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for

PINGLIN





Introduction

Pinglin has a unique natural ecology and the soft power as a champion tea village. Let this guidebook take us on a tour of Pinglin!

- **Tour in Pinglin:**

There are glacial relict plant reserves and water reserves, and over 20 special trails and bicycle paths in the area, making it a happy paradise for animals and plants. 7 classic itineraries are available for you to enjoy the nature of Northern Taiwan.

- **Taste of Pinglin:**

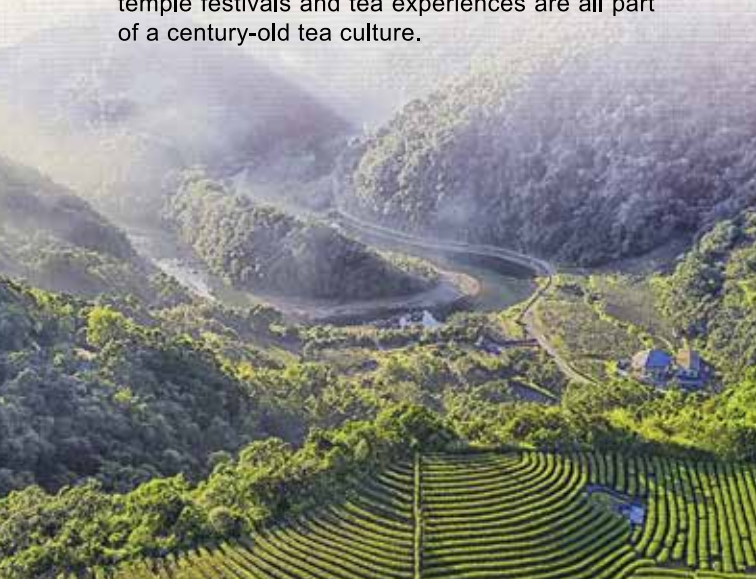
The pure air and water of Pinglin have given birth to a wide variety of old-fashioned cuisines, and the unique tea-inspired cuisine is a great way to enjoy the taste of tea. A wide variety of produce is the perfect souvenir from the tea village.

- **Scenery of Pinglin:**

It has a tranquil, beautiful and unspoilt landscape with over 30 scenic spots in the tea village, where you can enjoy the sea of clouds, the tea plantations and the views of the streams.

- **Appreciation of Pinglin:**

Pinglin is a famous production area of Wenshan Pouchong Tea. Its unique tea-making techniques, the quiet alleys of the old streets, temple festivals and tea experiences are all part of a century-old tea culture.



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In the spring, Pinglin is known as a "Nature Museum", where all kinds of flowers bloom and birds sing. You will see the mountain cherry blossom and the tea trees turn green. The white tung flowers fall and the young tea tree buds wave to the travelers, as if to foretell the New Taipei Good Tea Festival.

Cherry blossom:	Jan. ~ Feb.
Sunrise and sea of clouds at Nanshan Temple:	Feb. ~ Apr.
Tung flowers:	Apr. ~ May
Good Tea Festival for Springtime in New Taipei City:	Jun.

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Summer is a lively season, and fireflies can be seen at night in the unspoiled wilderness of the mountains. After April each year, hundreds of egrets nest in the woods next to the arch bridge in Pinglin, creating a spectacular view of the 'Egret Apartment'!

Night Visit to Fireflies:	Apr. ~ May.
Egret Apartment:	Apr. ~ Sep.
Sunrise and sea of clouds at Nanshan Temple:	May ~ Jul.
The Beauty of Tea Gardens:	May ~ Jul.
Tea Experience:	Jun. ~ Sep.



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Autumn is the best time to enjoy the broad-leaved forests and maple leaves. The leaves are red and the forest is warm and autumnal. The silver grass sways in the wind, and the sunrise clouds and tea plantations near the Nanshan Temple are a spectacular sight to behold.

The Beauty of Tea Gardens:

May. ~ Jul.

Sunrise and sea of clouds at Nanshan Temple:

Aug. ~ Oct.

Silver Grass Blossom Season on the bank of the river :

Nov. ~ Dec.

Maple Leaves:

Nov. ~ Dec.



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As the winter season begins, you can enjoy the ever-changing light of the sky and clouds. In winter, the New Taipei Good Tea Festival is also in full swing. The Lion Dance & Firecracker event at the Lantern Festival is a rare traditional folk event in Northern Taiwan.

Misty Rain and Setting Sun:

Nov. ~ Jan.

Good Tea Festival for Winter time in New Taipei City:

Dec.

Art & Light Festival:

Dec. ~ Feb.

Camellia Season:

Dec. ~ Mar.

Lantern Festival Activities:

Lantern Festival



For travellers to Pinglin, the ancient monuments and new buildings reflect each other, and the ancient houses and temples reveal in every detail the unique humanistic sentiments of the people of Pinglin.

Festivals and Events

Every year around the Lantern Festival, temple belief activities and street stomping are held to welcome the gods. The banquet has a strong color of local humanity. Through the unique culture of Lion Dance & Firecracker and Parade Formation, people pray for a peaceful year ahead, making the Lantern Festival a major local event.



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Pinglin's Wenshan Pouchong Tea is a famous tea variety in Taiwan and has become a traditional symbol of the long-standing tea industry. Every spring and winter, we hold the Wenshan Pouchong Tea Cultivation Competition and a wide range of activities including arts and cultural performances for families, tea exhibitions and sales, tea experiences and light excursions for the "New Taipei Good Tea Festival" after the competition to promote the tea brand in New Taipei City.

Meanwhile, Pinglin is also the first township in Taiwan to promote low-carbon tourism. With its rich nature and water reserves, Pinglin has developed a great example of light travel that combines low carbon, slow living, sustainability and ecology. Pinglin's activities include road running, firefly watching, fern watching, tea experiences and in recent years, an annual arts and cultural event has even been developed in Pinglin.



