



Wandering Around East Rift Valley

Taiwan

THE HEART OF ASIA

East Rift Valley National Scenic Area  
Administration, Tourism Bureau, MOTC, R.O.C.

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#### Lushan Service Station

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Township, Hualien County  
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#### Luye Service Station

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#### Beinan Visitor Information Center

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Township, Taitung County  
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Call Center for Visitor's Information

24-hour service in Chinese, English, Japanese &amp; Korean



## Transportation Information

### How to go to Hualien and Taitung

#### By plane

Hualien Airport  
☎ 03-8210768Taitung Airport  
☎ 089-362530  
089-362531

- Mandarin Airlines  
☎ 02-4128008    🌐 <http://www.mandarin-airlines.com/index.html>
- Uni Air  
☎ 02-25086999 (Domestic flights)    🌐 <https://www.uniair.com.tw>  
☎ 02-25011999 (International flights)

#### By train



Taking TRA North-Link Line or TRA South-Link Line to all  
stations in the East Rift Valley  
General Enquiry ☎ 0800-765888  
← Train Schedule

#### By car

##### A. Departing from Northern Taiwan

- Depart from Taipei-Yilan Highway. Take National Highway 5 and get off at Suao Interchange. Go to Tai Route-9 to Hualien.
- Get off at Suao Interchange from National Highway 5. Take Tai Route-9 to Hualien.

##### B. Departing from Southern Taiwan

Take Tai Route-1 to Fenggang, Pingtung. Take Tai Route-9 and go north to Taitung.

##### C. Departing from central Taiwan

- Take Tai Route-14 to Lushan, Renai Township, Nantou County. Get Tai Route-14A to Dayu Mountain, Sioulin Township. Go to Tai Route-8. Along

the way, you will pass by Tianxiang, Taroko,  
and Xincheng. Take Tai Route-9 and drive south.

- Drive north then turn to Hualien.
- Drive south then turn to Taitung.

Highway: 1968 (24H)



←Director General of Highways, MOTC

### Transportations to East Rift Valley

- By car
- Car rental
- By train
- Taiwan Tourist Shuttle

#### Rift Valley – Hualien Line

TRA Hualien Station (Bus Station)

Danongdafu Organic Rice Paddies



#### Rift Valley Luye Line

Taitung Bus Station

Luye Gaotai



### Geological Impression

## Collision of Plates Shaping the Beauty of the Rift Valley

The East Rift Valley is the long and narrow valley between the Central Mountains and Coastal Range. As it is situated on the fissure of the Philippine Sea Plate and Eurasian Plate, many faults are formed. The rift valley is a closely knitted network is formed by Hualien River, Siougulan River, and Beinan River that constitute the landforms of gorge, waterfall, hot spring, meander, river terrace, alluvial fan, faults, bad land and more.

### Wulu Gorge

It is located between Wulu and Lidao, and is an s-shaped gorge cut by the Wulu River at the upper stream of Sinwulyu River. About 4km in length, there are a hanging bridge, hot springs, and other sightseeing spots around.

🏠 323km, Tai Route-20, Hairui Township,  
Taitung County



### 2 Xiao Tianxiang

On one side of Fudong Highway, it is a steep cliff. On the other side of it, it is a deep valley, with a small cave running through the rock. At a glance, it looks as grand as Taroko Gorge; therefore, it is called "Xiao Tianxiang."

🏠 7km, Tai Route-23, Fuli Township,  
Hualien County



### Lushan Waterfall

Lushan Waterfall is located at the upper-stream of Luozi River, being a waterfall formed on a mountain fault. Divided into the upper level and lower level, it is 120m high. With plenty of water, this fall is magnificent.

🏠 Luoshan Village, Fuli Township, Hualien  
Township, Hualien County



### 1 Tiefen Waterfall

Tiefen Waterfall is also called Shigong Waterfall. With a height of about 26m, its water is cool and refreshing, falling off from the tall and straight cliff.

🏠 Dongfeng Village, Yuli Town,  
Hualien County



### 5 Liji Bad Land

Liji mélange is the front end of the Philippine Sea Plate, formed by tiny mudstones, which contain sticky minerals mixtures. As the rainwater erodes the land along the surface, many gullies are formed by erosion. Unsuitable for farming, it is called a badlands.

