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1. Geographical location

Located in northern Taiwan, Tamsui is a sea-side district in New Taipei City . The town is ideal as a viewing site for the sun setting into the Taipei Strait . Tamsui's boundaries include Taipei Strait on the west, Sanzhi District on the north, Tamsui River on the south and Keelung City on the east. Tamsui houses three universities of the country: Aletheia University, Tamkang University and St. John's University.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

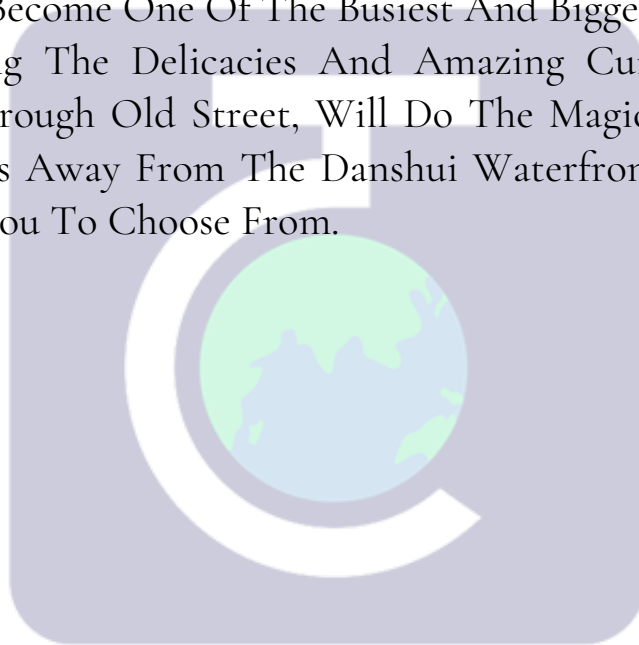
Tamsui Is A Neighbour City To Some Of The Beautiful Cities In Taiwan. Among These Cities Is New Taipei City . It Is Located 22.7 Km. Away From Tamsui. It Is On The South Of Tamsui With 39 Minutes' Bus Drive. Taipei City , The Capital Of Taiwan, Is Sitting At The South Of The City With A Distance Of 27.7 Km. It Can Be Reached From The City Within 36 Minutes Of Bus Drive.



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3. Significance

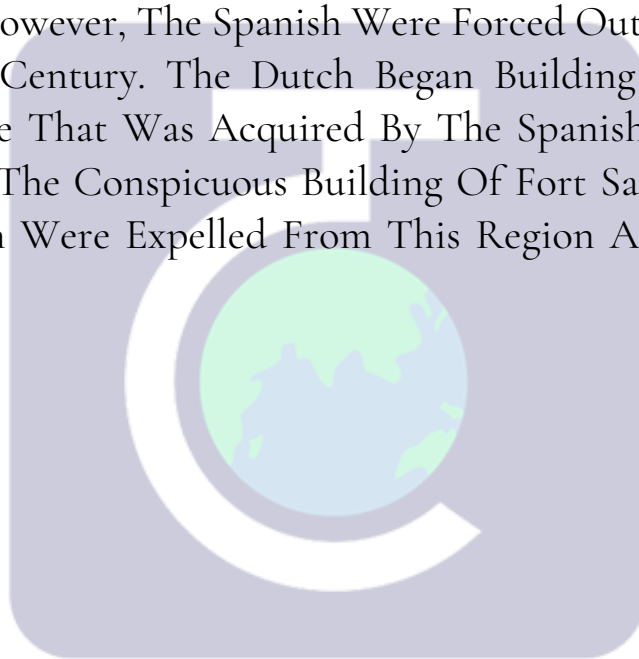
Tamsui Offers A Number Of Attractions To Tourist And Visitors Who Make Their Way To The Beautiful City. However, Besides The Innumerable Attraction Sites, Tamsui Holds A Crucial And Integral Role In The History Of Taiwan. For One, During The 1600's, Tamsui Was The Main Settlement Area For The Spanish And As A Result It Developed At A Much Faster Rate. During The Nineteenth Century It Rose To Become One Of The Busiest And Biggest Ports In Taiwan. If Interested In Tasting The Delicacies And Amazing Cuisine Of The Entire Taiwan, A Stroll Through Old Street, Will Do The Magic. The Street That Is Found A Few Meters Away From The Danshui Waterfront Has An Enormous Array Of Food For You To Choose From.



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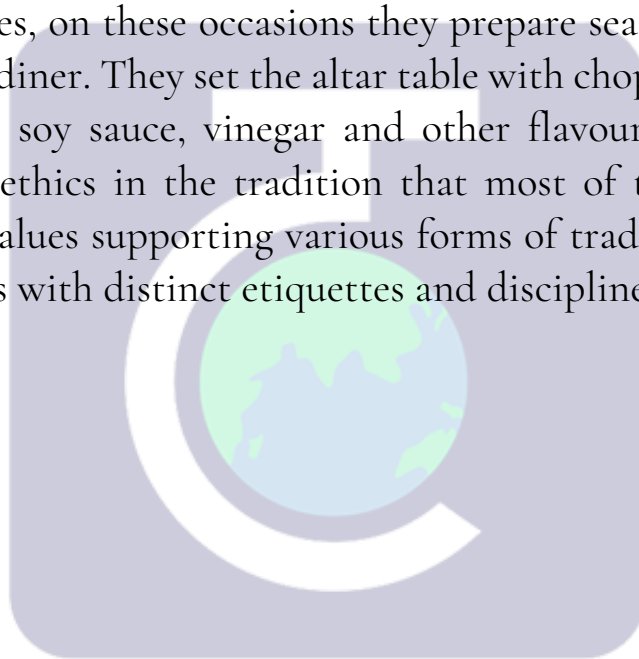
4. History

It Is A District That Is Found Near The Sea. It Got Its Name From The Tamsui River. Additionally, This Name Means “the River With Fresh Water”. The City Was A Territory For The Ketagalan Aborigines. It Was Called Hoba At First That Meant “at The Steam’s Mouth”. However, When Spanish Explores Arrived In This City They Changed The City’s Name To Casidor And The Tamsui River To Kimalon River. However, The Spanish Were Forced Out Of This City By The Dutch In The 17th Century. The Dutch Began Building A Novel Fort ‘Fort Anthonio’ In A Place That Was Acquired By The Spanish. Today, It Is Called Angmo Siaa And Is The Conspicuous Building Of Fort San Domingo Museum. However, The Dutch Were Expelled From This Region After Their Defeat To Koxinga.



