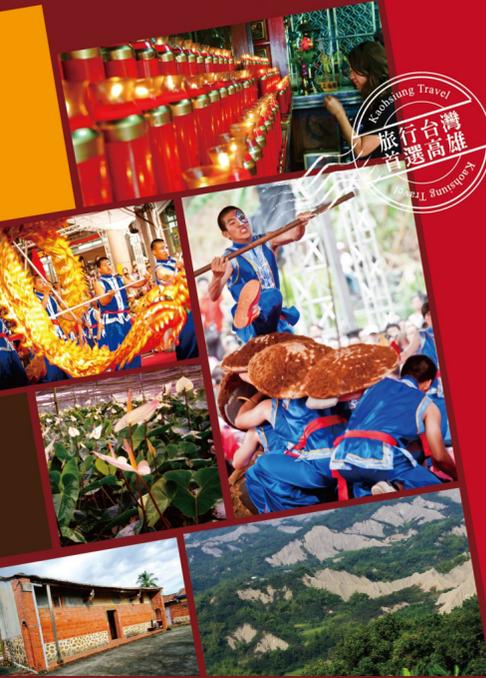


Neimen

In Neimen, even the children are skilled in parade art. There are many families having three generations with the skills and experience needed to take part in a parade. In addition, one household out of five in Neimen has at least one member who is a experienced banquet chef. There is a wonderful story behind each and every beautiful scene. Neimen is not only blessed with stunning mountain scenery, but also many talented individuals, so let us see continue our journey...



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Traffic information



Public transportation

Airport: Kaohsiung International Airport → Take MRT (R4) → to Zuoying Station → Change to take Rapid Bus of Cimei National Highway 10 → to Cishan Station → Change to take Neimen Saturday Tourism Bus
Kaohsiung International Airport Domestic: (07)805-7630
Abroad: (07)805-7631

High Speed Rail: HSR Zuoying Station → Cimei National Highway 10 Cishan Station → change to take Neimen Saturday Tourism Bus
Taiwan High Speed Rail: 4066-3000

Bus: Take Rapid Bus Transit of Cishan-Cimei National Highway 10 → Cishan → take Neimen Saturday Tourism Bus → Sijhou → Neimen
 *Neimen Saturday Tourism Bus departs at Cishan South Bus Station and the bus departs every 30 minutes.
Kaohsiung Bus: (07)7462-141-5

Drive

Southbound: Take National Freeway No. 1 and exit at Rende interchange (National Freeway No. 3 Guanmiao interchange), connect to County Highway 18 → Connect to Tai 3 (Provincial Route 3) → to Neimen

Northbound: Take National Freeway No. 3 and exit at the interchange at the end → connect to Tai 3 (Provincial Route 3)

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- 加油站 Gas station ガソリンスタンド
- 商店 Store 商店
- 現在位置 You are Here! 現在地
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- 派出所 Police station 交番
- 提款機 ATM ATM
- 便利超商 Convenience store コンビニ
- 景點 Scenic spot 觀光スポット
- 客運站 Bus station バス乗り場

Star Sky in the Village

We start at Shun-Sian Temple – Shih Chien University – Seven Star Tower – Zihjhu Temple – Guangming bridge – Nanhaizhijhu Temple – Muja Church – Mabu Historical Train – 308 Highland (Wild chicken meal, sunset, night view)



Feature Specialties

The variable topography in Neimen, from fertile arable river valley plains to hills and mountains, ensures that the district grows a wide range of agricultural produce. Guava, Bananas, papaya and Wonder sweet potatoes are all grown in the river valley plains, whereas crops better suited to a hilly environment include longan, Lychee and mangoes. In recent years a small amount of coffee beans has also been planted.

Flamingo

Neimen exports more flamingo flowers than anywhere in Taiwan. Its bad geology makes it suited to the thriving of the flower, along with the dramatic change in temperature along the edge of mountainous areas and climate conditions are even better suited to the waxy texture of the flamingo flower's leaves and its bright appealing color. Flower farmers have also been working on developing different colored flowers and the rich array of colors have attracted more than a few overseas orders. The lighter colored flamingo flowers are particularly popular in South Korea and Japan and the classic red flamingo flower is a big favorite with Chinese consumers especially during Chinese New Year. In an attempt to appeal to more tourists "True Beauty Garden" has led the way by transforming itself into a tourist farm for flamingo flowers for visitors to appreciate. They also added the sale of locally grown produce, and a restaurant service to provide visiting tourists with an excellent environment with a beautiful view of all the flowers while enjoying a delicious meal.