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1 Pinglin Old Street

With a history of over 100 years, Pinglin Old Street is a blend of the old and the new. With the Baoping Temple as the centerpiece, the street is lined with food stalls selling tofu, hardware and grocery stores, tea houses, restaurants and souvenir shops, etc., marking the unique atmosphere and historical memories. We invite you to walk into the old street, sip tea and find out the story of the old time in Pinglin.



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2 Baoping Temple



Baoping Temple was built in 1862 and is the oldest temple in Pinglin. Located in the heart of the city, Baoping Temple is one of the main centers of worship for the residents of Pinglin and, as its name suggests, is meant to keep the villagers of Pinglin safe. Baoping Temple has been dedicated to God Xuantian for over 100 years and has been renovated and refurbished. The temple now has a new look, with the unique lion dance accompanying the arrival of peace during the annual Lantern Festival, and the culture of the dragon and taiko drums, all of which showcase Pinglin's rich cultural heritage.

3 Police Station from the Japanese Era

As you walk along the Jingualiao Creek road, you can see the Jingualiao Creek Police Station, a bungalow built of stone blocks that has been preserved from the Japanese era for over a century. The Jingualiao Creek Police Station was built in an eclectic architectural style, using large blocks of stones cut for brickwork. The house is now privately owned, but still retains the distinctive look of the original Japanese police station.



④ Century-Old Stone House in Pinglin

The Stone House is a traditional building in Pinglin, a typical example of local construction, built with stones from the Beishi River a century ago, and it is not only durable but also warm in winter and cool in summer.

The Old House of Cheng's Family at the back of Pinglin Old Street, as a three-sided courtyard house with its symmetrical stone latticework, is a rare example of the fine craftsmanship of stone architecture in the area, and the main body of the house is still made of cut stone, evoking the grandeur of the past.



Located in the heart of the forest, the century-old Leopard Kitchen King House is surrounded by green hills and ferns, and there are rows of fir trees behind the house. The front of the house overlooks the valley and has an excellent view. The house is decorated with old-fashioned farming implements, which are a reminder of the past.



⑤ Pinglin Old Bridge

The Pinglin Old Bridge, also known as Pinglinwei Bridge, was completed and open to traffic in 1912. Prior to 1971, it was an important gateway from Northern Taiwan to Eastern Taiwan. The Pinglin Old Bridge is now used only by pedestrians, and is a designated monument and one of the landmarks of Pinglin. The Pinglin Old Bridge has nine piers and the pier bases are diamond shaped, with a water breaking function to protect the base of the pier. The Baroque style old bridge is still a classic piece of history, because of its age.



Tea Village Attractions

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Pinglin, with its hilly terrain and warm humid climate, is famous for producing Wenshan Pouchong Tea, and is a famous champion tea village in New Taipei City.

6 Pinglin Tea Museum

Established in 1997, Pinglin Tea Museum in New Taipei City is the largest tea museum in the country, located on the banks of the Beishi River. Inside the museum is a century-old tiger inscription tablet. The inscriptions have the majesty of a tiger. And it has historical significance in the history of the development of Northern Taiwan. The Tea Museum is themed on Taiwanese tea culture, and includes exhibition halls, experience halls and tea art classes. It organizes special exhibitions and educational activities on tea-related themes, telling the numerous touching stories of “One Bud with Two Leaves”, and leading people to discover the beauty of nature and humanity in the fragrance of tea.



7 Guanyin Statue

Guanyin Statue is located at the top of the hill behind Pinglin Junior High School and is the former site of the Pinglin Shrine. The view is excellent, with a magnificent 11-meter-high statue of Guanyin at the top. Walking around the circular plaza gives you a 360 degree view of Pinglin.



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Nanshan Temple Landscape Platform

Located approximately 700m below the Nanshan Temple, Nanshan Temple Landscape Platform is one of the best places for photographers to take pictures of the sunrise, sea of clouds, starry sky, the Milky Way, tea gardens and birds. Overlooking the winding roads, green hills and tea plantations of Yuguang Village, you can come at different times of the year to see the magnificent mountain scenery, as if you were in a wonderland. The view is breathtaking, and the mountain vistas are ever-changing, making it a popular photo spot.

Waterfront Promenade

The Waterfront Promenade is located along the Beishi River with a waterfront plaza and a 380-meter-long view corridor, providing easy access and a beautiful view of the waterfront. You can have a picnic here and enjoy the green hills and clear rivers for pleasure. From April every year, hundreds of herons fly in to build their nests in the verdant trees on the other side of the river. This is a place where the landscape blends in with the herons. The ecological richness of the landscape and the relief it offers make it a great place to watch fish.



Tea Township Square



Located in front of the Pinglin District Office, the Tea Township Square is a hub linking the Pinglin Old Street and the Image-Commercial District, and is used for leisure activities during weekdays and local farmers' markets and street performers during holidays. During major events, it can be used as a venue for activities and a platform for arts and cultural performances. There is an observation deck at the top, with views of the Beishi River, the Tea Museum and the Mazu of Tea Merchants.

8 Pinglin Tea Cultural Museum

The Pinglin Farmers' Association was established in 1919 and has been in existence for over 100 years. The Pinglin Tea Cultural Museum introduces the history of the Farmers' Association, as well as the characteristics of Pinglin and its ecological environment through interactive games. There is also an interactive DIY area where you can make your own tea bags and garlic tea seed oil.



The museum has also set up a tea oil demonstration factory and plans a tea oil production area where visitors can learn about the production process of tea oil, and the knowledge about tea. If you are interested in tea and tea oil products, the Pinglin Farmers' Association has also set up a produce merchandising area for people to make purchases.



