



Hot Springs of Taiwan

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Taiwan has many amazing places to visit. One of the most popular is the **hot spring**. A hot spring is water that comes up naturally from the ground. The water is very warm — sometimes very hot! Taiwan has hot springs in many places, like Beitou, Wulai, and Jiaoxi.

Hot spring water is special because it has **minerals** inside it. These minerals come from rocks deep in the earth. People believe the minerals are good for the skin and body. The water can look clear, white, or a little yellow.

Many people love to **soak** in a hot spring. They sit in the warm water for 15 to 30 minutes. After soaking, they feel calm and happy. Families and friends often go together to enjoy the water. Some hot springs are outdoors, and some are in private rooms indoors.

You can see **steam** rising from the water at hot springs. This happens because the water is so hot. In winter, the steam looks very beautiful. Some places are foggy and look like a dream. The air near a hot spring often has a strong smell, like sulfur.

The **temperature** of hot spring water is usually between 40 and 60 degrees Celsius. This is much hotter than a normal bath! Visitors should be careful not to stay too long. But most people agree — a hot spring visit in Taiwan is a wonderful experience.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. hot spring ____ | a. measure of how hot or cold something is |
| 2. mineral ____ | b. making you feel calm and less tired |
| 3. soak ____ | c. outside, not inside a building |
| 4. steam ____ | d. outer covering of the human body |
| 5. temperature ____ | e. water that comes up naturally from the ground and is very hot |
| 6. sulfur ____ | f. natural substance found in the earth, often good for health |
| 7. outdoor ____ | g. to sit or stay in water for a long time |
| 8. resort ____ | h. white cloud that rises from very hot water |
| 9. relaxing ____ | i. yellow natural substance with a strong smell found in some hot spring |
| 10. skin ____ | j. place where people go to rest and enjoy activities |

B. True or False

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| ____ 1. Taiwan has hot springs in many places. | ____ 2. Hot spring water has minerals inside it. |
| ____ 3. People usually soak in a hot spring for 15 to 30 minutes. | ____ 4. You can see steam rising from hot spring water. |
| ____ 5. Hot spring water is hotter than a normal bath. | ____ 6. All hot springs in Taiwan are indoors. |

___ 7. Hot spring water is always clear and has no color.

___ 8. The temperature of hot spring water is usually between 10 and 20 degrees Celsius.

___ 9. Steam rises from water because the water is very cold.

___ 10. Hot springs in Taiwan are only found in Beitou.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: hot spring, minerals, soak, steam, temperature, outdoor, sulfur, resort

1. A _____ is water that comes up naturally from the ground and is very warm.
2. Hot spring water has special _____ that come from rocks deep in the earth.
3. Many people love to _____ in warm water to feel calm and happy.
4. You can see _____ rising from the water because it is so hot.
5. The _____ of hot spring water is usually between 40 and 60 degrees Celsius.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. Where can you find hot springs in Taiwan?
2. Why do people think hot spring water is good for them?
3. What should visitors be careful about when using a hot spring?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you like to visit a hot spring in Taiwan? Why or why not?
2. How is a hot spring different from a normal bath at home?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-e, 2-f, 3-g, 4-h, 5-a, 6-i, 7-c, 8-j, 9-b, 10-d

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-T, 3-T, 4-T, 5-T, 6-F, 7-F, 8-F, 9-F, 10-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-hot spring, 2-minerals, 3-soak, 4-steam, 5-temperature

D. Comprehension:

1. You can find hot springs in many places in Taiwan, such as Beitou, Wulai, and Jiaoxi.
2. People think hot spring water is good for them because it has minerals that are good for the skin and body.
3. Visitors should be careful not to stay in the water too long, especially if the temperature is very high.