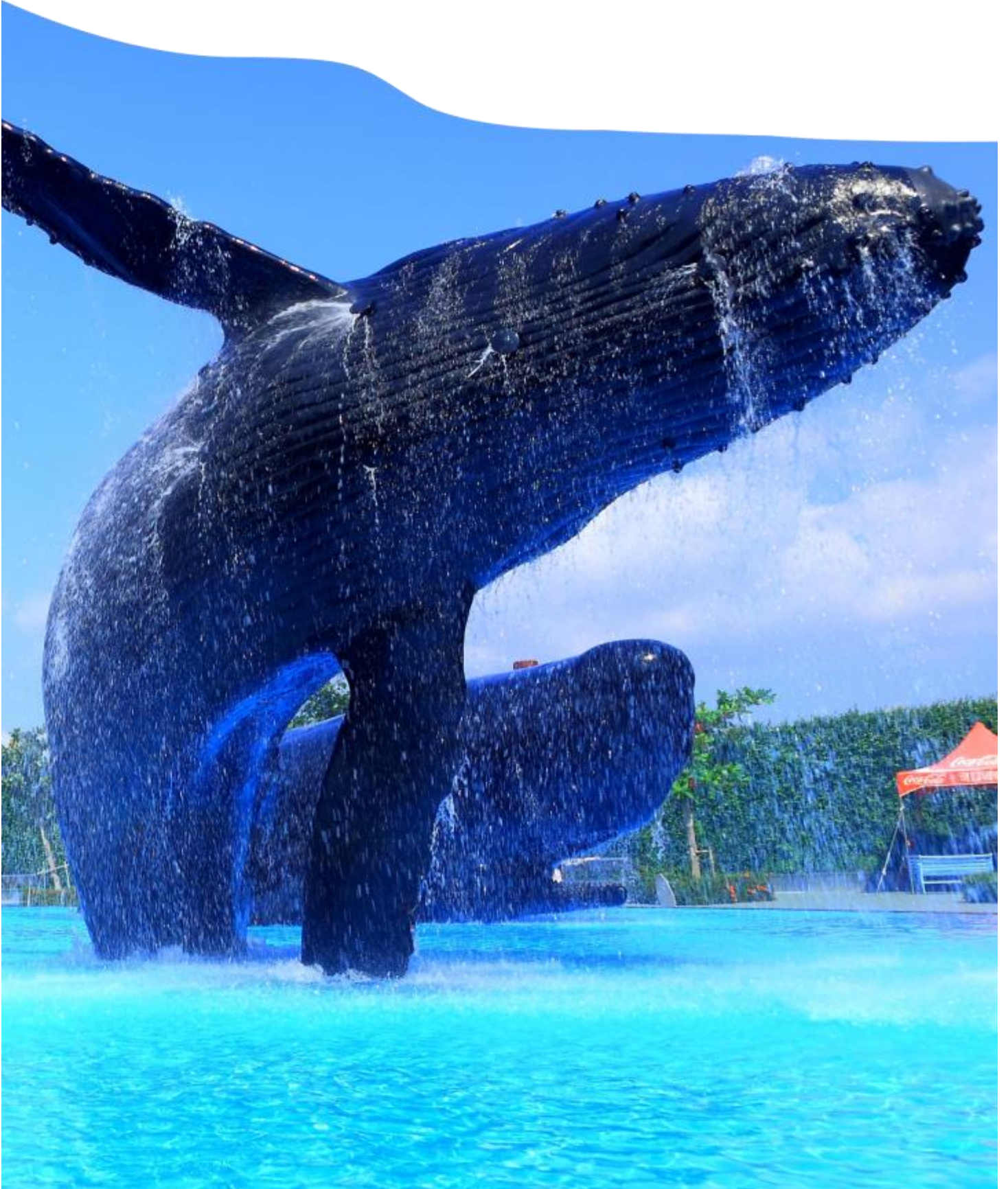


TOURIST INFORMATION

KENTING PREFECTURE & CITY





Kenting National Park

Kenting National Park commonly known as Kenting is a national park located on the Hengchun Peninsula of Pingtung County, Taiwan, covering Hengchun, Checheng, and Manzhou Townships. Established on January 1, 1984, it is Taiwan's first and southernmost national park, covering the southernmost area of the Taiwan island along Bashi Channel. Administered by the Executive Yuan's Ministry of the Interior, this national park is well known for its tropical climate and sunshine, scenic mountain and beach, the Spring Scream rock-band festival held in every March, and has long been one of the most popular tourist destinations in Taiwan with 5.84 million visitors in 2016.