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9 Pinglin Ecological Park

The park is the best place for people to enjoy nature and eco-education for parents and children. At the entrance, there is a lifelike stone statue of Lu Yu, the Sage of Tea, making tea and sipping tea; Apr. to May is the best time to see the fireflies in the park. There are over 100 varieties of tea plants in full bloom in the winter, with a wide variety of colors and shapes. The "Mazu of Tea Merchants" is located on the "Sih-Yuan Platform" in the park, an important testimony to the history of tea in Taiwan. Surrounding the Sih-Yuan Platform is a rare and uplifting forest of Taiwan Keteleeria, with an observation deck overlooking the Pinglin landmark of Guanyin Statue and the banks of the Beishi River.



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Xiakengzikou Waterfront Recreation Area

The Water Recreation Area is located under the overpass of Pinglin Interchange, adjacent to the Xiakengzikou River. The Water Recreation Area has been renovated with ecological methods, making it a great place to enjoy the river in the summer. You can sit on the rocks in the river, listen to the pleasant sound of running water, breathe in the fresh air and take a dip in the cool, clear river, and let the tranquillity and beauty of Pinglin follow you into your summer afternoon dreams.



Jiuqionggen Riverside Park

As a great place for families to escape the summer heat, the park has a man-made channel that draws water from the crystal-clear Jingualiao river with a walkway, a pavilion, a shallow water play area and so on. There are rows of larch pines along the stream, which turn a romantic red in autumn. Sitting on the rocks, watching the water flowing and the fish swimming around, you can enjoy a light trip full of memories with your children.



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The Tea Experience

There are a variety of tea-picking and tea-making activities in Pinglin. You can pick tea leaves in the tea garden. You can also become a tea maker and learn to knead tea in a gentle and rigid way, and bring back your own handmade tea for tasting. You will also learn how to distinguish the quality of tea leaves by their appearance, aroma, and the color of water. The tea gardens are only open for visits in summer and autumn, and reservations are required for tea picking and production.

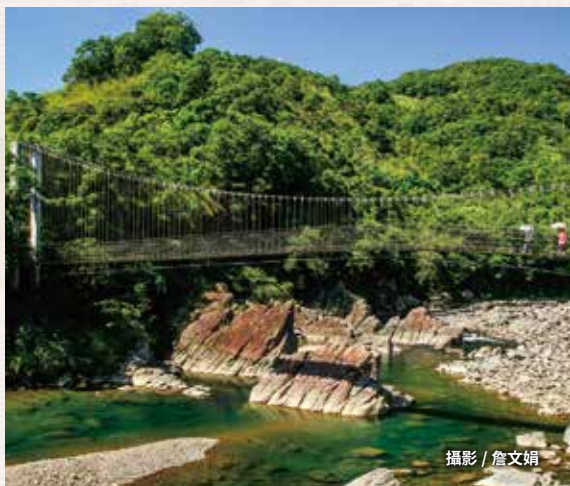


Pinglin, known as a "Nature Museum", is located in the upstream water conservation area of Feitsui Reservoir, and with the government's active promotion of "Stream Closing and Fish Protection" for ecological conservation, Pinglin has preserved some 900 species of flora and fauna that live and prosper with nature.



Stream Valley

The landscape of Pinglin is hilly, and the streams are often in the shape of dug-out curves. The valley landscape is a beautiful contrast to the turquoise surface of the river. The dogtooth terrain of Huliao Lake is also an excellent landscape area.



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Stream Closing and Fish Protection

Thanks to the implementation of the "Stream Closing and Fish Protection" policy and the great location of water protection reserve in Feitsui Reservoir, people are amazed by the abundance of fishes and shrimps in the Beishi River. Walking along the Beishi River Suspension Bridge and Jingulariao River trail, it is easy for visitors to see Taiwan shovel-jaw carp, minnows, and groupers swimming in the river, reflecting the sunlight, which is known as "Fireflies in Water."



Emerald Tree Frog

Emerald tree frog is a protected frog species and endemic to Taiwan. It likes the natural environment without pollution and is nocturnal. It often appears in the grass near tea gardens in the evening or after rain. The emerald tree frog is not afraid of humans and will make a cute pose for pictures. The chirping can be heard around the farmhouse, especially during the breeding period.



Animal Paradise

Pinglin is located in a water conservation area and has preserved the most pristine natural ecology. There are nearly 300 animal species. The Jingulariao Fish and Fern Trail is the most natural walking trail for monkeys, and other species such as the mountain mammoth, crab-eating mongoose and pangolin are often encountered in their natural habitat, making it a happy haven for animals.

Taiwan Blue Magpie

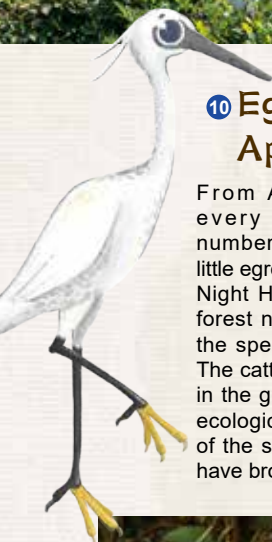
Pinglin is located in a water conservation area and reclamation is restricted, so it remains as it was in the past. The forest and bird habitats are well maintained and have not been over-exploited. If you enter Pinglin, you may catch sight of the Taiwan Blue Magpie, a species of long-tailed national bird that is endemic to Taiwan.



Swinhoe's Pheasant

The Swinhoe's Pheasant is an endemic species of bird in Taiwan, inhabiting low to medium altitude forests. The male and female birds are very different from each other. Every spring, when the breeding season begins, the male will do a courtship dance to please the female. Swinhoe's Pheasant is alert and often makes silent appearances in its habitat.





10 Egret Apartment

From Apr. to Sep. every year, a large number of cattle egrets, little egrets and Black-crowned Night Herons gather in the riverside forest next to the Pinglin Arch Bridge, creating the spectacular sight of the “Egret Apartment”. The cattle egrets and little egrets form white dots in the greenery, like pearls set in the trees. This ecological landscape is a result of the success of the stream closing and fish protection, which have brought about sustainable livelihoods.





Fern Ecology

The Jingtialiao Fish and Fern Trail is the best natural fern classroom and a good place to observe and identify ferns in the field. The main features of Pinglin lie in that there are mid-altitude ferns at low altitude, and they are distributed in high density, with more than 100 species of ferns within 1.2km, such as Two-cusp Cheiropleura, Coupled Dipteris, Cephalomanes obscurum, Huperzia serrata (Thunb.), and Selligera yakushimensis, etc.



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燕尾蕨



台灣油杉

Taiwan Keteleeria

As an endemic species in Taiwan, the Taiwan Keteleeria is a glacial relict plant. In the Spoonleaf Kalanchoe region, there are only 14 of the world's national treasure, the Millennium Fir, each of which is more than 4m in diameter with very few populations in Taiwan or on the edge of extinction. As the domestic distribution of Taiwan Keteleeria is very small, the government established the Pinglin Taiwan Keteleeria Nature Reserve in 1986 to protect and rehabilitate the thousand-year-old trees. Taiwan Keteleeria can now be found in the Pinglin Ecological Park.



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Botanical Treasures

There are nearly 600 species of plants in Pinglin. Taiwan's native orchids (such as *Thrixspermum fantasticum*) can also be found in Pinglin, while others such as *Thrixspermum formosanum*, *Diploprora championii* and *Eria ovata* can also be found along the hiking trails.

Specialty Foods



The pure, uncontaminated air and water of Pinglin are the most precious treasures and have given birth to a wide variety of ancient cuisines. In particular, the innovative dishes made from the Wenshan Pouchong Tea irrigated with water of Pinglin are the best!

Pinglin Tea Eggs

The tea eggs are made from the fresh Wenshan Pouchong tea leaves of Pinglin and a variety of Chinese herbs. Each tea egg must be simmered for 72 hours over a three-day period. The tea eggs from the freshly brewed tea leaves are not only tasty but also tenderly chewy.



Tea-flavored meatballs

The tea-flavored meatballs have a unique taste. It is more refreshing and less greasy than traditional pork meatballs, with a crisp and chewy texture. The meatballs have a unique aroma of tea when you bite into them.

Tea Cakes

Freshly made by hand every day, these Tea Cakes are filled with locally sourced Wenshan Pouchong tea leaves to give you the aroma of tea in every bite. The filling is available in plain, red bean, shredded radish and taro flavors.

You can't get enough of them!

Tea flavored ice cream and popsicles

The tea flavored ice cream has a dense, slightly sweet taste, with a light tea aroma puffing out of the nose at the end of the meal. Ice cream flavors are available in Wenshan Pouchong tea, Jinxuan tea and Tieguanyin tea flavors. The popsicles are available in the flavors of Pouchong tea and Oriental Beauty tea, challenging the taste buds that crave for a refreshing taste in summer!



Pinglin Tofu

The clean water of Pinglin is an inherent advantage. Tofu made with the good water of Pinglin and traditional handcrafted techniques is smooth, dense, tender and tasty, with a rich soybean flavor.



Tea Oil Thin Noodles

Pinglin is the largest producer of Pouchong tea in Taiwan. The tea oil produced in Pinglin is mild, pure and nutritious, making it a great souvenir. The handmade thin noodles produced in the area are even more solid and tasty. When cooked, the handmade thin noodles are tossed with the mellow Pouchong tea oil to create a refreshing and creamy flavor that will leave you wanting more, making it one of the most authentic national dishes!



In Pinglin, the restaurants use local tea leaves and tea oil in their dishes, resulting in a creative cuisine with a unique taste of tea.



Local Vegetables

For lovers of wild vegetables, a visit to Pinglin is a must, and it's even better with nourishing tea oil and refreshing tea leaves. Every time you visit, there are seasonal vegetables to choose from, and they retain their authentic old-fashioned taste, full of crunchy, fresh and sweet flavors. Related dishes include stir-fried green vegetables with tea oil, fragrant crisp tea leaves, three-cup mushrooms with tea oil, etc.



Specialty Cuisine

Tea meat buns made from minced Pouchong tea can melt in the mouth with the aroma of tea. Rice is also flavored with tea, such as tea oil mixed with rice, and Aroma Black tea rice. Fried rice with tea oil and green sauce and fried rice with green tea and pine nuts are also a delightful blend of Chinese and Western flavors.





Home-Style Dishes

Pinglin is a mountainous tea village, rich in natural resources. The restaurants here use authentic ingredients to create unique and creative hand-made dishes. Each dish is different from other local dishes and is full of surprises.

The menu includes Green tea leaf salad, Chicken in Tea Oil, Fresh Fish in Pouchong tea, Crispy Prawns with Tea Leaves, Rose Shrimp, Pork with tea oil, Braised Beef Brisket with Tea, etc.



After Meal Refreshment

The hand-made tea jelly has a strong tea flavor and is made from locally sourced brewed tea, making it a natural and unadulterated tea treat. The green bean soup is also a delicious seasonal snack, with the slightly sweet green beans and the refreshing aroma of tea, giving it the most natural and refreshing flavor.

Special Agricultural Products



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Pinglin produces tea leaves, tea food, tea snacks, and other tea-related souvenirs, which are natural and healthy, have no burden on the body, and are wonderful products from the Champion Tea Village!

Wenshan Pouchong Tea

All year round, Pinglin is well-watered and cool. With fertile soil and a hundred years of tea-making tradition, the "Wenshan Pouchong Tea" produced in Pinglin has the best aroma and quality, as well as the strip shape. The tea is honey-green and golden in color, smooth and sweet. Apart from hot brewing, it can also be drunk cold to quench the thirst of the summer and is easy to carry. It is also available as Oriental Beauty Tea and Aroma Black Tea.



