

Tainan

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Tainan, the soul of Taiwan, is visited by plenty of tourists every year but they often miss the real treasures of the city. Do we know where they are? Now we have this *mapbook* in our hands, so we can start to discover them.

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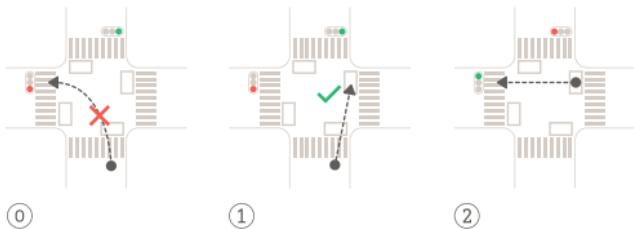
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general information

safety

Taiwan has been rated as world's second-safest country in 2015 by U.S. lifestyle magazine Presscave and in 2014 by U.S.-based online publication Lifestyle9. Tainan is one of the safest cities on the island. So we can go out anywhere, anytime without worry. Moreover, southern Taiwan is famous for its warmth and hospitality toward visitors. Whether shopping, eating, or asking directions here, Taiwanese will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

traffic



Local habits can be different from other countries. We should take care when crossing the street and be aware of our surroundings near traffic.

When biking, we also should be aware of the traffic patterns around us. Scooters and cars may pass quickly, abruptly and close to our bike. Bicycles, scooters, and motorcycles are not permitted to turn left at intersections ①. They must instead drive to the turning zone in the intersecting road ② then wait for that light to change ③.

health

Several hospitals are spread all around the city. The biggest and most renowned ones are NCKU Hospital (district A4) and Chimei Hospital (in the north). There are also countless clinics and pharmacies. Most of the doctors can speak English.

money

Tainan is known to have a low cost of living. If we eat local food, we can have lunch (food + drink) for about 100NTD. People are quite honest and check the change they give us back. Most of the prices are fixed but we can still try to bargain at the morning market. ATMs are in almost every convenience store (7-11, Family Mart, and so on). Some foreign credit cards don't necessarily work in all those local ATMs but still can be used in many shops. The International Far Eastern Bank ATM, at the first floor of the Shangri-La tower, near the Tainan Train Station, inside the mall, seems to accept most foreign credit cards.



Bank of Taiwan The front of its main building (on FuQian Lu) is covered in the pattern of ancient money. If we look at it carefully, we will see one of them is upside-down. It means we need a flow between expenses and savings. Good luck finding it! C2

transportation

walking

We should all discover Tainan in this relaxing way and take the hundreds of small lanes as much as we can. They are quieter and safer than the crowded main roads.

bicycle

Riding bikes in the alleys can be very pleasant. We can reach any part of the old city very fast. We have two options for that:

- . rent bikes (rental shops or hotels)
- . use T-bike  (more details in night section)

city bus

Taking the bus in Tainan can help us to reach more distant tourist areas such as AnPing or CiGu (check 88 and 99 bus trip on p 10-11). We also can take the bus to reach any place in Tainan.

- . Train Station to AnPing: under 18NTD / 30min
- . Shuttle bus to HSR Station: free / 30-60min

taxis

Easy to find on main roads, they can also be ordered from convenience stores (7-11, Family Mart, and so on). Taxis are the quickest transportation in Tainan. Fares are reasonable and based on distance. Sharing a cab can lower our price.

- . minimum: 85NTD
- . downtown: about 100-120NTD / 5min

long distance



train

The train station is in the city centre. It's very convenient to go to the HSR Station or visit some other cities such as Kaohsiung. Price/time from Tainan:

- . Tainan HSR (ShaLun): 25NTD / 23min
- . Kaohsiung: 68-106NTD / 30-60min
- . Taipei: 569-738NTD / 4-5h

HSR

The High Speed Rail can reach Taipei or Taoyuan (then MRT to Airport) within two hours. The HSR station is 23min away from the centre by shuttle train (ShaLun Line). There is also a shuttle bus in some areas.

- . Taoyuan: 1190NTD / 1h37min
- . Taipei: 1350NTD / 1h58min

bus

Three companies (GuoGuang, HoHsin and U-Bus) provide comfortable buses taking the highway to other main cities 24h a day. Great on a tight budget!

- . Taichung: 100-400NTD / 2-3h
- . Taipei: 220-600NTD / 4-5h



City buses network is perfect to see a maximum of Tainan during a short trip. Line 88 passes by most of the historical sites of downtown Tainan and AnPing. Line 99 also begins from downtown, then passes by AnPing before leading us away from the city, to CiGu Salt Mountain. We can see the main stops on the two graphics below.

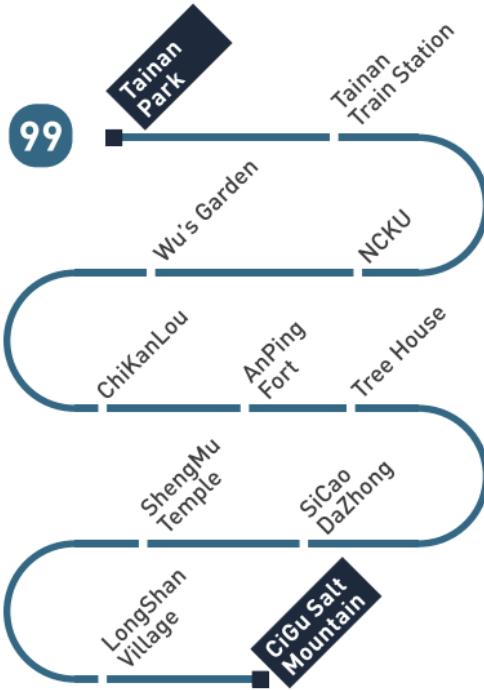
9am to 8pm week days: every 60 min
weekends & holidays: every 30 min



Check carefully the schedules! During weekdays, the last 99 bus leaves CiGu Salt Mountain at 15:55. For exact schedules google "Tainan City Bus" or scan the QR Code on the bus stop.

Cost: 18NTD by section (most of the short trips are inside the same section). We can pay by coins, inserting the amount by coins into a box beside the bus driver (they won't make change for you). But the easiest option is to get an Easycard or iPass (Taipei and Kaohsiung MRT cards). We can buy them and recharge them in any convenience store, such as 7-11 or Family Mart.

9am to 5~7pm week days: every 2~3 hr
weekends & holidays: every 30-60 min





2~3 hour tour

(can be much more if we take our time)

Certainly the best way to discover the city. We can take one of the 11 walking routes (almost one for each district) and pass by the “back door” of the city. The lanes, heritage of the ancient Tainan, were neglected during the Japanese Era. Today, they still reveal traditional life, far from crowded roads. Lanes and alleys are everywhere, often inside blocks. On the maps we can find them denoted with thin lines.

How to find the walking route? We first choose a district to explore, find the walking route (• • • • •) on that district map and then we can begin our tour. During the tour, in case of any doubt, we can simply double check the lane numbers on the map with plate numbers on the houses around us. We can now explore any small alley around without getting lost!



How to read the plates? We will often find the plate above or next to the door, on a house front. This is an example with all the details of the location. Some may have less information if they are on a main road. The colour is mainly in green, older plates are in blue, but the information remains the same. Checking them can be very useful if we are doubtful during a tour. The spelling of roads may differ from a plate to another. In this book, we chose the international PinYin system.



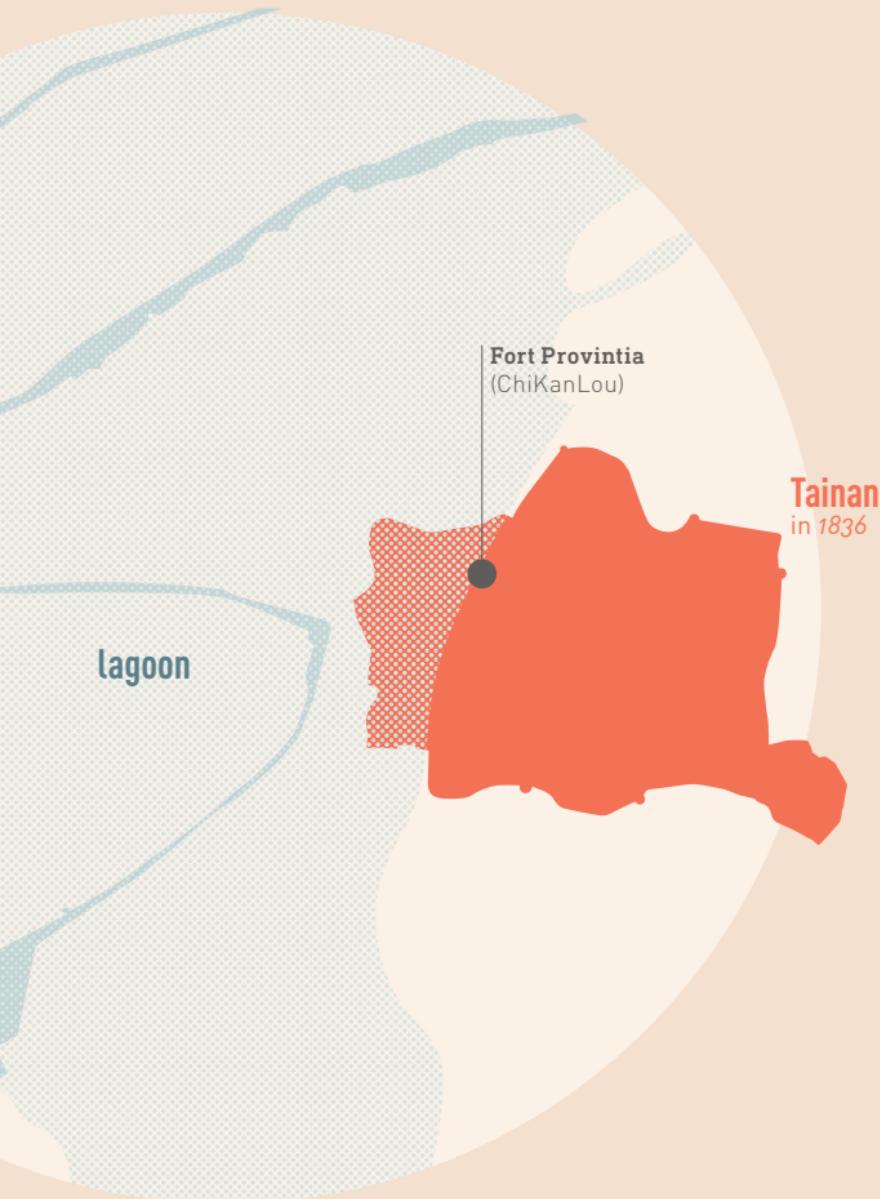
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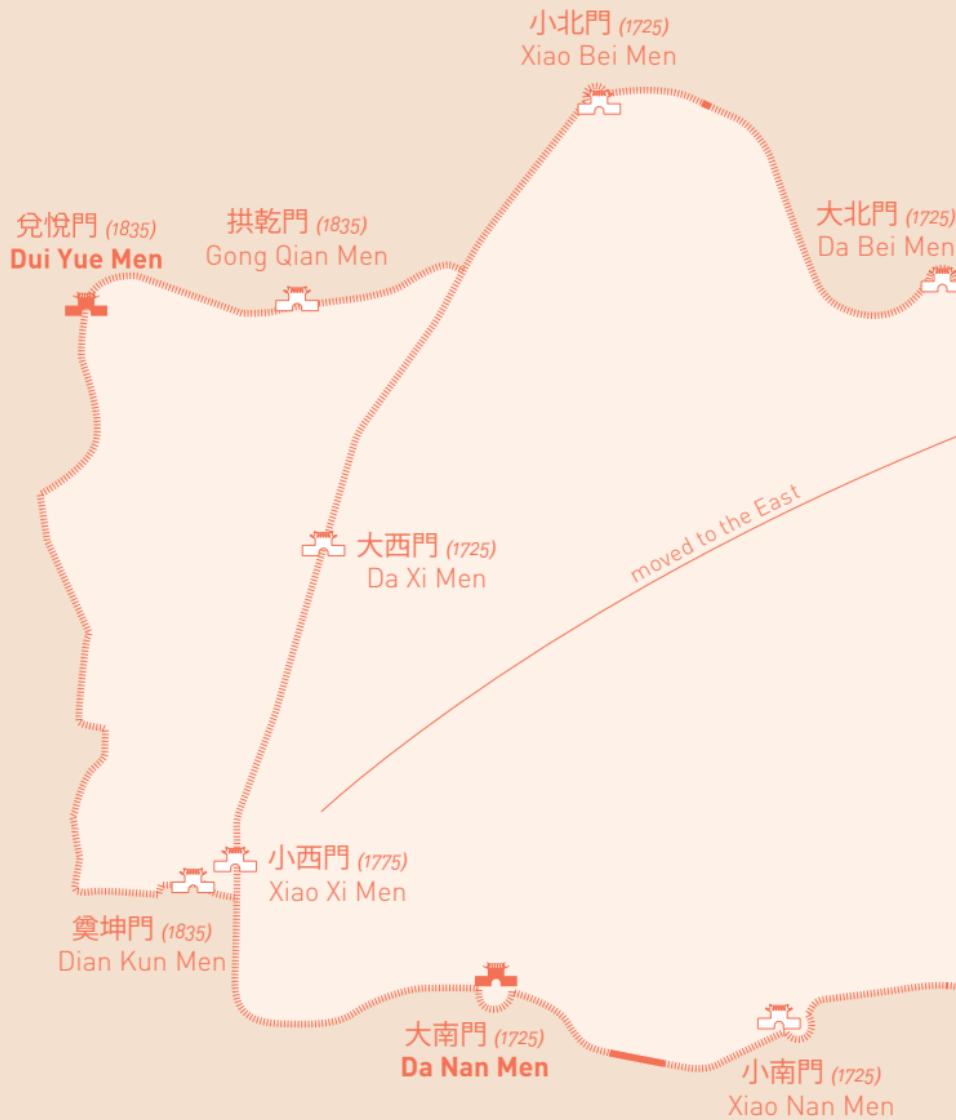
In 1624, Tainan was quite different from the modern city we know today. Before being redesigned by the Japanese (1895-1945), and even before the completion of its surrounding wall (1725-1836), Tainan was a Dutch camp. A few centuries ago, a large part of what we can see today was underwater. The sea entered the land to make a lagoon. AnPing was the village at the entrance of this lagoon, facing Taiwan Strait. The city of Tainan appeared from that wetland, gradually, during the following centuries.

Fort Zeelandia known as AnPing Fort today, was built by the Dutch in order to control the traffic from the sea entering the lagoon.

Fort Provintia was also built by the Dutch under what is ChiKanLou today. It was the fort which controlled the traffic between the lagoon and the countryside/mountain.









city wall

大 Da Great
小 Xiao Small
門 Men Gate

東 Dong East
西 Xi West
南 Nan South
北 Bei North



The wall was built at the same time as the city, around 1725, in order to protect it. First in wood, then in bricks. It was extended on both sides (1835-1836). But most of it, including the gates, was removed during the Japanese Era (1895-1945). Today, only four gates and five parts of the wall are still visible.

