

# Hengchun

Join Wangye Fun Tours Peninsula Guide

The Hengchun Peninsula is full of natural wonders, such as the Dapeng Bay National Scenic Area, Sizhong River Hot Spring Area, Hengchun Ancient City, Kenting National Park, Jialeshuei Scenic Area and other places. Its diverse natural landscape attracts tourists from far and near. What are you waiting for? Just come and visit us!

## Dapeng Bay National Scenic Area

The Dapeng Bay National Scenic Area includes the Dapeng Bay and Liuliu. The bay area has the biggest sac-shaped lagoon in Taiwan, mangrove ecosystem, saltwater wetlands, military relics of WWII, the first movable bridge in Taiwan, and an international speedway. Liuliu, the only outlying island with the easiest access from Taiwan, is rich in coral reefs and green turtles. By promoting electric scooters, Liuliu has also become the model island for low-carbon ecology travel.

### Dapeng Bay

Located at the junction of the Donggang and Linbian Township, Dapeng Bay's wide water area is perfect for water activities, such as yacht sailing, light-boat sailing, windsurfing, canoe sailing, or boat sailing. You even can savor delicious oysters on the Oyster Shell Island and learn the history of oyster fields, which were once everywhere in the bay area.

### Dapeng Bay Bridge

The Dapeng bay Bridge is a new landmark of southern Taiwan. Crossing the bay's estuary, it is the first flexible suspension bridge set for sea traffic. The magnificent bridge is 579 meters long and 40 meters wide, with an elevated angle of 75 degrees. Afternoon bridge-opening shows and evening light sculpture shows on weekends are highly recommended.

- Light Sculpture Show: Showtime: 19:00-22:00 in summer 18:00-21:00 in winter
- Bridge-opening Show: Opening Hours: 17:00 on weekends and in summer 16:30 on weekends and in winter Show Length: 10 mins

**Reminder:** When the bridge is being opened, there will be traffic control. Visitors must park their cars in the parking lot under the bridge, and then walk on the bridge to see the show. Please be there in advance in order to get a better view. For safety reasons, the show will be canceled through digital control when the wind is too strong. During the typhoon season, please contact the Dapeng Bay Scenic Area Administration Office to see if the show still goes on.

● Design Features: The bridge can be appreciated from three angles. It looks like a giant bird from the front; a sail from the side, and the English letter "A" from the back. The bay's oceanic image is enhanced by the bridge's sail shape.

### Dapeng Bay Visitor Center

At the visitor center, feel free to learn the nature and culture of the Dapeng Bay. You can watch a short film on the bay area's scenic sites and the local history at the media room, or make some memorial travel stamps at various points in the center. Coin-rubbing is also available to both adults and kids. Grab a book to read during your trip at the book-surfing station, too. Get some rest at the Dapeng Bay Visitor Center, a place where knowledge can be explored and leisure enjoyed.

- Add: No. 169, Datan Rd., Donggang Township, Pingtung County
- Opening Hours: 09:00-17:30
- Providing travel guidance, drinks, and meals for visitors.



Royal Emperor Wen Dapeng Bay Visitor Center

## Kenting National Park

The Kenting National Park, located at the southern tip of the Hengchun Peninsula, is the first national park founded in Taiwan. It is surrounded by the oceans on three sides and covers both the land and the seas. Because it is situated in the only tropical region in the country, a visit to this park always feels like a spring outing. It is not only an outdoor museum of environment conservation and education, but also a famous tourist attraction for the locals.

### Sunset at Guanshan

Guanshan, also named Gaoshanyan, is one of the Eight Great Views of Hengchun. Walking along the path uphill, you can worship the Earth God at the Gaoshanyan Temple and overlook the beautiful scene there. Continuing a walk along the path beside the temple, you shall reach the turtle-shaped Flying Rock, also named the Lucky Spiritual Turtle. You had better arrive at Guanshan before the sunset, so as to appreciate the beauty of the sunset.

### Longluan Lake

Longluan Lake, one of the Eight Great Views of Hengchun, is known as a bird-watching spot. From every September until March in the next year, groups of migratory birds flying southward can be observed by the lake. Its auxiliary Longluan Lake Nature Center is the first exhibition space featuring avian ecology in Taiwan.

