

Discover Nantou — Sustainable Travel

NANTOU



Being as a
Sustainable
Traveler



Love the
Earth,
Starting
from
Nantou



Sustainable
Travel
Begins with
You
and
Me

We promise

To tread this land with the lightest step

Leaving no trash behind, only stories

We choose green transportation

Seeing mountains and clouds through swaying buses

We choose to share meals and prosperity with locals

Every bite echoes the land's voice

We respect culture

Learning to listen through crafts and guided tours

We believe

Sustainability isn't a slogan

it's the accumulation of every choice

Let's Go!

County Magistrate Hsu sincerely invites you

To respect the local community and cherish Nantou

Making Sustainability a Daily Practice in Travel

County Magistrate

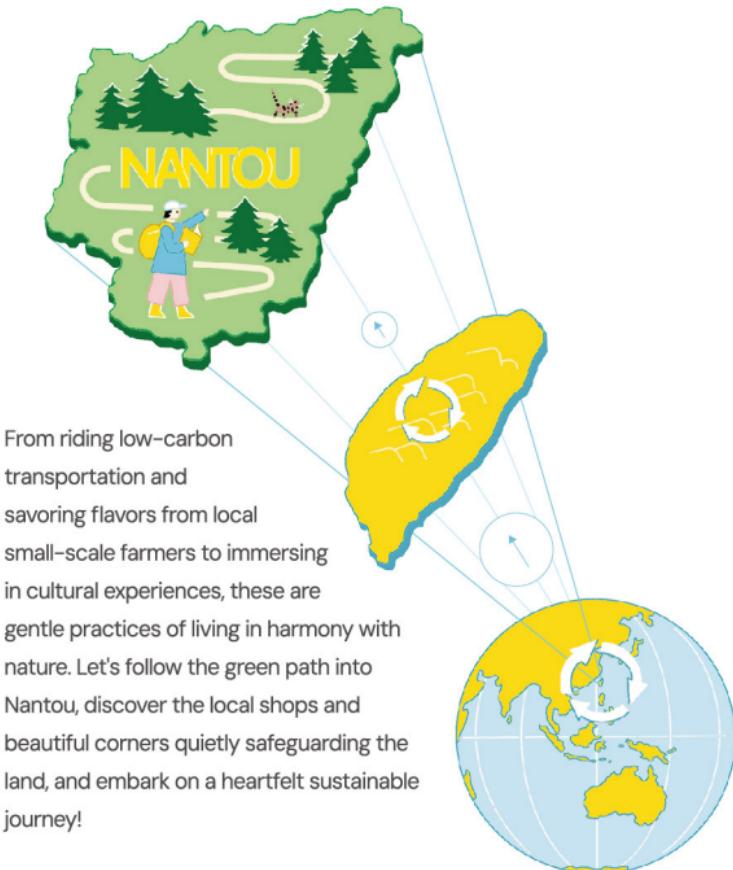
Traveler

Hsu Shu-Hua 

Traveler's Signature for Statement of Sustainability

Nantou, blessed with abundant natural landscapes and serene scenery, is a city where nature composes a sustainable symphony. Many local businesses are actively safeguarding the environment through concrete actions. They uphold eco-friendly principles, respect local culture, and fulfill social responsibilities, crafting more welcoming and low-carbon travel experiences for visitors.

Sustainable tourism: Quietly changing the world



Insider Tips

Choose Green Transportation



Take one of the 16 Taiwan Tourist Shuttle routes, public transit, or an electric car rental to reduce your carbon footprint and add a touch of green to your journey.

Experience Local Culture



Participate in local resident-led tours, markets, or handicrafts workshops to connect with the land and its people beyond mere sightseeing.



For example, taking Taiwan Tourist Shuttle from Taichung High Speed Rail Station to Sun Moon Lake reduces per-person carbon emissions by nearly 2 kilograms—equivalent to driving nearly 10 kilometers less by car.

Support Sustainable Businesses



With over 300 certified sustainable businesses in Nantou, you can choose eco-friendly dining and lodging options. Enjoying nature means also joining in the effort to protect the environment sustainably.

