

**Population:**

2.6 million

**Currency:**

New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$)

**Opening hours:**

Office hours for most government agencies are from 08:30-17.30 weekdays. Banking hours are from 09:00-15:30 Monday to Friday. Private companies are usually more flexible with their working hours. Most stores stay open until late both on weekdays and weekends and there are plenty of 24-hour convenience stores throughout the city.

**Internet:**

[www.taiwanfun.com](http://www.taiwanfun.com)  
[www.taipeitruvel.net](http://www.taipeitruvel.net)

**Newspapers:**

Taipei Times  
China Post

**Emergency numbers:**

Police: 110  
Ambulance: 119

**Tourist information:**

Address: Head Office, 9th floor,  
290 Chung Hsiao East Rd, Section  
4, Taipei  
Opening hours: 08.30-17.30  
Mon-Fri  
Tel: +886 (0) 2 2349 1500

# TAIPEI

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## TAIPEI

The city and the country, the old and the new, high culture and the downright dirty! Whatever you're looking for Taipei has everything today's discerning traveller could wish for. Set in a natural basin amongst lush green mountains, the city is just a-stones-throw away from unspoiled beaches and wild coastline. The city itself has all the distractions a modern metropolis can offer, whilst at the same time providing a glimpse into its ancient past. If it's the variety of choices you're looking for then Taipei has it all!



## THE CITY



If you're looking for a taste of old Taipei, then head for the Wan Hua district. Located on the Dan Shui River, Wan Hua was an important Chinese trading post and the prosperity of the period is reflected in its ornate temples, one of which is the Lungshan temple.

Another historic part of the city is the Da Tong (Tatung) district. Amongst the winding alleys you will find European style colonial buildings standing beside intricate Chinese temples. Take a stroll down Di Hua St, which is lined with traditional shops selling all manner of potions and cure-alls!

The Shi Lin (Shihlin) district is renowned for its bustling night market, whilst Taipei's vibrant night scene bumps and grinds until the early hours in nearby Da An (Ta An).

In the bustle of modern Taipei, Zhong Shan (Chungshan) the former commercial centre is now known for its shops, bars and cultural sights, which include the Taipei Fine Arts Museum, whilst the current hub of commercial activities, Song Shan (Sungshan) is also one of the most cosmopolitan districts and packed with foreign restaurants. Zhong Zheng (Chungcheng), the political centre, is home to municipal parks and museums, of which the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall is the most renowned.

## DO & SEE



### Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall

Taipei landmark constructed in memory of Chiang Kai-Shek, former president of R.O.C.

*Address: 21, Jhongshan South Road  
Underground: CKS Memorial Hall Station  
Phone: +886 (0) 2 2343 1100*

### Longshan Temple

Originally built in 1738 this is the oldest and most popular temple in Taipei.

*Address: 211 Guangzhou St  
Underground: Longshan Temple  
Opening hours: 06.00-22.00 daily.  
Phone: +886 (0) 2 2302 5162  
Internet: [www.lungshan.org.tw](http://www.lungshan.org.tw)*

### National Palace Museum

The world's largest collection of Taiwanese and Chinese art spanning 5000 years.

*Address: 221 Chih-shan Rd  
Underground: Shilin Station and then the Red 30 bus.  
Opening hours: 09.00-17.00  
Phone: +886 (0) 2 28812021  
Internet: [www.npm.gov.tw](http://www.npm.gov.tw)*

### Taipei 101

The world's tallest building standing at 1667 ft! Spectacular 360-degree night view of the city!

*Address: 89F, 7 Xinyi Rd  
Underground: City Hall Station  
Opening hours: 10.00-22.00.  
Phone: +886 (0) 2 8101 8898  
Internet: [www.tfc101.com.tw](http://www.tfc101.com.tw)*

### Dan Shui Riverside Cycle Path

A fine path running from Tam Sui MRT to the Hung Shu Lin MRT. Beautiful scenery and access to one of Taiwan's few



remaining mangrove swamps.

