



Tour 1 : Taipei City Tour (Half Day)

Date :	2010/10/21(Thu) · 2010/10/22(Fri) · 2010/10/23(Sat)
Pick-Up :	AM 08:00 ~ 09:00 · PM 13:00 ~ 14:00
Duration :	3 hrs
Tour Fare :	NTD 900
Tour Stops :	Martyrs' Shrine → National Palace Museum → Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall → Chinese Temple → Presidential Office(Pass by) → Handicraft Center

Attractions Introduction :

Martyrs' Shrine

The Martyrs' Shrine is located right next to the Grand Hotel. Completed in 1969, this majestic shrine was built in memory of those who sacrificed their lives in the founding of the Republic of China, in the Sino-Japanese war and in the Chinese Civil war. Each spring and autumn, the president of Taiwan and leading government officials come here to pay their respects to the martyrs. Groups of overseas Chinese also visit the Shrine on Double Tenth National Day. Worth mentioning are the military police officers, who have been rigidly trained to guard the main gate and stand like expressionless statues and remain motionless by the teasing of observers. Tourists are amazed at this display of composure and flock to see the ceremonial changing of the guards, which takes place every hour.

National Palace Museum

National Palace Museum, with its antique collection amounts to nearly 700,000 pieces whose age range covers almost the entire 5,000 years-old Chinese history, has made the museum the world's greatest and priceless treasure house on Chinese art. Its collection includes pottery, porcelain, bronze items, jade ware, sculpture, embroidery, calligraphy and paintings, each piece is a true curio.



After admiring all those ancient treasures, you could stroll out of the Palace gate and take a rest at the lovely Chi-Shan Garden right ahead. The garden, consists of eight varied sceneries, was planned and constructed based on the spirit of " The Foremost Running Script" by Wang Hsi-chih, a famous calligrapher in Jing Dynasty. The garden epitomizes the elegance of Chinese gardens. It is worth paying a visit. Click for full view.

Presidential Office



The Presidential Office Building is an important symbol for the people of Taiwan. The five-story structure is constructed in European Renaissance style and has a double-courtyard plan. The red-brick and gray-stucco facade and well-maintained front gardens give it a dignified, classical appearance. State ceremonies are held in front of the building on New Year's Day and National Day. The Presidential Building was announced by the President as "national historical site" in 1998 and was open for public tour since then.

Handicraft Center

The Taiwan Handicraft Promotion Center was established in 1957 by the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) with the aim to promote Taiwan's handicraft industry. The Chinese Handicraft Mart that operates under this Center was set up to offer a one-stop shopping convenience for visitors to find ideal handicrafts as souvenirs and gifts at competitive prices.



On display are more than 20,000 various items, ranging from art furniture to jewelries, home furnishings to general gift items, the Center also provides foreign exchange as well as packing and shipping services.