

# Detailed Information About Excursions

## Day 1 (Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>) :

### 1. The location of the meet point :

For those who signed up for the excursion on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will meet at 7am on July 1 at the East Gate No. 3 of Taipei Main Station. The following are some pictures of the meet point at the Taipei main station. You can use these pictures to guide you and find the location of the meet point.



Note that we will meet outside the East Gate No. 3 if there is no rain. If it rains, we will meet inside the Gate (see the picture at the bottom right). When you come close to the east gate of the station, you will see my student holding a sign which says “EHT COLLABORATION MEETING EXCURSION” (see the figure below). If you would like to grab some food for breakfast at the train station, you can do so either in the convenient store (Family Mart) right inside the meet point or in another store close to the platform where we will board the train.



## **2. The trains, tickets, and seats :**

The train to Hualien/Taroko will leave the Taipei main station at 7:30 am. Since train tickets to Hualien are very difficult to get on weekends, we did not succeed to get tickets for all people (43 participants) to sit in the same passenger coach when we go to Hualien on Saturday, July 1. People will sit in two different/adjacent coaches, and people may or may not be able to sit next to each other. If you would like to sit next to

or close to your friends or colleagues, please come to the meet point earlier, and I will give you train tickets for your group to sit together. On the way back to Taipei in the evening (7:20 pm) on July 1<sup>st</sup>, all people will sit in the same passenger coach and there is no need to get train tickets from me in advance. You can choose your preferred seat when boarding the train. We almost occupy an entire coach.

### 3. Lunch and Dinner :

We will have lunch at the Taroko Village Hotel at 1 pm on July 1 and need order meals in advance to save time for hiking. You can choose one of the following three different set meals : 1. Taroko Baked (pork) Side Meat (NT 748); 2. Salt Baked New-York (beef) Strip with Mountain Pepper (NT 770); 3. Vegetarian Fried Noodles (NT 480). All these are set meals that include side dishes. Coffee, tea, and juice are offered for free when having meals in this restaurant. Please go to the “Day 1 Meals Sign-up Form” and choose your meal, and I will make the order for you.

#### Lunch at Taroko National Park



Dinner for the Day 1 excursion will be served on our way back to Taipei. After boarding the train, we will provide bento boxes offered by Taiwanese Railway (TRA) company which are tasty from the perspective of Taiwanese people. You have three bento box choices (NT 100 per box) : 1. Pork Chop Bento; 2. Chicken Leg Bento; 3. Vegetarian Bento. Please go to the “Day 1 Meals Sign-up Form” and choose a bento box.

#### Dinner boxes on the train back to Taipei



#### **4. The extra stop before leaving Hualien :**

After finishing our tour at Taroko National park, we will visit a famous beach in Hualien on our way to the Hualien train station. The beach is beautiful and quite different from beaches one usually sees in Europe and the US in that the whole beach is covered by beautiful stones. It's a stone beach. We can spend about half an hour at the beach before heading to the train station. It's fun to play stones here.

#### **5. The cost for Day 1 excursion :**

The total cost of the Day 1 excursion ranges from NT 1830~2120 (61~71 USD), depending what meals you order. This cost includes the fees for renting the shuttle, lunch, dinner, train tickets, and tips. We will show how much each participant needs to pay in a file that will be emailed to you before the EHT meeting. My student will collect the excursion fee during lunch time.

### **Day 2 (Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>) :**

For those who plan to participate in the excursion on Sunday, July 2, we will meet at 9:45 am at the East Gate No. 3 of Taipei Main Station (**the same meet point as the Day 1 excursion**). The shuttle bus will leave the meet point around 10:00 am and head toward National Palace Museum. Lunch will be served at 1 pm at the Silks Palace restaurant located near the entrance of the Palace museum. Since the Day 2 excursion is more flexible, we have more time for lunch and one choose preferred meals from many choices offered by the restaurant (see the [menu](#)).

The Day 2 excursion will end around 5 pm or later, depending on how long you want to stay at the Taipei 101 observation decks (some foreign visitors stay pretty long). If you plan to have dinner at the Taipei 101 shopping mall, you can find more than 30 restaurants on the B1 floor (see the figure below) and a few restaurants on 4F and 5F. In case you need to go back to Taipei main station after excursion or finishing dinner, the quickest way is to take the metro. There is a metro station in front of the entrance of Taipei 101, and it only takes ~12 minutes from Taipei 101 to the Taipei main station.

The total cost of the Day 2 excursion is NT 1400 (~47 USD), including the fees for renting the shuttle and tickets for Palace museum and Taipei 101. My student will collect the excursion fee during lunch time. Note that the Day 2 excursion fee does not cover lunch and dinner. You will need to pay for your meals by yourself.