🏠 Passing over Liji Bridge at Beinan  
Township, Taitung County



### 3 Puyuma Mountain

At the opposite side of Liji Badland, Beinan conglomerate is a part of the Eurasia Plate. It is formed by the washing of Beinan conglomerate by rainwater at the end of the Central Mountains, nicknamed "Little Yellow Mountain."

🏠 North of Liji Bridge, Beinan Township,  
Taitung County



### Cultural Painting

## Tour to Tribes Understanding Indigenous Culture

The East Rift Valley is a multicultural area with rich indigenous cultures.

### The Major Rites of the Six Major Tribes in East Rift Valley



#### Amis Tribe

The Good Harvest Rite is held from July to August every year. Rich in tribal color, it is the most important rite in the year.

#### Puyuma Tribe

Mangayan gayau (Monkey Rite) is held in late December, being an adulthood rite for the Puyuma young men to go into the tribal house.



#### Bunun Tribe

Malahodaigian (shooting the ears) ritual is held at the late April and early May, it is a test as well as the legacy of hunting skills.

#### Taroko Tribe

After harvesting millets in October every year, Taroko people will hold the Mgay Bari to express their gratitude to their ancestors' spirits and pray for a good harvest in the coming year.



#### Sakizaya Tribe

Different from traditional Good Harvest Rite, it is a ritual of reminiscent of Sakizaya ancestors sacrificed in the Qing Dynasty. With this worship, tribespeople pray for rebirth.

#### Seediq Tribe

Seediq holds the Hunting Rite and Fishing Rite at the end of the year on different dates. Tribespeople celebrate these traditional rites with songs and dances to commemorate their ancestors' spirits.



## Historical Memories The Legend of Immigrants

Including the migration of Han people and immigrants during the Japanese rule and from various parts of Taiwan after the Restitution of Taiwan, the humanistic scenes of East Rift Valley has been enriched and has left salient hallmarks on the land.



### 1 Dongli Rice Mill

This rice mill began to operate in the Qing Dynasty. It had witnessed the good harvest of rice grown in Fuli and Chishang.

🏠 Dongli Village, Fuli Township,  
Hualien County

## Japanese Architectures Clusters

During Japanese rule, there were plans for massive immigration of Japanese. Now, many examples of Japanese architecture, shrine ruins, and village and town projects are seen everywhere.



🏠 Fengshan Village, Fengli Village,  
and Fengping Village of Shoufeng  
Township in Hualien.  
Longtian Village, Luye Township,  
Taitung County



## Fenglin Tobacco Building

Immigrants coming from western Taiwan built many Minnan style and Hakka style villages and towns here. Among them, Fenglin has Hakka style architecture as well as the first international certified "Cittaslow International" in Taiwan.

🏠 Fenglin Town, Hualien County

## Map of East Rift Valley

Map



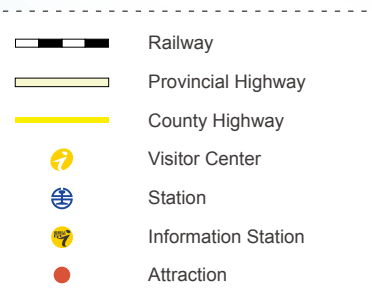
Hot Air Balloon Carnival



Bunun Tribe



Hualien Sugar Factory



Lushishi Mountain



Liyu Lake





## Travel in the Four Seasons

### The Capricious East Rift Valley Where You'll Find Fun All Year Round



#### Rift Valley Flower Sea

Around the Lunar New Year, canola flowers bloom all over the green mountains and under the blue sky, constituting a magnificent yellow picture. It is the best picture to welcome the coming of spring.



#### White Pomelo Flower

Pomelo flower blooms from February to April every year. Rich in fragrance, it grows in the pomelo garden in Hegang Village, Ruisui Township.



#### Fireflies and Butterflies Watching at Liyu Lake

Between April and May every year, there are various kinds of fireflies and butterflies dancing around Liyu Lake. The Rift Valley Administration will hold firefly and butterfly watching activities in this period.



#### Grass Skating

On the grass slope at Luye Gaotai, visitors can skate the green grass to enjoy the excitement of speed.



