



cover story

Grand Tour of Tea: An Amazing Adventure

Co-curated by the Pinlin Tea Museum and the National Historic Museum, we would guide you on a tour down the pathway of tea-making through the clues left behind historic treasures and cultural collection. You will understand how the plant has, through its tour to Tibet, Russia, Japan, England India and elsewhere, miraculously become a key player of global trade.

The Birth of Tea

Originated in China, tea had become a common beverage by the era of Tang Dynasty. Up to then, the plant was a minor ingredient of medication and congee. The Tang Dynasty brought in the method of pan fire, which elevated tea-drinking into an high- culture experience. In Song Dynasty, dian chia method was created, making tea tasting a favorite pastime amongst the intelligentsia, who developed elaborated criteria on assessing leaf type, harvesting seasons and tea-making methods. In the Ming and Qing Dynasties, tea began to be sold as loose leaves and consumed from a teapot, which also became an object for appreciation. This forms the basis of modern tea-drinking and tasting.

Miles of Tea Road

The route for tea trade between southwestern China and Tibet was called "Tea-carrier's Trek," a route that



was known for its unique merchant culture, developed by caravan merchants and carriers. The merchants also developed a special method to tight-press tea leaves for their long-distant travel. The leaves sold to Russia was referred to as "Land Tea," as they were transported through the 12,000-km long inland route from China to Russia, starting from the tea-growing region in Wuyi, Fujian Province. The leaves traveled thousands of miles before reaching the northern country.

Spreading by Water

During the Tang Dynasty, tea was brought to Japan by the Japanese monks, which lay the seeds of the Japanese tea ceremony. In the Age of Discovery, tea was transported to Europe, and became a popular drink in England in the 19th Century. The East Indian Company, hoping to break the Chinese monopoly of the plant, sent botanist Robert Fortune to acquire the knowhow and transplant tea trees to India, re-arranging the global supply chain. In Taiwan, through the trade of John Dodd and Li Chun-shen, Formosa Oolong Tea commenced its grand tour from Tamsui to New Work. Its arrival on the world stage saw the golden era of Taiwanese tea market.

If you want to know how tea changes the world, we invite you to start a grand tour with us in the Pinlin Tea Museum.

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📅 Now Until 2020/06/14
📍 Pinglin Tea Museum of New Taipei City
☎ 02-2665-6035
🌐 www.tea.ntpc.gov.tw



2020 New Taipei City International Metal Crafts Competition Call for Entry

The entry for the Competition will open on January 1, 2020, with prize money exceeding NT\$ 680,000. The entry categories include Object and Jewelry. Please refer to New Taipei City Gold Museum's website and Facebook fan page for more information.



Date 2020/01/01-2020/01/31
Venue Gold Museum, New Taipei City Government



📍 No. 8, Jinguang Road, Ruifang District, New Taipei City
☎ 02-2496-2800
🕒 09:30-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
🚌 Taipei-Jinguashi: Taking bus route 1062 at the Exit 2 of Zhongxiao Fuxing MRT Station via Jiufen and get off at Jinguashi.

The Taiwan Ceramics Awards 2019

The exhibition showcases the works of the following artists: Chen Huan-Tang, winner of The Achievement Award; LEE Shih-Hwa, Grand prize winner of the Creative Award, and Hsu Hsu-Lun, Grand prize winner of the Utilitarian Award. As part of the exhibition are works of the 2017 Avant-garde Award Dual Solo Exhibition HU Hui-Chin and LU Yen-Yu. This is a feast of the arts not to be missed!



Date 09/27-2020/03/22
Venue New Taipei City Yingge Ceramics Museum



📍 No. 200, Wenhua Road, Yingge District, New Taipei City
☎ 02-8677-2727
🕒 09:30-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
🚌 Take a commuter train to Yingge train station, the museum is a 10-minute walk from the Wenhua Rd. exit.

Tea Academy - Digital Interaction and Exploration Space

The Tea Academy - Digital Interaction and Exploration Space Exhibit, based on the historic work of Lu Yu, Tea Classic, relates tea culture to contemporary audiences in fun and digestible ways. Combining physical interactive displays with lively animations and AR/VR technologies, visitors are taken on a journey of discovery into the fascinating world of tea.