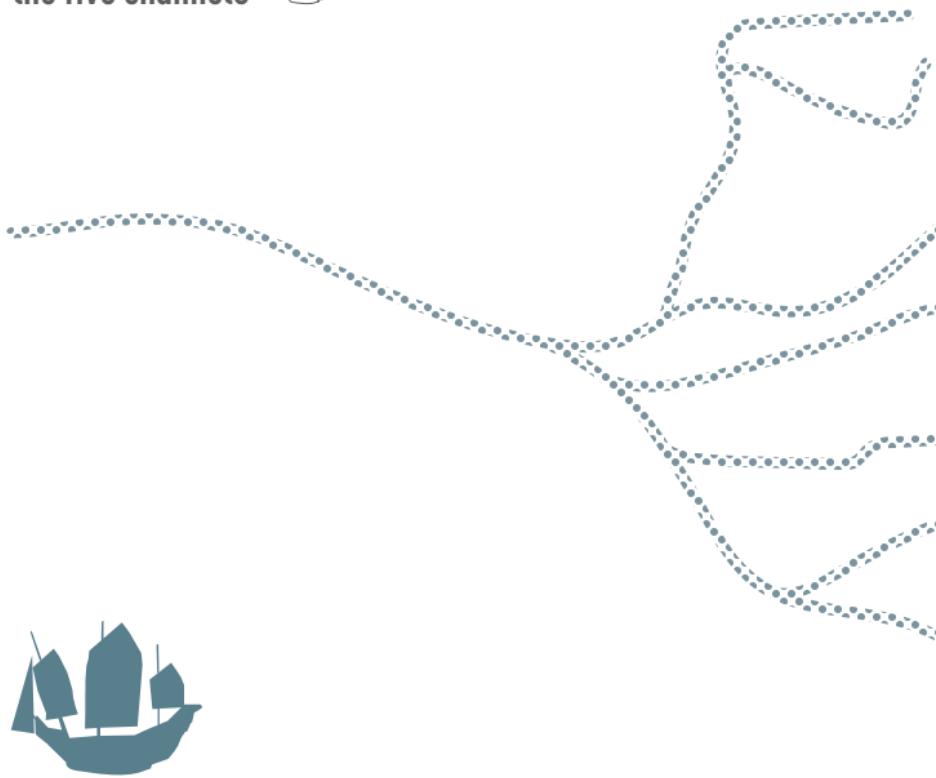
 still extant gate

 ancient site of gate

 still extant wall

 ancient site of wall

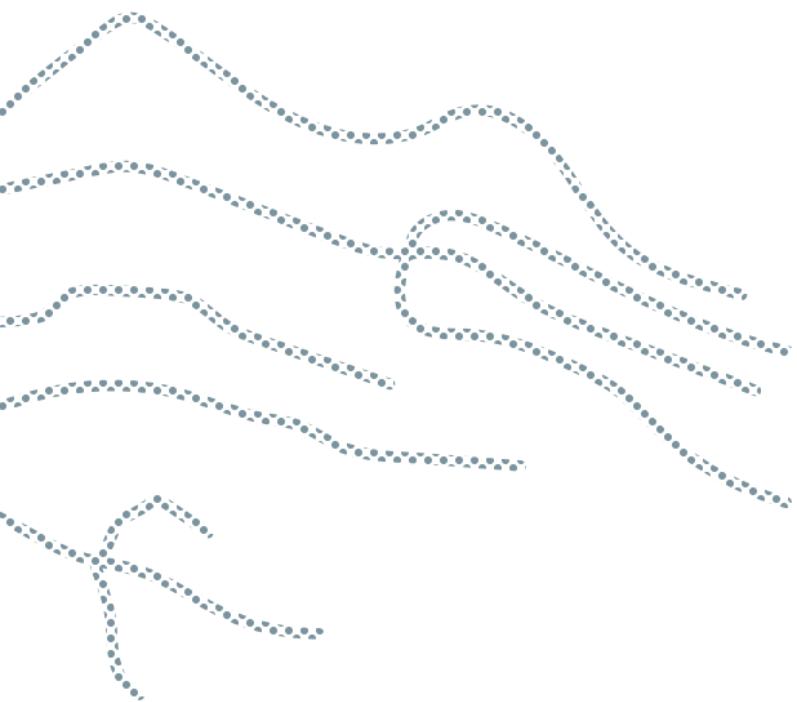
the five channels



In the past centuries, almost everything between AnPing and ChiKanLou was under the sea; under the bay of Tainan to be exact. Then, gradually, the city grew up, and five channels appeared. They became the harbours of Tainan, acting as veins in the city trade. Over the years, they have been covered by roads but we still can follow their shape if we check the map carefully. There is no longer intensive activity along these canals but we can still see some typical old Tainan houses.

A1, B1 & B2

Back in the past, when we walk on those streets, we must remember in the past, both sides of the houses were used: front for selling, back for loading. It's still visible on ShenNong Jie and on the small parallel lane.



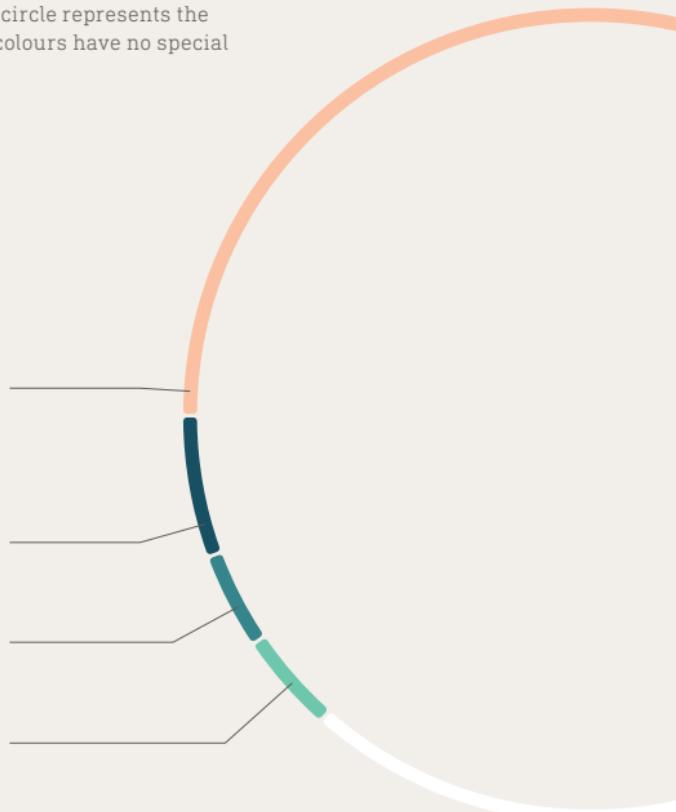
Percentage This circle represents the main religions. (colours have no special meaning)

Taoism 33.0%

Others 5.8%

YiGuanDao 3.5%

Christianity 3.9%





Taiwan has two main religions: Buddhism and Taoism. The last census, made in 2005, revealed that about two thirds of Taiwanese practice Buddhism, Taoism or both. With 3.9%, Christianity is the third one (a large part of them are aborigines, almost all of whom follow the Catholic faith). Then with 3.5% is YiGuanDao which was banished from Mainland China during the Cultural Revolution. Finally, the last 5.8% represents Tiandism, MiLeDaDao, Zailiism, Xuanyuannism, and others.

Non-Religious of the 23 million people living on the island, over four million don't have any religion. They represent the third rank of this graphic.

cultural heritage

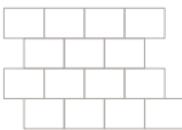
Taking time to walk gives us the opportunity to see details, symbols and colours we usually wouldn't have noticed. Most of them are directly linked to the history of the city. It's a mix of Chinese and Japanese cultures with some touch of the Dutch and Aboriginal ones. For example, ancient floors also follow some rules. They are used in appropriate rooms or areas with a certain meaning. We can see them in old or traditional construction.



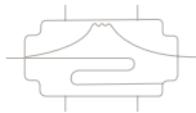
hexagonal shape In Chinese culture, the turtle is the symbol of longevity. So here the hexagons represent longevity for the house's owner.



staggered rows This pattern recalls the Chinese character 人 (=people, crowded) or 入 (=enter) to welcome guests. We often find it in living rooms, stores or outdoors, in front of a house.



horizontal alignment Often in bedrooms. The lines, perpendicular to our path direction, are supposed to stop guests from entering in. It also looks like 丁, which means to have many children in Mandarin.



Window grids For safety, most of the inhabitants added protection grids on windows. Some reveal the heritage of the city. This pattern is clearly inspired by Fuji Mountain due to the Japanese Era. A large variety of them cover the construction.



Sword Lion In Tainan and especially in AnPing, we can see the Sword Lion displayed on walls or roofs of houses to keep bad spirits away. It has become the symbol of AnPing.



Taiwanese language

This dialect, which has its origins in the Chinese province of Fujian, is also a part of the local cultural heritage. Even though the government forced the population to speak Mandarin after 1949, the old generation still uses Taiwanese as daily language. It's common to hear it in the streets, especially some key expressions (the translation below has been simplified, omitting the tones).

Mandarin		Taiwanese	English
你好	<i>Ni Hao</i>	<i>Li Ho</i>	<i>Hello</i>
我要這個	<i>Wo Yao Zhe Ge</i>	<i>Goa Ai Chi E</i>	<i>I want this</i>
對不起	<i>Dui Bu Qi</i>	<i>Phai Se</i>	<i>I'm sorry</i>
我聽不懂	<i>Wo Ting Bu Dong</i>	<i>Thian Bo</i>	<i>I don't understand</i>
謝謝	<i>Xie Xie</i>	<i>To Sia</i>	<i>Thank you</i>



手 Shou hand

工 Gong work

How could we talk about Tainan and omit its rich handcraft culture? Pottery, Tatami, Japanese style wooden bathtubs, cotton bags, antiquary shops, second hand bookshops, second hand markets, authentic tea stores, and more. The city is Taiwan's studio for handcrafts. We can just follow the alleys and observe the life around us. We will certainly have the chance to find plenty of them. On the different maps, we can find a selection of these brilliant artists or artisans with this hand  symbol.



Chin Men Theater 全美戲院

The movie posters are all handmade. During day time, in front of it, outside, we can see the artist painting them. *B2*



Antiquary 民藝/傢俱交流

A little antiquary with all kinds of handmade treasures, from the large window grid to the smallest incense holder. *B1*



Kuang Tsai Embroidery Shop 府城光彩繡莊

Tainan has many temple activities and this small workshop provides embroidery for fabrics used during festivals. *B2*



Wooden Bathtubs 榮木桶行

Artisan specializing in wood products, such as Japanese style bathtubs, rice containers and others. *A3*



Chinese lanterns 義美燈籠藝品鋪

This shop produces traditional Chinese lanterns, especially for temple activities, with a large choice of colours and sizes. *B2*



Pottery studio 府城陶坊

Want to try to make some ceramic pots? Close to Confucius Temple, we can practice and produce our own artwork. *C2*



MingZhang Tatamis 明章榻榻米

Who never dreams to relax on tatamis? Here, a craftsman still makes them in the traditional way. *C3*



Wood furniture 王永川

Workshop for traditional wood furniture, especially for temples. Most of them are made by cypress wood. *B1*



Handmade canvas bags 廣富號帆布包 & 合成帆布行

Workshops of nice quality handmade bags. Possible to order customized designs. *B2*



Traditional tea leaves store 金德春老茶莊

A bulk sale tea store which is hard to find nowadays. Large pots displayed in the store contain different varieties of tea leaves. *B2*



Handmade knife shop 信用打鐵店

Wish to bring back home a knife like a real Chinese chef would have? Here we have a traditional workshop. *A2*



Tainan by foot The book we have in our hands has been made with the same spirit of this local craft tradition. It's not a book simply printed. It needs a lot of time and attention to assemble it with clear edges and a structure strong enough to be taken anywhere. It's designed, printed and assembled in Tainan.

Tainan is not only the cultural capital of Taiwan, it's also its cuisine capital. It's impossible to list all the famous dishes you should try in this city, but on the map, you can find some recommended restaurants. Beef noodle soup, meal box, fried rice, rice with pork slices, hot pot, oyster omelette,... here comes a selection of local flavours.



Chen's Oyster Roll 陳家蚵捲

All the AnPing specialities in one place, including all the famous local oyster dishes. **Ao**



PinXiangRouZong 品香肉粽

ZongZi 粽子 is a pyramid-shaped rice dumpling, with meat and vegetables inside, wrapped in bamboo leaves. **C4**



Klin Taiwan Bun 克林台包

Perfect when we get hungry between two meals. Close to Confucius Temple. Try the Classic Pork BaoZi 八寶肉包. **C2**



ShangJi YuZiDian 山記魚仔店

The place to go if you like fish and seafood. Large choice of fresh fish cooked in various ways. **C3**



Chih Kan Dan Zai Noodles 赤崁擔仔麵

Rice or noodles topped with pork gravy, which is the speciality in town. Old restaurant's ambiance. **B2**



Never plant
chopsticks
vertically.
In Taiwan, it
looks like a
prayer for dead
people.



FuTai 福泰

Braised pork rice, vegetable, meat, fish.... typical Tainan restaurant. Not pretentious but tasty. *B2*



AMei 阿美飯店

Large circular tables, perfect for groups. Traditional and tasty dishes. Booking in advance recommended. *Ao*



DaYi / YiDa 大一便當 / 一大經濟快餐

Two addresses for this restauraureant specialized in meal boxes. Eat there or take away. Fixed daily side dish of chef's choice. *B3 & C2*



ShiJingJiuKeZiJian 石精臼蚵仔煎

Besides the oyster omelette, don't miss the soup with rice, pork, bamboo shoots and mushrooms. *B1*



Wu Wha Ma Dumpling House 五花馬水餃館

Here you can find any kind of dumplings and beef rolls. The beef noodle soup with vegetable noodles is recommended. *B4*



Desserts and other sweets are for sure on the list of any Taiwanese visiting the city. Once again, we have plenty of choices in every district. The first time we may feel surprised, but we will soon become addicted to these flavours to match our long summer. Fresh local fruits on shaved ice, taro ice 芋頭冰, DouHua 豆花, caramel, condensed milk, tapioca pearls, XiMiLu 西米露, MianCha 麵茶 , ... Here comes a tiny selection of desserts, 100% Taiwanese of course.



LiLy Fruit 莉莉水果店

Since 1947. The most famous shaved ice & fruits dessert in the city. Well located, close to Confucius Temple. *C2*



Yu Cheng Fruit Store 裕成水果行

A bit pricey but famous for the quality of their mango shaved ice during summer. Seasonal fruits are featured. *B2*



BaBaoBinYuanZiHui 八寶彬圓仔惠

Shaved ice with any kind of local traditional flavours: taro, beans, peanuts, pudding, tapioca pearls,... *C1*



JiangShuiHao 江水號

Shaved ice with taro recommended: YuTouBing 芋頭冰. Located inside an old market. So Tainanese! *B1*

黑 Hei black
糖 Tang sugar
鮮 Xian fresh
奶 Nai milk

Brown sugar
is very popular
here. Often
served with
fresh milk or
also with some
tapioca pearls.
Delicious!



Moxi Moxi 呃熹吶熹

Fresh milk or milk tea with brown sugar. They also have sticky rice balls with matcha and red beans. *B1*



DaWan Peanut 進福大灣花生糖

Famous shop for its different kinds of Taiwanese nougat with peanuts, peanut powder or sesame. *B2*



AnPing Bean Jelly 同記安平豆花

The best DouHua 豆花 in the city, a kind of sweet tofu, topped with tapioca pearls, red beans or lemon juice. *Ao & B3*



Eastern Caramel 台南東區焦糖煉乳包心粉圓

Shaved ice with caramel and condensed milk, tapioca pearls, and MianCha 麵茶. Delicious! *A3 & between Ao and A1*



Black Worker 黑工

A bowl of herbal jelly, small tapioca pearls XiMiLu 西米露, and taro. Try the first one on the list. *B2 & B3*

How to order a tea? Many shops in the street sell drinks to take away. Sometimes, we can choose the size of the cup, hot or cold, the kind/ flavour of tea, the extras, and finally the quantity of sugar and ice. Here are the main kinds of options we will find.



ching
tea

QingCha 清茶

Certainly the lightest one.
Recommended without sugar.



green
tea

LuCha 綠茶

Can be a bit bitter. Light flavour. Also popular mixed with
Yakult. For that, just order a 多多綠 DuoDuoLu.



oolong
tea

WuLongCha 烏龍茶

The island's treasure, especially the one from Alishan.
Deserves a try with higher quality, hot, at a tea house.



black
tea

HongCha 紅茶

The best seller. Very popular for breakfast. Add milk and
tapioca pearls and you have a bubble tea!



pu'er
tea

Pu'erCha 普洱茶

Very Traditional. The most fermented of all.
Few tea houses or tea shops sell it.

1.
flavour



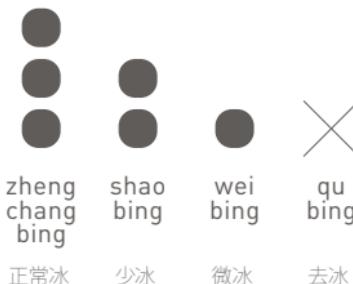
2.
an extra?



3.
sugar



4.
ice



coffee / tea flavours ☕

Hanging out in Tainan is an opportunity to taste all kinds of drink flavours. Anywhere we can find a large choice of tea or coffee shops. Pick up a drink from a simple stand or a tea shop (☕), sit in a café or a tea house (🍵) or experience a “tea ceremony” with some local people.



