

From Japanese Colonization Period Until Today: Mining Towns Exploration Day Tour



HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the rich history of the now-defunct mining industry at the *Gold Museum* of Jinguashi
- ▶ Visit the most representative old street of Taiwan, Jiufen, and sample local snacks in a timeworn Japanese-era surrounding
- ▶ Inscribe your prayers on a sky lantern and release it to the skies at Pingxi

OVERVIEW

Leaving the clamor of Taipei behind, we will visit the mining towns left over from the Japanese colonial period in northern Taiwan. Though the area has been commercially prosperous from 1970's through 1980's, the mining industry came to a halt in the 90's, leaving the area in desolation. With the help of the local government, the area soon regained its popularity as a repurposed tourist destination with its own unique identity.

Overlooking the beautiful Tea Pot Mountains, our first stop is at the *Gold Museum* where you can learn about the complete history of Jinguashi. Also located within the museum is one of the best-preserved tunnels in Taiwan where some of the original mining equipments are still on display. Just put on a helmet and delve into the *Benshan Fifth Pit* (approximately 180 meters) for an authentic experience as a miner.

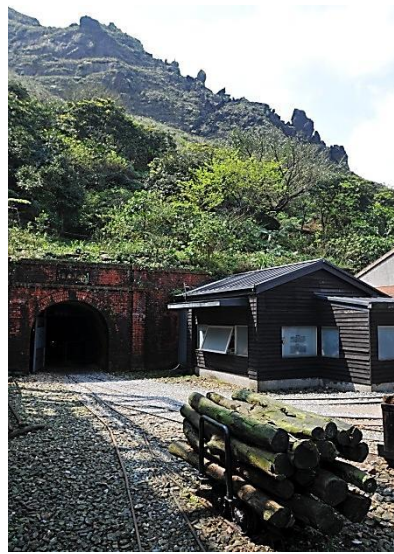


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Jinguashi



Benshan fifth Pit



Jiufen Old Street

Our journey will continue as we visit an extremely popular tourist destination in Taiwan, the Jiufen Old Street. There's a wide array of folk arts, crafts stalls, traditional grocery stores, bed & breakfast inns, and tea houses that are sure to induce nostalgic sentiments. Amongst the many activities here, you can sample a variety of traditional Taiwanese snack foods such as taro balls, meatballs, Mochi, and more!

In the afternoon, we will head to the original coal distribution center – Pingxi, an important hub for coal-producing areas in the 1970's. Pingxi old street is built into a hill with train tracks penetrating through the center. Various shops are dispersed along the tracks, selling local food and gift items. This is also the only place in Taiwan where it's legal to release sky lanterns, a symbolic gesture of writing down your prayers on a hot-air balloon and sending into the sky from the railroad tracks.



Sky Lantern Release



Pingxi Old Street



LENGTH OF TOUR

1 Day, No Overnight

VEHICLE TYPE & RESTRICTIONS

01 – 06 PAX – Volkswagen Caravelle

07 – 08 PAX – Volkswagen Crafter

08 – 19 PAX – Mini Bus

20 – 41 PAX – Tourist Coach

☞ Selection of vehicle depends on group size

PREFERRED LANGUAGE OF TOUR GUIDE

Mandarin, English, France, German, Thai, Cantonese, Russian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and others.

INCLUDED

- Transportation
- Tour Guide Fee and Gratuity
- Tickets: Gold Museum and Benshan Fifth Pit
- Meals: Lunch
- Insurance: NTD \$2,000,000 Liability & NTD \$30,000 Medical insurance Per Person

NOT INCLUDED

- Shopping Stops: Absolutely No Shopping Stops Unless Directly Requested by Clients.

REMARKS

Lion Travel reserves right to modify itinerary without prior notice in cases of unforeseen operational difficulties or due to force majeure.

QUOTATION

Please contact us for an accurate quotation.



PAYMENT METHODS & TERMS

- Bank Wire Transfer (In USD)
- Credit Card Authorization (In NTD)
- 50% of total fare to be deposited no later than agreed upon deadline informed by your service personnel to guarantee reservations
- Fare to be paid in full no later than 5 working days prior to start of tour
- If itinerary is confirmed less than 5 working days before start of tour, then fare must be fully paid to guarantee reservations

CANCELLATIONS TERMS

- Over 05 Working days prior to start of scheduled tour - Full refund of deposit minus incurred costs previously authorized by payee
- 04-05 Working days prior to start of scheduled tour - forfeit 70% of total fare
- 00-03 Working days prior to start of scheduled tour - forfeit 100% of total fare

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