GEEO ITINERARY

Taiwan 9/27/2027

Day 1: Taipei Arrive in Taipei at any time. Meet your group for a welcome meeting between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., and then go on an orientation walk in the area of Taipei near the hotel.

Arrive at any time. There are no planned activities until the Welcome Meeting in the evening. The main airport is **Taoyuan International Airport (TPE)**. The city's secondary airport is Taipei Songshan Airport (TSA), mainly serving domestic and regional flights.

Consider arriving 1–2 days early to explore the city, adjust to the time zone, and buffer against flight delays. We can request extra hotel nights for you before the program begins.

Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting
Hotel check-in is normally between 2-3 p.m. Check with reception for the exact time and location of the group welcome meeting, typically between 5–7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you're running late, send a message in the group WhatsApp or call the emergency number on your trip voucher so that your tour leader can let you know where and when to meet the group.

After the welcome meeting, join your tour leader for an orientation walk near the hotel to get your bearings. They will show you restaurants, points of interest, supermarkets, ATMs, etc. Opt for a group dinner to get to know your tour leader and travel companions.

Joining Instructions
Pre-booked Transfer with GEEO/G Adventures: A G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. If you cannot find your ride, call the emergency number on your trip voucher and take a taxi to the start hotel (save your receipt).
Airport MRT Train: After baggage claim and customs, follow the purple "Airport MRT" signs down to the station. Board the Express train (purple) toward Taipei Main Station. The ride is 35–40 minutes, and the fare is NT$160 (~$5 USD). You can tap a contactless credit card or phone at the gate, buy a single-journey token from the machines, or purchase an EasyCard at the service counter in arrivals. Express trains leave the airport every 15 minutes, from about 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. After that, only the slower blue Commuter train runs (~50 minutes), with the final train of the night at 11:37 p.m. At Taipei Main Station, follow signs through the underground mall to Exit Z8. The hotel is about a 5-minute walk.
Taxi: NT$ 1,200–1,500 (about USD 38–50) including highway tolls, plus a small airport pickup surcharge. Fares are higher late at night (11 p.m. to 6 a.m.). The ride takes about 40–60 minutes depending on traffic.

Day 2: Taipei Explore Taipei on a half-day tour, using the metro to get around the city. Enjoy a free afternoon to continue exploring the city as you please.

This morning, explore Taipei on a walking tour with your group leader. Use the local metro to visit some of the city's most famous locations, like Longshan Temple and the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, and make the short hike up Elephant Mountain for iconic views of the city skyline.

The afternoon is yours to continue exploring Taipei. Consider visiting the Shilin Night Market or the Ximending Pedestrian District.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3: Taipei/Sun Moon Lake Travel to Taichung, then drive to Shuanglong

Bunun Village for a welcome ceremony. Hike to the suspension bridge before enjoying lunch with the Bunun indigenous community. Drive to Sun Moon Lake for a free evening.

Begin the day with a high-speed train from Taipei to Taichung, followed by a scenic drive to the Shuanglong Bunun Village. Upon arrival, receive a warm welcome and participate in a Bunun Name-Giving Ceremony, guided by a local community member.

Continue with a hike to the highest suspension bridge in Taiwan. Walk across the rainbow-colored bridge and take in the breathtaking views of the central mountains and Shuanglong Waterfalls.

Return to the village for lunch and a fascinating tour, learning about the Bunun people's culture through their folk legends, dances, and art. This experience is a special opportunity to engage directly with an indigenous Taiwanese community, one of few remaining in the country.

Afterward, drive to Sun Moon Lake for a peaceful, leisurely evening along the lake.

Approximate travel time: 1 hr by bullet train, ~3 hrs by private vehicle
Meals included: Lunch

Day 4: Sun Moon Lake Enjoy a free time at Sun Moon Lake, one of the most beautiful places in all of Taiwan.

Spend the day exploring Sun Moon Lake as you please. The bike trail around the lake is one of the top scenic bike trails in the world, so we recommend joining your tour leader for an optional bike tour of the lake. You can also opt to visit a tea plantation and learn about the famous local tea, or purchase a ferry ticket and ride to the three stops around the lake (you can hop off the ferry and get back on using the same ticket).

