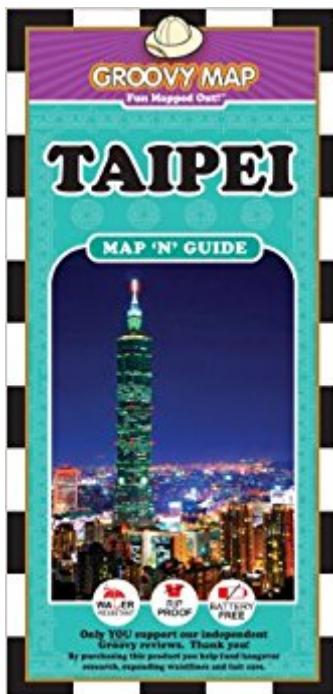


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Groovy Map 'n' Guide Taipei (2012)



Synopsis

We tell you where to go and have a good time in this vibrant city; great places to get a beer or a cocktail, fantastic dim sum and noodles, shopping fiestas in myriad markets and mega-malls, culture vultures, clubbing hot spots, tunes and music venues, midnight munchies and more! We also give you our 'Groovy Day' a linked column covering what we'd do in 24hrs if money were no object and we had the stamina of a teenager. AND updated with completely new maps fonts, coloring -- less contrast, bigger and better for older eyes! 7 Maps: Downtown: Ximen, Dinghao, Da'an, City Hall (Warner Village), Greater Taipei, MRT stations. Street Index. MRT Map included. Also street names and important sites in Chinese.

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Customer Reviews

Everything you need to get the most of the city in a short time. --Newsweek magazine

Aaron Frankel the intrepid explorer, has been traveling across SE Asia for over a decade and mapping out cities in his own witty, irreverent and always groovy style. The cities now included in the Groovy series include Bangkok, Beijing, Bali, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, KL, Manila, Taipei, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and more.

This map at first seemed like an easy-straightforward aid that did not require carrying a bulky guide book. However, that ended up being its only benefit. On the charitable side, the map is now outdated. For example, the New York New York store and Warner Village shopping area are no longer called that. On the less charitable side, I got lost with this map so many times because (a)

many streets are missing from it, (b) some sights are not in the right place or the icons are so large than one cannot determine where on the map their location is, and (c) even locals to whom I showed this map could make neither heads nor tails of it. I needed the help of one police officer and two people waiting for the bus to find the Lomgshan Temple, and all three scratched their heads at the map. I still got lost and ended up down at the river rather than the temple. The Eslite Xinyi store I found more or less by chance. On the upside, though, my ability to ask for directions in Chinese has improved exponentially. Frankly, I think that everyone who bought this map deserves an apology, a full refund, and a promise that the author will be barred from publishing for life.

This map is fantastic if you want to stay in the city core and see the sights in a few days. If, however, you are an ex-pat who will be living in Taipei for some time and you were hoping that this would be your English-language guide to the whole city, be aware that it's going to fall short of the mark. I'm staying in Xindian (next to the Daplinglin MRT stop on the green line) and except for the MRT map, this area doesn't make it onto the Groovy map even though it's definitely part of Taipei. Bummer. Also, one epic FAIL of note for those living here for any length of time: AsiaWorld, at the northeast corner of D3, contains an IKEA! At just one block from the MRT, if you're going to try to furnish a place on the cheap, it's your home away from home... too bad it's not noted on the map or in the text, though again, tourists aren't going to care about an outpost of a store they know well from home. Ultimately, this is more helpful to your sight-seeing family than it is to you, the work-a-day ex-pat stiff. Maybe I need to develop the not-so-groovy Ex-pat Taipei map? I'm doing it for myself anyway, as a survival mechanism and a way to pass the time... LOL I love the local culture and food, but there are times when a gal wants a jar of spaghetti sauce and needs an American-style grocery store...

We used this map to get around Taipei for a week in 2013 instead of using a book or paper map. The benefit of this product is its laminated construction. There were some minor placement issues of some of the icons and a couple descriptive errors on the map which may lead the traveler astray if he doesn't corroborate the locations. I passed this on to the author via his e-mail but did not hear back. There are some helpful recommendations for bars and restaurants and businesses on the map. The map is durable, and colorful.

We used this map like crazy on our trip to Taipei 2 years ago. If we go back, we'll probably buy another one since ours is TATTERED from overuse. Hopefully they will update the map; there is

some nightclub/restaurant information on one side, and that kind of stuff can change from year to year. Taipei has a great subway/light rail that is cheap and intuitive to use. The transit maps are FREE in the subway stations and also come in English. Between this GROOVY MAP and the transit maps, you can get around easily in Taipei.

This is a great map for finding all the attractions in Taipei. The only problem is that the metro map is out of date. The author should consider redoing it as the metro gets to many more locations than it shows on the map.

Thank you for putting this together. It was very useful to have an English map in such a foreign country. Taiwan is wonderful, but it can also be overwhelming for first-timers (as I was). It was really nice to have this lifeline.

I really like this whole map series. The Taipei one would be perfect if it was updated. For example, there are whole new MRT lines that are omitted from this map. Still good but know the redline extends past Taipei 101 now.

This map has it all and more! It is laminated, so it holds up to wear and tear! We have been here for 8 months and use it often for reference. It also lists places to eat and things to see. All have been right on! I have purchased 2 more for friends that are new to Taipei. They think it's great, too!

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