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## CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF FORMER PARLIAMENTARIANS

### STUDY TOUR TO TAIWAN

(and optional extension to Hong Kong and Macau)

Oct 25-Nov 04, 2023

**Group Maximum :** 20 ~ 25 Passengers  
**Meals:** Full Board (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)  
**Hotel Class:** 4 ~ 5 Stars

## FLIGHT ITINERARY

**Arrival Flight:** BR 035 24OCT 0145 Toronto-Taipei 25OCT 0505  
BR 009 24OCT 0200 Vancouver-Taipei 25OCT 0520  
(Note: All departure and arrival time are stated local time. BR=EVA Air is an Star Alliance partner of Air Canada. You will earn Aeroplan points.)

**Departure Flight:** BR 871 04NOV 1635 Taipei-Hong Kong 04NOV 1830  
(Note: Time stated above are for participants joining the Hong Kong/Macau extension only.)

BR 036 04NOV 1940 Taipei - Toronto 04NOV 2130  
BR 010 04NOV 2355 Taipei - Vancouver 04NOV 1820  
(Note: You arrive back in Canada on the same day as you depart Taiwan when crossing back the international dateline.)

Please direct all airline reservation, flight travel schedule, and credit card for travel payment to our travel consultant Charmie Chiang at [charmie.chiang@jadetours.com](mailto:charmie.chiang@jadetours.com) or 416 618 8161. If you wish to use reward points or a combination of paid ticket and reward points for upgrades, please contact the airline or reward program directly.

## PROGRAM ITINERARY

### Oct 25 (Wed) Arrival – Yilan (B/L/D)

Our guide and coach will meet us on arrival and transfer to a nearby restaurant for breakfast before departing for Yilan. After breakfast, drive to Yilan via the Hsuehshan Tunnel.

Yilan is a beautiful county located in northeastern Taiwan, known for its natural landscapes, hot springs, and cultural attractions such as the National Center for Traditional Arts. Visitors can enjoy hiking in the mountains, relaxing in the hot springs, and exploring the local markets and museums.

#### Visit to:

- [Kavalan Whisky Distillery 金車葛瑪蘭威士忌酒廠](#)  
Discover the art of Taiwanese whisky-making and enjoy a guided tour of the state-of-the-art facilities, including the oak barrels where the award-winning Kavalan whiskies is aged to perfection.
- [King Car Biotechnology Aquaculture Science Center \(Jiaoxi\) 金車礁溪蘭花園附設動植物生態館](#)  
The King Car Biotechnology Aquaculture Science Center in Jiaoxi is a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to promoting sustainable aquaculture practices and showcasing Taiwan's unique seafood culture. Here we will learn about the latest aquaculture technology, participate in hands-on activities, and sample fresh seafood dishes made with locally sourced ingredients.
- Lunch at local restaurant.
- Check-in hotel and enjoy hot-spring soaking inside hotel.
- Dinner inside hotel.



Hotel: Wellspring by Silks 5\* or similar <https://www.silksspring.com/tw/>

**Oct 26  
(Thu)**      **Yilan – Hualien – Taroko (B/L/D)**

**Hualien** is a beautiful coastal city located in eastern Taiwan, known for its stunning natural scenery, such as, Taroko Gorge, Qixingtan Beach, and the Pacific Ocean views. The city is also renowned for its rich cultural heritage, delicious cuisine, and friendly locals, making it a must-visit destination for anyone traveling to Taiwan.

**Taroko National Park** is a stunningly beautiful nature reserve located in Hualien, Taiwan, known for its incredible marble cliffs, deep gorges, and winding rivers. Visitors can enjoy walking along scenic trails, taking in breathtaking views, and exploring the area's rich cultural heritage, making it a must-visit destination for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Breakfast inside hotel

After breakfast, we drive to Hualien via Suhua Highway 蘇花公路 (around 2.5 hours). This is a spectacular scenic drive along the Pacific Coast side of Taiwan.

**Lunch at local restaurant.**

**Visit to:**

- **Tzu Chi Jing Si Abode 慈濟靜思精舍**  
Tzu Chi Jing Si Abode is a peaceful and serene retreat nestled in the mountains of Hualien, Taiwan. Visitors can experience traditional Buddhist practices, enjoy vegetarian cuisine, and explore the stunning natural surroundings.
- **Marble Factory 大理石工廠 (光隆博物館)**  
The Marble Factory at Guanglong Museum is a fascinating destination for those interested in art, history, and culture. Visitors can witness skilled artisans at work, learn about the history of marble production in Taiwan, and explore the museum's extensive collection of marble artifacts.

**Drive to Taroko National Park 太魯閣國家公園**

- **The Archway of Taroko Gorge 太魯閣閘口**  
The Archway of Taroko Gorge is a magnificent natural wonder located in the heart of Taroko National Park. Visitors can marvel at the towering cliffs and stunning rock formations, while immersing themselves in the breathtaking beauty of one of Taiwan's most iconic landscapes.



- Check-in hotel, aboriginal dinner inside hotel  
原住民風味晚餐.

Cultural anthropologists have identified 14 distinct indigenous tribes on Taiwan with various migratory origins from: Micronesia, Malaya, Philippines, China and other South East Asian islands millennia years ago.

Hotel: Taroko Village Hotel or similar  
<http://www.tarokovillage.com/>



**Oct 27 (Fri) Taroko – Taipei (B/L/D)**  
Breakfast inside hotel.

After breakfast, visit Taroko National Park:

- [Shanyue Bridge 布洛灣吊橋 \(山月吊橋\)](#)  
Shanyue Bridge, also known as the Moon Mountain Suspension Bridge, is a thrilling attraction for adventure seekers and nature lovers alike. Suspended high above a lush valley, visitors can enjoy stunning panoramic views, adrenaline-pumping walks across the bridge, and a chance to connect with the natural beauty of Taiwan.



- [Swallow Grotto 燕子口](#)  
Swallow Grotto is a must-visit attraction for anyone exploring Taroko National Park in Taiwan. Visitors can walk along the narrow canyon, marvel at the breathtaking views of the crystal-clear river below, and spot the hundreds of swallows that make their nests in the towering cliffs above.
- [Tunnel of Nine Turns 九曲洞](#)  
Tunnel of Nine Turns is a highlight of Taroko National Park, offering visitors a thrilling adventure through a winding road carved into the mountain. Along the way, visitors can take in the stunning views of the surrounding cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and lush forests, making it an unforgettable experience for all who visit.
- **Lunch at a local restaurant**

- [Tianxiang 天祥](#)  
Tianxiang is a charming mountain village nestled in the heart of Taroko National Park, offering visitors a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of city life. Visitors can explore the picturesque surroundings, visit local temples, and enjoy traditional Taiwanese cuisine, all while immersing themselves in the stunning natural beauty of the area.

Then, drive back to Taipei

- [Qungshui Cliff 清水斷崖](#)  
Qungshui Cliff, also known as "Clear Water Cliff," is a natural wonder located on the eastern coast of Taiwan that boasts stunning views of the Pacific Ocean and the surrounding landscape. Visitors can hike along the cliffside trail, take in the panoramic views, and witness the raw power of the ocean waves crashing against the towering cliffs.



- **Dinner inside Grand Hotel (Golden Dragon Restaurant) 圓山飯店內晚餐 (金龍餐廳)**

**Hotel: The Grand Hotel in Taipei is build in the tradition of a Chinese Palace. (Prestige Deluxe Room – Main Building)**

<https://www.grand-hotel.org/EN/official/main.aspx?gh=TP>

**Oct 28  
(Sat)**

**Taipei City Tour (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel

- [National Palace Museum \(3hours\) 故宮博物院 \(3 小時\)](#)  
The National Palace Museum is a world-renowned museum in Taipei, Taiwan, that houses a vast collection of Chinese imperial artifacts and artworks spanning over 8,000 years of Chinese history. Visitors can explore the museum's extensive collections of paintings, calligraphy, ceramics, jade, and bronze sculptures, among many other treasures.



- **Lunch at local restaurant**



- [Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall 中正紀念堂](#)  
Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall is an iconic landmark in Taipei, Taiwan, dedicated to the memory of the former president of the Republic of China, Chiang Kai-shek. Visitors can admire the impressive architecture in the hall, watch the changing of the guards ceremony, and learn about Taiwan's history and culture in the on-site museum.



- [Longshan Temple 龍山寺](#)  
Longshan Temple is one of the oldest and most famous temples in Taipei, known for its beautiful architecture, intricate carvings, and religious significance. Visitors can witness the temple's daily rituals, such as, burning incense, offering prayers, scripture chanting, and experience the vibrant atmosphere of this important active and working cultural landmark.
- [Taipei 101 Observatory \( tickets included\) 台北 101 觀景台](#)  
Taipei 101 Observatory is a world-famous observation deck located on the 89th and 91st floors of Taipei 101, the tallest building in Taiwan. Visitors can experience the stunning panoramic views of Taipei's skyline and beyond, while also learning about the engineering and architecture behind this iconic landmark.
- Dinner at [Din Tai Fung 鼎泰豐晚餐](#)

**Hotel: The Grand Hotel Taipei (Prestige Deluxe Room – Main Building)**



**Oct 29  
(Sun)**

**Taipei – Taoyuan – Yingge – Banciao – Taipei (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel

**Yingge** is a charming small town located in New Taipei City, Taiwan, renowned for its traditional pottery and ceramics. Visitors can explore the local pottery museum, shop for beautiful handcrafted pottery, and participate in pottery-making workshops, making it a must-visit destination for art lovers and those seeking a more authentic cultural experience in Taiwan.

