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Introduction

A familiarity with the following programs and organizations is important to your stay in Taiwan :

The Fulbright Program

The Fulbright Program is named for the late Senator J. William Fulbright, who introduced into the U.S. Congress the original legislation for the Program, the Fulbright Act, signed into law on August 1, 1946. Currently, the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 provide the legislative authority for the Program, which aims "to enable the government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries."

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB)

The FSB is composed of twelve educational and public leaders appointed by the President of the United States. It establishes program policy, supervises academic exchanges, and selects participating individuals and institutions.

U.S. Department of State

The Office of Academic Exchange Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State is the organization most directly related to the Fulbright exchange program, in terms of budget and program planning.

Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)

The Council (CIES) provides administrative services for all senior Fulbright scholars, especially in academic matters. Besides taking charge of the recruitment and selection of the American scholar programs, CIES also provides services to foreign scholars who are selected as Fulbright scholar grantees.

In addition to the Fulbright research scholar grants for American and foreign research scholars, CIES also administers, in coordination with U.S. institutions and the Foundation, other programs

such as the Foreign Scholar in Residence program.

CIES has a website at : <http://www.cies.org> or <http://iie.org/cies>

Institute of International Education (IIE)

IIE is under contract to the U.S. Department of State to organize publicity, receive and process applications, and through its National Screening Committee, make recommendations to the FSB for graduate study grants under the Fulbright Program.

IIE also has a website at <http://www.iie.org/fulbright>

Besides handling student programs for both American and foreign students, IIE also administers other fellowship programs.

Foundation for Scholarly Exchange (FSE)

(學術交流基金會)

The Foundation is one of about 50 bi-national/bilateral organizations in the world that have been established specifically to administer the Fulbright program outside the U.S. In addition to screening and selecting candidates for Fulbright grants for Taiwan students and researchers to go to the U.S, the Foundation makes the final selection and, in some cases, arranges placement for American students and scholars coming to Taiwan. For American grantees, it provides pre-arrival information and post-arrival assistance and orientation; issues maintenance stipends and other allowances; provides letters of introduction to local organizations; and is available to assist grantees in any other ways possible during their stay in Taiwan.

American Institute in Taiwan (AIT)

(美國在台協會)

Under the authorization of the Taiwan Relations Act, the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) was established in 1979 as a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C. to permit continuation of cultural, commercial and other relationships between the U.S. and Taiwan, after diplomatic relations had been established with mainland China. FSE's Fulbright exchange program is partially supported by an annual budget appropriation from AIT. AIT's Taiwan headquarters, whose Director is also the Honorary Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Directors, has offices in both Taipei and Kaohsiung, a city in southern Taiwan. AIT's American Citizens Services section provides passport and notarization services for U.S. citizens in Taiwan, and the American Cultural Center often invites grantees to speak or participate in local seminars or other speaking engagements.

AIT has a website at <http://www.ait.org.tw/en/>.

Ministry of Education and Ministry of Foreign Affairs

(教育部與外交部)

In addition to AIT, major funding comes from two local sources. They are the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Entrance Requirements, Shipping and Customs Information

To enter Taiwan for a stay of more than ninety days, American citizens need a valid U.S. passport and a visa from Taiwan. Information about how to obtain those documents, and shipping and customs information, follows.

Passport

To obtain a passport you may write directly to the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20524 or consult any one of the passport agencies in major American cities. In smaller cities and towns, passport applications are usually available through post offices or city halls, although the issuing office will be in the closest major city.

For your passport you will need a birth certificate or previously issued passport for proof of citizenship and identification, and two 2" by 2" signed passport pictures with full face exposure, not over two years old, showing you as you currently look. It is possible for you to obtain a family passport, but it is advisable for each member of your family to have a separate passport. There will be a charge.

Processing a passport application can take up to six weeks so it is best to begin the procedure as soon as possible. When you have your passport pictures taken, order at least a dozen prints for each member of your family, either 2" x 2" or 1" x 1". Many governmental and business procedures in Taiwan require photographs. However, if you do not get extra pictures in the States, you may purchase a sitting and prints from a photographer in Taiwan at very reasonable prices. You need to have the pictures before the end of the first 10 days in Taiwan for your Alien Resident Certificate application.

Visas

After obtaining your passport, you must obtain a visa from Taiwan. The type of visa you should request (resident or visitor) depends upon your intended length of stay. We suggest that you read the descriptions of each type in the information below before deciding which kind is appropriate for you. Once you have decided, and have obtained your passport, you should contact the nearest branch of the **Taipei Economic & Cultural Office** to apply for your visa.

Visitor Visa

The visitor visa is good for a two-month stay, with a strong possibility of two extensions of two months each. Thus, if you are fairly positive that your stay will be short, whether you are student or professor, you may find this the simplest option.

The advantage of having a Visitor Visa is that you do not have to apply for an Alien Resident Certificate as you would with a resident visa. But this advantage may be outweighed by the time consumed in applying for two extensions. Also, without an Alien Resident Certificate it is difficult and in some cases impossible to open a bank or post office account, and you will not be eligible for the Taiwan National Health Insurance plan.

If you expect friends or relatives to visit while you are in Taiwan, you may be interested to know that it is unnecessary to obtain a visa (American citizens are eligible for visa-exempt entry) for a stay of ninety days or less in Taiwan (but the passport must be valid for at least six months, and a visa and ticket for the next destination with a confirmed seat reservation must be shown).

Resident Visa

A resident visa is best for long-term residence (longer than six months). An application for a resident visa must be submitted through any of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Offices in the United States, and it is necessary to have a guarantor to file a letter of guaranty with the visa section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taipei after your application is referred to the Ministry for action. The Foundation for Scholarly Exchange acts as guarantor for Fulbright and Fulbright-Hays grantees and their families. Normally, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office can not act on your visa application until it receives notification from the Visa Section of MOFA that your application is approved. Though the usual cost of a resident visa to Taiwan is US\$160, the fee is waived for American Fulbright grantees

Most Fulbright faculty and student grantees will obtain a single-entry resident visa. After arrival in Taiwan, you may apply for a multiple Re-entry Permit to use if you take trips out of Taiwan over the holidays. It is a simple matter to apply for the Re-Entry Permit; it can be done at the same time you apply for the Alien Resident Certificate (ARC), and they are granted routinely.

Holders of resident visas must obtain an Alien Resident Certificate (cost at the present time is NT\$1,000) as soon as possible after arriving in Taiwan. For instructions on how to apply, please see the section on "Alien Resident Certificate (外僑居留證)".

Recommended Vaccinations

There are no required vaccinations for entrance to Taiwan.

Please be advised that health regulations are subject to change as conditions warrant. Further information about health requirements is available from <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/eastasia.htm>; country, public health agencies in the United States, or the branch offices of the Taipei Economic & Cultural Representative Office in U.S.A.

A vaccine against hepatitis B, a disease common in Taiwan, is available. The immunization is a series of 3 injections that span a period of six months. Although it is not required, many expatriates choose to have the series. If you want the immunization, it is recommended that you begin the series as soon as possible in the States. You may complete (or begin) the series in Taiwan at the Adventist Hospital¹. Some grantees have also suggested that immunization against hepatitis A and Japanese encephalitis is advisable.

1 No.424, Sec. 2, Bade Rd., Taipei Tel : (02) 2771-8151

We wish to caution, however, that some types of vaccines, once started in the U.S., may not be available at the Adventist Hospital, so it may be necessary for you to check with other major hospitals in Taiwan. It is necessary, therefore, for you to keep a record of or remember or note the types of vaccine you took in the U.S. before coming to Taiwan.

Shipment of Baggage to Taiwan

Accompanying Baggage

If you are traveling lightly, it is best to bring all your baggage with you on the plane. Excess weight charges may be levied, but you can keep better track of things this way.

Shipping through the Post Office

Postal shipments are cheapest for books and printed material. Information about bulk mail, sack mail, and book rates can be obtained from your local post office. You may send these in care of the Foundation at its street address, but be sure that packages are addressed to : [your name], c/o Foundation for Scholarly Exchange.

Customs Regulations

The most recent Taiwan Customs regulations should be available from the nearest Taipei Economic and Cultural Office at the time you apply for your visa. However, below are some special items for your attention.

Audio, Video and Computer Tapes

All audio, video, and computer diskettes are subject to inspection by Customs.

Firearms

Do not try to bring any firearms into Taiwan. Not even sporting guns are allowed through Customs, and sport hunting is illegal in Taiwan.

Pets

Pets must be accompanied by rabies inoculation certificates issued by a national, state, or municipal health authority. All arriving pets must spend approximately 21 days in quarantine in a designated veterinary hospital (according to the port of entry), at the owner's expense.

Used Personal Effects and Household Furnishings

These are generally non-dutiable except for certain electrical items, especially those of high marketable value such as color televisions, air-conditioners, new refrigerators, etc. Duty on new, expensive items may be required, but used items are generally exempt.

What to Bring

Clothing

Generally, dress in Taiwan is about the same as in metropolitan areas of the United States. Because the weather is more humidity, Cotton clothes will be more comfortable for most of people. Evening dress is seldom worn except to the most formal dinner parties or banquets, but there will be a few occasions (the Double Ten reception on October 10, the welcome reception) when coat and tie for men and semiformal (“dressy”) dress for women would be appropriate, however, so you are advised to bring at least two such items of clothing.

Westerners find it difficult to buy ready made, inexpensive shoes in larger sizes in Taiwan, or even clothes in larger sizes. The average Chinese is both shorter and slimmer than the average American. Therefore, it is suggested that you bring a good supply of the clothing items mentioned below, if you are taller or heavier than the average Chinese--or be prepared to have clothes tailor-made.

NOTE: According to a 2009-2010 American grantee’s opinion, you may need to bring many shoes if your feet are larger than size 8 women’s or size 11 men’s. Most of Taiwanese women’s shoe size is from size 4 to size 7.5.

All Visitors May Wish to Bring the Following

Rain-shoes / boots, bathing suits; undergarments, preferably cotton since it is cooler and helps prevent fungus (American-made underwear is sometimes difficult to find and always expensive); sneakers for hiking (good quality and inexpensive here); warm sweaters and heavy jackets for winter and chilly damp days.

Be aware that most homes and classrooms do not have central heating, or any heating, thus, it is necessary to bring heavy jackets and sweaters, especially in northern Taiwan and Kinmen.

During the chilly and damp winter, you need to wear warm clothing (sweaters, jackets, warm footwear) even indoors, including classrooms at local universities.

It is better, when choosing winter clothes, to select thinner ones which can be worn in several layers rather than thick ones. In this way, you can adjust to temperature changes during the day. Heavy wools and cottons are also very slow drying if no automatic dryer is available. In the winter, it may take as long as 4 or 5 days for medium weight cotton clothes to dry.

However, you are strongly recommended to bring warm clothes with you to Taiwan.

For Women

Pack all the nylon lingerie, girdles, bras, and hosiery, and shoes (If you wear large sizes i.e. 8 1/2 and above) that you will need.

For warm weather bring the following : ample hot weather clothing including washable cottons, both simple and dressy; at least one outfit that can be worn in the afternoon and on into the evening; comfortable walking shoes; sleeveless sundresses; shorts; jeans. Since air conditioning can be quite strong in restaurants and other public places, be prepared with a lightweight sweater.

For the winter season bring a good suit, light-weight enough to wear a sweater under the jacket, quilted raincoat or one with a zip-in lining, and several warm sweaters, skirts, knee socks or leggings, turtle-neck cotton polo shirts which may be worn under blouses, a wool dress, a warm and thick bathrobe, a wool scarf, and wool slacks. A warm stole or good sweater may be necessary to wear with dinner dresses as the apartments and schoolrooms can be cold and drafty. For inside wear, women may want to bring some knitted slippers with foam rubber soles (but slippers of all kinds are available at reasonable prices in the night markets).

For Men

Light-weight slacks and wash and wear short-sleeved shirts are the accepted summer daytime apparel, with a light-weight suit for special occasions. Be sure to bring enough cotton shirts, underwear, socks, and shoes. Large sizes in socks and shoes can be difficult to find. Local ready-made shirts in smaller sizes are available, but if you need larger sizes, you should either bring them or be prepared to have them tailor-made here. Certain American brands, although available, are much more expensive than in the U.S. Bring a hot-weather hat, jeans and shorts for hiking and informal trips to the coast. For winter, bring sweaters, wool socks, slacks, heavy jackets, and a dark suit for evening wear. Heavy long underwear, or ski-type under-clothing, depending on the individual, can give comfort on cold days.

For Children

Use the suggested lists for adults as a guide and, if your child is small, read the next section. Tights would be very good for cold weather, as would two or three heavyweight sleeper suits for children who kick the covers off at night. Local synthetic and cotton materials including corduroy are inexpensive. You can build a child's wardrobe here rather than bring a great many clothes. There are also ready-made children's knitted wool play suits with long pants which are colorful, warm, and durable. Knitting shops will custom-make such suits very cheaply if you prefer. Generally there is a wide selection of ready-made children's clothing for prices considerably lower than stateside. Local plastic sandals or slippers make good cool summer shoes for home use. Children's raincoats, boots, umbrellas, and lunch boxes can be purchased locally.

Baby Clothing and Other Items

Disposable diapers are readily available here. Local brands are reasonably priced. Ready-made baby clothes are available in a wide variety of styles, but none have plastic lined pants. American and Japanese brands of baby bottles, plastic and glass, are available at two and a half times the U.S. price.

NOTE: A former grantee comments : "When our grandson visited we found everything needed was easily available in almost any Carrefour supermarkets and PX Marts [the local chain supermarkets]. The prices were slightly higher on some items than in the US, but I think the price differential has narrowed a bit."

Clothing Synopsis

In general, for the entire family's clothing, keep in mind these guidelines :

- Mildew is a problem if you have too many clothes or leather items which are seldom worn. You may want to bring De-moist, a drying gel in a large packet, or a spray can of Mildew-rid which will keep a closet dry for six months. Do not bring moth balls as local ones are of adequate quality.
- Clothes may take several days to dry in inclement winter weather, but local Laundromats have electric dryers.
- Standard dry-cleaning is of good quality, but special care cleaning may be hazardous.
- Temperatures are erratic even in the course of one day and buildings will seldom have heating. Remember, with few exceptions there is no central heat in houses, apartments or schools. It is necessary to bring your sweaters or heavy jackets. However buildings at the Taipei American School (elementary and secondary school) are both heated and air-conditioning is present everywhere, often so cool that you need to bring a sweater or a jacket during the summer if you know you will be in an air-conditioned restaurant.
- Clothes of all kinds can be tailor-made less expensively than in the States. Most materials are available here, but if you have favorites it would be best to bring them with you.
- Surplus export goods such as sweaters and shirts are often available at street markets for extremely low prices and often in extra large sizes, since they were intended for the American and European markets. But the supplies are not dependable.
- Local detergents and bleaches are of comparable quality and price.
- If you are taller or heavier than average, bring shoes and other clothing from the U.S., as it may be difficult to find larger sizes here.

Other Household Items

Sheets and towels are much more expensive here than in the States; it is worthwhile to bring them with you. You can sometimes find linens sold at markets or by street vendors at reasonable prices, but of questionable quality.

The high humidity combined with the lack of central heating makes an electric blanket a great comfort during the winter to dispel the dampness, but they are twice the price here as in the United States. An open sleeping bag can be used as a heavy comforter, also. If you are bringing school-age children to Taiwan, a sleeping bag would be handy. They can be used at home, for spending nights with friends, and for campouts.

If you are a needlework enthusiast, bring your instructions in English. Knitting yarns are quite

good here - know or have a conversion chart for needles and yarns. According to a former American grantee comment: DMC embroidery floss is available" in many different needlework stores and craft shops. Crafters might also want to take advantage of the opportunity to take lessons in beadwork and traditional knotting techniques. Several craft stores include a free lesson or two if you buy the supplies to make the item. Seamstresses might be interested to know there is a Singer store on Xin Yi Road (信義路) very near the intersection with Lishui St. (麗水街) in the neighborhood of Dongmen MRT Station. Cross-stitch fabric is also available.

Entertainment Needs

Home Entertainment

For children, bring their favorite card and word games (Scrabble, Uno, Monopoly), as they are not cheap here. Puzzles are fun to have and paperback activity books. A large supply of books is not necessary, as the American School libraries are quite good and several bookstores carry children's books in English.

There is a 24-hour English-language radio station, ICRT (FM 100.7 - International Community Radio Taiwan) which has local and international news, music, etc. In Taiwan, viewers have choices of five terrestrial TV stations, numerous cable stations including CNN, BBC, HBO, NHK, Discovery, as well as other international channels. You can receive terrestrial TV program with an antenna; for cable TV, however, you need to contact your local cable TV company.

Cable TV is also widely available, and there is a wide selection of channels, including CNN, BBC, HBO, Discovery, etc. Recent American movies are shown in theaters here, in English with Chinese subtitles.

Drugs, Cosmetics, Toilet Articles, Notions

(See also "Medical Supplies")

Unusual American prescriptions may be difficult and expensive to fill in Taiwan. Arrange with your doctor to bring what you will need in the line of special medicines used regularly by your family. It is suggested that you bring the latest set of your dental X-rays, and your eye glasses, even though eye glasses are very reasonably priced here.

You may also wish to bring a good supply of your favorite over-the-counter medicines and vitamins. Chinese drugs lack the potency of American medicines of the same nature. Though some American medicines and vitamins are available here, they are usually much more expensive than in the U.S., and if you plan to travel in Asia while living here you should also bring a good supply because medical facilities in other Asian countries may not be up to Taiwan or American standards.

American cosmetics cost more in Taiwan than in the U.S. If you are attached to a particular type, you may wish to bring a sufficient supply for your stay in Taiwan, or arrange for someone in the U.S. to send you what you need regularly! Hair coloring in shades other than black and henna is

becoming easier to find, at such stores as Watsons and Cosmed.

A small sewing kit and a small first aid kit in your hand baggage may be useful.

NOTE : If anyone in your family is subject to asthma attacks, be sure to bring an ample supply of the most effective medicines, sprays, etc., that you are accustomed to using in the U.S., as well as any doctor's prescription you may need. Grantees with asthma have found that some of the drugs they were accustomed to using are not available here.

Daily Life in Taiwan

Climate

Taiwan is made up of a group of 78 islands situated 90-120 miles off the southeastern coast of the Chinese mainland. Of these, one main island and four smaller ones are populated. The weather on the main island in the north is temperate. From April through September it is often very hot and humid with frequent rain. At the end of the typhoon season, around October, the weather is usually fair, with temperatures ranging between 65 °C and 75 °C. This is the nicest time of year. The period from Dec. until well into March can be rainy and cold.

In Taipei, 50 °C or 55 °C temperatures are not unusual in winter, with possibly lower temperatures at night. Although the temperature always remains above the freezing point, the high humidity and lack of any heating in buildings can cause discomfort. Taipei winter weather can be extremely changeable from day to day. It is not unusual for the temperature to be in the 80s for one or two days during the winter and then suddenly plunge to 50 °C.

The climate in the south is sub-tropical. The average rainfall, about 70 inches, is concentrated mostly during the summer. The winters are mild and delightfully clear. The night temperatures in Taichung during the months of January, February, and March range between 50 °C and 60 °C. (Taiwan uses the Centigrade scale. To convert Centigrade to Fahrenheit multiply by 9/5 and add 32).

Taiwan summers can be really hot and very humid, and can last from early May well into late September. Locally-made electric fans are available, as are good quality air-conditioners. It is advisable to choose apartments already equipped with air-conditioning. In the winter, many grantees find it necessary, or at least more comfortable, to purchase one of the local electric space heaters for their apartment or room.

Tipping & Tax

Sales tax included in the listed price in Taiwan. Tipping is not customary in Taiwan, but some hotels and restaurants automatically add a 10% service fee to the bill.