Date Now
Venue Pinglin Tea Museum of New Taipei City



📍 No. 19-1, Shuisongqikeng, Pinglin Dist., New Taipei City
☎ 02-2665-6035
🕒 09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
🚌 Take the MRT to Xindian Station. Transfer onto the Xindian Bus Service, and take the 923 or Green 12 (G12). Get off at the stop for Pinglin Junior High School. The Museum is a 5-minute walk away.

"The Battle of Tamsui" Story Hall

War erupted between the Qing China and France in 1884. What were the hongts in Tamsui like? We present the history in a laid-back manner, to tell you all about the export trade of the nineteenth-century Tamsui Harbor, as well as the role played by hongts in the region at that time.



Date From 10/01
Venue Douglas Lapraik & Co front building



📍 No.316, Zhongzheng Rd., Tamsui Dist., New Taipei City 251, Taiwan (R.O.C.)
☎ 02-2629-9522
🕒 09:30-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
🚌 MRT Tamsui station is the terminal station, then take buses R26 ,836 or 857 to Little White House, then walk back to Zhongzheng for about 100 meters.

Oceanic Treasure - historic marine trade of Taiwan

This exhibition consists of the priceless collection from seven Taiwanese and Japanese museums. Collections include the prominent Taiwanese trading objects in the past, including jade, glass, porcelain and deerskin. This exhibition visualizes the marine trading history between Taiwan and its neighbors that spanned four hundred years.



Date 09/26-2020/01/12

Venue Shihsanhang Museum of Archaeology



- 📍 No. 200, Museum Road, Bali District, New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2619-1313
- 🕒 09:30-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 MRT → Tamsui MRT Station → Ferry → Shuttle Bus Red No. 13 Shihsanhang Museum of Archaeology; or Ferry → Shuttle Bus Red No. 22, Bus No. 704 → Ren'ai

The symphony of fabric

Amongst the Taiwanese indigenous communities, the Atayal people are known for their weaving skills. Their traditional costumes are mostly woven with ramie, then interwoven with colored wool or with shell decoration. The costumes includes top, vest, kerchief, skirt and headdress. Colors vary from region to region.



Date Now

Venue Wulai Atayal Museum New Taipei City



- 📍 No. 12, Wulai St., Wulai Dist., New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2661-8162
- 🕒 09:30-17:00
- 🚶 Take the MRT Xindian Line to the last stop at Xindian Station, transfer to Sindian Bus No. 849 and get off at Wulai, the terminal station.

The beauty of Chinese garden structures

The Garden has a variety of Chinese garden structures, such as pavilions, towers, halls, studies and bridges, each with a different function and style. Visit Lin Family Mansion to enjoy the beauty of a traditional Chinese garden.



Date Now

Venue The Lin Family Mansion and Garden



- 📍 No. 9, Ximen Street, Banqiao District, New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2965-3061#23
- 🕒 09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Take Banqiao Line (Blue line) to Fuzhong MRT Station, and leave by Exit 1. The Garden is an 8-minute walk from the station.

Contemporary German Animation Masterpiece

In collaboration with German Institute for Animated Film (DIAF), Fuzhong 15 is proud to present a series of international masterpieces through its partnership with "Palme d'or de Cannes Short Films" and "Top 100 Global Animation Films."



Date Now Until 11/24

Venue Fuzhong 15



- 📍 No 15, Fuzhong Road, Banqiao District, New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2968-3600#211
- 🕒 09:30-18:30 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Taking MRT Line 5 to Fuzhong Station, Exit via Exit No 2. The Gallery is located approximately 40 meters at the rear of the Exit. Alternatively, exit MRT station via Exit 1, turn right at the rear of the Gate, cross the Road and proceed straight ahead. Approximately 3 minutes to the Gallery.

2019 NTPC Theatre Festival

Organized by the City's Cultural Affairs Bureau, the "2019 NTPC Theatre Festival " will be showcasing the performance of several groups, including "Tainaner Ensemble, " "VM Theatre Company, "Taipei Philharmonic Theater " and "Against Again Troupe. " This is a musical feast just for you.



