

# Taiwan's Hot Springs

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Taiwan has many hot springs. Hot springs are pools of **warm** water from the ground. The water is heated by rocks deep in the **earth**. Many people visit hot springs to relax.



The hot water is good for your body. It can help your **muscles** feel better. It can also make your skin soft. Some people say hot springs help them **sleep** well.

Taiwan has different kinds of hot springs. Some water is clear. Some has **minerals** that are white or brown. Some hot springs smell like eggs! This is because of a gas called sulfur.

Beitou is a **famous** hot spring area near Taipei. It has a hot spring **museum** and many pools. You can take a bus or MRT to get there. It is very popular with **visitors**.

When you visit a hot spring, you should follow the rules. Take a **shower** first to get clean. Don't stay in too long because the water is very hot. Hot springs are a special part of Taiwan!

## A. Vocabulary

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| 1. warm _____     | a. to rest and feel calm                  |
| 2. earth _____    | b. washing your body with water           |
| 3. muscles _____  | c. a place to learn about history         |
| 4. sleep _____    | d. a little hot; not cold                 |
| 5. minerals _____ | e. when you rest and close your eyes      |
| 6. famous _____   | f. the ground; the planet we live on      |
| 7. museum _____   | g. known by many people                   |
| 8. visitors _____ | h. natural things found in water or rocks |
| 9. shower _____   | i. people who come to see a place         |
| 10. relax _____   | j. parts of your body that help you move  |

## B. True or False

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| 1. Hot springs have cold water. _____        | 2. The water comes from deep in the earth. _____  | 3. Hot water is good for muscles. _____              |
| 4. All hot springs smell like flowers. _____ | 5. Beitou is near Taipei. _____                   | 6. You should shower before entering. _____          |
| 7. The water has minerals in it. _____       | 8. You should stay in for a very long time. _____ | 9. Many visitors come to Taiwan's hot springs. _____ |

## C. Fill in the Blanks

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**Word Bank:** warm, earth, muscles, minerals, famous, museum, shower

- Hot springs have \_\_\_\_\_ water from the ground.
- The water is heated by rocks deep in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hot water can help your \_\_\_\_\_ feel better.
- Some hot springs have \_\_\_\_\_ that are white or brown.
- You should take a \_\_\_\_\_ before entering the pool.

## D. Comprehension Questions

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- What are hot springs?
- Why is the water warm?
- What is good about hot spring water?
- Where is Beitou?
- What should you do before entering a hot spring?

## E. Discussion Questions

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- Would you like to visit a hot spring? Why?
- Do you like warm water or cool water more?
- How do you relax when you are tired?

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## Answer Key

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

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

**C. Fill Blanks:** 1-warm, 2-earth, 3-muscles, 4-minerals, 5-shower

**D. Comprehension:** 1. Pools of warm water from the ground; 2. Heated by rocks deep in the earth; 3. Good for muscles, makes skin soft, helps sleep; 4. Near Taipei; 5. Take a shower to get clean