

Need to find a romantic spot to take a date or celebrate a special anniversary? Garden 91 is a beautiful tranquil location that two love birds can enjoy. Up in the Yangmingshan mountains, Garden 91 provides a magnificent view of the city, without the hustle and bustle sounds of Taipei's city life. With its lush space and high altitude of fresh air, one should take advantage of strolling around the grounds. Along the green pastures lie stone animal sculptors, stone water fountains, and a breath-taking pond. Guests can sit near the pond, under a shaded veranda, and enjoy watching little birds as they water their beaks and listen to the frogs as they chirp and sing. Soak in the beauty and the sounds of nature around you.

Adjacent to the beautiful outdoor space is Garden 91's living museum. The museum's outside structure is designed to look like it is one with Mother Earth. The exterior walls' snow-white tree branches and roots are being stretched out to create window openings.

In the museum, guests can choose to take a complimentary audio guide tour, either in Mandarin or English. On the 1st and 2nd floor of the museum are modern and traditional Asian stone sculptors, provided by the prominent and respected Lin Wen-Shung and his family. Many of these Asian stone sculptors are of Taoist and Buddhist influence. If one wishes to have a quiet meditation and be alone in prayer, the museum provides a calm dimmed, corner room with a standing buddha. With hidden proverbs hinted throughout the museum, guests should keep in mind that "Silence is an empty space. Space is the home of the awakened mind."

After guests are done enjoying the wonderful stone artwork, guests can go down to the basement floor and relax at the charming café. The quiet café provides delicious vegetarian meals and refreshing beverages to quench one's thirst. The café also overlooks the outdoor garden and pond, so if the weather is rainy or if it is too hot outside, sip a cup of tea at the cafe, and enjoy the serene view.

The WTIC members were fortunate to spend a day trip to Garden 91. Not only did we experience a lovely stroll along the premises, both indoors and outdoors, and dined an amazing meal at the café, we also enjoyed a duo private performance from distinguished musicians, harpist Paige Su and sitarist Rrohei Kanemitsu. Their unique sound was so captivating to the ears, we could not ask for a better time and place to listen to their one of a kind music at this hidden gem of a location.