Take Beautiful Memories Home



During your travels, remember to bring your own water bottle and reusable shopping bag to reduce single-use items. Simple habits can alleviate a long-term burden on the Earth.

Discover Nantou: Sustainable Travel

In Nantou, the journey unfolds at its own rhythm—from mountains to lakes, from forests to villages. High mountains stretch silently beneath the starry sky, while lakes invite exploration by land, water, and air. Forest greenery and tea fragrance gently caress your senses, and the craftsmanship of 99 Peaks carries on the artisan's spirit. Golden terraces are watched over by the Xuan Tian Shang Di, and the Shuanglong Suspension Bridge arches like a rainbow across the sky. With every step, you immerse yourself in

- 01 Hehuanshan Starlight Scenery Route Nantou's unique landscapes and stories.
- 02 Sun Moon Lake Tourism Route
- 03 Jiji Railway Heritage Route
- 04 Tea Fragrance & Craftsmanship Route
- 05 Art & Hot Springs Route
- 06 Baguashan Leisure Route
- 07 Jade Mountain Hot Springs Route

Seven thematic routes interweave local landscapes, memories, industries, and culture, offering an immersive journey through Nantou. Each step creates lasting impressions, creating a sustainable narrative that resonates with the gentle mountain breezes of Nantou.

Each route undergoes carbon footprint calculation, and an application can be made for a "Gold Standard Carbon Offset Certificate", documenting your journey's contribution to reducing carbon emissions for the planet.



