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The Cultural Mixture of Louhua Night Commercial Circle

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Introduction

Harry Ng

Hello everyone! Welcome to Harry Potter tour team! I am your tour guide Mr. Harry. Today I will guide you to Yunghe City 永和市 to visit the Lohua commercial circle, which includes the night market on the two sides of the Yong Ping Road 永平路 and the Korean street. Besides introducing its famous food stands and delicious foods, we will focus on presenting Lohua's mixture of local and foreign cultures.

Louhua Night market has more than thirty years' history. Originally, it was a traditional market, which has been quite damaged by the typhoons or heavy rain. Many vendors wished to have a shopping plaza constructed at the traditional market; however, owing to several reasons, right now the idea is put on the shelf. But because of the convenient traffic and its wonderful location, the streets around the market have been crowded with vendors and shops, and thus we have today's Louhua Night market. Now Lohua night market is one of the well-known commercial circles in Taiwan. In this area, it is always crowded, lively and noisy with hawkers' shouting, and shoppers' talking, eating, and walking about on the cobblestone road.

Come with me and feel the quick and lively rhythm of night market life! Here are some possible routes to take:

MRT: You can take the orange line to the Dingxi MRT station, and walk for ten

minutes to reach the Lohua commercial circle.

Bus: You can take the buses such as 5, 57, 214, 238, 624 and 627 to the Lohua cinema.

Or you can also take the buses such as, 51, 57, 214, 242, 243, 248, 262, 304, 311 and 627 to the Dingxi MRT station, and walk for ten minutes to reach the Lohua commercial circle.

Car: If you have a car and want to get there faster, you can drive your car, and there are many car parks surrounding the area of the commercial circle for you to park your vehicles.

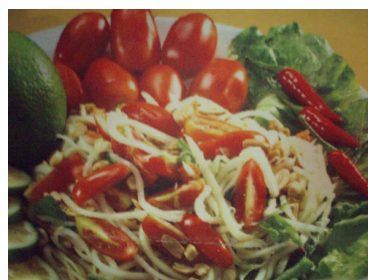
Walk: For residents, you only need to walk for a few minutes from your home to the Lohua commercial circle.



The cultural mixture of the food

In the Lohua Commercial circle and especially the night market, you can find both famous Taiwanese snacks and some foreign ones. The food stores or food stands in the commercial circle have introduced the foreign eats like India fling cake 印度甩餅, the Korean's lunar new year cake 韓式辣年糕, and the Thai's lemon papaya dish 泰式檸檬涼拌木瓜.

Besides the foreign eats, they also recreate our traditional food like Taiwanese stinky tofu 辣臭豆腐 and Cheese fried chicken steak 起司炸雞排. Undeniably, the cultural mixture of the food culture in the Lohua commercial circle has also drawn the visitor's attention.



The way of life in Lohua

What the night market has offered is not just food, but also, for some people, a way of life. In what follows, therefore, we will show how the night market has changed the lives of some of its frequent visitors and store owners

Nick, a South African who lives nearby the Lohua commercial circle, has lived his life in a Taiwanese style. He likes to drink coffee, but he doesn't like to drink in those multinational or local chain-store cafés such as Starbucks and Dante, and he just only drinks the coffee in the Lohua commercial circle. In addition, he also enjoys the life in the night market by interacting with the residents in the Little Italy. He told us that the Lohua commercial circle is one of the most important parts of his life in Taiwan.

Arnold, Hong Yuan Lee, the owner of the little Italy,. has developed his philosophy of life in his coffee shop. He told us that he likes coffee, but he doesn't like our local coffee; thus, he decided to use the skills he learned abroad to improve our traditional coffee. As a coffee shop owner in the Lohua commercial circle, his coffee shop provides market goers not only coffee with more refined flavors, but

also a quiet place to sit and rest a while.

The Korean Street

Do you know that there is a Korean Street near Lohua night market?. Located next to Dingxi MRT station(the right side if you face the station), the Korean Street is distinct with its uniform store banners and array of Korean commodities. The clothing stores and the grocery stores there in the Korean Street sell only the Korean products, and the street is the best place for the Taiwan citizens to connect with the Korean culture.

Isn't such mixture of cuisines, cultures and people interesting? Come along, and let's take a closer look at the four aspects: food, people, coffee shop and the Korean street.