Organic Tea

The natural tea plantations in Pinglin are rich in flora and fauna. The tea leaves produced are naturally smooth and creamy. The organic tea farmers have not only passed organic certification, but also participated in the grading of their products.



Tea Oil

Pouchong tea oil is produced from November to March every year. Pinglin's tea oil is naturally pressed from the seeds of the tea tree and is highly pure, nutritious and has a beautiful amber color, making it suitable for stewing and stir-frying.



Tea Soap

The combination of tea seed oil and essential oils produces a pure, natural tea saponin that is pure and gentle enough to be massaged into the skin for exfoliation.



Tea powder

Tea powder is made from ground tea meal after oil extraction. It is an ancient cleaning recipe that cleans dishes and pots and pans effectively and is easy to rinse. In general, it is natural, eco-friendly and healthy.

Refreshments

Local farmers have developed various kinds of tea desserts such as tea biscuits, tea candies, tea nougat, tea cakes, tea egg rolls, tea plums, etc. They have a solid and non-greasy taste, and one bite after another will leave you wanting more.



Healthy Thin Noodles

Available in a variety of flavors including tea and yam. Whether it's noodles in soup, cold noodles or dry noodles, they have a creamy texture and are healthy and nutritious.



Fermented Bean Curd

The fermented bean curd from Pinglin comes in a variety of flavors, including original, pineapple and banana, and tastes sweet and not too salty. The fermented bean curd can also be served with tea oil thin noodles for an unforgettable taste!

Malt Paste

Malt paste is an old-fashioned childhood flavor that many people miss. A jar of malt paste is made from the seedlings of wheatgrass that goes through a complex process to produce a natural nutritional profile. The malt paste has a sweet taste from the fermentation of natural grains, malt grass and glutinous rice, without the addition of sugar.

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In recent years, lowcarbon travel has been promoted, so if you love to travel, we recommend you to come and experience it too! You can take public transport to Pinglin National High School Station and then transfer to the New Taipei City Bus in the area.

<Tour I>

Parent-Child Eco Stream Tour

Jingualiao Fish and Fern Trail (2.2km), Jiuqionggen Riverside Park → Lunch → Pinglin Ecological Park (Landscape Platform) → Walking through the Image-Commercial District, Pinglin Old Street → Waterfront Promenade

On the Jingualiao Fish and Fern Trail, you can explore the fern ecology and enjoy the phytoncide. At Jiuqionggen Riverside Park, you can sit on the rocks, listen to the long flow of water and watch the fish swim around. In the afternoon, take a walk in Pinglin Ecological Park and enjoy the nature, then take a leisurely stroll through the neighborhood and let time stand still in the quiet lanes of the old streets.



<Tour 2>

Enjoy the beautiful landscape in Pinglin

Pinglin Suspension Bridge (Fish Viewing Trail) → Daiyuku River Bike Path → Lunch → DIY Handicraft or Tea Experience → Pinglin Old Street Tour → Waterfront Promenade

The Pinglin Suspension Bridge straddles both sides of the Beishi River. The fish-watching trail on both sides is one of the must-visit attractions. Here, you can hear the breeze and see the fish swimming at times. This is the perfect summer retreat for a relaxing swim in the water. The Daiyuku River Bike Path is designed to be flat and comfortable for families and is also a five-star bike path, not to be missed by avid cyclists.



<Tour 3>

Sunrise in the Tea Village out of the Sea Clouds

Sunrise at Nanshan Temple (Landscape Platform) → Mt. Shigongjiwei Hiking Trail → Tea Garden Tour → Lunch → Beishi River Bike Path or Dashehu Hiking Trail → Walking around the Image-Commercial District, Pinglin Old Street

The Nanshan Temple Landscape Platform is the best place to watch the sunrise. The nearby Mt. Shigongjiwei Hiking Trail offers an excellent view of the mountains and the Taipei 101 building. The Beishi River Bike Path is wide and flat, with a crystal-clear stream and schools of fish. The Dashehu Hiking Trail is full of shady trees, terraced tea plantations and streams, and in early spring you can see cherry blossoms and plum blossoms in full bloom.



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<Tour 4>

Tea Culture Immersion Itinerary

Pinglin Tea Museum → Pinglin Ecological Park
→ Lunch → Pinglin Tea Cultural Museum or Tea
Experience → Stroll through the Image-Commercial
District and Pinglin Old Street → Fish Viewing at the
Pinglin Suspension Bridge (Fish Viewing Trail).

Pinglin Tea Museum is an elegant and tranquil temple of tea culture with the beauty of an oriental garden. As you walk through the Pinglin Ecological Park, there are stone sculptures along the way, and the tea plants are in full bloom after winter, with over 100 varieties of plants. In the afternoon, you can visit the Tea Cultural Museum in Pinglin to learn more about tea. You can also have fun making your own tea bags, which will leave a lasting memory of your tea ceremony.



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<Tour 5>

Stepping up the Ladder Itinerary

Shuiliujiao Hiking Trail → Lunch → Pinglin Suspension
Bridge (Fish Viewing Trail)→ Pinglin Ecological Park
(Observation Deck)

Shuiliujiao Hiking Trail is a suitable route for hiking, allowing you to enjoy a wide view of the tea garden and the arch bridge in Pinglin. In the afternoon, you can go to the Pinglin Suspension Bridge (Fish Viewing Trail) to see the fish in the stream, which is very relaxing. At the Ecological Park (Observation Deck), you can see the beauty of the Pinglin from above and cleanse your mind and body of fatigue.

<Tour 6>

Sunset Scenic Itinerary

Pinglin Ecological Park (Landscape Platform) → Waterfront Promenade (Egret Apartment) → Lunch → Mt. Kaiyanlun Hiking Trail → Tea Garden for Sunset Viewing

At the waterfront promenade, from April to September, you can see the combination of the Egret Apartment and the waterfront, a rich ecology that is close to rivers and mountains and relaxing.