Sustainable Demonstration Tours

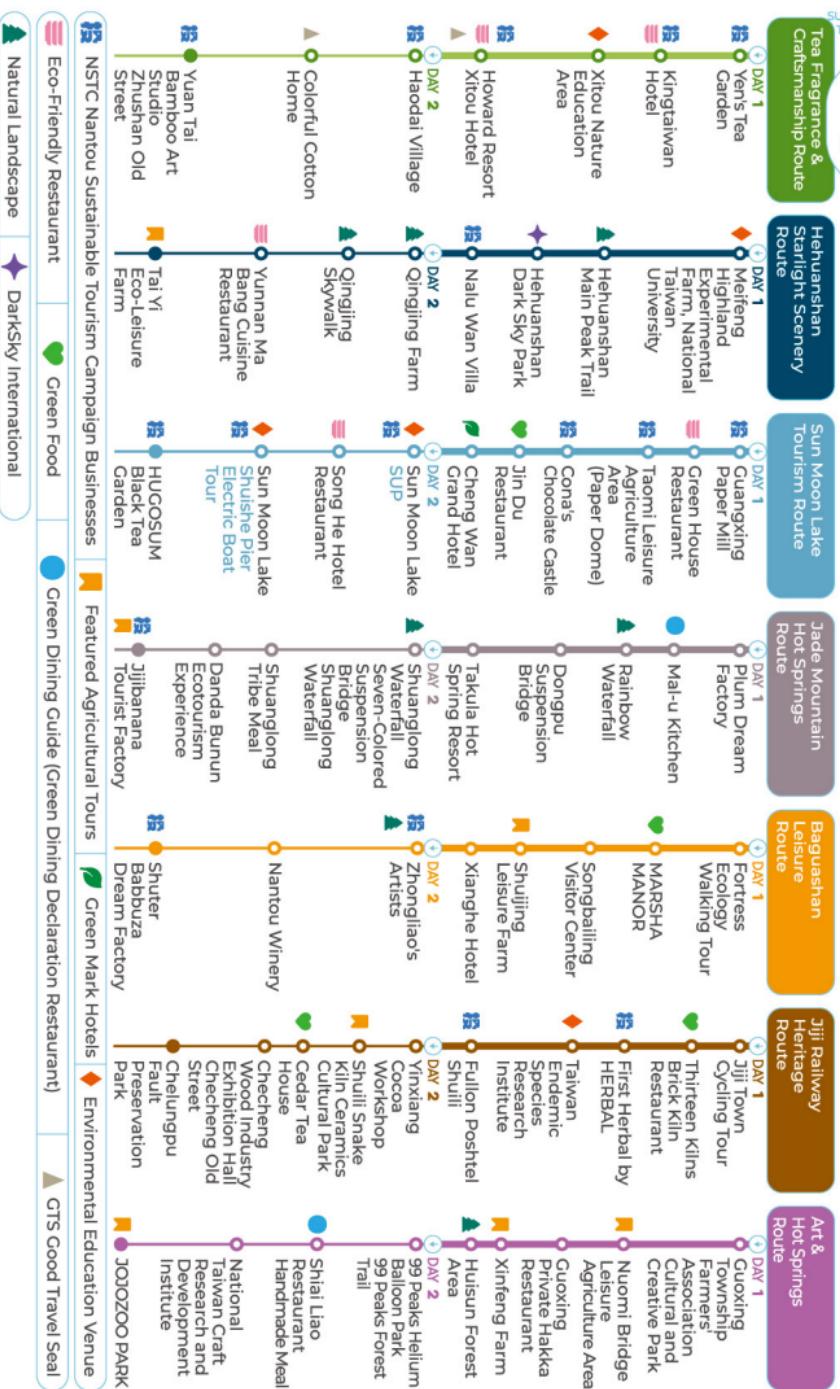
1 day
Net-Zero Tours

▼ **Strolling Caotun-Craft Culture and Old Street Walking Tour**

- National Taiwan Craft Research and Development Institute ↗ A Day
- Coffee Roaster ↗ Nantou Story Museum ↗ Shaih Liao Restaurant
- Handmade Lunch ↗ Caotun Old Street Walking Tour ↗ Rice Food
- Culture Experience | Handmade Mochi ↗ God of Wealth Temple | Pray for blessings at Dunhe Temple

▼ **Strolling Zhongxing New Village-Greenery Walking Tour**

- Zhongxing New Village Tandem Bike Ride ↗ Lunch at Her Home Glasses & Café ↗ Provincial Government Walking Tour ↗ Explore the Cultural and Creative Cluster | No. 55 Bakery ↗ Plant-Inspired Handcraft | Kokedama Experience



Relaxing, Eco-friendly, and Natural Travel

From mountains to lakes, from forests and natural landscapes to historical sites, each part of Nantou shines in its own way. Thanks to eco-friendly transportation options, getting around is effortless and burden-free—perfectly embodying the spirit of sustainable travel. For a different pace, you can follow low-carbon routes into the tranquil woods of Xitou, or visit Zhushan to experience the harmony of bamboo crafts and the aroma of tea. In Nantou, culture and nature intertwine throughout the journey, weaving together a gentle and sustainable charm unique to this mountain region.

Take the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle and Head Out to See the Stars

Transfer from Qingjing to a shared bus to enter Hehuanshan Dark Sky Park, where you can look up at the starry sky in an environment with low light pollution and low carbon emissions, experiencing the results of the county government's efforts to combine low-carbon transportation with in-depth eco-tourism.

A Cultural Journey Weaving Through Mountains and Lakes

The Taiwan Tourist Shuttle and Sun Moon Lake Ropeway can take you to the Formosan Aboriginal Culture Village. Use green transportation to explore the Indigenous community's living spaces, experiencing cultural tours, handicraft workshops, and performances. You can also cycle or stroll along the Sun Moon Lake trail or the Jiji Green Tunnel, feeling the freedom and relaxation of low-carbon movement at your own pace, allowing culture and environmental sustainability to naturally converge on your journey.

Take the Taiwan Tourist Shuttle and Enjoy the sustainable lifestyle

The Taiwan Tourist Shuttle's Nantou routes connect major scenic areas like Sun Moon Lake, Jiji, Xitou, Qingjing, Dongpu, Shuanglong and Ruilong Waterfall, and Songboling. It offers approximately 6 to 12 route services daily. Travelers can flexibly plan their itinerary and use the "Nantou Tourist Shuttle Pass" for unlimited rides within 3 days, experiencing the rhythm and beauty of sustainability while on the move.



