

**Northeast coast - Yilan**

**A beautiful encounter with mountains and the ocean**

**Tourist attractions guide map**

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## 1 Dancing Rocks

Wander the Trails, Enjoy the Ocean  
~Nanya, Nanzhilin, Bitou Cape, and Longdong Bay Cape Trail

**Select Scenes** Nanya is the northern gateway to the Northeast and Yilan Coast National Scenic Area. Within the scenic area, several walking trails are accessible routes with great views, including Nanya Trail, Nanzhilin Trail, Bitoujiao Trail, and Longdong Bay Cape Trail. The Nanya Trail begins at Nanya Rock, then stretches westward and connects with the Nanzhilin Trail. The Bitoujiao Trail divides into two thoughtfully designed paths that ascend to the bluffs. Hikers are treated to breathtaking vistas of steep sea cliffs plunging into the ocean, remarkable marine erosion formations, impressive tidal waves, and abundant marine life. The winding path continues south to meet the Longdong Bay Cape Trail, which starts from the Xingyun Temple on the northern side of Longdong Four Seasons Bay and ends at the Longdong South Ocean Park. It leads to the Longdong Bay Marine Park. Xingyun Temple, built in the first year of Jiaping (1806), enshrines Guanyin Bodhisattva. You can enjoy distant views of Bitoujiao and Sandiaojiao from its cliffside on the far eastern coastline.

**Tourist Guides** Dramatic landscapes that afford stunning scenery make this place a destination worth visiting all year round. Visitors are offered to explore the beauty of lilies during the blossom season in spring, fantastic oceanic vistas in summer, boundless silver grass in autumn, and magnificent tidal waves in winter. Another attraction of this place includes its superb landscapes of strange and incredible rock formations, such as mushroom rocks, wave-cut gullies, sea cliffs, honeycombed rocks, trace fossils, and chessboard rocks. Aside from the sea attractions, there are also lighthouses, fishing villages, and temples for visitors to immerse themselves in the cultural traces.

▶ The Ice-Cream-Cone Shaped Nanya Peculiar Rock

## 2 Energetic Ocean

Fun Over and Under the Waves  
~Longdong Ocean Park and Longdong Four Seasons Bay

**Select Scenes** Longdong Bay is the largest on the Northeast Coast, with varied fault features resulting in unique geological landscapes. It is favored with clear water and abundant marine life, making it an outstanding spot for water activities. The rich marine erosion formations and fossilized traces vividly showcase the geological beauty of the Northeastern Cape. The expansive Longdong Siji Bay Park covers a wide area and has various water recreational facilities, including a marina, seawater swimming pools, and an oceanic exhibition hall.

**Tourist Guides** The superb landscapes of strange and incredible rock formations and spectacular scenery make this place a paradise for swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking. The Longdong Bay Ocean Park has a geological exhibition room, a water playground, and a scenic cafe for visitors to experience the rich coastal ecology. On the park's southern side lies a famous spot for rock climbing, where the nearly 1-kilometer-long natural rock wall attracts climbing enthusiasts worldwide. Seawater swimming pools are inside the Longdong Four Seasons Bay, and the water in its pools was once used to farm abalone. The water is knee-deep at low tide and connected with the sea, thus allowing visitors to swim with the fish.

## 3 Glittering Waves

Stroll Along the Golden Beach  
~Yanliao Coastal Park, Fulong, and Longmen

**Select Scenes** The golden beach stretching 3 kilometers between Yanliao and Fulong is ideal for swimming, windsurfing, kayaking, and coastal activities. Fulong Beach is the most famous among them, making it the top choice for escaping the summer heat under the bright sun. The annual Fulong International Sand Sculpture Festival held here during the summer is also a popular activity for visitors to unwind and relax their spirits. The Yanliao Beach Park has scenery balconies, tour tracks, and bike routes. Yanliao Resistance Movement Monument stands straight in the Yanliao Beach Park with explanation boards describing the history of Yanliao, making this place another day-trip option. You can pick the stand-alone villas at Fulong Resort or a night at Longmen Camping Ground when staying in this area. Experience the outdoors, connect with nature, and relish the joy of cycling and exploring.