Bog 波哥

Since 1991, the most famous tea shop chain in Tainan. Some have seats. Try the Pearl mik tea. *B1, B2, B3, B4, C2 & C4*



MiShi café 秘氏咖啡

A charming café with an “In the Mood for Love” atmosphere. Hard to find, on YongLe Market building, second floor. *B1*



Zheng Xing Café 正興咖啡館

An old house restored as an elegant café/tea house. Selection of nice souvenirs at the entrance of the shop. *B1*



Sputnik Lab 衛屋茶事

In an old and quiet Japanese style tea house, we can sit on chairs or tatamis. Specialized in Japanese green tea “matcha”. *A3*



a Room 房間咖啡

At the end of a small road, a nice café in a small house, with a large book collection and different kinds of seats. *C4*

fruits / vegetables



Not into meat or simply looking for something healthy? Taiwan has plenty of delicious fruits and vegetables. Just check the fruit seasons pages to make the best choice. We can easily find some shops specializing in vegan food, salad (🥗) or fresh fruit juices (🥤).



We can add some Yakult (which is also known as 多多 DuoDuo) in our fruit juice or tea. It will make our juice more tasty.



Salad Buffet 脆蔬田木

Healthy and fresh! Fruits, vegetables, cereals, meat, sauce, we can create our own salads. *B3*



Fresh Fruit 鮮果補給站

Two sizes of boxes, fair price, tasty fruits. Easy to find, that's the stand where we need to make a queue! *B4*



fresh fruit juice

We will find some in tea shops or fruit juice shops. Coconut water, cane sugar or orange juice can also be found at some stands around morning markets. Refer to the pages "best seasons for fruits" to make the best choice. On the maps, we can also follow the tea shop symbols (where they often sell more than just tea). *B1, B3, B4, C4 & markets*

fruit
seasons

January February March April May

香蕉	banana				
椰子	coconut				
釋迦	custard apple	●			
火龍果	dragon fruit				
葡萄柚	grapefruit	●	●		
芭樂	guava	●	●		
棗子	jujube	●	●		
龍眼	longan		●		
荔枝	lychee				
芒果	mango				
哈密瓜	melon			●	●
柳橙	orange	●	●	●	
木瓜	papaya				●
百香果	passion fruit				●
柿子	persimmon				
鳳梨	pineapple		●	●	●
柚子	pomelo				
楊桃	starfruit	★			
草莓	strawberry	●	●	●	●
西瓜	watermelon				●
蓮霧	wax apple	●			

June

July

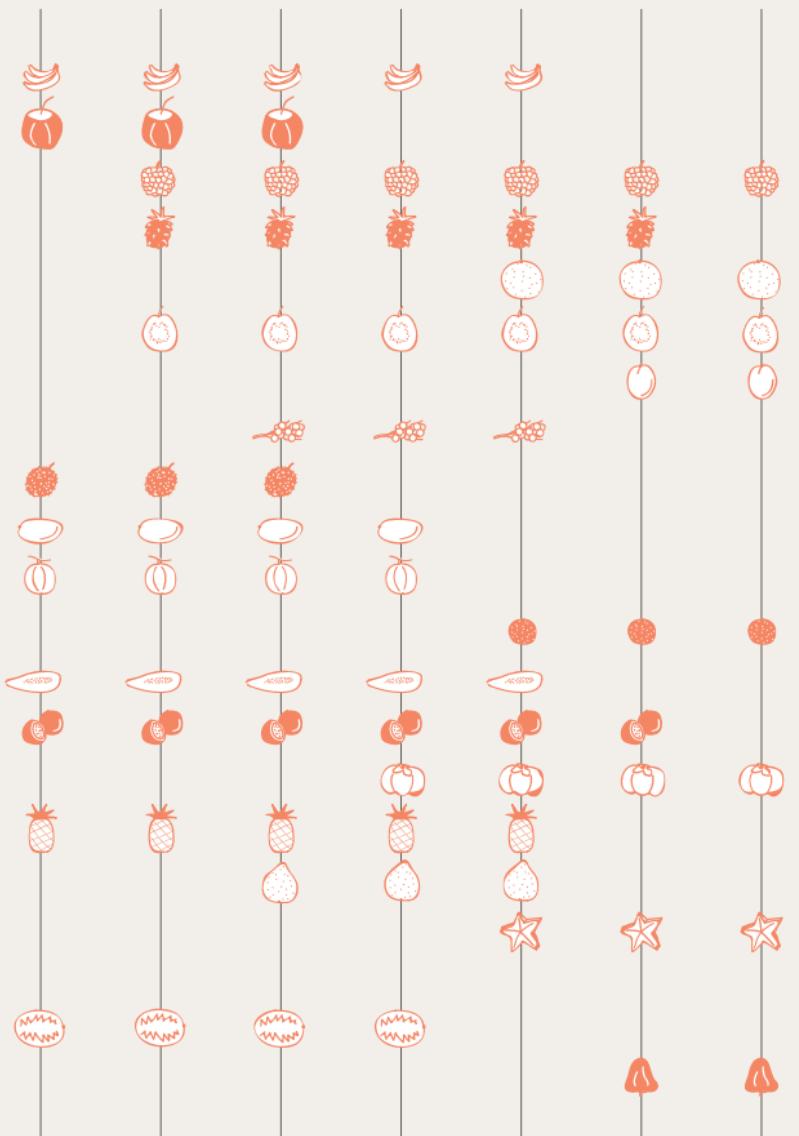
August

September

October

November

December



trees & blossoms



Same as any tropical region, Tainan has a rich variety of plants. Every year, in March, there is the Taiwan International Orchid Show in WuShu-Lin, Houbi District. It's also common to spot orchid, hibiscus, plumeria or other tropical flowers in the city. Here are some trees with beautiful blossoms. Out of the city, by bus (line 99, *SiCao DaZhong* stop), we can also enjoy a serene cruise on the SiCao Mangrove.

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● blossom season



Delonix Regia / Flame Tree 鳳凰木

Because of the planted avenues, the flower of that tree was the symbol of Tainan City until recently, and in a simplified way, of this book, too.

A4 & B4

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Cassia Fistula / Golden Trumpet 阿勃勒

Every year, around May, a festival is organized at Tainan University to celebrate its blossom with music and a photo competition..

A4 & C2

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Plumeria / Frangipani 緬梔花

We can find this flower mostly in southern Taiwan. Easy to find in Tainan, we can already smell the delicate scent as we pass by.

A0, A3, A4 & B3



Bombax Ceiba / Cotton Tree 木棉

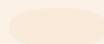
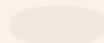
We can see it on DongFeng Lu but the most famous place is in the north of Greater Tainan, in BaiHe District (1 or 2 hours by bus: Yellow line).
A3 + A4 + BaiHe



Banyan tree 榕樹

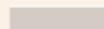
A variety of ficus, it extends roots from its branches to the ground, which form a large cluster of inter-connected trunks. The biggest tree in the city is located at NCKU but you can also admire another very special one at the AnPing Tree House.
A0, A3, A4, B4 & C2

legend

-  public service
-  store
-  area of interest
-  park
-  river / pond
-  ancient channel track

large map 1/15000

 100m

-  Lu (路 = road)

district map 1/5800

 100m

-  Jie (街 = street)

-  Xiang (巷 = lane)

-  pedestrian underpass

-  railway

and more...

— — bus stop, line 88

— — bus stop, line 99



T-bike station

• • • • walking route



ancient site of gate

— still extant wall

||||| ancient site of wall



temple/monastery



old construction



sightseeing



handcraft



traditional flavour



sweet flavour



vegan



café / tea house



tea shop



juice shop



flame tree



golden trumpet



frangipani



cotton tree



banyan tree

0



A



安 An peace
平 Ping stable



Ancient Village of AnPing 安平

Anping is the location of the earliest foreign settlement in Taiwan. The ancient village is still very authentic. Most of the houses are constructed in brick and even today people continue to live there. The symbol of this area is the "Sword Lion".

AnPing Fort Fort Zeelandia 安平古堡

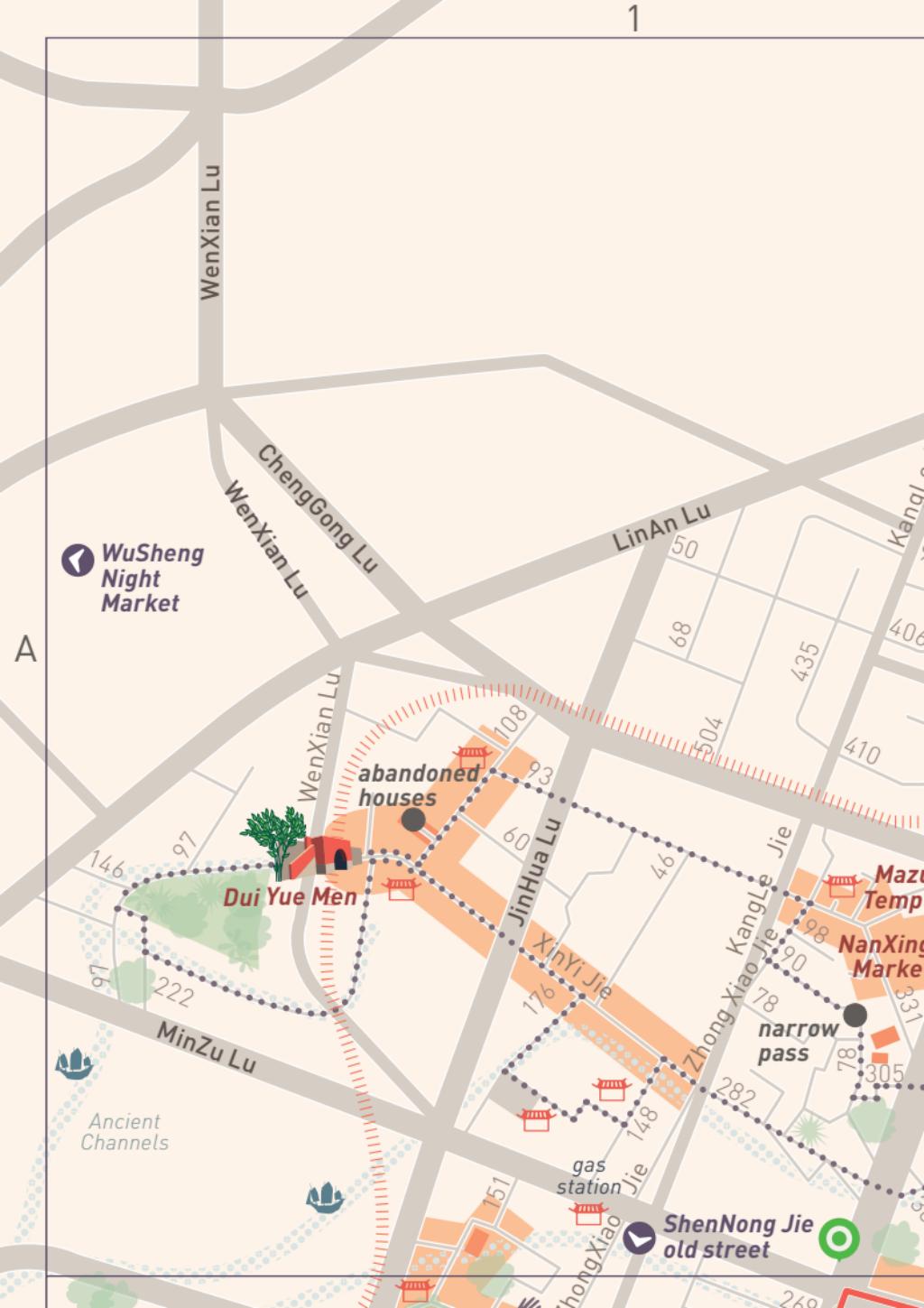
There the Dutch established their barracks to control the traffic in the ancient bay of Tainan. It was the key to AnPing's development.

Merchant House 東興洋行 & Tree House 安平樹屋

Later in the 19th century foreign companies opened trading firms. Don't miss the "Tree House".

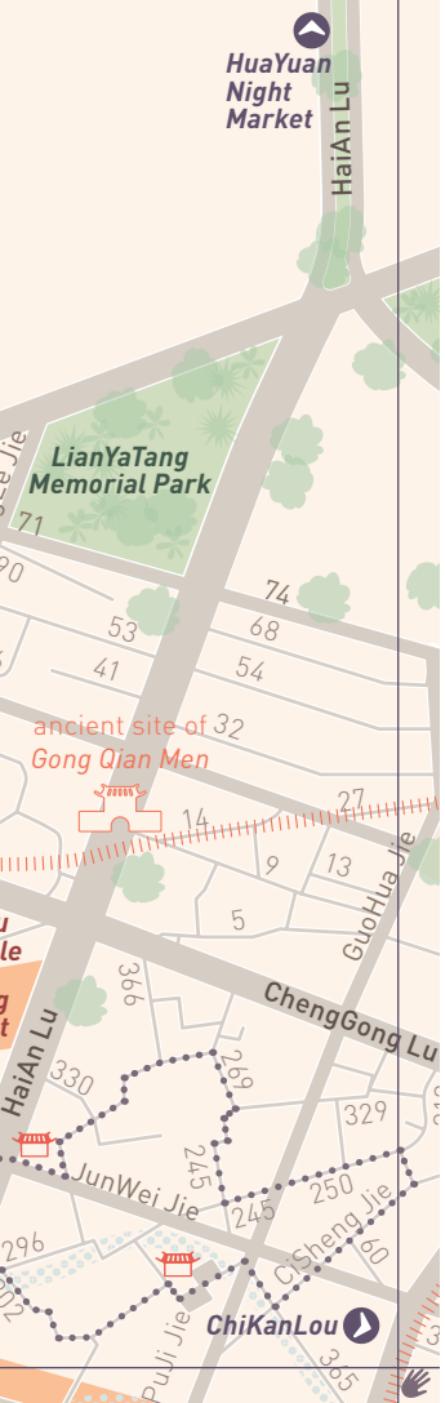
Eternal Golden Castle 壯麗金城

Further in the south, after crossing a park, we arrive at this castle, built in Vauban style. A pleasant walk.





A1 Five Channels



五 Wu five
條 Tiao line
港 Gang port

The Five Channels 五條港

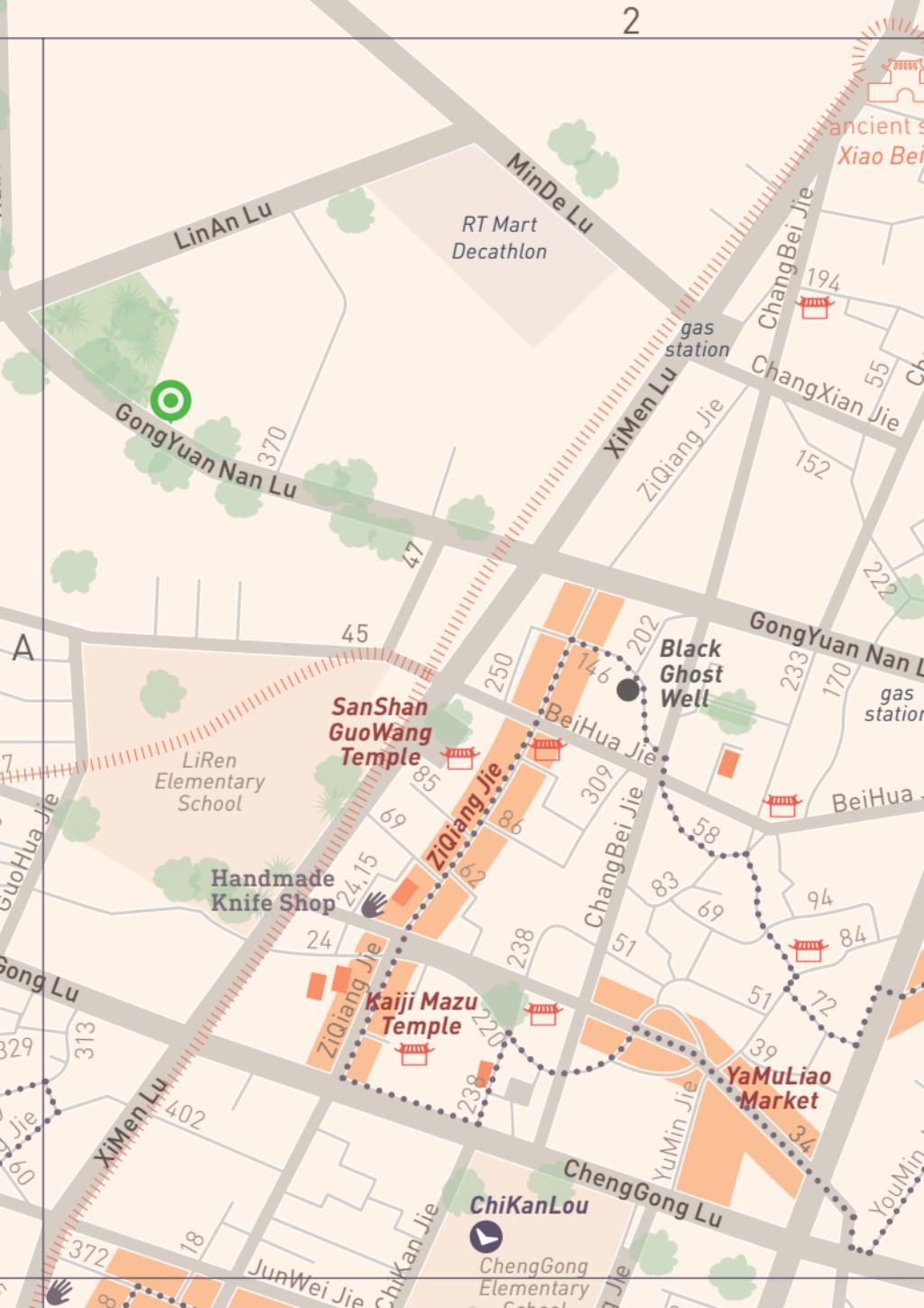
Some of the streets follow the shape of the ancient channels (check p 18-19 for more details). It was the "sea city gate", which brought prolific business here. Today it's one of the oldest preserved areas of the city.