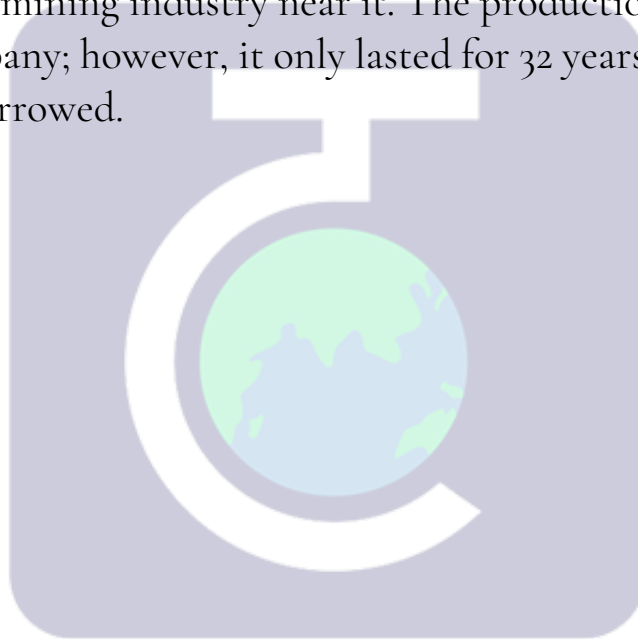
Index**5. Cultural identity**

Food is one of the ways they use to uphold their culture. When the food is cooked, people eat together and offer some part of the food to their Gods, ancestors and ghosts. Mostly they place either a cup of tea or a glass of wine on their family altar as an offering to their Gods. There are more detailed offerings during special days. Their special days include New Year, Gods' birthdays and the Ghost Festival. Besides, on these occasions they prepare seasoned dishes and rice and eat it as a family diner. They set the altar table with chopsticks, several bowls, serving soup spoons, soy sauce, vinegar and other flavours. There is a unique blend of Confucian ethics in the tradition that most of the Tamsui residents follow. Most of the values supporting various forms of tradition run strong. The city has its deep roots with distinct etiquettes and discipline.



Index**6. Natural resources**

Copper and gold minerals were discovered in Jinguashi city in this town. It was in 1904 when a copper related metal was found in the third place that the miners had identified. The miners continued to drill deeper and discovered a significant amount of copper; however, they diversified their search and included gold and silver minerals. When Japan handed Taiwan to China in 1945, the place of copper discovery was built a mining industry near it. The production was named Taiwan Metals Mining Company; however, it only lasted for 32 years and collapsed due to heavy loans it had borrowed.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Huwei Fort**

Address : Tamsui District, New Taipei City, Taiwan 251

Zipcode : 251

Location : 25.184238, 121.427107

Nearest Public Transport : Lane 6, Section 1, Zhongzheng Rd : Bus station

Entry Fee : Vehicle Pass from TWD 10 – TWD 15, Individual Permit or up to TWD 5-TWD 7 per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily 8:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Yinshan Temple

Address : No. 15, Denggong Rd, Tamsui District, New Taipei City, Taiwan 251

Zipcode : 251

Location : 25.169252, 121.44854899999996

Nearest Public Transport : Shalun Rd: Bus station

Entry Fee : Vehicle Pass for TWD 12 – TWD 18, Individual Permit for up to TWD 5 – TWD 7 per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily 8:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Maritime Museum

Address : 251, Taiwan, New Taipei City, Tamsui District, Yingzhuan Rd, 151

Zipcode : 251

Location : 25.187307, 121.450234

Contact : +886 2 2623 8343

Website : <http://www2.tku.edu.tw/~finearts/a1.htm>

Nearest Public Transport : Yingzhuan Rd: Bus station

Entry Fee : Vehicle Pass for TWD 15, Individual Permit for up to TWD 7 per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily 8:00hrs – 17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Songshan Culture And Creative Park

Address : No. 133, Guangfu S Rd, Xinyi District, Taipei City, Taiwan 110

Zipcode : 133

Location : 25.045386, 121.560976

Contact : +886 2 2765 1388

Website : <http://www.songshanculturalpark.taipei/index.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Section 5, Civic BLVD: Bus station

Entry Fee : Vehicle Pass for TWD 12 - TWD 18, Individual Permit for up to TWD 5 – TWD 7 per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily 8:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Fort San Domingo

Address : 251, Taiwan, New Taipei City, Tamsui District,  28  1 

Zipcode : 251

Location : 25.175408, 121.432909

Contact : +886 2 2623 1001

Nearest Public Transport : Songshan Airport: Bus station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : TWD 60; TWD 40 for students

Open & Close Timing : Daily 9:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Taipei City Hakka Cultural Park

Address : No. 2, Section 3, Tingzhou Rd, Zhongzheng District, Taipei City, Taiwan 100

Zipcode : 100

Location : 25.020516, 121.525288

Contact : +886 2 2369 1198

Website : <http://www.thcp.org.tw/index.php?routing=Index&action=index>

Nearest Public Transport : Taipower building station: Metro Station

Entry Fee : TWD 10 per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily 8:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Guandu Temple

Address : Beitou District, Taipei City, Taiwan 112

Zipcode : 112

Location : 25.124461, 121.463159

Contact : +886 2 2858 1281

Nearest Public Transport : Guandu: Metro station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : A visitor should avoid entry when prayer processions are on-going as it take 30-45 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Fuyou Temple

Address : No. 200, Zhongzheng Rd, Tamsui District, New Taipei City, Taiwan 251

Zipcode : 200

Location : 25.170175, 121.439927

Contact : +886 2 2621 1731

Website :

<http://tour.ntpc.gov.tw/page.aspx?wtp=1&wnd=136&id=1249c3cffi0000005929>

Nearest Public Transport : Zhongzheng Rd: Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : A visitor should avoid entry when prayer processions are on-going

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Tamkang Senior High School

Address : No. 26 Chen Li Street Tamsui New Taipei City 251

Zipcode : 251

Location : 25.175387, 121.449777

Contact : +886 2 2620 3850

Website : <http://english.tku.edu.tw/TamsuiScenery-detail.asp?8beb254c463a5ddf888662305c3880cb>

Nearest Public Transport : Zhenli St: Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily – 8:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Lungshan Temple