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5: Sun Moon Lake/Tainan Drive to Tainan, Taiwan's oldest city and ancient capital. Enjoy free time for lunch before a guided walking tour.

In the morning, drive to historic Tainan, Taiwan's ancient capital and oldest city.

Upon arrival, take some time to have lunch and explore before joining a local-led walking tour of the historic old town's crooked lanes and alleys, visiting Anping Old Street, Banyan Tree House, and Fort Zeelandia. The Dutch military captured Anping in 1624 and built Fort Zeelandia as its defensive stronghold. In 1662, General Koxinga successfully expelled the Dutch from the fort and Anping. The inner fort became the seat of government for Taiwan but fell into disuse. The fort was rebuilt after the Japanese Colonial Period.

Approximate travel time: 2.5 hrs by private vehicle
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6: Tainan/Kaohsiung Travel by private vehicle to Kaohsiung and visit the Dragon and Tiger Pagodas, followed by free time

Drive to Kaohsiung, with a stop to gaze upon the massive golden Buddha. Then, visit the spectacular Dragon and Tiger Pagodas. Here you can also see the beautiful Lotus Pond and the Summer and Autumn Pavilions.

Enjoy some time for lunch on your own before checking into the hotel. The rest of the day is yours to see the coastal town of Kaohsiung.

Approximate travel time: 1 hr by private vehicle
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7: Kaohsiung/Taipei Return by train to Taipei, with free time upon arrival.

After breakfast, take another high-speed train back to Taipei. After dropping your bags at the hotel, the rest of the day is yours to visit more of the must-see places in Taipei. Opt to visit one of the city's amazing beef noodle soup shops.

Approximate travel time: 2-2.5 hrs by bullet train
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8: Taipei (Jiufen and Keelung) Enjoy an excursion from Taipei to the Golden Waterfall, Jiufen, and Keelung.

Take a day trip to the north of Taiwan, starting with the breathtaking Golden Waterfall and the Yin Yang Sea lookout point on the way to Jiufen, a picturesque mountain town. Founded during the Qing Dynasty (1683-1895), the town gained prominence after gold was discovered around 1890, and many of the beautiful alleyways and peaceful tea houses remain unchanged to this day, reflecting the Japanese influence in both architecture and culture on the island.

Next, drive to Keelung, a historic port and fishing town. Visit Heping Island, a nature reserve with an incredible coastline, where centuries of erosion from wind and the sea have shaped some rather interesting rock formations. Before heading back to Taipei, explore the Keelung Night Market and try some local treats like stinky tofu or blood cakes.

Approximate travel time: 1–1.5 hrs by private vehicle
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9: Taipei Depart Taipei at any time.

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart Taipei at any time. The main airport is **Taoyuan International Airport (TPE)**. Taipei Main Station offers **in-town check-in and bag drop** for several airlines, typically between 06:00–21:30 and no later than three hours before departure. The city's secondary airport is Taipei Songshan Airport (TSA), mainly serving domestic and regional flights. If you wish to extend your stay in Taipei, consider requesting post-trip accommodation with us.

Meals included: Breakfast

Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are available at the reception desk.

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Where you'll stay

The hotels listed below reflect the properties expected to be used for this program. Final accommodations are subject to change based on group size, availability, or seasonality. The confirmed start and end hotels are listed on your trip voucher:

Day 1 Taipei (Sep 27): Green World Taipei Station

Day 2 Taipei (Sep 28): Green World Taipei Station

Day 3 Nantou Jiuchang (Sep 29): Lealea Garden Hotel The Sun

Day 4 Nantou Jiuchang (Sep 30): Lealea Garden Hotel The Sun

Day 5 Tainan (Oct 1): Lakeshore Hotel Tainan

Day 6 Kaohsiung (Oct 2): Kindness Hotel Kaohsiung Station

Day 7 Taipei (Oct 3): Green World Taipei Station

Day 8 Taipei (Oct 4): Green World Taipei Station

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