*Address: Alan's Bike offers cycling tours, 40 Roosevelt Road, Section 5*  
*Phone: +886 (0) 2 2933 4319*

### Beitou Hot Spring Park

The Yangmingshan National Park provides the backdrop whilst you soak away the stresses and a strain of a hard day's sightseeing.

*Address: No. 6, Zhongshan Rd*  
*Underground: Xinbeitou Station*  
*Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 09.00-17.00.*  
*Phone: +886 (0) 2 2893 9981*

## EATING



Taiwanese cuisine is a mix of Chinese, Japanese and aboriginal Hakka styles. It is also influenced by its island geography and the scarcity of arable land. Fish and poultry therefore play a large part in the local cooking. However the basis of all the dishes are the array of seasonings that are particular to Asian cooking, such as soy sauce, rice wine and sesame oil and supplemented by Black beans, peanuts, chilli peppers and a local variety of basil.

### Hi Sushi

High quality sushi bar with choice of 60 dishes!

*Address: 120 Zhong Xiao East Road, 2nd floor*  
*Underground: Chunghsiao Fuhsing*  
*Phone: +886 (0)2 2775 9688*

### Ji Pin

Renowned seafood restaurant. Specialities include shark fin, abalone and mushroom

and scallop dumplings.

*Address: 2nd floor, 236 XinYi Road*  
*Underground: Taipei City Hall*  
*Phone: +886 (0) 2 2700 3311*  
*Internet: www.jipin.com.tw*

### Chuan-chuan Bbq Bar

Ancient cooking techniques and speciality sauces create succulent BBQ dishes.

*Address: 437 Zhong Shan North Rd*  
*Underground: Shi Lin Station*  
*Phone: + 886 (0) 2 2882 0886*

### World Soya Bean Milk Magnate

Long established Taiwanese breakfast place. Try the steamed dumplings and Soya milk!

*Address: 284 YongHe Road*  
*Underground: DingXi*  
*Phone: +886 (0) 2 8927 0000*

### Shao Shao Ke

Local hangout serving authentic Northwestern Chinese food.

*Address: No. 15, Lane 41, Renai Road.*  
*Underground: Sungshan Station*  
*Phone: +886 (0) 22351 7148*

### Pung Yuan

Famous Hunanese restaurant! Try the speciality fish soup.

*Address: 2nd floor of the First Hotel, 63 Nan Jing East Road*  
*Underground: Nanking Fuhsing*  
*Phone: + 886 (0) 2 2541 9102*  
*Internet: www.firsthoteltaipei.com*

### Shin Yeh

Authentic Taiwanese cuisine! The fish dishes are excellent, particularly the sweet and sour shrimps.

*Address: 34-1 ShuangCheng Street*  
*Phone: +886 (0) 2 2596 3255*  
*Internet: www.shinyeh.com.tw*

### Lao Zhang Beef Noodles

Traditional Noodle bar! The signature dish is the Beef Noodle Soup.

*Address: 111 JinHua St.*  
*Phone: + 886(0) 2 2395 2396*



### Din Tai Feng

Internationally renowned for its selection of steamed dumplings.

Address: 194 Xin Yi Road  
Phone: +886 (0) 2 2321 8928  
Internet: [www.dintaifung.com.tw](http://www.dintaifung.com.tw)

## CAFÉS



### Tea Mystique

A traditional teahouse offering a welcome retreat from the hustle of the Shi Da Night Market.

Address: 57 Lung Chuan Street, Shi Da Night Market  
Underground: Kuting

### Do More Coffee

24-hour Internet access and a selection of food and drinks.

Address: 91 Nan Jing West Road  
Underground: Chung Shan

### Ten Ren Tea

Quality teashop serving a variety of brews and the traditional tea egg!

Address: 17 Zhong Shan North Road

### Flavour Green Tea

A great view, a selection of organic teas and a scientific approach to tea making!