Address : No. 211, Guangzhou St, Wanhua District, Taipei City, Taiwan 10853

Zipcode : 10853

Location : 25.037172, 121.4999

Contact : +886 2 2302 5162

Website : <http://lungshan.org.tw/>

Nearest Public Transport : Xiyuan Rd: Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 18:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Church Of Aletheia University

Address : No. 32, Zhenli St, Tamsui District, New Taipei City, Taiwan 251

Zipcode : 251

Location : 25.17579212, 121.434012

Contact : +886 2 2621 2121

Website : <http://www.au.edu.tw/main.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Zhenli St: Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 18:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Dalongdong Baoan Temple

Address : No. 61, Hami St, Datong District, Taipei City, Taiwan 103

Zipcode : 103

Location : 25.073473, 121.515576

Contact : +886 2 2595 1676

Website : <http://www.baoan.org.tw/ASP/Home/default.asp>

Nearest Public Transport : Jiuquan St: Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 18:00hrs–22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Tamsui Old Street

Address : Section 1, Zhongzheng Rd, Tamsui District, New Taipei City, Taiwan 251

Zipcode : 251

Location : 25.169577, 121.441526

Contact : +886 911 111 111

Website : http://tour.ntpc.gov.tw/tom/lang_tw/index.aspx

Nearest Public Transport : Tamsui old St: Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 18:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Tianyuan Temple

Address : Tamsui District, New Taipei City, Taiwan 251

Zipcode : 251

Location : 25.186904, 121.483625

Nearest Public Transport : Tianyuan Temple: Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 18:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Qingshui Temple

Address : No. 81, Kangding Rd, Wanhua District, Taipei City, Taiwan 108

Zipcode : 108

Location : 25.040631, 121.502627

Contact : +886 2 2371 1517

Nearest Public Transport : Guyiang St: Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 18:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Xianse Temple Station

Address : Sanchong District, New Taipei City, Taiwan 241

Zipcode : 241

Location : 25.046483, 121.471948

Nearest Public Transport : Xianse Temple Station: Subway station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 18:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Pacific Sogo

Zipcode : 0

Location : 25.113263, 121.522891

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Breeze Center

Zipcode : 0

Location : 25.05605, 121.543833

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Buddhist Temple

Address : 251, Taiwan, New Taipei City, Tamsui District,
Zipcode : 251

Location : 25.214398, 121.487113

Contact : +886 2 2626 9242

Website : <http://www.yuandao.org.tw/>

Nearest Public Transport : Zhongzheng Rd: Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 18:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : Avoid entry during prayer processions

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

- **IDEA -**

Address : A112, Taiwan, Taipei City, Beitou District, Lane 39, Section 1, Shipai Rd, 100, 2

Location : 25.121598,121.509985

Contact No : +886 2 2828 7660

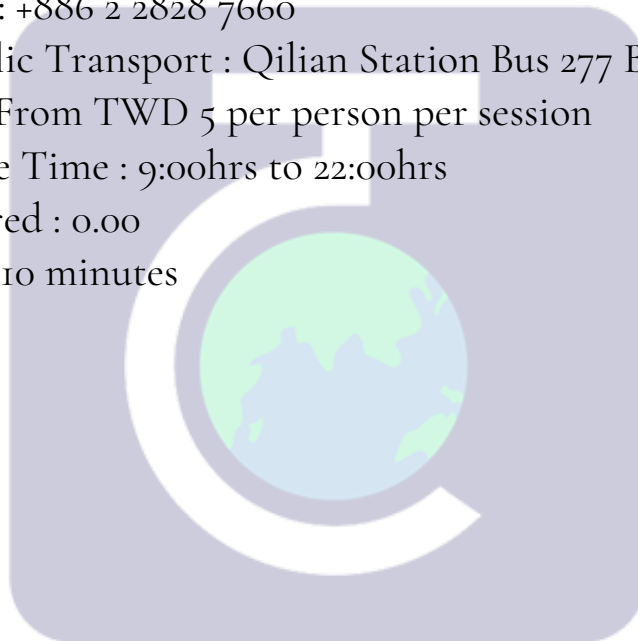
Nearest Public Transport : Qilian Station Bus 277 Bus 617, 801, 266, 756

Entry Fees : From TWD 5 per person per session

Open / Close Time : 9:00hrs to 22:00hrs

Time Required : 0.00

Wait Time : 10 minutes



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Tamsui Offers A Huge Assortment Of Gaming And Sporting Activities For Guests And Tourist. For Golf Lovers And Newbies Interested In Learning The Game, The New Tamsui Golf Club Is The Place To Be. The 18-hole Golf Course With A 6620 Yardage Is One Of The Oldest In The Entire Taiwan. The Sloping Fairways That Make Up A Great Part Of The Course Will Test Your Skills Like Never Before. The Other Interesting Part Is The Serene Environment That You Enjoy As You Navigate The Amazing And Relatively Challenging Tamsui Golf Club Course. A Few Of The Famous Sports Centers Are –

- **New Tamsui Golf Club:**

Address : No. 300, Bashi Rd, Tamsui District, New Taipei City, Taiwan 251

Location : 25.155256,121.468096

Contact No : +886 2 2809 2466

Website : <http://new-tamsui.golf.net.tw/>

Open/Close time : 9:00hrs to 17:00hrs

- **New Taipei City Tamsui Civil Sports Center:**

Address : No. 2, Lane 381, Section 2, Zhongshan N Rd, Tamsui District, New Taipei City, Taiwan 251

Location : 25.187926,121.442785

Contact No : +886 2 2626 1891

Open/Close time : 18:00hrs to 22:00hrs

10. Spas and relaxation

The spa and the relaxation centres here will calm your body organs that are stressed and reenergize your body system.