## Forest Park Zone

### Embrace Nature Deep Breath in the Forest

#### Mataian Ecological Wetland

Mataian Ecological Wetland is rich in ecological resources. Visitors can ride their bikes around to enjoy the beauty of nature. It is also a traditional habitat for Amis tribespeople, who have developed a special ecological fishing method, called palakaw.



#### Danongdafu Organic Rice Paddies

In the past, it was a spacious sugar cane field of Tai-Sugar. With the reforestation in the past decade or so, it has become the first artificial forest on a plain in Taiwan. It is ideal for cycling.



#### Chihnan National Forest Recreation Area

In the past, it was a lumber transportation station. Now, it has transformed into a forest recreation area, displaying all sorts of lumbering machines, steam locomotives and more from different forest zones in Taiwan.



#### Luanshan Forest Museum

In the past, it was the hunting ground for Bunun people. Now, it retains its primitive look. Visiting here, people may feel like walking into the primitive woods in the film Avatar.



It is located in the control area in the mountains at Yanping Township, Taitung County. Appointments should be made in advance by phone or email before visiting.

0911-154806 0@sazasa2003@yahoo.com.tw



#### Bunun Tribe Recreational Farm

Managed in the manner of cultural industry, Bunun tribe allows visitors to feel the mountains, forests, brooks, butterfly valley, and more in their tribe. Visiting there, people can embrace nature and feel free.

No. 191, Shengping Road, Neighborhood 11, Taoyuan Village, Yanping Township, Taitung County

089-561211



## Parent-child Tour

### Holding Hands, Parents & Children Magnificent Views of Farms

#### Shin Kong Chao Feng Resort Ranch Leisure Farm

It is an all-round leisure farm, providing visitors with the leisure, good food, and accommodation. Both adults and children can spend 1 day to 2 days here. In the parent-child animal zone, children can learn to love animals and treasure nature.



No.20, Yongfu St., Fenglin Township, Hualien County

03-8772866

#### JJ Valley Farms

Located by Ruishui Rafting Service Center, its fresh milk sterilized at 650C is highly recommended. Of course, you don't want to miss its delicious hot pot.



No. 230, Section 3, Zhongshan Road, Ruishui Township, Hualien County

03-8875588

#### Ruishui Farm

This splendid farm is opened to the public for free. Visitors can experience close encounters with cattle and ostriches there. Of course, its fresh and quality daily products are highly recommended.

No. 157, Neighborhood 6, Wuhe Village, Ruishui Township, Hualien County

03-8876611



#### Chulu Ranch

It is the ranch in Taitung with the longest history. You can enjoy the magnificent landscape around or you can take a walk in the ranch or grass skating zone to enjoy different outdoor feelings.



No. Farm 1, Neighborhood 28, Mingfeng Village, Beinan Township, Taitung County

089-571002

#### Chishang Muye Vacation Resort

Operated by the Tai Sugar Company, Chishang Muye Vacation Resort is huge, spacious, and diversified. You can find prairies, ranches, red cedar forest path, and more.

No. 110, Xinxing Village, Chishang Township, Taitung County

089-862736



#### Hualien Cup Triathlon

In May every year, the Rift Valley Administration and Hualien County Government will sponsor the "Hualien Cup Triathlon" to present visitors with opportunities to keep fit and go sightseeing.

#### Daylily Season

Blooming daylily flower is the magnificent landscape special to Chike Mountain Liushishi Mountain in the Rift Valley. In August every year, the flowers pave a golden yellow carpet on the mountains during the flower season.



#### Hot Spring Carnival

Between October and February in the next year, the hot springs and local gourmet food ensemble to present this marvelous feast to comfort visitors bodies and appetites.

#### Paragliding

Paragliding is a popular activity in the Rift Valley throughout the year in various locations. Among them, Luye Gaotai is the most famous spot for this aerial sport that can be done in all the four seasons.



## Still Lake and Running Streams

### Spa and Boating New Water Fun Experience

#### Red Leaves Hot Spring

It is also called the Inner Hot Spring. It retains the look of Japanese hotels in the early times, allowing people to feel the old Japanese atmosphere. People can enjoy hot spa and check in to the hotel here.

No.188, Hongye Village, Wanrong Township, Hualien County

03-8872176



#### Ruishui Hot Spring Zone

Contrasting with Red Leaves Hot Spring, Ruishui Hot Spring is called as Outer Hot Spring. Recently, many hot springs have been dug to form a hot spring zone. Take Tai Route-9 at Ruishui Township.