Dui Yue Men 兌悅門

Built during the western extension of the city in 1835, it's the smallest of the four gates that still exist today. Situated at the end of XinYi Jie, an ancient commercial road of the Five Channels, which nowadays became a peaceful area.

Mazu Temple 媽祖樓天后宮

The most active temple in the area. Mazu is a protecting Goddess, especially for fishermen.





A2 ZiQiang Jie



ZiQiang Jie 自強街

This ancient road led to Xiao Bei Men in the past. Today it has become a peaceful street where we can observe local traditional life.

SanShanGuoWang Temple 三山國王廟
Taoist temple for The Lord of the Three Mountains.

YaMuLiao Market 鴨母寮市場

Further to the east, we can take a free walk in the old winding lanes and enjoy the typical morning market. We arrive just beside Tainan Park and 321 Art Village.

ChongAn Jie 崇安街

Another ancient active road which became a peaceful street with traditional houses.

still extant city wall

We can still see some remains of the wall in the most northern part of the district, beside GongYuan Bei Lu, through small lanes.

National Tainan
Second Senior High School





A3 Tainan Park



台 Tai Taiwan
南 Nan south
公 Gong public
園 Yuan park

Tainan Park 台南公園

The main park of Tainan, it offers a break from the crowded city. Every year, during winter, a flower exhibition covers the entire area of the park.

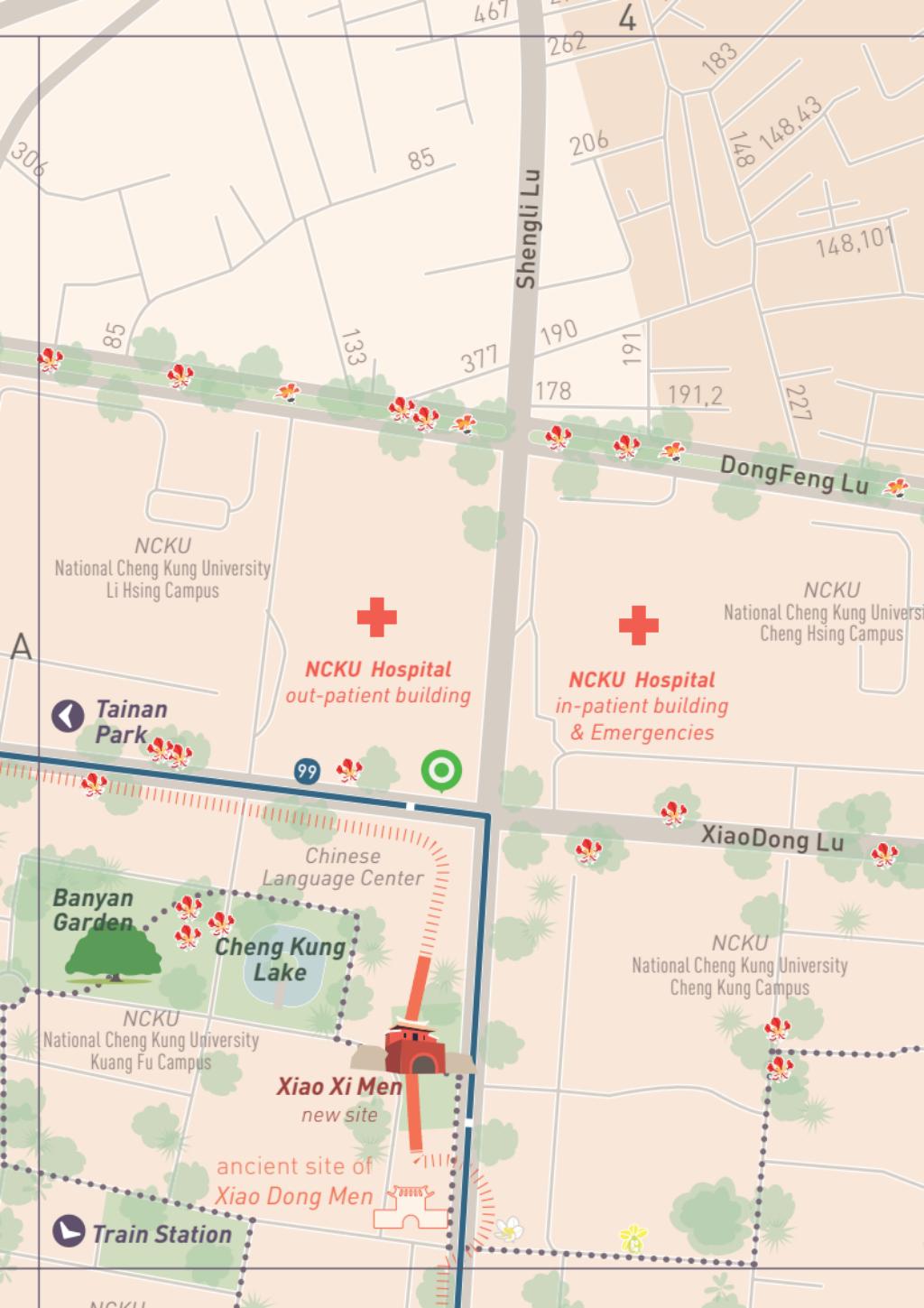
321 - Art Village 321 巷藝術聚落

With activities on weekends only, during the week it is still a nice peaceful area with lots of trees. During the Japanese Era, it used to be a dormitory for factories (now replaced with a parking lot and the Bus Terminal). On some weekends, a small vintage night market takes place in the main alley.

Tainan Cultural & Creative Park

文化創意產業園區

A new place with exhibitions, small concerts and furniture shops. We can also take a break inside the garden of the Red Building.





NCKU Hospital 成大醫院

Affiliated with National Cheng Kung University, it's the largest hospital in Tainan and one of the best in Taiwan.

DongFeng Lu 東豐路

The greenest avenue of the city. Every spring (March-June) you can walk under the tree blossoms.

Banyan Garden 榕園

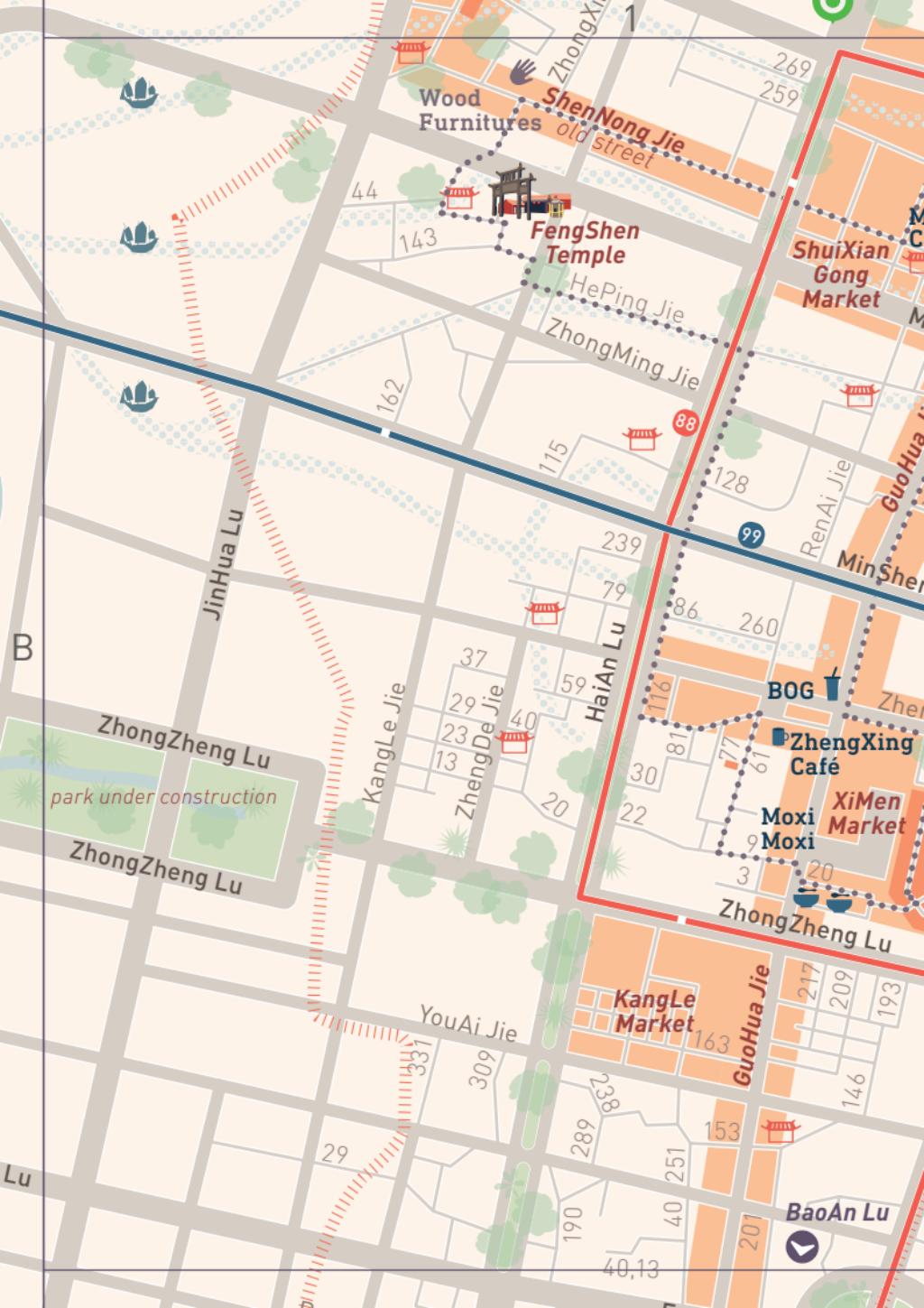
A peaceful area where we can admire the biggest banyan tree in Taiwan (also the logo of a bank).

Xiao Xi Men Small West Gate 小西門

Originally on the west side of the city, the gate was moved in 1970 when the government decided to enlarge XiMen Lu.

Xiao Dong Men Small East Gate 小東門

We can also see a part of the ancient wall and the shape of this ancient gate on the ground just beside the Xiao Xi Men.





B1 GuoHua Jie



GuoHua Jie 國華街

The place is not to be missed, GuoHua Jie is the soul of Tainan. Crowded and messy, here the past (market, restaurants) and the new generation (cafés) meet.

ShenNong Jie 神農街

This used to be one of the main entrances of the city. The street is surrounded by typical old houses. Certainly the most famous old street of the city.

FengShen Temple 風神廟

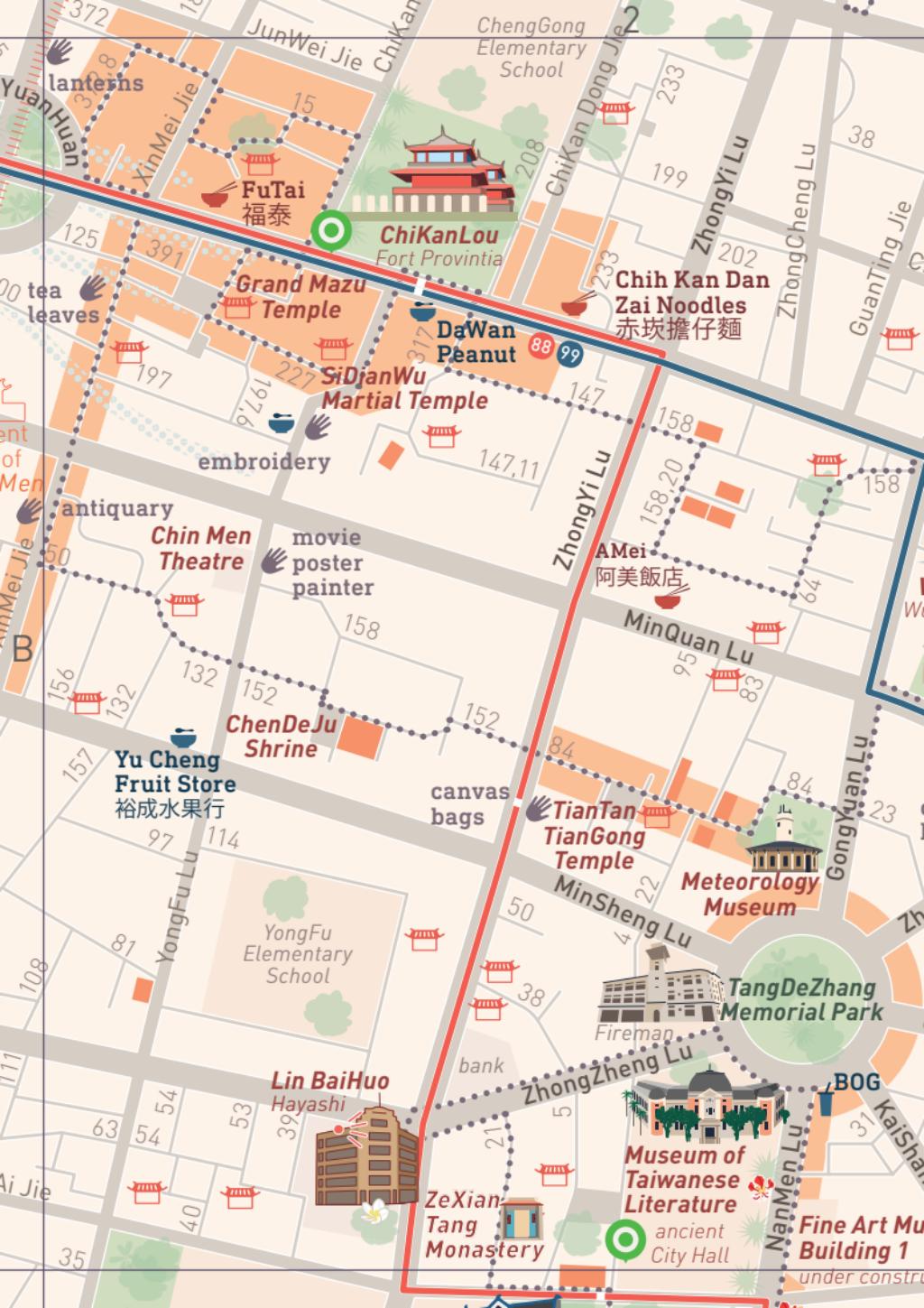
A simple, small and old temple with its stone gate. One of the oldest temples of Tainan. Not to miss!

XiMen Market 西門市場

An old market. The two main halls are under renovation. Beside it, a busy area with many trendy local shops and stands. On the lower floor, a second-hand and handcraft market takes place on weekends.



The Five channels (see p18-19)





B2 Centre



ChiKanLou Fort Provintia 赤崁樓

One of the most important historical sites in Tainan. The Chinese-style towers are built on top of the old Dutch Fort Provintia. Four centuries ago, it was in front of the bay.

Grand Mazu Temple 大天后宮

This temple is connected to a large temple complex (corner of YongFu Lu and lane 227). Don't hesitate to explore the different shrines.

WuYuan Wu's Garden 吳園

One of the nicest parks of the city. We can take a rest and also admire the different influences of architecture all around us.

