

PENGHU TAIWAN



Discover Sailing Asia was founded to provide an opportunity for people of all ages & abilities to sail in a fun and safe environment. We currently operate a fast growing fleet of charter boats in 8 countries, 18 ports across Asia

We all come from the sea, but we are not all of the sea. Those of us who are, we children of the tides must return to it again and again. Until the day we don't come back leaving behind only that which was touched along the way – Chasing Mavricks



Penghu or Pescadores Islands are an archipelago of 90 islands and islets in the Taiwan Strait covering an area of 142 sq kilometers (54 sq mi). The largest city is Magong, located on the largest island, which is also named Magong.

The traditional English name of the islands, the Pescadores, comes from the Portuguese name Ilhas dos Pescadores ("Fishermen Islands").

The Penghu National Scenic Area was established in the early 1990s, comprising most of the islands and islets of the archipelago. Tourism has since become one of the main sources of income of the county.

Historical sites include Central Street, Mazu Temple, Four-eyed Well, Qimei Lighthouse, Siyu Eastern Fort, Jinguitou Fortress and Siyu Western Fort. Museums in the county are Chuwan Crab Museum, Ocean Resources Museum, Chang Yu-sheng Memorial Museum and Penghu Living Museum. Other attractions on the county include the Double-Heart of Stacked Stones, Little Taiwan, Whale Cave, Xiaomen Geology Gallery and South Penghu Marine National Park.

Since 1 January 2015, tourists from Mainland China can directly apply for the Exit & Entry Permit upon arrival in Penghu. This privilege also applies to Kinmen and Matsu Islands as a means to boost tourism in the outlying islands of Taiwan.



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MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

Meeting Point: Kao Shiung Expo Center Yacht Club, 1400hrs

After everyone settles in aboard, we will set sail for our first outing of the journey. We should arrive in Penghu (Dong Ji Yu) in the evening. On the evening of Day 1 and the morning of Day 2, passengers will be able to purchase any alcohol and beverages for the week as well as any last minute personal provisioning. Please text your captain if you have any travel delays. It is recommended ensuring connectivity to a messaging service such as iMessage, Viber, Line, Wechat, Whatsapp, or SMS until you reach the boat

AIRPORT AND TRANSPORTATION

There are direct flights into Kaoshiung International Airport as well as Taipei International Airport. It takes approximately 2hrs via express train to get from Taipei International to Kaoshiung There are also buses that will get you to Kao Shiung from Taipei International in approximately 6 hours. From Kaoshiung airport to the Expo Center is approximately 30mins by car. Taxis are readily available outside the airport.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure relevant visas are obtained where necessary. Please ensure your passport is valid for the period of travel and for six months after you return with at least 3 blank pages for visa stamps. Your passport name must match the name on the flight ticket otherwise you may not be able to travel and insurance may be invalid.

CURRENCIES / MONEY EXCHANGE

The local currency is the Taiwan Dollar (NT). Visa and MasterCard are also accepted in most places. ATMs can be

found at the airport and throughout the island but it is recommended that you travel with the necessary cash. Most small restaurants and shops do not accept credit cards, so it is best to have local currency available for making purchases.

WEATHER

Penghu basks in a sub-tropical maritime climate. Rainfall is moderately low for tropical islands. Scattered showers are common throughout the year, but all day rain is very rare. There is little seasonal variation in temperature during the year with relatively mild winters. Wind speeds during the north east monsoon in the winter months are often in the 30 – 40 knts range. Summer month winds are much milder and makes for easy sailing. Brief rain showers can be frequent so please bring a light raincoat.





PROVISIONING

Upon arrival, you and your team can head to a nearby supermarket to stock up on healthy, fresh and flavorful local foods and

produce from the region. Most of the anchorages we are staying overnight at have shops and restaurants that you can purchase food, so if you do not plan to cook, all meals can be taken on shore. Do plan to have plenty of non-perishable snacks as well as fresh fruit to stay hydrated during the trip. Sometimes we may arrive late at our anchorage, so it is best to have something on board to eat in the event of a late lunch / dinner. Breakfast is best prepared on board as we may want to sail out each morning early and will not have too much time to head to shore for breakfast. Cooking utensils as well as crockery and cutlery are available on the boat.

ADDITIONAL COST

Recommended spending for the week, \$200 - \$300 per person, varying on your spending habits. Provisioning for alcohol and soft drinks \$50-100 average per person. All expenses on shore including meals and drinks are not included in the charter fee.

PACKING LIST

Life aboard our journey is uncomplicated so it is recommended packing appropriately. Collapsible bags in place of large rigid suitcases are advised for ease of transport on and off the boat. Island attire is very casual at all times so we recommend packing light and embracing the simple life.

light rain coat / wind jacket
boat shoes or other non-slip shoes
hat / sunglasses / sailing gloves (optional)/ sun screen
warm clothes just in case / fleece
swim / beach towels (bath towels are provided)
iPod/music player
camera
books, games, etc.
any special dietary foods or medications
toiletries
shower flip flops*

^{*} Conserving water on the boat is very important so we shower in the marina facilities where available. Otherwise, we take "1-minute" showers on the boat.



