

## Tamsui Beach and Fort Santo Domingo

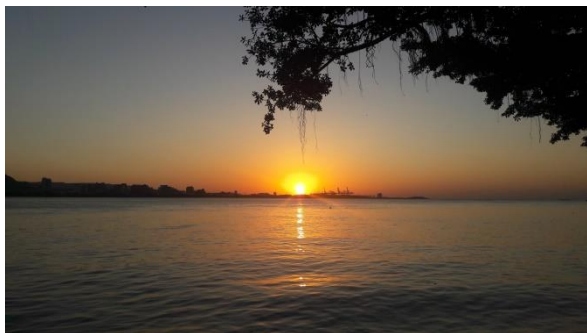
For everyone living in Old Taipei City, Tamsui is very convenient to reach. It is the terminal station of the red line. Starting from the Taipei main station it is possible to reach this destination within 40 minutes. Buying a single ticket will cost you 50 new Taiwan Dollar. For those who stay at least a month in Taipei it might be a good option to buy the all pass. This pass allows its owner to use all MRT trains, busses and the YouBike for 30 days paying only 1280 Dollar once.

After arriving in Tamsui the beach is in walking distance from the MRT station. On a sunny day the boulevard along the sea is the perfect choice for a little walk. On the way there are several options to buy some food. Especially fries are sold from many locals. But there are not only fries; there is bright variety of food, from little take-away-shops to bigger restaurants. While the take-away-shops offer groceries often for a pretty low price, the restaurants often charge a quite high price. This does not come as surprise, since they usually provide customers the opportunity to eat with a great view. Also is Tamsui a very touristic spot and these locations are rarely cheap.

Completely free for students from Taiwanese universities is a visit at Fort Santo Domingo. The fort from the seventeenth century was originally built by the Spanish and rebuilt by the Dutch after being destroyed in a battle. Later it was a residence of the British consul and under Chinese rule. Nowadays the



renovated building is used as museum, which is able to tell a little bit of Taiwan's interesting history. If you come to visit in the afternoon it makes sense to stay until sunset. So it is possible to enjoy a very beautiful view over Tamsui and the sea.



On the MRT station there is on "Mister Donut" store. This chain is very popular in Taiwan and sells donuts, which are quite different from western donuts, but also delicious. If you decide to get one of those do not forget to have the donut before entering the metro. Remind yourself that in there eating and drinking is prohibited.