

# North Sea Recreational System

## North Sea 1 ~ 5

In Penghu, the ecology, the atmosphere of fishing villages and water activities on the islets in North Sea are the most popular to visitors. The clean immense blue seashores are suitable for various water activities, which usually make tourists enjoy themselves and reluctant to leave. The islets in North Sea include Jibeiyu, Xianjiaoyu, Tiezhenyu, Gupoyu, and Mudouyu. Jibeiyu has an impressive grand sight of "Sand Beach Tail", which is composed of fragments of corals and shells. Xianjiaoyu has numerous submerged reefs and abundant natural resources. Tiezhenyu is suitable for bird watching. In winter, wild laver grows all over Gupoyu. Mudouyu, the northernmost islet in Penghu, has the highest cast iron lighthouse in Far East.

### Transportation from Magong to North Sea

#### Ship Schedules

The passage takes about 15 minutes after starting from North Sea Visitor Center.  
Public Passenger Ship: Baisha Star or Jibei Star  
Private Cruiser: Jinbada, Oifeng, Mingyang, Xinbeihaihen, etc.

### Jibei Visitor Center

► Service Line : 06-9911487  
► Opening Hours : 08:00—17:30  
► Address : No.182-2, Jibei, Baisha Township, Penghu County  
It provides services like travel consultations, waiting rooms, shops, displays of cultural relics, etc.

## East Sea 6 ~ 9

The isles in East Sea include the following inhabited ones: Jishanyu, Dinggouyu, and Xiaobaishayu. These isles have a great diversity of geological wonders and are thus classified as basalt conservancy districts. They are also the best place for bird watching. Besides, located on the southwest of Niaoyu, Pengpeng Beach has been a hot spot for water activities. Yuanbeiyu has plenty of unique geological spectacles.

### Transportation from Magong to East Sea

#### Ship Schedules

Since Pengpeng Beach is an uninhabited islet, there is no regular schedule for ships running there. In summer, package deals offered by cruiser owners in East Sea carry passengers there to play in the water. The passage takes about 15 minutes after starting from the port of Qitou or Chikan in Baisha Township. Those who have engaged in such tourism business include Inhai Speedboat, Juhang Entertainment, Yuanbeihang Sea Fishing Area, Xinlifa Recreational Fishing, etc.



### 1 Mudouyu Lighthouse

Mudouyu is located in the northernmost of Penghu archipelago. Since lots of submerged reefs surround it, shipwrecks occurred very often. During the Guangxu Era of Qing Dynasty, a lighthouse was built on the islet to guide ships. It is one hundred years since the lighthouse was built. The tower of the lighthouse, 40 meters tall, stands erect on brown black reefs with an imposing dignity.

### 2 Jibeiyu

Jibeiyu is the largest islet in North Sea. Because of the well-developed shallow plains and nearly one hundred stone weirs, it has won its reputation as "Home for Stone Weirs". Xikanshan, a hill located in the southwest of the islet, offers a wonderful view for visitors. On the hill, you can feast your eyes on Jibei Sand Beach Beak(Tail) and survey the islets in North Sea.



### 3 Jibei Shawei

The beautiful sand beach or sand beak, which extends nearly one thousand meters long, is the key feature of Jibeiyu. If you sit quietly on the seashell sand beach seeing the sunset or stars twinkling in the sky, the romantic atmosphere will make you feel carefree and joyful.

### 4 Xianjiaoyu

The north side of the islet is composed of rocks and shallow coral plains. In the sea area south to the islet there are colorful corals and tropical fish. This is a well-known excellent spot for snorkeling.

### 5 Gupoyu

Gupoyu is the largest uninhabited one among the isles of Penghu archipelago. On the tableau in the north, a monument in memory of a shipwreck of an English ship was erected. In the sea area southeast to Gupoyu, there are beautiful corals. On the ebb, this area is a suitable place for snorkeling. The north side is the most famous spot which abounds with laver.



### 6 Xiaobaishayu

Xiaobaishayu has varied geological landscapes. In the south of the islet, there is the beautiful white sand beach with a typical sand beak; and there are also sea-cut tolu-shaped beach rocks and potholes. In the east, the tower-like and curved columnar basalt are awfully peculiar.



