

Taiwan

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	US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required for stays under than 90 days.
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, Jinhua Road, Neihu District 11461, Taipei City, Taiwan; TaipeiAC@state.gov; https://www.ait.org.tw/
LGBTQIA+ Travelers	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) travelers can face unique challenges when traveling abroad. Laws and attitudes in some countries may affect safety and ease of travel. Legal protections vary from country to country. Many countries do not legally recognize same-sex marriage. Approximately seventy countries consider consensual same-sex sexual relations a crime, sometimes carrying severe punishment.
	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.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
	 Type A  Type B
Major Languages	Mandarin Chinese, Taiwanese (Min Nan), Hakka dialects, approximately 16 indigenous languages
Major Religions	Buddhist 35.3%, Taoist 33.2%, Christian 3.9%, folk (includes Confucian) approximately 10%
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