- **Volando Urai Spring Spa & Resort:**

Address : No.176, Section 5, Xinwu Rd, Wulai District, New Taipei City, Taiwan 233

Location : 24.891457,121.547432

Contact No : +886 22 616 555

Website : <http://volandospringpark.com/>

- **Hsichu Spirestone Bali Forest Hot Springs Resort:**

Address : No.160, 14 Jianshi Townships, Hsichu County, Taiwan 313

Location : 24.743751,121.233635

Contact No : + 886 3 584 2268

- **Full Moon Spa:**

Address : 233, Taiwan, New Taipei City, Wulai District, 851

Location : 24.864005,121.551913

Contact No : +886 2 2661 7678

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

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Triangle (25th)

The Bollands

Sappho Live (2nd)

Kenny Rogers

TWTC (14th)

IFVP Asia DrawTogether 2016

Hualien Parkview Hotel (5th)

Taichung Bike Week

The Splendor Hotel Taichung
(18th-21st)

The Real Group

Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall
(15th-16th)

Conference On Experimental
Design And Analysis

Humanities and Social Science
Building (15th-17th)

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12. Key local guides and tours

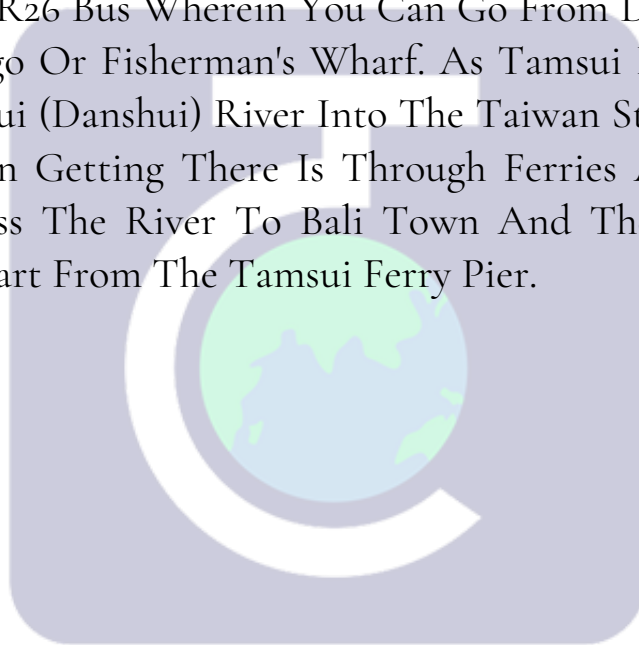
Some companies are connecting travellers with tour guides in this town. The tour guides are thrilled in showing their old and new city and reasons for the changes. They will help you find hotels excellent in cooking traditional food or modern dishes. These companies include final Taipei sightseeing tour, Taipei half-day city tour, four - day tour from Sun Moon Lake, Taroko Gorge, Kenting National Park and Hualien. The fare starts from TWD 607. Additionally, they will organize a chance to meet and interact with monks and nuns at the famous FO Guang Shan monastery.



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13. Transportation hubs

The Airports Near Tamsui Are Taipei Songshan Airport (taking 43 Minutes For The 12.8-mile Ride At TWD 20) And The Farther Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (taking 55 Minutes For The 22.1-mile Ride At TWD 40). Tamsui Has An Easily Accessible MRT Tamsui (Red) Line That You Can Travel Towards Its Northern End At Tamsui Station In Order To Get To Other Places Like Taipei. There Are Also The R26 Bus Wherein You Can Go From Danshui MRT Station To Fort San Domingo Or Fisherman's Wharf. As Tamsui Is Situated Near The Outlet Of The Tamsui (Danshui) River Into The Taiwan Strait, Its Usual Means Of Transportation In Getting There Is Through Ferries And Boats. You Can Catch A Ride Across The River To Bali Town And The Fisherman's Wharf Where You Can Depart From The Tamsui Ferry Pier.



Index**14. Transportation cost**

The City Has An Easily Accessible MRT Tamsui (Red) Line That Travels Towards The Northern End At Tamsui Station As Well As An R26 Bus That Take You Across The City. The Fares Start At TWD 15. As For Ferries And Boats, You Can Catch A Ride Across The River To Bali Town And The Fisherman's Wharf From The Tamsui Ferry Pier, With Fares Starting At TWD 50. The Bus Journey Charges A Minimum Of TWD 20. Monthly Pass For Buses Is Around TWD 600. A One - Day Pass For Trains Starts At TWD 150 Whereas A Metro Pass Is For TWD 180.



Index**15. Baggage allowance**

In Tamsui, The Local Transportation Does Not Impose Any Fee On Your Backpacks. There Is Absolutely No Charge For Carrying Luggage Or Baggage In Buses, Trains And Taxis. For Luggage Below Twenty-five Kilograms, No Extra Cost Is Incurred. Another Point Worth Noting Is The Fact That While Travelling With Pets You Are Required To Ensure That They Do Not Interfere With Other Passengers. However, You Are Not Expected To Pay Separately For Its Transportation. The Other Important Point For You To Note Is That The Safety And Security Of Your Luggage Is Your Responsibility During The Course Of The Journey.



Index**16. Must try food and local savouries**

There Are Plenty Of Things To Eat And Drink Here Such As Ice Creams, Fish Bowl Soups, Seafood And Many More.



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

There are several restaurants and bars on the streets of this city providing Chinese, Taiwanese, Japanese and Asian food. For the best places to eat, and night life, Tamsui, old street is well-known as the center of the city's eateries.

Food -

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- **Tamsui Old Street:**

Address : Section 1, Zhongzheng Rd, Tamsui District, New Taipei City, Taiwan 251

Location : 25.169611, 121.441509

Contact No : +886 911 111 111

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs to 19:00hrs

- **Saffron Fine Indian Cuisine:**

Address : No. 386, Tianmu E Rd, Shilin District, Taipei City, Taiwan 111

Location : 25.117625, 121.532904

Contact No : +886 2 2871 4842

Open / Close Time : Monday 17:30hrs - 21:30hrs, Tuesday - Sunday 11:30hrs - 14:00hrs, 17:30hrs - 21:30hrs

- **Modern Toilet Restaurant:**

Address : No. 46, Xining S Rd, Wanhua District, Taipei City, Taiwan 108

Location : 25.044614,121.506249

Contact No : +886 2 2311 8822

Website : <http://www.moderntoilet.com.tw/eNAbout.asp>

Open / Close Time : Monday - Thursday 11:30hrs - 21:00hrs Friday
11:30hrs - 21:00hrs Saturday 11:00hrs - 21:30hrs Sunday 11:00hrs - 21:30hrs

- **Tamsui Fisherman Wharf:**

Address : 112, Taiwan, Taipei City, Beitou District, Daye Rd, 637

Location : 25.184061,121.409474

Contact No : +886 2 2897 8568

Website : <http://foodbaker.com/>

- **Red Castle 1899:**

Address : 251, Taiwan, New Taipei City, Tamsui District,  216, 1

Location : 25.171459,121.439400

Contact No : +886 2 8631 1168

Website : <http://www.redcastle-taiwan.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 12:00hrs to 1430hrs; 17:30hrs to
21:00hrs; Saturday and Sunday – 12:00hrs to 21:00hrs

