

# OLD STREETS: A GUIDED TOUR INTO THE HEART OF TAIWAN'S HISTORIC COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

## 台灣老街：從街屋建築、城市文化、庶民美食，看見最懷念的時代故事，尋訪最道地的台灣味

*Embark on a captivating journey of nostalgia and discovery through Taiwan's once prosperous and eternally charming historic streets.*

The old streets of Taiwan are never short on charm: awash in the scents of local cuisine and lined with specialty shops and lively street stalls, they are a major draw for travelers of all stripes, from culture vultures and foodies to selfie-snappers and family day-trippers.

In vivid prose and captivating photographs, *Old Streets* guides readers through the rich and varied pasts of Taiwan's historic commercial streets, while also exploring nearby attractions ranging from temples and markets to museums and natural landscapes. Author/photographer Hsu Chieh seamlessly weaves cultural and historical insights with personal anecdotes, creating intimate portraits of these fascinating sites of preservation and renewal. Nostalgic overtones are balanced by the inclusion of several modern streets that carry a similar cultural weight, such as the underground booksellers street in Taipei.



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Documenting forty-nine historic streets (and six modern ones), *Old Streets* is a fascinating encounter with local architecture and culture that transcends the bounds of the traditional travel guide.

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At the age of 18, Hsu Chieh made it his goal to photograph the unique character of all of Taiwan's 368 townships, creating an authentic high-resolution portrait of Taiwan that he could share with the world. By pairing his photographs with travel writing, Hsu Chieh has authored a handful of thematically oriented travel books that explore Taiwan's railways, outlying islands, and local cuisine, among other subjects.