Day 1 – Check In (1400hrs) Kaoshiung Harbour

Your Journey begins at Kaoshiung Harbour where we will board and depart for a 30mil sail to Dong Ji Yu. The island is the eastern most island of the Penghu Archipelago which is made up of more than 90 islands. Dinner on shore.

Day 2 – Qi Mei Island

One of the most popular islands in the archipelago, Qi Mei is famed for its twin hearts stone weir. Designed as a fish trap, the stone structure resembles 2 hearts joined together and is a popular attraction with local Taiwanese couples who make the pilgrimage to declare their eternal love for each other at the landmark. You can rent a small motorcycle to drive around the island as well.

Day 3 – Wang An Xiang (Wang An Township)

Visit the Mountain Fairy foot print monument or explore the sea cave formations on the northern tip of the island. There are numerous natural sight seeing attractions on the island. You can also simply relax in a local coffee shop and enjoy the local hospitality and warmth of the Taiwanese people as they let you try out their local dishes and talk to you about adventures on the island.

Day 4 – Magong

Head to shore for some authentic local food as we arrive in time for lunch at the biggest island and capital city of Penghu. Magong. Visit the local Matsu temple where local fishermen have prayed for safe passage for centuries and take a scenic ride on a motorcycle down the coast. End the day with a sumptuous fresh seafood dinner and enjoy the freshest seafood you'll ever eat, straight from the nets of the fishermen coming back from their expeditions.







Day 5 - Niao Yu (Bird Island)

Created by decades of wind and water, the island boasts a long sand bar on the western tip which resembles that of a bird's tail. It's a landmark that makes Penghu famous amongst the locals and a romantic stroll on the sandbar beach is a must for all visitors.

Day 6 – Dong Ji Yu

We sail back towards Dong Ji Yu for the day and will spend the afternoon on the island. Re-visit the attractions you may have missed on the way up to Magong

Day 7 – Kaoshiung Harbour

We will depart the port after breakfast for a 30nm sail to Kaoshiung. The 5 hour passage will take us to the Kaoshiung township in time for a big night out on shore as we celebrate the end of your adventure sailing around Penghu. There are several night markets in Kaoshiung which you can visit for a taste of authentic local street culture and food.

Day 8 – Check Out (1000hrs) After Breakfast



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Our Beneteau Oceanis 45 is a true blue-water cruiser featuring a self-stacking mainsail with integrated sail cover, roller-furling genoa, and a 57 hp yanmar diesel engine. An electric windlass with handheld remote makes anchoring easy. The yacht also comes fully equipped with a diesel powered marine generator and air-conditioning. A soft-top bimini shades the Helm. The cockpit has walk-through access to the hydraulic activated swim platforms, blue-tooth stereo with speakers in the saloon and cockpit.







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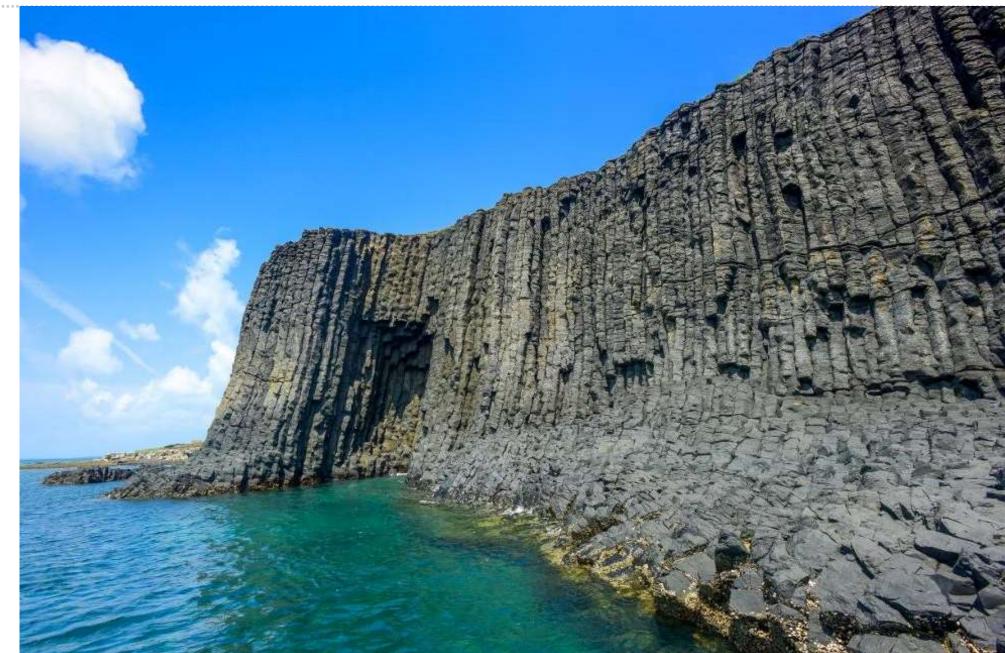


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