



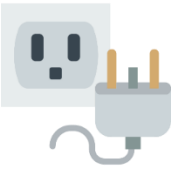




Travel Information

About Taiwan

Taiwan's culture is fine and diverse. At each corner, one can find some unique stories and local sentiments to enjoy. You are cordially to travel in Taiwan and discover people's lifestyles. The beautiful island has many off-the-beaten-track destinations to offer. Why not savor Taiwan's culture and nature and meet our hospitable locals! Friendly, wise and full of wonderful experiences – Taiwan cordially awaits you!

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	Weather Taiwan enjoys a subtropical climate with warm weather all year round. Taiwan is extremely suitable for traveling. It will be around 27-33 degree Celsius in July in Taipei.
	Time Zone Taipei is 8 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
	Electricity Taiwan uses electric current of 110 volts at 60 cycles, appliances from Europe, Australia or South-East Asia will need an adaptor or transformer.
	Currency The official currency in Taiwan is the New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$). Foreign currencies can be exchanged at government-designated banks and hotels. Major credit cards such as American Express, Master Card, and Visa are accepted and traveler's checks may be cashed at foreign-exchange banks, some tourist-oriented businesses, and most international tourist hotels.
	Tipping Tipping is not customary in Taipei, but some hotels and restaurants automatically add a 10% service fee to the bill.



Tax / VAT

- Eligible Applicants:

Foreign travelers who enter the R.O.C. with the following documents and stay for no more than 183 days from the date of Arrival:

1. Passport of a country other than the R.O.C.
2. R.O.C. passport without personal ID No. recorded.
3. Travel documents.
4. Exit & Entry permit.
5. Temporary entry permit

- Requirements for VAT Refund:

Foreign travelers, with the entry document, who make purchases of at least NT\$2,000 on the same day from the same designated stores with the "Taiwan Tax Refund"-label are eligible to request the "Application Form for VAT Refund." To claim the refund, they must apply at the port of their departure from the R.O.C. within 90 days following the date of purchase, and they must take the purchased goods out of the country with them. [More Information](#)



Health System

Ranked as one of the best universal health care systems in the world, Taiwan prides itself as having over 99% of its population coverage to both residents and nationals. Satisfaction rates have an approval rating of over 80% and there are many English-speaking doctors available for any health concerns.



Destination Taipei

The city is situated in a basin in northern Taiwan that was inhabited by aboriginal peoples until settlers from China moved into the area about 300 years ago. Eastern Taipei was largely underused fields until the nineteen-seventies, when the city began to develop the area as a financial and commercial district. Here, the modern face of Taipei shines through, with its glass and steel skyscrapers, wide boulevards, and the world's tallest building, Taipei 101. Taipei also boasts dozens of world-class performance venues, where you can enjoy world-class theater and concert events. The city also offers a wide range of other diversions -- shopping malls, nightclubs, live-music bars, quality hotels, and exotic restaurants.

Transportation



Airline

In Northern Taiwan, there are two main airports, **Taoyuan International Airport** in Taoyuan city and **Taipei Songshan Airport** in Taipei city. There are 60 international airline companies with flights to Taiwan. To be eco-friendly to our environments, we'd like to invite you to have your trips with these airlines which take part in Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) or other similar projects.



Mass Rapid Transit System (MRT)

The MRT currently has six lines in operation. Tickets can be purchased at automatic-ticket machines in all MRT stations. A "Single-journey Ticket" costs between NT\$20 to NT\$65 depends on distance. A NT\$180 "Taipei one-day Pass" purchased from a service booth will allow unlimited travel among all MRT lines within one day. The MRT runs from 6 am to 12 midnight seven days a week. Smoking, eating, drinking or gum chewing are strictly prohibited on all MRT trains.

- [Travel Pass Discounted Ticket \(One-Day, Multi-day Pass and more\)](#)
- [Joint Tickets \(Taipei Metro & Taoyuan Airport MRT and more\)](#)



Taxi

Taipei has a huge fleet of taxis. Charges are NT\$70 for the first 1.25km and NT\$5 for each additional 200 meters. An additional NT\$5 is charged for every two minutes of waiting, and a 20% surcharge is added to fares between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. All fares appear on the meter, except for a NT\$10 charge for cabs dispatched by phone and for each piece of luggage placed in taxi trunk. Tips are not required.