In the afternoon, you can go to the Mt. Kaiyanlun Hiking Trail, where the air is fresh and cool, filled with the phytoncides of the primeval forest, and at the highest point you can overlook the whole area of 7 villages in Pinglin. As you descend, you can enjoy the beauty of the terraced tea plantations at sunset.



<Tour 7>

A Journey through the Tamsui-Kavalan Trails –South Trail

Tamsui-Kavalan Trail-Hiking trail in Sidu (from the 52.5k hiking entrance on the Beiyi Highway) → Siduliao Ruins → crossing the Beiyi Highway along the old trail → End Point of Sidumiaopu Trail → Jinmiandaguan Stone Tablet → Gate of Sidumiaopu Trail → Hudi Bridge → Return to original departure point → Lunch → Pinglin Old Street → Pinglin Tea Museum

**For more information on the Tamsui-Kavalan Trails, please refer to the Tamsui-Kavalan Trails website of the Tourism and Travel Department, New Taipei City Government.*

The Tamsui-Kavalan Trails-South Trail has been traversed by the footsteps of our ancestors. The magnificent mountains and water, as well as the rich historical and cultural landscape, allow you to relive the 200 years of pioneering history of Northern Taiwan. In the afternoon, you can return to Pinglin Old Street to enjoy a variety of creative snacks made from tea and to savor the unique culture of Pinglin.





Pinglin is located at the northern end of the Hsuehshan Range, with its beautiful mountains, distinctive waters and classic tea plantation scenery. The three bike paths in Pinglin follow three of the most distinctive streams in Taiwan, namely the Jingualiao River, the Dayuku River and the Beishi River.

11 Jingualiao Bike Path

The Jingualiao River Bike Path is a low-carbon eco-tourism trail in Pinglin, with a total length of 16.5km. Along the way, the cool breeze from the valley, the tea plantation scenery, and the warm sunshine on your body are soothing! One section of the trail is planned according to the topography of the mountains, forests and roads, and includes two main trails: the fish-watching Bike Path and the forest Bike Path, which are charming in different ways in terms of their tranquillity.



12 Daiyuku River Bike Path

The Daiyuku River Bike Path is the longest fish-watching trail in Taiwan, about 8km long, with crystal-clear streams everywhere. It is a stress relieving bike path and pedestrian trail. The trail is designed to be flat and comfortable, and the Daiyuku Scenic Bridge, also known as the Sky Trail, is designed with a semi-circular glass viewing window to allow travelers to get close to the fish in the river, making it ideal for families.



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13 Beishi River Bike Path

The Beishi River Bike Path is known as the most beautiful bike path in Northern Taiwan, with a total length of about 2.3km. The Beishi River Bike Path is wide and gentle, suitable for families and children. The crystal-clear streams and fish, as well as tea gardens that offer close contact with tranquillity make it a real wonderland for the body and peace of mind.



Fourteen Secret
Trails to Explore!

Hiking Trails



Pinglin is rich in pristine forests and meandering tea plantations. Whether you are travelling with family or a group of friends, you can enjoy the beauty of the landscape.

14 Mt. Shigongjiwei Hiking Trail



Mt. Shigongjiwei is 0.9km long, also known as "Mt. Huishaoliao", with an excellent view of the surrounding peaks and mountains. From here, you can see the Taipei 101 building, Shongshan, and Mt. Datun. The view of Taipei is breathtaking. Nanshan Temple is famous for its green tea gardens and tea terraces, which are all in a beautiful setting.

15 Shuisongqikeng Hiking Trail

The trail is about 1km long, with lush greenery and beautiful scenery along the way. The trail leads to the Shuisongqikeng Bridge and joins the Dahuwei Industrial Road. At the entrance to the trail is an old monument to the bridge, which testifies the history of Shuisongqikeng's reclamation.

16 Dahuwei Hiking Trail

The Dahuwei Hiking Trail is a 1 km long trail that must be used to climb the three stars of Pinglin, namely the Mt. Guizilaijian, Mt. Yuanmao and Mt. Heshangji in Pinglin. It is covered with ferns and dense forests, full of the phytoncides of the original forest.

17 Tamsui-Kavalan Trails- South Trail

In the past, the Tamsui Kavalan Trails were an important route for the ancestors to travel between Tamsui Sub-Prefecture (now Taipei) and Komalan Sub-Prefecture (now Yilan), and were regarded as one of the most beautiful century-old trails in Northern Taiwan. It passes through Huangjyupilliao and Shichao road sections. Although these trails have been gradually replaced by modern roads, the beautiful scenery of the mountains and rivers along the way allows visitors to relive the 200-year history of the pioneering of Northern Taiwan and experience the unique charm of the historical trail.





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18 Jingualiao Fish and Fern Trail

The Jingualiao Fish and Fern Trail is about 2.5km long, rich in water and full of towering ferns, making you feel like you are in the Jurassic period. The diverse fern ecology on the rock face is interspersed with scenic spots such as fish in the stream and a faulted waterfall. It is recommended by Lonely Planet in 2017 as a trail worth visiting for travelers in the suburbs of New Taipei City, and is also a fish and fern watching trail in Northern Taiwan. Modern people with heavy work pressure can come here to relax, and enjoy a forest bath!



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19 Mt. Guizilaijian Hiking Trail

Mt. Guizilaijian is considered one of the three peaks in Pinglin with a length of about 5.5km and the trailhead is right next to the Tea Museum. After a tour of the Pinglin Ecological Park behind the Tea Museum, the trip to the Mt. Guizilaijian begins. The trail is a quiet and elegant one in good condition. As Mt. Guizilaijian is also known as "Mt. Dawei", so the trail is also known as "Mt. Dawei Hiking Trail."

