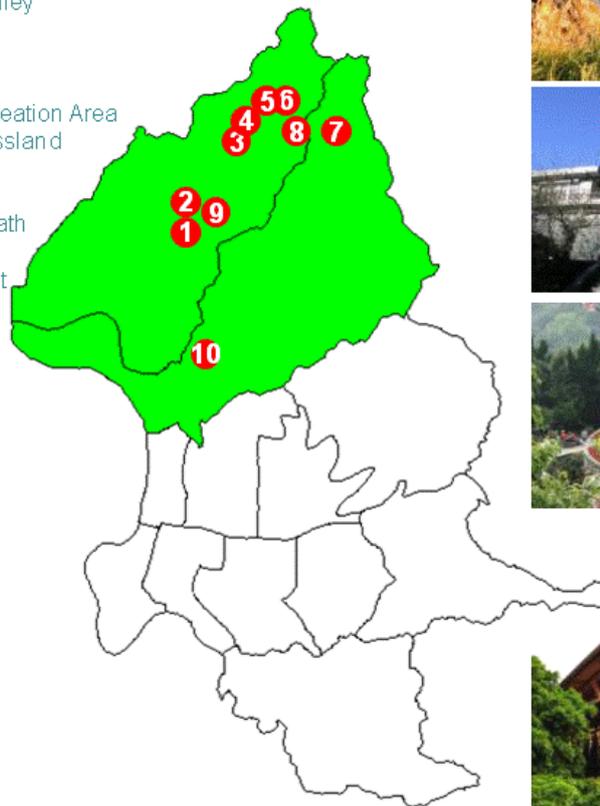
Tour Code: <b>1C</b>	Price Adult: NT\$ 2,100 Child: NT\$ 1,700	Departure Day: <b>Tue – Sun</b> Duration: 1-Day Tour, 10 hrs Pick-up: AM 07:30~08:00
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### Tour stops:

Beitou Public Library (Photo stop) – Beitou Thermal Valley – Flower Clock – Yangmingshuwu – Jhuzihhu – Siaoyoukeng Recreation Area – Qingtiangang Grassland – Lengshueikeng Recreation Area – Hot Spring Foot Bath Experience – Drop off at Shilin Night Market or Hotel

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10. Shilin Night Market



The tour starts in the morning, you will be greeted by our tour guide in the hotel lobby. First, we will have a short stop by Taipei Public Library Beitou Branch on the way to Yangmingshan National Park.

Located in Beitou Park and near Beitou Hot Spring Museum, this beautiful library was selected by travel website When On Earth as one of the 10 Coolest Examples of "Green Buildings", and the famous online culture magazine Flavorwire as one of The 25 Most Beautiful Public Libraries in the World. Then you will visit Geothermal Valley, one of the sources that supply this area's hot spring. The sulfuric steam fog rises from the natural blue pool's surface because of the high temperature, hence it is also called Hell Valley or Ghost Lake.

The next stop is Yangmingshan Flower Clock, the centerpiece of the national park, near the bus station and visitor information center. The flower plants change by seasons, where visitors can enjoy the bloom all year round. Then you will visit Yangming Shu-Wu Mansion, also known as Zhongxing Guesthouse, is the summer residence of the late president Chiang Kai-shek for reception of important foreign guests. Now the mansion has become an important site for Taiwan's history and natural environments.

After that you will visit the famous attraction in this national park – Xiaoyoukeng, literally means "little oil pit", is a post-volcanic geological landscape area located on Mt. Qixing's northwestern foot. You can see and smell the steam coming from the pit, and feel the breath of a dormant volcano. Then you will visit Qingtiangang, a lava terrace formed when the lava flowed north after the eruption. The terrace was once a ranch for water buffalos grazing during the period under Japanese rules, today you can still see some naturally bred water buffaloes there.

Next you will visit Lengshuikeng, literally means "cold water pit", is a barrier lake formed by the volcanic lava flowing down from the mountain. The hot spring water is colder than the other areas'(around 40 degree Celsius), hence its name was given Lengshuikeng.

Before the tour comes to the end, you will enjoy a hot spring foot bath that gives a relief to aching feet and release the tension of the muscle. After the tour you may choose to disembark at Shihlin Night Market and enjoy the local street foods, or go back to your hotel and rest.

- ✧ **Beitou Library:** is Taiwan's first green-built library. Green construction techniques were used throughout the design. The roof is made of a lightweight eco material and set with power-generating solar panels. In 2012, the U.S. website Flavorwire.com ranked Beitou Library among "the world's 25 most beautiful public libraries."
- ✧ **Thermal Valley:** The sulfuric steam that blankets the valley year-round gives the valley a frightening quality, giving rise to nicknames like "Ghost Lake". The springs here have the highest temperatures of any in the Datunshan volcano group.
- ✧ **Flowers Clock:** The clock is the characteristic of Yangming Park. Water runs around the flower clock and music is played every hour.
- ✧ **Yangmingshuwu:** was originally used by former President Chiang Kai-shek for receiving foreign guests and as a summer home. It was the only residence to be personally picked out and constructed by the order of President Chiang in Taiwan. Today, it is an important cultural and historical site in Yangmingshan National Park which features both natural and human history, making it an intellectually and emotionally resonant recreational site.
- ✧ **Zhuzihu:** is well known for its field of white calla lily flowers, which are at full bloom from March to May. At that time, the field of pure white calla flowers will draw your eyes away from the distant mountain views while you walk in the Zhuzihu Scenic Spot.
- ✧ **Siaoyoukeng Recreation Area:** is a post-volcanic geological landscape area and is located on Mt. Qixing's northwestern foot. The scenic trail can be reached by turning right on the Xiaoguan Yin stop on Yangjin Highway. It is famed for the fumaroles, sulfur crystals, hot springs and spectacular 'landslide terrain' formed by post-volcanic activity.
- ✧ **Cingtiangang:** is a lava terrace formed when the lava from Mt. Zhugao flowed north after its eruption. Because of its flat terrain, a ranch was established and the area was used as a pasture for grazing cattle during the Japanese occupation.
- ✧ **Lengshuikeng Recreation Area:** is a low-lying depression which was created when the lava from Mt. Qixing and Mt. Qigu formed a barrage. Water then accumulated, turning the area into a lake, which eventually leaked out and dried up to expose the lake bottom and form today's landscape. The water temperature of the hot springs in this area only reaches 40°C (104°F), far below that of other springs in other areas, hence its name Lengshuikeng, which means "cold water pit".