Address: 2F Number 14, Lane 52, Changan East Rd., Section 1,  
Underground: Taipei Main Station

### Chocozing

Chocoholic's nirvana!

Address: 12, Lane 42, ZhongShan North Road, Section 2,  
Underground: Zhongshan  
Opening hours: Closed Tuesday  
Internet: [www.wretch.cc/blog/chocozing](http://www.wretch.cc/blog/chocozing)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



As the sun sets on another day of trading the city turns its attention to the serious business of fun! Under the shimmer of the neon lit sky, the city's bars come alive to the sound of laughter and the shouts of "Gan Bei" (dry the cup!)

If you still have the energy after the day's exertions and you're looking to shake that booty, then head off to one of Taipei's nightclubs. The pace is frantic and the atmosphere charged as the crowds groove until the early hours!

### Driftwood

Stylish Taiwanese Aboriginal bar with live Aboriginal music at the weekends.

Address: Number 4, Alley 9, Lane 316, Roosevelt Road  
Underground: Kungkuan  
Phone: +886 (0) 2 2365 7413

### Cash Box

Karaoke bar with booths for groups of friends to croon the night away!

Address: 199 Song Jiang Road  
Opening hours: 24 hours  
Internet: [www.cashboxparty.com/](http://www.cashboxparty.com/)

### Mod Public Bar

Intimate bar full of hidden corners. The ideal place for a romantic rendezvous!

Address: 40, Alley 4, Lane 345, Jen Ai Road  
Underground: Jung-xiao Dun-hwa  
Phone: +886 (0) 2 2731 4221

### Brown Sugar

Bar featuring local and international jazz musicians.





Address: 101 Sung Ren Road  
Underground: City Hall  
Internet: [www.brownsugar.com.tw](http://www.brownsugar.com.tw)

### Barcode

New bar offering the best Cocktails in Taipei!

Address: 18 SongShou Road, B1  
Phone: +886 (0) 2 2725 3520

### Ministry of Sound

International super-club bringing the beat to Taipei.

Address: 310 LenQun 3rd Rd  
Underground: Jien-Tan Temple 21/28/33/42  
Internet: [www.mos-taipei.com](http://www.mos-taipei.com)

### Tu

One of the oldest clubs in Taipei plays a mix of hip-hop and R&B to an enthusiastic crowd! Wednesday is ladies night.

Address: B1, 249 Fu Hsing South Road, Section 1  
Underground: Ta An  
Internet: [www.clubtu.com.tw](http://www.clubtu.com.tw)

### Partyroom

Plays a mix of drum and bass, rock, and techno! Intimate, dark and decidedly dingy.

Address: No. 138, Top floor Living Mall, Bade Rd, Section 4  
Underground: Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall  
Internet: [www.partyroom.com.tw](http://www.partyroom.com.tw)

### The Wall

Hub of the local alternative rock scene and attracts a young hip crowd!

Address: Roosevelt Road Section 4, No. 200, B1  
Underground: 505 / 606 / 284 / 74 / 208 / 254  
Internet: [www.the-wall.com.tw](http://www.the-wall.com.tw)

### Roxy Vibe

Open until the early morning, it's the place where the night owls converge.

Address: B1 69 Jinshan South Rd, Section 2  
Underground: Kuting  
Internet: [www.roxy.com.tw](http://www.roxy.com.tw)

## SHOPPING



Taipei is a shopping extravaganza that caters for every budget. For those who are looking for an authentic Taipei shopping experience and who likes a bargain, then the night markets are the places to head for.

At Shi lin (Jiantan MRT) you can find everything from clothes to traditional Taiwanese foods. Stop for a bite to eat at one of the roadside food vendors, whose specialities include oyster omelettes. Hua Xi St or Snake alley as it is better known is located in the Wan Hua district and is more a bizarre tourist attraction than a real market. Ophidiophobics beware!! Here you will find everything; snake - performances, snake blood drinks and all manner of snake dishes. Try if you dare!