**Tourist Guides** There are many noted tourist attractions around Fulong on the northeast coast, including Fulong Beach, Longmen Camping Site, Caoling Historic Trail, Dongxing Temple Plaza, and Ling Jiu Mountain. The Ling Jiu Mountain Wu Sheng Monastery is situated on the mid-hill of Laolanshan in a suburban area south of Fulong. Visitors can enjoy the vast open view of the Fulong Coasts and the Pacific Ocean. Surrounded by mountains and facing the ocean, this is the best place to take a spiritual retreat. During autumn and winter, visitors can visit the Old Caoling Trail to admire the beauty of history and culture or take a bicycle tour through the tunnel. Fulong Visitor Center offers interactive travel info. Don't miss the 'Driftwood Sculptures Hall,' where skilled artisans turn driftwood into magical classics.

◀ Fulong Beach

## 4 Chasing the Wind

Leisure Bicycle Tour  
~Old Caoling Circle-Lined Bikeway, and Longmen-Yanliao Bikeway

**Select Scenes** The Old Caoling Tunnel is the first railway tunnel-turned-biking path in northern Taiwan. Since this old tunnel is just beside the new one, the humming sounds of the train can be heard inside its ancient counterpart, making it a popular spot for visitors to admire its culture and history. Visitors can take a cycling tour via the nearby Longmen-Yanliao Bike Path, departing from Fulong Train Station. Taking the bike path along Provincial Highway No. 2, visitors will arrive at the Longmen Suspension Bridge after turning right at 99K and finally reach Yanliao Beach Park. There are pavilions along the road for visitors to take a break and appreciate the stunning scenery of the coastline. Departing from Fulong Train Station, visitors will reach the YMCA after turning right on Rongqing Avenue. The bike path along the coast will lead them to a well-known local temple- Dongxing Temple, whose spacious plaza is ideal for overlooking oceanic vistas.

**Tourist Guides** The Old Caoling Tunnel, built during the Japanese occupation (1921-1924), is mentioned in one of the well-known Taiwanese folk songs called 'Diududang.' It was part of a railway project to ease traffic difficulties between Yilan and the greater Taipei area. Years later, in 1986, a New Caoling Tunnel was constructed because the single-track old tunnel was too small to use. The Old Caoling Tunnel had since been abandoned for nearly two decades. The Northeast Coast and Yilan National Scenic Area Administration spent years of effort to turn the Old Caoling Tunnel into a tourist biking trail, and the tunnel was reopened on August 10, 2009. Both ends of this 2167-meter Old Caoling Tunnel are arc-shaped and made of bricks, making it a retro-style tunnel. There are two inscriptions on both sides of the entrances: 'overcoming obstacles of nature' on the Fulong side and 'where white clouds fly on the Shihcheng side. Both vividly reveal that it was extremely tough to build this tunnel because the land was rigged in the early days. At the Shihcheng Service Area, you can immerse yourself in the deep blue sea and listen to nature's dialogue. It's also one of the best spots for viewing the Guishan Island.

## 5 Exotic East

Leisure Bicycle Tour  
~Maoao, Magang, Sandiaojiao Lighthouse, and Shihcheng

**Select Scenes** Sandiaojiao is the easternmost point of Taiwan. It is said that in 1626, a Spanish ship reached the northeast coast of Taiwan. Because they did not know the name of their location, they named it San Diego in Latin to be able to record it in their log. Early residents thus translated the area's name according to the Latin name's sound, becoming 'Sandiao' in Taiwanese. The lighthouse is 16.5 meters tall and is an important mark on the Pacific Ocean to lead boats home for more than six decades. With Sandiao Cape's unique landform, the beautiful sight of water rising over the land and the astounding view of the sky meeting the ocean. Mao'ao Fishing Village, located beneath the lighthouse, still reserves its century-old stone houses. When tourists drive along the Coastal Highway and reach Shihcheng, they reach the border of New Taipei City and Yilan County. This is the first stop in Yilan along the Coastal Highway and the southern exit of the Old Caoling Tunnel. The name of this location is said to come from the construction of large stone defensive fortresses by foreigners 300 years ago along the coast. Visitors can view Guishan Island from a distance and watch the local fishermen set up fishnets.

