Gold Museum, New Taipei City Government is located in the hill town of Jinguashi in Ruifang District, New Taipei City. It has rich historical, cultural and natural resources. The design of the museum logo features a hazy freehand ink-and-wash Teapot Mountain to symbolize that it is a great place to get close-to-nature and engage in leisure activities. The rhythmic "G" written in calligraphy has two meanings: one is "Gold", Gold Museum; and the second is "Green", representing the museum's integration of cultural resources and development into a museum with life that will go on.

Gold museum is Taiwan's first museum designed following eco-museum principles, the intention being to use community power to preserve Jinguashi's precious nature, mining relics, scenery, historical memory and cultural property and attempt to give them new life.

The museum's purpose and management directions are:
- Preserving and reproducing mining history and culture.
- Making the museum a natural venue for environmental education, promoting eco-tourism.
- Promoting gold art and metal crafts, establishing creative industries
- Community eco-museum.

Theme Facilities

Tourist Information Center
This is in the museum’s first main building. It was originally a Taiwan Motor Co. bus station. It provides tourist information and leaflets. Baby carriers and wheelchairs are also available for loan.
Four Joined Japanese-Style Residences (Living Art Experience Workshop)
This is one of the few remaining Japanese buildings of this type in Taiwan (during the colonial era it was a dormitory for high level Japanese company employees). The existing space has been turned into a display and living art experience space. The building is an important witness to Jinguashi’s past. The building has a delicate wooden structure and layered wall boards adapted to suit the rainy conditions. The beauty of the Japanese architecture has made it a popular location for filming movies.

Environmental Building
An example of the reuse of an old building, the Environment Building was once the dining hall of the Taiwan Metals Mining Company. The first floor is an exhibition space, and the Metal Craft Classroom and the second floor is a data room. The theme of the first floor permanent exhibition is “Water and Mountain City-Golden Wonder” and it provides information on Jinguashi’s geology, environment, climate, plants and the characteristics of its settlements and, through multimedia interactive films and mineral displays, gives visitors an understanding of the rich natural resources of Jinguashi. The hall is the best place to learn about the mining hill’s ecology.

Gold Refining Building
It was originally a guesthouse when Taiwan was a Japanese colony. It was used by Taiwan Metal Mining Corp. after 1945 as a gold refining building for a short time, after which refining work was transferred to Shuinanqong and the building was given another use. Because of the special architecture and the fact that it was once used for gold refining, the Gold Museum decided to name it the Gold Refining Building.

Jinguashi Crown Prince Chalet
It is believed that it was built in 1922 and is one of the finest surviving wooden Japanese buildings in Taiwan. It was built by Tanaka Mining Co. to host the Crown Prince (later Emperor Hirohito) during a planned visit to inspect the mining industry in the Jinguashi area. The Crown Prince Chalet is a typical high class Japanese building with Western design features, having the kind of mixed Japanese and western architectural style that was popular at that time. The north side of the chalet has a lovely Japanese garden, while the south side has a miniature golf course and an archery field. When you walk into the garden and are surrounded by Japanese architecture, you can feel and enjoy the beauty of the landscape.

Benshan No.5 Tunnel
The special tour for visitors involves walking into the tunnel to discover the mystery of gold mining. The Gold Museum specially renovated the old Benshan No.5 Tunnel to allow visitors to have a real experience of a mining tunnel and to understand the environment in which miners worked. Part of the tunnel is open to the public as tunnel experience area and plastic models are used to show how the miners worked in years gone by.

Gold Building
This building is the renovated former offices of Taiwan Metal Mining Corp. The first floor has a gold discovery journey, a model of the Benshan tunnels, a display on the subject of mineral transport system in Jinguashi, mining equipment from the past and related relics. There is also an introduction to Jinguashi’s World War II Allied POW camp (1942-1945). The second floor is gold-themed and has an introduction of the special features and application of gold, gold craftworks and a Guinness World Record-breaking 220.3 kg pure 999 gold brick that visitors can actually touch. In addition, visitors also can have a gold panning experience on the third floor. The gift shop at the side of the Gold Building sells Gold Museum souvenirs and is a good place to browse and buy a souvenir.

