Real Asia

Taiwan Trip

- 10 Days

Info Session Agenda

- Company Intro
- Trip Overview
- Sign-Up And Registration

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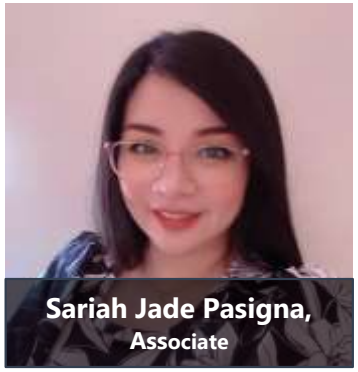
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18 Years

100+ Schools

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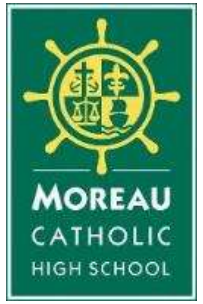

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

April 10, 2024 – April 19, 2024

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Why Taiwan?

- Taiwan is a mountainous island off the coast of mainland China, it demonstrates tremendous diversity in its cultural heritage reflecting a fascinating and complex history. Also, Taiwan has integrated Chinese language, traditions, customs, festivals, arts and symbols that keep Chinese culture and heritage alive.
- For the vast majority of foreign travelers and residents, Taiwan is an exceptionally safe place. In addition, Taiwan has long attracted foreigners to learn Chinese, work and study, with many claiming that Taiwanese people are extremely helpful and friendly.

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Program Benefits

- Gain a hands-on understanding of Chinese cultures and traditions with a series of activities that takes in a number of the most iconic sights
- Bring school subjects such as language, history, geography, outdoor education and environmental science to life
- Offer cultural insights and immersive experiences, give students an in-depth look into Taiwan
- Understand the complex history of Taiwan, its colonial eras, as well as the original aboriginal cultures that originated there
- Participate in rewarding educational activities in a variety of settings

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- Meet at the airport
- Fly to Taiwan

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April 11, 2024

- Arrival in Taipei in the afternoon
- Transfer to hotel, drop off luggage
- Onward to tour by MRT
- Historical Walk at Ximen Red House 西門紅樓; Explore this local hang-outs Ximending inner city district 西門町商圈
- Welcome dinner

* Will use public MRT transport

* Enjoy fun language activities and practice speaking Chinese

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April 12, 2024

- Dive into the fascinating world-class collection of Chinese art at National Palace Museum 故宫博物院
- Onward to Shifen 十分 & Pingxi 平溪
- Get a glimpse of an old railroad town at Shifen Old Street 十分老街; make a wish and set a light sky-lanterns free 放天燈
- Appreciate the amazing view of Shifen waterfalls 十分瀑布

* Private shuttle bus transport used all-day

* Participate in scavenger hunt activities throughout the day

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April 13, 2024

- Visit Longshan Temple 龍山寺
- Explore the historical and cultural sites in National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial

Hall 國立國父紀念館, hear the famous story and life of Sun Yat-sen

- Visit Office of the President 總統府
- Feast on more of Taiwan's appetizing cuisine in Shilin Night Market

  士林夜市, learn about the history, culture, and heritage of Taiwan, and discover where the locals like to eat

* Will use public MRT transport all day

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April 14, 2024

- Take HSR to Kaohsiung 高雄
- Visit one of Taiwan's largest Buddhist organizations Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum 佛光山佛陀紀念會館
  Explore Pier 2 Art center 駁二藝術特區 where public art, digital videos, and street performances can be enjoyed at once
- Check into the hotel

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Trip Highlights

Ximending 西門町

- Often compared to Tokyo's Shibuya, Ximending is a lively shopping and entertainment district in Taipei.
- Located in historic Wanhua, the area teems with shops selling clothing, accessories, electronics, and more, as well as myriad dining and entertainment venues. It's a place to see and be seen for locals and visitors alike.

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Trip Highlights

National Palace Museum
故宫博物院

- Houses the world's largest collection of priceless Chinese art treasures, one which spans nearly 5,000-year history. Most of the museum's over 600,000 art objects were part of the Chinese imperial collection, which began over 1,000 years ago in the early Song dynasty.