### Longkeng Ecological Reserve Area

The area, full of craggy coral reefs, is famous for steep slopes and cliffs. It allows only 200 visitors per day. Please be reminded that visitors may not enter the area without booking in advance.

### Kenting Youth Activity Center & Frog Stone

The Kenting Youth Activity Center features traditional Minnan buildings, such as a three-section compound, a four-section compound, a double-square compound, and an ancestral hall and inns. Nearby the center is a famous tourist spot, Frog Stone, which tourists can reach within walking distance along the bay.

### Chuanfanshih (Sail Rock)

The rock got its name because it looks like a sailboat from afar. It is also called "Nixon's head" because it resembles former US president Richard Nixon when you look closer.



Chuanfanshih (Sail Rock) Longluan Lake Sunset at Guanshan Dajianshih Mountain

## Sizhong River Hot Spring Area

The Sizhong River Hot Spring Area, located at Checheng Township in Pingtung County, is one of the four major hot springs in Taiwan. The others include the Yangmishan Hot Spring, Beitou Hot Spring and Guanziling Hot Spring. Its clean and carbonated water is good for drinking as well as bathing. The spring water, running all year round, contains diverse kinds of minerals and facilitates blood circulation.

### Shimen Ancient Battlefield

The natural barrier of Shimen used to protect the indigenous locals from invasions. It is famous for being the battleground of the Mudan Incident during the late Qing Dynasty, in which the residents fought against the Japanese force. Today, a monument stands on the top of the mountain in memory of these home fighters.

### Fuan Temple

The magnificent Fuan Temple, situated in Checheng Township, is the biggest Earth God temple in Taiwan. Its huge gold furnace can suck one "gold paper" (paper notes for deities)" in a time. Many have been amazed by this spectacular scene.

### Mudan Reservoir

Mudan Reservoir, the largest reservoir in Pingtung County, is a crucial tourist spot. It supplies water to all regions between Donggang Township and the Hengchun Peninsula. Just stand by the road and you will see angry waters discharged from its huge gateway. As you climb up to the top of the reservoir, you can also overlook the beautiful Shimen Village.

### Syuhai Grassland

The Syuhai Grassland is located on the top of a mountain in the Syuhai Village, Mudan Township and faces the Pacific Ocean. The Mudan Bay at the foot of the same mountain is a perfect place both for water activities and watching the sunrise. The northeast monsoon is so strong here that trees never grow too tall. Grassland and sturdy small bushes are the common vegetations, except some dense forests on the lee side. With cows frolicking on the grassland, this place is reminiscent of the Big Wild West.

### Dongyuan Forest Recreation Area

The Dongyuan Forest Recreation Area, north of the Dongyuan Village in Mudan Township, features the beautiful Dongyuan Lake (also called the Crying Lake), giant and lush mahoganies, and the ecological wetland of ginger lilies and Kusano willows. It is therefore the best place for ecological tours. The picturesque Dongyuan Lake and the blooming ginger lilies make visitors feel just like being in the fairy land.



Mudan Reservoir Syuhai Grassland Shimen Ancient Battlefield

## Hengchun Ancient City

Hengchen was called "Langjiao" in the far past. The place was renamed as "Hengchun" (meaning "Eternal Spring") after Inspector-Minister Shen Baozhen of the Qing Dynasty suggested to the court that a town be established after 1847 the Mudan Incident, in which Japan showed its decision to occupy Taiwan. Hengchun is one of the national historic well-preserved old towns in the country, and it is listed as a grade II national historic site. Visitors can enjoy a nostalgic sightseeing tour along the four gates of this old town, while finding the "Three Kinky Treasures of Hengchun," the downhill gale, betel nut, and the folk songs of Hengchun.

### Hengchun Folk Song Hall

Folk song is a kind of distinctive music in Pingtung, and has been listed as an important intangible cultural heritage of the county. The Hengchun folk songs consist of seven tunes, "In Memory of the Past," "Spring All Year Round," "Goo-khang Minor," "Pingpu," "Niuweibang," "Maple Harbor (Fenggang) Minor," and "Keeping Herds Safe." You are welcome to listen to the most authentic local music tunes at the hall, especially "In Memory of the Past."



