

GHOST MONTH IN TAIWAN

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SYNOPSIS

Only if the dead are appeased, they won't trouble the realm of the living. To maintain spiritual harmony, oriental countries with Chinese cultural roots perform ceremonies to worship ancestry, sacred deities, and not least – the ghosts. Surprisingly, it's the small island of Taiwan that is said to have cultivated the most sophisticated cultural agenda in Asia. During special occasions like Ghost Month the Taiwanese burn spiritual currency and meaningful paper replicas which they believe become real in their ancestors' afterlife. Today, the ancient tradition has turned into a lucrative business. Parallel with the society's thirst for modern knickknack, the spirits too will receive anything from phones to sports cars, and from sophisticated villas to custom made gifts.

CAST AND CREW

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ORIGINAL TITLE

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FORMAL CATEGORIES

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