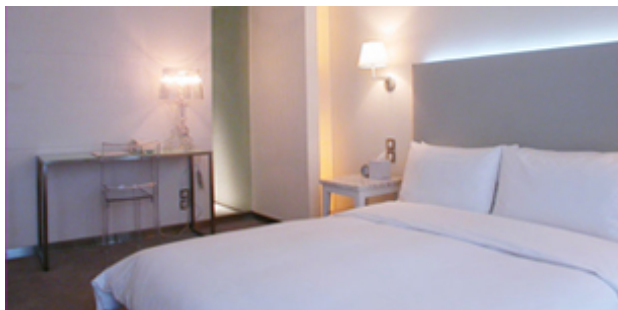
Looking for souvenirs? Then try the Chinese handicraft market at 1 Syujhou Road (+886 (0) 2 2393 3655) or Lin-Tien Bucket Shop, the only handmade wooden bucket shop in Taipei, 108 Zhongshan N. Rd (+886 (0) 2 2541 1354) or try the Zau Ho Market where you will find the Shandong Hsiaomo Sesame Oil Shop, which has been trading for nearly 150 years and sells all manner of cooking oils.

If it's a more upmarket shopping experience you're looking for then head towards the gleaming shopping malls. The most exclusive include the Taipei 101mall (Taipei City Station MRT) and the Living Mall. These stock the usual brand name



goods.

## SLEEPING



### EXCLUSIVE Grand Hyatt Taipei

Each room has excellent views of the surrounding mountains and is decorated in soothing pastel colours.

Address: 2 Sung Shou Road,  
Underground: City Hall Station  
Phone: +886 2 2720 1234  
Internet: [www.taipei.grand.hyatt.com](http://www.taipei.grand.hyatt.com)

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### Ambience Hotel

Cool and contemporary design. Each room has free wireless Internet access and video-on-demand.

Address: 64 Chang-An E Road, Section 1  
Underground: Shantao Temple  
Phone: +886 (0) 2 2541 0077  
Internet: [www.ambiencehotel.com.tw](http://www.ambiencehotel.com.tw)

### GOOD VALUE Grand Hotel

Architecturally imposing hotel with the mountains as a backdrop. Palatial internal décor and sumptuously designed rooms.

Address: 1 Zhong Shan North Road, Section 4,  
Underground: Yuanshan station  
Phone: +886 (0) 2 2886 8888  
Internet: [www.grand-hotel.org](http://www.grand-hotel.org)

### Les Suites Da-an

Find a refuge from Taipei's hectic pace in the tranquil surroundings of this beautifully designed hotel.

Address: 135 Da An Road, Section 1, Taipei 106  
Underground: ChungHsiao FuHsing Station  
Phone: +886 (0) 2 8773 3668  
Internet: [www.epoquhotels.com](http://www.epoquhotels.com)

### BASIC San Sui Hotel

Standard sized room with simple furnishings and en-suite bathroom.

Address: 181 Chung Shan North Road, Section 2  
Underground: Minquan West Rd  
Internet: [www.hotelclub.net](http://www.hotelclub.net)

### New World Hotel

Located in the heart of Taipei downtown. Good sized rooms with en-suite.

Address: 141 Kunming St. Taipei  
Underground: Hsinmen station  
Internet: [www.hotelclub.net](http://www.hotelclub.net)

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



### Airport

Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport is located 40km southwest of Taipei.

Address: No.9 Hangjan S. Rd. Dayuan Shiang Taoyuan 33758  
Phone: +886 (0)3 398 3728  
Internet: [www.taoyuanairport.gov.tw](http://www.taoyuanairport.gov.tw)

The most efficient transport from the airport to Taipei is the high-speed train and it takes around 22 minutes. tickets are



from NT\$80-NT\$160 (NT\$175-NT\$350 for business class).

Frequent shuttle buses (leaves every 15-20 minutes) transports passengers between the high speed train station and the airport from 6.20am to 11:15pm.