Hengchun Folk Song Hall

### Chuhuo (Eternal Flame)

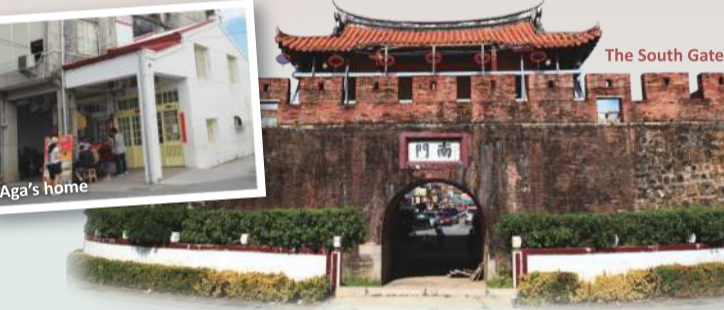
Visit "Chuhuo (Eternal Flame)" with burning flames is best visited in the evenings for a clearer view. Drive 0.5 km from the East Gate of the Hengchun Old Town to Manzhou, walk down the stairway near the parking lot at the left-hand side of the road, and you'll see flames burning from the earth surface inside the railings.



Chuhuo (Eternal Flame)

### Hengchun Old Street

The Hengchun City was built more than a century ago, and most of the local shops have their own history. A walk along the street feels like a trip back to the past. With dedicated effort from the Hengchun Old Street Development Association, today, most of the architectures on the old streets have been nicely restored. The historic block is called the "Hengchun Old Town Shopping District" where visitors can explore easily along the red-block pavements of Zhongshan Rd. (from the West Gate to the South Gate) and Fude Rd. (from Mazu Temple to Zhongzheng Rd.). Don't forget to drop by Aga's home and the West Gate in the movie "Cape No. 7."



Aga's home The South Gate

## Travel Information

- ### Travel Services
- Dapeng Bay National Scenic Area Administration ..... 08-8338100
  - Liuliu Ranger Station and Visitor Center ..... 08-8614615
  - Kenting National Park Visitor Center ..... 08-8861321
  - Eluanbi Park ..... 08-8851101
  - Sisal Industry Historical Exhibition ..... 08-8866520
  - Shadao Shell Sand Exhibition Hall ..... 08-8851204
  - Kenting National Forest Recreation Area ..... 08-8861211
  - National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium ..... 08-8825678
  - Donggang Township Office ..... 08-8324131
  - Hengchun Township Office ..... 08-8898112
  - Manzhou Township Office ..... 08-8801105
  - Liuliu Township Office ..... 08-8612501
  - Checheng Township Office ..... 08-8821001
  - Tourism Industry League of Hengchun Peninsula ..... 08-8880232
  - Pingtung County Visitors Association ..... 08-8883499
  - Liuliu Development Association ..... 08-8614885
  - Liuliu Ecology Travel Development League ..... 08-8613750

- ### Emergency Rescue
- Police Station ..... 110
  - Fire Department ..... 119
  - Antai Hospital ..... 08-8329966
  - Fooyin University Hospital ..... 08-8323146
  - Hengchun Tourism Hospital, D.O.H. .... 08-8892704
  - Kenting Police Brigade, NPP ..... 08-8861331
  - Kenting Police Station ..... 08-8861039
  - Hengchun Police District, PCPB ..... 08-8892075
  - Dapeng Bay Police Station ..... 08-8338262

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## Qingzhou Coastal Recreation Area

The Qingzhou Coastal Recreation Area is close to the Dapeng Bay Bridge. Here, visitors can enjoy walking along the soft sandbank, riding an ATV, or experiencing jet skiing. Alternatively, visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee at the "631 Coffee Shop," which is the best place for watching the bridge-opening show.



Qingzhou Coastal Recreation Area

## The Pen Bay National Leisure Zone

The Pen Bay National Leisure Zone has diverse leisure resources, such as a waterfront recreational place, a car racing track, an international tourist hotel "Orient Resort Penbay", and an aircraft observation deck. Soon, this area will become a national-scale water sports resort.



Dapeng Bay Round-the-bay Bikeway

The 12km-long Dapeng Bay Round-the-bay Bikeway is great for both biking and exploring the local ecology and culture. During the journey, visitors can enjoy views of the bayside lagoon and mangroves, the fishing village and its community culture, and passing sailboats and the sunset. Biking is truly the best way to discover the Dapeng Bay in depth.



Flower Vase Rock

### Donglong Temple

The Donglong Temple, the most important religious center in Donggang Township, was established to honor Wen Wangye. The giant decorated archway in front of the temple, made of pure gold foil, is spectacular and known all over Taiwan. Besides, the triennial sacrificial Wangye worshipping ceremony shows believers' devoutness to deity Wen Wangye.

### Liuliu Ranger Station and Visitor Center

The center has a scenic platform where visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee and some beautiful coastal views.

- Address: No.20-1, Minzu Rd., Liuliu Township, Pingtung County
- Opening Hours: 08:00-18:30

### Donggang Fishery Products Center (Huaciao Market)

The Donggang Fishery Products Center (Huaciao Market) is famous for fresh seafood such as shrimps, crabs, sea snails, shells, and a variety of fish. The reasonably-priced ocean delicacies make this place a paradise for seafood lovers. Visitors can also opt for a customized cooking service here.

- Opening Hours: 11:00-19:00

### Donggang Fishery Cultural Hall

In the hall, visitors can grasp the gist of Donggang's culture, such as:

- (1)How to catch bluefin tuna, sakura shrimp, and sailfish.
- (2)The history of the local fishing industry
- (3)The Wangye worshipping ceremony
- (4)The old-street architectures

- Opening Hours: 10:00-17:00 (Closed on Monday)

### Donggang Seafood Street

The Guangfu Road, nicknamed as the Donggang Sea Food Street, is lined with seafood shops on both sides. The Zhongshan Road of Provincial Highway No. 17 in Linbian Township is also among the choice destinations for seafood lovers from at home and abroad. Fresh seafood gained from the aquaculture ponds of Donggang, Dapeng Bay and nearby coasts are sold at a bargain price here.

### Liuliu

Liuliu, initially named Samaji, is the only coral island in Taiwan. It is easily accessible through a 30-minute boat ride from Donggang Township. Free from the strong northeast monsoon in winter, Liuliu is fit for an all-season visit. Visitors can either take a day trip or stay overnight at one of the many characterized B&Bs. The charm of the island lies in its coastal scenery, water activities and an intimate ecosystem during ebb tide. After a longtime interplay of oceans, tides, waves and winds, Liuliu now features the Flower Vase Rock, Black Devil Cave, Beauty Cave, and Houshi Fringing Reef. The rugged geological landscape of Liuliu is not to be missed.

## Nanren Mountain Ecological Preserve

It takes half a day to complete an 8.6km round trip between the Nanren Mountain Ranger Station and the Nanren Lake. Walking along this forest path, you can see diverse types of trees growing at different altitudes. As you reach the end of the path, you can overlook the whole grassland and the big lake. The beautiful view shall refresh your mind.

### Maobitou Park

There is a coral rock in the park that resembles a crouching cat at sea. Local people refer to the cape as the cat's nose ("bi" in Chinese), and therefore the place is called Mao (cat's)-bitou (nose). Walking in the park, you can see reefs, collapsed cliffs, oceanic trenches, and other coral reef landforms here.

### Kenting National Park Visitor Center

The Kenting National Park Visitor Center provides good guidance for visitors hoping to learn more of the ecosystem and culture in the park. Please feel free to use the display boards, multi-media presentations and travel brochures to gain as much information as you like!

- Add: No.596, Kenting Rd., Hengchun Township, Pingtung County
- Opening Hours: 08:00-17:00 (Chinese New Year's Eve Off Only)

### Sheding Nature Park

The Sheding Nature Park, close to the Kenting Forest Recreation Area, covers 128.7 hectares of land. Plants and animals are many, and its limestone caves are famous, too. Some of the plants growing on coral reefs are even crafted into the shape of a Japanese "bonda" by the northeast monsoon. There are quite a few spots where you can observe wild animals. On the east conservation zone of the park, you can see endangered Formosan sika deer roaming about. Because raptors like goshawks and gray-faced buzzards stop at the Hengchun Peninsula every September and October, the park is also a popular eagle-watching spot.

### Eluanbi Park

The Eluanbi Park, between the Bashi Channel and the Pacific Ocean, is the southernmost cape in Taiwan. Its open views and the famous Eluanbi Lighthouse have attracted tourists from far and near. The 21.4 meter-high lighthouse rotates once every 30 seconds and is equipped with four huge rotating lights at 1.8 nautical/m<sup>2</sup>. This enables to cover a nominal range of 20 nautical miles and serves as the brightest lighthouse in Taiwan. It is therefore widely praised as "the Light of East Asia."

### South Bay (Nanwan)

The South Bay (Nanwan) is the most popular swimming area of the Hengchun Peninsula. This 600 meter-long beach with soft and graceful shorelines is a perfect place for water activities. The South Bay provides shower rooms, restaurants and other customer services.

- Opening Hours: 08:30-21:00

## Houbi Lake Fish Harbor & Yacht Harbor

The Houbi Lake is not only the largest fishing harbor and fish market in the Hengchun Peninsula, but also the first yacht harbor in Taiwan. It provides yacht/diving coaching, sea tours by yacht, and other water activities. After three o'clock every afternoon, you can buy and taste fresh fish as fishing boats sail into the harbor one after another.

### Fongchuia

Fongchuia, on the eastern part of Hengchun Peninsula, lies between Eluanbi and Jialeshuei. Its unique sand dunes have resulted from weathering over the years.

### Longzipu Grassland

Driving northbound along Jia-er Highway from Eluanbi and taking a turn for a small lane, you will see endless grassland lying on the coral reef tablelands. Every April to October is the best time to visit the Longzipu Grassland, where massive green grass dances like waves.

### Longpan Park

Facing the Pacific Ocean, the Longpan Park is set atop coral reef limestone tablelands. Because of rainwater, special limestone formations are in place, including slumping cliffs, sink holes and fissures. The open space is great for watching stars, the sunrise and the sunset.

### Eagle-watching Season in Manzhou

Manzhou Township is on the lee side of the Hengchun Peninsula. This sparsely populated area with lush trees serves as a rest stop for migratory birds. Gray-faced buzzard eagles migrating from the north, for one thing, stop by the mountain forests here every year. Large numbers of eagles also move here in October, especially before and after the "Double Tenth Day" (that is, the national day of Taiwan on October 10). The hot spots for bird-watching are Lide Bridge and Shanding Bridge, and the best time is from 15:00 PM to 17:00 PM daily. Looking up, you can often see a flock of birds hovering in the sky in the form of a column or a river, and then descending to rest on the trees, a scene called "fallen eagles."

### National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium

The National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium, located at Chechen Township of Pingtung County, is the largest museum in this field throughout southeast Asia. It is composed of three exhibitions halls, the Waters of Taiwan, the Coral Kingdom, and the Waters of the World, as well as an outdoor water recreation area. The museum presents diverse themes through real aquariums and digital presentations. Visitors can expect themselves to learn through entertainment in this unique setting.

- Opening Hours: Dec.-Mar.: 09:00-17:00 (Weekdays); 09:00-18:00 (Weekends and holidays) Apr.-Nov.: 09:00-18:00 (Weekdays); 08:00-18:00 (Weekends and holidays)

## Kenting National Park

At the end of Provincial Highway No. 26, you can visit the Jialeshuei Scenic Area. Jialeshuei was called "Gaolushu" before, meaning "water falling from an altitude" in Taiwanese. The new name was given by the former President of Taiwan, Chiang Chin-kuo. The scenic area features distinctive rocks and terrains and is a perfect place to observe various geologic formations.

### Gangkou Village

Gangkou Village is located between Provincial Highway No. 26 and County Road 200A. It is the first place you'll come across in Manzhou Township. "Gangkou Tea" is its most famous local product and one of the three treasures of Hengchun. The Gangkou River Drawbridge that stretches across Gangkou River is the landmark of this village.

### Jiupeng Desert

The Jiupeng Desert of the Hengchun Peninsula, like its adjacent Gangzi Desert, has some of the biggest and best preserved sand dunes in Taiwan.

### Chikong Waterfall

The refreshing Chikong Waterfall is located at the Northern valley in Younging Village, Manzhou Township. This primitive-looking valley is covered with rocks of all sizes and shapes, as well as lush green trees and free-growing vines. According to the locals, "kong" refers to underground caves formed by water erosions. Thus "Chikong" means "seven caves," indicating that the waterfall consists of seven layers.

