

SCALED MAP OF
TAIWAN
AND THE
TAIWAN CYCLING ROUTE NO. 1

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台灣海峽
Taiwan Strait

吉貝嶼
Baisha Island
中屯島
Penghu Island
澎湖群島
Penghu Islands
望安島
Wangan Island
七美嶼
Qimei Island

澎湖水道
Penghu Channel

台江國家公園
Taidong National Park

南海
South China Sea

TROPIC OF CANCER

菲律賓海
Philippine Sea

綠島
Green Island

蘭嶼
Orchid Island

小蘭嶼
Lesser Orchid Island

巴士海峽
Luzon Strait

TAIWAN

Taiwan, officially the Republic of China (ROC), is a country in East Asia. The main island of Taiwan, also known as Formosa, lies between the East and South China Seas in the northwestern Pacific Ocean, with the People's Republic of China (PRC) to the northwest, Japan to the northeast, and the Philippines to the south. It has an area of 35,868 square kilometers (13,866 square miles), with mountain ranges dominating the eastern two-thirds and plains in the western third, where its highly urbanized population is concentrated. The combined territories under ROC control consist of 68 islands in total covering 36,913 square kilometers (14,251 square miles). The largest metropolitan area is formed by Taipei (the capital), New Taipei City, and Keelung. With around 23.9 million inhabitants, Taiwan is among the most densely populated countries.

Reference: Wikipedia.

TAIWAN CYCLING ROUTE NO. 1

Taiwan Cycle Route No. 1 is a 968 km bicycle route around the island of Taiwan. The route is intended to facilitate the recreational activity of bicycling around the island of Taiwan, which is called huan-dao (環島 in Mandarin Chinese, and is also translated as a "cycle-the-island-trip"). The route was developed by the Taiwan R.O.C. Ministry of Transportation and Communications and inaugurated on December 16, 2015. The route is marked with road signs and road markings and it follows a mixture of dedicated bicycle paths, less-traveled country roads, and busier roads with dedicated cycle lanes. Although the route may be started at any point, the initial 0 kilometer marking is at Songshan Station in Taipei.

Reference: Wikipedia.

Official length	968 kilometres
Elevation gain	9980 metres
Year of birth	2015
Rest areas along the road	122

STAGE 1: TAIPEI TO HsinCHU

88.9 km 60° 10' 10" N, 121° 10' 10" E

The first stage of Taiwan's Cycle Route No. 1 starts in the capital city of Taipei, beneath Songshan station. After reaching the Dahan riveride, you will ride on more peaceful paths that evolve between mountains and rivers. Before you reach Hsinchu, try to make a stop in Daxi's old streets or around the Shimen Reservoir.

STAGE 2: HsinCHU TO CHANGHUA

100.8 km 23° 10' 10" N, 120° 10' 10" E

This second stage takes you on the roads that border the west coast of Taiwan. With a mainly signposted route away from shared lanes, you can enjoy the serenity of the paths. If you are looking for more calm, you can take detours from the Hsinchu Fish Harbor to get closer to the sea and its beaches.

STAGE 3: CHANGHUA TO CHIAYI

81.6 km 23° 10' 10" N, 120° 10' 10" E

The third stage brings you back quietly inland, on a route that combines urban landscapes and rural scenery. In the former, be careful with the rumbling traffic; in the latter, enjoy the baroque atmosphere of Yulin County, known for the quality of its agricultural products. At the middle of the stage, you will cross the Xihou Bridge, one of the most iconic bridge in Taiwan.

STAGE 4: CHIAYI TO KAOHSIUNG

108.1 km 23° 10' 10" N, 120° 10' 10" E

In this fourth stage, you will cross the plains of Jianan to Kaohsiung, the third largest city in Taiwan. Enjoy the quiet of the countryside before sinking into a urban jungle with varied panoramas. In the agglomeration of Tainan, enjoy the history linked to its former trading post and its culinary riches.

STAGE 5: KAOHSIUNG TO PINGTUNG

108.1 km 23° 10' 10" N, 120° 10' 10" E

To start this eighth stage, you can treat yourself to a detour to Qixintang Scenic Area to enjoy a relaxing ride along the coast. After that, to avoid dangers of the busy Suhoi Highway, take a train between Nanchang and Suao stations. This break becomes an opportunity to rest while enjoying the picturesque views.

STAGE 6: PINGTUNG TO TAITUNG

122.1 km 23° 10' 10" N, 120° 10' 10" E

With the passage of the Shouka pass at 659 meters, the sixth stage of the Taiwan Cycle Route No. 1 drops you to the highest level of the route. As a result, prepare for a demanding stage. On the other side of the pass, on the east coast of Taiwan, you catch up with flatter roads, but often subject to northeast winds.

STAGE 7: TAITUNG TO HUALIEN

101.6 km 23° 10' 10" N, 121° 10' 10" E

For this seventh stage, you leave the coast to follow roads that run along the mountains of Yushan National Park. Open your eyes, you could see the highest peak of the island, the Yushan (mount Jade), and its 3,952 meters! At the very end of the stage, you can bath in the Antong Hot Springs within the the Huadong Valley, one of the most recognized valleys of the hoop.

STAGE 8: HUALIEN TO YILAN

102.6 km 23° 10' 10" N, 121° 10' 10" E

To start this eighth stage, you can treat yourself to a detour to Qixintang Scenic Area to enjoy a relaxing ride along the coast. After that, to avoid dangers of the busy Suhoi Highway, take a train between Nanchang and Suao stations. This break becomes an opportunity to rest while enjoying the picturesque views.

STAGE 9: YILAN TO TAIPEI

101.6 km 23° 10' 10" N, 121° 10' 10" E

Here you are on the ninth and last stage of the Taiwan Cycle Route No. 1. Although the scenic route alternates pleasantly between coastal frescoes and mountain landscapes, it remains demanding. Be especially careful when driving along Provincial Highway 1, which is used by many trucks. If you like surfing, you can take a break at the Wat'ao service area.

BONUS

STAGE 3.1: CHANGHUA TO SUN MOON LAKE

66.1 km 23° 10' 10" N, 120° 10' 10" E

This bonus stage takes you inland to discover the sumptuous setting of Sun Moon Lake. In the middle of the mountains, Taiwan's largest lake forms an excellent reward for romantics and other nature enthusiasts.

STAGE 3.2: SUN MOON LAKE TO CHIAYI

55.3 km 23° 10' 10" N, 120° 10' 10" E

Departing from the beautiful and natural Sun Moon Lake, this second bonus stage will take you back to the main route of the Taiwan Cycle Route No. 1. Enjoy moments of tranquility on the barges of the lake before finding the bustle of large urban areas.

ABOUT

This map has been carefully prepared in France by the studio KARTENN, with the help of data provided by OpenStreetMap, Copernicus, Natural Earth and Wikipedia. Stages presented are freely inspired by the Bike Express Taiwan website.
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