Taiwan
Tourist
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Service
Updates,
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and Fares



Nantou
Tourist
Shuttle
Pass
3 Days
Unlimited
Rides

Shared Transportation



Sun Moon Lake Line •••••
New Era Art Park, HOHOCHA / Sun Moon Black Tea Factory, Formosan Aboriginal Cultural Village, Sun Moon Lake, Paper Dome, Sun Moon Lake Antique Assam Tea Farm, Dong Feng Black Tea Menor

Xitou Line •••••
Chelungpu Fault Preservation Park, Yoshan Tea, Colorful Cotton Home, Wangcheng Umbrella Toy Factory, Ever Shine Lantern Toy Factory, Xitou Nature Education Area, Sun Link Sea Forest and Nature Resort

Qingjing Line •••••
Tai Yi Eco-Leisure Farm, Qingjing Farm, Qingjing Skywalk, NTU Meifeng Farm, Hehuanshan Dark Sky Park

Checheng Line •••••
Sun Moon Lake, Shuili Snake Kiln Ceramics Cultural Park, Checheng Old Street, Checheng Wood Industry Exhibition Hall

Shuanglong Line •••••
Checheng Old Street, Checheng Wood Industry Exhibition Hall, Shuili Snake Kiln Ceramics Cultural Park, Shuanglong Seven-Color Suspension Bridge Park
Jiji Green Tunnel, Tian Xing Kiln, Wuchang Temple, Taishun Covered Bridge, Ming Hsin Academy, Taiwan Biodiversity Research Institute, Jijibana Tourist Factory

Ruiling Waterfall Line •••••
Zhushan Old Street, Ruiling Waterfall

Baguashan Line •••••
Zhongxing New Village, Taiwan Mochi Museum, Shuter Babuza Dream Factory, Houtanjiing Sky Bridge, Shoutian Temple, Fingertea Story House

Beigangxi Line •••••
National Taiwan Craft Research and Development Institute, JOJOZOO PARK, Nuomi Bridge Leisure Agriculture Area, Atayal Resort

Puli Line •••••
New Era Art Park, Puli Winery

Dongpu Line •••••
Checheng Wood Industry Exhibition Hall, Checheng Old Street, Shuili Snake Kiln Ceramics Cultural Park, Plum Dream Factory, Dongpu Suspension Bridge, Dongpu Hot Springs

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle

Explore the Beauty of Nantou with Sustainable Travel

Rest in the Sustainable Land

Nantou is so beautiful that leaving feels difficult. The first step is to stay at a sustainable hotel, choosing local, low-carbon accommodations that radiate positive ripples for the environment, society, and economy. By reducing the impact on natural tourist sites, travelers are healed while the land is restored.

CU-GSTC Sustainable Hotels

Accommodations
Certified by the
Following
Are Worthy of
Sustainable
Exploration!

These are distinctive accommodations that have obtained international sustainability certification. They are built with low-carbon materials, energy-saving facilities, and environmentally friendly water systems to create a green lodging environment. They also incorporate local Nantou ingredients and community culture to promote sustainable tourism experiences. Travelers can enjoy slow travel in an atmosphere where nature and culture seamlessly blend.



Green Mark Hotels



Certified by the Ministry of Environment, these Green Mark Hotels use energy-efficient equipment, promote eco-friendly lodging programs, encourage guest participation in sustainability, and support environmental protection and community development.

Nantou Good Food B&B Program



Based on the concept of "sustainable dining," these accommodations combine lodging with local cuisine. The hosts take travelers to visit farms, taste self-grown vegetables, fruits, and tea cuisine, and participate in food education classes, experiencing eco-friendly agriculture and hands-on activities. Beyond the stay, travelers can gain a deeper appreciation of the authentic beauty of the Nantou land.

In the Night, Nantou Still Shines with the Light of Sustainability

Low-Carbon Accommodation

Nantou's nights feature the whispers of the mountains and the light and shadow by the lake. The daytime itinerary concludes, while sustainable tourism doesn't stop. Through designed activities, experiences are extended—from night-time stargazing tours, firefly ecology, and cultural walks, to mindful activities like frog watching, singing bowl healing, meditation, or tea ceremony—all of which allow for continuous coexistence with the environment in the rhythm of the night.