Lin BaiHuo Hayashi 林百貨

The oldest department store in Tainan, built during the Japanese Era (1932). Products there promote Taiwan's culture and quality. Perfect to find some nice presents. Nice viewing point from the rooftop.





B3 Train station



火 Huo fire
車 Che vehicle
站 Zhan station

Train Station 火車站

Maybe the best way to travel in Taiwan. More details on p 9.

- . to Kaohsiung: every 20 min
- . to HSR station: every 30 min

Old Tainan Magistrate's Residence 知事官邸

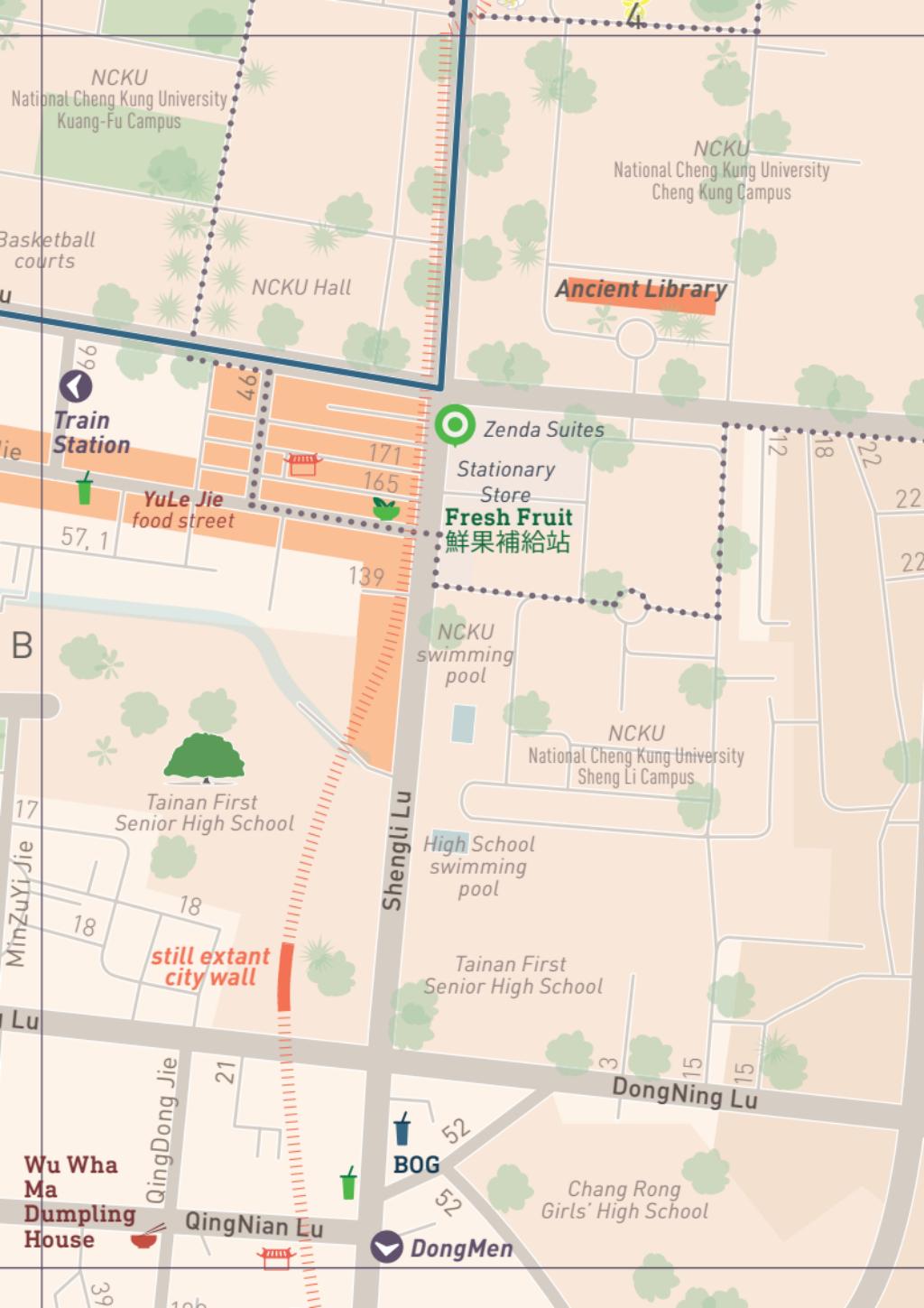
Built in European style. Today, transformed into the retro "1900 Café" and souvenir shop. Exhibition on the second floor. From BeiMen lu, take the underpass.

hi-tech stores

The place to go when we need to check, compare or buy any high-tech, 3C products.

teenagers' fashion stores

Between the East Market and the department stores, there are some independent shops with imported clothes (mainly from Korea). Quite popular among teenagers.





成功 Cheng-Gong success
大學 DaXue university

NCKU 成功大學

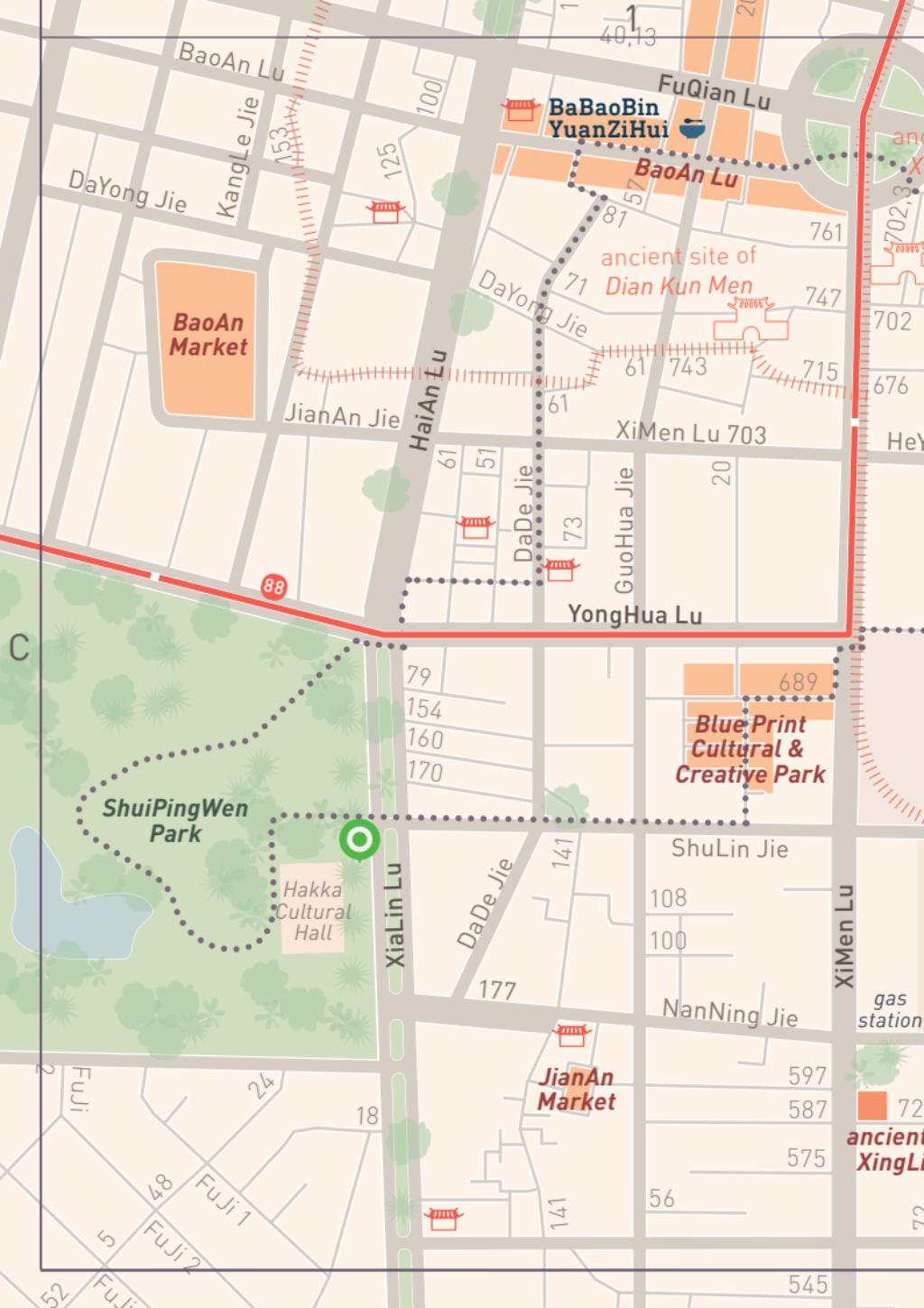
One of the best universities in Taiwan, with about 20,000 students and many green areas. Don't hesitate to take a walk there, free entrance. At night, Tzu-Chiang Campus is full of people jogging and exercising, complete lap=1.2km (see night pages for details).

YuLe Jie food street 育樂街

The place where students like to eat, buy daily goods, print their documents and also take a break. The cheapest area of Tainan for sure.

still extant city wall

Inside Tainan First Senior High School, one of the most renowned high schools of the city, we still can see some of its ruins. Entry is allowed outside of class hours (better wait for evening or weekend).





C1 BaoAn Lu



保 Bao protect
安 An peace
路 Lu road

BaoAn Lu 保安路

Crossing GuoHua Jie, BaoAn Lu is also an old commercial road. This is paradise for local food (sweet and salty savouries). Many shops there have a long history and have become famous.

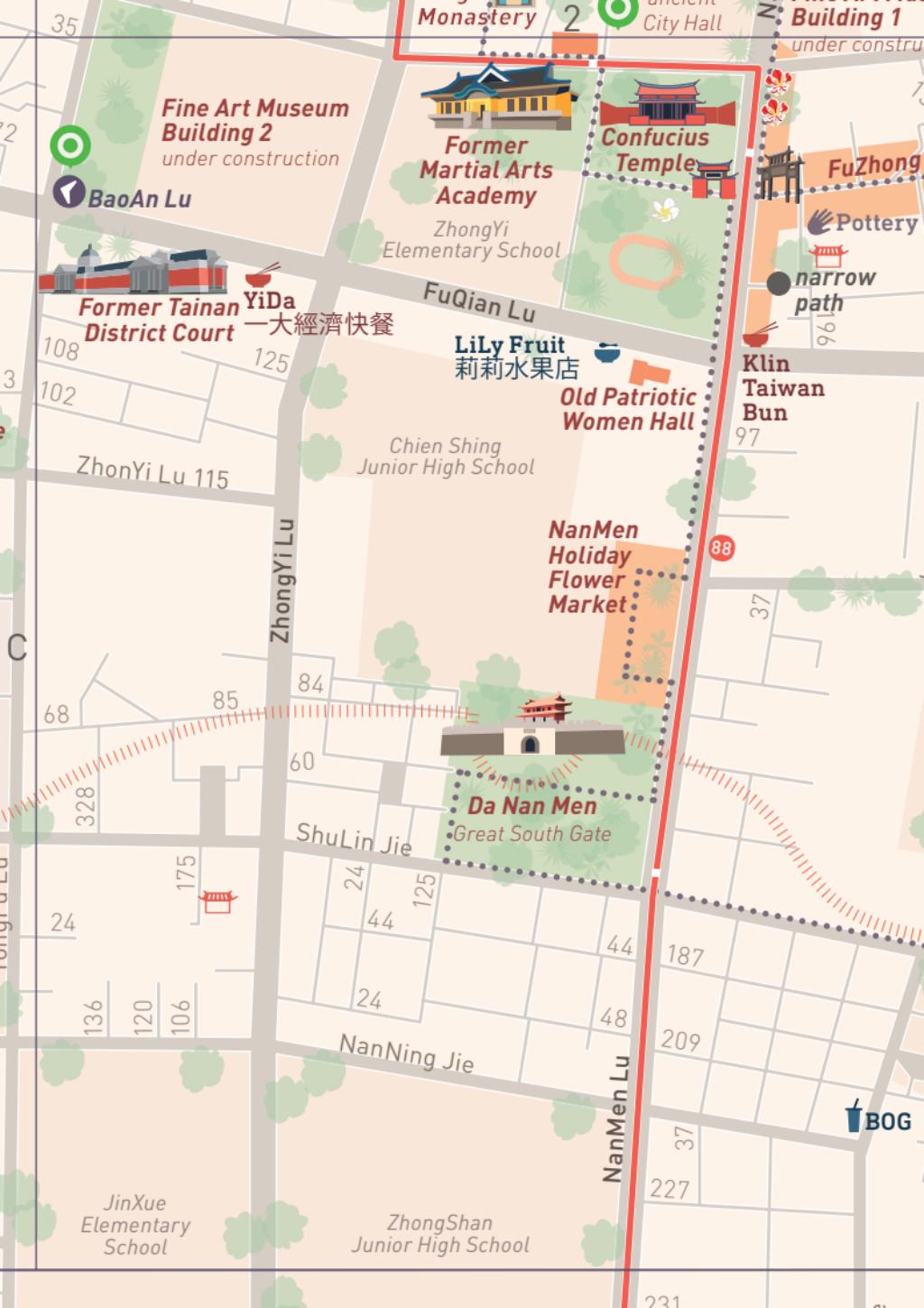
Blue Print Cultural & Creative Park

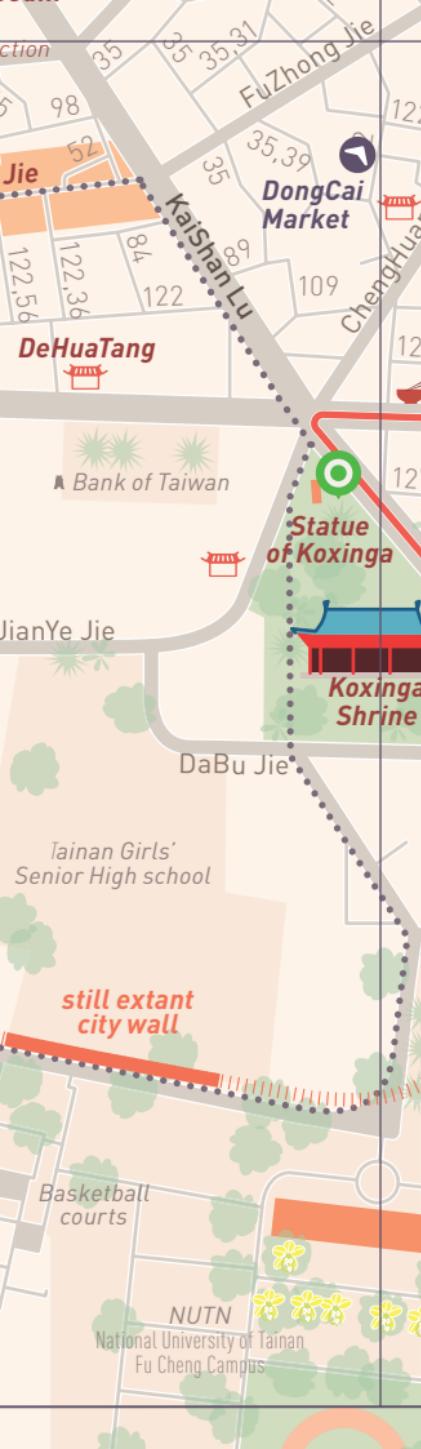
藍晒圖文創園區

Recently renovated area. It became a nice place to take a walk, eat, drink and buy some original goods. Many small shops organised as a small village. This is the new site of the famous "Blue Print" which was on HaiAn Lu before.

Xiao Xi Men Small West Gate 小西門

Originally on the crossroad of XiMen and FuQian Lu, the gate has been moved near NCKU (district A4). Today, Xiao Xi Men is often linked to the eponymous mall.





Confucius Temple 孔子廟 (全臺首學)

The oldest Confucius temple in Taiwan. In fact, it's more than a temple for prayer, it's an ancient school. Beside it is the Japanese Martial Arts Hall, where there are Kendo lessons on weekends.