Date 09/27-2020/01/05

Venue New Taipei City Arts Center



- 📍 No. 62, Zhuangjing Rd., Banqiao Dist., New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2253-4417
- 🕒 09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Take the MRT Bannan Line (Blue Line) and get off at Xinpu Station, turn right after exit from exit 4. Get across the street, walk straight until reaching the Lane182, Sec.2, Wenhua Raod and turn right. Continue walking along the way for about 3 minutes before you arrive.

Autumn Meeting 2019 – Banqiao 435 Art Zone

Through reviewing the current and perspective activities of the artists-in-residence, the 435 Cultural Park consolidates the artists' life and creative experience. Our "Workshop x Performance x live stream" program will bring unique opportunity to experience and reflect upon different artistic formats.



Date 11/16 (SAT) 、 11/23-11/24

Venue 435 Art Zone



- 📍 No. 435, Zhongzheng Rd., Banqiao Dist., New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2969-0366
- 🕒 09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Take the MRT Blue Line and get off at Banqiao Station. Leave the station from Exit 2 and transfer to the Bus No. 310, 307, 810, 857 or 786 and get off at "Banqiao Junior High School, Banqiao 435 Art Zone."

Zhen Yun Lin Ge presents "The River of Broken Dream"

In this adaptation of Shakespeare's "King Lear," Director Li Jin-Ye would play multiple roles. It is an exquisite and nuanced interpretation of an aged king who, after the loss of his kingdom and the betrayal of his family, will ultimately lose his beloved daughter. This is a performance second to none and should not be missed.



Date 11/16 (SAT.)

Venue Xinzhuang Cultural Arts Centre



- 📍 No. 133, Zhongping Rd., Xinzhuang Dist., New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2276-0182
- 🕒 09:00-17:30 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Take "Nangang Exhibition Hall-Yongning" line and get off at Xinpu Station. Then, take bus No. 805 or Blue No. 18 at MRT exit No. 5 and get off the bus at the "Xintai Swimming Pool" Stop.

"Beauty Color"- The Arts of Dye

In Mandarin Chinese, the words "beauty" and "color" pronounce the same way as "brilliance." By using the blue-dye as the foundation, this show extends to a variety of plant-based dyeing techniques, and captures the unique quality of the arts throughout Taiwan. The show classifies the four major color chart that form the basis of the Hakka dyeing technique, and bring us the brilliance of this colorful skill.



Date 09/25-2020/03/08

Venue Hakka Museum New Taipei City Government



- 📍 No. 239, Longen Street, Sanxia District, New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2672-9996
- 🕒 09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 MRT → get off at Yongning station (Blue line), then take Taipei Bus No. 917, get off at Dingpu station (Blue line), then take Taipei Bus No. 981.

Recycle the Extra-Ordinary- She Hsin-ting's Art Exhibition of Participatory Art

Local residents and those who frequent the park are invited to be part of this Participatory Art project. This program features art pieces made of used garments donated by the public as material, in hopes of inspiring a discussion on regenerable resource and the shift in our environment.



Date Now Until 12/01

Venue Air Force San-Chong Village



- 📍 Ln. 86, Zhengyi S. Rd., Sanchong Dist., New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2979-1815
- 🕒 10:00-18:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Take the "Zhonghe Xinlu Line - Luzhou Line" and get off at "St Ignatius High School Station" or "Sanhe Junior High School". Transfer to Bus No. 221 or 306 to get off at "the end of Zhenyi South Road"

WOW MONKEY illustration Show

Monkey Daddy, the creator of "WOW MONKEY," has been a father for more than a decade. Parenthood has given Monkey Daddy many bittersweet memories. Now, MONKEY Daddy has visualized his cherished memory and thoughts on child-rearing into these illustrious artworks.



Date Now Until 12/01

Venue New Taipei City Yongan Arts Center



- 📍 2F., No. 390, Zhonghe Rd., Zhonghe Dist., New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2929-8830
- 🕒 11:00-19:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Take the MRT Orange Line and get off at Yongan Market Station.