



A deluxe suite at Capella Taipei. Photo: Capella Taipei

CAPELLA TAIPEI, TAIWAN

This 86-room retreat in the city's leafy Songshan neighborhood is Capella Hotels and Resort's eighth property and an instant game-changer for the Taiwanese capital's high-end inventory. Through [Capella Taipei's](#) formidable bronze doors is Hong Kong-based design guru André Fu's interpretation of a modern mansion: an airy foyer hosts a console of local artisan curios backed by a stunning panel installation depicting the Taiwan Basin. A dramatic arch leads to the high-ceilinged lobby restaurant Plume, where I enjoyed a signature cocktail facing an abstract Klimt-like mural depicting blue magpies, Taiwan's endemic national bird.

The first two floors warmly embrace locals and the public with an ethereal wellness wing and dining options including Cantonese-inspired Rong Ju and seafood omakase at the moody Mizue den. It was difficult to pry myself from the trappings of my skyline pool terrace suite, a one-bedroom facing Taipei 101 tower with its own cabana, eight-seat dining table, heated lap pool, and Jacuzzi. Capella's robust menu of culturally immersive activities, though, made leaving my suite more than worthwhile. These are led by Capella Culturists, an enthusiastic and knowledgeable set who facilitate daily-changing workshops (called Capella Moments), lead hands-on local history lessons with light bites and beverages (Capella Rituals), and accompany guests to bespoke, off-campus excursions (Capella Curates). I won't soon forget my tour to the verdant hills of Pinglin, where I visited a family-run tea farm. *Doubles from \$700.* —[Travis Levius](#)