

# Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Taiwan's second city has reinvented itself from industrial port to one of Asia's most walkable, photogenic cruise destinations — with two brand-new terminals, a harbourside light rail, and legendary street food minutes from the gangway.

Docked (pier) Typical call: 8-10 hrs New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$) Mandarin / Taiwanese Light Rail to city centre

## MY DAY IN PORT

|                  |               |                   |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Ship/Date: _____ | Arrive: _____ | All aboard: _____ |
| Excursion: _____ | Notes: _____  |                   |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Pier — two dedicated cruise terminals; no tendering

**Walk to centre:** 5 min walk or 1 LRT stop to Pier-2 Art District

**Best For:** Street food, harbour art, Cijin Island day trip

**Don't Miss:** Dragon & Tiger Pagodas at Lotus Pond

Getting around: **Taxi** \$5–7 USD (NT\$150–220) · **Rideshare** Uber · **Hop-on hop-off** Hop-on hop-off

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Pier-2 Art Center & Harbour Walk** — Warehouses from the 1950s transformed into galleries, giant murals, whimsical street sculptures and indie cafes.
- **Cijin Island Ferry Day** — A 5-minute ferry (NT\$30 cash, ~NT\$20 with an iPASS card) delivers you to a narrow island with Taiwan's best cheap seafood street, a black-sand beach...
- **Dragon & Tiger Pagodas, Lotus Pond** — Kaohsiung's most iconic image — enter the dragon's mouth and exit the tiger's to turn bad luck to good.
- **British Consulate at Takow** — Taiwan's oldest Western building (1879), a two-storey colonial-era red-brick residence on a hilltop above Gushan with sweeping views over Sizihwan...
- **Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum** — A world-scale Buddhist complex crowned by the Fo Guang Big Buddha — a 40-metre golden-bronze seated statue rising to 108 metres including its base...

## BEST WALKS

- **Harbour Art Walk** 2 km · 30 min · flat — Stroll the water's edge from the cruise terminal past the Great Harbour Swing Bridge, along the LRT grass track to the Pier-2 Art Center warehouses.
- **Cijin Old Street & Beach** 1.5 km loop · 20 min walking · flat — After the 5-minute ferry from Gushan Pier, walk Cijin Old Street for live-seafood restaurants and stalls, then continue to the black-sand beach and Cijin Rainbow Church...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

| CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      | DAYLIGHT &  MONEY                                                                                 |  |
|-------------------------------|------|-----|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Mon                           | High | Low | Rain | Apr 5:38AM–6:18PM · Jun 5:14AM–6:44PM · Aug 5:35AM–6:30PM · Sep 5:45AM–6:02PM · Oct 5:55AM–5:33PM |  |
| Apr                           | 83°  | 71° | 8d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Jun                           | 87°  | 79° | 22d  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Aug                           | 86°  | 78° | 24d  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Sep                           | 87°  | 78° | 19d  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Oct                           | 84°  | 74° | 12d  |                                                                                                   |  |

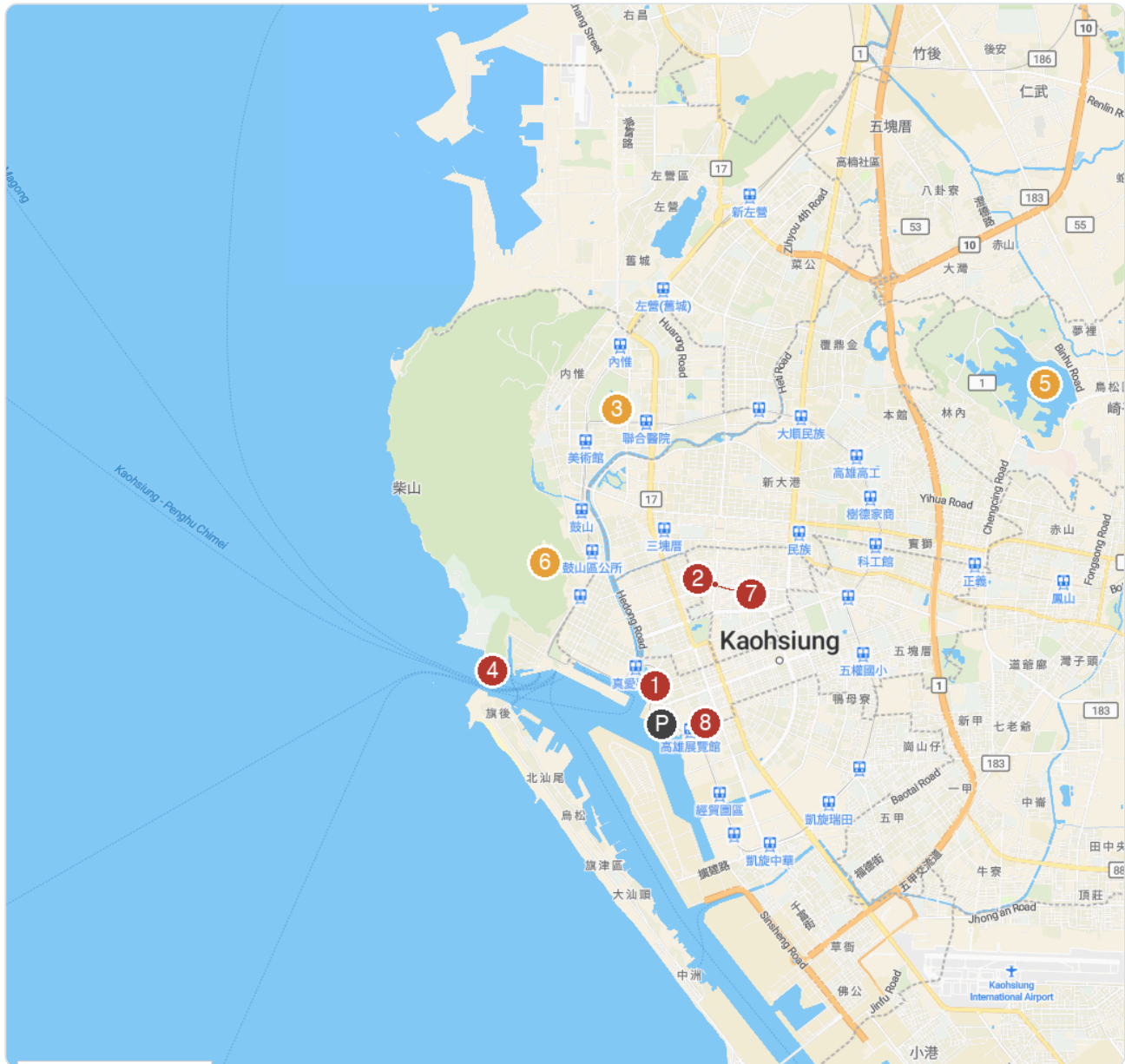
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry NT\$ cash. Street food stalls, ferry booths and taxis are cash only. ATMs at every 7-Eleven and FamilyMart — all accept foreign cards.
- Use the LRT. The Circular Light Rail is cheap (NT\$20–30), air-conditioned, and loops the entire harbour. Tap Visa/Mastercard directly at the gates — no card to buy.
- Uber beats taxis for non-Mandarin speakers — you can enter destinations in English and pay cashlessly. Regular taxis are fine but write your destination in Chinese characters.
- Don't skip Cijin Island. The NT\$40 ferry is one of the best value moves in Asia cruising — live seafood restaurants, a beach, and a lighthouse all within easy walking.
- Watch the Great Harbour Bridge. It swings 90° at 3:00 PM daily (plus 7:00 PM on Fri/Sat/Sun) to let vessels pass — worth timing your harbour walk around it.
- Southern Taiwan is hot and humid year-round. Sun protection, light clothing and lots of fluids are essential; most attractions have shade or AC nearby.

# Kaohsiung, Taiwan — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1** **Glory Pier** Waterfront park with harbor views and art installations.
- 3** **Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts** Modern art museum with diverse Taiwanese and international exhibits.
- 5** **Chengcing Lake** Scenic lake with pagodas, bridges, and recreational areas.
- 7** **Dome of Light** World's largest glass art dome inside Formosa Boulevard Station.
- P** **Cruise port / terminal**

- 2** **Liouhe Night Market** Bustling street market for local food and souvenirs.
- 4** **The British Consulate at Takow** Historic 19th-century British consulate with harbor views.
- 6** **Shoushan Zoo** Mountain zoo home to diverse animals and wildlife.
- 8** **Kaohsiung 85 Observatory** Observation deck on Kaohsiung's second-tallest skyscraper.