# 2016 AsianPLoP Beitou / Danshui Walking Tour

**Target:** AsianPLoP participants  
**Date:** 27th February, 2016 (Sat)  
**Gathering time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Gathering place:** Zhongxiao Xinsheng MRT Station Exit 4 (Bannan Line/Blue Line 5)  
**Dismissal time:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Dismissal place:** Danshui MRT Station (Danshui-Xinyi Line/Red Line 2)

## Program

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| 8:45 – 9:00am | Meet at Zhongxiao Xinsheng MRT Station Exit 4  
Departure in 9:00am                                                                                                                                  | 1. Take Orange Line 4 (bound to Nanshijiao) to Dongmen Station;  
2. Transfer to Red Line 2 (bound to Danshui or Beitou) to Beitou station  
3. Take Xinbeitou Branch Line to Xinbeitou station |
| 9:00 – 10:00am | Take MRT (Zhonghe-Xinlu Line or Orange Line 4) to Xinbeitou station (Tamsui-Xinyi Line or Red Line 2)  
**Transfer station 1:** Dongmen Station  
**Transfer station 2:** Beitou station  
**Transfer station 3:** Xinbeitou station                                                                                                     | 1. Take MRT Pink line to Beitou station  
2. Then take Red line 2 to Danshui station |
| 10:00 – 12:00pm | Beitou walking tour  
Beitou park - Beitou Library - Beitou Hot Spring Museum - Ketagalan Culture Center - Plum Garden - Beitou Garden SPA - Thermal Valley - Xinbeito station - Beitou station                                                                 | 1. Take MRT Red line 2 at Beitou station to Danshui station  
2. Take shuttle bus Red 26 to Fort Santo Domingo |
| 12:00 – 13:30pm | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1. Take MRT Red line 2 at Beitou station to Danshui station  
2. Take shuttle bus Red 26 to Fort Santo Domingo |
| 13:30 – 14:30pm | Take MRT Red line 2 at Beitou station to Danshui station  
Take shuttle bus Red 26 to Fort Santo Domingo                                                                                               | 1. Take MRT Red line 2 at Beitou station to Danshui station  
2. Take shuttle bus Red 26 to Fort Santo Domingo |
| 14:30 – 16:00pm | Danshui walking tour  
Fort Santo Domingo - Aletheia University - Danshui Custom's officer's Residence - The Mackay Hospital - Tamsui Church - Douglas Lapraik & Co. - Red Castle - Danshui Old Street - Danshui station | 1. Take MRT Red line 2 at Beitou station to Danshui station  
2. Take shuttle bus Red 26 to Fort Santo Domingo |

**Back to Gathering Place:**  
At Danshui station, take Red Line 2 (bound to Xinyi, Xiangshan), transfer to Orange Line 4 at Dongmen Station, take Orange Line 4a/ab (bound to Luzhou/Huilong) exit at Zhongxiao Xinsheng station
Lines of Taipei Metro
Route Map of Beitou Tour
Hot spot introduction of Beitou

A. 捷運新北投站  MRT Xinbeitou Station

B. 北投公園 Beitou Park

The Beitou Park was built in 1913. Abundantly planted with trees and flowers, it is an elegant park with scenes of creek and little bridges. The Beitou creek goes through the whole park, from east to west, making the place an important landscape in Beitou area. Hot spring hotels have been built alongside the park which has made Beitou a backyard garden of Taipei.

C. 凱達格蘭文化館 Ketagalan Culture Center

The Ketagalan Culture Center (KCC) is dedicated to introduce the various Taiwanese Plains Aborigines cultures, including the Ketagalan tribes cultures. The KCC is named after the extinct aboriginal people who originally inhabited Beitou. It is said that 200 Ketagalan people populated Beitou at the beginning of the Japanese colonial era, but none survived. The museum gives a broad overview of the history of 14 different Taiwanese aboriginal groups, with displays of the tools and dress used at the time.
D. 北投圖書館 Beitou Library (Green Building)

Built in different way with traditional construction, Beitou Library was designed as a “Green Building Library.” It is not constructed by steels and cements. It is a big tree house in the park. Readers can enjoy viewing mountainous scenery and relaxing breeze while they are reading.