In addition, Geological Park, Jinguashi Shinto Shrine, Teapot Mountain, the POW Camp Memorial Park, Gold Waterfall, Shuinanqong Smelter, mining irrigation channel and aqueduct are all scenic spots close to the Gold Museum that should not be missed by visitors.
Map of Gold Museum, New Taipei City Government and its surroundings

Points for attention:
1. Because of the terrain, the GM cannot provide unobstructed access for disabled people throughout the whole park. Please accept our apologies. If special assistance is required, please ask a member of staff.
2. The buildings of GM are all reused old buildings and space is limited. To preserve visit quality there is a limit on visitor numbers, so please wait patiently.
3. Let's take care of Jinguashi’s natural beauty together by not littering or taking anything from the museum.
Visitor Information

1. Opening times
   • Open: Weekday (Monday-Friday) 9:30am to 5pm
     Holidays and weekends 9:30am-6pm
   • Closed: Closed on the first Monday of every month (Tuesday or the
day after the holiday ends if Monday is or is part of a national holiday)
Chinese New Year’s Eve, New Year’s Day and election days. Other
times will be announced separately.

2. Ticket
   Free (except for practical activities and special situations announced.)

3. Practical activities

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| Benshan No.5 Tunnel Experience | NT$50 | Ticket sale location: Benshan No.5 Tunnel
Ticket sales time: Weekday:9:30-16:30
Holidays and weekends:9:30-17:30
Time of visit: around 15 minutes | Includes materials, insurance and other costs |
| Gold panning experience     | NT$100| Ticket sale location: side of the Gold Building
Assembly point: side of the Gold Building
Activity location: 3rd floor of the Gold Building
Activity time: 30-40
Activity start times: 10:30 - 11:30 - 13:30 - 14:30 - 15:30
Maximum number of participants: 50
(For the actual start times will be announced at the venue) | Includes materials. Please buy a ticket and assemble at the assembly point at 15 minutes before the start |

4. Guide service
   • Fixed time guided tour: Free of charge. Register at Tourist Information Center counter 10 minutes before the start.
   • Assembly point: Tourist Information Center
   Tour time:
   Around 40 minutes (may vary according to the situation on the day)
   Tour start times:
   [Weekday] 10:00 - 14:00 - 15:00
   [Holidays and weekends] 10:00 - 11:00 - 14:00 - 15:00
   • Group guide: free for groups of 20 or over.
   Prebooking method: Book by phone 45-7 days in advance on 02-24962860
   (bookings accepted Monday to Friday 9:30–16:00)

Transport Information

1. Train:
   Take an eastern main line train in the Yilan-Hualien direction and alight at Ruifang, then take a Keelung Bus Co. bus from outside
   the station to Jinguashi.

2. Bus:
   ● Taipei-Jinguashi: Take a Keelung Bus Co. bus from Exit 1 of Taipei
   MRT’s Zhongxiao-Fuxing Station and alight at Jinguashi after passing through Ruifang and Jiufen.
   ● Keelung-Jinguashi: Take a Keelung Bus Co. bus from Keelung
   Railway Station and alight at Jinguashi after passing through
   Ruifang and Jiufen.

3. Highways:
   ● Take the Zhongshan Highway in the direction of Keelung, exit
   at Dahua System Interchange to Wannul Expressway at Ruifang → Provincial Highway 2D → turn right Mingdeng Rd.
   → direction of Jiufen → pass though Jiufen and head in the
   Jinguashi direction → arrive at the Gold Museum, New Taipei City
   Government
   ● Zhongshan Highway in the direction of Keelung, exit at Dahua
   System Interchange then go in the direction
   of Ruifen → Provincial Highway 2 → Shuibindong → turn right onto County
   Highway 34 → Guanyin Temple → Gold Museum, New Taipei City
   Government
   ● Hualien-Yilan area → Provincial Highway 2 → to Shuibindong
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