

Fishing Harbors and Salt Fields –
A Tour of Sea and Sunshine

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A Coastal Amusement Park

Dongshi Fisherman's Wharf also features Taiwan's unique Tropic of Cancer Marker, in the unusual form of two interlocked hearts. Perfect for photography.



Dongshi Fisherman's Wharf

Dongshi Fisherman's Wharf is a recreation area, located on the north bank of the Puzi River estuary, that combines fishing-harbor scenery with local culture. It includes an oceanic culture museum, specialty products hall, shop street, sea-viewing pavilion, floating-bridge market, and seaside promenade. The wharf also has numerous items of installation art, and offers spectacular views of the sunset. You can also enjoy the scenery here from a tourist fishing raft as you get a taste of fishing-village life. And don't forget to try the wide variety of the freshest seafood on offer!



23° 26'56.1"N 120° 08'09.5"E



Budai Fishing Harbor

Budai Harbor is named for the resemblance of its terrain to a cloth sack, or *budai*. It is the largest fishing harbor in the Chiayi area, and is home to the most fishing boats. It also has a lot of rafts and sampans—and, of course, a large fish catch. In addition to fishing, neighboring residents also live on aquaculture, raising oysters and other seafood.

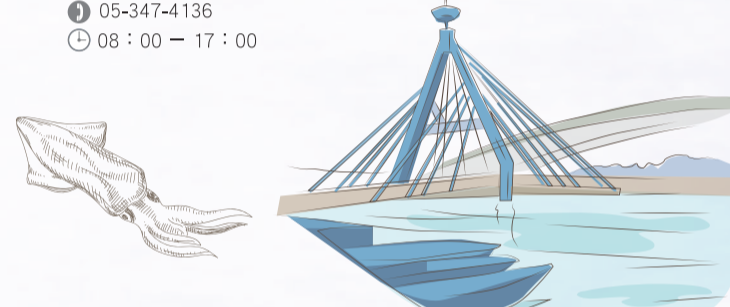
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Budai Tourist Fish Market

The Budai Fish Market is the most important seafood distribution point in the area. Fishermen go out in the early morning and return in the afternoon to the harbor, where their catch is auctioned off around 2:00 p.m. Farmed seafood such as fish, shrimp, crabs, shellfish, and oysters is also sold here; on holidays visitors flock in to buy, creating a cacophonous market scene. Restaurants line the nearby food street, where oysters are the most sought-after delicacy in the form of fried oyster balls, oyster omelet, oyster fritters, deep-fried oysters, and oyster noodles. Or you can try steamed neritic squid, steamed spear shrimp, deep-fried crab, or deep-fried cuttlefish.

No. 3, Zhongshan Rd., Cenhai Village, Budai Township.
05-347-4136
08:00 – 17:00



Baishuihu

The name means "Whitewater Lake," but there is no lake here at all. The name was given during the period of Japanese occupation (1895-1945) to describe the visual effect of seawater rich in white salt crystals rolled up by the waves. Baishuihu today is a small seaside village with a fishing harbor. The 3-kilometer-long Shoudao Sandbar offshore makes a postcard-like scene, perfect for photographers.

23° 25'20.5"N 120° 09'36.6"E



Budai Harbor Recreation Rafts

The recreational raft businesses at Budai Harbor are concentrated on its southern bank. The rafts travel mostly to the Haomeiliao Nature Reserve, taking tourists to observe life in the intertidal zone as well as local oyster-farming methods. Trips have to be reserved in advance because of the tidal cycles. Groups can reserve trips to Waisanding Sandbar.

23° 22'36.4"N 120° 09'16.9"E

Budai Yacht Harbor

The Budai Yacht Harbor is a major base for the development of yachting in Taiwan, with a visitor center, scenic plaza, and yacht docking and preparation area. Any boat related to tourism can dock here for boating experience and training activities. This harbor is also a designated base for motorboat training.