Short-term Housing

If your visiting friends and relatives need a relatively inexpensive place to stay for a short visit, you may wish to recommend one of the following hotels (prices might not include a 10% service / tax charge):

Hotels

<p>Look Hotel (台北樂客商旅)</p>	<p>No.8, Xiangyang Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City (台北市襄陽路 8 號) Tel: (02) 2370-9988 Fax: (02) 2370-9928 Website: http://lookhotel.tw/en-gb</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Type</th> <th>Price (NTD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Elite Room</td> <td>6600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standard Room</td> <td>8000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prestige Room</td> <td>8000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deluxe Room</td> <td>9000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grand Room</td> <td>9000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Elite Room	6600	Standard Room	8000	Prestige Room	8000	Deluxe Room	9000	Grand Room	9000				
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<p>Rainbow Hotel (長虹大飯店)</p>	<p>No. 36, Hanzhong Street, Wanhua District, Taipei City (台北市漢中街 36 號) Tel:2311-9193 Fax:2388-5011 Website: http://www.rainbowhoteltaipei.com.tw/?lang=en</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Type</th> <th>Price (NTD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Standard Double</td> <td>2700</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plush Double</td> <td>3200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deluxe Double</td> <td>3400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Executive Double</td> <td>3600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Triple</td> <td>4200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Family Suite (4 ppl)</td> <td>5200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Family Suite(5 ppl)</td> <td>6400</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Standard Double	2700	Plush Double	3200	Deluxe Double	3400	Executive Double	3600	Triple	4200	Family Suite (4 ppl)	5200	Family Suite(5 ppl)	6400
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<p>Just Sleep Ximending (捷絲旅商旅-西門町)</p>	<p>No. 41, Sec. 1, Zhonghua Rd., Taipei City (台北市中華路一段 41 號) Tel:2370-9000 Fax:2370-9969 Website: http://www.justsleep.com.tw/Ximen/en/index</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Type</th> <th>Price (NTD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Superior Room</td> <td>3400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deluxe Room</td> <td>3700</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Superior Twin</td> <td>3600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hollywood Twin</td> <td>4000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deluxe Triple</td> <td>5300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Superior Family</td> <td>5600</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Superior Room	3400	Deluxe Room	3700	Superior Twin	3600	Hollywood Twin	4000	Deluxe Triple	5300	Superior Family	5600		
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<p>Forte Orange Hotel - Kaifong (福泰桔子商旅開封店)</p>	<p>No.41, Sec. 1, Kaifong St., Jhongjheng District, Taipei City (台北市開封街一段 41 號) Tel:(02)2388-1523 Fax:(02)2388-1526 Website: http://www.orangehotels.com.tw/en/</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Type</th> <th>Price (NTD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Standard</td> <td>4000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deluxe</td> <td>4300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deluxe Twin</td> <td>4300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Orange Suite</td> <td>5000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Standard	4000	Deluxe	4300	Deluxe Twin	4300	Orange Suite	5000						
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<p>Royal Seasons Hotel— Nanxi (皇家季節酒店—南西)</p>	<p>No. 326, Nanjing West Rd., Taipei (台北市南京西路 326 號) Tel:(02)2555-6488; Fax:(02)2555-6499 Website: http://www.royalseasons.com</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Type</th> <th>Price (NTD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Standard</td> <td>5300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deluxe</td> <td>5900</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Standard	5300	Deluxe	5900										
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<p>TaiSugar Hotel Taipei (台糖台北會館)</p>	<p>No. 39, Sec. 1, Zhonghua Rd., Taipei City (台北市中華路一段 39 號) Tel:(02)2388-5522; Fax:(02)2311-7979 Website: http://www.taipeihotel-tsc.com.tw/en/index.html</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Type</th> <th>Price (NTD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Business Room</td> <td>3200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elite Twin</td> <td>3200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deluxe Twin</td> <td>3200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Family Room</td> <td>4600</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Business Room	3200	Elite Twin	3200	Deluxe Twin	3200	Family Room	4600
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<p>Rich Garden Hotel (富園國際商務飯店)</p>	<p>No. 178, Sec. 1, Zhong-Hua Rd., Taipei (台北市中華路一段 178 號) Tel:(02)2388-7890; Fax:(02)2388-9780 Website: http://www.rich-gardenhotel.com.tw/index.php?lang=en</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Type</th> <th>Price (NTD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Business Double</td> <td>4300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deluxe Double</td> <td>4800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Twin</td> <td>5500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Business Double	4300	Deluxe Double	4800	Business Twin	5500		
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<p>YMCA (台北青年國際旅館)</p>	<p>No.19, Hsu Chang Street, Taipei (台北市許昌街 19 號) Tel: (02)2311-3201 Fax: (02)2311-3209 Website: http://www.ymcataipei.org.tw/about_en.php</p> <p>The YMCA gives discounts to members, missionaries, scholars and teachers. You must ask for the discount when you register.</p>										
<p>Chientan Overseas Youth Activity Center (劍潭海外青年活動中心)</p>	<p>No.16 Chungshan North Rd., Sec. 4, Taipei (台北市中山北路四段 16 號) Tel:(02)2885-2151 Fax: (02)2885-3360 Website: http://chientan.cyh.org.tw/?page_id=7078&lang=en</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Type</th> <th>Price (NTD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Twin Room</td> <td>2380~ 2880</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Double Room</td> <td>3380</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Double Suite</td> <td>4800</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Twin Room	2380~ 2880	Double Room	3380	Double Suite	4800		
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<p>Howard Civic Service International House (福華國際文教會館)</p>	<p>No.30 Hsin Shen S. Rd., Sect.3, Taipei 106 (台北市新生南路三段 30 號) Tel:(02) 8369-1155 Website: http://www.howard-hotels.com.tw/en/civil-service/room-offer/ Standard Single:NT\$2,100/day Semi-Suite:NT\$3,620/day</p> <p>A bit more expensive, but several grantees have recommended it as a good place for visiting relatives, and it is in a convenient location, near National Taiwan University. It is actually the Civil Service Development Institute, a training center for government employees and a venue for many international conferences, but is managed by a private organization.</p>								
<p>Regal Suites (格瑞商務會館)</p>	<p>No. 307, Fusing North Rd., Shongshan District, Taipei (台北市松山區復興北路 307 號) Tel: (02)2713-8600 Fax: (02)2713-1598 Website: www.highness.com.tw/english/regal/aboutus.php</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Type</th> <th>Price (NTD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Single Room</td> <td>2680</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Double Room</td> <td>2880</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 People Room</td> <td>3260</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Single Room	2680	Double Room	2880	3 People Room	3260
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<p>Hotel M (台北門精品旅店)</p>	<p>No. 64, Section 1, Hankou Street , Taipei (台北市漢口街一段 64 號) Tel: (02)2331-0065 Website: http://www.taipeimhotel.com/</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Type</th> <th>Price (NTD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fashion Double Room</td> <td>2100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fashion Triple Room</td> <td>2700</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Fashion Double Room	2100	Fashion Triple Room	2700		
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<p>Diary of Taipei Hotel (台北日記旅店－西門捷運館)</p>	<p>3F., No.90, Sec. 1, Zhonghua Rd., Wanhua Dist., Taipei (台北市萬華區中華路一段 90 號 3 樓) Tel: (02)2311-2996 Website: https://www.diarytaipeihotelximen.com/zh-tw</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Type</th> <th>Price (NTD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Standard Double</td> <td>2480</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standard Twin</td> <td>2480</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Standard Double	2480	Standard Twin	2480				
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<p>Hotel Relax (旅樂序－站前三館)</p>	<p>No.34, Huaining St., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei (台北市中正區懷寧街 34 號) Tel: (02)2375-8333 Fax: (02)2375-7000 Website: http://www.hotelrelaxclub.com/relax3/en/</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Type</th> <th>Price (NTD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Standard Double Room</td> <td>2200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Classic Double Room</td> <td>2500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Classic Twin Room</td> <td>2600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elite Twin Room</td> <td>2800</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Standard Double Room	2200	Classic Double Room	2500	Classic Twin Room	2600	Elite Twin Room	2800
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<p>Green World Hotel- Zhonghua (洛碁大飯店-中華館)</p>	<p>13F, No. 41, Section 1, Zhonghua Rd., Zhongzheng District, Taipei (台北市中正區中華路 1 段 41 號 13 樓) Tel: (02)2370-5158 Fax: (02)2370-5161 Website: https://zhonghua.greenworldhotels.com/</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Room Type</td> <td>Price (NTD)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Single Room</td> <td>2600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Double Room</td> <td>2600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Triple Room</td> <td>3800</td> </tr> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Single Room	2600	Double Room	2600	Triple Room	3800
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<p>NK Hostel (小公館人文旅舍)</p>	<p>5F., No.399, Sec. 5, Nanjing E. Rd., Songshan Dist., Taipei (台北市松山區南京東路五段 399 號 5 樓) Tel: (02) 2769-0200 Website: http://www.nkhostel.com/en/index.php</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Room Type</td> <td>Price (NTD)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mixed Room</td> <td>680~ 880</td> </tr> </table>	Room Type	Price (NTD)	Mixed Room	680~ 880		
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<p>Homey Hostel (紅米青年旅館)</p>	<p>7F, No. 180, ChangAn West Road, Taipei 台北市大同區長安西路 180 號 7 樓 Tel: (02) 2550-4499 Website: https://www.homeyhostel.com/</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Room Type</td> <td>Weekday Price (NTD)</td> <td>Weekend Price (NTD)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mixed Dorm</td> <td>600</td> <td>660</td> </tr> </table>	Room Type	Weekday Price (NTD)	Weekend Price (NTD)	Mixed Dorm	600	660
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INPAGE Hotel & Hostel (悅樂國際青年商旅)	No.37, Sec. 1, Chongqing S. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei (台北市中正區重慶南一段 37 號)	
	Tel: 2382-5565 Website: https://zh-tw.facebook.com/hotelinpage/	
	Room Type	Price (NTD)
	Single Room	750 UP

Short-term or Long-term

International House of Taipei (國際學舍)	102 Hsin-po 1 st Street, Hsin Tien, Taipei County (台北縣新店市新坡一街 102 號)		
	Tel:(02)2910-3117 Fax:(02)2910-3346 E-mail: ih102@ms16.hinet.net Website: http://emmm.tw/L3_content.php?L3_id=1962		
	Room Type	Weekday Price (NTD)	Weekend Price (NTD)
	Deluxe double	2000	2300
	Deluxe twin	2000	2300
Furnished rooms for both students and scholars. Rates for a single occupancy furnished room is NT\$450r day or NT\$7,100 per month. Though located in the suburbs, regularly scheduled buses will transport you to central Taipei or to major Chinese language learning centers, in about 30 minutes. Some occupants have found it quite noisy.			

Long-term Housing

Lecturers

Free housing for Fulbright lecturers only is provided by the host institution. The location of the housing depends on whether the host institution owns apartments or single-family houses on or in the vicinity of the campus. The type of housing provided (apartment, house, or room with private bath) may depend on whether you will be living here alone or with your family. In any case, basic furnishing will be supplied.

General

Except for lecturers and ETAs, all Fulbright grantees must locate their own housing after arrival. The Foundation cannot make any commitments about housing for you prior to your arrival (with the exception of the English Teaching Assistants), but will provide up to three nights in a local hostel or hotel after you arrive while you are looking for housing, and will provide facilitative assistance during the process.

You should be prepared for apartment living, as single-family housing is a luxury in Taipei.

You can find out about vacant houses and apartments for rent by contacting housing agents listed in the local English newspapers, or, if you can read Chinese, by looking at the house-for-rent posters on bulletin boards all over town, and by going through the houses for rent section of the Chinese papers.

To find appropriate house, several useful websites are provided for your reference. Please see [XV. Useful Websites- Housing \(p.117\)](#)

The bulletin boards at the Mandarin Training Center of National Taiwan Normal University are also a good source in English about not only rooms and apartments, but also prospective housemates or roommates. Occasionally, previous Fulbright grantees may be vacating their housing just as new grantees are arriving, but usually that is not the case.

A room in Taipei with a private bath but no cooking facilities rents for about NT\$8,000 to NT\$16,000. New apartments are sprouting like mushrooms in Taiwan, and rents are getting more expensive. In Taipei, the average rent for a small two or three bedroom apartment now is about NT\$20,000 to NT\$35,000 per month and rising. Generally, however, Taipei is the island's most expensive city and grantees living in other cities or in the suburbs of Taipei can expect to pay less rent than the prices quoted above. Many landlords ask for two to six month's rent in advance. This will be your biggest initial expense, and if you can pay six month's rent you may get a reduced rate. You should not have to pay a deposit in addition to the advance rent.

Houses and apartments usually come with three bedrooms, kitchen, one or two bathrooms, and living and dining rooms. Some will have balconies. However, smaller apartments or studios are becoming more available and can be found on the tealit website mentioned above. Almost all will be unfurnished. Bathrooms usually are tiled and have bathtubs, sink, toilet, and showers or European-style sprayers. Kitchens usually do not have ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers, or garbage disposals; the standard equipment is a two-burner gas range. Central heating is usually not available, but hot water heaters can be expected, and sometimes air conditioners. Many apartments have parquet floors, and inexpensive fluorescent lighting. Few are carpeted. However, the larger, more expensive apartments are carpeted and about the same quality as a good European or American apartment.

In many sections of Taipei water pressure is low at certain hours of the day when demand is high, particularly during the hot months, and many houses and apartment buildings have an auxiliary tank on the roof or a water tower with an electric pump.

The zoning regulations are different in Taipei, and as a result residential living is more varied than suburban life in the U.S. In the areas around the universities in Taipei, look for apartment buildings or houses located in quiet lanes just off the busy main streets. You will find that most often they will be in walking distance of groceries, outdoor markets, clothing shops, restaurants, theaters, schools, and bus stops. No matter where you finally live, consider that you will probably not be driving a car or riding a motorcycle and look for a place that has a bus line or MRT (subway) station nearby.

Luxury Western-style housing is available in Taipei in the Shihlin(士林), Tien Mou(天母), Yangmingshan(陽明山), and Tam Shui(淡水) areas. The quality of these houses is comparable to an American middle-class home, and rents for some of the smaller houses can be reasonable. Western style housing is available in other Taiwan cities at less rent.

In Taiwan it is customary for the landlord to make all necessary repairs and improvements before you move in. Pay rent after all improvements and repairs have been made to your satisfaction, and make certain you have a written contract with your landlord for your protection. The Foundation can look at the contract and advise you about it if it is only in Chinese.

You can expect bugs regardless of where you live, but you will have fewer problems in an apartment building, since you will be off the ground. Even so, mosquitoes and cockroaches can infiltrate even a fifth floor apartment, so be certain all windows are securely screened. Taiwan produces insect spray and once a week spraying during the summer may be necessary to control the cockroaches.

To prevent mosquito, you can buy mosquito net or electric vaporizers and wands. If you are going to use a net, make certain it is closely woven or the mosquitoes will come through. Various mosquito-killing electric vaporizers and wands are sold at local grocers. Mosquito killing coils, which are effective but accompanied by an odor people some cannot stand, are available at the drug stores.

Furnishings

In general, the typical furnishings for lecturer grantees, whose housing is provided by the host institution, include the following: sofa with chair, end tables and/or coffee table, dining table with chairs, beds and dresser/dressing table, refrigerator, two-burner gas stove, and basic cooking utensils and table service.

For grantees not living in furnished housing, see **Furniture and Appliances** for suggestions on renting or purchasing new or used furniture and appliances.

Utilities

Utility service in Taiwan is comparable to that in the U.S. However, since personal checking accounts are very rare in Taiwan, you do not pay bills in the same way you pay them in the U.S. Utility companies send out men to collect the bills, and this can be inconvenient if you are away from your house or apartment a great deal of the time. The Citibank of Taipei² and its branches operate a bill-paying service and you may open a bill paying account with them. Post offices offer the same service. It is also possible now to pay utility bills directly at any of the ubiquitous **7-11** stores, and this may be the easiest way.

Telephone

Though putting in a new telephone line will cost around NT\$3,000, the basic monthly charge is

² The address is 52, Minsheng E. Rd., Sec. 4, Taipei (台北市民生東路四段 52 號), Tel: (02) 2715-5931.

just NT\$90 plus an additional per-minute charge, so that, unlike in the U.S., the monthly cost will depend on the amount of time you actually spend talking on the phone.

Telephone bills will be sent to your home. You may arrange to pay them through the bank or post office, or 7-11 store as described above, or they must be paid at Jen-ai Rd., Sect. 1, No. 42 (台北市仁愛路一段 42 號). Telephone service is modern and usually reliable.

Electricity

Taiwan's electric service is generally reliable, but a storm or typhoon may temporarily suspend it.

The current is from 110-120 volts, 60 cycles. Some Americans have found that appliances brought from home do not perform satisfactorily here, however, without an adapter. Electricity is metered, and a technician will come to read the meter every two months, reporting the stats to the Taiwan power company. The bill indicating the collection date and the amount due will be sent to your address. You can pay your bimonthly bill at the main office³ or through the bill-paying service mentioned above. However, if you electricity bill is overdue (not exceed 57 days), you can still pay it in convenient stores and the penalty will be added on the next bill. You may also pay "ahead": that is, leave a large deposit at the main office to take care of several months bills ahead of time, so that you will not have to keep going back to pay every month.

Water

Water bills are metered and collected in the same manner as Electricity Bills. Water pressure can be erratic, especially in apartments during short periods of drought which can occur even in the tropics. Water quality can also be erratic, although it has been made more pure in recent years. Taiwan has an excellent water distribution and purification system at the reservoirs. But the island is subjected to hundreds of earth tremors each year, many of them unnoticeable. These cause fissures in the water pipes and bacteria sometimes leak in. The newer apartment buildings have plastic water pipes to prevent cracking, but it is still safest to boil all drinking water for twenty minutes, or to buy bottled distilled water. Your water meters will be read every two months. You may pay directly at the water company⁴, or through the bill-paying service mentioned above.

Before a typhoon be sure to fill a number of extra containers with boiled water to use in case the water service is disrupted. Distilled water can be purchased in all major cities in five-gallon bottles. Some places that home deliver distilled water are: Hwa Seng Bottled Water Enterprise Crop. (華生飲水), Taipei, [Tel:2796-6060](tel:2796-6060); Maxpure (頂好蒸餾水), Tel: 2262-6000. Hot water is usually provided by gas water heaters installed by the landlord.

³ 75 Keelung Rd., Sect. 4 (台北市基隆路四段 75 號) Tel : 2378-7111 or on 13 Fuchow St. (台北市福州街 13 號) Tel : 2341-7131

⁴ 82-1 Chung Shan N. Rd. Sec. 5, Taipei (台北市中山北路五段 82-1 號) Tel : 2881-5971

Gas

Depending on your neighborhood, either natural or bottled gas will be available. For those using natural gas, someone will come to read the gas meter, and you will receive a bill. You may send payment to the address below, or use one of the bill-paying services described above.

Taipei Gas Company
No. 35, Ln. 11, Guangfu N. Rd., Songshan Dist., Taipei City
(台北市光復北路 11 巷 35 號)
Tel: (02) 2768-4999

If natural gas is not available, bottled gas is readily available at neighborhood stores. Usually, though, only a phone call (the phone number of the company is on the gas tank) will bring a speedy replacement.

Garbage

Taiwan is reaching the saturation point for garbage, and is getting serious about recycling. There are stringent rules about how to sort your garbage. Residents in Taipei and New Taipei City must purchase designated garbage bags. There are garbage trucks which pick up only certain types of garbage on certain days and you should take down the garbage for collection at certain time of the day.

It is advisable to ask your landlord or neighbor about how to handle the garbage situation in your building or neighborhood. You can be fined for putting the wrong kinds of garbage in the bags!

Shopping

Americans who do not speak Mandarin or Taiwanese may find shopping somewhat difficult at first. Some people recommend one or two initial shopping expeditions in the company of Chinese friends who will assist in the selection of stores and advice on prices and the quality of items. Once you become known in your local market the "point and pantomime" method will suffice.

The number of supermarkets is increasing, and you may find at least one in your neighborhood, although it will not be as big as an American supermarket. They are almost always located in the basement of a large apartment, office, or department store building, so are not easy to find. Despite the incursion of the modern, air-conditioned supermarket, the local stall type market survives. Many of these still thrive in Taipei in barn-like structures, and you can find most household goods here too, sometimes at cheaper prices.

Most department stores and supermarkets are open on Sundays, as are most neighborhood shops. They may open at 10:00 a.m. and some do not close until 10:00 p.m. A few stores close for a 3-10 day period during the Chinese Lunar New Year, but generally do not observe other holidays.

Clothing

Tailors and seamstresses are inexpensive by Western standards, but it is best to patronize only

those clothes makers who speak English in order to avoid problems of communication that can arise even if you use a translator. In choosing a shop, it is best to have one recommended to you by a friend. A good seamstress is especially valuable, but you may have to wait a few weeks and attend several fittings before your clothes are ready.

Both men and women will find quality winter clothing inexpensive here. Some stores will begin stocking their winter clothing in early October and this is the best time for bargains. Quality ski sweaters can be obtained inexpensively at this time although the price increases as winter approaches. In the same manner, summer clothing is least expensive during early spring in the last half of February.

Certain types of clothing in the large department stores can be expensive although sales are common. But sale items can be of poor quality, so be careful. However, the large department stores often have material sales and you can save money by buying your material at a sale.