- **The Fisher Hotel:**

Address : No.8, Lane 22, Section2, Zhongzheng Rd, Tamsui District, New
Taipei City, Taiwan 251

Location : 25.181711,121.420886

Contact No : +886228058886

Website : <http://fisherhotel.com.tw/>

Open / Close Time : 24 hours

- **Babe18:**

Address : 110, Taiwan, Taipei, Matsuhisa Road 18 B1

Location : 25.035946,121.566789

Contact No : +886 930 785 018

Website : <https://web.facebook.com/Babe18.Taipei>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday - Sunday 22:00hrs - 04:00hrs

- **Jacky's Hot Dog Bar:**

Address : 112, Taiwan, Taipei City, Beitou District, Wenquan Rd, 103-1

Location : 25.136630,121.511040

Contact No : +886 960 639 658

Open / Close Time : Wednesday to Monday – 12:00hrs to 15:00hrs

Tuesday Closed

- **Brown Sugar:**

Address : Brown Sugar, No.101, Songren Road, Xinyi District, Taipei

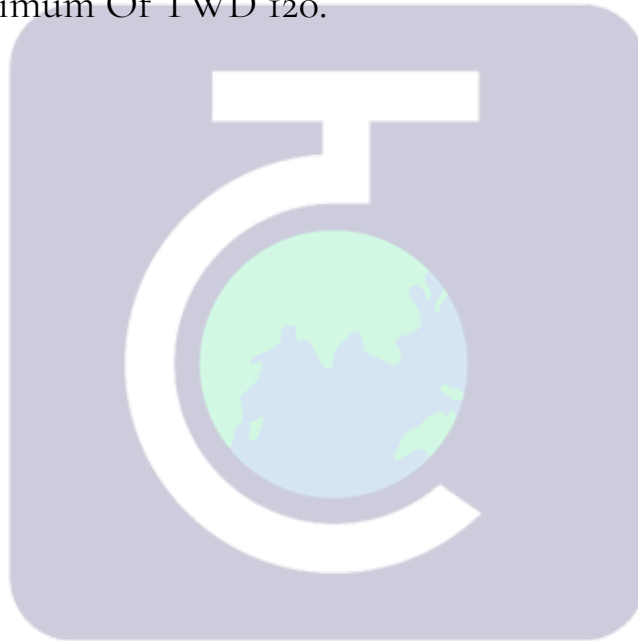
Location : 25.036131,121.569040

Contact No : +886287801110

Open / Close Time : Monday to Sunday – 12:00hrs to 13:30hrs; 14:00hrs to 17:00hrs; 18:00hrs to 2:30hrs

Index**18. Average meal cost**

Grabbing A Meal On The Go As A Foreigner In Tamsui Does Not Mean A Big Hustle, More So On Finances. A Simple Meal In Tamsui May Cost Up To TWD 105. For Alcohol And Beer Lovers, The Prices Are Rather Accommodative Depending On A Person's Preference And Its Price Ranges From TWD 50 To TWD 100. For Coffee Lovers, A Cup Of Cappuccino Goes For Minimum Of TWD 50 And A Maximum Of TWD 120.



Index**19. Shopping**

Malls And Shopping Areas Are Numerous Within Tamsui, And They Offer Thousands Of Varieties Of Commodities And Services. The Thrill Of Shopping In Tamsui Can Be Experienced In The Street Shops And Vendors Or In The Beautiful Malls That Bring To You A Wide Variety Of Brands And Line Of Clothing. Shopping Malls In Tamsui Include Pacific Sogo And Breeze Center . Shoes, Clothes And Electronics Are Some Of The Commodities That Can Be Found Within Shopping Malls In Tamsui.



Index**20. Tourist benefits**

Tamsui Encourages Trade And Tourism Within Its Borders By Granting Tax Refunds To Any Purchases Made While In Tamsui. The Minimum Amount Of Money That Has To Be Spent Before Qualifying For A Tax Refund Is TWD 3,000. The Tax Refund Amounts To Five Per Cent Of Value Of The VAT That Was Paid While Purchasing The Products. However, The Refunds Are Only Viable If They Are Reclaimed Within The Thirty Days Of Purchase. The Other Condition Is That The Goods Have To Be Bought From Licensed Shops. The Guest Should Also Carry The Goods To The Airport Or Border Point.



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21. Essential local apps

Before Visiting This Location You Need To Plan What You Will Be Wearing As There Are Many Activities To Do. You Must Download Travel Apps And Weigh In The Best Depending On The Reviews. It Is A City That One Can Define Where To Stay Based On Their Profession. For Example, A Food Blogger Will Have A Lot To Write About When He Gets To Danshui's Old Street Without Getting Lost. You Should Have Travel Apps Like Fun At Tamsui App, Sun Vivid Technology AG Apps, Fresh Water Street Papa Go App, Moka Kiosk App, Virtual Temple App, Project Weekends And Always Travelicious.



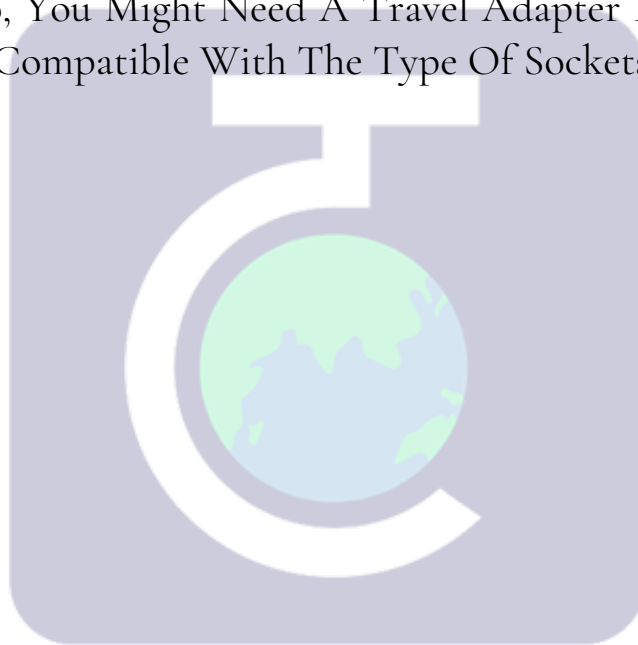
Index**22. Driving**

You Are Allowed To Rent A Car In Tamsui And Drive With An International Driving License. You Can Travel Through The Entire Place Without Applying For The State's License. However, You Are Not Allowed To Purchase Any Of The Automobiles If You Still Possess An International Driver's License. If You Wish To Extend Your Stay In The City Of Tamsui, You Can Apply For An Extension Of IDL Visa On The Basis Of The International Permit That You Already Own.



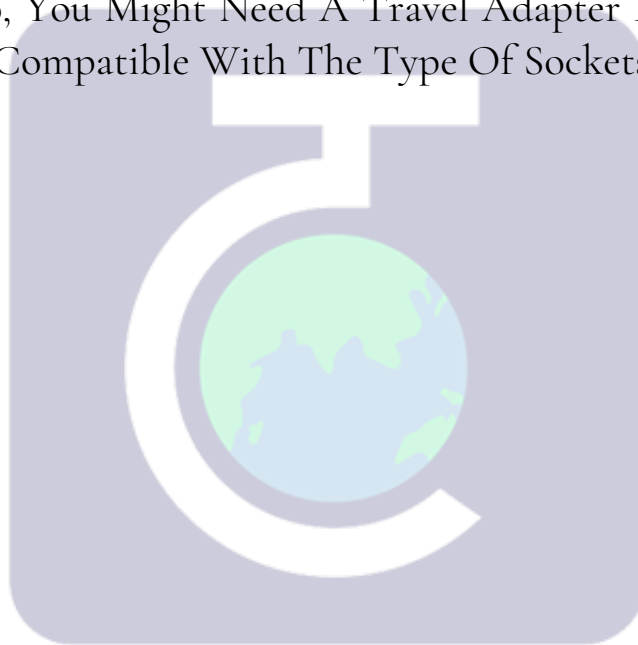
Index**23. Travel essentials**

Tamsui Has An Output Voltage Of 110 Volts And The Electricity Runs At A Frequency Of 60 Hz. The Residents Here Use Type A Or B Sockets. If You Have Brought Any Of The Electrical Appliances From Your Home Country Where The Appliances Can Run Only On 240 Volts, You Will Have To Use A Transformer That Can Convert The Voltage From A Lower Voltage To A Higher Voltage. Also, You Might Need A Travel Adapter If The Plugs Of Your Appliances Are Not Compatible With The Type Of Sockets Used In The City.



Index**24. Essential clothes**

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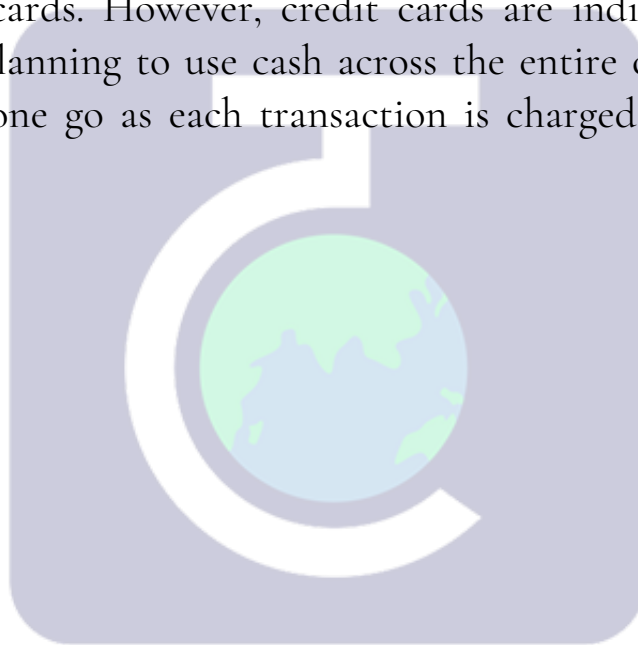
Index**25. Local currency**

The Official Currency Of Tamsui Of Taiwan Is New Taiwanese Dollar (NT\$ Or TWD). The Exchange Rate Is 1 \$ USD = 32.43 TWD



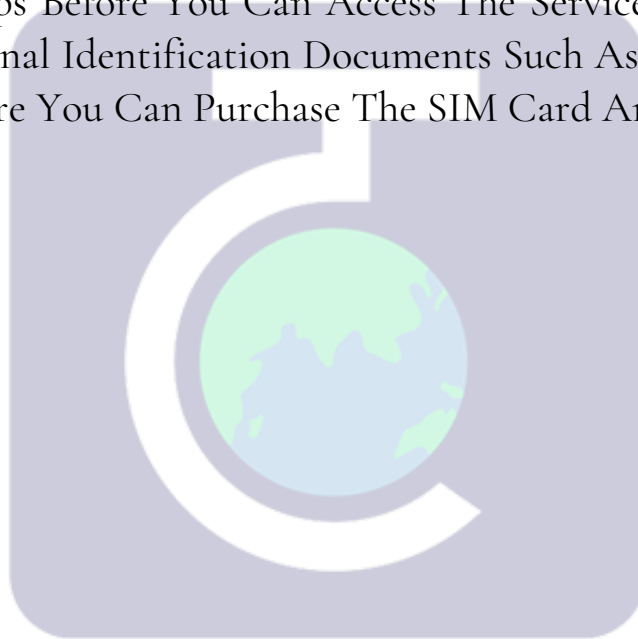
Index**26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

New Taiwan Dollar, TWD or NT \$ is the currency of Taiwan. Many banks in Taipei allow exchange of major currencies into NT\$. The traveller's checks are not a mode of payment that most of the restaurants or vendors accept. Hence, it is advisable that you use credit cards. All major credit cards are accepted in Taipei. Cash is also a very widely accepted mode of payment. You can use cash any time or credit cards. However, credit cards are indicted with additional charges. If you are planning to use cash across the entire city, try withdrawing from the ATMs in one go as each transaction is charged with a minimum of TWD 1 – TWD 2.



Index**27. Staying connected**

Taiwan Mobile, FarEasTone, T Star And Chunghwa Are The For Major Mobile And Internet Providers In Tamsui. They Are Also The Only Ones That Are Compatible With WiMAX Or CDMA Standards. While The Connectivity May Be Available Across The Entire Tamsui Region, The Speeds And Signal Strength Are Much Stronger In Areas That Are Populated. You Will Need To Buy A SIM Card From The Shops Before You Can Access The Services Of The Operators. You Will Need Personal Identification Documents Such As A Valid Passport Or Driving License Before You Can Purchase The SIM Card And Register It.



28. Time Zone

Tamsui follows Taiwan time zone with UTC + 08:00.



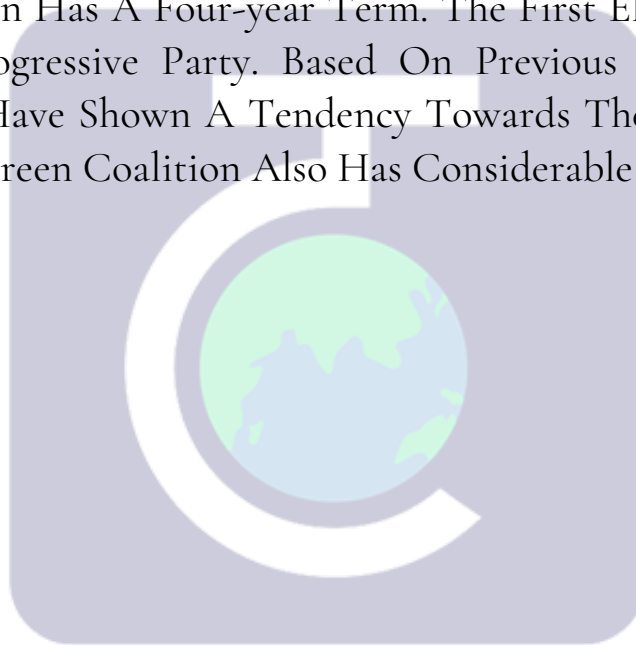
Index**29. Languages**

Majority Of The Residents In Tamsui Speak Hakka, Mandarin And Aboriginal Languages.



Index**30. Political Scenario**

Tamsui Is A Sea-side District In New Taipei City. Taipei City Is A Unique Municipality Which Falls Directly Under The Executive Central Government Of The Republic Of China. Before 1967, When Taipei Converted To A Centrally Administered Municipality, The Mayoral Position Had Been An Appointed One. After The First Public Election Held In 1994, The Position Became An Elected Position. The Position Has A Four-year Term. The First Elected Mayor Was Of The Democratic Progressive Party. Based On Previous Elections Outcomes, Taipei City Voters Have Shown A Tendency Towards The Pan-Blue Coalition. However, The Pan-Green Coalition Also Has Considerable Support.



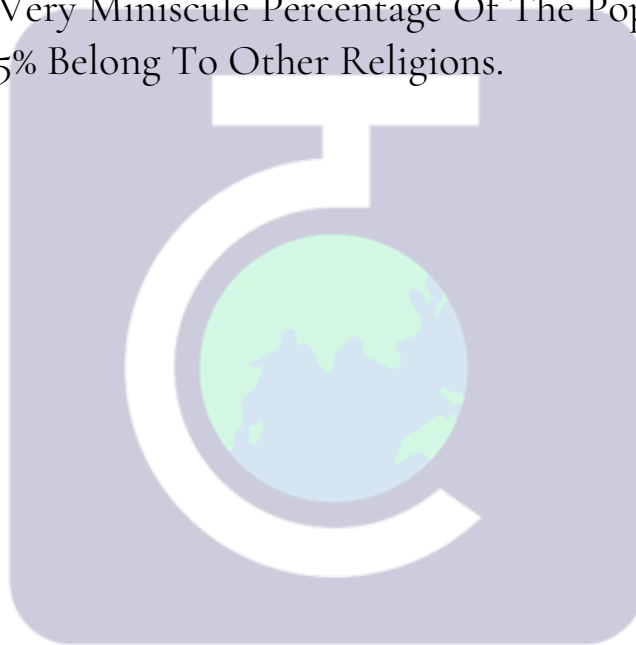
Index**31. Economic Scenario**

Tamsui, A District In New Taipei City Is Popular As A Site For Viewing The Sun Setting Into The Taiwan Strait. It Has A Number Of Tourist Attractions, And Tourism Is Its Biggest Income Generator. Taipei And Its Surroundings Have For A Long While Been Tamsui's Biggest Industrial Area. Tamsui's Economy Has Developed Very Rapidly And Has Amazingly Risen To Become One Of The Few Cities In The World Involved In The Production Of High Technology And Its Components. The Fast Growth In The City Can Partly Be Attributed To The Foreign Direct Investment That Took Place In The 1960s.



Index**32. Religious belief**

The Constitution Of Taiwan Protects People's Freedom Of Religion And Adheres To Their Strong Beliefs. 81.3% Of The Total Population Have A Belief On Religion And About 14% To 18% People Are Non-religious. There Are Five Major Religions In Tamsui. 35.1% Are Buddhists And 33% Follow Taoism. 3.5% Of The Population Follow Yi Guan Dao, While 2.6% Are Protestants And 1.3% Is Roman Catholics. A Very Miniscule Percentage Of The Population Follow Islam And Judaism, While 5% Belong To Other Religions.



Index**33. Visa requirements**

To Share In The Great Experiences And Attractions Within Tamsui, You Will Need To Apply For A Visa. You Will Have To Provide Proof Of Your Identity By Providing Passport-sized Photographs And A Valid Passport And Driving License When Applying For The Visa. Medical Examination Reports Are Also Needed By The Immigration Department As They Seek To Safeguard The Health Of The People Within Tamsui. Another Thing That Will Be Required From You Is Providing Evidence For Your Travel Plans Upon Completion Of Their Visit Such As A Booked Return Ticket Or To A New Destination At The End Of The Tour. This Is To Ensure That You Are Visiting The City Only For Touring And Will Return Back To Your Home Country.



Index**34. Essential vaccination**

You Need To Be Vaccinated With Japanese Encephalitis If You Are Staying More Than A Month At Tamsui.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

Tamsui Is A Friendly City In Every Way For Its Visitors. In Regards To The Safety And Theft, Very Few Are Reported By Tourists Who Visit This City. The General Crime Rate In The City Has Generally Decreased Over The Last Decade Due To The Increasing Stability Of The Governance. However, It Is Still Advisable To Keep An Eye On Personal Belongings And Other Valuables While Travelling With Them, Or Better Yet Leave Them In A Hotel Room While Walking Around The City At Night.



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

There Are No Embassies And Consulates In Tamsui District. However, You Can Find A Range Of Offices Around The Nation. You Can Have More Information At [Http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/taiwan](http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/taiwan).



Index**37. Accessibility**

Tamsui acknowledges the fact that some of the visitors who wish to visit may be physically disabled. As a result, all the building that has public amenities such as hospitals, shopping areas and museums are built to ensure that no form of biasness is experienced.



