



# Naked in Taiwan! Rabbit's Hot Spring Expedition: North Chapter

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## 捲兔的台灣裸湯：北部篇

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Taiwan is home to one of the highest densities of hot springs in the world, and there's no better way to experience them than at outdoor naked hot springs. What's the most authentic way to soak? What's the difference between sentō, super sentō, and onsen?

Join a rabbit as your guide on a hot spring adventure across northern Taiwan. Joyful, comprehensive, and meticulously researched, this book is the ultimate guide to the hot springs of northern Taiwan. From Wulai to Beitou, from Jinshan to Shamaoshan, no distance is too far when a hot spring awaits. Explore the astonishing variety of hot springs, learn proper etiquette, and understand the rules each establishment follows. And don't miss the delicious dishes that many bathhouses have to offer.

Featuring 11 carefully selected nude hot spring destinations in northern Taiwan, this book provides practical venue information, illustrated bathhouse interiors, entertaining anecdotes, hot spring insights, and inventive bathing accessories. Illustrator Tpcat personally visits each hot spring, capturing its unique atmosphere through charming, detailed illustrations.



## Author Tpcat

Tpcat is an illustrator and comic artist who loves creating mischievous, politically incorrect fluffy animals. Passionate about budget travel and hot spring adventures, Tpcat seeks to capture fleeting memories through images and share them with the world. Her representative works include the *Naked in Taiwan! Rabbit's Hot Spring Expedition* series.

# Soak It In: A Joyful and Meticulous Guide to the Magic of Hot Springs

by Shiuian Chiang

Located along the Pacific Ring of Fire, Taiwan is rich in natural hot springs. While its bathing traditions have been deeply influenced by Japanese onsen culture, they have also evolved into a uniquely Taiwanese form shaped by local conditions. *Naked in Taiwan! Rabbit's Hot Spring Expedition: North Chapter* takes readers on a comic-style tour of hot springs in northern Taiwan, guiding them not only through the act of bathing itself but also through the people and stories that gather around the pools.

Generally speaking, hot spring facilities in Taiwan operate in two main ways: bathing in swimwear, and the Japanese-style naked hot springs. For privacy reasons, photography is usually prohibited in nude baths, making visual

records of these spaces extremely rare. In this book, the author Tpcat transforms bathers into animal characters and, through richly detailed depictions of bathhouse interiors, reveals the hidden world of the hot spring pools.

*Naked in Taiwan! Rabbit's Hot Spring Expedition: North Chapter* introduces myriad hot spring venues of various sizes located in and around greater Taipei. These range from free public baths to upscale private bathhouses offering shuttle services. The book carefully documents every step of the experience, from transportation and ticket purchase to the layout of the bathing areas. Using bird's-eye-view illustrations, Tpcat meticulously records information normally only discovered

on site, including facility arrangements, pool sizes, and bathing routes. Details such as water temperature variations, rare massage installations, herbal baths, shower areas, resting lounges, and even the placement of toilets and lockers are all captured through drawings. Even the men's baths, which the author could not enter, are illustrated with the help of friends. In short, this book is a truly comprehensive visual catalogue of hot springs.

Beyond the spaces and facilities, Tpcat takes an ethnographic, observational approach, portraying the bathers themselves and the distinct cultures that emerge within each bathhouse. From analyses of bathing behaviors to snippets of gossip, readers can sense the atmosphere of each venue even before stepping inside.

Tpcat hopes this book will

encourage readers unfamiliar with nude hot springs to give them a try. Through its vivid, immersive documentation, *Naked in Taiwan! Rabbit's Hot Spring Expedition: North Chapter* effectively eases the anxiety surrounding these seemingly mysterious spaces. Interwoven with nearby travel suggestions and historical trivia, the book enriches the hot spring journey even further. Whether used as a practical guide or as a cultural observation, it offers a rewarding experience for hot spring enthusiasts alike.

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North Chapter

A Historic Public Bathhouse with Green Sulfuric Pools

# 龍乃湯浴室

Comic by Tpcat

Long Nice Hot Spring



Today's companions

Ms Monk Parakeet



Yeah!

Hi! ♥



Ms Owl

The bird duo that loves going to the hot springs after a hike. ♥

It's a bit hot!



Please remove your clothes to enter!

The space isn't huge!

Did you bring a towel?



This hot spring has been here since the Japanese occupation! It's really old. Should we go?

Oh yes!



That was how the trip was formed.

Long Nice Hot Spring has a rich history and is popular among first-time visitors to nude hot springs. The owner explains everything clearly.



Shower Area

Bathroom

The two pools switch temperatures in the summer.

46°C Hot pool

43°C Warm pool

Lockers

Hairdryers

Shoe rack

# Lessons from an Auntie Regular

Before going to Long Nice, I hear the regulars are a bit strict...



Scary... Miss, wait!



You need to wash your feet before entering the pool!

Oh, okay



The water is hot, please don't splash it around.

Lala

Oh, okay!



You've been soaking for a while, come up and rest.

Alright.



These aunties are so diligent. That's why it's so clean here!

Yeah.

Surprisingly compatible with Long Nice Hot Spring...

# The Passionate 46°C Green Sulfur Spring



Before we entered, the owner said...

The water is hot! OK?



Ah... It's really hot...

Should we rest a bit?



Is everyone standing up because the water's too hot?



They look like Moai statues.



You really can't soak for too long.

It's super hot.



This is already quite mild. Us regulars negotiated with the owner. It's 48°C on Friday nights!

Whoa!



You should come again on Friday night for research!

Ah...

Serious

Maybe...

# Interesting Trivia