### 7 Niaoyu

In Niaoyu, columnar basalt extends from the east shore to the north shore and has formed dominant sea cliffs. The wave-cut platforms under the cliffs present radial joints of columnar basalt. Due to the erosion by winds and waves, unique onion-like and other varied basalt landscapes have been forming.



### 9 Yuanbeiyu

Yuanbeiyu has graceful and peculiar landscapes. At the seashore in the north of the islet, the columnar joints in basalt are well-developed. Stone Painter, Stone Inkstap, Stone Ink Stick, and the "Unword Book" are the most famous landscapes. The sea cliffs on the northeast side, with well-formed columnar basalt whose creases look like a pleated skirt, are well worth appreciating.

### 8 Pengpeng Beach

Pengpeng Beach is a long and narrow natural sandbank located in the southwest of Niaoyu. The nearby sea areas are hot spots for water activities. Each year from April to October, a great number of terns, a kind of protected birds, roost on the isle. The seabird conservation area in the east of Niaoyu has become a paradise for bird watchers.

# South Sea Recreational System

In South Sea, there are a great number of islands with unique natural scenery. These islands include Tongpanyu, Wanganyu, and Qimei. The whole island of Tongpanyu is composed of columnar basalt. Wanganyu is the birthplace of green turtles, a protected species. "Qianggu" is a traditional net fishing method prevailing on the island. Qimei, an island which has the story about seven beauties who died to defend their chastity, owns peculiar landscapes.

## Wangan 3 ~ 7

### Wangan Green Turtle Tourism and Conservation Center

► Service Line : 06-9991368  
► Opening Hours : November to February / 10:30—15:30  
March to October / 09:00—17:00  
► Address : No.1-4, Wangan, Dongan Vil, Wangan Township, Penghu County

The appearance of the building looks like a sea turtle. From here you can fully appreciate the beauty of the natural ecology in Wangan. Various kinds of endangered creatures, such as migratory birds and green turtles, appear on the scene in turn. In addition to the precious contents displayed here, you can also appreciate the ecology of green turtles through instructional films.

### 3 Mandarin Ducks Grotto

Mandarin Ducks Grotto is a valley which runs east and west. The valley and Maanshan, a saddle-like hill, face each other across the sea. Because of the terrain, the grotto was made a hidden place. During the Japanese Occupation, it became a secret naval base of suicide boats. Now most of the grottos where the boats were once hidden have collapsed. However, some relics are still faintly visible.



### 4 Tiantaishan

Tiantaishan is the highest hill on Wanganyu. The sea area nearby is the source of famous aragonite. The hill is also the best place to survey Wanganyu and Huayu. Under the sea cliffs on its west side, there are magnificent basalt landforms. The interlaced basalt sheets have formed beautiful "Stone Flowers". On the west side, the wave-cut caves are another scenic wonder at the seashore.



### 5 Huazhai Ancient Residences

Huazhai Ancient Residences have remained for about three hundred years. It is one of those which are better-preserved. Among the residences, the most conspicuous one is the Zengs' residence. Its windows were made in the shape of a book and they also look like the trademark of Microsoft. Besides, the window lattices were built by laying red bricks to form the Chinese character "Zeng".



### 6 Wangangkou Beach

The curved bay which extends for nearly one kilometer is the paradise for native kids and visitors to play in the water. With clear sea water and golden sand, the beautiful beach and nights are like poets or lovers. Because the color of the sea water varies within a day, the beach is nicknamed "Mixology Beach".



### 7 Jiangjunayou

In early years the local residents had made a fortune by gathering corals, and the isle hence became wealthy and flourishing. Arrays of houses piled against one another along the streets near the fishing port. Owing to the atmosphere of a port city, the islet was also praised as "Small Hong Kong".



## Tongpanyu 1

### 1 Tongpanyu

The whole island of Tongpanyu is surrounded by columnar basalt. It has the most typical columnar joints in Penghu. On the wave-cut platform in the southwest of the islet, there is a lava crater in the shape of concentric circles. Locals call it "Lotus Blossom".