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Trip Highlights

Shifen Old Street & Waterfall
十分老街 & 十分瀑布

- Shifen is a bustling hub for those eager to get a glimpse of an old railroad town which still retains the charm of yesteryear. Originally built to transport coal, the Shifen Old Street stop has now become one of the most popular on the Pingxi rail-line, with local food, souvenir shops and puffing trains adding to the charm of this little gem.
- It is also a popular attraction for people to experience the Sky Lantern traditions and view its 40m tall waterfall (widely-known as the “Little Niagara Falls” of Taiwan) .

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Trip Highlights

Longshan Temple
龍山寺

- Founded in 1738 by Han immigrants from Fujian, it has served as a municipal, guild and self-defence centre, as well as a house of worship.
- A prime venue for exploring both Taiwan's vibrant folk faith and its unique temple arts and architecture.
- Longshan is dedicated to the bodhisattva of mercy, Guanyin, though in true Taiwanese style there are over 100 other gods and goddesses worshipped in the rear and side halls.

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Trip Highlights

Pier 2 Art Center
駁二藝術特區

- The center features several collection of abandoned shipping warehouses on the Kaohsiung Port, near the entrance to the port and opposite the northern end of Qijin Island. Most of the current warehouses date to the 1970s.
- Today, the warehouses house hundreds of shops, cafes, artist studios, music venues, bars, and more.

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April 15, 2024

- Welcomed by school
- Spend your whole day at school, attend a variety of classes with local students
- Lunch at school
- Try one of the most popular entertainment in Taiwan Karaoke 卡拉OK/KTV
  **Will use public MRT transport*
  **No tour guide and bus services*

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April 16, 2024

- Spend your whole day at school, attend a variety of classes with local students
- Lunch at school
- Enjoy insider insights into the people and stories behind Taiwan's food in Liuhe Night Market 六合夜市

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April 17, 2024

- Onward to Kenting 墾丁
- Stop by Pingtung 屏東 to get in-depth insights at Shizixiang Cultural Relics Exhibition Hall 獅子鄉文物陳列館
- Arrive in Kenting and nature walk in Kenting National Park 墾丁國家公園 and visit Cape Eluanbi lighthouse 鵝鑾鼻燈塔
- Check into the hotel
- Fun time on the beach and have dinner at Kenting Street night market 墾丁大街! Students will eat like local
  * Review trip accomplishment project

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April 18, 2024

- Head back to Taipei by HSR
- Participate in a hands-on Street Food Cooking workshop and learn all about

Taiwanese culinary traditions

- Visit the landmark of Taipei 101 Skyscraper 台北 101
- Walk through Xinyi shopping district 信義商圈

*Will use public MRT transport

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April 19, 2024

- Check out of hotel and head to airport
- Return to USA

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School Visit

- Attend school classes and participate in lively activities with local students and teachers.
- Students will experience a wide variety of learning experiences ensuring that no one is left behind.
- Gain the confidence to try new things - an essential step in broadening their horizons
- Help students appreciate the wonderful mixture of cultures, cuisines, and traditions that constitute the world around them.
- Gain a great spirit of togetherness among the group, especially fostered by the unanticipated adventures during the trip.

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Trip Highlights

Eluanbi Lighthouse
鵝鑾鼻燈塔

- Located on Eluanbi Cape, within Kenting National Park at the southernmost tip of Taiwan.
- The lighthouse was originally built in 1883 as a result of frequent shipwrecks, caused by hidden reefs, typhoons, and strong southerly winds from Taiwan's impressive mountains. It has been restored twice, after being damaged during the First Sino-Japanese War and during World War II.

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Trip Highlights

Kenting's Night Market
墾丁夜市

- Kenting Street Night Market is a 2 kilometer long and huge night market. Thousands of people swarm in every night, especially on weekends.
- Starting from Kenting National Park, the long line of food and game stands stretches to Caesar Park Hotel. You can find some creative foods around here, like fried Oreos and street stands drinks.