Green Accommodation | Let Rest Become a Gift to the Land

Accommodations across the region are gradually implementing energy-saving equipment, using local ingredients, and practicing carbon-reduction management, allowing travelers to stay in nature in a more friendly way. Travelers can choose lodging with sustainability labels and environmental education to feel the breath of nature and the warmth of humanity.

Dark-Sky Friendly | Let the Starry Sky Return to the Embrace of the Night

The County Government is promoting the "Dark Sky Friendly" concept, hoping to extend the low-light pollution, low-energy consumption lodging model to various townships, allowing more travelers to experience the tranquility of returning to nature between the starlight and mountain shadows. Whether taking a stargazing bus or listening to the stories and legends of Nantou on a B&B rooftop, they can leave a lasting, sustainable light in Nantou's night sky.

Start with one meal, practice sustainability

→ A Vegetarian Journey from Farm to Table

It is a culinary experience but more so, a lifestyle.

Vegetarianism is not just a dietary choice, but a philosophy of living in harmony with the land. In the hills of Zhushan and Lugu, bamboo farmers harvest sweet and juicy bamboo shoots of various types, including Makino bamboo shoots, Oldham bamboo shoots, Ma bamboo shoots, and winter bamboo shoots. When blanched they are fragrant, and when simmered, they are rich in the sweet moisture of the mountains. The water bamboo dishes in Puli are best when stir-fried in season; simply blanched, they highlight their sweetness, reflecting the freshness nurtured by the water source. The mushrooms widely produced in the Yuchi and Puli areas emit a natural, rustic aroma whether steamed with rice, boiled in soup, or braised. If you're looking for crispness, you certainly can't miss the high-mountain vegetables from Ren'ai and Xinyi. Nantou's vegetarian food embodies the rhythm of the mountains and the warmth of human connection, allowing taste buds to return to nature and allowing travelers to experience the authentic look of sustainability one meal at a time.

Want to try the good flavors nurtured in the mountains? We have collected the Nantou Vegetarian Dining Map to explore fresh and delicious food in Nantou and experience the culture of vegetarian cuisine.

► Eating vegetarian one day a week can reduce carbon emissions by approximately 101.4 kg per year



Friendly Tea Sharing × Reusable Cup Initiative ←

Let's connect the traveler's sustainable actions with "the warmth of a cup of tea." Friendly tea sharing stations and reusable cup rental services are available throughout Nantou. Travelers can reduce the use of single-use cups every time they refill their water, making drinking tea the gentlest response to the environment.

► Every single-use paper cup avoided reduces the world's carbon emissions by 0.011 kg.



Chinese only



Local Dining

Enjoy the abundant fruits and vegetables produced by local Nantou small farmers, shortening the food mileage and eating fresher food.

Local
Dining



Eco-Friendly Tableware

Bring your own utensils, containers, and bags, or purchase local eco-friendly products, reducing single-use items and being kind to the Earth.



Mindful Ordering

Order just the right amount, avoid leftovers and waste, making food reduction more comfortable.



Eco-Friendly Restaurants, Green Dining Tables

Choose sustainable restaurants to enjoy eco-friendly ingredients, experience the dining, and feel the benefits of eco-friendly dining.



Please look for government-approved dining labels such as "Eco-Friendly Restaurant," "Green Dining Table," "Green Dining Guide," and "Tian Mama." Starting with environmental friendliness, they provide travelers with more eco-friendly and low-carbon dining options, bringing green living into daily life and seeking a dining attitude where deliciousness and sustainability coexist.



Sustainable Souvenirs

Every souvenir nurtured by Nantou's mountains carries the craftsmanship of artisans and the memory of the land. Choosing sustainable shops, supporting local production, and using circular packaging not only brings joy to the journey but also gently gives back to the environment and the land.

Sustainable Souvenirs ! Starting with the Sincerity Rooted in the Land



From tea leaves and coffee grown using natural farming methods, to sustainably farmed fruits, honey, and plum products, and further to pastries, dried fruits, and bamboo handicrafts made with the spirit of local production and local sales—each product represents the respect of Nantou people for the land and their commitment to sustainability. Packaging design also uses reduced-plastic materials or recycled paper, practicing environmental friendliness and social responsibility in the details.