FuZhong Jie 府中街

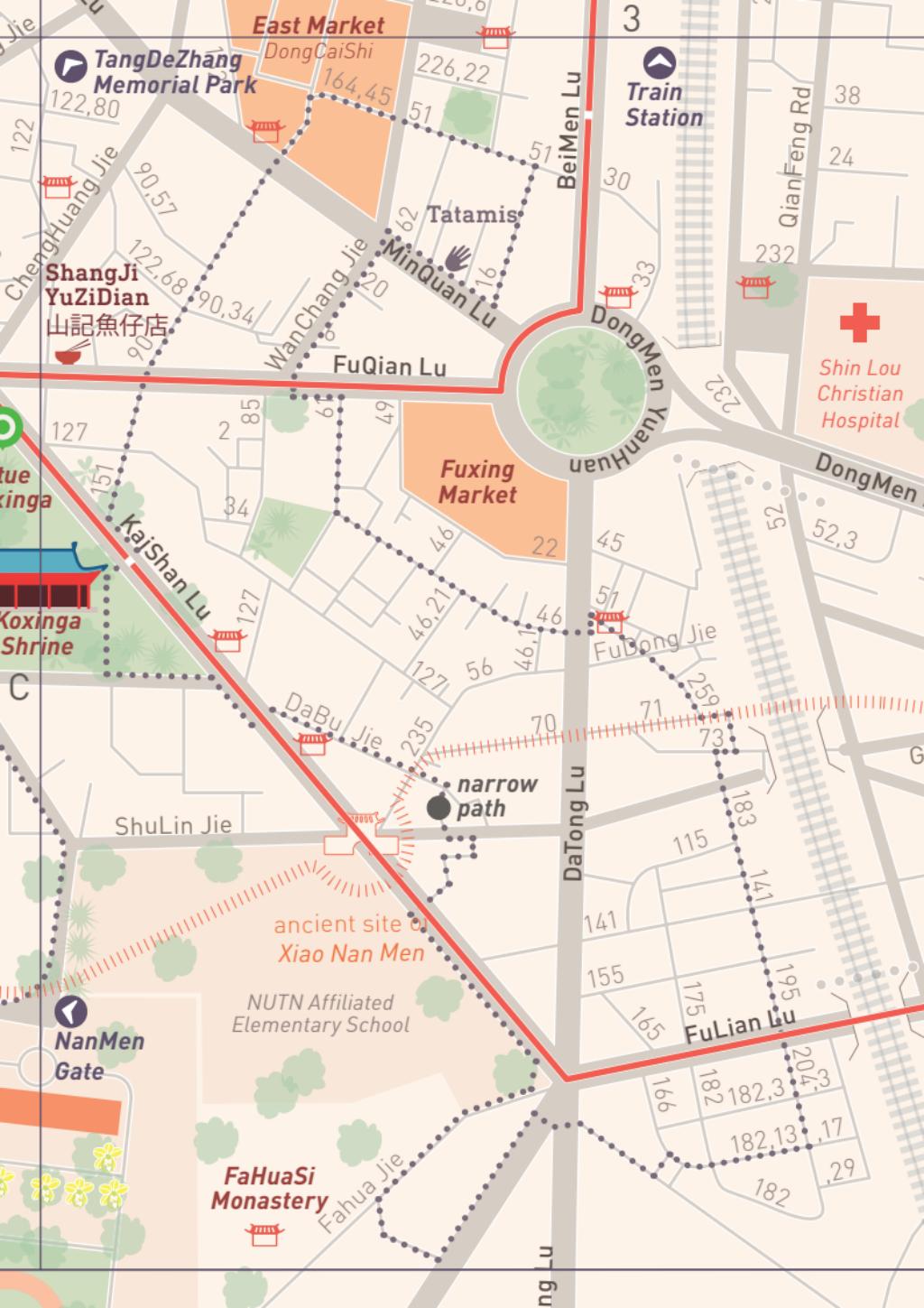
This pedestrian street is perfect for buying a souvenir. Try some instant noodles in the Lane 196 or RouBao (meat-stuffed bun) in the store Klin Taiwan Bun nearby.

Da Nan Men Great South Gate 大南門

It's the biggest existing gate. It was built in 1725. Sometimes, activities are organized inside the court. Nearby, the NanMen Holiday Flower Market is open on weekends.

still extant city wall

Along ShuLin Jie, we can see the biggest remains in Tainan of the old city wall.



C3 Koxinga Shrine



Koxinga Shrine 延平郡王祠

Koxinga, also named Zheng Cheng-gong, was known as a Chinese Ming loyalist. This shrine is a mix of Japanese, Chinese and Taiwanese styles. Very different from the other shrines or temples we can see in Taiwan.

East Market DongCaiShi 東菜市

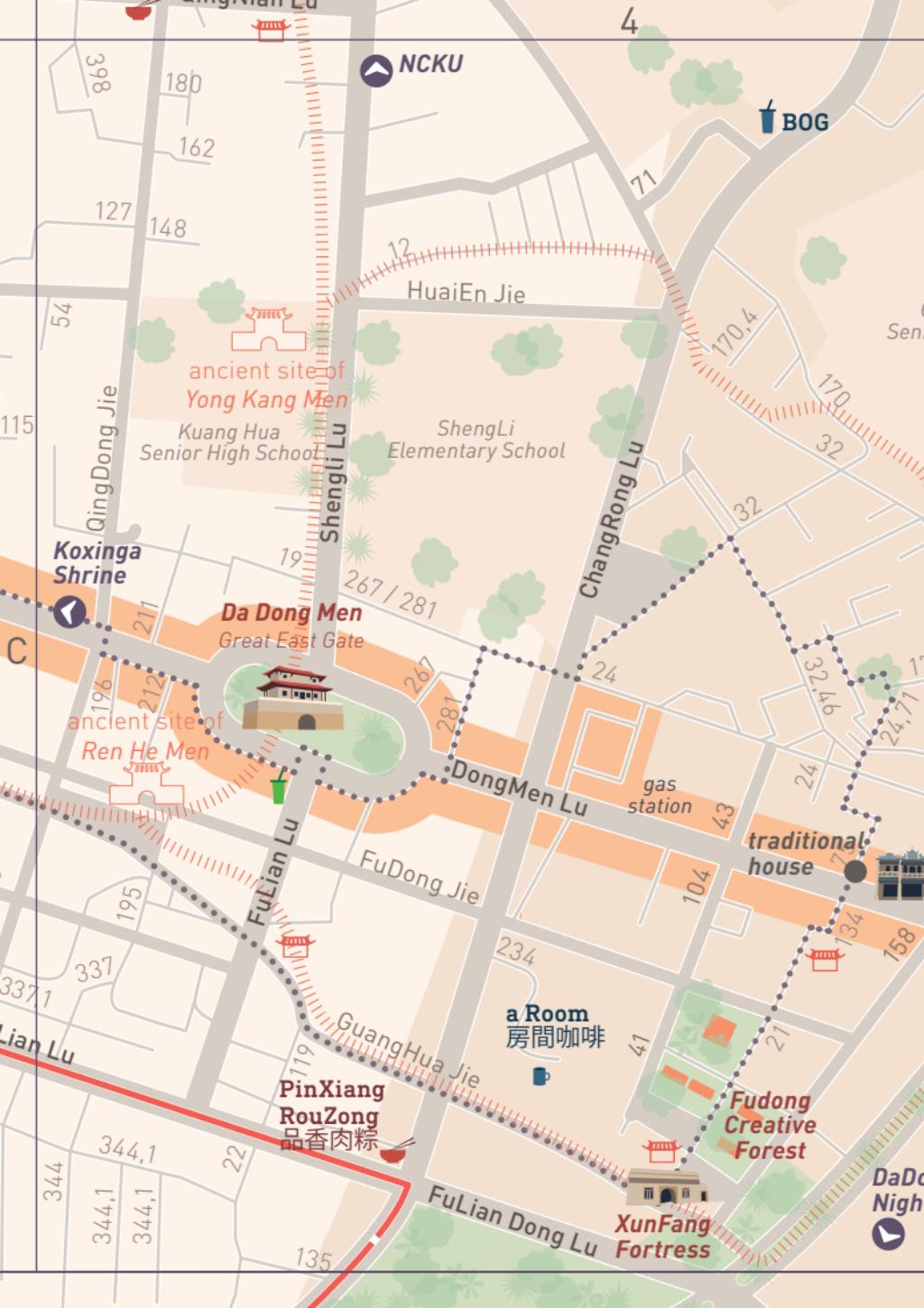
A very traditional market which is still active today. The market is open from early morning to lunch. Plenty of restaurants around it, especially on FuQian Lu.

FaHuaSi Monastery 法華寺

An old and very peaceful place in the middle of the crowded city. Sadly, a number of its rooves have been seriously damaged by years of heavy typhoons.

Xiao Nan Men Small South Gate 小南門 & still extant city wall

Xiao Nan Men doesn't exist anymore, but a part of the still extant wall farther to the east is still visible.





C4 DongMen



大 Da great
東 Dong East
門 Men gate

Da Dong Men Great East Gate 大東門
Also named Ying Chun Men 迎春門,
it's the second biggest gate in the
city of Tainan.

Yong Kang, Ren He, Don Guo Men

永康門、仁和門、東郭門

No longer visible is the Eastern extension made in 1836 and its three gates added. They were all removed during the Japanese Era.

Fudong Creative Forest 府東創意森林

Ancient Japanese houses. Today, these constructions sell food and goods relative to the Japanese and Taiwanese cultures.

XunFang Fortress 翼方炮臺

On the site of the ancient wall, we can visit this fortress which is inside a temple now.



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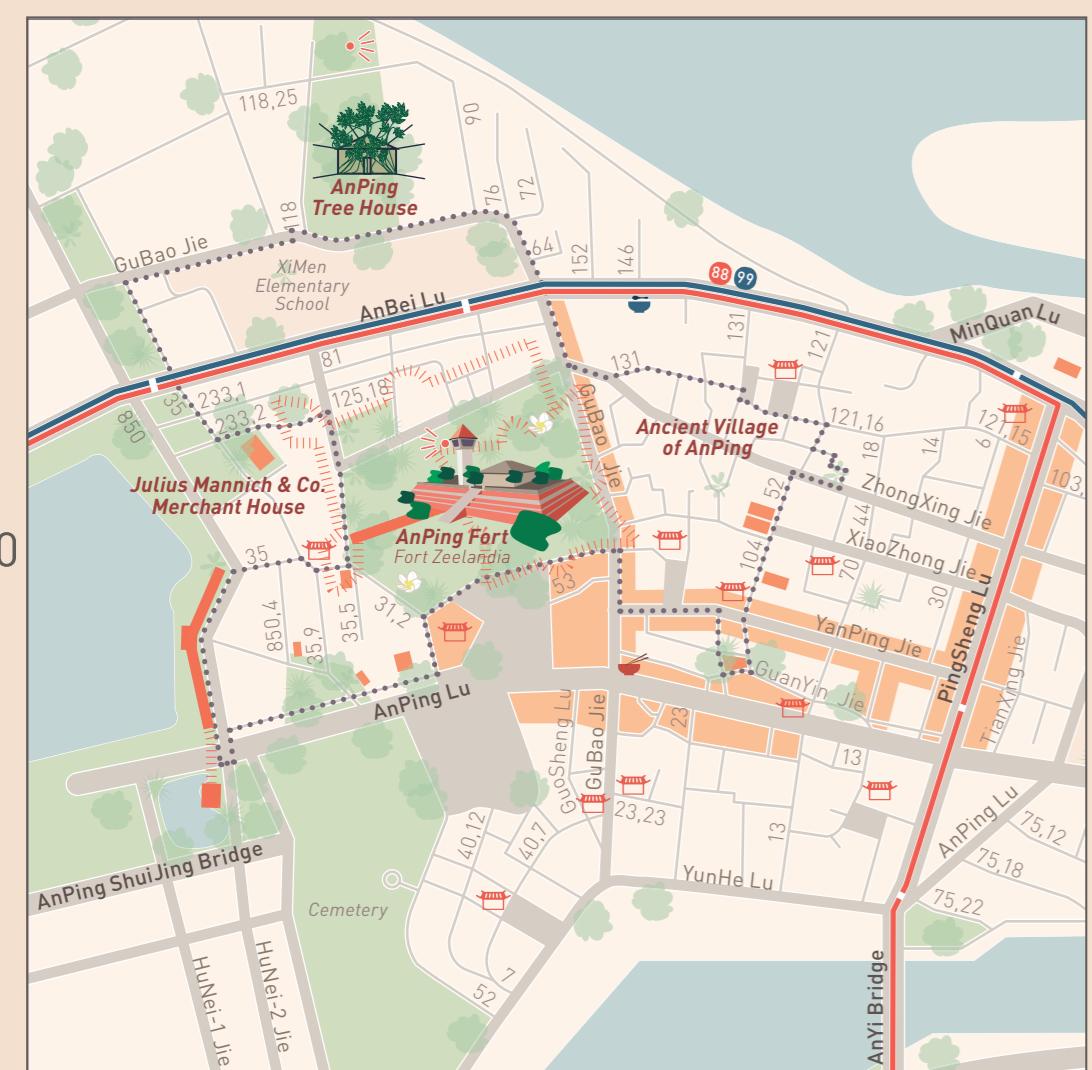
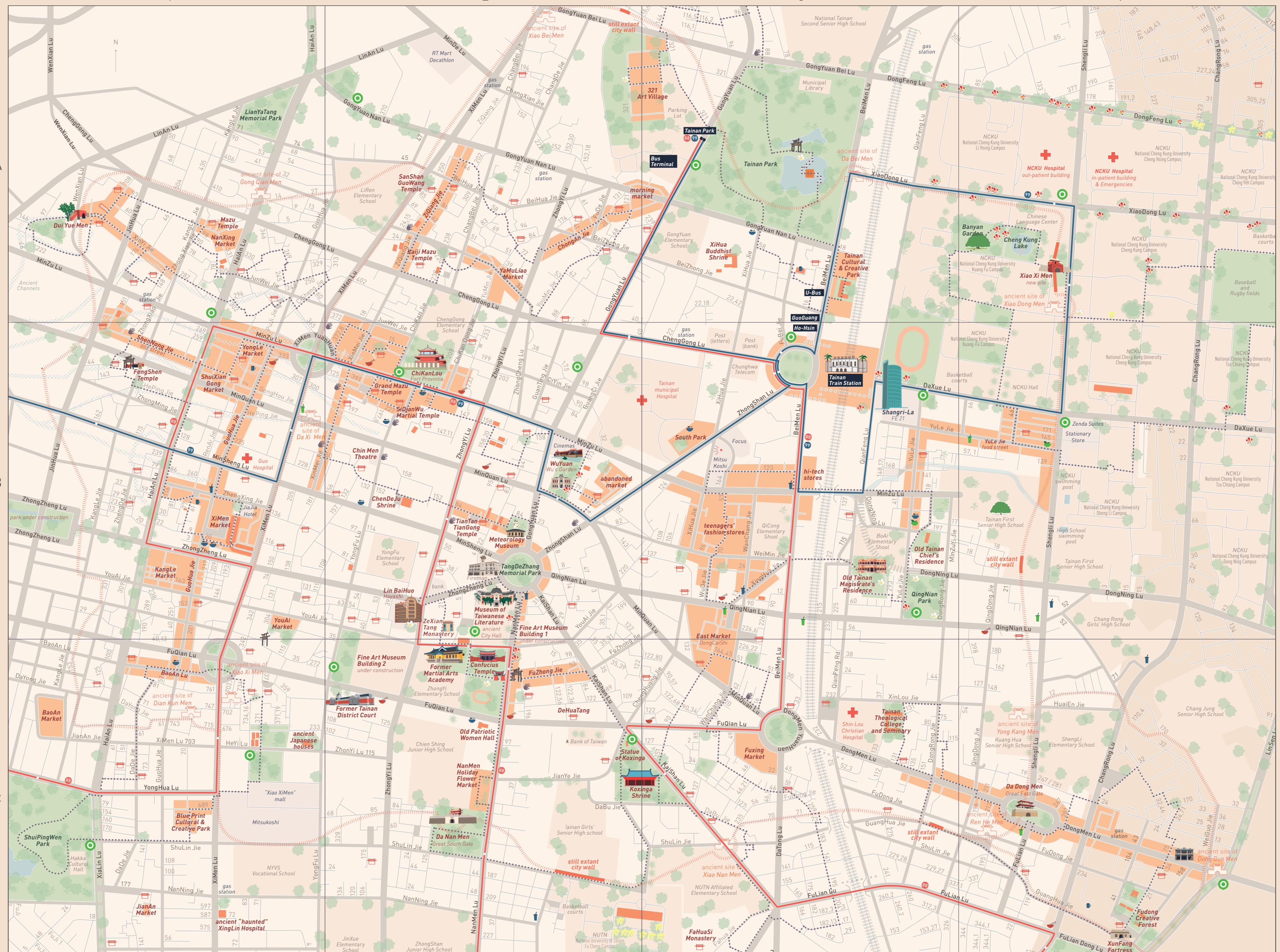
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Tainan

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map



legend

public service	bus stop, line 88	traditional flavour
store	bus stop, line 99	sweet flavour
area of interest	t-bike	vegan
park	walking route	café / tea house
river / pond	ancient site or gate	tea shop
ancient channel track	still extant wall	juice shop
Lu (路 = road)	ancient site of wall	flame tree
Jie (街 = street)	old construction	golden trumpet
Xiang (巷 = lane)	pedestrian underpass	frangipani
	railway	cotton tree
		banyan tree

Tainan

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Tainan

by
night

Tainan

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night

Some people go out for a barbecue, some others work hard in the rear kitchen of restaurants, or are already preparing tofu for tomorrow. Markets' dark alleys are visited by cats and the crowded city becomes quieter hour after hour. Where can we go tonight?

