

ISTP-34 Mystical North Taiwan: Shifen, Pingxi & Jiufen

2024.11.14 (Thursday)

13:30-	Meet and depart from Taoyuan Convention and Exhibition Center.
14:50-16:00	<p>Shifenliao Scenic Area Explore the stunning natural beauty of Shifenliao Scenic Area, known for its picturesque mountains, cascading waterfalls, and the remarkable Dahua pothole, making it a hidden gem. A highlight here is the famous Shifen Waterfall, often bustling with visitors on weekends. Unique for its reverse-sloping rock formations, this waterfall flows against the tilt of the rock strata—a rare phenomenon also seen in North America’s Niagara Falls, which has earned Shifen the nickname “Taiwan’s Niagara Falls.”</p> 
16:20-17:20	<p>Pingxi Old Street Step into the nostalgic charm of Pingxi Old Street, where traditional houses, railway tracks, and local shops evoke the area’s rich past. Known for its grocery stores, hardware shops, and snack vendors, Pingxi retains its character even after the decline of the mining industry. Here, you can enjoy the sights of the railway, scenic mountains, and traces of old mining sites. One highlight is the option to write your wishes on a sky lantern and release it into the sky (available for purchase), a unique experience for making your dreams take flight!</p> 
18:00-19:40	<p>Jiufen - A City of Sadness Discover Jiufen, a historic town with winding streets and hillside houses, offering an immersive experience in traditional Taiwanese culture. Walking through the narrow lanes feels like stepping back in time, with Jishan Street bustling with local shops and vendors. Try some of Jiufen’s iconic snacks, like taro ball ice, meatballs, grandma’s fish balls, and herbal rice cakes, all steeped in history. This quaint mountain town, which initially had only nine households, grew in fame during the Qing Dynasty when gold was discovered, leading to its nickname “Little Hong Kong.”</p>   
19:40-	Return to Taoyuan Convention and Exhibition Center.