Good clothing bargains can be found at export surplus or reject shops throughout the city. However one cannot depend on all items being available at all times. Clothes should be scrutinized before purchased. Some of the more popular places for such clothes are: Yong Shien on Chung Hsiao E. Rd., Sec. 4/ Kuang Fu S. Rd. (忠孝東路四段/光復南路); Kung Kuang 公館 in the area around National Taiwan University on Roosevelt Road, Sec. 3, Wen Chow St. off of Ho Ping E. Rd. Sect. 1, and in the Ding Hao area(頂好廣場) behind Sogo on Chung Hsiao E. Rd. Sec. 4.(忠孝東路四段). Knitting shops around the city will custom-make sweaters; you can provide the yarn or purchase it there.

Food

Many Americans coming to the Far East for the first time are concerned about health factors, particularly those relating to food. In Taiwan you should be able to live comfortably and remain healthy.

Powdered and evaporated milk are plentiful on the market, as are low-fat, 2%, and even Vitamin E-fortified milk. Imported butter, margarine and cheese are available at higher prices than the U.S. Taiwan makes its own canned butter. It is inexpensive but the taste does not appeal to many Americans. Bakery products and standard bakery ingredients are in abundant supply, but made according to the Chinese taste. Many Americans find some Taiwan bakery goods tasteless, as the Chinese use little sugar. Gerber's baby food is imported at a higher price than U.S. but local fruits and cereals are good and can be pureed in a locally made blender.

Fresh food in Taiwan is varied and of good quality. Pork, locally cured bacon and ham, chicken, capon, duck, goose, beef, turkey, and pigeon can be bought although pork, chicken, and duck are most common and popular. Eggs, fish, shrimp, prawns, crabs, clams, and oysters are dietary staples, and lobster is sold at times. There is a huge variety of fresh vegetables and fruits, some of which you have never seen in the U.S.

Prices on meats and fish can vary during the year depending on supply. Sometimes they are more expensive than comparable U.S. items, sometimes less. Meat is more expensive than fish, and

fresh fish of various kinds and shrimp can be quite inexpensive. Some fish are so fresh they are still jumping as they lay out on the stall! Lobster, when available, is far more expensive than in the U.S. canned tuna and crab are inexpensive in Taiwan and of high quality.

Taiwan is a paradise for fresh fruits, including banana, pineapple, orange, tangerine, grapefruit, kiwi, pomelo, mango, guava, persimmon, various melons, lime, plums, lychee, papaya, hard pears, and tomatoes.

Vegetables grown here include potatoes, sweet potatoes, spinach, broccoli, green beans, eggplant, onions, leeks, cucumbers, carrots, lettuce, celery, cabbage, bean sprouts, bamboo shoots, squash, bell peppers, red peppers, turnips, corn, green peas, beets, radishes, lima beans, asparagus, and occasionally avocados. Some fruits and vegetables are available at all times although prices vary with the season. Prices rise close to holidays.

Vegetables and fruits, especially leafy vegetables such as lettuce and spinach, should be washed carefully. Salad Bars can now be found in many Western style restaurants. Never buy fruits that have been peeled, cut, or bruised, and be sure foods are properly washed before putting them in the refrigerator. Because of lack of refrigeration in some shops or street stalls, and traditional markets, meat, poultry, and fish from those sources should be purchased early in the day. Supermarkets, however, usually provide adequate refrigeration.

Rice is always available and so are noodles and bread. Various whole grains, dried peas and beans, and peanuts are available in local markets. A good "health food" type dry cereal can be made from dried oats and peanuts. Brown the combination of dried oats, and crushed peanuts in oil in a "wok" and set the mixture out to cool on paper towels. The paper will absorb the excess oil, and you can store the cereal in a large jar. It is delicious in a bowl with milk, honey or sugar, and fruit. Wheat grains can be added, but some people find gravel mixed with the grain. Cereals imported from the U.S. are available at some of the larger supermarkets, but are quite expensive.

Many Western products are available in local markets although specific items are sometimes difficult to locate and prices are two or three times higher than in the U.S. In some cases substitutes can be found. Local supermarkets carry many Western foods and spices (for addresses, see below, under "Local Supermarkets").

Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages

It is possible to purchase American and European liquors, wines, and cigarettes at stores all over Taiwan. Most department stores at the basement level and grocery stores on Chung Shan North Rd., Sec. 6-7 have a wide variety of imported wine and liquor. Sogo Department Store⁵, Basement Level has a good variety of domestic/imported beer, wine, and liquors.

Supermarkets & Retailers

⁵ No. 45 Chung Hsiao E. Rd., Sec. 4 (north side)(台北市忠孝東路四段 45 號)

Carrefour Supermarkets (家樂福超市)	http://www.carrefour.com.tw
PX Marts (全聯福利中心)	http://www.pxmart.com.tw/
Jasons Market Place (Jasons 超市)	http://www.jasons.com.tw/ENG/
City's Super (巨城購物中心)	http://www.citysuper.com.tw/?lang=en-US
RT-Mart (大潤發)	http://www.rt-mart.com.tw/direct/
A-Mart Taiwan (愛買)	https://www.fe-amart.com.tw/
Costco Taiwan (好市多)	https://www.costco.com.tw/

These supermarkets and retailers are located all over Taipei: 1F., No.45, Taishun St; B1F., No.230, Sec. 2, Xinyi Rd; No.9, Ln. 68, Sec. 3, Academia Rd; No.177, Sec. 1, Zhongcheng Rd; B1F., No.71, Sec. 4, Zhongxiao E. Rd.; B1F., No.285, Sec. 3, Roosevelt Rd, just to list a few. They can also be found in other cities on the island. Some supermarkets such as Jasons and City's Super are also located in the basement of large shopping malls and department stores.

Furniture and Appliances

For grantees that are not living in furnished quarters, it is possible to purchase used furniture. We are indebted a former grantee, for the following information:

"Grantees wishing to purchase used furniture should consider shopping on Hsiamen Street (廈門街). Hsiamen Street runs south off of Hoping W. Road, and is just east of Chungking South Road, Section 3. You will find most of the used furniture and appliance stores south of Tingchow Road (汀洲路), though there are several businesses north of this area that sell reasonably-priced office furniture such as desks (wood or metal), desk chairs and filing cabinets. To the south, you will find a variety of stores that specialize primarily in used electrical appliances including refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, and televisions. Selection and prices vary from store to store, so it pays to look around and compare prices and features of the items you wish to buy. Since the stores are constantly refurbishing items to replenish their stock, if you don't find something you like, it pays to check back in a day or two. Prices are negotiable in some cases, particularly if you purchase several items from one store. Delivery can be arranged on the spot through the store itself. If you purchase items from several shops, you can arrange for one mover to deliver all of your purchases for a single

price. In general, shopkeepers do not speak English, so you should have a Chinese-speaking friend help you, particularly in more complex negotiations. The area south of Tingchow Road (汀洲路) also has several stores which sell new furniture and used office furniture."

Has new furniture at incredibly cheap prices, even cheaper than Nan-chang Road (南昌路)! Great selection of beds, chairs, wardrobes, dressers, and so on. Prices are not negotiable. Large stocks on hand can arrange for immediate delivery."

IKEA stores, Hola (<https://www.trplus.com.tw/>) and Nitori (<https://www.nitori.com.tw/>) are places where local people usually go for furniture purchase. American alumni especially recommended IKEA stores:

- IKEA stores - Neihu Store (IKEA內湖店)

No.128, Jiuzong Rd., Neihu District. Taipei (台北市內湖區舊宗路一段128號)

*IKEA stores are located in Taipei City, New Taipei City, Taoyuan City, Taichung City, and Kaohsiung City (<https://www.ikea.com.tw/zh/store/index/>).

If you are purchasing new furniture, it is also wise to shop comparatively. Look at several places and compare prices before you buy. The bargaining method does not work in the larger stores, department stores, and the stores in the Chung Shan North Road area of Taipei. This street is labeled by some as a "tourist trap" and by others as "the best shopping area for quality goods with English speaking clerks."

There are several places where you may get good looking furniture at prices you wish to pay for temporary use. The Chang Sha St. (長沙街) and Nan Ch'ang St. Sec. 2 (南昌街二段) areas are good. The small shops around Hsin Yi Rd. (信義路) are also good if you bargain. In general, rattan is the cheapest furniture available. If you want some wicker furniture made to order, try the small shops on the road to Shihlin (士林). Furniture can be made to order and delivered to you in a few days.

There are three bed types available in Taiwan: the wooden bed with a woven bottom, the wooden bed with slat bottom covered with a Chinese quilt (thick cotton pad covered with printed fabric) or foam rubber mattress (available on Chung-hwa Rd. (中華路) in Taipei), and the Hollywood style bed with built-in mattress and springs (available on Nan Ch'ang Rd., Sec 2 南昌路二段). Extra-long beds can be ordered.

Attractive lamps can be had at the pottery stores on Nanking East Rd. (南京東路) Brass lamps can be found at the White Horse Brass store, at the North Gate (北門).

If you plan to take furniture back to the U.S., beware of warping problems caused by improperly dried wood. Some suggest that you have furniture made about five months before you want to ship it so that it doesn't re-collect moisture in the humid climate. For shipping furniture back to the U.S.,

Crown Van Line⁶ and Transworld International Van Lines⁷ are said to be reliable by former grantees.

Antique furniture can be purchased in shops all over Taiwan. There are a few such shops on Chung Shan N. Road, Section 6, Taipei. (中山北路六段)

Electric heaters of various sizes are available on the local market, and small apartments are easy to heat if all doors and windows are shut. Electric heaters can increase the size of your electric bill considerably, but many grantees find it worth it for the comparatively short winter periods when they are used.

Dishes and necessary kitchen utensils can be bought at any department store, supermarket, or at any of the many hardware stores throughout the city. Modern style stoneware dishes in blue or mustard color are available at many handicraft stores in Taipei. If you have extra time, you may visit the factory in Peitou (北投). The selection is wider, the seconds are good, and you may choose your own pieces. Taiwan-made dishes and kitchenware are inexpensive, but anything imported will cost as much or more than the same articles in America because of tariffs on imports. Do not expect to purchase American, European, or Japanese-made articles cheaply in Taiwan.

Most apartment kitchens are furnished only with a two-burner countertop range. If you like baked or broiled foods, you can buy a large size toaster oven or small convection oven and microwave ovens are widely available.

Bookstores

Shopping for English books in Taipei can be frustrating. There are, however, several good stores where you may find what you are looking for. Please read **XII. An Introductory Guide to Research Resource in Taiwan- Bookstores (p.109)** for detailed information.

Toy Stores

Toys-R-Us

Hsin Sheng N. Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei (台北市新生北路二段)

(between Nanking E. Road and Chang Chun Road on west side)

Handicrafts

Taiwan Handicraft Mart (台灣手工藝展示中心)

1, Hsu Chow Rd., Taipei (台北市徐州路1號)

Tel: (02) 2321-7233 Hours: 9:00 am-5:30 pm

Operated by the Taiwan Handicraft Promotion Center, the only non-profit government-sponsored organization devoted to the promotion of Taiwan handicrafts. Display and sale of the best of Taiwan's handicrafts. The items include metal ware, wooden ware, bamboo and rattan, stone

⁶ Minsheng E. Rd., Sec. 5 (民生東路五段 Tel:02/2762-2500)

⁷ Chungcheng Rd., Sec. 2 (忠誠路二段 Tel:02/ 2836-1000)

products, glassware, ceramics, jewelry, woven and knitted products, toys and dolls, tourist souvenirs and other special exhibitions.

Other Markets

Kuanghua Market (光華商場)

Computers, computer peripherals, electronic items, and second hand books are sold at the very popular Kuanghua Market⁸.

Flower and Jade Markets (建國花市、玉市)

Every Saturday and Sunday afternoon, under the Chien Kwo S. Rd., Sec. 1 (建國南路 1 段) overpass, starting at Hsin Yi Road and continuing north past Jen Ai Road. Holiday Jade Market offers everything from simple jade pendants to intricate carvings and sculptures, and the flower market offers everything from simple potted plants to rare orchids. Be prepared to bargain in this wonderful open-air market.

Night Markets

Night markets provide a strong dose of local color and bargains on just about everything, including clothes, shoes, snacks, toys and gadgets. The major night markets in Taipei for combining shopping and snacking are the ones at Shihlin (just north of the Grand Hotel, 士林); Kungkuan (near National Taiwan University, 公館); Tunghua Street (not far from the TWTC, 通化街) Jaoho Street (in Sungshan, eastern Taipei, 饒河街); Shih Ta Night Market (just off Heping East Road, 師大夜市), ***Lung Shan Area*** (龍山寺周邊) Across from Lung Shan Temple on Kuei Lin Road (桂林路).

⁸八德路 1 段 Pathe Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei

Health Conditions

Many people have come here with the firm idea that Taiwan is an especially unhealthy place, that disease is rampant, that infection is inevitable. This is definitely not so! True, we are in the tropics; bacteria multiply faster; food spoils quicker; cuts, if unattended, are more apt to lead to infection - conditions typical of any hot area. But with an understanding of the picture and with the use of the simple precautions described below, health hazards are reduced to a stateside level of risk and incidence.

Water

Water used for brushing teeth, etc., and for preparing or washing any uncooked food you may use. For drinking use, we suggest to boil first. Ice cubes should be made also from boiled water. Keep a supply of bottled boiled water cold in your refrigerator. In restaurants or as guests in a Chinese home, one can and will almost always get tea. This is safe, since the water will have been boiled.

Food Hygiene

Food is no problem on Taiwan. Fresh vegetables and fruits are available throughout the year at reasonable prices on the local markets. Remember this slogan: "If you can't peel it, cook it!" Keep in mind that pesticides may have been used to excess and that fruits which fall to the ground may have become surface-contaminated.

Meat, poultry and fish bought locally are fresh and good. They should be thoroughly cooked. Food prepared in restaurants, of course, varies as far as hygienic conditions are concerned. In general, piping hot food is the safest. You should be especially wary in the summer about eating cold or iced foods at sidewalk stands.

Disease

Serious diseases and epidemics are infrequent and public health measures are better enforced than in many Asian cities. Taiwan Tummy Troubles (TTT) can be reduced by the above mentioned procedures, but are still common among newcomers. If diarrhea or vomiting persists more than one day, a trip to the doctor may be in order, since it is easy to become dehydrated.

One should be careful of hepatitis, especially from eating uncooked foods, or seafood during the hot summer. The incidence among Chinese is high, depending on location and season. Some people may be carriers with no overt symptoms. Many Westerners here choose to take the immunization series against hepatitis although it is not required. You may want to consider the immunization series of three injections.

Taipei has a serious smog problem that can initiate or aggravate sinus and respiratory problems. The high humidity can aggravate arthritic conditions.

Medical Services

American medical service is available; charges are comparable to U.S. East Coast prices. Qualified Chinese doctors trained in the U.S. who speak fluent English are available in Taiwan.

Grantees will be covered by the national health insurance, but dependents must wait until they have lived here for six months to be covered. An insurance card from another country is of no immediate use.

It can be confusing to go to an outpatient section of a hospital, but if you are willing to ask questions, help is usually available for confused foreigners who speak no Chinese. Procedures are different at different hospitals. First check in with a receptionist (if you do not have an appointment) and tell them what doctor or department you want to see. Be prepared to show your National Health Insurance card and to pay a small fee (about NT\$ 300, but it will vary according to whether you are going to a small clinic or the outpatient clinic of a major hospital). You'll be given a pay slip and you then proceed to the cashier's desk and pay for your visit. In some hospitals you will be sent to the doctor for this slip and also slips for whatever tests the doctor wishes you to have. In this case, after you have paid, proceed to get the test(s) done. Then it is back to the office for your appointment with the doctor, or makes a new appointment in case the test results take a while. If you are given a prescription, go to the pharmacy, they will give you a slip with the price, pay at the cashier window. Take your paid slip back to the pharmacy window to pick up your prescription.

If your dependent needs to go to the hospital or see a doctor **before** being covered by NHI, the message here is to bring money and save all receipts, in case the dependent has another insurance policy from which the expenses can later be claimed. A minimum of NT\$2,000 is recommended. You may not use it but it is better to have the money in hand. The following hospitals are ones whose clinics have been used by foreign members of the international community. They generally have English-speaking doctors and receptionists.

National Taiwan University Hospital (台大醫院)

No.7, Chung Shan S. Rd., Taipei.

台北市中山南路 7 號

Tel : (02) 2397-3456

Mackay Memorial Hospital (馬偕醫院)

No. 92, Chung Shan N. Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei.

台北市中山北路二段 92 號

Tel : (02) 2543-3535

Veterans General Hospital(榮民總醫院)

No. 201, Shih Pai Rd., Sec. 2 Peitou, Taipei.

台北市北投石牌路二段 201 號

Tel : (02) 2871-2121 ext. 3530 (English information)

Cheng Gung Memorial Hospital(台北長庚紀念醫院)

199 Tunhwa N. Rd., Taipei 105, Taiwan

台北市敦化北路 199 號

Tel: (02) 2713-5211

Cathay General Hospital(國泰綜合醫院)

280, Jen Ai Rd., Sec.4, Taipei 106, Taiwan

台北市仁愛路 4 段 280 號

Tel: (02) 2708-2121

Shin Kong Wu Ho Su Memorial Hospital (新光吳火獅紀念醫院)

95, Wenchang Rd., Taipei 111, Taiwan

台北市文昌路 95 號

Tel: (02) 2833 2211

Country Hospital(宏恩綜合醫院)

No. 61, Jen Ai Road, Sec. 4, Taipei.

台北市仁愛路四段 61 號

Tel : (02) 2771-3161 or (02) 2721-6315 (ambulance Hot line)

(English spoken when asked for)

In an emergency, you may wish to go to the following hospital, where there is someone on duty who speaks English, or call the Foreign Affairs Police (see p. 41 for addresses), who have an English-speaking service 24 hours a day and can call an ambulance for you.

Taiwan Adventist Hospital(台安醫院)

424 Bade Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei.

(台北市八德路二段 424 號)

Tel : (02) 2771-8151

The 119 emergency numbers does not have an English speaker on the other end of the line.

Medical/Hygienic Supplies

The following articles can be purchased in Taiwan : dandruff shampoo (various U.S. brands at twice the U.S. price), deodorant (various U.S. brands at twice the U.S. price), thermometers, aspirin(usually sold in only small quantities), bufferin, cosmetics, band aids, calamine lotion, mercurochrome, corn plasters, Vaseline, Unguentine, anti-bacterial salve, Q-tips, Kaopectate, Desinex powder and cream for athlete's foot (termed "Hong Kong Foot" in Taiwan), Desitin cream and powder for diaper rash and adult fungus infections, cold tablets, salt pills, milk of magnesia and other laxatives, Vitamin C pills, Vitamin B1 pills, paregoric, sulfanilamide or broad spectrum antibiotic for diarrhea, Aralen (Chloroquine) or Daraprim (Pyrimethamine) for malaria suppression if you plan to travel through Southeast Asia and India, and birth control pills or devices. Toilet paper, tissues, soap, sanitary napkins (but only one size of tampons), and Dramamine are readily available, as are solutions for soft contact lenses. Mouth wash (Listerine) is available at a much higher price. Some permeable contact lens cleaning and conditioning solutions are available. Previous grantees

suggested that contact lens solutions are at reasonable price, and IV saline solution as well, can be bought in our local drug stores.

