

## 01. Let's Explore the Roads in Taiwan

In Taiwan, there are many kinds of roads. Some roads are wide, and some are narrow. Some roads are long, and some are short. Some roads are only for cars and buses. Every road is different, and every road takes you somewhere new.

In big cities like Taipei\*, Taichung\*, or Kaohsiung\*, many roads are wide and busy. There are many cars, buses, and scooters. Big cars use the left lanes. Bikes and scooters use the rightmost lane. Sometimes there are bus stops in the middle of the road with a special bus lane. On these wide roads, vehicles move more quickly, so if you are on foot, stay on the sidewalk to be safe!

In smaller towns like Lukang\*, Tianzhong\*, or Beidou\*, the roads are small and crowded. Sometimes there isn't even a sidewalk! People walk on the street or sell snacks, clothes, or toys on the side of the road. Here, drivers need to slow down and watch out for people and animals.

In Taiwan, there is a special road called "Taiwan Cycle Route No. 1\*\*." It goes all the way around the island and it is about 968 kilometers long. This bike route goes through many cities like Taipei, Tainan\*, and Hualien\*. It has beautiful views of Taiwan's rivers, lakes, mountains, and the ocean. Every year, thousands of bikers try to finish the whole journey around Taiwan!

Taiwan has so many different types of roads because there are many different places. Wide roads help people travel quickly in cities. Narrow roads are good for small areas or on mountains where big roads are hard to build.

No matter where you go in Taiwan, it is important to be safe. If you are on foot, always look both ways before crossing the street. If you are on a bike or scooter, always wear a helmet and follow the traffic signs.

Taiwan's roads take us to school, to work, to visit family, or to go on an adventure. They help us get from place to place and connect us with the people and places we love!

\* Taipei = 台北, Taichung = 台中, Kaohsiung = 高雄, Lukang = 鹿港, Tianzhong = 田中, Beidou = 北斗, Tainan = 台南, Hualien = 花蓮

\*\*No. 1 = Number One (Taiwan Cycle Route No. 1= 環島 1 號線)