**Tourist Guides** The Sandiaojiao Lighthouse use Trail starts from Magang Street, 108.5km on Provincial Highway No. 2. It takes visitors about 10 minutes to walk to the lighthouse from the Valley Trail. If visitors continue to take the Sandiaojiao Lighthouse Trail for another 3 minutes, they will reach Magang Fishing Village to experience the charm of the fishing village. The simple fishing village of Mao'ao, with its century-old Banyan trees and stone houses built from local stone sources, offers an unexpected serenity within the soft crackling sounds of waves, making this place one of the popular spots. Visitors who come to Shihcheng can discover the beauty of nature while surrounded by the splendid oceanic view and admire the scenery of Guishan Island.

## Transportation

**By Train**

1. A single trip takes about 1-1.5 hrs
2. Take any north-line train heading for Yilan, Hualien, or Taitung and get off at Fulong, Toucheng, or Suao New Station

**By Bus**

1. Guoqiang Bus: The Taipei-Luodong Line (takes about 1 hr and 40 mins each way)
2. Keelung Bus: The National New City - Fulong Line (bus departs every 40 mins to 1 hr)
3. 856 Taiwan Tourist Shuttle - Golden Fulong Route
4. Green 18 Taiwan Tourist Shuttle = Zhuangwei Sand Dunes Route

**By Car**

1. From Freeway 3, switch to Freeway 5 at the Nangang System Interchange and exit at the Toucheng Interchange: drive north to reach Wai'ao, Fulong, Longdong, or Bitou Cape, or drive south to Nanfang'ao.
2. Exit the Zhongshan Highway at either the Nuannuan or Ruifang Interchange, drive on the No.62 Road (the Wanru Express Way), and head for Bitou Cape, Longdong, Fulong, and Wai-ao via the Tai-two Highway.
3. Drive along the Tai-two Coastal Highway from Keelung to Bitou Cape, Longdong, Fulong, Wai-ao, Wushih Harbor, Nanfang'ao, etc

## Tourist Service Center

Fulong Visitor Center	Tel: 02-24991210
Dali Visitor Center	Tel: 03-9780727
Wushi Port Visitor Center	Tel:03-9789078
Nanfang'ao Visitor Center	Tel:03-9953885
Zhuangwei Sand Dunes Ecological Park	Tel: 03-9308420

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## 6 Clean Green Air

Discover Nostalgia  
~Yuanwangkeng Water Park, Caoling Historic Trail, and Taoyuan Valley Trail

**Select Scenes** The Caoling Historic Trail is the only remaining section of the old Qing dynasty trail constructed to provide the only land link between the Northeast Coast from Dansu and Kamsan Prefectures. In the summertime, the fragrance of ginger lily permeates the mountain, while in autumn, tourists will see whole meadows of silver grass flowing in waves everywhere. If visitors head south, they will reach a large area of grassland called Danpu, which used to be the grazing ground. Located at the Gongliao entrance of the Caoling Historic Trail, the Devin Temple worshipping Matsuo on the Danlan Historic Trail still preserves stone pillars and horizontal inscribed boards from the Qing dynasty. Caoling's Qingyun Temple (Dai Tangzong Temple), located at the Toucheng entrance of the Caoling Historic Trail, worships the Jade Emperor. Visitors can gaze at the boundless Pacific Ocean and Guishan Island from a distance. Yuanwangkeng Water Park is located at the north gale of the Caoling Historic Trail. The Park has various facilities, such as water trails with clear streams and flowers arranged in a crisscross pattern, rivers, pavilions, a lotus pond, and a water-splashing area for kids.

**Tourist Guides** This 8.5km Caoling Historic Trail takes 3 to 4 hours to walk a single trip. Visitors can tour from north to south at Yuanwangkeng or from south to north at Dali. Visitors from Fulong can take the Provincial Highway 2 to the Yuanwangkeng Water Park, about 3 km. Along this historic trail, the most renowned cultural sites are a stone inscription stating 'boldly quell the violent mists' and the 'Tiger' inscription. Several spots are along the path, including the 'Horse-Falling-to-Death' Bridge, an Earth God Temple, Ancient Inn Ruins, and the Yakou Pavilion. Inside the Taoyuan Valley are several trails, including the Nelliao Line Trail, Caoling Line Trail, and Daxi Line Trail. With magnificent green lands in the valley, visitors can also overlook the splendid scenery on top of the trail, making this place an excellent choice to go mountain climbing, hiking, and admire the beauty of nature.

