Driving through the Pacific Ring of Fire

22/09/2026 The latest edition of Curves magazine takes readers to the island of Taiwan. Photographer Stefan Bogner discovers a region seemingly built for soulful driving: dramatic mountain ranges, steep valleys, tropical shores and a dense web of twisty roads that wind their way through some of Asia's most spectacular landscapes.

With Taiwan, Stefan Bogner returns to Asia, a region that has long fascinated the creator of Curves magazine. Situated on the western edge of the Pacific Ring of Fire, the island combines dramatic landscapes with some of the world's most rewarding driving roads.

Though only roughly the size of Baden-Württemberg, Taiwan is home to mountain ranges that rise to nearly 4,000 metres. For Bogner, it is the perfect backdrop: roads twisting through the highlands in seemingly endless sequences of hairpins, revealing ever-changing views of the sea, drifting clouds and spectacular mountain scenery.

But the new edition does more than follow Taiwan's most spectacular driving roads. It also explores the

island's geological origins, its unique position between continents and oceans, and a culture that blends tradition and modernity in distinctive ways. From vibrant metropolises and centuries-old temples to bustling night markets and remote mountain regions, it paints a portrait of a place defined by striking contrasts.

Particularly striking are Taiwan's dramatic natural contrasts: tropical conditions along the coast, cool alpine landscapes rising beyond 3,000 metres, and lush vegetation shaped by the island's monsoon climate. Those who venture beyond the main routes and explore Taiwan's quieter back roads discover a side of the island that reaches far beyond the scope of conventional travel guides.

The result is a road trip through one of Asia's most captivating island landscapes and a destination made for those who see driving as an integral part of the journey itself. Curves Taiwan is available now, inviting readers to discover the island's extraordinary roads, remarkable scenery and rich cultural heritage through Stefan Bogner's distinctive lens.

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Consumption data

Macan GTS (WLTP)*: Electrical consumption combined: 20.6 – 18.5 kWh/100 km; CO_2 emissions combined: 0 g/km; CO_2 class: A

*Further information on the official fuel consumption and the official specific CO_2 emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the "Leitfaden über den Kraftstoffverbrauch, die CO_2-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen" (Fuel Consumption, CO_2Emissions and Electricity Consumption Guide for New Passenger Cars), which is available free of charge at all sales outlets and from DAT (Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH, Helmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, www.dat.de).

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