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Complimentary Tour

Highlight Tour of Taipa and Coloane Islands September 18, 2017 (09:00-12:00)

Tour itinerary:

Largo do Presidente António Ramalho Eanes → Tam Kong Temple in Coloane → Chapel of St. Francis Xavier → Coloane Pier → Taipa Houses → Our Lady of Carmo Church → Rua do Cunha

Largo do Presidente António Ramalho Eanes

The small Square, named after the visit of the Portuguese President António Ramalho Eanes to Macao, serves as a central pedestrian hub that connects many old lanes and streets of the small village in Coloane. At the centre of the Square stands a statue of Cupid, making it popular to be chosen as part of the scenes in TV drama series. Various types of flowers and trees growing at the Square will certainly make one feel far away from the hustle and bustle of urban life.



Tam Kong Temple in Coloane

This temple, with a fine toll roof decorated with porcelain figures, is dedicated to Tam Kong, a Taoist god of seafarers. Beside his image, the temple contains a four feet long model of a dragon boat made from a whalebone, with a crew of wooden men in red robes and yellow hats.

There is also a dramatic mural of a tiger with club, big-eyed and orange striped, against a background of rocks and twisted pines.



[Chapel of St. Francis Xavier](#)

Built in 1928, the Chapel follows the baroque style of Macao's major churches with Chinese architectural influence. It has a cream and white façade with oval windows and a bell tower in harmony with the peaceful and tranquil environment. This Chapel features bright hues and a portrait of Virgin Mary in Chinese outfit. The Chapel is dedicated to St. Francis Xavier, a Jesuit missionary who devoted much of his life to missions in Asia and died on an island near Macao in 1552. It stands behind the monument commemorating the local victory over pirates in 1910. You can also enjoy local authentic cuisine under the tree in restaurants adjacent to the Chapel.



[Coloane Pier](#)

Rebuilt in 1873, the Pier had been a crucial public ferry terminal between Coloane, Taipa and Macao Peninsula, where small vessels were berthed, before Estrada do Istmo and the Governor Nobre de Carvalho Bridge came into service. In the old days, there was regular ferry service, bringing passengers from Macao and Taipa to Coloane. With ferries running between the Pier and the Mainland as well, a customs checkpoint was set up for management purposes. As time went by, the key function of the Pier was fading away. With bridges built and land reclamation, the aroma of local dried seafood products may remind you of the bygone days at the Pier.



[Taipa Houses](#)

Taipa Houses were built in 1921 and once served as the residences of senior civil servants. Acclaimed as one of the top eight sites of Macao, it represents the charming Portuguese architectural style in Taipa, which consists the Portuguese residences along Avenida da Praia, Our Lady of Carmel Church and the garden. In 1992, these five houses were acknowledged as a building complex of architectural value. Later, the government revamped the houses as a museum site and opened to the public since the end of 1999. In 2016, the buildings were re-capitalised and transformed into the "Macanese Living Museum", "Exhibitions Gallery", "Creative Casa", "Nostalgic House" and "House for Receptions" from west to east respectively. This makes Taipa Houses a leisure, culture and creativity landmark with the combination of featured exhibitions, outdoor performances and festive activities elements.



[Our Lady of Carmo Church](#)

As a peaceful venue where Catholics can proceed with religious activities or put forward the mission of preaching, the Church stands on a hill overlooking scenic Taipa Village. It was first proposed by the commander and approved by Bishop D. Manuel Bernardo de Sousa Enes. Wrapped up in light-yellow stucco walls, this unique three-storey house came to a completion in 1885, becoming the sole Catholic Church in Taipa at that time. Romance always blossoms when one visits in this vicinity. Opposite to the official department for marriage registration, the church has beyond doubt turned into an ideal backdrop for wedding photo shooting. Also its neighbouring lovely garden and some pavilions make it a perfect place for you to hang out.



Rua do Cunha

It is a narrow but bustling pedestrian street in the heart of Taipa village. Walking on the street, one will see the original community of the Island and find countless famed old restaurants that offer plenty of traditional cuisines. This small maze of narrow lanes and alleys is always packed with tourists. The Street was turned into the first pedestrian zone in Macao in 1983. Since then, it becomes a popular place for shops selling desserts, almond biscuits, egg rolls, coconut flakes and peanut candies, some of which you can buy as souvenirs. Built in the early 19th century, the Old Market is now reincarnated as a local cultural hub that adds vibrancy to this neighbourhood – the interesting Taipa Flea Market sets up stalls every Sunday in the square.

