

## **CENTRAL TAIWAN FUN TOUR**

It is going to be the annual Dragon Boat Festival on the fifth day of May in the lunar calendar. In addition to certain traditional customary activities, such as dragon boat rowing competition, rice dumpling eating, and egg balancing, do you plan anything fun to spend your long weekend holiday? This time, OTOP is taking you to have fun in central Taiwan!

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JUNE. 2020

# Central Taiwan Two Day Tour



## Gu-gu House + Mushroom Garden + Lugang Wu Tun-Hou Lantern Shop + Taiwan Glass Gallery

Day 1:

Dong Feng Bicycle Green Way → Gu-gu House (lunch) → Mushroom Garden (mushroom picking experience) → Xinshe Lavender Cottage → Hotel in Taichung metropolitan area

Day 2:

Hotel check out → Eight Trigram Mountains Buddha Landscape (Baguashan) → Travel Lugan by tricycle pedicab → Lunch at Lugan Old Street (lunch is served by yourself) → Lantern painting DIY experience at Wu Tun-Hou Lantern Shop → Taiwan Glass Gallery

## Gu-gu House

Xinshe Township in Taichung County is a place of scenic beauty. Its mild and pleasant climate just helps grow beautiful and delicious mushrooms. Here is the largest mushroom growing place in Taiwan. Mushrooms are rich in nutrients and have delicious tastes. Since mushroom's pronunciation in Chinese is "Gu", the store was named "Gu-gu House" with the expectation to promote mushroom delicacies. Gu-gu House prepares fresh and delicious mushroom-themed meal in its oriental gourmet restaurant, displays various kinds of souvenirs and its own innovative mushroom related merchandises in its souvenir center, and establishes a mushroom ecological park that contains both education and entertainment functions, so that visitors can experience and taste the wonderfulness of mushrooms.



"Gu-gu House" is one all-round mushroom related specialty store. Here provides Xinshe half-day tour for visitors. Visitors, at first, can visit the Mushroom Ecological Park to understand mushroom's ecology, and then experience DIY activities, such as mushroom picking and pickles making. After having fun harvesting mushrooms, visitors may taste Xinshe's special mushroom meal in its restaurant, and go purchasing Xinshe's souvenirs in the Souvenir Center. Gu-gu House is able to fulfill the needs of eating fun, playing fun, as well as shopping fun, so that you will enjoy a packed Xinshe trip and bring home full happiness and souvenirs.



**Address:**No. 189-1, Xiezhong St., Xinshe Dist., Taichung City 426

**Tel:**04-25822598

**Opening Time:** 10 AM-7 PM(Weekdays); 9 AM-8 PM (Weekends)

**Service Items:** restaurant, souvenir shop, mushroom ecological park

## Mushroom Garden



**Address:**No. 2-1, Xiezhong St., Xinshe Dist., Taichung City 426

**Tel:**04-2582-2665

**Opening Time:** 9 AM-5 PM(Weekdays); 9 AM-5:30 PM(Weekends)

**Service Items:** DIY and mushroom picking (price may vary at different seasons)

Free Entrance Fee. As a good place for parents and children to visit together, Mushroom Garden locates at the end of mushroom street, where is in the center of Xinshe's tourist spots. Recently, Mushroom Garden is promoting a new activity – the “Mushroom Ecological Cycle Regeneration Experiencing Activity”. It is delicious, fun, rewarding, and is especially good for both adults and children having fun together.

**Scheduled Activity Time:** starts from 10:00 am in every Saturdays and Sundays. The activity takes about 90 minutes.

**Fee for the Activity:** NT\$200 for each adult/child at or above elementary school level

**Activity Procedures:** Explanation on mushroom's ecology, mushroom picking → chicken feeding and egg collecting → Chawanmushi (Japanese style steamed egg) DIY → Tasting Chawanmushi, mushroom bun/sesame bun and wood ear fungus drinks

Mushroom Garden grows various types of mushrooms. Besides fresh mushroom, here has all kind of mushroom products, such as dried mushrooms, mushroom cookies, and meat ball with mushroom. You are welcome to find your favorite food in Mushroom Garden. Here also provides price-friendly meals. If you are interested in discovering different tastes, you can also try the unique mushroom sausage and mushroom ice cream. You will be having a completely new taste experience.