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in Chinese
[Chuàn]
means
shish kebab.
It's also the
symbol for
night shops
where we can
share
a beer and
a barbecue
with friends

- 1 **OuYeJi WuTai 歐野基屋台 串**
On a terrace, with plants around.
The food is simple but well-made.
- 2 **QiuShou TanKao 秋收炭烤 串**
Looks a bit like an abandoned
house. Fair price and quality.
- 3 **Old House 1933 老厝 1933 串**
A typical old Chinese house
transformed into a barbecue.
- 4 **TCRC**
Simply one of Asia's 50 best bars in
2016 (Source: William Reed).
- 5 **WuGen 屋根**
Clean and laid back bar.
Excellent and creative cocktails.
- 6 **Freewill**
A briefly renovated house
transformed into a "garden bar".
- 7 **Wan Chang QiYi 萬昌起義**
Cocktail bar with Chinese
decoration.

12 places
to **hangout**
at night

8 **DongXing Park** 東興公園

Nostalgic Chinese dance,
in a park, free to participate.

9 **ChiKanLou** Fort Provintia 赤崁樓

One of the rare cultural places
open at night. Regular concerts.

10 **Chin Men Theater** 全美戲院

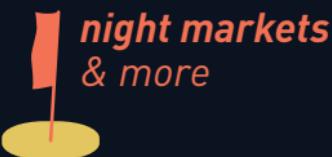
An old place, known by local
moviegoers. Subtitles in Chinese.

11 **YuCheng** 裕成水果行

Fruit desserts (12:00 to 01:00),
Famous for Mango on shaved ice.

12 **Party World** 錢櫃

KTV, private rooms for Karaoke.
Rented by the hour.



Can't just leave Tainan without trying the local night markets. But each one has its own shift, so let's check the details first.

DaDong Night Market 大東夜市

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The aboriginal barbecue (with the circular grill) and the caramelized sweet potatoes stands are recommended.

WuSheng Night Market 武聖夜市

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A bit smaller than the other ones. Most of the visitors are local people. Many nice sweet things there.

HuaYuan Night Market 花園夜市

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Also named "Flower Garden Night Market", it's the largest in the city and also the most crowded.

321 / NanGuo Night Market 南國小夜市

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A small, vintage style night market at
321 Art Village, some weekends only.

HaiAn Lu bars avenue 海安路

Plenty of bars and barbecue. The
most active night life in the city.

夜 Ye night
市 Shi market

ShenNong Jie 神農街 / **XinYi Jie** 信義街

Old streets with some souvenir
shops, restaurants, bars and cafés.

BaoAn Lu food street 保安路

A famous road for many kinds of
traditional Tainanese food.

South Park food court 南方公園

An open area with some snacks,
drink stores and free seating.

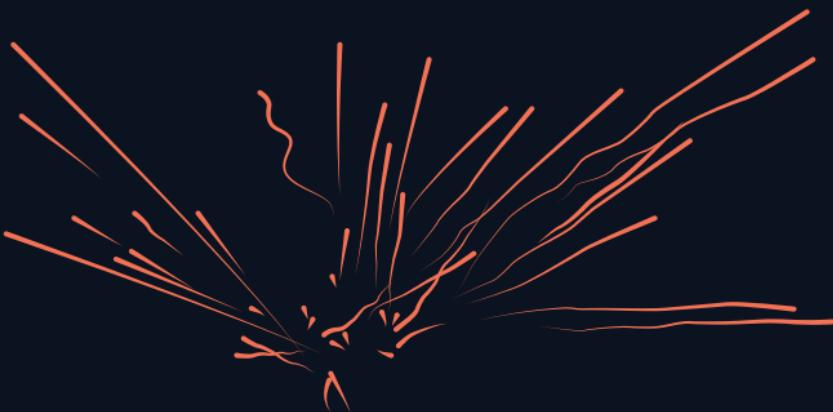
YuLe Jie food street 育樂街

The main street of the student's life.
Cheap food, drinks and copy stores.

BeiMen Lu expatriate area 北門路

The main place in the city to meet expatriates.
Several bars with different ambiances.

Chinese New Year celebration



YanShui Beehive Fireworks Festival 鹽水蜂炮

Two weeks after Chinese New Year, the town of YanShui (about an hour from Central Tainan) becomes a giant firework. Hundreds of firecrackers all going off at the same time, over the heads of the audience. People believe the "baptism of fireworks" gets rid of calamity and troubles. Better be really well protected. Helmet, cotton clothes, towels and no uncovered eyes or skin. Not to miss! From XinYing Train Station: Bus Brown line 1, 2 or 3.

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Phoo Tse Tian lantern festival 普濟行春燈會

During the Chinese New Year celebration (often in February) GuoHua Jie get illuminated for few weeks by hundreds of lanterns painted by children. Great spot for photos.

...and more again

GuanZiLing Hot Spring 關子嶺溫泉

The perfect place to relax far from crowded downtown Tainan, especially in winter. Wide range of options and prices. From XinYing Train Station: bus 66. From HouBi Train Station: Bus 33. From BaiHe: Bus Yellow line 12 or 13.

Expatriate life

Tainan also has a small expatriate community. English speakers, here comes a selection for tonight.

14 À Table 法國小酒館

French Bistro with creative food and authentic flavours. Wine shop. Booking compulsory.

15 Dive Bar and Grubhut

Nice drinks, fair prices, chill ambiance. Terrace along the famous bars avenue HaiAn Lu.

16 Legends sports bar

Looking for a place with a DJ? That's the place to be! Perfect place to meet other foreigners.

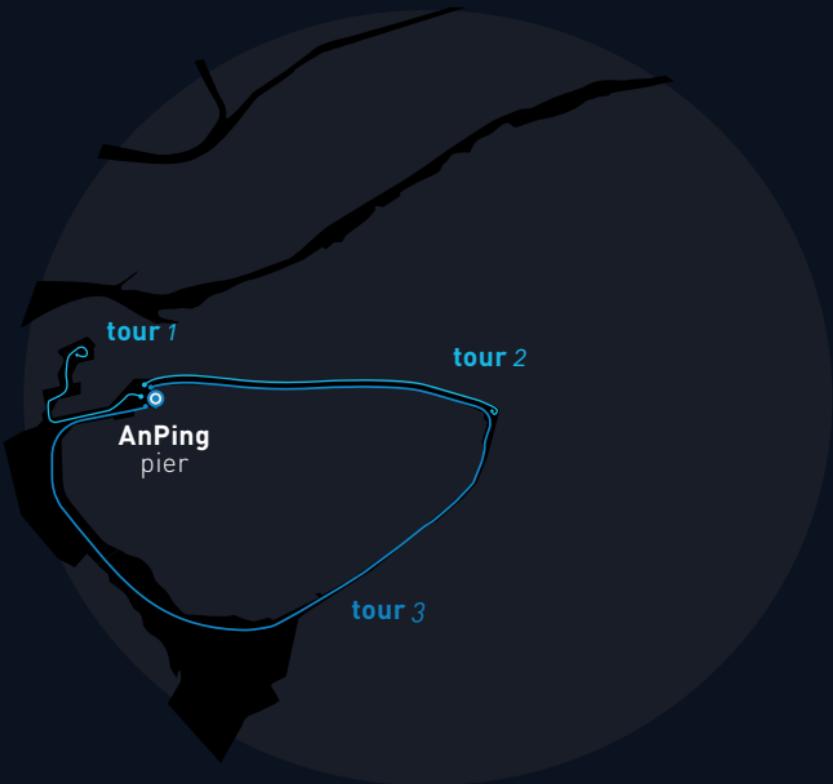


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Perfect to relax, these small boats let us take another look at the city. Every day they are available from 8am to 5pm, but we recommend to wait until the evening, when the air gets cooler. Night cruises are on weekends and holidays only for now, from 6pm to 8pm. Three different routes are available. The long one (tour 3, shown on the maps), around the main island of AnPing is certainly the most appealing one.

How to book? Possible to book in advance, for groups or special schedules. 300NTD for children, 500NTD for adults. Tel. 0903232168. (better with the help from a Mandarin speaker).





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Let's take a look at the the T-bike "galaxy"! T-bike is Tainan City's bike rental system. With a smooth ride, comfortable seat, front safety light, and even a case to protect our mobile phone, T-bike is the perfect tool to keep moving in the city when buses stop (around 22:00). After the heat of the day time and the rush hour, let's take a ride around the city, grab some food at the night market, have a drink in a nice bar and see some of the illuminated monuments. The path meets fifteen T-bike stations. It gives us the option to stop, take a walk or a sit around and then keep going. Of course this is a suggested path but it can be easily adapted to our feelings for tonight and the coming days. See day section, page 6, for traffic details.

T-bike can be rented with a credit card, an Easycard or iPass (Taipei and Kaohsiung MRT Cards). The first time is easy and fast but you will need a phone to enter a code sent to you by SMS. The help of some local people would make this step much easier.



Looking for some sneakers?

Big Show, small trendy shop, the local specialist of limited editions. open till 23:30.

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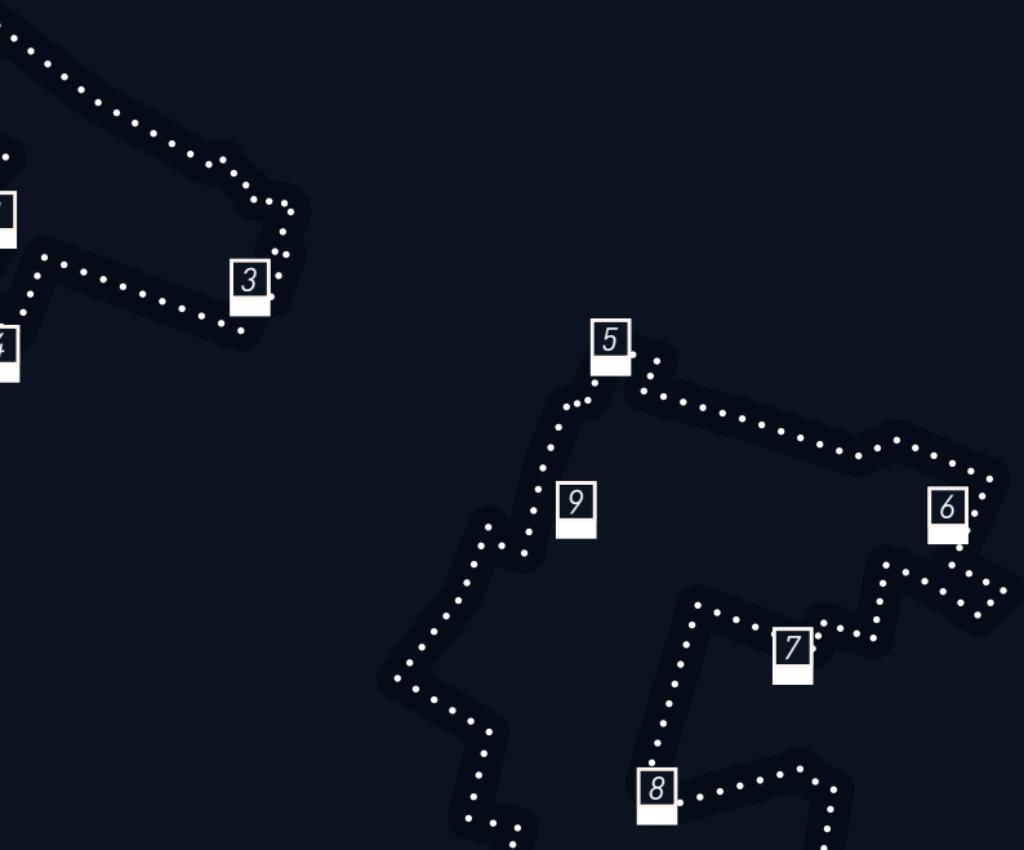
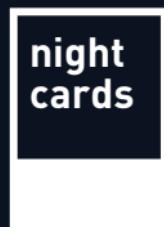
Everyday, at the end of the afternoon, the Tzu Chiang Campus of NCKU becomes the meeting place of joggers. The large tour provides a safe track of 1.2km long. Of course, you can add several laps or use shortcuts to adjust your intended distance. The main gate is at the north entrance, but it's possible to enter by any side. Almost all the schools have a stadium which never closes and is used by citizens for their daily exercise in the evening and early morning.



- main departure gate
- other departure gate

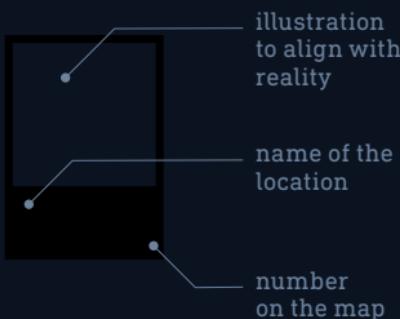


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A suggested night tour, linking some famous sites of the city, passing by some dark alleys and seeing indoor life. These places deserve a look but we will also certainly find much more if we follow our own path. Life becomes more alive again during Chinese New Year (around February) or Moon Festival (around September). Each season, day, and hour has got its own flavour!

How to use the night cards? Just follow the map number, when we arrive to the point, we take it in our hand and look around. The lines on the card must be aligned with what you can see.



XinYi Jie
old street

ShenNong Jie
old street

night walk Part 1



night walk

1

KaiJiYaoWang Temple 開基藥王廟

Before we get to the end of ShenNong Jie, we face a tall mysterious temple with a tall tree on its left. "The Lord of Medicine" is inside.

2

Dui Yue Men 兌悅門

In the relaxing street of XinYi Jie, bars and restaurants animate the night life.

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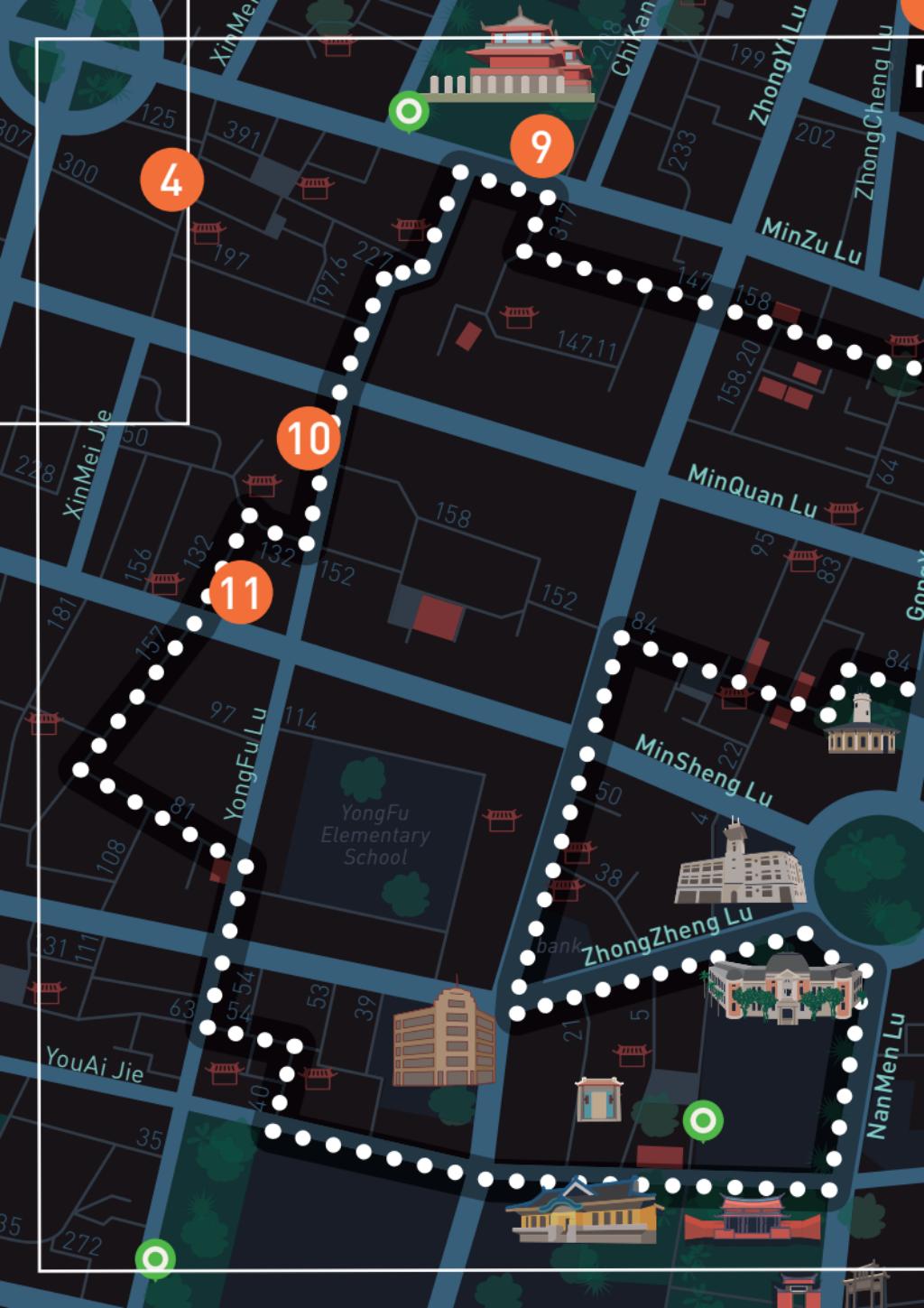
MiShi Café 秘氏咖啡

Open until 22:00. At night, the light coming out from the windows will bring you back to the atmosphere of the movie "In the Mood for Love".

