

Exploration Group trip to Persimmon Farm at Hsinchu Wednesday, Nov 21, 2018

Persimmons are an ancient Chinese fruit, thought to be thousands of years old. They are an autumn fruit that are rich in beta-carotene and potassium and some moderate amounts of calcium. Persimmons are particularly popular around Chinese New Year, when fresh dried persimmon are eaten frequently. Now popular in Japan and Korea, they are grown in Italy, France and other Mediterranean countries.



We will visit the popular persimmon farm, Wei Wei Jia. This large farm has acres of Persimmons which are harvested in October and November. The fruit is dried in the courtyard of the old farm house, then processed in the small workshop. Fruit in the trees and drying in the sun are beautiful to see, and once processed are delicious to eat.

Our tour will begin at the 9:15 at DunHua South Road and Zhongxiao East Road in front of the ShunChen Bakery, we suggest you plan to arrive early as we will depart promptly at 9:30 for our one hour trip to Wei Wei Jia. Spend time walking in the orchards, and learning how the persimmons are processed. We will try our hand at drying persimmons and have plenty of time for photographs.

Our lunch will be at a popular restaurant dating to 1959. The restaurant has long been popular with politicians and dignitaries to the area. Photos of Chiang Ching Guo to Tsai Ying Wen are on the restaurant wall. A preselected set menu has been chosen which features local Hakka Chicken in a distinctive orange sauce.

Please note that our bus will park on the road and we will walk ten minutes to the farm. Most of this walk is flat, but there is a small incline as well, so please remember your walking stick, and comfortable shoes. After lunch we will return to Taipei, aiming to arrive between 3 and 3:30.

The cost for the bus, tour, DIY and lunch is NT\$1000. Please have this ready at the meeting point. Our tour is limited to the 40 people that can fit on the bus, so sign up early to avoid disappointment.

Regards,
Olivia, Carol and Alison

金黃的柿子，豐收的季節
探索九降風的新竹『味衛佳果園』
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柿子是一種非常古老的中國水果，被認為已有數千年的歷史。這種秋季水果，含有豐富的β-胡蘿蔔素和鉀及適量的鈣。柿子在中國農曆新年期間特別受到歡迎，因為取其諧音“柿柿(事事)如意”之故，在豐收的季節，新鮮的柿子會製作成柿餅以延續保存。



我們將參觀非常受歡迎的『衛味佳農場』。其擁有數英畝的柿子樹，在10月和11月，柿子在樹上由綠轉橘就是可採收的成熟季節。摘下的柿子在傳統客家農舍的院子裡曬乾，而後在小作坊裡用材火烘乾加工，如此反覆七天方成柿餅。樹上的果實和在陽光下曝曬的柿餅交織成一幅美麗的圖畫。

我們的行程將於9:15在忠孝敦化路口 (順成麵包店) 開始，建議您規劃提前到達，因為我們的巴士將在9:30準時開車，前往味衛佳果園需要約一小時的車程。我們可在果園裡散步，並DIY製作柿餅，並會有非常足夠的時間供大家盡情拍照。

午餐將在一家可追溯到民國48年即開業的餐廳。其長期以來一直受到該地區政界人士和政要的歡迎。從蔣經國到蔡英文的照片高掛在餐廳的牆上即可說明其受歡迎的程度。我們預先選擇的菜單是餐廳的特色菜，尤以當地的客家雞肉佐以特色的金吉醬最受青睞。

請注意，我們的巴士將停在路口以供我們下車，沿途小花朵朵，風景怡人，步行約十分鐘可到達農場。步道多是平坦的，但有一小段約30公尺的坡道，所以請記得你的手杖和舒適的鞋子。午餐後我們將返回台北，大約是在3點到3點半之間到達。巴士，保險，參觀果園，DIY和午餐，所有費用共為\$1,000。我們將在集合處收取，因為巴士只能容納40人，因此請您儘早報名以免向隅。