Local Co-Prosperity ! The Power of Brand Connection

Additionally, the County Government is actively promoting the "Taste of Nantou" brand, collaborating with Carrefour, major beverage and retail channels to allow the county's high-quality agricultural specialties to enter the mainstream market, embodying the concept of "support local, develop sustainably" through concrete actions.

Souvenirs are the continuation of a journey, and even more so, a lifestyle choice—choosing to buy local, support young farmers, and reduce the carbon footprint. What travelers bring home is not only gifts but also a thoughtful connection to the land.



Nantou Local Agricultural Specialties

Souvenirs

Agricultural specialties from Nantou's thirteen townships embody the nourishment of mountains and land, extending the beauty of the journey!

Nantou City	Orchid	Wild orchid	Green Mountain Tea	Tomato	Loofah
	Lychee	Pineapple	Papaya	Longan	Pomelo
Puli Township	Red Sugarcane	Water Bamboo Shoot	Passion Fruit	Shiitake Mushroom	
	Radish	Rice Noodle	Shaoxing Wine	Taiwan Jewel Orchid	
Caotun Township	Rice	Tobacco	Betel Nut	Lychee	Job's Tears
	Banana	Atemoya	Sugar Apple		Grape
Zhushan Township	Winter Bamboo Shoot	Spring Bamboo Shoot	Makino Bamboo Shoot		
	Ma bamboo shoots	Oldham Bamboo Shoot	Dried Bamboo Shoot		
	Pickled Bamboo Shoot	Shredded Bamboo Shoot	Bamboo Shoot		
	Preserved Bamboo Shoot	Zhushan Red Sweet Potato	Cummingcordia		
	Oolong Tea	Jin Xuan Tea	Jade Oolong Tea	Tomato	Kyoho Grape
Jiji Township	Glutinous Rice Lychee	20th Century Guava			
	Mountain Banana	Kyoho Grape	Dragon Fruit	Sunflower	
Mingjian Township	Zhuoshui Rice	Pineapple	Common Cat's Tail	Ginger	
	Water Spinach	Yam	Tea Leaves		
Zhongliao Township	Banana	Honey Tangerine	Sweet Persimmon	Longan	
	Citrus	Lychee	Pomelo	Erjian Tea	Bamboo Shoot
Lugu Township	Dong Ding Oolong Tea	Bamboo Shoot	Honeywort		
	High-Quality Rice	Ashitaba	Trout	Tea Plums	
Shuili Township	High-Mountain Tea	Green Plum	Aiyu Jelly	Chinese Orchid	
	Washington Navel Orange	October Longan			
	Honey Tangerine	Pilose Antler	Banana		
	Peach	Kyoho Grape	Camellia oil		
Yuchi Township	Sun Moon Lake Black Tea	Daylily			
	Shiitake Mushroom	Orchid	Eggplant		
	Taiwan Jewel Orchid	Ponkan	Loofah	Betel Nut	
Guoxing Township	Green Plum	Loquat	Strawberry	Citrus	Honey Star Fruit
	Sweet Peach	Seedless Lemon	Jackfruit	Atemoya Sugar Apple	Guava
	Banana	Shiitake Mushroom	Tea Leaves	Pilose Antler	
Xinyi Township	Green Plum	Kyoho Grape	Red Plum	Guava	Tomato
	High-Mountain Vegetable	Stone Bamboo Shoot	Wild Vegetable	Sweetfish	Yushan Tea
	High-Grade Cut Flower	Camellia Oil	Aiyu Jelly		
Ren'ai Township	Taiwan Shoveljaw Carp	Rainbow Trout	Local Chicken	Peach	New Century
	Pear	Apple	Plum	High-Mountain Tea	Cabbage
	Honeywort	Iceberg Lettuce	Coffee	Jade Cabbage	
				Fragrant Sticky Rice	

Explore the local agricultural specialties, and unique processed goods can be bought.





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