Youbike

The Taipei Bike Sharing System is abbreviated as YouBike. It uses an unmanned automated management system to provide “A Leases and B Returns” 24- hour bike rental service, in hope that the citizens will choose bikes as their short-distance transit vehicles. You may rent a Youbike either as a Member or as a Single rental user. Single Rental users can use Kiosks at each station to rent a bike and use credit cards to pay usages fees. The rate is NT\$ 10 per 30 minutes within the first 4 hours, NT\$ 20 per 30 minutes between 4 to 8 hours, and NT\$ 40 per 30 minutes exceeding 8 hours.



Taipei Attraction



National Palace Museum

The National Palace Museum houses the world's largest collection of priceless Chinese art treasures, one which spans China's nearly 5,000-year history. Most of the museum's over 600,000 art objects were part of the Chinese imperial collection, which began over 1,000 years ago in the early Song dynasty. [Travel Information](#)



Jiufen Old Street

Jiufen is an old mountain village in Ruifang District of New Taipei City, and has perhaps the best old street in all of Taiwan, with authentic Taiwanese food, sloping steps, traditional Chinese architecture, and great views of Su Ao and Keelung Harbors. There are also multiple historical sights within the town. The entire village is built on a mountain slope, so that you can enjoy views of Taiwan's north coast from basically anywhere in the city. [Travel Information](#)



Xingtian Temple

This is young temple, built in 1967, with a simple and dignified appearance. In front of the hall is a censer with a somewhat unusual design, its two handles in the shape of flying dragons and its four sides adorned with dragons' heads stretching toward the sky. The courtyard of the temple is usually busy, with crowds of worshippers bowing their heads or kneeling in devotion. On the main altar you will see offerings of only fresh flowers and tea, since the temple forbids the killing of offering of animals. The temple supplies free candles, and there is no donation box-a first for traditional religion in Taiwan!. [Travel Information](#)



Raohe Street Tourist Night Market

Raohe Street Tourist Night Market is located on Raohe Street, Taipei, 600 meters in length. This area was called Xikou and was a business center because of its location and transportation. However, with the development of transportation, Raohe Street has become a secondary road and the business has also declined. Therefore, the government set up a night market in 1987. It is the second tourist night market in Taipei. Various products and local foods are sold in the night market. [Travel Information](#)



Xinyi Shopping District

Xinyi is a one-of-a-kind tourism area in Taiwan. Xinyi is also home to Taiwan biggest bookstore chain, Eslite and the international landmark Taipei 101 building, Songshan Cultural and Creative Park, an internationally-renowned Michelin star restaurant, eye-catching buildings and installation art, and the annual Taipei New Year Eve Party all further add to the sparkle of Xinyi District. For shopping, entertainment and delicious cuisine to art, culture and international MICE facilities, Xinyi District serves up the best of Taiwan. [Travel Information](#)



Dihua Street

Dihua Street, one of the most charming tourist spots in the city, is one of the oldest streets in Taipei — certain sections even date back to the 1600s, when parts of Taiwan were under Dutch colonial rule. It is located in Dadaocheng, the oldest remaining neighbourhood of Taipei, and retains much of its history and architecture due to conservation efforts by the government. Once one of the biggest centres for trade in Taipei, Dihua Street is still very commercially active, with a multitude of shops selling tea, dried goods, incense, traditional medicinal products, fabric, local crafts, and more. It's a great area to explore for its beautiful architecture and a glimpse into Taipei's history. [Travel Information](#)



Treasure Hill



Treasure Hill Artist Village Located along the Xindian River in Taipei's Gongguan district, Treasure Hill Artist Village is situated in a historical milieu centered on Treasure Hill Temple, a municipal historical site, and extending generally to the surrounding settlement. Illegal shanties, erected mainly in the 1960s and 1970s, meander up the natural slope, haphazard and intricate, forming one of Taiwan's unique visual landmarks. In 2004 Treasure Hill Temple was formally registered as a historical building, and officially opened on October 2, 2010. It currently is engaged in three major projects: historical community preservation work, an Artist-in-Residence program, and Treasure Hill Traveler's Hostel.

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