**Banciao** is a bustling district located in New Taipei City, Taiwan, known for its vibrant night markets, shopping areas, and delicious local street food. It's a popular destination for tourists who want to experience the excitement and energy of Taiwan's urban culture while indulging in some of the best food and shopping in the country.

- [Cihu Lake in Taoyuan 桃園慈湖](#)

Cihu Lake is a picturesque destination located in Taoyuan, Taiwan, famous for its serene and tranquil atmosphere, lush greenery, and crystal-clear waters. Visitors can enjoy a leisurely stroll around the lake, take in the stunning views, and immerse themselves in the natural beauty of this charming location.



- [Yingge Old Street & Pottery DIY experience 鶯歌老街 & 陶藝 DIY 體驗](#)

Yingge Old Street is a charming pedestrianized street in New Taipei City, famous for its traditional pottery shops, where visitors can witness pottery-making demonstrations and purchase beautiful handcrafted pieces. In addition to browsing the shops, visitors can also try their hand at pottery-making with a fun DIY experience, perfect for those looking to get creative and bring home a unique souvenir.



- **Lunch at local restaurant**

- [The Lin Family Mansion and Garden 板橋林本源園邸](#)

**The Lin** Mansion and Garden is a stunning example of traditional Taiwanese architecture, located in the heart of Banciao. The expansive complex includes a beautiful garden, ornate buildings, and intricate courtyards offering visitors a glimpse into the opulent lifestyles of Taiwan's wealthy elite during the Qing dynasty.



- **Dinner at ShinYeh Original Restaurant 欣葉台菜創始店**

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**Oct 30  
(Mon)**

**Taipei – Tamsui – Taipei (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel

- **The secret passage of The Grand Hotel**

**圓山密道導覽**

The secret passage of The Grand Hotel is a fascinating historical attraction located in the basement of the iconic Grand Hotel in Taipei. This hidden passageway was once used by political leaders and celebrities to escape undetected during times of political unrest, and visitors can now explore the maze-like tunnels and learn about the hotel's intriguing history.



- **Lunch at local restaurant**

- **Tamsui Old Street & Mackay Historical site 淡水老街 & 馬偕博士遺跡**

Tamsui Old Street is a charming pedestrianized street in New Taipei City, offering visitors a variety of shops, street food, and traditional Taiwanese souvenirs. Adjacent to the old street is the Mackay Historical Site, a beautiful park that commemorates the legacy of Dr. George Leslie Mackay. Dr. George Leslie Mackay was born in Oxford County, Ontario, Canada and was the first Presbyterian missionary to be sent from Canada to Taiwan in 1872. He spent nearly 30 years in Taiwan, during which he established the first Western-style hospital, promoted the use of the Taiwanese language in Christian literature, and helped to establish the island's first modern school. He is considered a hero in both Canada and Taiwan for his contributions to education and healthcare in Taiwan.



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- **Fort Santo Domingo 淡水紅毛城**

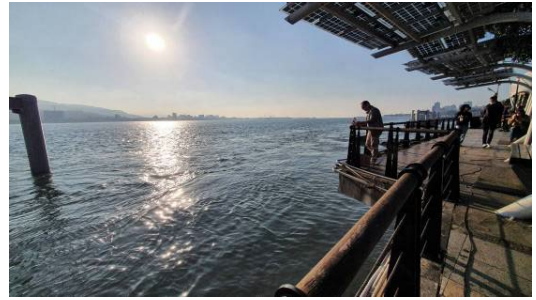
Fort Santo Domingo is a well-preserved historical site located in Tamsui, New Taipei City, originally built by the Spanish in the early 17th century, and later served as a British consulate and a Japanese colonial government building. Visitors can explore the museum and learn about the fascinating history of the fort and the various colonial powers that controlled it over the centuries.





- [Tamsui Fisherman's Wharf 淡水漁人碼頭](#)

Tamsui Fisherman's Wharf is a lively waterfront destination located in New Taipei City, offering a wide range of restaurants, shops, and recreational activities, including boat tours, fishing, and cycling. Visitors can enjoy the stunning sunset views over the Tamsui River and indulge in fresh seafood at one of the many local restaurants.



- **Dinner at local hot-pot restaurant**

Hotel: The Grand Hotel Taipei (Prestige Deluxe Room – Main Building)

**Oct 31  
(Tue)**      **Taipei – Hsinchu – Taipei (B/--/--)**

**Breakfast inside hotel**

**Transfer to Taipei Main Station 台北車站.**

Take the High Speed Rail Train from Taipei to Hsinchu (Business Class).

Upon arrival, transfer to meeting venue at the Hsinchu Science Park, where the government is fostering and promoting engineering innovation to commercialization through a programme of public and private participation.