### **Public transport**

Bus: Adults NT\$15, Children NT\$8. Hours 05.30-23.00. Main transfer hub is Taipei main Station

Underground (MRT): One day pass ticket without limits on journeys, distance and can be used on all routes, fare NT\$150. Hours 06:00-24.00.

### **Taxis**

Flag charge is NT\$70 for the starting 1.5 kilometres, NT\$45 thereafter. Between the hours of 23.00-6.00 there is a 20% surcharge.

Toll Free Taxi Hotline: 0800-055850.

### **Post**

Taipei Gongguan Post Office

*Address: B 1, Entrance 3rd, Gongguan Station, Taipei Rapid Transit, Taipei 106-73*

*Opening hours: 08:00-18:00, Saturday 08:30-12:00*

*Phone: +886 (0) 2 2365 9518*

*Internet: [www.post.gov.tw](http://www.post.gov.tw)*

### **Pharmacy/dentistry**

For all off-hours' emergencies contact:

National Taiwan University Hospital

*Address: 7 Chung Shan S. Rd., Taipei*

*Phone: +886 (0) 22312-3456*

### **Telephone**

Country code: + 886

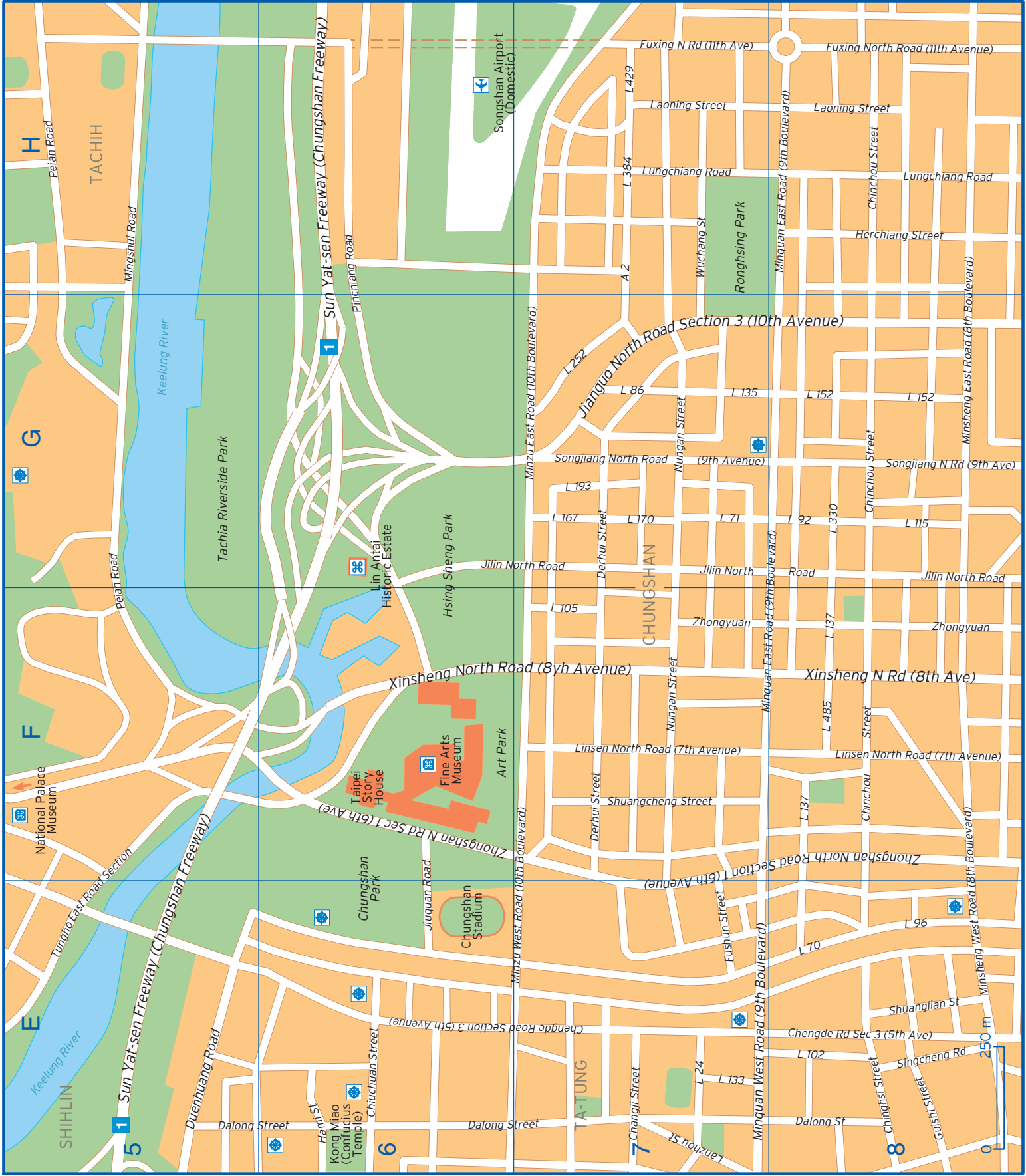
Area code: 02

### **Electricity**

110V / 60Hz









A 2	H7	L 105	F7	L 42	D1	Peian Road	F5 G5 H5
Aiguo East Road	D4	L 107	C1	L 429	H7	Pinchiang Road	G6 H6
Aiguo West Road	B4	L 114	A3	L 44	D1	Pingyang Road	C1 D1
Baoqing Road	B3 C3	L 115	C1	L 46	A2 A3 C1 C2	Qingdao East Road	D2
Beiping East Road	D2	L 115	G8	L 48	A4	Renai Road Section.	D3
Beiping West Road	D2	L 116	D4	L 485	F8	Roosevelt Road Sec.	C4 D4
Boai Road	B4 C2 C3	L 117	C1	L 51	A4 C1	Shuangcheng Street	F7
Changan West Road	B1 C1 D1	L 12	C4 D1	L 53	D2	Shuanglian Street	E8
Changji Street	E7	L 126	D1	L 54	C4	Siangyang Road	C2