Medical Facilities and Services

Hospitals in Taipei City (台北地區醫院)	
<p><u>Taiwan Adventist Hospital</u> 臺安醫院 424 Bade Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei 105, Taiwan 臺北市八德路段 424 號 Tel: (02) 2771-8151 Fax:(02) 2777-5623 http://www.tahsda.org.tw/</p>	<p><u>National Taiwan University Hospital</u> 國立台灣大學醫學院附設醫院 7 Chungshan S. Rd., Taipei 100, Taiwan 台北市中山南路 7 號 Tel: (02) 2312-3456 Fax:(02) 2322-2431 https://www.ntuh.gov.tw/ntuh/Index.action</p>
<p><u>Mackay Memorial Hospital - Downtown</u> 馬偕紀念醫院 92 Chungshan N. Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei 104, Taiwan 台北市中山北路 2 段 92 號 Tel: (02) 2543-3535 Fax:(02) 2523-2448 http://www.mmh.org.tw</p>	<p><u>Cathay General Hospital</u> 國泰綜合醫院 280, Jen Ai Rd., Sec.4, Taipei 106, Taiwan 台北市仁愛路 4 段 280 號 Tel: (02) 2708-2121 http://www.cgh.org.tw</p>
<p><u>Taipei Veterans General Hospital</u> 台北榮民總醫院 No.201, Sec.2, Shih-Pai Rd., Taipei 112, Taiwan 台北市北投區石牌路 2 段 201 號 Tel: (02) 2871-2121 Fax: (02) 2873-2131 http://www.vghtpe.gov.tw/index.jsp</p>	<p><u>Cheng Gung Memorial Hospital</u> 台北長庚紀念醫院 199 Tunhwa N. Rd., Taipei 105, Taiwan 台北市敦化北路 199 號 Tel: (02) 2713-5211 Fax:(02) 2719-5114 https://www.cgmh.org.tw/tw/Guide/Index</p>
<p><u>Shin konk Wu Ho Su Memorial Hospital</u> 新光吳火獅紀念醫院 95, Wenchang Rd., Taipei 111, Taiwan 台北市士林區文昌路 95 號 Tel: (02) 2833-3000 http://www.skh.org.tw</p>	<p><u>Taipei Medical University Hospital</u> 台北醫學大學附設醫院 252, Wuxing St, Xinyi District, Taipei 110, Taiwan 台北市吳興街 252 號 Tel: (02) 2737-2181 https://english.tmuh.org.tw/</p>
Hospitals in New Taipei City (新北地區醫院)	

<p><u>New Taipei City Hospital, New Taipei City Government</u> 新北市立聯合醫院 三重院區 Sanchong Branch 3, Section 1, New Taipei Blvd, Sanchong District, New Taipei City 新北市三重區新北大道一段 3 號 Tel: (02) 2982-9111</p> <p>板橋院區 Banqiao Branch 198, Yingshi Road, Banqiao District, New Taipei City 新北市板橋區英士路 198 號 Tel: (02) 2257-5151 https://www.ntch.ntpc.gov.tw/home.jsp?id=502f4edfb925e407</p>	<p><u>Taipei Hospital</u> 衛生福利部臺北醫院 127, Su-Yuan Road, Hsin-Chuang District, New Taipei City 新北市新莊區思源路 127 號 Tel: (02) 2276-5566 Ext:4 https://www.tph.mohw.gov.tw/english/</p>
<p><u>Fu Jen Catholic University Hospital</u> 輔仁大學附設醫院 69, Guizi Road, Taishan District, New Taipei City 新北市泰山區貴子路 69 號 Tel: (02) 8512-8800 https://www.hospital.fju.edu.tw/en</p>	
<p>Hospitals in Kaohsiung City (高雄地區醫院)</p>	
<p><u>Kaohsiung Municipal Min Sheng Hospital</u> 高雄市立民生醫院 134, Kai Hsuan 2nd Rd., Lin Yah District Kaohsiung 802, Taiwan 高雄市苓雅區凱旋二路 134 號 Tel: (07) 751-1131 Fax: (07) 751-9920 http://www.kmsh.gov.tw</p>	<p><u>Chung Ho Memorial Hospital Kaohsiung Medical University</u> 高雄醫學大學附設中和紀念醫院 100, Tzyou 1st Rd., Kaohsiung 807, Taiwan 高雄市自由一路 100 號 Tel: (07) 312-1101 www.kmuh.org.tw</p>
<p><u>Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital</u> 高雄榮民總醫院 386, Tachung 1st Rd., Kaohsiung 813, Taiwan 高雄市左營區大中一路 386 號 Tel: (07) 342-2121 Fax: (07) 342-2288 http://www.vghks.gov.tw</p>	<p><u>Yuan's General Hospital</u> 阮綜和醫院 162, Chengkung 1st Rd., Linya Dis., Kaohsiung 802, Taiwan 高雄市苓雅區成功一路 162 號 Tel: (07) 335-1121 http://www.yuanhosp.com.tw/</p>

Hospitals in Yilan County (宜蘭地區醫院)	
<p><u>Saint Mary's Hospital Loudong</u> 羅東聖母醫院 160, Chung Chang S. Rd. Loudong, Yilan, Taiwan 宜蘭縣羅東鎮中正南路 160 號 Tel: (03) 954-4106 http://www.smh.org.tw/</p>	<p><u>National Yang-Ming University Hospital</u> 陽明大學附設醫院 152 Hsinming Rd., Yilan, Taiwan 宜蘭市新民路 152 號 Tel: (03) 932-5192 http://www.ymuh.ym.edu.tw/</p>
Hospitals in Kinmen County (金門地區醫院)	
<p><u>Kinmen Hospital</u> 行政院衛生福利部金門醫院 2, Fuxing Rd., Jinhua Township, Jinmen County, Taiwan 金門縣金湖鎮新市里復興路 2 號 Tel: (082)332-546 http://www.kmhp.mohw.gov.tw/</p>	
Hospitals in Taichung City (台中地區醫院)	
<p><u>Jen Ai Hospital</u> 仁愛醫療財團法人台中仁愛醫院 36, Sec. 3, Chung Chuan E. Rd., Taichung, Taiwan 台中市中區柳川東路 36 號 Tel: (04) 2225-5450 http://www.jah.org.tw</p>	<p><u>Taichung Veterans General Hospital</u> 台中榮民總醫院 1650, Taiwan Boulevard Sec. 4, Taichung, Taiwan 台中市西屯區臺灣大道四段 1650 號 Tel: (04) 2359-2525 Fax: (04)2359-5046 https://www.vghtc.gov.tw/</p>
<p><u>China Medical University Hospital</u> 中國醫藥大學附設醫院 2, Yude Rd., Taichung, Taiwan Taiwan 台中市北區育德路 2 號 Tel: (04) 2205-2121 Fax: (04)2205-3425 http://www.cmuh.cmu.edu.tw/</p>	<p><u>HongEn Hospital</u> 宏恩醫院 No. 38-13, Sec. 2, Fuxing Rd., Taichung, Taiwan 台中市南區復興路二段 38-13 號 Tel: (04) 2262-3123 http://www.hong-en.com.tw/home.php</p>

<p><u>Tai An Hospital - Shuang Shi Branch</u> 台安醫院雙十分院 No. 29, Sec. 2, Shuangshi Rd., Taichung, Taiwan 台中市北區雙十路二段 29 號 Tel: (04) 2226-8990 http://www.tassh.com.tw/</p>	<p><u>Cheng Ching Hospital</u> 澄清醫院中港分院 No.966, Sec. 4, Taiwan Blvd., Xitun Dist., Taichung City 40764, Taiwan 台中市西屯區台灣大道四段 966 號 Tel: (04) 2463-2000 http://www.ccggh.com.tw/html/home.aspx</p>
Hospitals in Taitung County (台東地區醫院)	
<p><u>Taipei Veterans General Hospital - Taitung Branch</u> 台北榮總台東分院 No. 1000, Gengsheng Rd., Taitung, Taiwan 台東市更生路 1000 號 Tel: (089) 222-995 http://www.vhht.gov.tw/index.php</p>	<p><u>Taitung St. Mary's Hospital</u> 天主教台東聖母醫院 No. 2, Hangzhou St., , Taitung, Taiwan 台東市杭州街 2 號 Tel: (089) 322-833 http://www.st-mary.org.tw/index.php</p>
<p><u>Taitung Christian Hospital</u> 台東基督教醫院 No. 350, Kaifeng St., Taitung, Taiwan 台東市開封街 350 號 Tel: (089) 960-888 http://www.tch.org.tw/TchWeb/</p>	<p><u>Mackay Memorial Hospital Taitung Branch</u> 台東馬偕紀念醫院 No.1, Lane 303, Changsha Street, Taitung, Taiwan 台東市長沙街 303 巷 1 號 Tel: (089) 310-150 http://ttw3.mmh.org.tw/</p>
Hospitals in Hualien County (花蓮地區醫院)	
<p><u>Mennonite Christian Hospital</u> 基督教門諾會醫院 No.44, Minquan Rd., Hualien, Taiwan 花蓮市民權路 44 號 Tel: (03) 824-1234 https://www.mch.org.tw/</p>	<p><u>Hua-Lien Hospital, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan</u> 衛生福利部花蓮醫院 No.600, Chungjen Rd., Hualien, Taiwan 花蓮市中正路 600 號 Tel: (03)835-8141 Fax: (03)831-1643 http://www.hwln.mohw.gov.tw/</p>
<p><u>Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital</u> 花蓮慈濟醫院 707, Sec.3, Chung-Yang Rd. Hualien, Taiwan 花蓮市中央路三段 707 號 Tel: (03) 856-1825 http://hlm.tzuchi.com.tw/en-GB/</p>	

Hospitals in Changhua County (彰化地區醫院)

Chang-Hua Hospital

衛生福利部彰化醫院

51341, No. 80 Chung Cheng Rd. Sec. 2, Puhsin Village, Chang Hua County, Taiwan

彰化縣埔心鄉中正路二段 80 號

Tel: (04) 829-8686

Fax: (04) 829-9971

<http://www.chhw.mohw.gov.tw/>

Changhua Christian Hospital

彰化基督教醫院

500 No.135 Nanxiao St., Changhua City, Changhua County, Taiwan

彰化縣彰化市南校街 135 號

Tel: (04)723-8595

Fax: (04) 723-2942

<http://www.cch.org.tw/home.aspx>

Shiw Chwan Memorial Hospital

秀傳醫療社團法人秀傳紀念醫院

500, No. 542, Chung-Shan Rd. Sec.1, Chanhua City, Chanhua County, Taiwan

彰化縣彰化市中山路一段 542 號

Tel: (04)725-6166

<https://www.scmh.org.tw/>

Hospitals in Yunlin County (雲林地區醫院)

National Taiwan University Hospital—Yunlin Branch

國立台灣大學醫學院附設醫院雲林分院

斗六院區 Douliu Branch

No.579, Sec. 2, Yunlin Rd., Douliu City, Yunlin County 640, Taiwan

640 雲林縣斗六市雲林路二段 579 號

Tel: (05) 5323911

虎尾院區 Huwei Branch

No.95, Xuefu Rd., Huwei Township, Yunlin County 632, Taiwan

632 雲林縣虎尾鎮學府路 95 號

Tel: (05) 6330002

<https://www.ylh.gov.tw/YL/index.php>

Yunlin Christian Hospital

雲林基督教醫院

No. 375, Shichang South Rd., Xiluo Township, Yunlin County 648, Taiwan

648 雲林縣西螺鎮市場南路 375 號

Tel: (05) 5879110

<http://www.yl.cch.org.tw/>

Hospitals in Chiayi City (嘉義地區醫院)

<p><u><i>Chia-Yi Hospital</i></u> 衛生福利部嘉義醫院 60096, No. 312, Beigang Rd., West District, Chiayi City, Taiwan 嘉義市北港路 312 號 Tel: (05) 231-9090 Fax: (05) 231-6781 https://www.chyi.mohw.gov.tw/page_E.asp?orc%20aid={AB625EA9-FB04-4E1E-A829-112EAD1A6193}</p>	<p><u><i>Chia-Yi Christian Hospital</i></u> 嘉義基督教醫院 60002, No. 539, Zhongxiao Rd., East District, Chiayi City, Taiwan 嘉義市東區忠孝路 539 號 Tel: (05) 276-5041 Fax: (05) 278-8421 http://www.cych.org.tw/cych/english/about.html</p>
<p><u><i>Chia-Yi Hospital</i></u> 台中榮民總醫院嘉義分院 60090, No. 600, Sec. 2, Shixian Rd., West District, Chiayi City, Taiwan 嘉義市西區世賢路二段 600 號 Tel: (05) 235-9630 Fax: (05) 236-9676 https://www.vhcy.gov.tw/Home/IndexEng</p>	

Hospitals in Pingtung County (屏東地區醫院)

<p><u><i>Pingtung Hospital</i></u> 衛生福利部屏東醫院 90054, No. 270, Ziyou Rd., Pingtung County, Taiwan 屏東市自由路 270 號 Tel: (08) 736-3011 Fax: (08) 738-2685 https://www.pntn.mohw.gov.tw/english/</p>	<p><u><i>Pingtung Christian Hospital</i></u> 屏東基督教醫院 90059, No. 60, Zhongxiao Rd., Pingtung City, Taiwan 屏東市大連路 60 號 Tel: (08) 736-8686 Fax: (08) 737-8620 http://www.ptch.org.tw/IMS/ims_index.html</p>
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Hospitals in Penghu County (澎湖地區醫院)

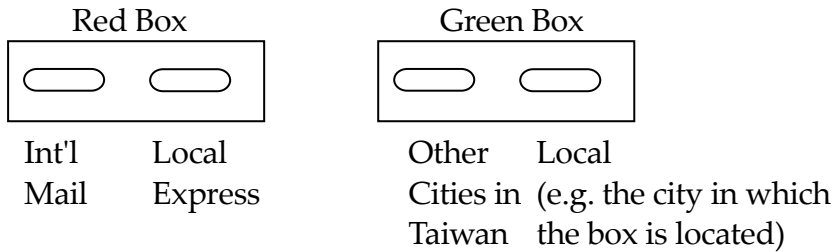
<p><u><i>Penghu Hospital</i></u> 衛生福利部澎湖醫院 88041, No. 10, Zhongzheng Rd., Magong City, Taiwan 澎湖縣馬公市中正路 10 號 Tel: (06) 926-1151 Fax: (06) 926-2408 https://www.pngh.mohw.gov.tw/english/</p>	<p><u><i>Tri-Service General Hospital Penghu Branch</i></u> 三軍總醫院澎湖醫院 88056, No. 90, Qianliao, Magong City, Penghu City, Taiwan 澎湖縣馬公市前寮里 90 號 Tel: (06) 921-1116 Fax: (06) 921-1500 https://afph.tsgh.ndmctsgh.edu.tw/english</p>
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Postal and Courier Service

Taiwan postal services are efficient. However, if you can address your letters in Chinese for intra-Taiwan letters, they will arrive faster.

There are red and green mailboxes along the streets. Each box has two slots for mail, to be used as follows :

Mail Boxes :



The red boxes are for international mail and local express letters. The green boxes are for regular local mail.

Regular mail is delivered Monday through Friday. A letter sent to an address in Taiwan costs NT\$5.00 or about U.S. 20¢. However, for NT\$12.00 you can have the letter sent "fast delivery" and it will arrive within a day or two. Mail service is once a day, with only "fast delivery" on Saturdays and Sundays. Speed post which costs NT\$70 will deliver your letter or documents in a few hours.

A letter sent airmail to the U.S. will cost NT\$15.00 for the first 10 grams. Airmail letters reach the U.S. in seven to ten days. During the Christmas season and one month afterward, however, even air mail letters may take two weeks or even longer to travel between Taiwan and the U.S.; surface mail can take up to eight weeks. For NT\$30.00 extra, your letter can be sent "Express" and will arrive in the U.S. in five days. Express services through the post office are also available for packages.

Some Chinese envelopes and stamps have no glue on them because the high humidity here moistens it. The Chinese use paste, and post offices carry an abundant supply.

Packages sent by surface mail can take eight weeks or more to arrive, but the rates here are inexpensive compared to the U.S. If you want to buy Chinese goods for shipment to the U.S., make certain to check customs regulations as all packages are inspected by the Chinese and American post offices.

It is possible to keep your money on deposit in post offices, if you have an alien resident card. The interest is tax free, and like banks, the post offices have automated teller services. This is a very popular service of the post office in addition to their regular services.

It is illegal to send currency of any kind through the mail. As in the U.S., you can buy money orders at the post office.

Courier services such as DHL, Federal Express and UPS are available in Taiwan. There numbers are:

DHL (Taiwan) Corp.
Tel : 0800-769-888

Federal Express - Taiwan
Tel : 0800-075-075

UPS Taiwan Office
Tel: 0800-365-868

However, it is also possible to go to any 7-ELEVEN stores, Hi-Life stores, and FamilyMart stores to send a letter or small package by DHL, FedEx or UPS, and the Post Office also has an express delivery service.

Main Post Office(郵政總局)
Directorate of Northern Taiwan Postal Region
114 Chung Hsiao W. Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei
(台北市忠孝西路一段 114 號)

Cable/Telegrams/Fax
International Telecommunications Administration(國際電信局辦事處)
28, Hangchou S. Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei
(台北市杭州南路一段 28 號)
Tel : (02) 2344-3780/3 (24-hour service)

Telephone Service

The telephone service in Taiwan is modern and reliable for the most part. Some useful numbers to have are :

English Information: 106

Overseas Calls-Dial: 100 (operator can speak basic English)

Telephone Repair-Dial: 112

Information (Chinese): 104

One thing you may miss in Taiwan is easy access to a readable telephone book. Though there is a telephone book in English, it is distributed mainly to those who have asked that their names be listed in English, and includes only those names or businesses. Even the thick Chinese phone book is not very popular, used only as a last resort. Most people (not just foreigners) develop their own personal telephone directories, by collecting name cards, and obtaining telephone numbers from directories such as the *Directory of Taiwan* or the Community Center's *Taipei Living*. Even the English Information number given above appears to be limited to searching the English telephone directory. If you speak Chinese, try calling the Information number 104.

Most long-distance calls can be made by dialing directly. Dial 002-1 or 009-1 and then the area code and telephone number when dialing the U.S.

Pay Phones

Public telephones are now rarely seen. Payment can be made using coins, telephone card use, and IC/credit cards depending on the machine type. To use pay phones; insert a NT\$1 coin (NT\$5 or \$10 coins can also be used, but no change will be provided) or the telephone card and dial the number. These calls are limited to three minutes. You will hear a tone when the time is nearly up, but don't bother inserting more coins at this point, your time is up and the phone will just eat them! You will have to hang up, then insert more coins (or re-insert the card) and re-dial.

Cell phone plan

The typical contract for cell phone is one or two-year contract in Taiwan. In other words, if people would like to have a contract with their cell phones, it is more suitable for those people who will plan to stay in Taiwan over one year at least. Otherwise, they will pay the punishment fee. Therefore, it is better to choose the prepaid service (no contract) for the plan of your cell phone while you are in Taiwan.

Please see the following the information of our local cell phone companies:

- Taiwan Mobile: <http://english.taiwanmobile.com/>
- Far Eastone Telecommunications Co., Ltd.:
<http://www.fetnet.net/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=2041425870880&pagename=eCorporate%2FPage%2FecoMainContentPageT2>

- Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.: <https://www.cht.com.tw/en/home/cht>

You can check with the above three cell phone companies for the detail in person after you arrive in Taiwan.

Besides, you can go to our local convenience store to buy the sim card (it is the most economic, efficient and convenient for foreigners who stay in Taiwan less than one year), then you insert this sim card into your cell phone and your cell phone can work. You do not need to be locked into a typical one or two-year contract.

Wifi

Since 7 October 2011, more than 5,000 WiFi hotspots (access points) have been established in the indoor public areas of some offices of the agencies of the Executive Yuan to provide citizens with free basic WiFi access service. This service is called iTaiwan provide 1Mbps bandwidth for the public to access the internet. The WiFi hotspots are chiefly available in the indoor public area of local tourism attractions, transportation nodes, cultural and educational facilities, and government offices to provide citizens the ability to search for information over the Internet in case of emergency or when they are conducting business at government offices.

“iTaiwan” is the collaboration with the National Development Council. Users will have to log in with account and password, and the service requires verification. For details, please refer to information broadcast via MRT station platform TVs and the Chinese website of Taipei Free.

Conclusively, free public Wi-Fi service is available across Taipei city both indoors and outdoors. The SSID of Wi-Fi access is TPE-Free. Visitors who wish to use the service can set up an account with valid passport or entry permit at eleven Tourist Information Center at Taipei included Taipei Main Station, Songshan Airport, MRT Beotou Station, MRT Ximen Station, MRT Jiantan Station, Miramar Entertainment Park, Plum Garden, Gondola Maokong Station, MRT Taipei 101/World Trade Center Station, URS44 Dadaocheng, and MRT Longshan Temple Station. Meanwhile, some restaurants and coffee shops in Taiwan tipprovide free internet WiFi access.

In addition to the free Wi-Fi access, payable Wi-Fi accesses are also available in most of 7-11 convenience stores across Taiwan, and in coffee shops and restaurants like Starbucks or McDonald's. Prepaid access cards can be purchased over the counter at the stores, and the costs vary.

Visitors can also prepare and rent their own pocket WiFi or portable WiFi router. There are several options at Taiwan Taoyuan Airport or rent a pocket WiFi via Klook such as Chunghwa Telecom 4G Pocket WiFi. Also, you could purchase the 4G sim card from Chunghwa Telecom which is the most popular telecom in Taiwan. It has unlimited data with a 4G internet speed and NTD credits for local and international call. The hotspot sharing is also available. Visitors can may pick this up at Taoyuan International Airport on arrival.