After the official meeting, drive back to Taipei City.

**Hotel: The Grand Hotel Taipei (Prestige Deluxe Room – Main Building)**

**Taipei (B/--/--)**

**Nov 01  
(Wed)**      **Breakfast inside hotel**

**Official meeting (incl. tour guide and transfer service).**

We have requested official meetings over the next two days, as follow:

1. Courtesy call on President Tsai Ing-wen.
2. Visit to the Taiwan National Legislature.
3. Discussion with the Cross Strait Relation Commission on the status of the China and Taiwan tension across the Taiwan Strait.
4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding promotion of: democracy by Canada, bilateral trade, environmental protection, people to people, cultural, and educational exchanges.

5. Ministry of Health regarding how Taiwan handle Covid mitigation during the initial pandemic outbreak.
6. Ministry of Cyber Security on how Taiwan defends itself against political foreign misinformation interference.
7. Industry visit (optional)
8. A panel discussion with university students regarding Canada and Taiwan relationships (optional)

**Hotel: The Grand Hotel Taipei (Prestige Deluxe Room – Main Building)**

**Nov 02  
(Thu)**      **Taipei (B/--/--)**

**Breakfast inside hotel**

Official meeting (incl. tour guide and transfer service)  
[See above]

**Hotel: The Grand Hotel Taipei (Prestige Deluxe Room – Main Building)**

**Nov 03  
(Fri)**      **Taipei – Jiufen – Taipei (B/--/D)**

**Breakfast inside hotel**

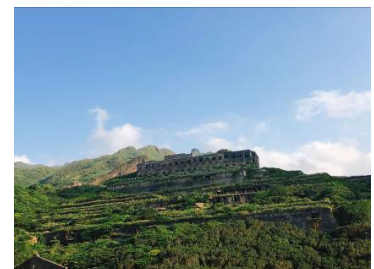
Official meeting (incl. tour guide and transfer service)  
[See above]

**Afternoon, visit to:**

- [Nanya Natural Rock Formations 南雅奇岩](#)  
Nanya Natural Rock Formations is a breathtaking geological site located on the northeast coast of Taiwan, featuring stunning rock formations that have been sculpted by natural erosion over thousands of years. Visitors can marvel at the unique shapes and textures of the rocks and enjoy stunning views of the Pacific Ocean.



- **Bay of Two Colors (pass by) 陰陽海 (車內欣賞)**  
The Bay of Two Colors, located in Kenting National Park, is a breathtaking sight where the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean meet the green waters of the Taiwan Strait. Visitors can enjoy swimming, snorkeling, and other water activities while marveling at the stunning contrast of colors in the



bay.

- [Jinguashi Remains of the 13 Levels \(photo stop\)](#) 金瓜石十三層遺址 (拍照)  
Jinguashi Remains of the 13 Levels is a historic site in Taiwan that was once a gold mining town during the Japanese colonial period. Today, visitors can explore the remnants of the town, including old mining tunnels and buildings, while enjoying stunning views of the surrounding mountains and coastline.

- [Jiufen Village](#) 九份老街  
Jiufen Village, also known as "The Old Street of Jiufen," is a charming mountain village located in northeastern Taiwan that is famous for its narrow alleys, teahouses, and traditional shops. Visitors can immerse themselves in the rich history and culture of Taiwan while sampling local delicacies and enjoying breathtaking views of the mountains and sea.



- Farewell dinner at Peng Yuan [Taipei Branch] (3 tables).
- Former Taiwan diplomats who have served in Canada will be our invited guest to the Farewell Dinner.

**Hotel: The Grand Hotel Taipei (Prestige Deluxe Room – Main Building)**

**Departure (B/--/--)**

**Nov 04  
(Sat)**

**Breakfast inside hotel**

**Free at leisure until flight departure.**

**(Hotel check-out time: before 12:00 PM)**

**Private transfer to Taoyuan Int'l Airport for departure flights:**

- a) For those joining us for the Hong Kong/Macau extension from the 04-08 November, and,
- b) For those leaving the Study Tour back to Canada (Toronto or Vancouver).

## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 10 nights hotel accommodation on twin sharing basis.
- ✓ Return coach transfer from airport to hotel.
- ✓ All other local transfers with air-conditioned private 40-seater coach.
- ✓ English speaking tour guide service.
- ✓ Breakfast x11 days, lunch x6 days, dinner x6 days plus Farewell Dinner x1. Dress Code for the Farewell Dinner is: Business.
- ✓ Admission fee to all venues.
- ✓ One-way High-Speed Rail ticket from Taipei-Hsinchu (business class).
- ✓ Group local insurance.
- ✓ Basic Gratuities: driver & guide.

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

1. Alcoholic beverages.
2. Personal expenses.
3. Hotel portage tips will be graciously accepted but not a local cultural custom.