Changsha Road	B3	L 132	A4	L 55	A4	Sichang Street	A3
Chengde Road Secti.	C2 D1	L 133	C1	L 56	B2 D2	Singcheng Road	E8
Chengde Road Sec.	E6 E7 E8	L 133	E7	L 57	A4	Singning Road	A4
Chengdu Road	A3 B3	L 135	G7	L 6	C4	Sining North Road	B1
Chifong Road	D1	L 137	F8	L 64	D1	Sining South Road	B2 B3
Chinchou Street	F8 G8 H8	L 14	B1	L 69	A3 C1	Sinyi Road Section.	D3 D4
Chinghsi Street	E8	L 140	D1	L 70	E8	Songjiang North Ro.	G7 G8
Chiuchuan Street	E6	L 142	C4	L 71	G7	Sun Yat-sen .	E5 F5 G6 H6
Chongqing North Ro.	C1 C2	L 147	A3 B3	L 71	B2	Tacheng Street	B1
Chongqing South Ro.	C2 C3	L 149	A3	L 74	A3 C4	Taiyuan Road	C1
Chongqing South Ro.	C4	L 152	A3	L 75	B4	Taoyuan Road	B3
Chungxiao Bridge	A1	L 152	G8	L 76	B2	Tianshui Road	C1
Civic Boulevard (5.	B1 D2	L 155	C1	L 79	C1	Tibet (Sizang) Roa.	B4
Dali Road	A4	L 16	C1 C2 D1	L 8	C4	Tienjin Road	D1 D2
Dalong Stree.	E5 E6 E7 E8	L 160	B3 C3	L 81	A4 B4	Tingzhou Street Se.	A4 B4
Danyang Road	D3	L 163	A4	L 82	A3	Tungho East Road S.	E5 F5
Derhui Street	F7 G7	L 167	C1	L 83	C1 D1	Wanda Road	A4
Dihua Road Section.	B1	L 167	G7	L 85	B3	Wuchang Road Secti.	B2 C2
Duenhuang Road	E5	L 170	G7	L 86	G7	Wuchang Road Secti.	A2
Ermei Road	A2 B2	L 172	A3	L 88	A4	Wuchang Street	H7
Fushun Street	E7	L 18	B2 D3	L 9	B2	Xinsheng North R.	F6 F7 F8
Fuxing North Road .	H7 H8	L 187	A3	L 90	A2	Xuchang Road	C2
Gangu Road	B1 C1	L 188	A3	L 91	B3	Xuzhou Road	D3
Gongyuan Road	C3 C4	L 193	G7	L 92	G8	Yajiang Road	A3
Guangian Road	C2	L 20	C2 D1	L 95	B3	Yanping North Road.	C1
Guangzhou Street	A3 A4 B4	L 201	A3	L 96	A2	Yanping Sout.	B2 B3 B4 C2
Guider Road	B1	L 22	A4 C2 C4 D4	L 96	E8	Yongchang Road	B1 C1