Hualien County to Ruishui. Then, turn right to Wanquan Road.

#### Antong Hot Spring Zone

Antong Hot Spring Zone is developed into two sections: Upper Section and Lower Section. In this area, there are many hot spring homestays for you to choose from.

Tai Route-30, Yuehe Village, Yuli Town, Hualien County.



#### Wulu Gorge Hot Spring

It is a hot spring located along the Southern Cross-Island Provincial Highway gushing out of the fissures of Wulu Gorge. Under the rock cliff, we can see ripples of various colors, such as yellow, brow, black, dark green, and more.

It is located between Wulu and Lidap along the Southern Cross-Island Provincial Highway.

03-8875400

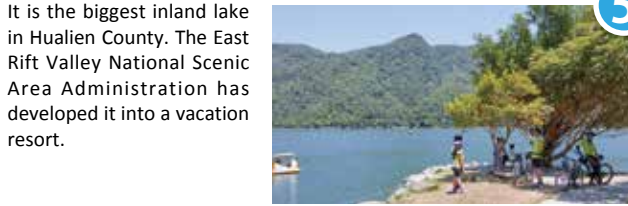


#### Liyu Lake Scenic Area

It is the biggest inland lake in Hualien County. The East Rift Valley National Scenic Area Administration has developed it into a vacation resort.

No. 100, Huantan North Road, Chinan Village, Shoufeng Township, Hualien County

03-8641691



#### Dapo Pond

Dapo Pond was named in different Chinese characters with the same pronunciation in the past. It is ideal for cycling and enjoying pastoral scenes.

Take Tai Route-9 and turn to Tongshui Lane, Zhongshan Road (there is a signpost at the street corner.)

089-862041

#### Lichuan Aquafarm

It is the home to golden clams. Here visitors can enjoy the nostalgic and rustic funs of "catching clams and washing pants."

No.45, Gonghuo Village, Shoufeng Township, Hualien County

03-8651333



## Leisure Small Owns

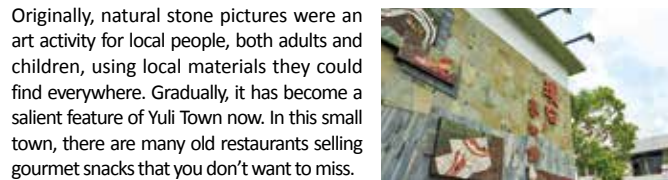
### Rift Valley Literary and Artistic Scenes Profound Joy of Taking a Walk

#### Yuli Natural Stone Gallery

Originally, natural stone pictures were an art activity for local people, both adults and children, using local materials they could find everywhere. Gradually, it has become a salient feature of Yuli Town now. In this small town, there are many old restaurants selling gourmet snacks that you don't want to miss.

No. 50, Minquan Street, Yuli Town, Hualien Township

03-8883166 #115



#### Monument of Tropic of Cancer Park

The Monument of Tropic of Cancer Park is located on Wuhe Platform at Ruishui Township. It is a monument in the form of a white sundial, around it four old Chinese magic beasts are guarding the four positions.

Wuhe Village, Ruishui Township, Hualien County (East of 275.7km, Tai Route-9)

#### Wuhe Stone Pillars

Called as Satokoay in Amis language, it is a ruin of the Late Stone Age of "Beinan Culture." It is also the holy place where ancestors' spirits live according to Amis legend.

Wuhe Village, Ruishui Township, Hualien County



#### Hualien Tourism Sugar Factory

Hualien Tourism Sugar Factory consists of historical architectures, in which cultural relics of various eras are preserved providing evidence to the developmental history of sugar industry in Taiwan.

No. 19, Sugar Factory Road, Guangfu Township, Hualien County

03-8704125 #200



#### Earthquake Story House

On 2F of the Earthquake Story House, the geological features and related elements of the faults are displayed. 1F is the "Chishang Hakka Business Exchange Center," displaying the cultural features and produce of Chishang.

No. 153, Qingfeng, Qingfeng Village 153, Chishang Township, Taitung County

089-862041#135

#### Summer Solstice 235

On June 21 – the Summer Solstice free tea will be presented to visitors by the Monument of Tropic of Cancer to showcase the specialty of Wuhe – Honey Tea and Tea Culture Art.