### White Banyan Park

This is the place which Ang Lee shot the mysterious island scene in his movie "Life of Pi." Located within the Gangkou Work Station of the Taiwan Forestry Research Institute, this park is famous for its tremendous white banyan tree which covers over 1.6 square kilometers with 300 to 400 aerial roots stretching out the park. The tree is so incredible that the local residents call it the "White Banyan of Gangkou." Magnificent old "Monkey Tail" trees can also be found in the park. Beside the primal forests, there are also a variety of tropical trees in the park. (The Park is not open to public since it is now the research site of the Taiwan Forestry Research Institute. Travelers may go to another White Banyan Park in the Kenting National Forest Recreation Area to see the magnificent trees.)

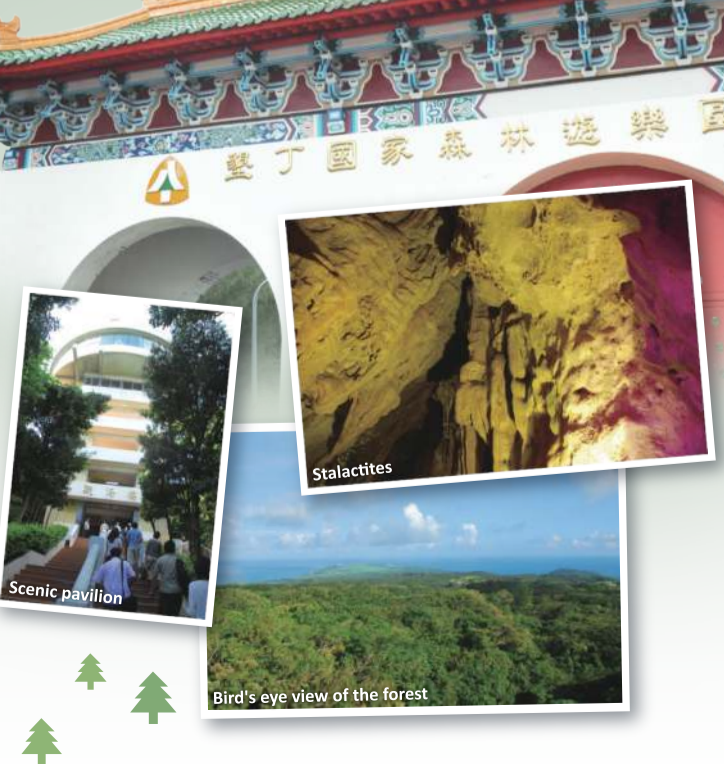
## Kenting National Forest Recreation Area

The Hengchun Tropical Botanical Garden is the biggest attraction of the Kenting National Forest Recreation Area. It is actually not situated within the area, but because it is right next to area, it is often regarded as a part of it. As the first tropical botanical garden in Taiwan, it features uplifted coral reefs, a tropical monsoon forest and a rain forest. Because it is situated on the Kenting Limestone Tableland, after years of earth crust movement and rain corrosions, amazing limestone caves and stalactites can also be appreciated inside the garden. More than a thousand kinds of tropical plants grow here.

Since the area was used for forestry research before, precious plant species from all over the world had been introduced to this garden. At least a thousand kinds of tropical plants are planted in the area, including 320 foreign species and more than 200 kinds of cactus. The garden is divided into around a dozen zones according to its types of plantation. It is definitely worth a visit!

As to the Kenting National Forest Recreation Area, it is divided into two zones made up of 15 sub-attractors. In the first zone, visitors can find giant autumn maples, the visitor center, a flower bed, a stalagmite cave, a cactus greenhouse, looking-glass mangrove, a seaside observatory, a scenic pavilion, and the "Fairy Cave." In the second zone, visitors may also go to the Silver Dragon Cave, Valley of Hanging Banyan, Forest of Labyrinth, One-line Sky, First Ravine, Cliff of Apes, among others. This is also a perfect place for a forest bathing trip.

- Opening Hours: 08:00-17:00



Stalactites Scenic pavilion Bird's eye view of the forest