Telephone Service Numbers

電話服務號碼

Directory Assistance (English Speaking) 英文查號台 Tel:106	Long Distance Operator Assistance 國內長途台 Tel:108
Directory Assistance (Long distance) 長途查號台 Tel:103	Telephone Information & Repairing 障礙台 Tel:112
Directory Assistance (Local Telephone) 室內查號台 Tel:104	Time Reporting 報時台 Tel:117
Highway Traffic Condition Report 高速公路路況報導 Tel:168	Weather 氣象台 Tel:166 • 166
International Operator Assistance 國際台 Tel:100	

Emergency Numbers

<p>Fire(Free Services Line) 火警、緊急救護(免費服務電話) Tel:119</p> <p>Police(Free Services Line) 報案、交通事故(免費服務電話) Tel:110</p>	<p>Social Services Telephone Numbers 社會服務電話</p> <p>Childhood Burn Foundation of the R.O.C 中華民國兒童燙傷基金會 Tel:(02)2522-4690</p> <p>Common Medical Questions Assistance Line 中華民國醫療諮詢服務協會 Tel:(02)2571-9588</p> <p>Animal Protection Association of the R.O.C 中華民國動物保護協會 Tel:(02)2704-0809</p> <p>Society for Wildlife & Nature R.O.C 中華民國自然生態保育協會 Tel: (02)2368-5862</p> <p>Sunshine Foundation of Social Welfare 中華民國陽光社會福利基金會 Tel:(02)2507-8006</p>
<p>Electricity Supply 電力</p> <p>Taipei Services Center 台北市區服務中心 Tel: (02)2378-8111</p> <p>South Taipei Services Center 台北南區服務中心 Tel: (02)2959-5111</p> <p>North Taipei Services Center 台北北區服務中心 Tel:(02)2888-1678</p> <p>West Taipei Services Center 台北西區服務中心 Tel:(02)2991-5511</p>	<p>Taipei City Government Police Precinct Youth Police Team 台北市政府警察局少年警察大隊 Tel:(02)2759-0827</p>
<p>Gas Supply 瓦斯</p> <p>大台北瓦斯股份有限公司 Tel:(02)2768-4999</p>	<p>Taipei City Senior Citizens' Services Line 台北市老人福利查詢專線 Tel:(02)2720-8889</p> <p>Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation 台北市婦女救援基金會 Tel:(02)2555-8595</p>
<p>Water Supply 自來水</p> <p>Taipei Water Customers Services Center 台北自來水事業處客戶服務中心 Tel:(02)8733-5678</p>	

<p>Taipei Life Lines 台北市生命線 Tel:(02)2502-4242</p> <p>Teacher Cheng 張老師專線 Tel:直撥*1980 可直達 所在縣市的張老師中心</p> <p>The Red Cross Society of the ROC 中華民國紅十字會台灣省分會 Tel:(02) 2363-7794</p>	<p>Taipei Domestic Violence & Sexual Violation Prevention Service Center 台北市家庭暴力暨性侵害防治中心 Tel:(02) 2396-1996 (02)2396-1996</p> <p>Taipei Municipal Venereal Disease Control Institute 台北市性病防治所 Tel:(02)2370-3743</p> <p>Taipei Women's Center 台北婦女中心 Tel:(02)2832-1173</p>
<p>Woman and Child Protection Service 婦幼保護專線 Tel:113</p> <p>Veterans General Hospital Poison Rescue Assistance Center 榮總毒藥物防治諮詢專線 Tel:(02)2871-7121</p> <p>Taipei Association for the Promotion of Women's Rights 台北市女性權益促進會 Tel:(02) 2322-4632</p> <p>Chinese Fund for Children and Families 台北家扶中心 Tel:(02)2736-2085</p> <p>Help-Save-A-Pet Fund 流浪動物之家 Tel:(02)2945-2958</p>	<p>*COVID-19 Consultation Hotline 免付費傳染病諮詢專線 Tel: 1922 or 0800-001922</p>

Banking

Savings Accounts

Chinese banks and their bureaucracy frighten off many foreigners, but they really should not. Accounts can be opened at any local bank and all banks have card-activated machines that allow for easy withdrawals available 24 hours a day. To open an account simply go into a bank and ask where you can open an account. If the teller doesn't speak English, she or he will find someone who does. They can also explain to you how to fill out the deposit and withdrawal forms, since these are generally in Chinese only. Although the first visit may be trying, once you get the hang of it, it is no more complicated than banking in the U.S. You should keep in mind that interest earned on bank accounts is taxable, and if you are subject to local tax, you may need a statement from the bank in order to clear the tax. This can be a headache and leads many people to open savings accounts with the post office instead. These accounts can also be accessed by card-machines, and the (lower) interest they pay is not taxable.

If you will not use the saving account any more after your grant ends, we recommend you to go to close the account at the bank you opened your account with. It will avoid problems such as having your account used by others in your name. In the meantime, you can use this opportunity to exchange your money into other currency of your choice i.e. USD, because it is difficult to make the conversion of the New Taiwan Dollars abroad.

Changing or Transferring Money

To conduct any sort of foreign exchange transaction, it is easier if you have an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC). Moreover, only certain banks are authorized for foreign-exchange transactions. The Bank of Taiwan is always a sure bet. Although the main branch is on #120, Chung Ching South Road Sec. 1, Taipei (台北市重慶南路一段 120 號), any transaction can take a very long time to complete. The branches of the bank in the "East Section" of the city (such as that on the corner of Fu Hsing North Road and Chang An Road) are much more convenient. Your local bank may be able to change money or transfer it for you, too, but this often means two trips to the bank : One in the morning to fill out paperwork and pay, and the second in the afternoon to pick up the travelers' checks or cash you bought. In general, private commercial banks are more efficient.

American Express is located at 12F, 363 Fuhsing N. Rd. (台北市復興北路 363 號 12 樓) (Tel: 02-2719-0808) and they will also help card members answer questions concerning banking procedures.

If you have an ATM card in the U.S., check with your bank to make sure you can use it in Taiwan. Only certain types of ATM cards can be used here, but if you have the right kind you can go to any ATM machine here and withdraw money from your bank in the U.S., in NT dollars. Of course, to do this you will not need an ARC.

Transportation

Finding Your Way Around

The street numbering and naming system here is a little bit different from what you may be accustomed to. For example, consider the following imaginary address: Chung Shan N. Rd., Sect. 1, Lane 31, Alley 8, #5. Chung Shan N. Rd. is a fairly long street, which is therefore divided both into North and South, as well as having section numbers. So, you must first be sure that you are on Chung Shan NORTH Rd., and then that you are on Sect. 1 of the North segment road (it has at least six sections). Then, to find Lane 31, look at the numbers of the buildings. If you see No. 29, you should know you are close to finding Lane 31, because lanes are numbered as though they were also buildings. It would then be a simple matter to find Alley 8, since an alley is attached to a lane in the same way that a lane is attached to a street. Not all addresses are this complicated, but it is important to understand that section numbers refer to the street, not to a particular section of the city. Usually street names are written in Chinese with the largest part first (e.g., Taiwan, Taipei, Chung Shan N. Rd., Sect. ...) the opposite of the custom in the U.S. (#5, Alley 8...Taipei, Taiwan)

Bus

Many grantees and their families have found the public bus system in Taipei is very convenient, as buses go everywhere in the city. However, they are often very crowded (standing-room only) during the rush hours, and are not for the faint of heart or slow of foot. The normal fare is NT\$15, payable either by coin (exact change) or the Easy Card. You must pay as you get on the bus and as you get off as well. Most buses have priority seats for the elderly, pregnant women, and physically challenged passengers. All Taipei buses run between 5:30 am and 11:00 pm. Recently, the buses (at least in Taipei) also have signs in English indicating the beginning and ending locations of their route. For information about Taipei bus routes in English, see <https://ebus.gov.taipei/Dybus.aspx>

Bus trips are less frequent in cities other than Taipei. The Bus service is of similar quality, though bus guides in English may not be available. Instead, you can ask local residents about the routes, or just experiment by trying them out yourself.

Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS)

Since 1994, Taipei has been constructing a mass rapid transit system that includes both subway and elevated portions. Six major sections have now been completed and have considerably improved the traffic situation. Signs and announcements are in English as well as Chinese, making it more user-friendly than buses and taxis for foreigners. Tickets can be purchased from machines inside the stations. Information about routing, tickets, etc. is available at <https://english.metro.taipei/>. You can purchase an Easy ticket, or "Smart Travel" card (Easy Card), which can be used both on buses and the MRT. They are available at machines in the MRT stations.

The location of a MRT station nearby is an important factor to consider when deciding where to live in Taipei.

Bicycle

Apart from bus and MRT, cycling gradually becomes as a short-distance transit vehicles. In the hope of elevating life and culture in the city and in response to a global trend of energy conservation and carbon mitigation, the Taipei City Government, in collaboration with Giant Taiwan, initiated the Taipei Bike Sharing System Service Plan, also known as "YouBike". Nowadays, you can find YouBike in Taipei City, New Taipei City, Taoyuan City, Hsinchu City, Miaoli City, Changhua City, Taichung City and Kaohsiung (after July, 2020). In Hsinchu County, Tainan City and Pingtung County, Public Bicycle System can also be seen, using different systems other than YouBike.

YouBike uses an electronic unmanned automated management system to provide "A leases and B returns" bike rental service. Riding a YouBike as the short-distance transit vehicle has been more and more popular among citizens. YouBike is indeed commuter and tourist-friendly. Rental payment can be made via the "Smart Travel" card (Easy Card), major credit cards and mobile phones.

Currently it charges 5 NTD for the first 30 minutes in Taipei city. After that, it is 10NTD per 30 minutes within the first 4 hours. More information is available at <https://taipei.youbike.com.tw/use/rates?5cc2971d083e7b55e32b8172>

Taxis

You can hail taxis on the street. Most drivers don't speak English, so it is often essential, if you don't know the Chinese name of your destination, to have it written in Chinese characters to show the driver.

With the recent increases in oil prices, it is expected that taxi fares may be raised soon, but as of May 2016, the beginning charge for the first 1.25 kilometers is NT\$70 and the meter goes up in increments of NT\$5 according to both distance (every 200M) and time (1 minute 20 second). At the end of your ride, you must pay whatever is shown on the meter. It is not necessary to tip the driver. A surcharge (+20NT) is added to taxi fees during the morning rush hours of 7-9 am, and evening rush hours 5-7 pm, evening 11pm-5am and from noon to 2 pm on Saturdays. The driver tabulates this fee by pushing the far right button on the taxi's meter. If you have problems with your taxi driver, you may call Taipei's Traffic Police Squad Tel: (02)2394-9007, Office of Motor Vehicle Inspection Tel: (02) 2767-8271, Department of Communications Tel: (02) 2729-1181. Don't forget to include the taxi's number, displayed on the rear window of each vehicle. If you need to go out during the late night hours, it is possible to call a taxi by phone. The numbers recommended are:

Taiwan Taxi 台灣大車隊

Tel: (02)4058-8888 / (cell phone) 55688

http://www.taiwantaxi.com.tw/EN/en_about.html

M Taxi 大都會計程車隊

Tel: (02)4499-178 / (cell phone) 55178

<http://www.mtaxi.com.tw/>

It is generally considered better for women not to take a taxi alone at night, unless it is one of those summoned by phone. If you accidentally leave some of your belongings in a taxi, there is a chance that the driver may turn it into the Police Broadcasting Service (警察廣播電台)⁹, where you can pick it up. In general, taxis are safe and the drivers polite, friendly, and very skillful at maneuvering through the crowded streets and around motorcycles and pedestrians.

Transportation to and from the International Airport

Taipei: The most inexpensive way to travel from Taipei to Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport in Taoyuan is by the airport bus service, which runs every fifteen minutes from the East Station of the Taipei Railway-Bus Terminal at No. 3, Beiping West Road (台北市中正區北平西路 3 號). There is also a stop at the domestic (Sungshan 松山) Airport in Taipei. The cost is about NT\$145 for a one-way trip. The buses can also be taken for the trip from the airport back to the city. Another bus service goes another route, from the airport to and from the World Trade Center (世貿中心), with a stop at the Howard Plaza Hotel (福華飯店), much more convenient for those who live in the National Taiwan University area. The cost is similar.

By taxi, the charge is from NT\$900-1,100, but it can be negotiated. You can call any of the taxi numbers listed above. A limo service is also available for approximately NT\$1000-1500.

You can also take the Taoyuan Airport MRT now at A1 Taipei Main Station, A12 Airport Terminal 1 Station, and A13 Airport Terminal 2 Station. There are express trains and commuter trains available, and both cost \$160 NTD. For a one-way ride between Taoyuan Airport and Taipei City, express trains take around 35 minutes while the commuter trains take around 50 minutes.

⁹ 17 Guang-chow St. (台北市廣州街 17 號), Tel: (02) 2388-8099.

Website: <https://www.pbs.gov.tw/eng/index.php>

Travel between Cities

Bus & Train

Buses and trains go all over Taiwan, leaving from the main railway-bus terminal located at 209, Sec1, Civic Ave. (市民大道一段 209 號). The information desk at the station can usually provide some information in English.

Train travel is generally safe, comfortable and fast if you take the express trains. You may purchase round trip tickets as early as four days in advance at the railway station, but only the first part of your trip will have the seat number reserved. The return seat reservation must be made after you arrive at your destination. The same is true of bus tickets. During the lunar New Year and other major holiday weekends, it is difficult to obtain tickets at all. Special schedules for purchase of tickets will be announced in the newspapers and people will even camp overnight at the train/bus station in order to buy tickets. It is better to stay at home on such holidays. There is now a web site in English where you can find out the train schedule and make reservations online: <http://railway.hinet.net/>

Railway Station Information Desk

Taipei	(02) 2371-3558
Taichung	(04) 2221-6492
Kaohsiung	(07) 237-1507
Yilan	(03) 932-3801
Taitung	(089) 229-687

A bullet train line was opened, going from Taipei to Kaohsiung on the southern tip of the island in just under two hours (longer if you take the train with more stops in between). Tickets and timetable information is at <http://www.thsrc.com.tw/en>. It will be operated by the Taiwan High Speed Railway Corporation for 35 years before being turned over to the government.

Domestic Air Travel

Flights between the major cities of Taiwan are fairly frequent* and tickets can be easily purchased at the domestic airports shortly before the flight in Taipei, Hualien, Kaohsiung, Tainan, Taitung, and Chiayi, except on weekends and holidays. Flights to the offshore islands of Penghu, Kinmen (Quemoy), Orchid Island, and Green Island are also available. There are tourist "hotlines" at the following domestic airports:

Songshan Airport, Taipei	(02) 8770-3460
Taichung Airport	(04) 2615-5000
Tainan Airport	(06) 260-1016
Kaohsiung Airport	(07) 805-7630
Hualien Airport	(03) 821-0768
Kinmen Airport	(082) 322-381
Taitung Airport	(089) 361-111

**Since the opening of the high-speed railway, domestic air travel has been seriously affected, and thus flights will not be as frequent as in the past; also, some airlines have been forced out of business as a result.*

Driver's License

An R.O.C. driver's license can be obtained fairly easily by application at the bureau located on Pateh Road, Sec. 3, Taipei. You'll need photos and a valid U.S. driver's license. They will also require you to get a medical examination, but when the forms are given to you, they will also tell you where and how to get this examination at a nearby hospital. The entire procedure takes a morning or afternoon, but is worth it, since you cannot rent a car without a valid local or international license. If you get an international license before you leave for Taiwan and change it to a local license after arrival it may be easier, but it can depend on which state issues the international drivers' license.

As for the Issuance of International Driving Permits (IDP), the required documents are as follows:

1. Valid international driver's license issued by home country and TECO office
2. Valid domestic driver's license issued by home country.
3. Passport or residence permit.
4. One 1 x 1 inch ID photo (taken within the last 6 months).

For more information, please refer to the website: <https://tpcmv.thb.gov.tw/English/>

Car Rentals

There are a number of car rental agencies, and almost all repair shops are willing to rent you a car. However, this kind of arrangement is not very reliable. The Hotai Leasing Corporation (和運租車) has proved to be reliable and reasonably priced. Their staff all speaks English. 24hr service line is 0800-024-550. Their website is in English (<https://www.easyrent.com.tw/English/index.html>). The Car Plus rental Service (格上租車) have many service point in most of the HSR station. You may either check their website (https://www.car-plus.com.tw/EN/ugC_AboutUs.asp) or call them (0800-222-568) for further information.

Driving and Auto Accidents

With care and some luck your driving experience will be a good one. There is a system to the traffic as you'll discover after you drive a bit. If you are involved in an accident call the Foreign Affairs Police at their 24-hour Traffic Accident Number: (02) 2537-3852. Motorcycle riding in Taipei is very dangerous, but in other cities of Taiwan, such as Yilan, may be the major means of daily transportation in the absence of a public bus service.

Entertainment, Culture, and Recreation

Programs for the major live performance venues are available at the Taipei Main Station of the MRT and in some of the other larger MRT stations. Look for them in racks located near information booths. The English newspapers also carry weekly sections on entertainment available around the island.

<p>Taiwan Travel Service Center (觀光局旅遊資訊中心)</p>	<p>The Tourism Bureau runs a travel service center, where you will find a travel library, research center, brochures and more. The center is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm.</p> <p>240, Dunhua N. Rd., Taipei City (台北市敦化北路 240 號) Tel: (02) 2717-3737, 0800-011-765 Website: https://eng.taiwan.net.tw/</p> <p>Visitors and residents are advised to jot down the Travel Center's telephone numbers (above). The service center provides information and guidance in English and Japanese on travel, emergencies, accidents, lost and found, language problems and complaints.</p>
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Theaters and Concert Halls

<p>National Theater and Concert Hall (國家兩廳院)</p>	<p>21-1 Chung Shan S. Rd., Taipei City. (100 台北市中山南路 21-1 號) Ticket Office Tel:(02) 3393-9888 Website: http://npac-ntch.org/en/</p>
<p>National Performing Arts Center (國家表演藝術中心)</p>	<p>21-1 Chung Shan S. Rd., Taipei City. (100 台北市中山南路21-1號) Ticket Office Tel:(02) 3393-9777 Website: http://npac-ntch.org/index.html</p>

These two venues, located in the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall Park (the name is being changed to Taiwan Democracy Hall, but the bus and MRT stops do not yet reflect this change), present both western and Chinese drama, dance, and musical performances. Schedules of upcoming performances are available each month, at the theaters themselves, but the Foundation also keeps a supply. The local English newspapers also publish regular reports on what is going on at these and other theaters.

<p>Armed Forces Cultural Center (國軍文藝活動中心)</p>	<p>69, Zhonghua Rd., Taipei City(台北市中華路一段 69 號) Tel:(02)2371-6832 Website: http://gpwd.mnd.gov.tw/Publish.aspx?cnid=153&p=27</p>
<p>National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall (國父紀念館)</p>	<p>505 Jen Ai Road, Sec. 4, Taipei City(台北市仁愛路四段 505 號) Tel: (02) 2758-8008 Website: http://www.yatsen.gov.tw/</p>
<p>National Taiwan Art Education Institute (國立台灣藝術教育館)</p>	<p>47, Nan-hai Road, Taipei City(台北市南海路 47 號) Tel:(02) 2311-0574 Website: http://www.arte.gov.tw/</p>
<p>National Taiwan Junior College of Performing Arts (國立台灣戲曲學院)</p>	<p>177 Neihu Rd., Sec. 2 , Taipei City 台北市內湖路二段177號，內湖校區 <u>Tel:(02)2796-2666 (Neihu Campus)</u> Open Mon, Thurs and Sat, 11 am to 12:30 pm. Website: http://www.tcpa.edu.tw/files/11-1000-1118.php</p> <p>This college (formerly known as Fuxing Academy) introduces Chinese Opera with an excellent video performance, a twenty minute stage performance of Chinese Opera highlights, a fifty-minute acrobatic performance (Thursdays only) and a fifty-minute campus tour consisting of a visit to the Academy Museum and drama classes. You can also experience the look of an opera diva by trying opera make up and costumes.</p>
<p>Red House Theater (紅樓劇場)</p>	<p>No.10, Chengdu Rd., Wanhua Dist., Taipei City 台北市萬華區成都路10號 Tel : (02) 2311-9380 Open 1 pm to 10 pm. Sat-Sun, 10 am to 10 pm. Close Mondays. Website: http://www.redhouse.org.tw/</p> <p>This building has a history! It started out life in 1896 as a market hall and was then known as the Red Tower. Over the years it has been not only a market but also a movie theater and venue for Chinese opera. The site has recently been renovated and was re-opened in 2002 as a café, theater and performance venue. It is run by the director of the Paper Windmill Theater group. It has been used for fashion shows, conferences and much more. The majority of performances are in Chinese but the exhibitions and some of the performances are accessible to non-Mandarin speakers. The building itself is worth a visit.</p> <p>Take the MRT to Ximen Station, and the theater is outside exit 1.</p>

<p>Spot Taipei Film House (台北光點)</p>	<p>No.18, Sec. 2, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei City 台北市中山北路二段18號</p> <p>Website: http://www.spot.org.tw/</p> <p>The sparkling white mansion, built by the Japanese during the colonial period and formerly the residence of the American Ambassador, is now a listed historic site. The renovated building, managed by the Taiwan Film and Culture Society, is an art film venue, with an 88 seat cinema, exhibition and lecture rooms, a library and a pleasant the times of performances on arrival.</p>
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In the Botanical Garden near the National Museum of History, not far from the Foundation; has constantly presented month long theater performances of a great variety. Some of their performances are free of charge. Information may be available at (02) 2312-1103.