No. 168, Shun'an Rd., Budai Township.
05-347-0051



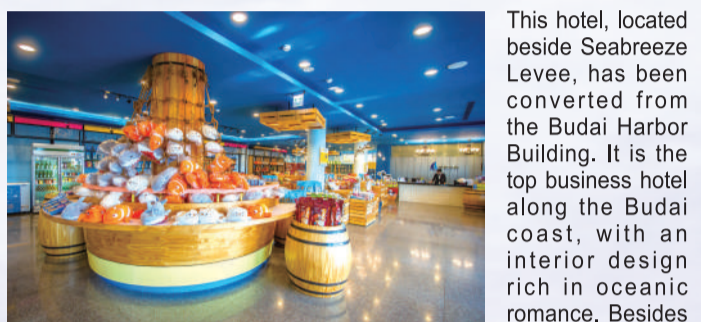
Since it is positioned as a tourist and recreational harbor, the general public can enter the harbor area for leisure purposes.

Budai Harbor Light Sculpture

The Southwest Coast National Scenic Area has used light-installation art technology to create new nightscape glories for the Budai Harbor area, which was once known as "Little Shanghai" because of its bustling prosperity. Colored lights have been permanently installed on Seabreeze Levee, Buxin Bridge, and the Budai Fish Market landmark, and an emchanting 5-minute light show delights watchers every 30 minutes from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. each evening.

23° 22'47.0"N 120° 09'24.0"E
Light show times: 6:00 – 9:00 each evening

Ocean Hotel



This hotel, located beside Seabreeze Levee, has been converted from the Budai Harbor Building. It is the top business hotel along the Budai coast, with an interior design rich in oceanic romance. Besides the reception lobby, the first floor provides full visitor-center services, a restaurant, and sales of marine-themed products. The guest floors have hallways decorated to provide an oceanic atmosphere, and the rooms offer enchanting views of harbor and sea.

