



Ride Taiwan

Extreme Sports Travel!

11 days Challenging Ride from \$2,695 p.p*

Depart every 2nd Thursday ex Sydney
(minimum 15 for any departures)

Total riding distance: 912 kms / Level: ★★★★★★ (Challenging)

Cycle along coastline chasing the sunrise under the sway of sea breeze, ride through conservation areas for authentic aboriginal settlements and heritage, experience both the mystery of an ancient Confucian temple and the fascination of modern culture exhibiting in Urban Spotlight Arcade.

Enhance your enjoyment by conquering the Central Range and a maze of slopes along Yibei Road. Refresh your body through soaking in the natural hot springs hailed by the emperor of Japan. Enjoy this food lover's paradise by trying the mouth-watering flavors of Taiwan's distinctive cuisines.

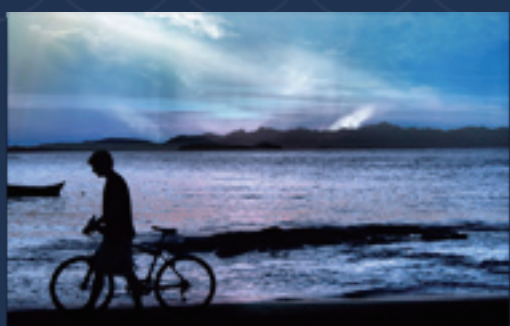
go Giant, go Great, go Green

Cycle Taiwan's Greats! Then Relax in a Spa!

Cycle around-the-island, a thorough way to explore the authenticity and beauty of Taiwan.

Ideal for professional cyclists and nature explorers

GIANT escorted cycling covering the island



Highlights

- Challenging? Average 100km ride per day include the Mountain biking
- High-end 24 speed bicycles and protective gear, cycling support vehicles, safety and bicycle maintenance service plus accident insurance
- Service an English-speaking Tour directors.
- Accommodation including seashore hostels and the luxury Seasons Hotel, Taipei
- Hot Spring experience including world-class therapeutic Chihpen Hot spring and Si-Chung Creek Hotspring, the emperor of Japan's favorite hot spring.
- Night market stroll, unique and yummy local cuisine discovery
- Delicious Din Tai Fung, Taiwan's signature dim sum dumpling.
- Tour of National Palace Museum, world's largest collection of Chinese Art
- Bullet Train to Taichung with maximum speed of 300km/hr

Inclusions:

Price all inclusive with international return economy class airfares flying China Airlines, Taiwan Bullet train tickets, accommodation on twin share, all meals as per itinerary, air-condition transports, all entrance fees, GIANT services include 24 speed mountain bike and protective gear, maintenance and support vehicles and the services of English-speaking Taiwanese tour director.

Optional:

Single room supplement \$620

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HIGH SEASON SURCHARGES APPLY (06DEC10-15JAN11).

DAY 1

China Airlines afternoon departure @ 1255, arrive Taipei at local 1930, meet & transfer to Seasons Hotel Taipei

Hotel: SEASONS HOTEL TAIPEI (DOWNTOWN)

Meal: Breakfast / X Lunch / air Dinner / air

Distance: 92km

Route: High Speed Rail (HSR) – Taichung – Chiayi – Changhua

– Hsilo Bridge – Dounan – Minxiong meat bun

Road: Provincial Highway 1.

Morning take early bullet train (HSR) from Taipei to Taichung and then begins our journey with excitements and enthusiasm. Lunch is Bei Dou meat ball and tonight we live in central Chiayi where we can taste the local specialty of Turkey Rice and also visit the night market on Wenhua Road.

Hotel: China Trust Hotel, Chiayi

Breakfast / hotel Lunch / Hsilo Chinglian Bowled rice cake Dinner / Wuanhuang Night Market

DAY 2

DAY 3

Distance: 125km

Route: Chiayi – Kaohsiung – Tropic of Cancer – Shanhua Sugar Refinery – Tainan Confucius Temple

– Uni President Great World department store

Road: Provincial Highway 1.

We will taste authentic Tainan snack dish for lunch and take a break at the cultural historical site of Confucius Temple. The accommodation tonight is located right next to the Love River and we will be able to experience the cultural characteristics of Kaohsiung Urban Spotlight.

Hotel: China Trust Hotel, Kaohsiung

Breakfast / hotel Lunch / Taiwan Fuchi meatball Dinner / Hotel set dinner

Distance: 108km

Route: Kaohsiung – Sihchong Creek – Chaocho 'Hot syrup on shaved ice' – Fangliao 7-11

– Fongkung coastal scenery – Chechen(Fu An Town)

Road: Provincial Highway 1 + Provincial Highway 26 + County Road 199.