▶ Yakou Pavilion in Caoling Historic Trail

## 7 Metamorphosis Islan

Whale Watching and Country Life  
~Wai-ao, Wushi Port, Guishan Island, and Toucheng

**Select Scenes** Guishan Island, named for its similarity to a floating turtle, is located east of the Toucheng Township coastline and is an offshore ecological island. The most fascinating feature of this island is its various landscapes due to different locations, weather conditions, and tides. The name of the "Wushi" harbor derives from a black giant reef rock in the harbor. Today, Wushi Harbor features a tourist fishery market called the "Wushi Harbor Direct Fish Marketing Center," which covers 3,000 square meters. Visitors can enjoy coastal views and fresh fish and seafood at the Wushi Port. The eye-catching yellow Wai'ao Service Area impresses visitors with its design.

**Tourist Guides** Guishan Island is open to tourists beginning from March to November. Visitors will depart from the Wushi Harbor and land at the north-coast or south-coast dock according to the weather conditions. Several spots include the Lakeshore Walk, Moshih Trail, Military Tunnel, Putoyan Temple, and Guishan Island Culture and Ecology Gallery. Dolphins and whales, such as spinner dolphins, bottlenose dolphins, and false killer whales, come to Guishan Island for bountiful food along with the Kuroshio Current. Spring, summer, and autumn are great seasons to take a dolphin and whale-watching trip to Guishan Island. Visitors are also recommended to visit Toucheng Farm and Fuzen Satoyama to experience the tranquility of the countryside. Beijuan Tidal Park is famous for the rock and the strong tidal waves that come crashing against the rocks. With soldiers stationed here when Emperor Jiaping of the Qing Dynasty ruled Taiwan, two 180-year-old cannons remain here. Besides the above activities, visitors can also plan a hot spring trip to Jiashi. After the opening of National Freeway No. 5, the government also established the Wai'ao Beach Park, which combines tourism, accommodation, and catering services. Visitors can come here to sign up for surfing lessons while admiring Wai'ao's spectacular view.

## 8 Sheltered Habitat

Bird Lover's Paradise  
~Gongliao Tianlioyang, Jhuan River, Lanyang River, and Wuwei Port Wate Fowl Reserve

**Select Scenes** Yilan's wondrous wetland ecology has become an ideal place for immigrating birds to spend winter in Taiwan. If visitors head south from the north, they will get to Tianlioyang in Gongliao, located next to Yuanwangkeng at the entrance of the Caoling Historic Trail. This place is famous for its ideal location for bird-watching activities. Red-crowned cranes once showed their tracks here in 2003, creating a public sensation for bird-loving people. With many fish farms and ponds, Jhuan has become a paradise for many birds, so it is expected to see great egrets around. Sandbanks, swamps at the seashore, and paddy fields around the Lanyang River have attracted more than 200 species of birds coming to Taiwan every winter. Most of the birds belong to the Anatidae, Laridae, and Ardeidae, and visitors can also see some rare birds, such as the red-crowned cranes, grey cranes, and whooper swans. Wuwei Harbor is located southeast of Lanyan Plain; visitors can view the Guishan Island in the north and the Seven-Star Peak in the south. Wuwei Harbor Waterbird Refuge, established in 1993, is Taiwan's first waterfowl refuge. This refuge covers 102 hectares of land and is a critical winter habitat for waterfowl, such as wood sandpipers, spot-billed ducks, and pintails.

**Tourist Guides** The bird-viewing season starts from November to February every year in winter. Wuwei Port Ganbian community has a series of bird-watching trails, cabins, and an ecological exhibition room to benefit bird-watching and wildlife enthusiasts. The Green Building Exhibition Center and the traditional shale stone houses inside the community promote environmentally friendly features. In the early spring, the full blossom of snow-white Chinaberry creates a romantic atmosphere. Visitors can take the Yilan Coastal Bikeway, between the Donggang Banyan Park next to the Lanyang Beach and Jhuan River, to enjoy the ride along with beautiful natural scenery.

## 9 Gorgeous Capes

Visiting the Mackerel Breeding Grounds  
~Nanfang'ao, Tofu Cape, and Neipi Beach

**Select Scenes** Located within the Su'ao Harbor, Nanfang'ao Fishing Port is the largest land-connected island in Eastern Taiwan and one of Taiwan's three major fishing ports. It boasts diverse fish species and is known as the 'Hometown of Mackerel.' To showcase the local industry, the reconstructed Nanfang'ao Bridge incorporates two key elements: mackerel and ocean waves, creating the concept of a bountiful fish harvest entering the harbor and becoming a prominent tourist attraction. Beyond the arched bridge lies the Tofu Cape Scenic Area, where the sedimentation of sand and stones occurs due to the extending breakwater, forming a mesmerizing natural reef shoreline. Not far southward, there's the crescent-shaped Neipi Beach, with its crystal-clear water and smooth, colorful pebbles lining the shore. The azure sea forms beautiful silver-white waves in the bay, creating a dreamlike and stunning scene.

**Tourist Guides** Nanfang'ao Fishing Port has a unique topography, surrounded by mountains on three sides and facing the ocean on the other side. Visitors must not miss the delicacy of fresh seafood other than admiring the view of this fishing village. With the moderate water depth, there is a beach in Chessboard Cape for visitors to rest, barbecue, or go scuba diving. From the Nan'an Elementary School, visitors can overlook the whole view of Neipi Beibin Park and Suao Port from a distance.

◀ Neipi Beach

## 10 Happy Countryside

Find it all in Zhuangwei's leisurely lifestyle  
~Zhuangwei Dune Visitor Center, Houpi Community, Leisure Farms, Century-old Temples, and Donggangrongshu Park.

**Select Scenes** Zhuangwei Township is situated at the center of the Lanyang Plain coastline, making it the perfect location for watching the sunrise over Guishan Island. The township's sandy soil provides excellent drainage and abundant sunlight, helping make Zhuangwei one of Taiwan's three main rice granaries. Its environment favors growing melons and fruits, especially sweet, juicy cantaloupes. The rural landscape changes with the seasons: onions in spring, melons in summer, birds in autumn, and garlic in winter. These features, together with the Lanyang Estuary Wild Bird Refuge and other attractions, make this a tourist hotspot for the people of Taiwan. Local community development, including the communities of Pohou and Houpi, has given a new face to the old settlements of Zhuangwei; today, the renewal of traditional activities such as community beach seining (like the Hawaiian hulaika), the trial building of artificial islands, and other such endeavors have brought new vitality to Zhuangwei and attracted growing numbers of tourists.

**Tourist Guides** Zhuangwei has long been known as the homeland of cantaloupes, and the area contains numerous unique organic and tourist farms. For instance, there is Pumpkin Farm, known as the 'Kingdom of Pumpkins.' Luyuan Organic Farm, which stresses organic cultivation, and Guan's Leisure Farm. There is also A-zu's Rice Mill, passed down through three generations, where visitors can enjoy DIY (by previous appointment)-the perfect choice for family fun. Additionally, the Zhuangwei Sand Dunes Ecological Park, alongside Provincial Highway No. 2, was designed by the Huang Shengyuan team. It covers over 4 hectares and revolves around the core concept of 'Opening the Valley, Revealing the Sand Dunes.' It can be considered a local landmark in Zhuangwei. The township boasts more temples than any other town or township in Yilan; well-known century-old temples, from north to south, include Dafu Butian Temple, Yongzhen Temple, Guoling Bao'an Temple, and Zhuangwu Zhen'an Temple. These are important centers of faith and social activities for residents, adding significantly to Zhuangwei's cultural richness.



