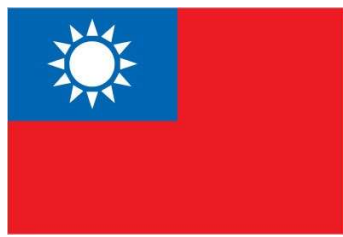


Taiwan

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Taiwan. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in Taiwan.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

The US does not have an embassy in Taiwan; commercial and cultural relations with the people of Taiwan are maintained through an unofficial instrumentality, the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), a private nonprofit corporation that performs citizen and consular services; telephone [886] 7-335-5006; FAX [886] 7-338-0551; American Institute in Taiwan, Tel: (+886) (02) 2162-2000; No. 100, Jinhu Road, Neihsu District 11461, Taipei City, Taiwan; TaipeiACS@state.gov; <https://www.ait.org.tw/>

Types of Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html>

Telephone Code

886

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 119; Fire: 119; Police: 110

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Taiwan: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, Japanese encephalitis, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; marine; rainy season during southwest monsoon (June to August); persistent and extensive cloudiness all year

Currency (Code)

New Taiwan dollars (TWD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

110 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B



Major Languages

Mandarin Chinese, Taiwanese (Min Nan), Hakka dialects, approximately 16 indigenous languages

Major Religions

Buddhist, Taoist, Christian

Time Difference

UTC+8 (13 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Taipei (includes Taipei 101, Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, Longshan Temple, National Palace Museum, Shilin Night Market); Yangmingshan National Park; Chimei Museum; Kenting Street; Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum

Major Sports

Baseball, soccer, basketball, golf, softball

Cultural Practices

Respect for elders is considered vital, as is loyalty toward the family. Eating is a central part of the culture, and people in Taiwan are proud of their cuisine. At home, meals bring the family together and last longer than in many other societies.

Tipping Guidelines

A service charge of 10-15% is typically added in restaurants. Taxis do not require a tip.

Souvenirs

Jade jewelry and other jade items; coral, agate, and other precious stone jewelry and decorative items; bamboo items; hand-tailored clothing; Seagrass items; glass figurines; ceramics/pottery; Chinese musical instruments; traditional dolls in costumes; hand-painted palace lanterns; lacquerware; teak furniture; replica antiques; teas; beauty products

Traditional Cuisine

Beef Noodle Soup — a soup made with beef, broth, vegetables, noodles, and spices and often served with seaweed and braised dried tofu

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