

PLEASE JOIN US

Taipei Festival

NOV 14-16 2014



COUNTDOWN TO TAIPEI 2014 6 MONTHS TO GO

The Asia Pacific Zone of IWFS invites you to a very special weekend in Taipei (Taiwan) from Friday 14 November to Sunday 16 November 2014.

Nestled on the island of Taiwan off the coast of China, Taipei City is the capital of Taiwan with a population of almost 3 million. It is a very short flight from Hong Kong, Manila and Shanghai.

A little further afield are Seoul, Tokyo, Ho Chi Minh City, Beijing and Bangkok. It is a fabulous location for our 2014 Asia Pacific AGM Weekend.



The Programme

HOSTED BY OUR TAIPEI BRANCH, LED BY DR PQ CHEN, AND ABLY ASSISTED BY EDDIE HU, JASON LAU, AND MEMBERS OF THE TAIPEI BRANCH, AN EXCITING PROGRAMME HAS BEEN PLANNED.

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

7:00 PM – Opening Traditional Taiwanese Dinner at Chin-Chin Garden Restaurant (Depart hotel at 6:30 pm)

Taiwan has a rich and diverse culinary culture with a cuisine that combines the features of Chinese, Japanese and Western food, emerging over many years as a unique style of Asian food. A special chef has been arranged to show us the very best of traditional Taiwanese food. Expect some fabulous local entertainment featuring ancient Chinese music.

Dress: Smart Casual



SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER

9:30 AM – City Tour

We will enjoy a short coach tour of this vibrant, culturally diverse and bustling city.

10:45 AM - Guided Tour of National Palace Museum

This outstanding museum is modelled on Beijing's Forbidden City and is said to house the largest collection of priceless Chinese artefacts and artwork in the world, covering over 8,000 years of Chinese history from the Neolithic age to the late Qing Dynasty. See more [here](#).

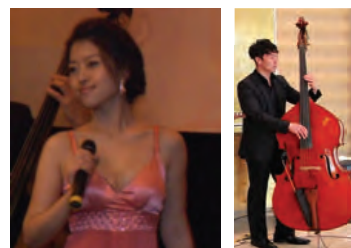
1:00 PM – Chinese Luncheon at Silks in the Park of the National Museum

2:45 PM – Tutored Tea Tasting

Taiwan has a formidable reputation for the quality of its teas and is said to produce the best oolong tea in the world. The climate and humidity in the mountains of central Taiwan are particularly well suited to tea production. Taiwan's oolong tea is partially oxidised and yields a golden, fragrant brew with flavours ranging from a light floral crispness to a smooth buttery taste. This will be a fascinating, educational experience. (Return to hotel 4:30 PM)

7:00 PM – Black Tie Gala Dinner – Regent Hotel

This will be held in the Grand Ballroom of our beautiful hotel, The Regent Taipei, featuring International/Contemporary cuisine and live jazz music.



SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER

9:30 AM – IWFS Asia Pacific Annual General Meeting

All APZ representatives and any interested APZ members are encouraged to attend.

11:30 AM – Optional Tutored Wine Tasting (Ambassador Hotel)

We will take a look at a wonderful selection of old and new world wines, focusing on some of the very best examples of GSM grape varieties from both the Rhone Valley and new world equivalents. Expect some fun as this will be a masked tasting!

1:00 PM – Optional Closing Lunch (Ambassador Hotel)

Our closing lunch will feature Szechuan cuisine at a nearby restaurant. A great option to round off our experience of the variety of cuisines that predominate in Taiwan.



Accommodation Regent Taipei

TAIPEI'S TOP 5 STAR HOTEL WILL BE OUR BASE. REGENT TAIPEI IS A BEAUTIFUL HOTEL, LOCATED IN THE ZHONG SHAN DISTRICT IN THE HEART OF TAIPEI.



You won't find a more luxurious or better located hotel in Taipei than the Regent. Click [here](#) to see the hotel. It is located about 40 minutes from the airport.

ADDRESS: Regent Taipei
No 3, Ln. 39, Sec. 2 ZhongShan N. Rd., Taipei.

We have negotiated an excellent rate for attendees.

PLEASE NOTE: This special rate is available for bookings made before October 14, after which the standard rate will apply and rooms cannot be guaranteed.

If you wish to stay for extra days, you may book at the discount rate for three days either side of the festival.

See the booking form [here](#) for room options, costs, and how to book. You must book directly with the hotel.

Room options include:

- Deluxe King, single occupancy – NT\$6200++
- Deluxe King, double occupancy – NT\$7000++
- Tan King (Club floor) single occupancy – NT\$8800++
- Tan King (Club floor) double occupancy – NT\$10300++

NOTE: NT\$6200++ equates to approx. US\$200 + US\$30 service/tax of 15%

The cost

WE RECOMMEND YOU TAKE THE WHOLE PACKAGE AT THE EARLYBIRD RATE, INCLUDING ALL OPTIONS.

BASE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Friday dinner
- Saturday events including the city tour, museum visit, lunch, tutored tea tasting and Gala dinner.

Optional events include:

- Sunday wine tasting
- Sunday lunch

AGM on Sunday:

- Free and we encourage all APZ members to attend

STANDARD RATE

(IF PAID TO REACH OUR ACCOUNT AFTER JUNE 26 2014):

- Base package plus all Sunday options – AU\$995
- Base package only (Friday/Saturday) – AU\$690
- Optional Wine Tasting (Sunday) – AU\$160
- Optional Closing lunch (Sunday) – AU\$145

The cost does not include accommodation – you must book that yourself.

EARLYBIRD RATE

(MUST BE PAID TO REACH OUR ACCOUNT BY JUNE 26 2014):

- Base package plus all Sunday options – AU\$930
- Base package only (Friday/Saturday) – AU\$655
- Optional Wine Tasting (Sunday) – AU\$145
- Optional Closing lunch (Sunday) – AU\$130



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HOW TO REGISTER:

Please email APZ's Administration Manager, Amber Dowling, at apz@iwfs.org and indicate:

- The events you wish to attend
- Your full name(s), email address, phone contact and your IWFS branch

HOW TO PAY:

(Don't forget that Earlybird rates are available only until June 26 2014)

Please pay net of all fees to:

Account Name: IWFS ASIA PACIFIC

Address: 71 Caroline Street, South Yarra

Bank: ANZ Banking Group Limited, Melbourne Australia

Swift Address: ANZ BAU 3M

Branch Address: 388 Collins Street, Melbourne

BSB: 013 006

Account Number: 262856044

Please ensure that your bank remits sufficient funds in AU\$ to cover their and any correspondent bank fees so that our bank receives the total amount due.

Please also confirm by email to apz@iwfs.org when you have sent your payment.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION:

- You must book directly with the hotel. Click [here](#) for the booking form.
- Discount rates are available only until 14 October 2014. Availability of rooms cannot be guaranteed after this date.

CANCELLATION FEES:

- There is a non-refundable amount of AU\$100 for all bookings
- Cancellations between August 15 and October 14 will be subject to a non-refundable amount of \$250
- Cancellations after October 14 are non-refundable

CLOSING NOTE:

We are so looking forward to seeing you in November in Taipei.

APZ Branch Presidents and Contacts please note – We will meet at 4:30 PM on Friday at our hotel for a Presidents' Roundtable. We will email you separately on that.

A FINAL NOTE:

Just included in Asia's Top 50 Restaurants is La Moût in Taichung, an hour by train from Taipei. Why don't you arrive early or stay on and take the opportunity to visit.

