

Tainan, the ancient capital of Taiwan, founded 400 years ago, has many monuments and buildings of historical significance, as well as many old buildings that quietly tell travelers wonderful stories of the old times. In addition to the famous Anping Old Fort and Eternal Golden Castle, which continue to be popular attractions for tourists visiting Tainan, there is now a new Cultural Park worth visiting.

The unused space, which used to be called "Xiang-Xin Building" by local residents of Anping and was once the base of Combined Service Forces 304 arsenal, has been renovated and revitalized by the team of "Butterfly Love", which has successfully revitalized the Shanhua Sugar Refinery Cultural Park and the Guangmiao Rest Area (North) of National Highway No. 3 with the influx of more people, and has been officially open to the public earlier this year with a brand new look as "Anping Maritime City", in hope of leading visitors to appreciate the exciting development of the ancient capital under the Age of Sail through the echoing of humanities & history, the scenery of the fishing port, and the exquisite cuisine.



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Multicultural Imagery A New Check-in Landmark for Influencers

Anping Maritime City is one of the most successful projects in the transformation of old & dilapidated buildings with the concept of green eco-architecture. It links the local history and culture with the cultural images of countries that once visited Taiwan during the Age of Sail, creating a diverse yet noncontradictory atmosphere.

Walking through the English-style carved gate of the park, one will see the Fort Utrecht and the minarets at the entrance with strong Dutch cultural imagery, the colonialstyle Spanish plaza, the classic "Bocca della Verita" installation from the movie "Roman Holiday," and the British double-decker buses with a sense of conflict seem to tell the story of the development of the ancient capital under the constant conflict and fusion of the old and new diverse cultures.

The interior planning team has not only skillfully preserved the existing L-type house arrangement and sword-lion decorations, but also carefully designed the Royal Mail Ship (RMS) Titanic lobby, which is modeled after the original blueprint of the shipbuilding company, with stained-glass doors to emphasize the building's splendor. In addition, there is also a museum themed on the British Industrial Revolution, a London street scene area, the Greek-inspired Aegean Sea Observation Deck and Clock Tower, the Royal Mail Ship (RMS) Titanic Decks, and the Romeo and Juliet balcony, where Shakespeare's iconic play is set, for visitors to stop and take photos.

The Age of Sail theater on the 1st floor is the highlight of the cultural park, introducing the history and culture of the countries involved in the Age of Sail as well as the role and importance of Taiwan during this period. Sitting on the antique chairs of a 200-year-old English church, visitors will be able to watch important historical footage of Taiwan that has been researched by professionals, quoted in books, and praised by many experts in literature and history, giving them a deeper understanding of Taiwan during the Age of Sail.

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"We and the architectural design team leased this building from the Cultural Affairs Bureau of Tainan City Government and spent 3 years in total discussing and planning the project before we successfully built Anping Maritime City. Our original intention was to revitalize the old and abandoned buildings, so that visitors to Tainan would no longer be able to just walk around and see the sights, but would be able to stop for long periods of time to relax, get close to the fishing port, enjoy the sunset glow, and taste Chinese & Western cuisine, and more importantly, gain a deeper understanding of the cultural heritage of the city over the past few centuries, through the presentation of the role that Tainan and Taiwan played in the world during the 17th-20th centuries, the cultural interactions with associated countries, and the past of immigrants from mainland China and European countries looking for trade opportunities around the world or a microcosm of the history of colonization," said President Lin of Butterfly Love.

Explore the Static and Dynamic Highlights in Your Own Way

Anping Maritime City is an attraction for everyone. Visitors who like to walk around uninterrupted, take an indepth tour of exhibitions, or enjoy the fun and interaction will find something for themselves here. Whether it's a casual photo stop, a sumptuous English afternoon tea and nice coffee in a quiet corner, an appointed tour of the building, or listening to live music performances on weekends or holidays, there's always something touching for everyone's visit.

"Although our current activities are mainly static exhibitions, we also arrange some musical performances on weekends or major holidays, and will even give various banquets or themed events. We also welcome requests for wedding photography or large-scale events. In addition, the grand opening of the European style buffet restaurant on the 3rd floor, which is now on a reservation basis, is expected to take place in the second half of 2024 at the earliest. We hope to fulfill the expectations of both local and overseas visitors through a variety of exciting static and dynamic events and culinary delights," said President Lin.