Driving southbound: Take National Freeway No. 3 and exit at the Tianlio interchange → Transfer to Tai. 28 → Cishan → Connect to Tai 3 → to Neimen → Guangsing Village
Driving northbound: Exit at the Cishan interchange at the end → Connect to Tai 3 → same as the above

Longan, Longan Honey and Coffee



Longan is the biggest crop grown in Neimen an area known for both the quantity and quality of its output. Local farmers have also done much to modify the species so that the Longan fruit is large and sweet to the taste with firm pulp and a relatively small core. There are many different species of Longan, but it is those with a red core that have the crispest and sweetest pulp. The dried Longan produced by the farmers themselves are also very popular and Longan Honey has been claimed by the Kaohsiung City government as a quality product and received a national quality product award. In recent years Muja Church and the community have been encouraging local residents to grow coffee beans under Longan trees is thick, fragrant and imbued with a slight taste of Longan. Since no pesticides or fertilizer are used and the operating revenue goes to support the education of local children, there are often a shortfall in supply and the farmers had to find ways to increase output so that even more people can enjoy this unique flavor of coffee.

Driving southbound: Take National Freeway No. 3 and exit at the Tianlio interchange → transfer to Tai. 28 → Cishan → Tai. 3 to Muja village (for Yongsing church head to Yongsing village)

Driving northbound: Exit at the Cishan interchange at the end → Connect to Tai 3 → same as the above



Gourmet Foods Only

The Hometown of Banquet Chefs



In the movie Zone Pro Site, the knife skills of the protagonists is something the real world banquet chefs in Neimen possess in abundance. Indeed, Neimen has about 150 banquet chefs, with roughly one in five households making a living on banquet catering and cannot survive without excellent skills. Because the natural environment in Neimen is not good for crops residents have had to find different way to make a living. Adding to the fact that parades used to be very popular in Neimen and every year during the concerts with the time was needed for the parade team to practice. The parade leader would invite members to a meal each year, which gradually grew over the years from a simple meal of rice and soup, fried noodles, rice noodles etc, into a big banquet. At the same time, those participating used to have to bring their own chairs and tables and carry their own dishes. This has since evolved into an event where the parade leader is responsible for everything, catering for births, deaths, marriages and roadside banquets have become a profession on which many Neimen residents rely on for a living. Every year the organizers of the Song-Jiang Battle Array competition also invite banquet chefs to show off their skills, so that competitors and the crowd both get the exquisite cuisine they prepare, making local cuisine an integral part of the competition, for example the dish "Encampment of Soldiers" (which has bamboo shoots and stew pork).

Handmade Peanut Brittle



Because of the large number of temples in Neimen the area welcome a large number of religious individuals who come to burn incense and pray to the Gods. As such, one of the offerings given to the deities when praying is often peanut brittle. In the past peanut brittle was sold by vendors pushing mobile stalls around the streets and announcing their goods to the public. Later, with the rise in popularity of incense burning and as the faithful made the journey in increasing numbers, producers of peanut brittle established their own permanent stalls close to the temples. Several of the oldest peanut brittle makers in Neimen emphasize that their goods are all handmade and many have even researched new flavors, allowing them to give the public a wider range of selection. As such, a visit to Neimen to appreciate the beauty of local temples goes hand in hand with a box of peanut brittle as a gift for friends and family.



Art Parade Culture



There are many people performing folk arts, which originate from Song-Jiang Battle Array of the local guarding force in the areas south of Jiayi-Tainan, which became popular in Neimen. There are many Song-Jiang Battle Array groups coming to Neimen to compete the are of Song-Jiang Battle Array.

Song-Jiang Battle Array



Neimen is also known as the "Home of Art Troupes" and the Song-Jiang Battle Array competition has been held for 12 consecutive years. It is ranked as one of the top 12 festivals in Taiwan and is now jointly organized by the government and the three main temples in Neimen. This festival brings together folk art troupes, a local celebration, tourism, industry and economics. What was originally a small local temple fair has been expanded into something more reminiscent of a carnival. Every year, visitors are offered new combinations of performing art troupes, great tasting food from roadside banquet chefs and the Youth Song-Jiang Battle Array competition. These events attract hundreds of thousands of visitors each year and in order to enhance the international elements of the celebration, the winners of the competition get to tour Australia and Japan in an effort to introduce art troupe culture and Kaohsiung to a wider audience. ----- The festival is held in April and May.