E. 北投溫泉博物館 Beitou Hot Spring Museum

Its original name was “Beitou Public Bathhouse” built in 1913 with same style of bathhouse at Izushan in Japan. It was constructed with combination of English and Japanese styles. The materials used were bricks, woods, black tiles, etc. Visitors are requested to put on museum slippers when they enter. They can enjoy the relaxing feeling by imaging the elegant and classic taste created by Roman style bath pool and its big tatami hall.
F. 梅庭(于右任先生故居) Plum Garden

The Plum Garden was established in 1930 by a rich Japanese. Its elegant outlook with delicate layout has shown a house in typical Japanese mood. Yu Yo Ren started to lodge in this place for getting away from hot weather, being lobbied, social activities. At entry gate, the name “Plum Garden” was written by himself for memory, he was a famous calligrapher.

千禧湯 Beitou Garden SPA

The Beitou Garden spa is just a little is a mixed bathing bath and requires use of bathing suits, so you won’t be getting completely naked like in Japanese style baths. Price of admission is a bargain at NT$40, NT$20 if you present a valid student ID. You may either bring your own swimwear or purchase a swimsuit at the entrance.
G. 地熱谷 Thermal Valley

The Thermal Valley was exploited in 1911, a source of green sulfur hot spring. Visitors used to boil eggs there, making its name “A hell for boiling eggs.” It has been under management by Taipei Water Department for years. Landscape, pipes system, reservoir, trails with rails, pavilions, etc, have been well constructed. The misty phenomenon year round has created a fantasy atmosphere there.
Route Map of Danshui Tour
Hot spot introduction of Danshui

A. 捷運淡水站  MRT Danshui Station

B. 紅毛城  Fort Santo Domingo

The Fort San Domingo was originally a wooden fort built by the Spanish in 1629 at Tamsui District. It is located near Hobe Fort, which was built during Qing rule.

C. 真理大學  Aletheia University

Aletheia University is a private university in Tamsui, New Taipei City and Madou, Tainan in Taiwan. It was founded by George Leslie Mackay as Oxford College. It has close links to the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, and is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in Taiwan.
D. 小白宮 Danshui Custom’s officer’s Residence

The Tamsui Customs Officer's Residence was located at 15, Zhenli St., Tamsui Dist. After the 1858 Treaties of Tientsin, more Qing’s ports would be opened for foreign trade, including Tamsui. As a result, Tamshui customs office was established. In 1862 a residence was built to accommodate the customs officer, secretaries and other officers.

E. 滬尾偕醫館 The Mackay Hospital

The Mackay Hospital was finally established in 1879. As the forerunner of present-day Mackay Memorial Hospital in downtown Taipei, it was the first Western hospital in northern Taiwan. Designed by Mackay himself, the hospital interestingly incorporates Western-style windows into the Chinese building. Visitors can now get a close look at the original iron bed, sink, medicine bottles, as well as other antiques left by Mackay.
Tamsui Church

The Tamsui Church is a church in Tamsui District. The current Tamsui Church building was built by Japan. It was then renovated in 1932 and opened by the son of George Leslie Mackay on 28 November 1933. The building was again renovated in 1986.

F. 得忌利士洋行 Douglas Lapraik & Co.

The Exhibition at the historic monument in Tamsui displaying the trading company's record and historic relics in three parts: Tamsui's history, the trading company's history and development, and architecture.
G. 淡水紅樓 The Red Castle

The Red Castle is a beautiful architecture with an ideal view location on the hill beside Tamsui Old Street. It is now owned by the second generation of a Tamsui renowned family, managing Tamsui Red Castle as a romantic cafe & restaurant. Visitors may enjoy a wide range of delicacies and beverages along with beautiful sunset views, and smooth music. Having a distinctive culinary experience at this beautiful, historic site provides you an unforgettable Tamsui travel.

H. 淡水老街 Tamsui Old Street

The Tamsui Old Street is filled with many shops which have been around for decades.

A-gei are a speciality food originating from Tamsui District and consists of a piece of fried tofu, stuffed with cooked Cellophane noodles, and sealed with surimi, which is widely sold by vendors in the district. The name a-gei was derived from aburaage (油揚げ), age (あげ), a fried and stewed Japanese tofu packet from which the a-gei is made.