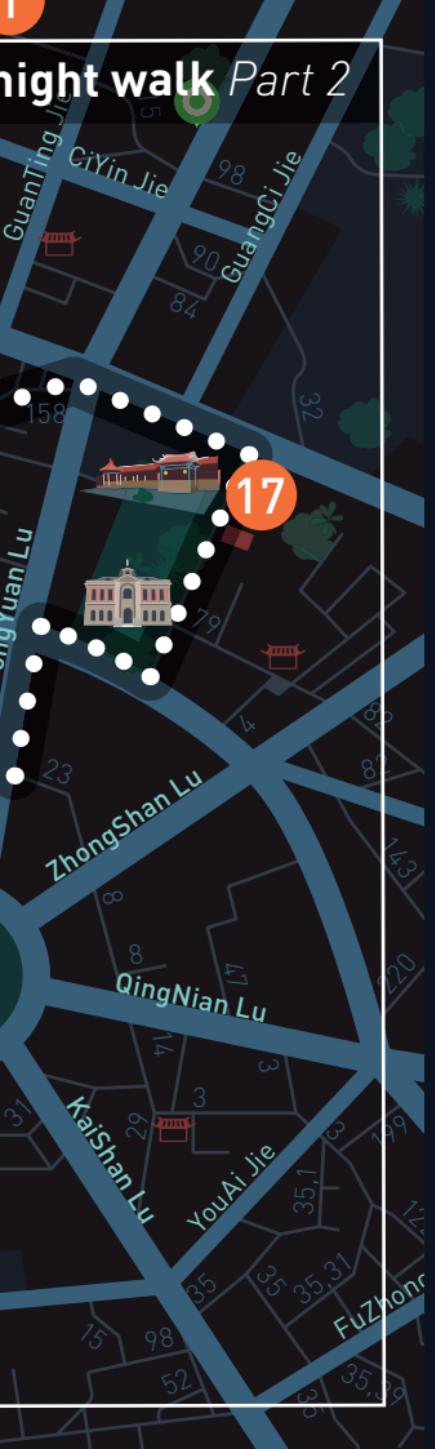
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FengShen Temple 風神廟

One of the oldest temples of the city. Even if it has a quite simple architecture, it becomes a charming place at night.



night walk Part 2



night walk

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ChiKanLou Fort Provintia 赤崁樓
One of the main historical sites in the city. It has music concert almost every night with the monument as background.

6

WuYuan Wu's Garden 吳園
A Chinese style small park Behind the Vieshow Cinemas, perfect place for a night chat.

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TianTan Temple 天壇
Follow the lanterns, they lead us to one of the most famous temples of the city. Don't miss it during Chinese New Year!

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Lin BaiHuo Hayashi 林百貨
The old department store looks greater again under the night lights. Open until 22:00.

9

Chin Men Theatre 全美戲院
The last theatre in Taiwan with painted posters. Why not go to watch a movie here tonight? (Chinese subtitles only)

legend



24h store



park



river / pond



Lu (路 = road)



Jie (街 = street)



Xiang (巷 = lane)



pedestrian underpass



railway

notice



night life areas



place to hang out



AnPing Pier



T-bike Station



night boat



night bike



night jog



night walk



night walk spot

Day maps and night maps use the same two scales. One for the large map, one for the district maps. We can easily switch from one to another to compare locations.

large map 1/15000

100m

district map 1/5800

100m



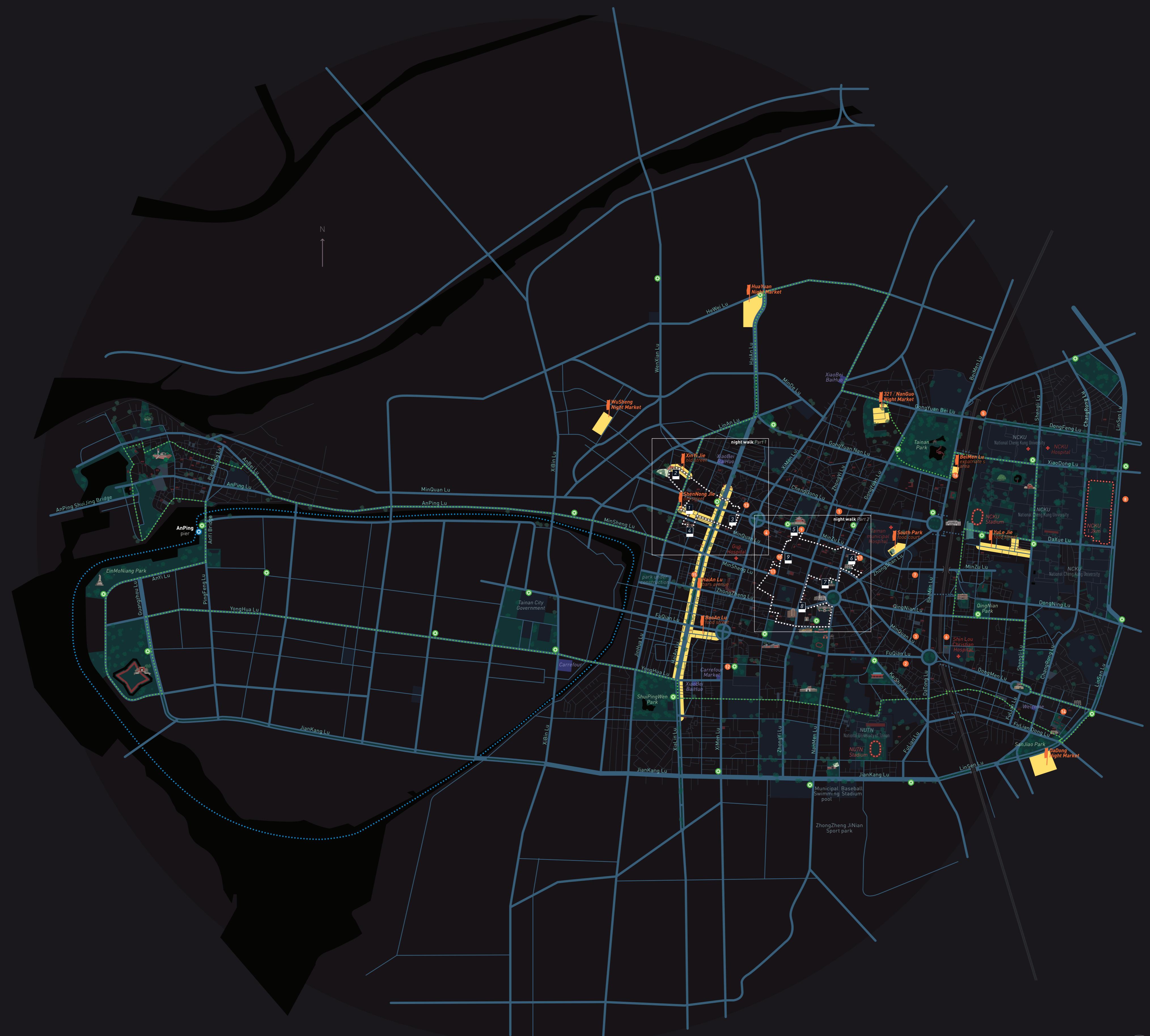
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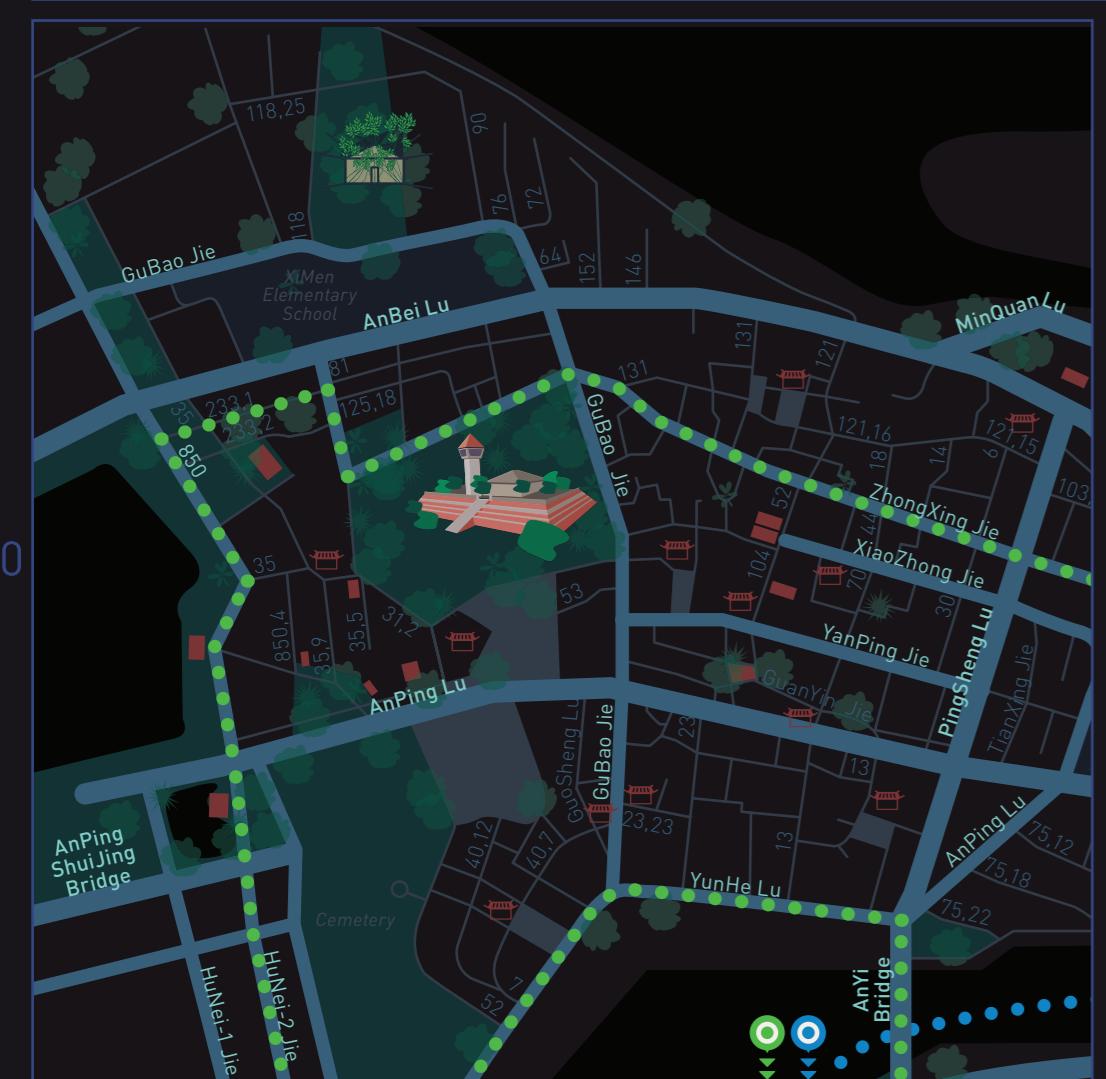
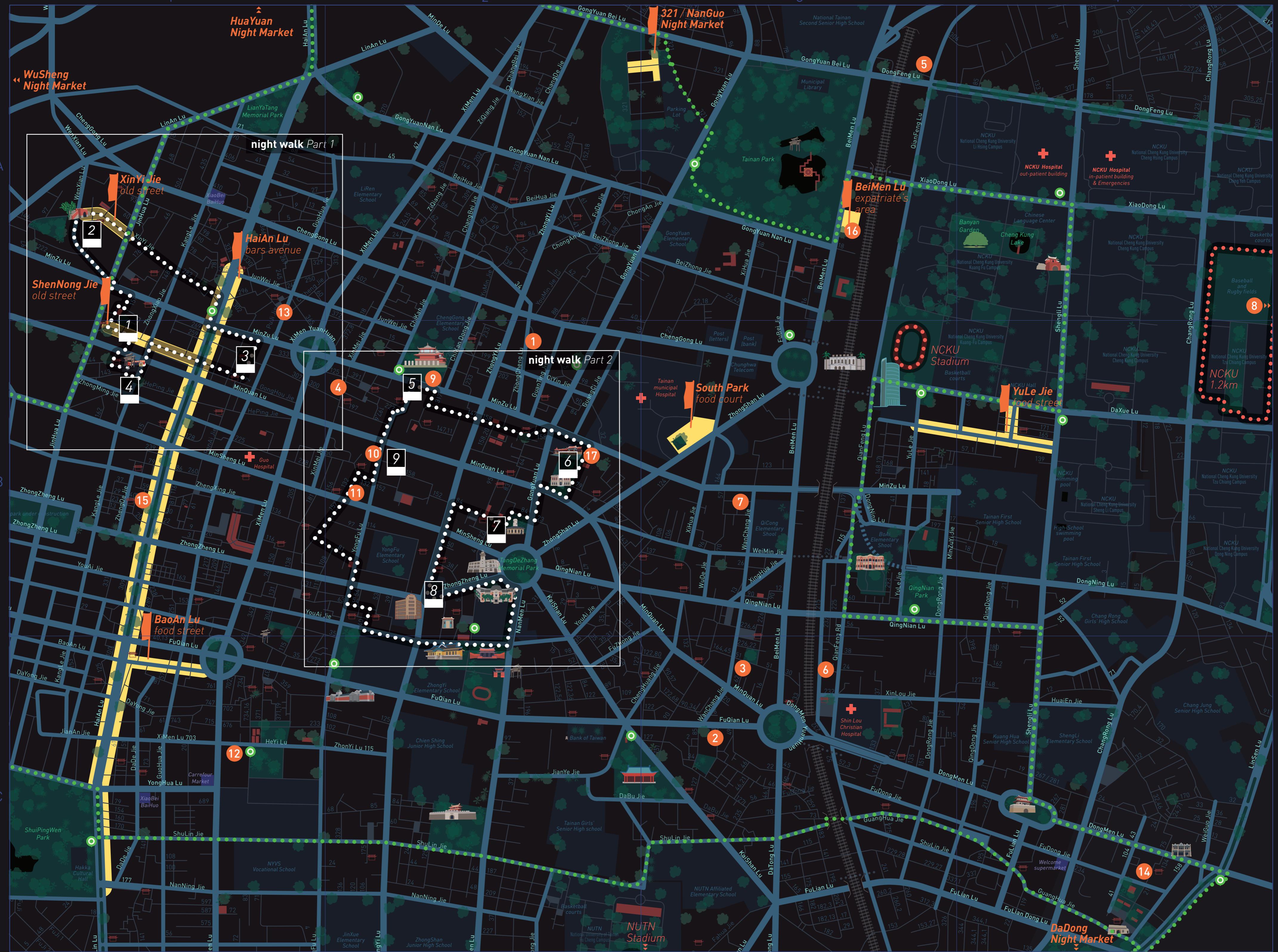
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