The landscape boasted by Kenting National Park is divided into two parts by the long and narrow Hengchun Longitudinal Valley Plain that extends from north to south. With coral sea cliffs teemed with fringing reefs along the west coast, the park features a large number of mountains in the north, and coral tablelands and foothills in the south. The plain, which is formed by fault valleys, has a vast lake called Longlyuantan, together with rising coral tablelands and limestone caves to the east. The east side of the coral tablelands features unique sand rivers and sand waterfalls formed by the combined effects of winds and rivers, as well as coral cliffs, sunken caves and stalactites.



CHU-HUO

The earth nearby Chuhuo is the Kenting shale, which has many breaches generating natural gas from the ground. The natural gas is flammable and sometimes there is a phenomenon of burning. In summer, the breaches are frequently stopped by mud, while in winter, the dry season, the phenomenon of burning is more spectacular.



FENG-CHUEI-SHA

The Hengchuen Peninsula has very distinct dry and rain seasons. The heavy rain in summer will drain out the sand from the hills to the seashore while the strong wind in winter will blow the sand from the seashore to the hills, forming spectacular views of sand cascade, sand river, and sand hills.

KENTING FOREST RECREATION AREA

Formerly known as Kenting Park, Kenting Forest Recreation Area was developed as a tropical botanical plant garden during Japanese colonial time. The tour includes various views of Looking-Glass tree, Fairy Cave, Silver Dragon Cave, the Observation Tower and the Valley of the Hanging Banyans.



NAN-WAN

Nanwan, formerly known as Ta Pan Le, was a whale fishing place during Japanese colonial time, but is now a fishing village. The soft, clean sandy beach stretches for 600 meters and is ideal for all kinds of beach activities. In Nanwan Recreation Area, shower rooms, toilet facilities, fast food restaurant and parking are available to visitors.



JIA-LE-SHUEI

Jialeshuei used to be known as the Chialuoshui, which means waterfall in Fukienese. After the erosion by the strong wind and sea wave, the rocks of this area form very spectacular shapes, such as sea frog rock, rabbit rock, ball stones, and honeycomb. It is an excellent outdoor classroom for geography and geology.

HOU-BI-HU

Houbihu is the largest fishing harbor in Hengchuen area. The major harvest is umbrella swordfish, flying fish, and Mahi-mahi during spring and summer seasons, while white and black swordfish during autumn and winter. The yacht dock is the main ocean recreation point of the park.





MUSEUM OF MARINE BIOLOGY AND AQUARIUM

Surrounded by the sea on all sides, Taiwan's beautiful natural landscape is abundant. In order to present a panoramic snapshot of Taiwan's diverse hydrological environment, Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium has modeled its exhibit to follow the journey of water throughout Taiwan.

CORAL KINGDOM PAVILION

The brilliant living corals and darting fish are displayed as the main attraction. After entering the pavilion, dive slowly around the enormous cylindrical tanks, and continue on to partake in an 80 meter underwater tunnel tour.

WATERS OF THE WORLD

The earth was formed around 4.6 billion years ago where oceans have not come into existence yet. The planet was a large lump of dust clothed in gas, and so begins the earth's history. This exhibition shows visitors how life evolved from the water of the planet. Through the cutting-edge technology, the exhibition demonstrates the four topics of Ancient Oceans, Kelp Forest, the Deep Sea, and the Polar Seas.

WHALE EXPLORIUM

The building with the shape of a vivid and vigorous whale, was built as a Solar Energy Building that becomes the first landmark of solar energy in Hengchun Peninsula. Many marine outdoor activities, such as canoe, snorkeling, sea swimming, have been held near this station to enrich the meaning of marine education in the museum.





KENTING STREET

KENTING NIGHT MARKET

Located in Hengchun Town of Pingtung County, Taiwan, Kenting is sunny year-round with a tropical weather, azure ocean water, and beautiful sandy beaches. Famous for its Night Market, Kenting Street is the main road of Kenting, where it becomes a splendid night market filled with both local and international travelers in the evening.

Here at the Kenting Street, visitors can find many stores and vendors selling souvenirs and accessories, food stalls and restaurants serving a wide array of traditional Taiwanese snacks, such as braised food, grilled seafood, mochi (glutinous rice cake), prawn crackers, as well as exotic cuisines ranging from European, Korean, Indian, Italian, to Thai. Kenting Street is where visitors are offered with a complete selection of foods while embraced by a relaxing holiday ambience. In addition, fresh tropical fruits and seafood can also be found along the street.

Kenting is noted as the paradise for sea lovers in Taiwan. For visitors that forgot to bring their swimwear or equipments for the water sports, shops on the Kenting Street open up till late, where visitors may shop after dinner for surfboard, swimwear, as well as T-shirts and beach shorts to get ready for the water activities next day.

