

# Taiwan



## Travel Information



# About Taiwan

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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. Taiwan is a place of natural beauty, cultural richness and freedom. With its unique fusion of cultures, breathtaking scenery, diverse cuisine, exciting city life and well developed hospitality industry, Taiwan is an ideal destination for many types of travelers. Citizens of more than 60 countries and territories are eligible for visa-exempt entry for a period of 30 or 90 days– Taiwan cordially awaits you!

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## Useful Travel Information

### Weather

Taiwan has a tropical maritime climate with hot summers and mild winters. The average temperature ranges from 20-30°C (68-86°F) in summer and 10-20°C (50-68°F) in winter. There is a high level of humidity throughout the year.

### Time Zone

All territories in same time zone, GMT +8 hours (no seasonal adjustments)

### 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 Taiwan, but some hotels and restaurants automatically add a 10% service fee to the bill.

## Tax / VAT

### VAT Refund Requirements:

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:

With the entry document, foreign travelers 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.

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## 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.

# About Taipei

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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.

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## Transportation

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.



**Airline**



## 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 depending on the 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 chewing gum are 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\$85 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.



## 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 the hope that the citizens will choose bikes as their short-distance transit vehicles. You may rent a You-bike either as a Member or 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.



## National Palace Museum

The National Palace Museum houses the world's most extensive collection of priceless Chinese art treasures, 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.



## Jiufen Old Street

Jiufen is an old mountain village in Ruifang District of New Taipei City. It 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 numerous 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.

## Xingtian Temple

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!



## 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 transport, 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.



## Ximending

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.



## 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 neighborhood of Taipei, and retains much of its history and architecture due to conservation efforts by the government.

Once one of the biggest centers for trade in Taipei, Dihua Street is still very commercially active, with many 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.



## Other Information

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

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