

## **Jinguashi—A treasure qualified to be UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage**

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I have traveled to over 80 countries and have always been particularly interested in the sites listed by UNESCO as World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Such places are surely most worthy of visiting. But unknown to many, in Taiwan, there is a fascinating place qualified to be a World Heritage. That place is Jinguashi located at Rueifang district of New Taipei City.

For example, one the way to Jinguashi there is a section with several big road curves, constituting an amazing scene.

(Photo 1) Beautiful road curves on the way to Jinguashi..

This scene looks familiar to me. So I open my files to find three similar UNESCO photos: The first is taken in a mini country Andorre located between France and Spain.

(Photo 2) Beautiful curved highway in Andorre

The second is located on the mini country of the Republic of San Mario on the east coast of Italy.

(Photo 3) Beautiful curved way in San Marino

The third is Machu Picchu, an Inca historical site located on Peru of South America.

(Photo 4) Beautiful curved way in Machu Picchu

Northern Taiwan's Jinguashi was famous for its gold mine. Though its golden days have gone and the mining work is no longer in operation, there are now some very special landscapes. For example, underground water flows from the many abandoned pits and becomes spectacular "golden falls".

(Photo 5) The "golden falls" of Jinguashi

Since the underground water here contains metals such as gold and copper, when flowing into seawater, it turns golden and is surrounded by blue seawater, forming the famous “yin-yang sea.”

(Photo 6) “Yin-yang sea” in Jinguashi

Therefore, after I participated in “Green Life in Taiwan--Bloggers Eco-Tourism to Jinguashi”, what I want to say first is that Ginguashi deserves to be listed into UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage.