

A Week in the Life of a Landscape Architect: Hui-Li Lee



TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

City Hall presentation to mayor of oceanfront park alternatives. Good direction for a land bridge between ocean and mountain connecting wildlife and people. Next day workshop and site visit with client group and marine experts to discuss the vision for shoreline restoration. Off to Shanghai to stay in my favorite hotel, Puli.



MONDAY

Work on presentation PPT mid-flight; sleep and watch "Mermaid", a Chinese comedy. It's the only time I can watch a movie without kids interrupting.

SUNDAY

Leave home at mid-night, after twins go to bed. Fly from SF to Hong Kong, then a 40-minute boat ride to Zhuhai to meet with the mayor for the Tangjia Bay project, a major oceanfront park design.

SAN FRANCISCO

FRIDAY

Breakfast with a friend/client in Shanghai to catch up on life and a potential park project. Leave Shanghai for home and purposely transfer flights in my hometown of Taipei, Taiwan, to spend a few hours with family in the airport. Mom brought a huge bag of my favorite Taiwanese snacks to enjoy them for months and cure my homesickness!

SATURDAY

Wake up at home with beautiful California sunshine; go for a short hike in Marin with twins and husband. It is a moment of deep happiness, feeling the job is well done and spending quality family time.

THURSDAY

Early morning high-speed train to Suzhou for Suzhou Center project TV doc interview; construction site visit and paving mock-up review. Excited to see project finally emerging from paper.