# Taiwan Glass Gallery

Established by Taiwan Mirror Glass Enterprise, not only displays glass arts, but also presents its creativity themed at “beautiful on all sides, amazing in all directions” to the public. With the concept of teaching through entertainment, the Gallery wants all visitors to have the experience of unconventional zero distance contact with glass, in order to break through the stereotype of traditional glass industry and give the industry a refreshing sense. Furthermore, the Gallery also allows the public to deeper understand this crystal clear and yet world-reflective substance. At here, visitors are able to obtain all glass-related knowledge and information altogether at one time.



**Address:**No. 30, Lugong S. 4th Rd., Lukang Township, Changhua County 505  
**Tel:**04-7811299  
**Opening Time:** 8 AM-6:30 PM(Weekdays); 8 AM-7 PM(Weekends)  
**Service Items:** Free entrance fee to the gallery, golden tunnel.  
NT\$100 for underwater world experience

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# MIAOLI ONE-DAY TOUR

Hwataoyao (Botanica Garden, Ceramic Studio and Wood Kilns) (DIY + meal) →  
Experience in Taiwan Yuanli Handiwork Association → Yuanli Old Street → Taipei

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## Tshioh RushCraft



**Address:**No. 378, Shanjiu, Yuanli Township, Miaoli County 358

**Tel:**037-744252

**Opening Time:** 9 AM-4 PM(Weekdays); 9 AM-5 PM(Weekends)

**Service Items:** rush weaving crafts, craft experience lessons, crafts for daily use

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The conception behind the brand, “Tshioh RushCraft”, in fact is to transmit its support and expectation toward Taiwan’s primary force. By utilizing the hundred-year-old rush weaving technique, the brand produces creative crafts that contain the stories of Taiwan, local customs and practices, delicate and professional senses in order to develop a cultural and creative industry with Taiwan’s own craft style. For further promoting the rush weaving craft, the Taiwan Yuanli Handiwork Association formed Tshioh Rush Craft officially in 2014. It is hoped through the operation of the brand, Tshioh Rush Craft, we can further preserve this precious traditional workmanship and pass on to generation after generation.

# Hwataoyao



**Address:**No. 31, Nanshi, Yuanli Township, Miaoli County 358

**Tel:**037-743611

**Opening Time:** 9:30 AM- 4:30 PM: A day off on Monday

**Service Items:** pottery artworks sales, culture and creativity tour, pottery making DIY, harvest meal

Hwataoyao is at the halfway up the west hill of Huoyenshan in Yuanli Township, Miaoli County. It occupies a commanding position on the mountain and overlooks Tiezhenshan in Dajia and the alluvial plain of Da'an River. You can feel the diligent atmosphere arising from the earth. Hwataoyao's Hwa (華) is the old Chinese character of flower (花), which was given to signify that Hwataoyao is a kiln factory having flowers at all the seasons and ceramic works all over the place. The combination of the name, Hwa and Tao, has the meaning of flower and Ceramics in Chinese. Hence, "flowers, ceramics, kiln, space aesthetics, and Rice Harvesting Meal" are the five themes that invite you for leisure here. The overall designing concepts, from garden, architecture, folklore, trees and plants, ecology, to ceramic works creation, seemly have no connection, but, in fact, they have a common language, i.e., to present the local life aesthetics that blends various cultures on this island together. Using the "Miaoli native clay", "Miaoli traditional Teng kiln", "Miaoli folk pottery technique", and "Miaoli Acacia wood", as well as "you", the appreciator, the kiln thoughtfully integrates the native "4 plus 1" elements into its ceramic creations as its persistence. This is the plain beauty made from Taiwan acacia wood, firewood kiln, natural ash, and glazed pottery and is irreplaceable by anything and anywhere.