Guilin Road	A3 B3	L 23	D3	L 97	C1	Yongfu Road	A3 B3
Guishi Street	E8	L 230	B4	Lanzhou Street	E7	Yuanting Road	C3
Guiyang Road Secti.	B3 C3	L 239	B1	Laoning Street	H7 H8	Zhenjiang Road	D2
Guiyang Road	A3 B1 B2 C3 D3	L 24	D2 D4	Linsen North Road .	F7 F8	Zhonghua Road Sect.	B2 B3
Hami Street	E6	L 24	E7	Linsen South Road .	D3	Zhonghua Road Sect.	A4
Hankou Road	C2	L 25	A2 A4 B4	Liuztou Road	A3	Zhongshan North Ro.	D1 D2
Hankou Road Sectio.	B2	L 252	G7	Longchang Road	A3	Zhongshan North .	F6 F7 F8
Hengyang Road	B3 C3	L 258	A3	Lungchiang Road	H7 H8	Zhongshan South Ro.	D2 D3
Heping West Road S.	A4 B4	L 26	C1 D1 D3	Luoyang Road	B2	Zhongsiao West Roa.	C2 D2
Herchiang Street	H8	L 28	A2 B2	Mengjia Road	A4	Zhongsiao West Roa.	B2
Huaining Road	C2 C3	L 29	A3 B3 C1	Mingshui Road	H5	Zhongyuan	F7 F8
Huanhe North Road .	B1	L 296	A3	Minquan East Roa.	F8 G8 H8		
Huanhe South Road .	A2 A3	L 30	A2 A4	Minquan West Road .	E7		
Hukou Road	C4	L 32	B1	Minsheng East Road.	G8 H8		
Jianguo North Road.	G7 G8	L 33	D1 D2	Minsheng West Road.	E8 F8		
Jilin North Road	G6 G7 G8	L 330	G8	Minzu East Road (1.	G7		
Jinhua Road	D4	L 34	B4	Minzu West Road (1.	E7 F7		
Jinnan Road Sectio.	D3	L 344	C1	Nanchang Road Sect.	C4		
Jiuquan Road	E6 F6	L 36	D3	Nanghai Street	C4		
Juguang Road	A4	L 38	B1 B2	Nanjing West Roa.	B1 C1 D1		
Kaifeng Road Secti.	B2 C2	L 384	H7	Nanning Road	A4 B3		
Kangding Road	A3 A4	L 4	B3	Nanyang Road	C2		
Keidagelan Road (3.	C3	L 40	D1 D2 D4	Neijiang Street	A3		
Kunming Street	A2 A3 B2	L 408	B1	Ningbo West Street	C4 D4		
L 102	E8	L 41	D1	Nungan Street	F7 G7		