20 Shuiliujiao Hiking Trail

The Shuiliujiao Hiking Trail is about 1.8km long, starting from the side of the Pinglin petrol station and climbing up the steps. There is a pavilion on the ridge, where the views are superb and the whole of Pinglin is in full view. Tea trees are planted all over the hill, and in autumn the tea plantations are surrounded by silvergrass, making it an excellent spot for photography.



21 Hutong Historical Trail

The Hutong Historical Trail is a popular hiking trail with a length of 5.8km and the passage to the ruins of the long-abandoned Hutong Village. The trail served as a channel for the ancestors of Pinglin who stopped in Hutong on their journeys home from Yilan and Taipei County. It was also a resting point for travelers and porters. On sunny days, the trail is shrouded in both sunshine and shade, which makes it an ideal spot particularly cool for a walk.



22 Mt. Lailijian Hiking Trail

The Mt. Lailijian Hiking Trail is about 3.6km long and offers a rich natural environment with views of the Jade Reservoir, the highway and the Taipei 101 building. As the sun sets, the mountains are tinted with golden color and you can enjoy this fantastic view in just half an hour along the hiking trail.

23 Mt. Kaiyanlun Hiking Trail

The trail is 1.1km long and on a clear day, you can see 13 layers of rolling hills, just like a picturesque wonderland. The trail is full of forest, fresh air, phytoncide and the occasional Formosan barking deer, which is a pleasant surprise. At the top of the trail, you can overlook the whole area of 7 villages in Pinglin.



24 Dalin Keteleeria Trail

The 3.3km long trail meanders up through a leafy forest and crosses a small ditch, where you might come across a mountain peacock-pheasant drinking water. You can suddenly see the majestic Taiwan Keteleeria, a relic of the Ice Age. A series of surprises becomes the special feature of the trail.

25 Kuolai Historical Trail

It is one of the sections of the Shuangping Historical Trail, which is about 2.8km long and is connected to the Wantan Historical Trail and the Beise River Historical Trail. The trail starts at the Kuolai Suspension Bridge and winds down the valley, overlooking the lush forest and the beautiful scenery along the way, and it finally ends at Hei Long Lake, where the turquoise water makes you forget your worries.



26 Fangshankeng Historical Trail

The Fangshankeng Historical Trail is a 3km long section of the Tamsui-Kavalan Trails, and the beauty of the ancient valley is astonishing! The first part of the trail is neatly paved with stone steps, where ferns grow, and the ancient atmosphere is abundant. There are often small streams in the dense forest, and the scenery is beautiful.

Birds such as tree magpies often feed in the forest, making it a lively place!

27 Jiuqionggen Hiking Trail

The 4.5km long primitive trail weaves through the forest and is shaded by greenery, making us feel pleasant. The trail is not too long, but it is steep and challenging. The trail leads to the Jiuqionggen Riverside Park, where the water is flowing and cool, and the nature is rich in insects and frog amphibians.



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Transportation Information



Drive by yourself

Freeway No. 3→Freeway No. 5→
Pinglin Exchange→ Pinglin Street District

Public Transport

Taipei to Xindian

Taipei to Xindian

Take Xindian Bus Green Line 12/Line 923 Bus from Xindian MRT station
For more schedule information, call service line: (02)2666-0678

Xindian to Yilan

Xindian to Yilan

Take Metropolitan Transport Line 9028 (Xindian- Luodong-Su'ao ; A portion of the passenger trips will pass through Pinglin) from MRT Dapinglin Station.

For more schedule information, call service line: 0800-053434
Xindian Station: 02-8914-5036,
Su'ao Station: 03-995-5607

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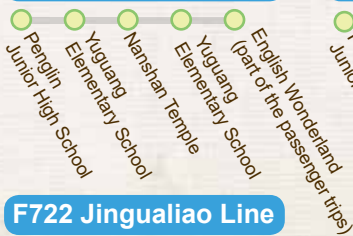
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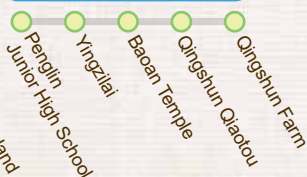
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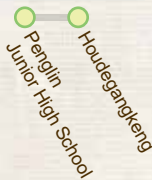
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Pinglin District Tourist Map



Pinglin Stores Information Map



Store Information



Stores



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| 33 Liangxin Steamed buns 02-2665-6089 | 80 Tiantai Tea House 02-2665-6321 |
| 34 Xiang Mao Candy Factory 02-2665-6243 | 83 Dong Cheng's Tea 02-2665-8143 🍵 |
| 36 Xuanziju 02-2665-6310 | 86 Xiangshun Tea House 02-2665-7107 |
| 37 Dingchen Tea food stall 02-2665-6031 | 87 Guolan Tea House 02-2665-7127 |
| 38 Di Di Shiang 02-2665-6769 | 91 Wende Tea House 02-2665-6433 |
| 39 Maihua Tea Garden 02-2665-6096 | 93 Wenping Tea House 02-2665-6475 |
| 42 Mingji Tea Break 02-2665-6251 | 94 Jingyuan Tea House 02-2665-6079 |
| 43 Zhouyin Tea House 02-2665-6348 | 95 Changching Tea House 02-2665-6379 |
| 44 Huangming Tea House 02-2665-6212 | 96 Chuanhai Tea House 02-2665-6557 |
| 45 Pinglin Yongcheng Co. 02-2665-6267 | 99 Chingguixiang Tea House 02-2665-8355 |
| 46 Tiancun Tea House 02-2665-6789 | 100 Chaxiangching Tea House 0939-218-781 |
| 51 Xinxin Bakery 02-2665-6469 | 102 Pinming Tea House 02-2665-8084 |
| 56 Pinglin Tea House 02-2665-6218 | 112 Dapinglin Supermarket 02-2665-8048 |
| 57 Chengjia's Tea 02-2665-6977 | 115 Special agricultural products direct sales center, Pinglin Farmers' Association 02-2665-7229 🍵 |
| 59 Chuanxing Tea Garden 02-2665-6117 🍵 | 116 Shanshuilongyin Restaurant 02-2665-7777 |
| 66 Siang-Tai Tea Company 02-2665-6260 | 118 Pinglin Cingjing Tea Garden 02-2665-8108 🍵 |
| 68 Tea-Village Lodge 02-2665-6567 | 119 Master Chung Handmade 02-2665-6279 |
| 69 Shuntian Tea House 02-2665-6339 | 121 Chingxin Tea Garden 0939-274-538 🍵 |
| 71 Gaoifa Tea House 02-2665-6268 | 129 Aji Fungus 0974-411-343 |
| 72 Xinping Tea House 02-2665-6326 | 130 Forest Tea Garden Tea Making Institute 0978-172-882 🍵 |
| 73 Taiyuan Tea Restaurant 02-2665-7292 | 133 Tianmei Tea Garden 02-2665-7388 🍵 |
| 75 Shun Yi's Tea 02-2665-6205 | 134 BY-TeaMaster 02-2665-7279 |
| 77 Zhengxing Tea Break 02-2665-6942 | 140 Pinglin Huang's Ginger Lilly's Rice Dumpling 02-2665-7926 |
| 78 Hongming Tea House 02-2665-6092 | 141 Beard Tea Garden 02-2665-6392 |
| 79 Tianxiang Tea House 02-2665-7806 | 145 Fortune Tea Garden 02-2665-6382 🍵 |

