



The mysterious customs and traditions of the indigenous tribes, Taiwan's indigenous people, such as the Harvest Festival (Smatto), the Worship of Hunting (Mabuasu), spiritual rituals, totemism, and snake worship, give an extra dimension to Taiwan's culture. The indigenous tribes of Taiwan form the most northern branch of the Austronesia language group, and ethnically belong to the Malay race. Most indigenous tribes have retreated into the mountains; but although many are faced with assimilation, still some 16 different tribes that have their own languages, traditions, and tribal structure can be distinguished: the Amis, the Atayal, the Paiwan, the Bunun, the Puyuma, the Rukai, the Tsou, the Saisiyat, Yami, the Thao, the Kavalan, the Truku, the Sakizaya, the Sediq, the Kanakanavu and the Hla'alua.

AD 1952 musicologist Japan – black Zelong towards the Bunun Pasibutbut (millet harvest prayer song) sent to the UN cultural and educational organizations.

The well-known scholar of contemporary music after listening, marveling at ancient tribe and why is there such a complex sound, then Western musicologists music is believed to have originated from single, dual tone and theories developed to tone also scotched Since then rewrite the musical origins of said arguments. Between November ~ December, Bunun millet sowing festival is held annually, in order to be able to pray for a good harvest of millet, so the agency of man in a circle, with the chorus "millet harvest prayer song." Serbs believe that the better angels singing happier, millet this year will be fruitful. Therefore, everyone sang with reverent mood. When the song started, in fact, only four of the chorus, but to a certain range of high level, there have been eight different track scales, so it is called the world eight chorus. This is also unique in the world and sound manner.



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Flying Fish Festival of the Yami

The lives of the Yami (sometimes called Tao) people are closely intertwined with the Flying Fish Festival. Each year the flying fish come with the Kuroshio Current from January to June, and this brings a rich harvest of fish for the Yami living on Orchid Island. That is why the tribe's people believe that these fish are gifts from the gods, and why they treasure this natural resource. Some of the tribe's social customs and taboos are also closely associated with the coming and going of the flying fish.



Harvest Ceremony of the Amis Tribe

The Harvest Festival is the largest festival of the Amis tribe. Different villages hold separate festivals during July and August; the festival has three stages, including welcoming the spirits, feasting the spirits, and sending the spirits off. In modern times, the ceremony has been shortened and the religious ceremonies simplified. Several activities have been added, including a race, tug-of-war, and arrow shooting competition. The festivities, once limited to tribal participation, are now open to the general public.



Mayasvi Ceremony of the Lu Kai Tribe

Every year around August 15, the Rukai year organizes the annual harvest festival days, the harvest festival is the most important agricultural Rukai ritual ceremonies ... After a year's crop harvest, residents tribes in order to bring the harvest of crops thank God, and pray God-given peace, will organize a series of rituals activities. Moreover, in addition to pray for the harvest festival of harvest of millet, but also to pray for a good harvest of other crops; moreover, war, hunting, wealth and even worship rite ... with men, but also the content of all worship, ceremonies often as long as Shi Yuri, is a comprehensive festival. Harvest Festival is usually in the morning and eight, nine began offering the venue take several thatched houses and hanging auspicious symbol hundred-pacer and Ra portrait.



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A population of about 29,555 people (103 in September data), dating back about three or four hundred years ago, from Nantou County over the central mountains Chilai Mountain overcome steep natural environment, eastward along the Liwu River Valley, hundreds of Nantou years already and rural development not the same as the original ethnic style, they had experienced the longest war against Japan, a long time, have toiled together to create the future of the tribe. Taroko tribe in addition to good hunting, weaving, yet retain the traditional system of Cutler and witchcraft, also organizes the annual festival of ancestral spirits.



. Puyuma tribe

Found in southern Taitung Rift Valley, which has overall control of the eastern heyday seventy ethnic communities. The current population of about 13,326 people (103 in September data), the whole family separation eight tribes, there were "eight Fan Club" of. Vary among tribes origin legends can be divided into: the "Bamboo born 'origins Beinan group and from" stone and students' origins Chihpen group. Traditional social organizations as well as the eldest male family bearing age dominated organization. Men's club for the political center and educational establishments, unmarried men must live in the club received military training in order to defend the tribe, and in accordance with age into several age classes.



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