

Local Tour

National Palace Museum

Date: Oct. 11, 2010/ Monday

The National Palace Museum contains the world's largest and most valuable collection of Chinese art and artifacts covering 5,000 years of history, from Neolithic times down to the end of the Qing Dynasty in the early 20th century. The treasures here include porcelains, bronzes, jades, sculpture, paintings, and calligraphy – almost



650,000 items in all. It's listed among the world's four top museums. The exterior of the museum mimics that of the original in Beijing, and the displays in its main exhibition building are categorized into bronzes, ceramics, painting and calligraphy, and jades. Here visitors can observe how the Chinese arts evolved throughout history. There is also a modern gallery that displays modern and contemporary works.

www.npm.gov.tw/en/home.htm

National Center for Traditional Arts

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This new 24-hectare facility is located beside beautiful Dongshan River in Yilan. In addition to organized displays and performances of culture and art, it also provides a stage where performing artists can show off their creative works. The emphasis here is on the continuous propagation, innovation, and renewal of traditional arts. You can stroll casually among artistic creations, listen to elegant music, and enjoy exciting opera performances--and you can even participate in the process of artistic creation yourself. From the Center, you can take a boat and visit the Dongshan River Water Park.



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