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Trip Highlights

Taiwanese Street Food Cooking Workshop

- To understand the flavors and essence of Taiwan's street food culture, this is a cooking class that must not be missed!
- Learn how to make the steam buns for Gua Bao, and also the tips to braise classic pork belly. Last but not least, you will get to make the chewy tapioca pearl from scratch and shake a cup of bubble milk tea by yourself!

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What do we expect from this trip

- **Immerse:** In the dynamic society and culture of Taiwan
- **Experience:** Local lifestyle
- **Study:** Local people behaviour and history
- **Make:** Lifetime friends
- **Cultivate:** Interest in learning other languages and cultures
- **Develop & Reinforce:** Chinese language ability

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Trip Price: $4,339

Includes:

- International flights
- English/Chinese speaking local guide
- All group meals
- All accommodations
- Group ground transportation
- Tips

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How to Join

- Sign up Time and Procedure:
  - Go to **WeTravel** and sign up with your information:

    https://realasiatravel.wetravel.com/trips/2404-weston-taiwan-trip-real-asia-taipei-taiwan-57212149

    (Teachers will email link to you after info session.)
  - Sign-up is open now and closes **Oct 15, 2023**

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Cancellation Policy

Individual cancellation policy

- 150 days or more before departure: A full refund will be issued, minus a $100 processing fee and any supplier-incurred losses*.
- 90-150 days: A full refund will be issued, minus a $300 processing fee and any supplier-incurred losses*.
- 30-90 days: A full refund will be granted, minus a $500 processing fee and any supplier-incurred losses*.
- Less than 30 days: No refund will be issued.

Level 4 “Do Not Travel” advisory from the U.S. State Department : Trip ends up being cancelled for the whole group

$50 processing fee + supplier loss

- Supplier loss is anything we cannot get back from third party travel providers such as airlines and hotels.

- Real Asia has the right to cancel a trip prior to departure if an event occurs that is outside of the company’s control, such as natural disasters, disease outbreaks, political instability etc.

International Flight

International economy air: Cathay Pacific

round-trip (*not confirmed yet)

12:25 am – 1:50 pm[+1] Cathay Pacific	1 stop HKG	24h 25m BOS - TPE
1:20 pm – 9:50 pm Cathay Pacific	1 stop HKG	20h 30m TPE - BOS

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Estimated Timeline

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Registration due date	10/15/2023
Check travel ID validation	at booking
Deposit ($500) due date	at booking
1st payment ($1000) due date	11/15/2023
2nd payment ($1419.5) due date	12/15/2023
Block flights	11/15/2023-01/10/2024
Final payment ($1419.5) due date	1/15/2024
Process roommate list	2/10/2024
Draft Itinerary file	2/10/2024
Finalize roommate list	3/10/2024
Finalize itinerary	3/10/2024
Pre-trip orientation	3/10/2024
Trip to Taiwan	4/10/2024-4/19/2024
Post-trip debrief	5/19/2024

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FAQ

❖When and how to contact your child?

We will create a group chat app for you, once your child arrived in Taiwan, you can contact him/her via it.

❖Any extra cost during the trip?

We don’t have any shopping tours in the trip and price includes even tips for guides and drivers. Therefore, there is no extra expenses needed technically.

❖Safety and allergy?

Let us know your child’s special requests and needs when you sign up via WeTravel link. We will collect the information and inform our local guides. Meanwhile, we recommend to bring a kit with all your child’s medications, including extra epinephrine auto-injectors if needed. We will do our best to make your child’s travel safe.

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Real Asia Difference

- **Real Asia** provides premier educational travel services for K-16 programs traveling specifically to destinations across Asia and North America, with a focus on education, immersion and authenticity. Our expertise in both Chinese culture and K-16 trips gives us a unique edge compared to other travel agencies.
- Each trip is designed with the purpose of broadening the perspectives of students in different activities and offer the right blend of learning objectives to develop their understanding and passion for their studies.
- We believe that interactions with people is the best way to change what students think about places, which is clearly stated in our name.

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