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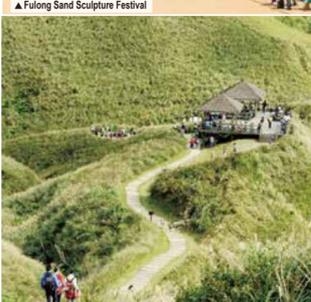
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### A Gourmet's Note

#### The Unforgettable Taste of Innovative Fresh Seafood

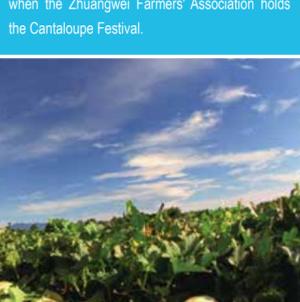
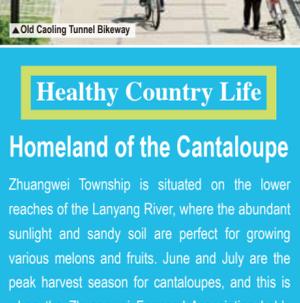
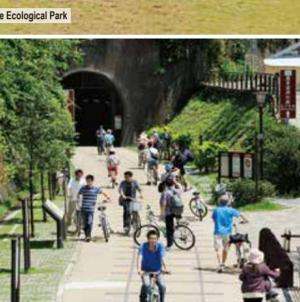
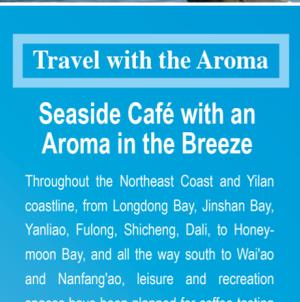
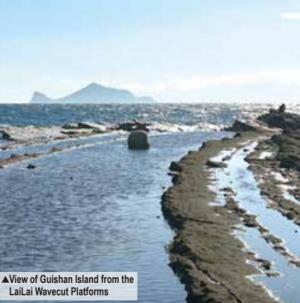
The Northeast Coast is abundant with diverse seafood, and in areas like Bitou, Longdong Bay, Auding, Fulong, Gengfang, Wushigang, and Nanfang'ao, you can savor fresh and delicious seafood feasts. Shrimp, clams, live fish, and various crabs are some renowned specialties here. Examples include the abalones and sea urchins from Bitou and Longdong, the small-scale black and white fishes as well as oval squid from Fulong and Auding, the giant slipper lobster from Toucheng and Wushigang, and the cod from Nanfang'ao. These are all classic marine delicacies along the Northeast Coast to Yilan's coastline.



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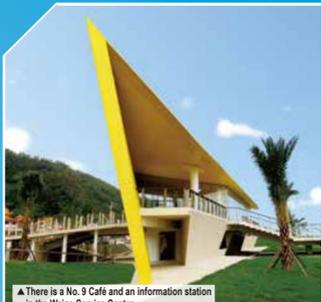


### Travel with the Aroma

#### Seaside Café with an Aroma in the Breeze

Throughout the Northeast Coast and Yilan coastline, from Longdong Bay, Jinshan Bay, Yanliao, Fulong, Shicheng, Dali, to Honey-moon Bay, and all the way south to Wai'ao and Nanfang'ao, leisure and recreation spaces have been planned for coffee tasting and enjoying scenic views. This allows visitors to appreciate the beauty of the coastline while savoring rich coffee, creating a new and enjoyable experience of sipping coffee by the sea breeze.

Recently, to enhance the quality of tourism services, the well-known yellow-themed Wai'ao Service Area has introduced a friendly and helpful information service, creating a welcoming environment for domestic and international tourists.



### Innovative Services Zhuangwei Sand Dune Ecological Park

The Zhuangwei Sand Dunes Ecological Park, designed by renowned architect Sheng-Yuan Huang, seamlessly integrates with Yilan's natural landscape. It preserves the continuous coastal dunes and unique flora and fauna as the showcase for visitors to explore and experience. The exhibition area is equipped with a visitor center, exhibition spaces, and a shop, making it a perfect destination for strolls at dawn, sunset, or moonrise, where you can listen to the sounds of the waves and enjoy scenic views. It has become a new highlight of Yilan's international charm.