We take the Express Way 88 in the morning and enjoy the ride without the vigorous sun. Today's ride is nice and relaxing with plenty of beautiful scenery to take in along the way. The journey is made even more enjoyable with gourmet Chaocho beef and lamb hotpot. Tonight we reside at Qing-Quan Thermal Spring Villa where the former Emperor of Japan once stayed. This finished off our awesome expedition perfectly.

Hotel: Pintung Sihchong River Qing-Quan Thermal Spring Villa

Breakfast / hotel Lunch / Hsilo Fanshan 'Tong Lung Tan' tortoise jelly Dinner / Dashan lamb hotpot

DAY 4

DAY 5

Distance: 102km

Route: Sihchong River – Chihpen – Mudan Dam – Tongwuan river plain – Shouka – Dawu ocean scenery

Road: County Road 199 + Provincial Highway 9

County road 199 is a of low rise hill that passes the Paiwan aborigine tribe and the Negrito historic site. There is little traffic along the way, which makes the ride through the central mountain range towards the pacific even more enjoyable. We will also enjoy a variety of local snacks in the Chipen night market.

Hotel: Taitung Toong Mao Resort & Hotel

Breakfast / hotel Lunch / Dawu 'Tong Fa Hsiun' Seafood restaurant hotel Dinner / Hotel set dinner

Distance: 125km

Route: Chipen – Rueisuei – Beinan – Luyeah – Giant Guanshans store – Chishang lunchbox

– Tapo Lake – County Road193

Road: Provincial Highway 9 + County Road 193

The scenery of East Rift Valley needs little introduction and speaks for itself. The ride through it would be perfect in a slightly overcast and breezy weather. We will enjoy the famous Chishan lunchbox for lunch.

Hotel: RueisueiYuan Hsiang Hot Spring Lodge

Breakfast / hotel Lunch / Chishang 'Chuang Mei Hung' lunchbox Dinner / Hotel set dinner

DAY 6

DAY 7

Distance: 86K

Route: Rueisuei – Lotong – Guangfu Sugar Refinery – Wang's Tea Shop – North-Link Railway

Road: Provincial Highway 9 + Provincial Highway 11 Bin + Railway

We continue our ride through the East Rift Valley with more breath-taking views, the flower field on the way is particularly mesmerizing. To reward ourselves we have the famous 'Man Mei' pig trotters that will satisfy the pickiest taste buds. As a safety measure we will cross the Suhua Highway by rail, this also gives us the chance to re-charge our batteries having worked so hard for the last five days. .

Hotel: Yilan Landis Inn Luodong

Breakfast / Hostel Lunch / Hualian Wang's Tea Shop Dinner / Hotel set dinner

Distance: 81K

Route: Luodong – Xindian – National Highway No.5 – Shipei – Tea Museum Lasars

– Shao Ge Tou – Bitan (Jade Lake)

Road: Provincial Highway No.9

The arrival of Hsueh Shan Tunnel has made the National Highway No.5 a heavenly for enthusiastic cyclists. Despite the continuous winding and twisting curves rapidly using up our energy, the views along the way will keep us moving. We shall take it slowly to enjoy ourselves

Hotel: Xindian Lake-view Hotel

Meal: Breakfast / Hostel Lunch / Pinling 'Hehuan' tealeaf dish restaurant Dinner / Hotel set dinner

DAY 8

DAY 9

Distance: 82K

Route: Xindian – Hsinchu Daxi Old Street – Xipu Communion – Cheng Huang Temple

Road: Provincial Highway 3 & 1

Back on the buzzing west of the island today we have to settle back into the busy traffic and environment of the metropolis. We will ease into it by visiting a river along a small tranquil path first, and then we travel back into the city. We will keep ourselves on top form by having an easy ride today and visit the famous Cheng Huang Temple to have a spiritual experience of Tao.

Hotel: Hsinchu Howard Hotel

Meal: Breakfast / Hostel Lunch / Daxi 'Shui Yuan Di' restaurant Dinner / Cheng Huang Temple night market

Distance: 111K

Route: Hsinchu – Taichung 17 – mile coastal ride – The 24hr Salt Factory – giant machinery

– Giant Nantun store

Road: Provincial Highway 61 & 1

We get onto the Western Coastal Expressway after coming out of central Hsinchu. Taking the road leading us home gives us more energy. We will visit the best known temple in Taichung - Da Jia Jenn Lann Temple, and will also pay a well worth visit to Giant's HQ. Around 1800 will transfer to Taichung Train Station and take the bullet train back to Taipei.

Hotel: SEASONS HOTEL TAIPEI (DOWNTOWN)

Meal: Breakfast / Hostel Lunch / Da Jia Dinner / Taipei night market dining

DAY 10

DAY 11

Morning half day TAIPEI CITY TOUR include stop at National Palace Museum. Afternoon FREE TIME FOR SHOPPING, @1900 transfer to the airport.

Meal: Breakfast / Seasons Lunch / Ding Tai Fung Dumpling

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