Welcome to Taiwan

Taiwan is a gorgeous place, surrounded by water and green hills across the entire island. The friendly locals add to its charm, making it a lively and welcoming destination. It's a blend of tradition and modernity, where ancient temples and busy night markets exist. Visitors can experience a wide variety of traditional celebrations, religious practices and ethnic cultures.

Taiwan welcomes friends from all over the world. Regardless of age or interests, an attractive itinerary awaits. Discover Taiwan and enjoy a new and interesting travel experience! – Taiwan cordially awaits you!
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All territories in same time zone, GMT +8 hours (no seasonal adjustments)

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**Tipping**
Tipping is not customary in Taiwan. However, 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 globally, Taiwan prides itself on having over 99% of its population coverage to residents and nationals. Satisfaction rates have an approval rating of over 80%, and many English-speaking doctors are available for any health concerns.

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About Taipei, Taiwan

Taipei is the capital city of Taiwan and is located in northern part of the island. It is a cosmopolitan city with a mix of modern and traditional cultures, making it a popular destination for both tourists and expatriates. Taipei is known for its towering skyscrapers, bustling street markets and night markets.

In addition, the city is renowned for its excellent transportation network, including a comprehensive metro system, making it easy for visitors to get around and explore. It is also home to several temples, museums, and parks, including the iconic Taipei 101 building and the National Palace Museum, which houses a vast collection of Chinese art and artifacts.
There are two main airports in Northern Taiwan, Taoyuan International Airport in Taoyuan city and Taipei Songshan Airport in Taipei city. These two airports are one of the important hubs in Pacific Region. In order to be more effectively protecting our environment, we would like to invite you to be part of the eco-friendly traveler group and book your trips with airlines which take part in Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) or other similar projects.

The Taipei MRT currently has six lines in operation. Tickets can be purchased at ticket machines in all MRT stations. A "Single-journey Ticket" costs between NT$20 to NT$65 depending on the distance. NT$180 "Taipei one-day Pass" purchased at any service booth MRT stations where gives you to take all the MRT lines and buses with unlimited entry. The MRT runs from 6 am to 12 midnight seven days a week. Smoking, eating, drinking, or chewing gum are prohibited on all MRT stations and on all trains

- Travel Pass Discounted Ticket (One-Day, Multi-day Pass, and more)
- Joint Tickets (Taipei Metro & Taoyuan Airport MRT and more)
Taipei has a huge fleet of taxi. Taxi fare charges are NT$70 for the first 1.25km and NT$5 for every 200 meters. An additional NT$5 is charged for every two minutes of waiting, and a 20% surcharge is added to fares between 11 pm and 6 am. All fares appear on the meter, except for a NT$10 charge for cabs dispatched by phone and each piece of luggage placed in the taxi trunk. Tips are not required.

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 the hope that the citizens will choose bikes as their short-distance transit vehicles. You may rent a Youbike either as a Member or a one-time rental user. Single Rental users can use Kiosks at each station to rent a bike and use credit cards to pay. 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.

Taoyuan Airport Rapid Transit System (Taoyuan Airport MRT)
The Taoyuan Airport Rapid Transit system was officially opened on March 2, 2017, serving from A1 Taipei Station to Taoyuan Chungli A21 Huanbei Station.
- Travel Pass Discounted Ticket (One-Day, Periodic Ticket/Group Ticket, and more)
- Joint Tickets (Taipei Metro & Taoyuan Airport MRT and more)
The National Palace Museum is a world-renowned museum that houses over 700,000 ancient Chinese artifacts and works of art, including ceramics, jade, bronze, and painting. The collection spans over 8,000 years of Chinese history, from the Neolithic period to the end of the Qing dynasty in 1912. The museum is known for its extensive and diverse collection of Chinese imperial treasures, including many rare and unique pieces, such as the famous jadeite "Meat-shaped Stone".
Taipei 101 is a skyscraper and the highest located in Taipei, Taiwan. It was completed in 2004 and was the tallest building in the world until the Burj Khalifa was completed in 2010. The building is 508 meters tall and has 101 floors, hence the name. It features a distinctive postmodern design with a large cylindrical shape and is a mix of office, retail, and entertainment space. It also has an observation deck on the 89th floor offering panoramic views of Taipei city. The building is a landmark in Taipei and has become a symbol of the city's modern development.
Ximending is a shopping district in the Wanhua of Taipei, Taiwan. It's known for its vibrant street culture, fashionable shops, and popular entertainment options. Ximending is often referred to as the "Harajuku of Taipei" due to its resemblance to the shopping district in Tokyo, Japan. It's a popular tourism attraction, attracting both local and international visitors with its trendy boutiques, food stalls, and cultural landmarks, such as the Red House Theater.

Ximending is a hub for youth culture and fashion, becoming one of the popular places when visitors travel to Taipei.
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.
This is a 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 are shaped by flying dragons and its four sides are adorned with dragons' heads stretching toward the sky.

The temple's courtyard 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 an offering of animals. The temple supplies free candles, and there is no donation box—a first for traditional religion in Taiwan!
Jiufen Old Street is a historic street located in the mountains near Ruifang District, New Taipei City, Taiwan. It is a popular tourist destination known for its traditional architecture, street food, and stunning views of the Pacific Ocean. The ally is lined with small shops selling local snacks and souvenirs, as well as teahouses offering traditional tea ceremonies. Visitors can also explore the historic Jiufen village, which dates back to the late 19th century and was once a prosperous gold mining town. Today, Jiufen Old Street provides a glimpse into Taiwanese's rich cultural history.
Visa Application
Before visiting Taiwan, please check your visa requirements and make sure you have passports or travel documents valid for more than six months.

Visa-Exempt Entry
There are more than 60 countries are eligible for Visa-exempt entry. For more details, please visit here.

e-Visa
Nationals of the following countries are eligible for an eVisa: Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Dominica, Ecuador, Kiribati, Kuwait, Mauritius, Montenegro, Oman, Panama, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Solomon Islands, Turkiye, United Arab Emirates, Kosovo and Bosnia-Herzegovina. For more details, please visit here.

Travel Authorization Certificate
Citizens from Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam with certain requirements can apply for Travel Authorization Certificate. For more details, please visit here.

VISA Application for Mainland China, Hong Kong & Macau

大陸人士
持大陸地區護照之與會者，請參考以下連結：
• 大陸地區人民旅居國外或香港澳門線上申請來臺從事觀光活動須知，申請詳情。
• 大陸地區人民來臺從事個人旅遊觀光活動線上申請須知，申請詳情。
• 持中港澳護照申請入台證，申請詳情。

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Other Information

- **Taipei Tourism Bureau (Travel Guide)**
- **Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Visa)**
- **Taiwan Halal Certified Restaurants**
- **Muslim-friendly Environment**