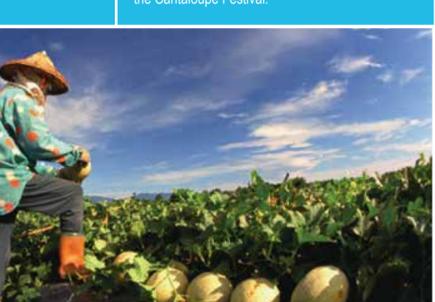
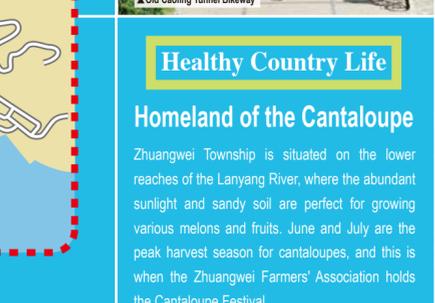
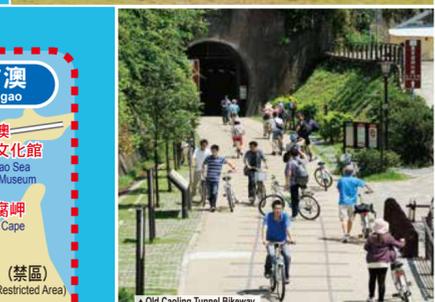


### Flagship Attractions

#### Discovering Fulong - Old Sites with New Impressions

Fulong serves as the focal point for tourism in the Northeast Coast and Yilan Coast National Scenic Area, making it the flagship destination in the Northeast Coast for travelers. Particularly noteworthy are the Old Caoling Tunnel, the charming trailside villages, the scenic surroundings of the train station, the Fulong Visitor Center, Fulong Beach, and Fullon Hotel, all of which are classic must-visit attractions.

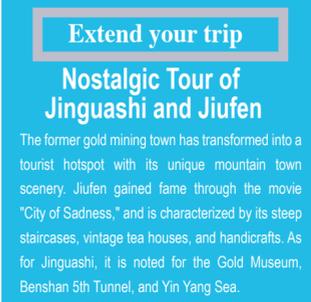
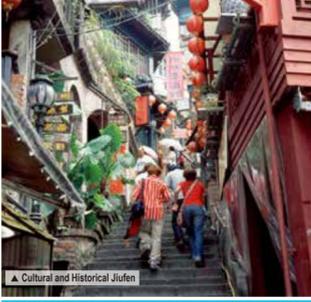
With Fulong as your central hub, you can dive into the embrace of Fulong Beach in the summer, enjoying the breeze along dedicated bicycle lanes or revisiting the Longmen Camping Ground, reliving carefree moments in the lap of nature. In the fall and winter, you can explore the Old Caoling Trail and Lingjiu Mountain for a journey into cultural nostalgia. The Old Caoling Bicycle Path, suitable for all seasons, promises to fulfill all your travel aspirations in one go.



### Healthy Country Life

#### Homeland of the Cantaloupe

Zhuangwei Township is situated on the lower reaches of the Lanyang River, where the abundant sunlight and sandy soil are perfect for growing various melons and fruits. June and July are the peak harvest season for cantaloupes, and this is when the Zhuangwei Farmers' Association holds the Cantaloupe Festival.



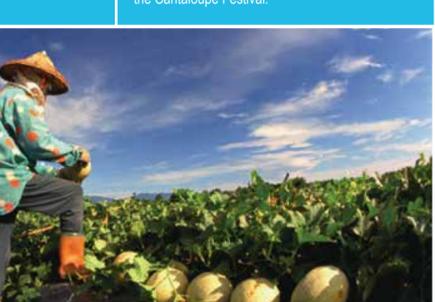
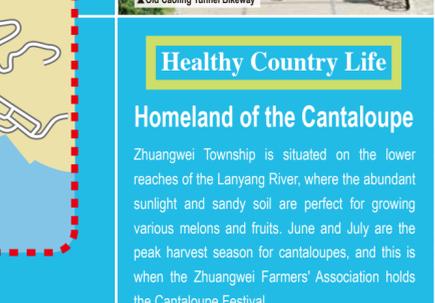
### Extend your trip

#### Nostalgic Tour of Jinguashi and Jiufen

The former gold mining town has transformed into a tourist hotspot with its unique mountain town scenery. Jiufen gained fame through the movie "City of Sadness," and is characterized by its steep staircases, vintage tea houses, and handicrafts. As for Jinguashi, it is noted for the Gold Museum, Benshan 5th Tunnel, and Yin Yang Sea.



Zhuangwei is known for Growing Cantaloupes



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