No. 61, Shun'an Rd., Cenhai Village, Budai Township.
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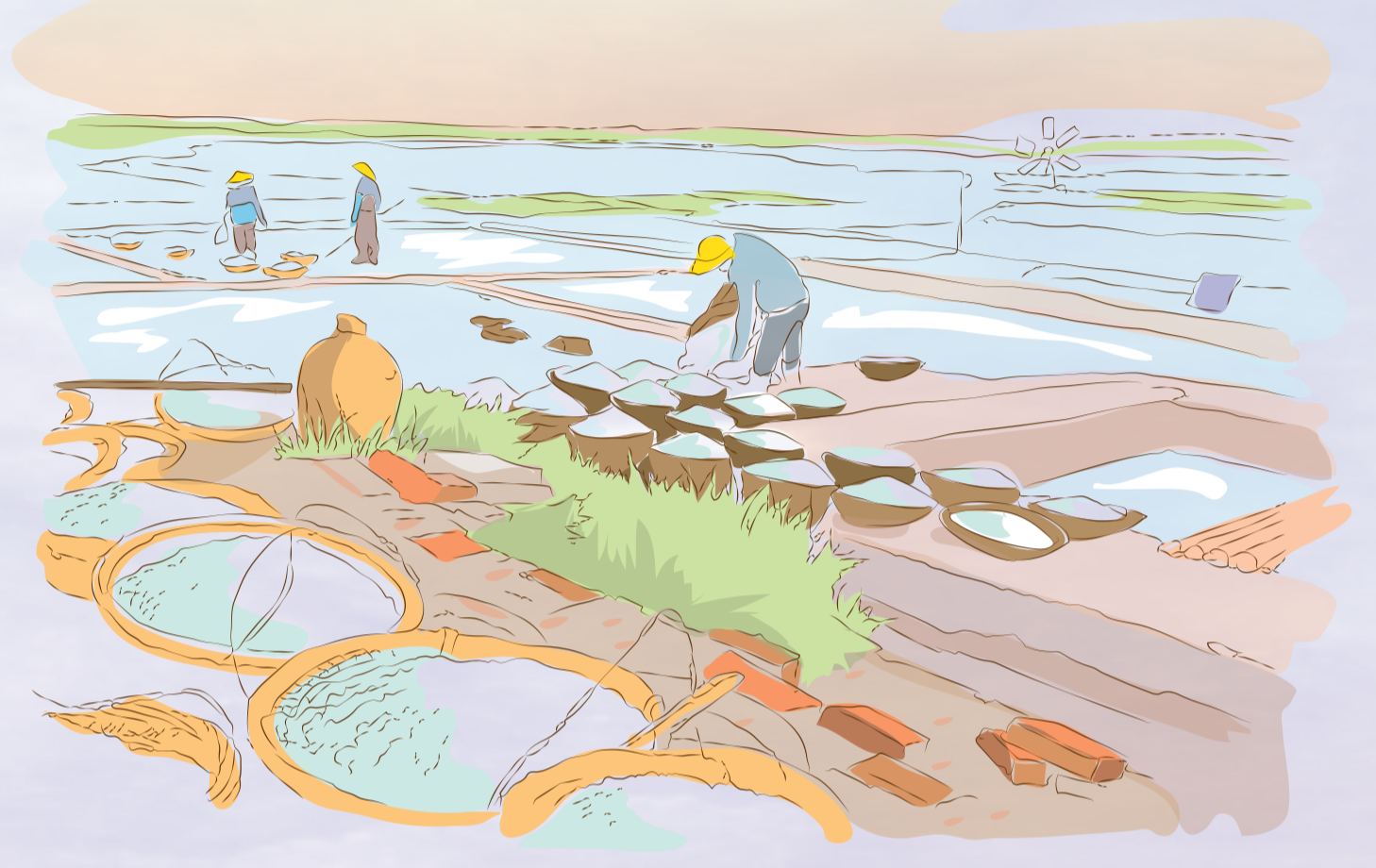


A Taste of Salt Tour

Zhounan Salt Fields

The Zhounan Salt fields were developed in 1824, ushering in the golden age of salt-drying for Budai. After salt production ended the fields gradually disappeared, but in 2008 the Budaizui Cultural Association restarted operations by combining salt production with local life and ecology to give visitors a taste of the different stages of salt production. Professional guides are provided to help visitors understand the surrounding plant and bird ecology.

Budaizui Cultural Association
No. 402, Xinouzai, Longjiang Village, Budai Township.
05-347-8817



Budai Salt Mountain

Budai once had 2,000 hectares of salt fields stretching from Dongshi to Yizhu. The salt industry created a golden age for the area, and left Budai with the image of mountainous piles of salt. But the industry disappeared and the salt fields are no more, and all that has been kept to remind us of the glory days is the 7-meter-tall Budai Salt Mountain.



No.13, Xincuo'ai, Xincuo Village, Budai Township
05-347-5979

Happy Photo Opportunity



This work in the Haomei Fishing Village Park is 48 meters long and 24 meters wide. It is the world's largest 3D street painting.



Haomei Ocean World

Haomei is Taiwan's first painted village and the first outdoor art museum in a Southwest Coast fishing village. Here, painting master Zeng Jin-cheng has been invited to create 18 unique and lively 3D paintings of sperm whales, giant squids, lantern fish, and other denizens of the deep. This has made Haomei a new tourist hotspot.

23° 20'19.9"N 120° 08'16.0"E

LOVE

The High-Heel Church is listed in Guinness World Records as the world's largest building in the shape of a shoe.

High-Heel Church

This unique structure in Haijing Park near the Budai Tourist Fish Market is 17 meters tall and 11 meters wide, and is covered by about 320 glass panels on a steel frame. The blue-tinted glass church is a striking building, with huge red letters spelling "LOVE" in front.



