

The Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum

Somewhere between the cities of Tainan and Kaohsiung is the Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum located. Even though it might not be the most popular spot in Taiwan, it is definitely worth a trip. In my personal opinion the Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum is actually highly underrated. Especially if you consider, that the entrance is completely for free. But for the visitors, who make it there it is a good thing, that the museum is not super famous. There are simply way less tourists, than at other touristic spots in Taiwan.



A good base for a trip to the museum is for example the city Kaohsiung. From the city center of Kaohsiung you can reach it within a 45 minutes taxi drive. Considering that taxis are not that expensive in Taiwan I would suggest taking a taxi to the museum. I shared a cab with three other people and everybody had to pay about 200 NTD for a one way trip. On the way back to Kaohsiung I took the bus, which was nearly an adventure on its own. The bus driver was really driving quite wild. Also it was not way cheaper than the taxi.

Arriving at the Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum, you may not be able to see, how much it really offers you in total. There is a hall with thousands of Buddha statues in it, a big golden Buddha, a stunning temple and most important a huge area with two rows of pagodas, which point towards a temple with a sitting golden Buddha statue on top of it. This scenery is truly breathtaking.



The big golden Buddha statue is located at the highest point of the area. From there you can enjoy the view over city close by. Also there is not only the big statue; there are hundreds of golden Buddhas. Being able to see so many statues at one single place does really feel unique.

But back to the most breathtaking spot, the pagodas headed towards the temple with the sitting Buddha on top. Just walking between the pagodas is great and cannot be described with words. And in the temple also some treasures just wait to be discovered: For example the jade Buddha.