Chinese Teahouses

<p>Wistaria (紫藤廬)</p>	<p>No.1, Lane 16, Sec. 3, Hsin Sheng South Road, Taipei City 台北市新生南路三段 16 巷 1 號</p> <p>(on the west side just south of Ho'ping E. Road, Taipei.) Tel:(02) 2363-7375</p> <p>Website: http://www.wistariateahouse.com/main/modules/MySpace/index.php?cn=ZC2024</p> <p>Quiet, lovely tatami rooms where you can leisurely sip fragrant Taiwan tea. Four set meals and traditional snacks are also available. Wistaria has a reputation as a meeting place for political activists.</p>
<p>Hui Lin Teahouse (回留茶坊)</p>	<p>No.9, Alley 31, Yong Kung St., Taipei City 台北市永康街 31 巷 9 號</p> <p>Vegetarian meals at reasonable prices amid a quiet, attractive environment.</p>
<p>Cha For Tea (喫茶趣)</p>	<p>Website: https://www.chafortea.com.tw/</p> <p>Cha For Tea belongs to Tien Ren Tea Cop. There are many branches in Taipei. They provide many kinds of Tea food and Tea dessert. The most popular tea is 913 (King's Tea). This tea is made from high mountain oolong from Mt. Lu and Wushe, and scented with Wisconsin's ginseng by our own tea craftsman. It is an experience favored by many for over half a century.</p>

<p>WuanYue Tea House (望月茶坊)</p>	<p>3F, No. 98, Yanping South Road, Zhongzheng District, Taipei 臺北市中正區延平南路98號三樓</p> <p>Tel: (02) 2311-2348 Website: https://tplecturehall.tw/teahouse/ Hours: Monday to Sunday, 13:00- 21:00 (the timetable will be changed due to meetings and workshops)</p> <p>WuanYue Tea House is situated within the Taipei Lecture Hall. It not only serves a variety of tea for guests but also holds series of cultural activities. Regarding the minimum order, each person have to order a least one portion of tea.</p>
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Temples

Taiwan was settled primarily by Chinese from the southeastern provinces of Kwangtung and Fukien. The religions of these areas are among the most interesting and colorful of all China. Some of the flavor of religious ceremonies can be had by visiting temples in the Taipei area. A trip to Peikang or Tainan in the south would provide even more insights.

A list of the more interesting temples in Taipei would include the Lung Shan Temple in Wanhua (萬華), one of the oldest sections of Taipei, the lively Hsin Tien Temple (行天宮) on the corner of Sung Chiang and Min Chuan East roads, and the Chih Nan Temple (指南宮) complex overlooking Mucha south of the city.

Although there are at least two religions involved-Buddhism and Taoism-temples in Taiwan are rather eclectic. But it isn't absolutely necessary to seek out one of these well-known temples. Every neighborhood in Taipei has a temple and you'll often find someone there only too willing to try to explain its history and customs to you in simple English.

Temple activities vary greatly depending on the time of the month or year, the history of the temple, and even the time of day. Generally weekend evenings or Sundays are likely to turn up something of interest. For those interested in Taiwan's religious activities, information about religious festivities and temple ceremonies may be obtained from the National Tourism Bureau at (02) 2721-8541.

<p>Baoan Temple (保安宮)</p>	<p>No.61, Hami St., Taipei City 台北市大安區哈密街61號 Tel:(02)2595-1676 Website: http://www.baoan.org.tw</p> <p>Baoan Temple is very grand with its three halls. It is an important and majestic building, dedicated to Paosheng Tati, God of medicine, Within walking distance of Yuanshan MRT station.</p>
<p>Chih Nan Temple (Temple of 1,000 steps) (台北市木柵指南宮)</p>	<p>No.115, Wanshou Rd., Wenshan Dist., Taipei City 台北市文山區萬壽路115號 Tel:(02)2939-9922 Website: http://www.chih-nan-temple.org/index.php</p> <p>You can climb the 1,000 steps or take a bus or car to this beautiful temple complex in the mountains above Muzha, south of Taipei. The chanting, singing and ritual of a Taoist ceremony may be witnessed every day at 4 am, 8 am, 11 am, 3 pm, and 7 pm. There is a vegetarian restaurant at the temple or you may chose to drive to the tea plantations of Muzha and stop for a refreshing drink at one of the many tea houses in the area. Bus BR5 from Wanfang Community MRT station (brown line) terminates at the temple.</p>
<p>Confucius Temple (孔子廟)</p>	<p>No.275, Dalong St., Taipei City (off Juiquan St.) 台北市大龍街275號 Tel:(02)2592-3934 Open Tues-Sat, 8:30 am to 9 pm, Sun & holidays, 8:30 am to 5 pm Website: http://www.ct.taipei.gov.tw</p> <p>This temple is dedicated to the sage Confucius (551-479 BC). Every year on 28th September, an elaborate, ancient ceremony in honor of Confucius' birthday takes place at dawn. The ceremony is well worth the early start you will have to make. Tickets are required. Taking photographs is not allowed during the ceremony. It is, however, possible to take photographs during a rehearsal held the week before this ceremony. For information and tickets for both the ceremony and the rehearsal, call the Temple. Please remember that this is a religious event. Appropriate dress is expected. Within walking distance of Yuanshan MRT station.</p>

<p>Longshan Temple (龍山寺)</p>	<p>No.221, Guangzhou St., Taipei City 台北市萬華廣州街211號 Tel:(02)2302-5162 Website: http://www.lungshan.org.tw/</p> <p>The 240-year old temple honors Taiwan's patron deities, Guan Yin (Goddess of Mercy) and Mazu (Goddess of the Sea). Longshan Temple boasts fine temple carvings and roof work. A wonderful display of lanterns is on view during the Lantern Festival and Chinese New Year. Almost magical after dark.</p> <p>Five minutes' walk from Longshan Temple MRT station (blue line).</p>
<p>Xingtian Temple (行天宮)</p>	<p>No.109, Minquan E. Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei City 台北市民權東路二段109號 Tel:(02)2502-7924 Website: http://www.ht.org.tw/htk_eng/index.html</p> <p>The temple represents a harmonious society promoting Confucian and Buddhist beliefs. Many people worship here.</p>
<p>Beigang Chaotian Temple (北港朝天宮)</p>	<p>No.178, Zhongshan Rd., Beigang Township, Yunlin County 雲林縣北港鎮中山路178號 Tel:(05)783-2055 Website: http://www.matsu.org.tw/indexE.aspx</p> <p>The Chaotian Temple in Beigang is more than 290 years old. The grand and beautiful architecture of the Chaotian Temple is indeed a classic combination of religion and arts. The greatest worship festival is on Chinese lunar new year to March of lunar year. Around the birthday of Mazu (March 19th of lunar year), many religious people and affiliated temples head toward Beigang for celebration.</p>

Museums

In addition to the museums mentioned below, there are many small museums dedicated to special topics in Taipei, such as the Children's Museum, and the Postal Museum, the 228 Memorial Museum, and the Taipei County Yingge Ceramics Museum. Museums have recently become a popular phenomenon all over Taiwan. Contact the Bureaus of Cultural Affairs or Tourism Center in each county for more information.

<p>National Palace Museum (國立故宮博物院)</p>	<p>No.221, Sec. 2, Zhishan Rd., Shilin Dist., Taipei City 台北市至善路二段 221 號 Tel: (02) 2881-2021 Hours: 9:00 am-5:00 pm daily English Guided Tours:10:00 am and 3:00 pm (Applicants must complete the online reservation at least 2 days prior to visiting. Online Reservation https://signup.npm.edu.tw/Advice.aspx?ActivityId=8&LangId=2) Website: http://www.npm.gov.tw/</p> <p>One of the largest and most valuable connections of Chinese art treasures in the world. Visit the tea room on the top floor and don't miss the museum shops! Recently underwent extensive remodeling and expansion.</p>
<p>Taipei Fine Arts Museum (台北市立美術館)</p>	<p>No.181, Zhong Shan N. Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei City 台北市中山北路 3 段 181 號 Hours: Tuesday to Sunday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm/ Saturday 9:30 am – 08:30 pm (Closed on Mondays) Tel: (02) 2595-7656 Website: https://www.tfam.museum/index.aspx?ddlLang=en-us</p> <p>Dedicated to the display & collection of modern art.</p>
<p>National Museum of History (國立歷史博物館)</p> <p>*Temporarily closed for renovation from 2018/07 to 2021 (tentative)</p>	<p>No.49, Nan Hai Road, Taipei City 台北市南海路 49 號 Tel: (02) 2361-0278 Hours: 9:00 am-5:00 pm daily Website: http://www.nmh.gov.tw/zh/index.htm</p> <p>Has a large collection of artifacts from the Central Plains area of China, and frequent traveling exhibits from Europe, the U.S., and Asia.</p>
<p>National Taiwan Museum (國立台灣博物館)</p>	<p>No.2, Hsiang Yang Rd., Taipei City 台北市襄陽路 2 號 Tel:(02) 2382-2566 Hours: 9:30 am-5:00 pm (Closed on Mondays) Website: http://www.ntm.gov.tw/</p> <p>Collection of zoological/botanical specimens and casts of prehistoric man and cultural specimens of Taiwan's aboriginal tribes.</p>

<p>Museum of Contemporary Art (台北當代藝術館)</p>	<p>No.39. Changan W. Rd., Taipei City 台北市大同區長安西路39號 Tel: (02) 2552-3721 Hours: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Closed on Mondays) Website: http://www.mocataipei.org.tw/</p> <p>This museum is situated on the site of the former Taipei City Hall. It's a lovely old red brick building displaying the work of top modern artists, and is in a central, easy to find position near Zhongshan(中山) MRT Station.</p>
<p>Chang Foundation (鴻禧美術館)</p>	<p>B1, No.63, Renai Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei City 台北市仁愛路二段63號地下1樓 Tel: (02) 2356-9575 Hours: 10:30 am- 16:30 (Closed on Mondays) Website: http://www.discoverytaiwan.com.tw/spotname.php?i=1331</p> <p>Exhibits probably the best private collection of Chinese antiques in Taiwan. Excellent presentation in a small setting.</p>
<p>Museum of World Religions (世界宗教博物館)</p>	<p>6F., No.236, Sec. 1, Zhongshan Rd., Yonghe Dist., New Taipei City 新北市永和中山路一段236號6樓 Tel (02)8231-6699 Ext. 920,121, 906 Hours: 10:00 am~5:00 pm (Closed on Mondays) Website: http://www.mwr.org.tw</p> <p>Founded in 2001, the museum focuses on major belief systems, describing and illustrating them through an extensive collection of religious artifacts, artistic creations, and active multimedia displays. Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00-17:00. Admission NT\$150 for adults. Free if over 60.</p>
<p>SuHo Memorial Paper Museum (樹火紀念紙博物館)</p>	<p>No.68, Sec. 2, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei City 台北市中山北路二段68號 Hours: 9:00 am-4:30 pm (Closed on Sundays) Website: http://www.suho paper.org.tw/</p> <p>A small but interesting museum and foundation that offers courses in making paper by hand. Children can have a hands-on experience.</p> <p>Entrance fee NT\$100, 180\$ for people who want to experience paper making DIY activities.</p>

<p>Miniatures Museum of Taiwan (袖珍博物館)</p>	<p>B1, No. 96, Jianguo N. Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei City 台北市建國北路1段96號地下1樓</p> <p>Tel: (02) 2515-0583 Hours: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Closed on Mondays) Website: http://www.mmot.com.tw/</p> <p>Located in the basement of the Phillips building downtown, this museum has a collection of over 200 miniature doll houses, and other exquisite miniature collections. The nearest MRT station, Zhongxiao Xincheng (忠孝新生) is a fifteen- minute walk away.</p>
<p>Customs Museum (海關博物館)</p>	<p>No.13, Tacheng St., Taipei City 台北市塔城街13號</p> <p>Tel: (02) 2554-6687 Hours: 9:00 am- 12:00 pm/ 1:30 pm- 3:00 pm (Closed on the weekend) E- mail: museum@customs.gov.tw Website: http://museum.customs.gov.tw/</p> <p>This large museum exhibits rare prohibited goods and valuable historical customs documents and is well worth a visit. The Customs Museum only open to visitors who have made a reservation beforehand.</p>
<p>Beitou Hot Springs Museum (北投溫泉博物館)</p>	<p>No.2, Zhongshan Rd., Beitou Dist., Taipei City 台北市北投區中山路2號</p> <p>Tel: (02) 2893-9981 Hours: 9:00 am-5:00 pm (Closed on Mondays) Website: http://beitoumuseum.taipei.gov.tw/</p> <p>This bathhouse is a copy of an original in Japan and is an important heritage site. The exhibits in the museum cover the development of Beitou and local culture and industry, as well as the hot springs. The museum complex includes a large Japanese tatami hall, hot spring bath (no longer used), a showroom, restaurant and recreational area.</p> <p>Take the MRT to Xinbeitou station, then walk up Zhongshan Road along the left edge of Beitou Park (opposite the MRT station entrance) and the museum is on the right in above five minutes.</p>

<p>Postal Museum (郵政博物館)</p>	<p>No.45, Sec. 2, Chongqing S. Rd., Taipei City 台北市重慶南路2段45號</p> <p>Tel: (02) 2394-5185, 2394-5186</p> <p>Hours: 9:00 am- 5:00 pm (Closed on Mondays)</p> <p>Website: http://museum.post.gov.tw/post/Postal_Museum/museum_en/</p> <p>Recommended for stamps enthusiasts, it has a huge collection (set out on six floors!) of more than 500,000 Chinese and foreign stamps. Take the MRT to C.K.S Memorial Hall, leave by exit 1 or 2 and the museum is a five minute walk down Nanhai Road, naturally above a post office branch.</p>
<p>Shung Ye Museum of Formosan Aborigines (順益台灣原住民博物館)</p>	<p>No.282, Sec. 2, Zhishan Rd., Taipei City 台北市至善路2段282號</p> <p>Tel: (02) 2841-2611</p> <p>Hours: 9:00 am- 5:00 pm (Closed on Mondays)</p> <p>Website: http://www.museum.org.tw/</p> <p>This is a fun museum for children to visit, with handicrafts, musical instruments, pottery artifacts and hunting tools on display. Miniature models illustrate daily tribal life. The museum is located across from the National Palace Museum.</p> <p>Chinese guided tour is offered at 2 pm every Saturday and Sunday. Special appointment is accepted 2 weeks in advance. English and Japanese guided tours are also available.</p>

<p>Museum of Drinking Water (自來水博物館)</p>	<p>No.1, Szeyuan St., Taipei City 台北市思源街1號</p> <p>Tel: (02) 8369-5104</p> <p>Hours: 9:00 am- 5:00 pm, closed on Mondays (July & August: 9:00 am- 6:00 pm, closed on Mondays)</p> <p>Website: http://engwaterpark.water.taipei/</p> <p>This is an interesting place to visit. A mix of working modern and historical water purification techniques co-exist, and there are elegant buildings containing an old pumping station with large gleaming black machinery. The museum has a large area for children to explore, compete with water playground area. All signs are translated, and there is a short information video in English. The museum is near the National Taiwan University campus with its lovely grounds and walkways.</p> <p>By MRT take the Xindian(新店) Line to Gongguan(公館) Station, exit 4. Make a left turn opposite the Campus bookstore, cross Dingzhou Road(汀洲路), and walk towards Yungfu(永福) Bridge (about five minutes). Look for the brown tourist signs, and the museum is on the left hand side just before the bridge.</p>
<p>Taipei Astronomical Museum (台北天文科學教育館)</p>	<p>No.363, Jihe Rd., Shilin Dist., Taipei City 台北市基河路363號</p> <p>Tel: (02) 2831-4551</p> <p>Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 9:00 am -5:00 pm/ Saturday: 9:00 to 8:00 pm (Closed on Mondays)</p> <p>Website: http://www.tam.gov.taipei/</p> <p>This is a great museum to explore the world of space, and there are many hands-on exhibits for children. The great attraction is the golden-colored IMAX theater dome where you can watch a spectacular panorama of space over a 150 degree screen. The Science Education Center and Astronomical Museum are located next to each other. Most exhibit explanations are in Chinese only.</p> <p>The closest MRT station is Shilin, a short taxi ride away.</p>
<p>Li Tien-lu Glove Puppet Museum (李天祿布袋戲文物館)</p>	<p>No.26, Zhibo Rd., Sanzhi Dist., New Taipei City 新北市三芝區芝柏路26號</p> <p>Website: http://ltpuppet.pixnet.net/blog (Chinese Only)</p> <p>Tel: (02)2636-9174, 8635-3917</p> <p>Hours: Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: 10:00 am- 5:00 pm</p> <p>Established in 1996 as a memorial to Taiwan's grand master of puppet theater. The glove puppets on display are miniature masterpieces.</p>

<p>Yuyu Yang Lifescape Sculpture Museum (楊英風美術館)</p>	<p>No.31, Sec. 2, Chongqing S. Rd., Taipei City 台北市重慶南路二段 31 號 Tel: (02)2396-1966 Fax: (02)2356-7306 Hours: 11:00 am- 5:00 pm (Closed on Sundays) Website: http://www.yuyuyang.org.tw/</p> <p>This museum is dedicated to the internationally acclaimed artist's two and three-dimensional creations.</p> <p>Within walking distance of Xiaonanmen 小南門 or NTU Hospital MRT stations.</p>
<p>Taipei 228 Memorial Museum (台北二二八紀念館)</p>	<p>No.3, Ketagalan Blvd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City 台北市凱達格蘭大道 3 號 Tel: (02)2389-7228 Fax: (02)2389-5228 Hours: 10:00 am- 5:00 pm (Closed on Mondays) Website: http://228.taipei.gov.tw/</p> <p>Near the NTU Hospital MRT Station, the 228 Memorial Museum commemorates the crackdown by government troops against anti-KMT protesters and innocent bystanders on February 28, 1947, an event whose shadow extends into contemporary Taiwanese politics.</p> <p>228 Memorial Park has plenty of space for cycling; there's also a children's playground.</p>
<p>Taiwan Folk Art Museum (北投文物館)</p>	<p>No.32, Youya Rd., Beitou Dist., Taipei City 台北市北投區幽雅路 32 號 Tel: (02) 2891-2318 Hours: 10:00 am- 6:00 pm (Closed on Mondays) Website: http://www.beitoumuseum.org.tw/</p> <p>This museum is housed in an old Japanese wooden building. A well-organized, comprehensive and interesting display of Chinese cultural relics and art from the Aborigine tribes of Taiwan is housed here. Take an hour to look around the museum and also pay a visit to the gift shop where prices are reasonable. Lunch is available at the Shann Garden restaurant alongside the museum, which serves Chinese-style hot pot (cook-your-own-food) or Mongolian barbecue. There is also an attractive Japanese tea house where you can sit and brew your own tea. Bus 230 from outside Beitou MRT Station stops at the door.</p>