Organic Tea Farm

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| 82 Green Light Farm 0952-600-268 🍵 | 136 Shanhe Organic 0910-415-115 🍵 |
| 106 New Taipei City Organic Agricultural Products Marketing Cooperative 02-2665-6107 | 138 Liangsheng Organic Tea Garden 0916-135-585 🍵 |
| 120 Ching Yuan Tea Factory 02-2665-7110 🍵 | 139 ching-shin-ming-fun Tea House 0978-265-921 🍵 |
| 135 Xinfeng Tea Store 0989-580-921 🍵 | 144 Shifang Organic Tea Garden 02-2665-6104 🍵 |

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| 30 Pinglin Old Street Tea Egg | 02-2665-6022 | 81 Taifeng Tea Research Institute | 02-2665-7270 |
| 31 JustPinglin | 02-2665-7210 | 84 Jing Cha Ju Tea Garden | 02-2665-7359 |
| 32 Yue'e Sister Tea Restaurant | 02-2665-6219 | 85 Chaxiangdanfan Resturant | 0987-125-757 |
| 35 Pinglin Old Street Restaurant | 02-2665-6236 | 88 Linji lunch | 02-2665-7780 |
| 37 Chung Mom's Restaurant | 02-2665-6031 | 89 Tianmama Restaurant | 02-2665-6041 |
| 40 Pinglin Old Street Restaurant | 02-2665-6263 | 92 Wenshan Chayuan vegetarian food | 02-2665-6010 |
| 41 The Happiness Kitchen | 02-2665-7980 | 97 Chuanyi's Tea | 02-2665-6517 |
| 47 Pinglin Tofu Shop | 02-2665-6236 | 98 Yingmei Restaurant | 02-2665-7732 |
| 48 Baobaobao Breakfast & Brunch Restaurant | 02-2665-6436 | 101 Vanilla Cafe | 0963-362-355 |
| 49 Yidouwan | 02-2665-8183 | 103 Healing Planet Cafe Restaurant | 02-2665-6120 |
| 52 Amigo Breakfast & Brunch Restaurant | 02-2665-6371 | 111 Hehuan Restaurant | 02-2665-6434 |
| 53 Dage Breakfast & Brunch Restaurant | 02-2665-6074 | 113 Xingwang 2 Restaurant | 0963-711-398 |
| 54 Whama Restaurant | 0919-266-260 | 114 Jinhua Restaurant | 02-2665-6312 |
| 58 Gaibom Pinglin Branch | 02-2665-6227 | 132 Lemu Restaurant | 0918-231-838 |
| 67 Tehzhi Cudweed Vender | 02-2665-6359 | 137 Shanjuzeshi Restaurant | 02-2665-7281 |
| 70 Shifang Tea Restaurant | 02-2665-6309 | 141 34K Coffee House | 02-2900-9099 |
| 74 Jiading Tea Restaurant | 02-2665-7390 | 142 Banshanyuan Restaurant | 02-2665-7079 |
| 75 Hode Fine Taiwan Tea | 02-2665-8000 | 143 O2 Valley Restaurant | 02-2665-8197 |
| 76 Dongmuhe Tea Restaurant | 02-2665-6882 | | |

DIY Handicraft

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| 8 Pinglin Tea Cultural Museum | 02-2665-7227 |
| 45 Homy Store | 02-2665-6267 |
| 55 No.68 Shuiliujiao Workshop (Tea soap) | 02-2665-8278 |
| 13 Collectors | 0978-709-933 |

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| Huliaotan Holiday Resort | 02-2665-6549 | Jinxi Campgrounds | 02-2665-6088 |
| Hehuan Holiday Resort | 02-2665-6434 | Xinping Hotel | 02-2665-6372 |
| Ying Xiang Zhi Lu Holiday Resort | 02-2665-7674 | Family Campgrounds | 0903-922-484 |
| Qingqian Shuitou Campsite | 0921-459-536 | Today Campgrounds | 02-2665-7533 |
| Tianshan Lesisure Farm | 02-2665-6199 | Chaxiangdi Campgrounds | 02-2665-7997 |
| Green Mountain Leisure Farm | 02-2665-6165 | Daxidi Campsites | 02-2665-7218 |
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| Chengjia Campingsite | 02-2665-8128 | Melody Campgrounds | 02-2665-8032 |

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