## Hujingyu 2

### 2 Hujingyu

Hujingyu is a typical tombolo made up of two pieces of land, which placed east and west, is usually called East Hill and West Hill. In Guanyin Park on East Hill, there is a vivid four meters tall white marble statue of Guanyin. In 2013, two art installations with the slogans "I Am in Penghu, the Ladder of Happiness" and "Bliss—Nestling to Each Other Tightly" were set for an activity named "Taiwan Summer Solstice 235". These artworks add a new tourist spot for Penghu.



## Qimei 8 ~ 13



### Transportation from Magong to South Sea

#### Ship Schedules

To take the ships at the pier at Penghu South Sea Visitor Center (It takes 5-15 minutes to walk from here to the city center of Magong.), you can buy tickets or make a reservation from cruiser companies or through travel agencies. Most of the cruiser companies running in South Sea provide free shuttle service.

### Qimei Visitor Center

► Service Line : 06-9971954  
► Opening Hours : November to February / 10:30—15:30  
March to October / 9:00—17:00  
► Address : No.26-4, Nangang Village, Qimei Township, Penghu County  
It provides services like travel consultations, and so on.

### 10 Dragon Sea-eroded Platform

The platform has been forming while a laminated ground which is composed of alternate layers of top and basalt is being eroded by sea waves. Looking down from the cliff, you can see green, white, grey, and brown curved lines snaking on the platform. Since the platform looks like a dragon rising and rolling in the azure sea under the blue sky, it is called "Longcheng"—which means "the dragon plaza".



### 11 Yueli Bay

Yueli Bay is a natural sea bay. The beach which is composed of fragments of white corals allows people to play in the water, and the sea area is suitable for snorkeling. The nearby basalt landforms have been well-developed that columnar basalt varies and looks impressive. Besides, wave-cut landscapes are seen everywhere.



### 12 Waiting Husband Reef

There is a legend regarding the Waiting Husband Reef. It is said that once there was a loving couple living on Qimei. One day the husband went out to fish and did not return. The wife kept waiting on the shore day after day till she could not endure hunger and cold and hence died. People buried her on the seashore. Being weathered for years, the rock nearby has incredibly taken the shape of a pregnant woman lying on her back.



### 13 Tomb of the Seven Beauties

It was said that in Ming Dynasty seven women suicided together by jumping into a well, so as not to be insulted by bandits who were raiding the village. Afterwards, the villagers filled the well with earth. And then, miraculously, seven catalpa trees sprouted out of the earth in the well and have remained constant evergreen. In memory of the seven women's insistence upon chastity, the tomb was built.



## Local Cuisine



### Water Activities

jet ski Aimen Beach, Jibeiyu, Xianjiaoyu  
windsurfing / sailboarding Guanyinting Inland Sea  
banana boating Aimen Beach, Jibeiyu, Xianjiaoyu  
snorkeling Shanshui, Jiangjunayouyu, Yueli Bay

### Observations in Ecology

getting acquainted with green turtles Wangan  
bird watching Caiyuan Wetland, Pengpeng Beach, Jishanyu, Dinggouyu, Maoyu  
night visit to intertidal zones areas where shallow plains are well-developed, like Jibeiyu, Qitou, and Yuanbeiyu  
patrolling the weirs Jibeiyu, Shagang, Qitou, Yuanbeiyu

### Gathering Activities

gathering laver Gupoyu  
dredging seaweed Watong, Xujia, Tiexian

### Traditional Industry

drying squids in the sun Waian, Suogang, Xiaomenyu, Qumeiyu, etc.  
drying fish in the sun Jing-an, Chikan

### Recreational Fishing

squid fishing at night Chikan, Shagang, Qitou, Magong  
baodun (a traditional fishing method —to capture fish with weirs and nets) Qitou, Yuanbeiyu, Niaoyu, Jibeiyu  
ocean farm Caiyuan, Qingwan, Erkan

### Fishing Activities

erecting pole net Shagang, Jiangmei, Zhenhai, Zhuwan  
catching smooth spooner crabs Xiwei  
the cultivation of oysters Chengqian, Zhuwan, Caiyuan  
stickleback Dacangyu  
fence net Jiangmei  
the cultivation of laver Jiangmei  
spotted moray Shagang  
activities in intertidal zones (including digging clams and gathering spiral shells) intertidal zones in Penghu