23° 22'40.3"N 120° 08'55.4"E

3D Cat Wall Murals

A 100-meter series of images depicting a feline love story is painted on the wall behind Buxin Primary School in Budai. The mural uses painted movie frames to display the process of romance from the time of meeting to the period of passionate love, marriage, children, and ageing together. Each frame has an interactive design that enables viewers to insert themselves into the story.

23° 22'39.6"N 120° 09'06.7"E



Wetland Eco-Travel

Waisanding Sandbar



With an area of more than 100 hectares, this is the largest sandbar along Taiwan's coast. Because of northeasterly monsoon winds and sea currents, it is shifting southwestward at a rate of 60-70 meters a year; at present, it is just over 10 kilometers off the coast of Dongshi Township. It has no residents now, and the only structure left on it is the Wengangui Lighthouse. Tourists can travel to the sandbar on recreational fishing rafts from Dongshi Harbor.

23° 29'08.0"N 120° 03'29.1"E

Aogu Wetlands and Forest Park

The Aogu Wetlands cover about 1,500 hectares in the west of Aogu Village, Dongshi Township, on tidal lands owned by the Taiwan Sugar Corp. The wetlands contain paddy fields, dry fields, windbreak forest, mangrove forest, grassy marsh, freshwater swamp, saltwater swamp, mud flats, and intertidal zones. This geographic environment, with little human disturbance, nurtures a diverse plant habitat that attracts all kinds of wildlife. More than 200 species of bird have been identified here, making this a bird-watcher's paradise. To protect this gem of ecological preservation, it was designated as the Aogu Major Wildlife Habitat in 2009. The Aogu Wetlands and Forest Park, which combines the wetlands and flatland forest area, was established in 2012.



23° 30'25.6"N 120° 09'24.8"E

Dongshi Natural Ecological Exhibition Center

This center, located at the entrance to the Aogu Wetlands and Forest Park, has a visitor center and bike-rental service on the first floor, while the second floor has displays of wetland-related materials and introductions to the wetland environment as well as farming and fishing village artifacts. Interpretative and interactive facilities help visitors understand local culture and the beauty of the wetlands.

No. 54, Sigu, Aogu Village, Dongshi Township.
05-360-1801
9:00 – 12:00 / 13:30 – 16:30
(Closed on Monday, unless Monday falls on a national holiday, and also closed on Lunar New Year's Eve through the 2nd day of the first Lunar month.)

Puzi Estuary Wetland

At 8,522 hectares, this is Taiwan's largest wetland and an ideal habitat for migratory birds. The Puzi River eco-tour is a major tourist activity for Dongshi, with visitors able to take a recreational fishing raft or ride a bicycle along the levee. Along the river you can see a mixed mangrove forest ecology, with black mangroves and kandelia mangroves. A bird-watching pavilion sits on the embankment. Chuanzaitou on the Puzi River estuary was once a distribution center for ocean freight, but business fell off and people moved away. Then the government began helping promote a series of local activities; come today, and you can experience the rural fishing-village life by barbecuing, camping, cooking in a clay oven, making pottery, riding an oxcart, or creating oyster-shell art.

23° 27'32.1"N 120° 10'35.5"E



Around 179 species of bird have been recorded here, and BirdLife International has designated this an "Important Bird Area."

Haomeiliao Nature Preserve

This large wetland surrounded by fish ponds offers sandbar, lagoon, windbreak forest, and mangrove landscapes that provide an undisturbed environment with easy foraging for a wide variety of life. Birds, especially, come to breed and stop over during migration. The preserve's shoreline has a windbreak forest about 3 kilometers long—one of the loveliest in Taiwan.

23° 21'48.6"N 120° 07'52.1"E

South Budai Wetland

This wetland, formed in 2001 of idled salt pans at the eastern edge of Haomeiliao Wetland, nurtures a richness of benthic creatures that attracts birds to live and breed. It is also an important overwintering spot for migrating birds. The relatively deep water at the western edge of the salt pans also produces valuable coastal fishery resources.

23° 22'14.4"N 120° 10'13.5"E

Budai Harbor Intertidal Oystershell Museum

This museum combines local ecological, cultural, and recreational elements, and provides interpretation that helps visitors enjoy the local fishing harbor, surrounding land, sandbars, intertidal zone, and mangrove forest.

No. 1, Zhongsheng Rd., Budai Township.
05-347-5555 / 05-347-4526

- Beimen Visitor Center**
09:00-17:30, Closed on Chinese New Year's Eve
No. 200, Jiucheng, Beimen Village, Beimen Dist., Tainan City.
Tel:06-786-1017
- Kouhu Visitor Center**
09:00-17:30, Closed on Chinese New Year's Eve
No. 163, Guangming Road, Wunan Village, Kouhu Township, Yunlin County.
Tel:05-790-6601
- Budai Visitor Center**
00:00-24:00
No. 61 Shun'an Road, Budai Township, chiayi County.
Tel:05-347-6788
- Qigu Visitor Center**
09:00-17:30, Closed on Chinese New Year's Eve
No. 102-8, Yancheng Village, Qigu Dist., Tainan City.
Tel:06-780-1751
- First Mapower Workshop**
09:00-17:00
No. 1-2, Waipu Kouhu Township, Yunlin County.
Tel:0963-120-203
- Budai 543 Story House**
09:00-17:00
No. 46, Ruchuan Rd. Budai Township, Chiayi County.
Tel:05-347-0051
- Jingzailiao Tile-paved Salt Fields**
09:00-18:00
No. 64, Jingzailiao, Beimen Dist., Tainan City.
Tel:06-786-1629
- Taiwan Salt Museu**
(It is temporarily closed for renovation. Sorry for the inconvenience.)
09:00-17:30
No. 69, Yancheng., Qigu Dist., Tainan City.
Tel:06-780-1775

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No. 119, Jiucheng, Beimen Dist., Tainan City.
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Dongshi Budai

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Waisanding Sandbar



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Cultural Sites

Dongshi's Xiantian Temple

With a history of more than 300 years, this temple was first established during the Kangxi reign (1662-1722) of the Qing Dynasty to house the Emperor Baosheng—the Lord Protector of Life. The Five Kings (plague gods) were later installed. This impressive temple is the center of worship for fisherfolk in the Dongshi area. Its most important event is the Burning of the King's Boat, held every five years. The temple also holds a three-day "lantern riddle" activity at the time of the Lantern Festival each year.



No. 246, Dongshi Village, Dongshi Township
05-373-2543

Xinwen Jiaying Temple

This is another center of local worship. Its most famous event, held on the 27th day of the 3rd lunar month each year, is the "Welcoming of Divine Guests in the Water" celebration. The idea is to welcome 20 plague gods who are said to come on a boat to visit at this time; Jiaying Temples invites deities from other temples to participate, and bearers of dozens of divine palanquins carrying deities plunge into the water to welcome the boat carrying the visitors.

No. 81, Fuxing Village, Budai Township
05-343-1302

Budai is one of the few seaside towns in Taiwan that do not worship Mazu, Goddess of the Sea, as their main deity. The town has a Mazu temple, to be sure, but it is far less popular than Jiaying Temple and its Three Lords of Jiulong.



Budai's Jiaying Temple

This harbor-side temple is host to Jiulong Sangong ("Three Lords of Jiulong"), said to have been brought to Taiwan by immigrants from mainland China during the Zheng Cheng-gong (Koxinga) period. The temple holds a Burning of the King's Boat festival during its jianjiao sacrificial ceremonies every 12 or 13 years.



No. 3 2, Ruchuan Rd., Jiulong Village, Budai Township
05-347-6225

Imperial Prince Sadanaru Landing Monument

When the Japanese occupied Taiwan in 1895 after the signing of the Treaty of Shimonoseki, they met strong local resistance and forces led by Imperial Prince Fushimomiya Sadanaru faced a fierce fight before they succeeded in landing at Budai. The Japanese erected this monument in 1923. After World War II anti-Japanese enthusiasts toppled the monument; it lay buried until 2002, when it was re-erected. It is now a county-designated historic site.



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Wanggang Taisheng Temple

"Wanggang" was an old name for Budai's Haomei Village. Taisheng Temple originated in the early 17th century as a small shrine to the sea goddess Mazu, erected when Zheng Zhi-long brought his people to Taiwan; Zheng Zhi-long's son, Zheng Cheng-gong (Koxinga), added plague gods to the temple. Today the temple's front court enshrines plague gods while the rear court is devoted to Mazu, whose image here was crafted in the Ming Dynasty.

No. 132, Haomei Village, Budai Township
05-343-1714



Self Drive

- From the north : Exit Freeway 1 or Freeway 3 at the system interchange, then take Provincial Expressway 82 westward to its termination at Dongshi.
- From the south : Exit Freeway 1 or Freeway 3 at the system interchange, then take Provincial Expressway 84 westward to its terminus at Dongshi; there, connect to Provincial Highway 61 or 17 and drive to scenic sites in the area.

Public Transportation

Chiayi Airport : 05-286-7886

No. 1, Rongdian Rd., Shuishang Township, Chiayi County
www.cya.gov.tw

THSR Chiayi Station : 02-6626-8000

No. 168, Gaotie W. Rd., Taibao City, Chiayi County
06:00-23:45
www.thsrc.com.tw

TRA Customer Service : 0800-765-888

www.railway.gov.tw

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Southwest Coast Route : 05-275-0895#333

(From) Chiayi City Transfer Station ↔ (to) Beimen Visitor Center

www.taiwantrip.com.tw/line/42

Bus

(1) Chiayi County Bus 05-278-8177

http://www.cybus.gov.tw

(2) Chiayi Bus 05-275-0895

http://www.cibus.com.tw

(3) Solar Bus 05-532-6167

http://www.solarbus.com.tw

(4) Taichung Bus 0800-800-126

http://www.tcbus.com.tw

(5) Aloha Bus 05-233-9900

http://www.aloha168.com.tw

(6) Yuanlin Bus 04-832-0320

http://www.ylbus.com.tw

(7) Kuokuang Bus 05-233-3272

http://www.kingbus.com.tw/

(8) Ubus 0800-241-650

http://www.ubus.com.tw/

(9) Singing Bus 06-633-1100

http://www.singing168.com.tw/

(10) Taisi Bus 05-632-2284

http://www.tsbus.com.tw/index.htm

Legal tourist yacht/Recreational fishing raft information

Old Captain Dongshi Fishermas' Wharf 0921-260-503
Shensheng Dongshi Fishermas' Wharf 0921-049-498
Ping'an Dongshi Fishermas' Wharf 0982-171-766
Waisanding Dongshi Fishermas' Wharf 0921-260-503

Sandbar Tiantan Dongshi Fishermas' Wharf 0953-551-777
Xingfu Dongshi Fishermas' Wharf 0982-889-887
Cisheng Baishuihu 0937-611-125

Hello Kitty Budai 0963-228-691
Miqi Budai 0963-228-691
Donald Duck Budai 0963-228-691
Dolphin Budai 0937-213-969
Dolphin Wangliao 0937-213-969
Dolphin NO.1 Wangliao 0937-213-969

Dongshi B&B No. 22-4, Chuanzitou, Niasong Village, Dongshi Township. 05-370-7619
Bofu's Home B&B No. 13, Chuanzitou, Niasong Village, Dongshi Township. 05-370-2667

Sky Gift Traditional Farm Homestay B&B No. 22-3, Chuanzitou, Niasong Village, Dongshi Township. 05-370-8078
Chuanzitou Homestay No. 22-3, Chuanzitou, Niasong Village, Dongshi Township. 05-370-3203

Budai Visitor Center (Ocean Hotel) No. 61, Shuan Rd., Cenhai Village, Budai Township. 05-347-6788
Dreamer Hotel No. 22, Xinbei Rd., Budai Township. 05-347-2755

Harmony Guest House No. 177, Xinnan Rd., Budai Township. 05-347-3183
Wind B&B No. 38, Xinbei Rd., Budai Township. 05-347-0260
Light Shadow B&B No. 117, Xinnan Rd., Budai Township. 05-347-0368

Happy Hotel No. 63, Xinnan Rd., 15th Neighborhood, Cenhai Village, Budai Township. 05-347-2288
Malaya Guest House No. 171, Xinnan Rd., Budai Township. 05-347-7696

Long Yuan Hotel No. 205, Puzaicuo, Donggang Village, Budai Township. 05-347-4618
Budai Harbor B&B No. 341-8, Xincuozi, Xincuo Village, Budai Township. 05-347-5589

Sun Moon Star Hostel No. 155, Xinnan Rd., Budai Township. 0930-793-700
Beach Canoe B&B No. 246, Haixing St., 10th Neighborhood, Cenhai Village, Budai Township. 0921-519-129

Seadragon Garden Restaurant No. 35-3, Yongtun Village, Dongshi Township. 05-373-0009
Huarong Seafood Restaurant No. 52-43, Wengang Village, Dongshi Township. 05-373-0612

Best Eats Seafood No. 39-7, Yongtun Village, Dongshi Township. 05-373-3968
Jinhai Garden Restaurant No. 589, Sanjiaocuo, Sanjia Village, Dongshi Township. 05-373-3661

Minghua Seafood Restaurant No. 130, Fulai, Fulai Village, Dongshi Township. 05-373-2558
Xiangfa Seafood Restaurant No. 6-14, Dongshi Village, Dongshi Township. 05-373-1111

Jiahong Fast Seafood No. 41-5, Dongshi Village, Dongshi Township. 05-373-0681
Best Taste Seafood Restaurant No. 206-3, Yuanshu Village, Dongshi Township. 05-373-3366

A-yi Seafood Snacks Dongshi Fisherman's Wharf, Dongshi Village, Dongshi Township. 05-373-1293
Heyu Seafood Shop No. 38, Yongtun Village, Dongshi Township. 05-373-362
Yuhua Snack Shop No. 75-2, Sanjia Village, Dongshi Township. 0932-890-083

168 Seafood Restaurant No. 584-3, Sankuacuo, Sanjia Village, Dongshi Township. 05-373-4178
Liangjiang Seafood Snacks Guanhai 3rd Rd., Dongshi Township. 05-373-3418

Yingbin Seafood Restaurant No. 359, Yong'an Village, Dongshi Township. 05-347-2335
Haizhongxian Seafood Restaurant No. 262, Zhongshan Rd., Budai Township. 05-347-6615

Haigang Seafood Restaurant No. 457, Taiping E. Rd., 22nd Neighborhood, Guangfu Village, Budai Township. 05-347-9967
Happy Creative Seafood No. 43, Zhongshan Rd., Budai Township. 05-347-9860

A-qiu Seafood No. 34, Bo'ai 2nd St., Budai Township. 05-347-3092
Shangqing Seafood No. 49, Zhongzheng Rd., Budai Township. 05-347-6708

Shangpin Seafood Restaurant No. 26, Zhongshan Rd., Budai Township. 05-347-6577
Longbin Seafood Restaurant No. 59, Zhongshan Rd., Budai Township. 05-347-5883

Yiwang Seafood No. 302, Zhongshan Rd., Budai Township. 05-347-9636
Shengdong Fresh Seafood No. 141, Xincen Village, Budai Township. 05-343-2527



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