Neimen Zihjhu Temple



Zihjhu Temple was built more than 300 years ago. When it was first finished legend has it that a statue of Guanyin flew out of a kiln demonstrating the presence of the holy spirit. In terms of geomancy this area is known as a legend of the Guanyin "Flying Censer" and is dedicated to Guanyin. Every year on February 19, June 19, and September 19, it is the birthday. When reaching enlightenment and becoming a monk, there are ceremonies to celebrate each event, which attract a huge number of Buddhists and martial arts performing troupes who perform to celebrate the birth of Guanyin.

Neimen Zihjhu Temple :No.18, Ln. 115, Zhongjheng Rd., Neimen Dist., Kaohsiung City
Public Transportation: take Rapid Bus Transit of Cishan-Cimei National Highway 10 → Cishan → Sijhou → Neimen Saturday Tourism Bus stops at Zihjhu Temple
Driving Southbound: take National Freeway No. 1 and exit at Rende interchange (National Freeway No. 3 Guanmiao interchange), connect to County Highway 182 → connect to Tai 3 → Neimen Zihjhu Temple
Driving Northbound : take National Freeway No. 10 and exit at Cishan interchange at the end → connect to Tai 3→ Neimen Zihjhu Temple

Nanhai Zihjhu Temple



Nanhai Zihjhu Temple is a Chinese style building and a major tourist attraction, topographically, it is like "floating lotus." In front of the temple is a harbor known for catching lobsters and an excellent environment. Next to the temple is the Song Jiang Armaments Museum one of the tourist sites to visit. Inside, there are displays of Song Jiang arms with cultural artifacts and a series of masks depicting the 108 heroes of the "Water Margin." In terms of the development of the martial arts parades, Nanhai Zihjhu Temple represents the head of the dancing dragon, a form that has evolved from the "Hundred Plays" of the Northern and Southern dynasties. The dragon parade was a "Golden Dragon with Five Talons" and 180m in length, divided into 13 individual sections, with the mouth of the dragon installed with a device that expels dry ice and water.



Nanhai Zihjhu Temple: No.82, Neipu, Neimen Dist., Kaohsiung City
Public Transportation: take Rapid Bus Transit of Cishan-Cimei National Highway 10 → Cishan → Sijhou → Neimen Saturday Tourism Bus stops at Nanhai Zihjhu Temple

Nanhai Zihjhu Temple

Shunsian Temple



Shunsian Temple is a southern style temple, its main structure being an attractive and magnificent towering building. Inside the main hall there are pictures of the divine manifestation of the Goddess Mazu and the ceiling is decorated with a mural of a lion rotating at 360 degrees. In front of the temple is the tranquil "Holy Mother Lake" and nearby a trail to the top of the mountain. There is also a hall of the faithful which consist of hotel-like management, and is an excellent place to relax and pray. Shun-Sian Temple's Song Jiang troupe differs from other troupes in as much as every year after the procession around town to commemorate the birthday of Guanyin. Most troupes perform to thank the temple and close the event. However, Shun-Sian Temple's Song Jiang troupe is open long term to the public, and practices at fixed times each week, making it the first Song Jiang group in Neimen to not hold a opening and closing ritual.



Shunsian Temple:No.8-8, Caiyuanding, Neimen Dist., Kaohsiung City (Facing Shih Chien University)
Public Transportation: take Rapid Bus Transit of Cishan-Cimei National Highway 10 → Cishan → Sijhou → Neimen Saturday Tourism Bus stops at Shunsian Temple
Driving Southbound: same as the driving path from Neimen Zihjhu Temple to Neimen District, but driving forward to the boundary between Neimen and Cishan
Driving Northbound: take National Freeway No. 10 and exit at Cishan interchange at the end

Eight Sights of Neimen

Neimen was called "Luohanmen" which literally translated from Pinpu's language. Eight Sights of Luohanmen (which is Eight Sights of Neimen) are eight natural scenic sights each with its own distinctive story. However, many of these scenic spots have changed over the years. Accordingly seven sights are selected as being easier for visitors to see and appreciate and visitors are allowed to experience the natural and cultural sights of Neimen.

Seven Star Towers



One of the Eight Sights of Neimen are the Seven Star Towers. Legend has it that in ancient times seven stars fell to Earth landing in Neimen where they became seven piles of dirt in an arrangement that resembled the arrangement of the seven stars that make up the Big Dipper, hence the name. For a long time residents treated them as the dragon points of Zihjhu Temple, but during the period of Japanese rulers a Japanese official wanted to dig up the small hills, flatten the land and plant sugarcane. But there were a series of strange occurrences and so the belief in the seven stars dragon points became even more relevant. At present, Zihjhu Temple has already transformed these mounds of dirt into seven 4m tall towers, which light up at night and to this day present a distant reflection of the Big Dipper constellation in the heavens, making this a unique attraction that visitors to Neimen will not want to miss.