Index**38. Emergencies**

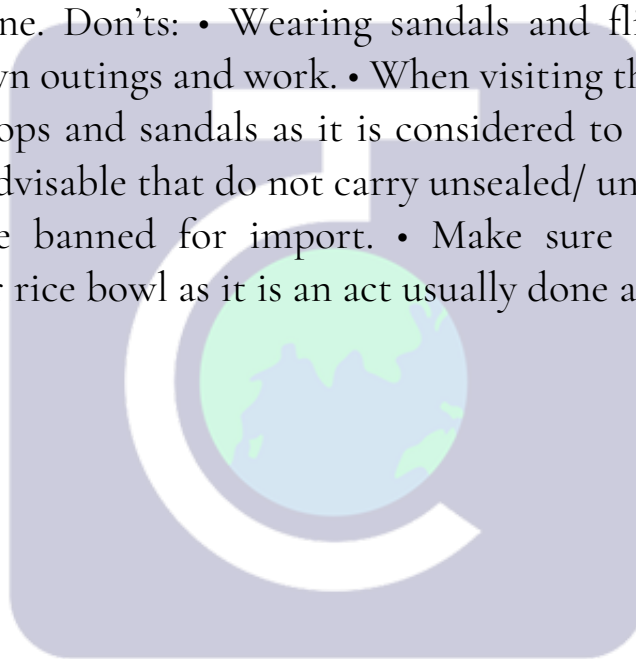
Tamsui Has An Operational And Effective Health Care System, Including The Taipei Guandu Hospital Which Accepts International Insurance Coverage Firms From Foreigners And Tourist .



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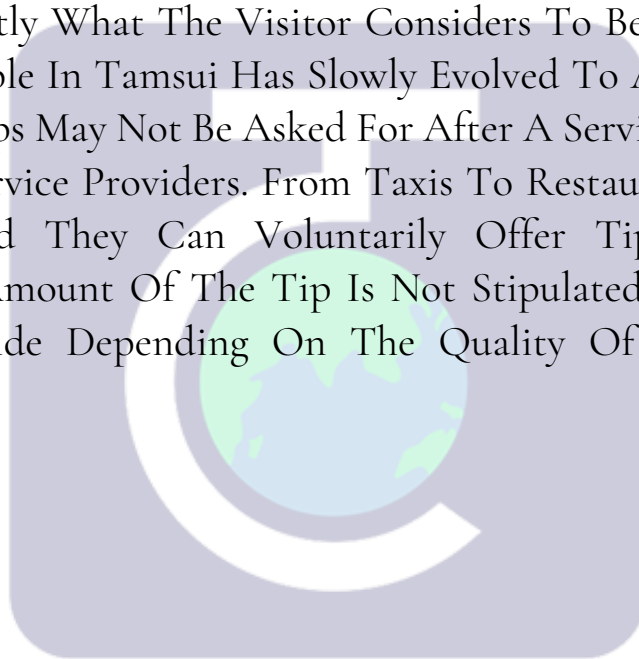
39. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • If you are offering a gift to use both hands. • A visitor can tap their hand on the table to indicate a compliment for the food that has been offered. • After a tasty meal, a visitor may tap the table with their hand to indicate compliments for the meal. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Use a flat palm when beckoning to someone. Don'ts: • Wearing sandals and flip flops is viewed as inappropriate for town outings and work. • When visiting the town it is advisable to avoid using flip flops and sandals as it is considered to be inappropriate and disrespectful. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Make sure to never stand your chopsticks up in your rice bowl as it is an act usually done at funerals.



40.Tipping basics

Tamsui Has Endearred Itself As A Tourist Destination In The Last Decade. For This, Its Culture Of Tipping Has Slowly Shifted Allowing For People To Accept And Incorporate The Tipping Culture. Tips Are Never Asked For Or Demanded But Rather Given Voluntarily By The Tourists. The Amount Of The Tip Is Dependent Of The Quality Of Service That Has Been Accorded To A Visitor And More Importantly What The Visitor Considers To Be The Right Amount. The Culture Of People In Tamsui Has Slowly Evolved To Accept Tipping As A Norm. While The Tips May Not Be Asked For After A Service, They Are Readily Accepted By The Service Providers. From Taxis To Restaurants And Anywhere A Person Is Served They Can Voluntarily Offer Tips As A Form Of Appreciation. The Amount Of The Tip Is Not Stipulated But Rather Left To The Guest To Decide Depending On The Quality Of Service They Have Received.



Index**41.Pet info**

For The Pet Lovers Who Wish To Enjoy The Spoils Of Tamsui With Their Pets, They Are Highly Encouraged To Tag Them Along. However, Proper Documentation Has To Be Provided Before The Pets Can Be Allowed Into Tamsui. The First And Most Important Document Is A Medical Report That Captures The Vaccination History Of The Pet. Ten-old Blood Test Results Are Also Required. A Training Certificate For The Pet Is Also Needed At The Point Of Entry. In Case Of Medical Complications While In Tamsui, Veterinary Services Are Available At All Times Of The Day.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Visitors Going To Tamsui Can Be Assured Of Some Of The Most Amazing Experiences During Their Visits. The Region Is Dotted With Innumerable Sites And Sceneries For People That Are Surely Going To Keep You Occupied. Tamsui Offers The Fort San Domingo Which Was Built Back In 1629 By The Spanish As A Military Fort. Its Uniqueness And Attraction Lies In The Fact That It Captures A Long History Of Colonization And Political History Of Taiwan. During The 19th And 20th Centuries For Instance, It Served As A British Consulate. The Fort San Domingo Is One Of The Conspicuous Reminders Of Spanish Imperialism And Colonization In Various Parts Of The World, And More Importantly In The Asian Continent. For History And Culture Buffs, It Represents A Unique Feature In Relation To The Onset Of Eastern And Western Interactions And Resultant Impacts That Were Instigated In The Local Tamsui Community. Tamsui Old Street And Waterfront Is Another Remarkable Part Of Tamsui. For Tourists Visiting This Part, They Will Be Treated To A Wide Selection Of Restaurants And Shopping Areas That Specialize In Traditional Handicrafts. To Get A Real Feel Of The Culture Of The People Of Tamsui And The Intricate Craft Skills That Are Synonymous Within The Taiwanese Tradition, The Tamsui Old Street Offers Once-in A Lifetime Experience. The Handmade Crafts In Shops Within The Area And The Subsequent Discounts That Tourists Are Accorded While Making Purchases Should Be Another Reason For You To Book Your Ticket And Find Your Way To Tamsui.

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