<p>Juming Museum (朱銘美術館)</p>	<p>No.2, Xishihu, Jinshan Dist., New Taipei City 新北市金山區西勢湖2號 Tel: (02) 2498-9940 Hours: May to October 10:00 am- 6:00 pm/ November to April 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (Closed on Mondays) Website: http://www.juming.org.tw/opencms/juming/main.jsp?info1=0&info2=0</p> <p>The museum is located near Jinshan金山, a coastal township in northern Taiwan. The museum, founded by the internationally known Taiwanese sculptor Ju Ming, houses works by the international artists such as Picasso, Andy Warhol and, of course, Ju Ming himself. The extensive museum grounds house sculptures and other artworks, as well as a sports square and fish ponds. A gift store and refreshments are available on site.</p> <p>To get to the museum there are hourly buses from the Public Insurance Building stop on Qingdao W. Rd. and from Taipei City Hall, outside Taipei Fine Arts Museum on Zhongshan N. Rd.中山北路, and near Taipei Main Station on ChengDe Rd.承德路 When you reach the Jinshan bus stop, take a taxi to the museum. By car, take highway one towards Keelung, connect to freeway three at Xizhi and take this to the coast at Wanli 萬里. Here take Provincial Road 2 towards Yehliu 野柳 and the North Coast National Scenic Area. After approximately 39 kilometers follow the directions on the road signs to 朱銘美術館 (In Chinese only).</p>
<p>National Museum of Natural Science (國立自然科學博物館)</p>	<p>No.1, Guanqian Rd., West Dist., Taichung City 台中市館前路1號 Hours: 9:00 am-5:00 pm (Closed on Mondays) Tel:(04) 2322-6940 Website: http://www.nmns.edu.tw/</p> <p>One of the most outstanding museums in Taiwan, highly recommended by grantees who have been there. Known for its Space Theater, 3-D Theater, and lively exhibits.</p>

<p>Lukang Folk Arts Museum (鹿港民俗文物館)</p>	<p>No.152, Zhongshan Rd., Lukang Township, Changhua County 彰化縣鹿港鎮中山路 152 號</p> <p>Hours: 9:00 am-5:00 pm (Closed on Mondays) Tel: (047) 772-2019 Website: http://www.lukangarts.org.tw/</p> <p>A really wonderful museum filled with clothes, furniture, household items, tools, paintings and writings from Taiwan's past.</p>
<p>Lion's Kingdom (河東堂獅子博物館)</p>	<p>No22-1 Hohsing Rd., Toucheng, Ilan County 宜蘭縣頭城鎮濱海4段32號</p> <p>Tel: (03)978-0782</p> <p>The museum has over 2,000 lion artifacts and the lions are made of a wide range of materials, including jade, pottery, wood, bamboo, ivory, gold and silver. They date from as far back as the Han and Tang dynasties, through the Sung, Yuan, Ming and Ching periods down to the present day. The museum is housed in a four-storey southern Fujian-type structure that combines the traditional and the modern. Go through the elegant coffee shop in the second basement and you come to the rear garden. The large lawn is a romping paradise for children, while the tea tables set amongst the trees provide a peaceful sojourn. A walkway by the sea provides views of Turtle Mountain Island with the waves from the Pacific rolling onto the rocky shore.</p>
<p>Chimei Museum (奇美博物館)</p>	<p>No. 66, Sec. 2, Wenhua Rd., Rende District, Tainan City 臺南市仁德區文華路二段66號</p> <p>Website: https://www.chimeimuseum.org/ml/English/3 Tel: (06) 266-0808 Hours: 9:30 am- 5:30 pm (Closed on Wednesdays)</p> <p>Chimei Museum is a comprehensive museum with wide collections of Western art, musical instruments, weaponry and natural history. There are permanent exhibition galleries, one temporary exhibition gallery and sculpture halls in the main building.</p>

Newspapers and Magazines

English Language

The following are the three daily English newspapers in Taiwan; all are morning papers, and delivery to your home can be easily arranged:

The China Post	Tel:(02)2596-9971 E-mail: cpost@ms1.hinet.net Website: HU https://chinapost.nownews.com/ UH H
Taiwan News	Tel:(02)2388-7931 E-mail: chinews@tpts1.seed.net.tw Website: https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/
Taipei Times	Tel:(02)2656-1000 E-mail : info@taipeitimes.com Website: http://www.taipeitimes.com/

It is possible to purchase the *International Herald Tribune*, and a few other American and British newspapers, though they are expensive and available only in large bookstores (See Bookstores, p. 28) and major hotels.

The Government Information Office publishes the following, which are also useful for keeping up with local developments:

<i>Taiwan Today</i>	Website: https://www.taiwantoday.tw/ Tel:(02)2397-0180 E-mail: ttonline@mofa.gov.tw
<i>Taiwan Review</i> (monthly)	Website: http://taiwanreview.nat.gov.tw Tel:(02) 2397-0633 E-mail: tr@mail.gio.gov.tw

Time, and *Newsweek*, are available at many newsstands and bookstores around the city, and you can also subscribe to them at a price much lower than the newsstand price.

Other Recreational Activities

Films

Most American movies are shown here, with English sound track and Chinese subtitles. The movie schedules are available in the English newspapers.

Sports

Swimming pools, bowling alleys, tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts, and fitness centers are widely available. Hang gliding outside Taipei, whitewater rafting, boating, bungee jumping, and horseback riding, are also possible outside Taipei. Beaches are accessible but crowded. The city of Taipei, like most other cities on the island, is surrounded by mountains with trails for hiking, and serious mountain climbing is also possible. Taiwan now has a professional baseball team, and American football and basketball games are occasionally shown on TV. Instruction in Chinese martial arts is available.

Sightseeing

Outside of Taipei, even within a short distance, are beautiful mountains, lakes, seashores, and reservoirs. Taroko Gorge, Alishan, Hsitou National Forest, Yehliu, and Kenting National Park are all good places to escape to for a long weekend free from the noise and pollution of Taipei. In and around Taipei are the 101 Building (the tallest building in the world, at least temporarily), Presidential Building, Wulai, Fort San Domingo, the Window on China, the zoo, and, for children, recreation centers with exciting roller coaster rides and water slides. Taichung has a famous state-of-the-art science museum.

<p>Taipei 101 Observation Deck (台北101金融大樓觀景台)</p>	<p>No.45, Shifu Rd., Xinyi Dist., Taipei City 台北市信義區市府路45號 Tel: 8101-8898 (Observation platform tickets) Open Mon-Sun, 10 am to 10 pm. Website: http://www.taipei-101.com.tw/</p> <p>Taipei 101, as the name implies, stands 101 floors high. At 508 meters it is, for the time being, the world's tallest building. Rising rather incongruously above the city, Taipei 101 has observatories on 91st and 89th floors and will have restaurants on the 85th and 86th floors. Thankfully, the building also has the world's fastest elevators. At the base of the tower is one of Taipei's newest and glitziest shopping venues, with many designer shops and restaurants</p> <p>The nearest MRT station is TAIPEI 101 Station Exit No.4</p>
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<p>Kenting National Park (墾丁國家公園)</p>	<p>No. 596 Kenting Rd., Hengchun Town, Pingdong County 屏東縣恆春墾丁路596號</p> <p>Tel: (08)886-1321 Website: http://www.ktnp.gov.tw/</p> <p>Located at Taiwan's southern tip, this park's main attraction is 60 kilometers of coral-rimmed shoreline along three of its sides. This is Taiwan's only truly tropical area, with stately palm trees, hot summers and balmy "winters." Accommodation ranges from rustic campsites to luxurious international-class resort hotels.</p>
<p>Taroko Gorge (太魯閣國家公園)</p>	<p>Hualien County Tel: (03)862-1100 Website: https://www.taroko.gov.tw/en</p> <p>Taroko Gorge is a 19-kilometer (12 mile) section at the eastern end of the Central Cross-Island Highway. This exceptionally beautiful narrow ravine was created by a river that has cut through mountains of solid marble and granite. Here and there pavilions, pagodas and temples cling to mist-clad mountain sides; elsewhere, waterfalls gush from crevices in the steep cliffs. There excellent hiking opportunities. Pack a torch and take some waterproofs as some of the walks are through tunnels with dripping water. The colors of the rocks, jagged, striped and soaring are reminiscent of a mini Grand Canyon. It is advisable to check which trails are open, as there are often closures due to typhoon or earthquake damage.</p> <p>Places to stay include: Silks Place Takoro (太魯閣晶英酒店) (03) 869-1155 A five-star rated hotel. https://taroko.silksplace.com/en/</p> <p>The budget alternative, the center fills up quickly on weekends and holidays.</p>

Art Galleries, Trade Fairs, Etc.

Art galleries with both traditional Chinese and modern art works are located all over Taipei. Check the English newspapers for information on exhibits. The Taipei World Trade Center, located at 5, Hsinyi Rd., Sec. 5, Taipei (台北市信義路五段5號), has frequent displays and exhibitions open to the public. Again, check the local English language newspapers weekly for the dates of these art exhibits, trade fairs, and other events of interest, such as film festivals, museum exhibits, and theater programs.

Other Place to Go

<p>Taipei City Zoo (台北市立動物園)</p>	<p>No.30, Sec. 2, Xinguang Rd., Wenshan Dist., Taipei City 台北市文山區新光路二段30號 Tel: 2938-2300 Open daily, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Website: https://english.zoo.gov.taipei/Default.aspx</p> <p>The Taipei City Zoo displays more than a thousand animals in a zoo designed by the same company that designed the San Diego Zoo. The zoo is set in a large park with wide pathways. There are also several hiking trails. The animals are well cared for, and you will find all the zoo favorites: elephants, giraffes, monkeys and apes, lions, tigers, bears, a duck pond, a butterfly aviary and a nocturnal house.</p> <p>There is also a zoo mall designed around children, with many activities and refreshments on offer. Brochures and maps are available at the main entrance. Wheel chairs and baby strollers are available for hire from the information center to the right of the main entrance. Toilets are found at almost every corner throughout the park. There are plenty of snacks bars selling ice cream and coke, etc. The zoo is next to Taipei Zoo MRT station, the southern terminus of the brown line. There is plenty of parking, although it gets crowded at weekends.</p>
<p>Maokong Gondola (貓空纜車)</p>	<p>No. 8, Section 2, Xinguang Road, Wenshan District, Taipei 臺北市文山區新光路二段8號 Tel: (02) 218-12345 Website: https://english.gondola.taipei/</p> <p>Hours: Tue. – Thur.: 9:00 am- 9:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am- 10:00 am Saturday: 8:30 am- 10:00 pm Sunday: 8:30 am- 9:00 pm Closed on Mondays (only the first Monday of every Monday operates from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm)</p> <p>The entire gondola journey has 6 stations (four passenger stations and two angle stations), 25 piers and 47 towers. The full length of the route is 4.03 kilometers, roughly in the shape of a numeral 7.</p>

<p>Taipei Arena—the Subsidiary Arena, the Ice Land (台北小巨蛋—冰上樂 園)</p>	<p>2F, 2, Sec. 4, Nanjing E. Rd., Songshan District, Taipei City 臺北市松山區南京東路4段2號2樓</p> <p>Tel: (02) 2578-3536 Ext: 701/ 702 Hours: Monday to Friday:10:00 am- 9:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am- 9:00 pm Website: https://english.arena.taipei/Default.aspx</p> <p>The Subsidiary Arena (the Ice Land) is frozen year round and is the only ice skating rink in Taiwan which is in accordance with international ice skating rink standards. There are approximately 800 seats within the arena. The ice rink is 61m x 30m and is configured with equipment and facilities needed for both ice hockey and speed skating, making it possible to hold standard indoor on ice sports events. The arena is opened for public use during the day and many different types of training classes are offered.</p>
<p>Taipei Story House (Formerly Yuanshan Villa) (台北故事館)</p>	<p>181 Zhongshan N Rd., Sec.3, Taipei 台北市中山北路3段181號</p> <p>Tel: 2586-3677 Website: http://www.taipeistoryhouse.org.tw/ Hours: 10:00 am- 5:30 pm (Closed on Mondays)</p> <p>This Tudor-style turn-of-the-century villa, situated beside the Taipei Fine Arts Museum, was built as a home of a tea merchant. The building has been completely renovated, and attracts many visitors. Entry to the second floor is limited to thirty people at a time due to the building's delicate wooden structure. Weekly events, such as a Wednesday afternoon "tea ceremony" hosted by tea specialist, and Saturday children's events, such as coloring contests, are planned.</p>
<p>National Taiwan Science Education Center (NTSEC) (國立台灣科學教育館)</p>	<p>189, Shihshang Rd., Shilin District, Taipei 台北市士商路189號</p> <p>Tel: (02)6610-1234 Ext.1000 Hours: 9:00 am- 5:00 pm (Closed on Mondays) Website: http://www.ntsec.gov.tw/</p> <p>Established in 1956, the NTSEC is the only national center for science education in Taiwan. The Center's permanent exhibition area displays rich contents related to Life Sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and the Earth Sciences, and the NTSEC also hosts the science exhibitions in collaboration with other international and domestic museums. Furthermore, the NTSEC operates the Science Education Center and Mobile Science Education Center.</p>

<p>Taipei Children's Amusement Park (兒童新樂園)</p>	<p>No. 55, Section 5, Chengde Road, Shilin District, Taipei City 臺北市士林區承德路5段55號</p> <p>Tel: (02)2833-3823 Ext. 105/106 Website: https://english.tcap.taipei/</p> <p>Hours:</p> <table data-bbox="480 331 1302 461"> <tr> <td>Monday to Friday</td> <td>9:00 am- 5:00 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday & Summer/ Winter Vacation</td> <td>9:00 am- 8:00 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>9:00 am- 6:00 pm</td> </tr> </table> <p>The amusement park is a family theme park in the Taipei metropolitan area. The Park has a special mode that integrated admission and rides payable with EasyCard. Facilities include 13 rides, such as the Ferris Wheel, Bumper Cars, Spinning Chairs and Roller Coaster.</p>	Monday to Friday	9:00 am- 5:00 pm	Saturday & Summer/ Winter Vacation	9:00 am- 8:00 pm	Sunday	9:00 am- 6:00 pm
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<p>Shilin Official Residence (士林官邸)</p>	<p>60 Fulin Rd., Shilin District, Taipei City 台北市福林路60號</p> <p>Tel: (02)2883-6340 Hours: 9:30 am- 12:00 pm; 13:30 pm- 17:00 pm (Closed on Mondays)</p> <p>The residence has an elegant garden, an open-air music shell and an excellent fish pond which children love to visit.</p>						
<p>Taipei Botanical Gardens (台北植物園)</p>	<p>53 Nanhai Rd Taipei 台北市南海路53號</p> <p>Tel: (02)2303-9978 Ext.1420 Website: http://tpbg.tfri.gov.tw/en/Introduction.php</p> <p>The Botanical Gardens are the best place in Taipei City center to experience nature's greenery. There are more than 1,500 species of trees and plants in the gardens, each marked with its own scientific name, place of origin and its purpose. In summer from June onwards the lotus ponds are well worth a visit to see the lovely lotus flowers in bloom. You will also see many artists trying to capture the beauty of the flowers.</p> <p>Take exit 1 from CKS Memorial Hall MRT Station. From there it's a ten minute walk along Nanhai Road. The gardens are at the back of the National History Museum, a short walk from Xiaonanmen MRT station.</p>						

<p>Ocean World (野柳海洋世界)</p>	<p>167-3 Kangtung Rd., Yehliu Village, Wanli District, New Taipei City 新北市萬里區野柳村港東路167-3號</p> <p>Tel: (02)2492-1111 Website: http://www.oceanworld.com.tw/</p> <p>Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 am- 5:00 pm Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am- 5:30 pm (one to four times of marine shows daily)</p> <p>This is a marine show adjacent to the famous wind-carved Yehliu rock formations on Taiwan's northern coast.</p>
<p>Wei-Chuan Pushin Ranch (味全埔心觀光牧場)</p>	<p>No.439, Sec. 1, Youshi Rd., Yangmei Dist., Taoyuan City 326, 桃園市楊梅區高榮里幼獅路一段439號</p> <p>Tel: (03)464-4132 Hours: 9:00 am- 5:00 pm Website: http://www.weichuan-ranch.com.tw/</p> <p>This well-maintained park facility is thirty minutes Southwest of Taipei off the North-South freeway No. 1. It has tennis courts, bike and pedal-boat rental, as adventure playground, pony rides and barbecue area.</p>
<p>Window on China (小人國主題樂園)</p>	<p>60-2 Hengkanghsia, Kaoyuan Village, Lungtan Town, Taoyuan County 桃園縣龍潭鄉高原路891號</p> <p>Tel: (03)471-7211 Hours: 9:00 am- 4:30 pm (Sat. & Sun. 9:00 am- 5:00 pm) Website: http://www.woc.com.tw</p> <p>Located one hour Southwest of Taipei, Window on China displays some two hundred detailed scale models of many of the famous architectural wonders of China, such as the Great Wall and the Forbidden City, and elsewhere in the world. A short rail ride connects you to restaurants and good amusement park.</p>
<p>Taiwan Folk Village (台灣民俗村)</p>	<p>360 San Fen Rd., Wan Ya Village, Huatan Township, Changhua County 彰化縣花壇鄉灣雅村三芬路360號</p> <p>Tel: (04)788-3988 Website: http://047883988.ok99.tw/</p> <p>The Taiwan Folk Village is dedicated to preserving 300 years of Chinese culture in Taiwan. In addition to offering visitors live performances of ancient handicrafts, the 52-hectare park is also home to many fascinating buildings including the original New Beitou Railway Station and a children's amusement park.</p>

<p>LeoFoo Village (六福村野生動物園)</p>	<p>60 Gungtzgou, Renan Li, Guanshi Jen, Hsinchu County 新竹縣關西鎮仁安里拱子溝60號</p> <p>Tel: (03)547-5665</p> <p>Admission: Adults NT\$999; Students NT\$899; Children (6-11 yrs) NT\$699</p> <p>Hours: 9:00 am- 5:00 pm (All year, except Chinese New Year)</p> <p>Website: http://www1.leofoo.com.tw/village/en/</p> <p>This is a very large (Disney-style) theme park featuring an Arabian Kingdom with Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. The magic carpet ride is recommended for its panoramic views of the park. There is also an African safari park with a large number of animals, including elephants, giraffes, rhinos and zebras. A special pet corner allows children to pet baby animals of all kinds. Shows take place all over the village so check out the times of performances on arrival. If you stay till near closing time, you will also see the fireworks display at the Water Plaza. A wide variety of food is available, but the best selection of eateries is in the Wild West area with BBQ and burger options, ice cream store and sandwich shop. A seafood restaurant can be found in South Pacific, and the Mombassa Restaurant in the African Safari Park.</p> <p>To get there by car, take Highway 1 and exit at the Youth Interchange; watch carefully for the signs to the park, about 13km from the turn-off. Alternatively take Highway 3 and exit at Guanshi, which is 4km from the village and has signs in English and Chinese. If you follow the signs for Window on China, which is close by, you'll find it easily. By train: Go to Chungli, then take the Leofoo bus which leaves from a bus terminal opposite.</p>
<p>Calla Lily Festival (竹子湖海芋季)</p>	<p>Zhuzhihu, Yangmingshan (陽明山竹子湖)</p> <p>December to May is the time for a trip to see the lovely, fragrant calla lilies. Many farmers see their flowers on the roadside, but you can pick the lilies yourself in the fields; changes depend on the quality of the lilies.</p> <p>Take the MRT to Xinbeitou, then bus S9 direct to Zhuzihu (this bus runs every 20 to 40 minutes). If driving from Shilin or Beitou to Yangmingshan, follow Yangde Blvd. up to Yangmingshan. Carry on uphill towards Junshan and at the conspicuous Zhuzihu Astronomical and Meteorological Observation Station (there's a police station here as well), turn left and follow the road signs.</p>

<p>Yangmingshan National Park (陽明山國家公園)</p>	<p>1-20, Zhuzihu Rd., Beitou District, Yangmingshan, Taipei City 台北市北投區竹子湖路1-20號</p> <p>Tel:(02) 2861-3601</p> <p>Website: http://english.ymsnp.gov.tw/index.php?option=com_content&view=featured&gp=0&Itemid=104</p> <p>Yangmingshan has many walking rails, strams and waterfalls, and is the site of an annual flower festival from March through April. The area around the park headquarters can become very crowded on Sundays, but you do not need to walk too far to find quieter areas of the park. The National Park covers a very large area and has many places of unique natural interest including dormant volcanoes, a buffalo meadow, bubbling hot springs and steam rising up from deep in the ground. The region has much interesting flora and fauna and can be a wonderful place to escape the heat of Taipei during the summer months, as it is usually a few degrees cooler than the city. Maps in English can be obtained from the park headquarters.</p>
<p>Jingshan Leisure Area (菁山遊憩區)</p>	<p>No.16, Aly. 71, Lane 101, Jingshan Rd., Yangmingshan 台北市士林菁山路101巷71弄16號</p> <p>Website: https://www.star-fountain.com/</p> <p>The leisure area contains outdoor recreation for young people with a camping ground, log cabins and nature center. Take the MRT to Jiantan MRT Station, then take bus S15 to Chingshan Xiao Zhen stop (菁山小鎮站).</p>
<p>Chungcheng Riverside Park (中正河濱公園)</p>	<p>Located below Chungcheng Bridge, this park offers a skating rink, basketball courts, tennis courts, and is also suitable for rollerblading and skateboarding. Guting is the nearest MRT station.</p>
<p>Daan Forest Park (大安森林公園)</p>	<p>Located between Xinyi Rd., Sec 3, Jiangu S. Rd., Sec. 2, Xinsheng S. Rd., Sec. 2 and Heping E. Rd., Sec. 2</p> <p>This is Taipei's largest park, with lots of space for walking, cycling etc, and offers an open air stage with free performances at weekends and a children's playground.</p>
<p>Huachung Riverside Park (華江河濱公園)</p>	<p>Located along the banks of the Xindian River beneath the Huachung Bridge, Wanhua. There are riverside trails, bike paths, a baseball stadium, and remote controlled planes are flown here. Take the MRT to Longshan Temple, then bus BR28 or BR29</p>

