

## **Time-giving Mountain**

**--An amazing secret place with mountain and sea**

**--Looking for moving vitality in mine mountain**

By Damon

The log-formed road along a cliff in Baohsi (Time-giving) Mountain seems to lead straight to the beach and the mountains. Here you can clearly see the fascinating Jinguashi town, the beautiful Jilung Mountain, the romantic “9 turns plus 18 curves” on the Jinshuei Highway, the Earless Teapot Mountain, the yin-yang sea, and deserted relics of Liukengshuan minefield. The northeastern coastline and the Bitoujiao cape are also just in front. Indeed, from every view angle you can see different cultural and natural landscapes.

During the Japanese occupation period (1895-1945), there was a large air-raid siren. Later on, siren had been given at certain time of a day in addition to real air-raid alarm, and therefore this place was called Baoshi (time-giving) Mountain. But it takes only five to ten minutes to reach an observation platform which can oversee the beautiful mountain and ocean scenery and is a perfect place to view sunrise and sunset. Besides, the most romantic highway in the world is down here. Visitors can enjoy the breeze while watching sea waves, blue ocean and green mountains. These fascinating scenes are all for your enjoyment.

Near the Baoshi mountain there is an old mining train tunnel. I carefully walked through it and saw in front three long ventilation pipelines which no longer function. They look like three pythons crawling around the mountain. Beware that inside the pipelines there still exist hazardous minerals. Tourists are advised not to touch them. The Baoshi Mountain is so changeable that in the evening you can even see fishing boats lights on the sea. It is a fantastic view.

### # Transportation

Rueifang Tourist Center

Tel: (02)2497-3813

Add: 82, Sec.3, Mingdeng Rd., Rueifang Dist., New Taipei City

Transport: Nation Freeway N0. 1 → Expressway No. 62 → Exit by Rueifang

Interchange System → County Highway No.102 to Jioufen → Township Road No.34

northbound to Jinguashi → pass Guashan Elementary School and turn right to

Chuanji Temple → turn around and, arriving at Chuanji Temple, turn right to drive

upward → on the left is Baoshi Mountain; on the right is the entrance of tunnel.

### # Recommended restaurants

1. Jinguashi Chicken Restaurant—Chickens raised by the restaurant are served. Chicken rice and chicken soup are mouthwatering and highly recommended.

Add: 104, Shanjian Rd., Jinguashi, Rueifang Dist., New Taipei City

Tel: (02) 2496-2535

2. Beside the Chuanji Temple, a restaurant serving bandfish rice-flour noodle is another good choice.