Driving southbound: take National Freeway No. 1 and exit at Rende interchange (National Freeway No. 3 Guanmiao interchange), connect to County Highway 182 → connect to Tai 3 → to Neimen
Driving northbound: take National Freeway No. 10 and exit at the Cishan interchange at the end → connect to Tai 3 and arrive soon

Zihjshengchun & Guangming Bridge



"The Eight Sights of Luohanmen" are focused around the "Zihjshengchun" of the 330 year old Zihjhu Temple dedicated to Guanyin. During the reign of Emperor Qianlong (1735-1796) the navy commander passed through and found the area to be filled with the fragrance of incense. He entered the temple and kneeled, which is why he wrote the inscription "Zih-Jhu-Sheng-Chun" which resulted in the official name of the temple becoming Zihjhu Temple. Today that horizontal inscribed board which has been well preserved is kept inside the temple. In front of the temple is a bridge the stretches 195m across the Erren Creek and was designed to incorporate elements from local culture, including "bamboo." This bridge connects two of the old "The Eight Sights of Luohanmen" - "Zihjshengchun" and "Jiangjyun Jhuoli". Visitors can take the bridge to General Mountain Scenic Park and a mountain trail.



Zihjshengchun & Guangming Bridge

Vapors and Rains of Yanmen

Vapors and Rains of Yanmen is known as one of the "Taiwan Eight Sights" in Qing Dynasty. The landscape is poor with little to none vegetation because of the formation of limestone in Neimen District and is washed out by rain water and streams of Erren River. It is hilly and the area shaped like wild goose lined up flying in the sky. Because the soil is dry and the steams are vaporized from the soil when it rains and the steam is all over the hills. The small rubble piles sticking out from the limestone topography looked like the puppets strive to clime the sky which is why local people call it "Puppets Climbing the Sky".



Address: Neidong Village in Neimen District
 Transportation Information:
Driving Southbound : along the National Highway 1, take the exit at Rende (the National Highway 3, take the exit at Guanmiao) → the County Highway 182 to Neimen → turn right at the 29km mark and the scene can just seen along the way.
Driving Northbound: along the National Highway 10 to Cishan → the Tai 3 to Neimen → Zhongputou → the County Highway 182 → turn right at the 29km mark and the scene can just seen along the way.

Yamuwang Zhuyiguel



King of Yamu Zhu yi guel is perhaps the most famous resident of Neimen. Zhu moved to the area during the Qing Dynasty and together with 52 supporters launched an uprising to remove the Qing and restore the Ming that rocked Taiwan. This resulted in him declaring himself emperor. Ultimately, dissention in the ranks divided the opposition forces and Zhu was captured and executed by the Qing forces. Despite that the image of Zhu as a hero remains deeply implanted in the hearts and minds of local people, which is why the people of Neimen repaired and built a temple in his honor. Yamu temple and Cingan temple were planned simultaneously. In front of the temple square visitors can see a well from which Zhu Yi guel used to drink and feed the ducks he tended. It is said that tea or ducks eggs boiled using water from this well are particularly sweet, fresh and tender.

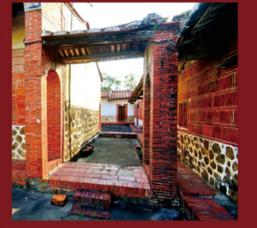
Yamuwang Zhuyiguel:No.8-10, Yamuliao, Neimen Dist., Kaohsiung City
Driving Southbound : take National Freeway No. 1 and exit at Rende interchange (National Freeway No. 3 Guanmiao interchange), connect to County Highway 182 → Connect to Tai 3 → to Neimen → connect to Tai 3 → to Neimen
Driving Northbound : exit at the Cishan interchange at the end → connect to Tai 3(Provincial Route 3) — Guangsing Village

Yamuwang Zhuyiguel

Church in a Nostalgia House

The Traditional House of Hong Family

The Traditional House of Hong Family is located in Sanping community next to the Chaotian Temple in Erpu. It is a soil-made house built in 1870 which is 130 years old. The style of the house is traditional Hokkien which includes a seven hall, three room house where seven halls are at the back and three rooms are at the back and the halls and rooms are connected by Hulongs (Defending Dragon) and Guoshuei (Passing Water) corridor meaning connecting the past with the future.



Driving Southbound: take National Freeway No. 1 and exit at Rende interchange (National Freeway No. 3 Guanmiao interchange), connect to County Highway 182 → connect to Tai 3 → connect to County Highway 127
Driving Northbound : take National Freeway No. 10 and exit at Cishan interchange at the end → connect to Tai 3 — same as above



Mujha Church

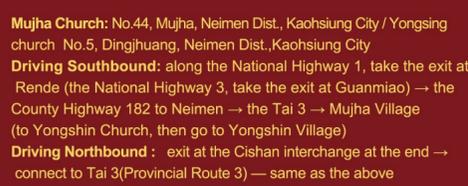
Mujha Church



The Presbyterian Mujha Church was founded in December 1868. It is a center of the Christian faith in Neimen, the oldest Christian church in the district and the third oldest in Taiwan. Mucha District was originally inhabited by plains aborigines and became one of the first areas to accept Christian baptism. English doctor and missionary James Laidlaw Maxwell arrived in the Mujha area of Neimen District where he set up a mission and began to spread the word. As his parishioners increased in 1868 they donated the money for the building of a church named after the local area. In 1877, Yongsing Church was built in Gouping and thus established, These two churches have now existed for more than 100 years, making them two of the oldest in Taiwan. At that time, both were also centers of religion faith for the plains aborigines.



Mujha Church: No.44, Mujha, Neimen Dist., Kaohsiung City / Yongsing church No.5, Dinghuang, Neimen Dist.,Kaohsiung City
Driving Southbound: along the National Highway 1, take the exit at Rende (the National Highway 3, take the exit at Guanmiao) → the County Highway 182 to Neimen → the Tai 3 → Mujha Village (to Yongsin Church, then go to Yongsin Village)
Driving Northbound : exit at the Cishan interchange at the end → connect to Tai 3(Provincial Route 3) — same as the above

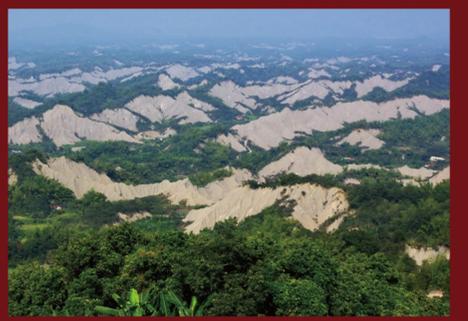


Mujha Church

308 Highland



Located in a highland area where Zuochen District and Longqi District in Tainan City meet, before the city and county government were combined, it was said that "one can piss on two counties and three rural townships at the same time." The area is also named after its elevation of 308m above sea level. Visitors who make it to the top of the highlands viewing tower look out over "Caoshan Moon World" and the Jianan plains; one can even see the Tainan coast and from dawn to dusk the vast and amazing view changes throughout the day. There are also many Chicken Restaurant in the area so that while visiting such scenic sights you can also taste the cuisine cooked up by one of Neimen's many excellent roadside chefs.



308 Highland : Wusilun, Neimen Dist., Kaohsiung City
Driving Southbound : take National Freeway No. 1 and exit at Rende interchange (National Freeway No. 3 Guanmiao interchange), connect to County Highway 182 → connect to Tai 3 → to Neimen → County Highway 127 → County Highway 122
Driving Northbound : take National Freeway No. 10 and exit at the Cishan interchange at the end → connect to Tai 3 → take a right turn at 29 km and arrive at the destination.

308 Highland

Mujha Suspension Bridge

Mujha Suspension Bridge is located half way up a mountain close to Mujha Church and is one of the main attractions of the Shicu Mountain trail . The bridge is approximately 200m long and it can almost seem as though one is hanging between the two mountain peaks by a thread from afar. Standing on the bridge and surveying the scenery one can see the origins of the story of the "Widows bell." It is said that whenever the bell in the Mujha bell tower rang, a perfectly healthy young man in Mujha village will die without any reason. today the bell has long since disappeared.

Mujha Suspension Bridge :Neimen District Mujha Village located on the hillsides near Mujha Church
Driving southbound: take National Freeway No. 1 and exit at Rende interchange (National Freeway No. 3 Guanmiao interchange), connect to County Highway 182 → to Neimen → connect to Tai 3 → Mujha Church, when seeing the stone tablet of Shihcuo mountain trail, the destination is only a couple of hundreds meters away along the way.
Driving northbound: take National Freeway No. 10 and exit at the Cishan interchange at the end → connect to Tai 3 → same as the above

