



Taiwan's Hot Spring Culture

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Taiwan is a small island with many mountains. Under some mountains, there is a **volcano**. The volcano makes the water very hot. This hot water comes up from the ground. People call it a hot spring. Taiwan has hot springs in many cities.

Long ago, Taiwanese people found these hot springs in the forest. They saw hot water and white **steam** rising into the air. The water was warm and clean. People started to visit the hot springs. Today, many towns build pools next to the hot springs for everyone to enjoy.

When people visit a hot spring, they bring a towel and simple clothes. They walk into the warm water slowly. Then they **soak** in the pool for twenty or thirty minutes. The hot water feels nice on tired arms and legs. Many people close their eyes and rest quietly.

Some hot springs have a big public pool. Many people share this pool together. Other hot springs have a small private room for one family. A private room costs more money, but it is quiet. Visitors can choose the pool they like best.

Doctors say hot spring water has good minerals for the skin. After a long soak, people feel calm and happy. They **relax** their body and mind. Every year, thousands of visitors travel to Taiwan just for the hot springs. Many come in winter, when the cold air makes the hot water feel even better.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. hot spring ____ | a. a bathing pool that many people use together |
| 2. volcano ____ | b. to rest and feel calm |
| 3. soak ____ | c. hot gas that rises from hot water |
| 4. mineral ____ | d. a person who travels to see or use a place |
| 5. relax ____ | e. to sit in water for a long time |
| 6. towel ____ | f. a natural substance in water or rock that is good for health |
| 7. public bath ____ | g. a cloth used to dry the body |
| 8. private room ____ | h. a small room for only one person or group |
| 9. steam ____ | i. natural hot water that comes up from under the ground |
| 10. visitor ____ | j. a mountain that can send out hot rock, gas, or heat from inside the earth |

B. True or False

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| ____ 1. Hot springs get their heat from a volcano. | ____ 2. Taiwan has no hot springs. |
| ____ 3. People soak in hot spring water to relax. | ____ 4. A private room is free for everyone. |
| ____ 5. Steam rises from the hot water. | ____ 6. Doctors say hot spring minerals are bad for the skin. |

- ___ 7. Many visitors travel to Taiwan for hot springs.
- ___ 8. A public pool is only for one family.
- ___ 9. People bring a towel when they visit a hot spring.
- ___ 10. Hot springs are more popular in winter.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: volcano, soak, steam, towel, relax, mineral, visitor, private room

1. The hot water comes from deep under a _____.
2. Many people like to _____ in the warm pool for a long time.
3. White _____ rises from the hot water into the air.
4. Before you go into the pool, bring a _____ to dry your body.
5. After a long soak, people feel calm and _____.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. Why is the hot spring water so hot?
2. What do people bring with them to a hot spring?
3. Why do many visitors travel to Taiwan in winter for hot springs?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you like to soak in a hot spring? Why or why not?
2. What other ways do people relax after a tiring day?



Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-volcano, 2-soak, 3-steam, 4-towel, 5-relax

D. Comprehension:

1. A volcano under the ground heats the water.
2. They bring a towel and simple clothes.
3. Because the cold air makes the hot water feel even better.

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