

Hualien, Taiwan

Taiwan's wild east coast delivers jaw-dropping gorge scenery, marble-paved streets, and a deep indigenous culture that big-city ports can't match. Taroko is the draw — but even without it, Hualien earns its place on any Asia itinerary.

 Pier (Wharf 23)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$)

 Mandarin Chinese

 Taroko Gorge nearby

🗓 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Wharf 23 (industrial port, ~5.5 km from city center)

Best For: Taroko Gorge, marble scenery, indigenous food culture

Walk to Center: Not walkable — shuttle bus or taxi required (20 min)

Don't Miss: Bomber scallion pancake on Fuxing Street; Tzen's mochi

🚌 Getting around: 🚖 **Taxi** ✅ NT\$150–250 (~US\$5–8) · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available · 🚌 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Taroko Gorge** — Marble canyon carved by the Liwu River — one of Asia's great natural wonders.
 - **Whale & Dolphin Watching** — Hualien's Pacific waters host spinner and bottlenose dolphins plus migrating whales.
 - **Indigenous Village & Amis Culture** — Hualien has Taiwan's largest indigenous population — Amis, Atayal, and Truku peoples.
- **East Coast Scenic Area & Qixingtang Beach** — A crescent of polished marble and black pebbles backed by green mountains.
 - **Pine Garden (Songyuan Bieguan, 松園別館)** — A quiet hilltop Japanese colonial villa once used as a recreation center for WWII pilots.

BEST WALKS

- **Downtown Hualien City Loop** 2-3 km · Flat · 45-60 min — Walk from the shuttle drop-off near Hualien Railway Station through the Cultural and Creative Industries Park (restored Japanese...
- **Qixingtang Coastal Path** 2 km · Flat · 30-40 min — Follow the paved coastal path along Qixingtang (Chihsingtang) beach's marble pebble shoreline with views of the Pacific and the mountains.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		76°	66°	21d
Jun		85°	76°	23d
Aug		86°	77°	23d
Sep		84°	75°	23d
Oct		79°	72°	22d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:32AM–6:14PM · Jun 5:06AM–6:42PM · Aug 5:28AM–6:26PM · Sep 5:40AM–5:57PM · Oct 5:51AM–5:27PM

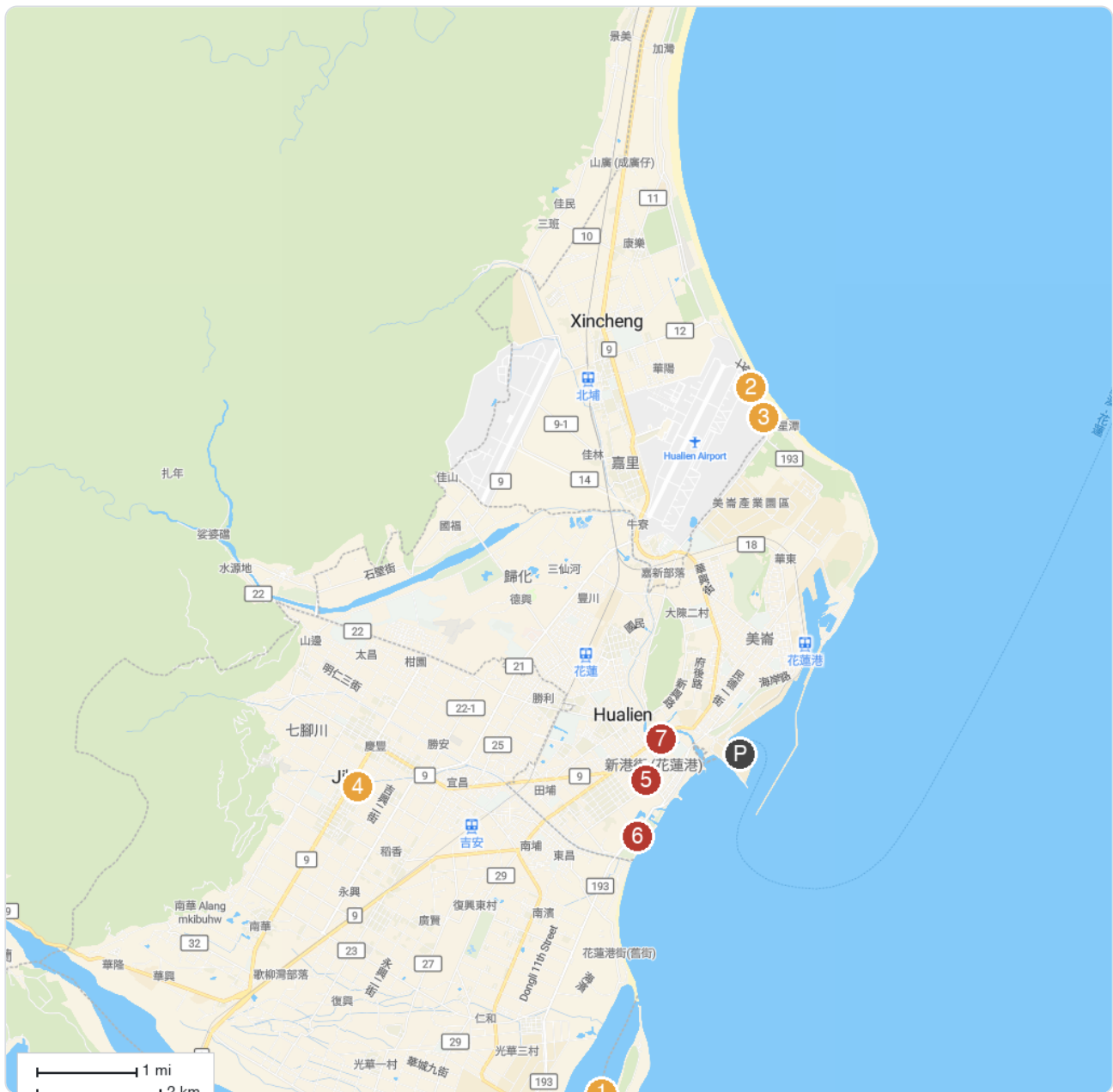
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash (NT\$). Taxis, night markets, and street stalls are cash-only. ATMs at the port and 7-Eleven/FamilyMart in town. Credit cards work at department stores and larger...
Check Taroko access before you go. The April 2024 earthquake damaged trails and roads inside Taroko National Park. Some

Hualien, Taiwan — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Farglory Ocean Park | Ocean-themed amusement park with marine life shows and rides. | 2 Qixingtan Scenic Area | Beautiful pebble beach with scenic views of the Pacific Ocean. |
| 3 Chisingtan Katsuo Museum | Museum dedicated to bonito fish, its history, and processing. | 4 Ji'an Qingxiu Temple | Historic Japanese-style Buddhist temple with serene gardens. |
| 5 Hualien Railway Culture Park | Preserved historic railway buildings showcasing Hualien's train heritage. | 6 Taipingyang Park | Coastal park offering ocean views, art installations, and cycling paths. |
| 7 Jiang Jun Fu 1936 | Restored 1936 Japanese general's residence, now a cultural attraction. | P Cruise port / terminal | |