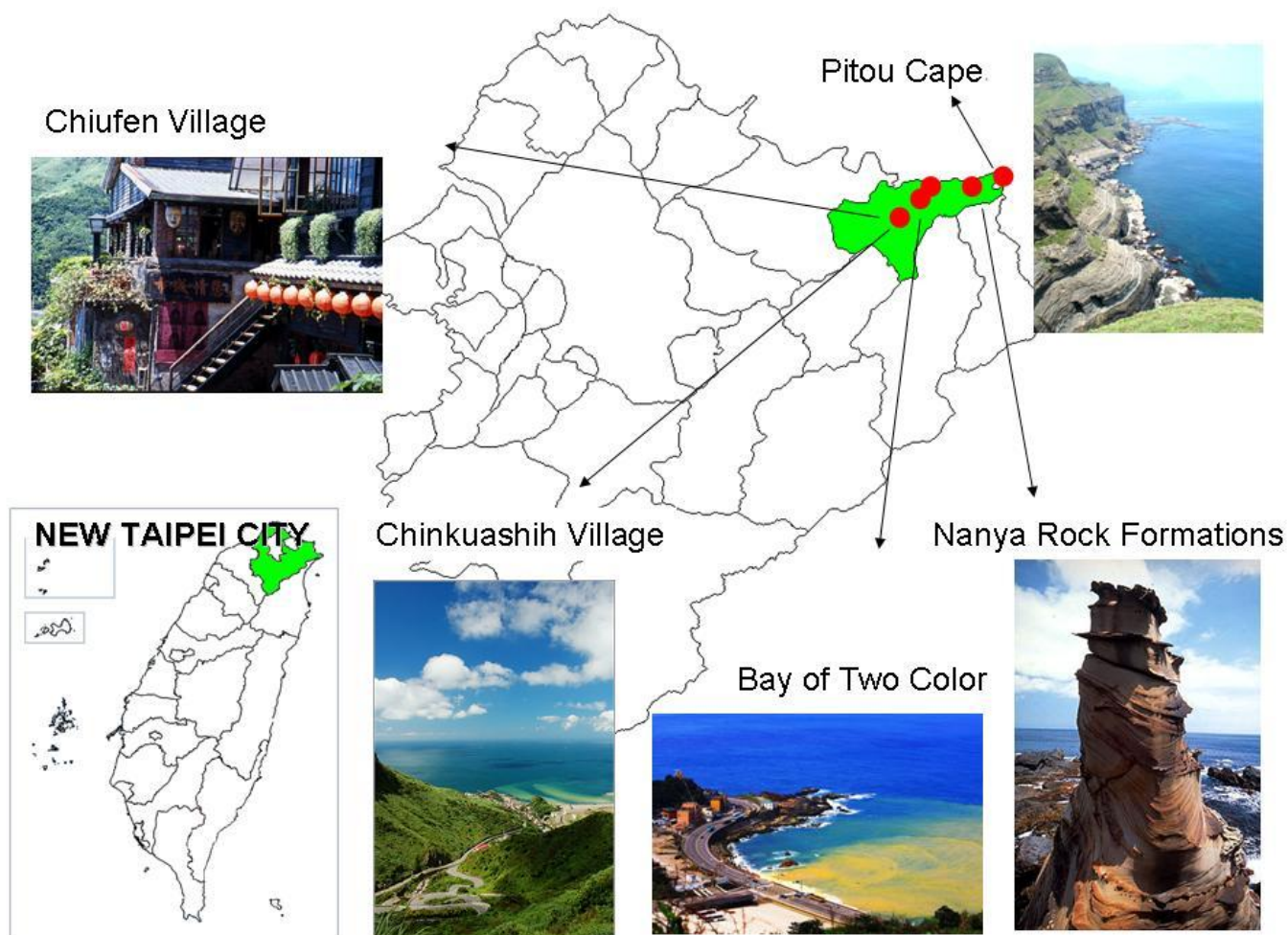


Chiufen Village & Northeast Coast Tour

九份、東北角海岸觀光半日遊

CODE	TOUR NAME / DURATION / ITINERARY
HG	<p>Chiufen Village Tour (4 hours) (afternoon) Tour stops: Chiufen Village, Chinkuashih Village (pass by), Pitou Cape, Nanya Rock Formations, Bay of Two Colors</p> <p>九份觀光(4 小時) (每日下午) 景點: 九份老街、金瓜石(車遊)、鼻頭角、南雅風化石、二色灣</p>



Detail Itinerary



【Nanya Rock Formations】

The northernmost tourist site in the scenic area, Nanya is noted for its fantastic rock formations and sea-eroded coral shore. The entire coastline here is a veritable sculpture garden that illustrates, in stone, the incomparable artistry of weathering and wave action. The patterned stone topography of Nanya, unique in Taiwan, was formed through the weathering of the sandstone that lines the shore. The oxidation of iron ore within the striations of the stone has given it a beautiful striped pattern. (At the 89-kilometer mark of Provincial Highway 2, or the Coast Highway)



【Chiufen】

It is said that long time ago there were only nine families in Jiufen (Jiufen). Before the roads on land were built, all materials were transported via ships. Thus a habit was formed that nine pieces of same object were purchased at one time for reservation. Hence, the place was called Jiufen (Jiufen).

Jiufen (Jiufen) used to be the center of gold mining. It is located within the hills in northeast of Taiwan. The village is next to the mountain and facing the sea. In 1890, someone struck gold near Jiufen (Jiufen). The poor village with only nine families soon attracted prospectors of 4,000 families. The village once was gold city of Asia and called little Shanghai or little Hong Kong. However, with the decline of gold mining activities, Jiufen (Jiufen) fades. Later, several movies chose to shoot here and the movies won international acknowledgement. For example, the film *The Sad City* has won first prize in Venice Film Festival and awakened people's memory of Jiufen (Jiufen). It seems that the prosperous old streets, buildings, mines and the glamorous gold digging days are flashing before our eyes. The place is whispering its golden past. Now, there are many unique teahouses in Jiufen (Jiufen). These teahouses are best stops during visit to this mountain village. Also, there is the beautiful ocean view of Keelung outer sea.

The most prosperous shopping district is Jiufen (Jiufen) Old Street. It goes through most of the village. There are many visitors on the street. Along the street there are shops vending the most famous country snack of Jiufen (Jiufen), yam dish and various local dishes. There are some historical items well reserved. The trip to Jiufen (Jiufen) is full of fun and delights. Jiufen (Jiufen) has many accommodation places provided by local residents. If you were not in a hurry, you may want to pick a nice inn and stay for the starlight and fishing lights at night.



【Bitou Cape Park】

Bitou Cape is one of the "Three Capes of North Taiwan," the other two being Fugui Cape, the island's northernmost cape, and Sandiaojiao (Sandiao Cape), its easternmost. Most of the sea-eroded landform types of the entire Northeast Coast are found here, including the sea cliffs, undercut bluffs, and platforms which are more fully developed here than anywhere else in Taiwan. The sea-eroded platforms are thick with mushroom-shaped rocks, honeycomb rock, tofu (bean curd) rock, and marine fossils, all of which make this an outstanding natural geological classroom.

A paved footpath leads off beside the Bitou Elementary School here and onto the cape, giving access to splendid vistas of sea and sky. The path terminates at the tip of the cape and Bitou Cape Lighthouse, which was first constructed in 1896 and was rebuilt in its present form after being destroyed by Allied bombing during World War II.