<p>Guandu Nature Park (關渡自然公園)</p>	<p>No. 55 Guandu Rd., Beitou, Taipei City 台北市北投區關渡路55號</p> <p>Tel:(02)2858-7417 Fax:(02)2858-7416 Website: https://gd-park.org.tw/en/frontpage Hours: -- April to September Weekdays 9:00-17:00 (no entry after 16:30) Weekends 9:00-18:00 (no entry after 17:30) --November to March Weekdays 9:00-17:00 (no entry after 16:30) Weekends 9:00-17:30 (no entry after 17:00) *Closed on Mondays and Chinese New Year Holiday *Times subject to change</p> <p>The nature reserve, which is situated on the western side of the Guandu plain, is famous for bird watching. The best time to visit is during spring and autumn when thousands of migrating birds use the area as a resting place.</p> <p>The nearby Guandu Temple is also worth a visit, particularly at Chinese New Year through to the end of the Lantern Festival when displays are held in the courtyard outside and in the upper part of the Temple.</p> <p>The area is easily reached by taking the Danshui line of the MRT to Guandu station, from where the park is a fifteen minute walk or a short taxi ride.</p> <p>www.wbst.org.tw is the site for the Wild Bired Society of Taipei which has bird walks throughout the year in many locations. The WBST has been entrusted with managing the Guandu Park.</p>
<p>Bailing Sports Park (百齡河濱公園)</p>	<p>Zhongzheng Ed., Shilin 台北市士林區福林路60號</p> <p>This is a new park, located in the Shilin District on the bank of the Jilong River near Bailing Bridge. This sports park contains soccer, basketball and baseball facilities, together with athletics. Take the MRT to Jiantan MRT Station, then bus R9.</p>

<p>Tachia Riverside Park (大佳河濱公園)</p>	<p>Keelung River, between Yuanshan and Dazhi</p> <p>The park is situated along the Keelung River between Dazhi Bridge and Yuanshan Bridge with a fountain which can create a water pillar up to 75 meters high. The park is good for cycling along the river.</p>
<p>Tianmu Sports Park and Baseball Stadium (天母運動公園/ 市立棒球場)</p>	<p>Zhongcheng and Shidong Roads, across from Takashimaya 台北市忠誠路2段</p> <p>The large space is extremely popular with families. Its facilities include public tennis courts, basketball courts, a playground and a large water fountain in which children can play. It's also a great place of bicycling, soccer roller balding and kite flying.</p>
<p>Tianmu Park (天母公園)</p>	<p>Zhongshan N, Rd., Sec. 7, Tianmu District, Taipei City 台北市中山北路七段</p> <p>Located west of the bus circle on Zhongshan N, Rd., Sec. 7, this park has places to sit, a children's playground, badminton poles, roller skating rinks, basketball courts, a drinks kiosk and toilet facilities.</p>
<p>Xinsheng Park (新生公園)</p>	<p>105 Xinsheng N, Rd., Taipei City 台北市新生北路三段105號 Tel:(02)2598-3024</p> <p>This is a large park offering many activities, both cultural and sporting. There is a baseball field and basketball courts. The garden maze is loved by all kids. Close to Yuanshan MRT Station.</p>
<p>Youth Park (青年公園)</p>	<p>199 Shuiyuan Rd., Taipei City 台北市水源路199號 Tel:(02)2303-4251</p> <p>This large area has a wide range of activities: a driving range, a skating rink, a parachute tower, swimming pools and an amusement park. The open-air amphitheater is often used for concerts. Take the MRT to Longshan Temple, then bus BR29.</p>

<p>Zhishan Park (芝山岩公園)</p>	<p>No.182, Sec. 1, Zhicheng Rd., Shilin Dist., Taipei City 台北市士林區至誠路一段182號) Tel: (02)2882-6200 (02)2861-6533</p> <p>Close to the National Palace Museum, Zhishan Park is a place of important cultural and prehistoric relics. It is an interesting site for those who enjoy botanical research. 15 minutes walk from Zhishan MRT station.</p>
<p>Wufengqi Scenic Area (五峰旗瀑布)</p>	<p>Wufeng Rd., Jiao River (Jioxi) Township, Yilan County 宜蘭縣礁溪鄉五峰路 Tel: (03) 988-0940 Website: https://travel.yilan.tw/en/attraction/details/135</p> <p>The Wufengqi Falls are named for the five sharp peaks which stand in a row behind the falls, that look like the five triangular banners that usually hang down the back of the war generals costume in Chinese Opera. The Falls are situated in an enclosed valley, which enhances the mystic beauty of the peaks; the unique tranquility in the atmosphere is indescribable.</p>
<p>Hsinchu Zoo (新竹市立動物園)</p>	<p>No. 66, Shipin Road, East District, Hsinchu City 新竹市東區食品路66號 Tel: (03) 522-2194 Website: zoo.e-tobe.com</p> <p>Hsinchu Zoo was established in 1936, the zoo is the oldest zoo in Taiwan. The zoo went under reconstruction and was reopened in December 2019.</p> <p>Instead of concrete walls and metal cages, the renovation of Hsinchu Zoo uses natural elements to separate sections. The eco-friendly design allows spacious rooms and chances to observe animals closely. (*Close on Mondays)</p>
<p>Farglory Ocean Park (花蓮海洋公園)</p>	<p>189 Fude, Yanliu Tsuen, Shoufeng Shiang, Hualien County 花蓮縣壽豐鄉鹽寮村福德189號 Tel: (03)812-3199 Website: http://www.farglory-oceanpark.com.tw/index.php?site=1</p> <p>This is a superb ocean park with dolphins, sea lions and whales. Visitors can watch dolphin and whale shows, as well as feed and swim with the dolphins. The park also has a luxury hotel on site, the Hualien Bellevista Hotel.</p>

<p>The Pier-2 Art Center (駁二藝術特區)</p>	<p>No.1, Dayong Rd., Yancheng Dist., Kaohsiung City 高雄市鹽埕區大勇路1號 Tel: (07) 521-4899 Hours: Mon. to Thur. 10:00 am- 6:00 pm; Fri. to Sun. 10:00 am- 8:00 pm Website: http://pier-2.khcc.gov.tw/eng/home01.aspx?ID=1</p> <p>Situated in the basin No. 3 of Kaohsiung Port, the Pier-2 has been made into a unique open art space, providing artists and students with an environment in which to express themselves, and has already become Kaohsiung's most popular cultural spot.</p>
<p>Dome of Light Kaohsiung MRT (高雄捷運—光之穹頂)</p>	<p>Zhongzheng 3rd Rd. & Zhongshan 1st Rd. intersection, Xinxing Dist., Kaohsiung City 高雄市新興區中山一路115號(高雄捷運美麗島站B1) Tel: (07) 793-8888 Web: https://khh.travel/Article.aspx?a=6435&l=2&stype=1056&sitem=4073</p> <p>Situated at the Kaohsiung MRT transfer station for the Red Line and Orange Line (Formosa Boulevard Station), the Dome of Light was created by renowned artist Narcissus Quagliata. The dome is the world's largest public art installation made from individual pieces of colored glass.</p>

Places of Worship

<p>Taipei International Church (English-speaking) (台北國際教會)</p>	<p>800, Chung Shan N. Road, Sec. 6, Taipei 台北市中山北路 6 段 800 號 Tel: (02) 2833-7444 Website: http://www.taipeichurch.org/</p>
<p>Friendship Presbyterian Church (信友堂)</p>	<p>5, Lane 269, Roosevelt Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei 台北市羅斯福路 3 段 269 巷 5 號 Tel: (02) 2363-1035 Website: http://www.hfpchurch.org.tw/</p>
<p>Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopalian) (牧愛堂)</p>	<p>509 Chung Cheng Rd., Taipei 台北市中正路 509 號 Tel: (02) 2882-2462 Website: http://arc.episcopalchurch.org/taiwan/goodshepherd/english.html</p>

Grace Baptist Church (懷恩堂)	90, Hsin Sheng S. Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei 台北市新生南路 3 段 90 號 Tel: (02) 2362-5321 Ext. 136 or 132 Website: http://www.gbc.org.tw/en/
National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Taiwan	3F, #149-13 Hsin Sheng S. Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei 台北市新生南路 1 段 149-13 號 3 樓 Website: http://www.bahai.org.tw/news.asp Tel: (02) 2707-0392, (02) 2707-0347
Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints	8F-1, 699 Pateh Rd., Sec. 4, Taipei 台北市八德路 4 段 699 號 8 樓之 1 Tel: (02)2765-0884
St. Christopher's Catholic Church (Service in English)	51 Chung Shan N. Rd., Sec.3, Taipei 台北市中山北路 3 段 51 號 Tel:(02) 2594-7914 (02) 2593-6422 Website: http://www.catholic.org.tw/en/congreTpe3Christoph.html
St. John's Cathedral (Episcopalian) (聖約翰堂)	280, Fu Hsing S. Rd., Sec. 2 , Taipei 台北市復興南路 2 段 280 號 Tel: (02) 2732-7740
Seventh Day Adventist/Taiwan Adventist Hospital (復臨會/基督復臨安息 日會醫療財團法人臺安 醫院)	424 Pateh Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei 台北市八德路 2 段 424 號 Tel: (02) 2771-8151 ext. 959
Taipei Grand Mosque (台北清真寺)	62 Hsin Sheng S. Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei 台北市新生南路 2 段 62 號
Taipei Jewish Services	16 Min Tsu East Road, Second Floor, Taipei 台北市民族東路 16 號 2 樓 Tel: (02) 2591-3565 (02) 2592-2840 (02) 2592-8579 http://www.haruth.com/JewsTaiwan.html

Community Organizations

There are numerous community clubs and organizations in Taipei. Below is just a sampling of what is available. For a more comprehensive listing, see *Taipei Living*, which you will receive as part of your orientation packet.

<p>Community Service Center</p>	<p>No. 25, Lane 290 Chung Shan N. Rd., Sec. 6, Taipei 台北市中山北路 6 段 290 巷 25 號 Tel: (02) 2836-8134, (02) 2838-4947 Website: http://www.communitycenter.org.tw/ Hours: 9:00 am-5:00 pm</p> <p>The center provides support and services for foreigners to help make their lives in Taipei easier and more interesting. It offers a selection of classes, workshops & seminars as well as providing a professional counseling service.</p>
<p>TYPA (Taipei Youth Program Association)</p>	<p>800 Chung Shan N. Road, Sec. 6, Taipei 台北市中山北路 6 段 800 號 Tel: (02) 2873-1815 Website: http://www.typa.org.tw/</p> <p>Youth/adult sport and recreation programs as well as language, baby-sitting, music and dancing classes.</p>
<p>Taipei International Women's Club</p>	<p>14F-17, No. 57, Chung Ching S. Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei Website: http://www.tiwc.org/mainpage.html</p> <p>Activities, lectures, tours, hobbies and special interest groups, and informative get-togethers.</p>
<p>Toastmasters</p>	<p>Website: http://toastmasters.org.tw/d67web/en/index.htm</p> <p>There are several Toastmasters Club branches that are for English speakers.</p>

Education

Taiwan's education system has been highly centralized under the Ministry of Education, but is gradually de-centralizing. Ninety-nine percent of school-age children attend the nine years of compulsory education. Entrance to the next levels is by examination. The pattern of education is similar to that in most of the United States: 12 years of education (6-3-3), followed by junior or four-year colleges and universities. However, there is a pattern not familiar to Americans; some students enter a five-year junior college after graduation from junior high school, and when they graduate are

considered to have an education equivalent to senior high school, plus two years of college. English is taught beginning in the early years of elementary school and at many private commercial schools.

The language of instruction is Mandarin Chinese in schools at all levels (with the exception of those established for foreigners), but there are a number of bilingual nursery schools and kindergartens. U.S. grantees have sent their preschool children to both bilingual and Chinese-only schools. Below are some of the schools available at this level:

Nursery schools

Montessori School	No.21, Ln. 95, Tianmu W. Rd., Beitou Dist., Taipei City 台北市天母西路 95 巷 21 號 Tel:(02) 2872-8454 Website: http://www.montessori.org.tw/ Ages 2.5-6 yrs/ Bilingual
Grace Baptist Church	90 Hsin Sheng S. Road, Sec.3, Taipei 台北市新生南路 3 段 90 號 Tel:(02)2363-6593 Website: http://www.gbc.org.tw/en/
Salvation Army in Taiwan Nursery	3F., No.273, Sec. 2, Dunhua S. Rd., Da'an Dist., Taipei City 台北市大安區敦化南路二段 273 號三樓 Tel: (02) 2738-1171 Fax: (02)2738-5422 Website: http://en.salvationarmy.org.tw/
TYPA Nursery	800 Chung Shan N. Rd., Sec. 6, Taipei 台北市中山北路 6 段 800 號 Tel: (02) 2873-1815 Website: https://www.typan.org.tw/ Ages 2-4 yrs

Kindergarten, Elementary, Secondary

At the elementary and secondary level, there are some bilingual schools, and they are located in Taipei, Hsinchu, Taichung, Kaohsiung, etc. The language of instruction in all other schools is either Chinese, English, Japanese, or one of the European languages, though most of the schools for foreigners do offer opportunities to learn Chinese. Below are the schools available for American children:

Taipei

<p>Taipei American School (台北美國學校)</p>	<p>800, Chung Shan N. Rd. Sec. 6, Taipei 台北市中山北路 6 段 800 號 Tel: (02) 2873-9900 Fax: (02) 2873-1614 E-mail: mainadm@rnd.tas.edu.tw Website: http://www.tas.edu.tw Kindergarten-twelfth grade</p>
<p>Dominican International School (道明外僑學校)</p>	<p>76 Ta-Chih Street, Taipei 台北市大直街 76 號 Tel:(02)2533-8451 Fax:(02)2533-0914 Website: http://www.dishs.tp.edu.tw/ Kindergarten-eleventh grade.</p>
<p>Bethany American School (台北馬禮遜美國學校) (Taipei campus of Morrison Christian Academy)</p>	<p>97 Ding Jou Road Sec. 3, Taipei 台北市汀州路 3 段 97 號 Tel:(02) 2365-9691 Fax:(02) 2365-9696 Website: http://taipei.mca.org.tw/ Kindergarten-ninth grade.</p>
<p>Grace Christian Academy (恩慈美國學校)</p>	<p>67 Dong-Sing St., Nankang District, Taipei 台北市東新街 67 號 Tel:(02)2785-7233 Fax:(02)2785-7232 E-Mail: gca.office@msa.hinet.net Website: http://www.gcataipei.com Kindergarten-twelfth grade</p>
<p>Taipei European School (台北歐洲學校)</p>	<p>727 WenLin Road, ShihLin District, Taipei 台北市士林區文林路 727 號 Tel:(02) 8145-9007 Fax:(02) 2832-5058 E-mail: admissions@tes.tp.edu.tw Website: https://taipeieuropeanschool.com/ Kindergarten-twelfth grade.</p>

Hsinchu

<p>Hsinchu American School (新竹美國學校)</p>	<p>No.6, Yih Shuh Rd., East Dist., Hsinchu City Taiwan 新竹市國家藝術園區藝術路 Tel:(03) 520-3211 Fax:(03) 529-6482 Email: admission@has.hc.edu.tw Website: http://has.hc.edu.tw/ Fifth grade-twelfth grade</p>
<p>Hsinchu County American School (新竹縣美國學校)</p>	<p>No. 189, Gaotie 2nd Rd, Zhubei City, Hsinchu County, 302 新竹縣竹北市高鐵二路 189 號 Tel: (03)550-6780 Email: hcas@hcas.com.tw Website: https://hcas.tw/ Kindergarten- twelfth grade.</p>
<p>Pacific American School (亞太美國學校)</p>	<p>3F, 151, Kuang-Fu Road, Hsinchu, Taiwan 新竹市光復路 2 段 151 號 3 樓 Tel:(03) 571-7070 Fax:(03) 572-1148 Email: pas@pacificamerican.org Website: http://pacificamerican.org Kindergarten-twelfth grade</p>
<p>Hsinchu International School (新竹荷蘭國際學校)</p>	<p>290, Niu Pu East Road, Hsinchu, Taiwan 新竹市牛埔東路 290 號) Tel:(03) 538-8113 Fax:(03) 538-8033 (Elementary) / (03) 538-2628 (Secondary) Email: elementary.his@gmail.com (Elementary) / secondary@hdis.hc.edu.tw (Secondary) Website: http://www.hdis.hc.edu.tw/ Kindergarten-twelfth grade</p>

Taichung

American School in Taichung (formerly Lincoln School)	No. 21-1 Chu Yuan Lane, Taichung (台中市北屯區芋園路 21 號之 1) Tel:886-(4)2239-7532 Fax:886-(4)2239-4956 Email: admission@ast.tc.edu.tw Website: http://www.ast.tc.edu.tw First grade-twelfth grade
Morrison Christian Academy	136-1, Shui Nan Road, Taichung (台中市水湳路 136-1 號) Tel:(04)2292-1171 Fax:(04)2295-6140 Email: ems@mca.org.tw hsoffice@mca.org.tw Website: http://www.mca.org.tw Kindergarten-twelfth grade

Kaohsiung

Kaohsiung Campus of Morrison Christian Academy	42, Chia-Cheng Road, Dashe District, Kaohsiung, Taiwan (高雄市大社區嘉誠路 42 號) Website: http://kaohsiung.mca.org.tw/ Tel:(07) 356-1190 Fax:(07) 356-1189 Kindergarten-ninth grade
Kaohsiung American School	4F.-3, No.889, Cuihua Rd., Zuoying Dist., Kaohsiung City 813 (高雄市左營區翠華路 889 號) Tel:(07) 583-0112 Fax:(07) 582-4536 Email: admission@kas.kh.edu.tw Website: http://www.kas.tw/ Kindergarten-twelfth grade

College and University Courses

All accredited universities and colleges in Taiwan use Mandarin Chinese as the usual medium of instruction. However, in recent years, a great many programs have been established using English as the medium of instruction.

Another way for spouses or other family members who would like to earn university credits while in Taiwan, is to take a correspondence or electronic distance learning course. The Community Services Center (Tel: 2835-6907, 2836-8134) and the Fulbright Taiwan's library at both have directories of such courses.

Chinese Higher Education (Institutions in Taipei Area)

For a complete list of all recognized higher education institutions in Taiwan, see <http://www.studyintaiwan.org>

Chinese Language Schools

A working knowledge of Mandarin will increase your rate and degree of adjustment to living in Taiwan. The main advantage of delving into language study soon after arrival on the island is that it will enable you to cope with driving or using public transport, to easily purchase the essentials for living here, to converse with shopkeepers, to ask directions, to give simple instructions, and to meet the needs of everyday life. The second advantage is that learning a few hundred or so words demonstrates to Chinese associates a genuine interest in the country and its culture. As language lessons progress and understanding of the culture increases, the quality of day-to-day living will improve substantially. Those who sustain a keen interest in the Chinese language will also want to include the study of characters.

There are a number of both commercial and university-sponsored schools offering programs in Chinese. Only university-connected language schools are accredited by the government, and those schools can provide visa sponsorship. The list below is only a sampling, and includes some non-university affiliated language schools which previous grantees have recommended:

Taipei

Center for Chinese Language and Culture National Taiwan Normal University (國立師範大學國語教學中心)	162, Hoping E. Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei 台北市和平東路一段 162 號 Tel:(02)7734-5130 Fax:(02)2341-8431 Website: http://mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/mtcweb/index.php?lang=en Application to this school should be made several months in advance. The 6th-floor lounge of this school is where expatriate students congregate. The previous name was "Mandarin Training Center".
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<p>Taipei Language Institute (中華語文研習所)</p>	<p>Roosevelt Center, 4 F., 50 Roosevelt Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei 台北市羅斯福路三段 50 號 4 樓 Tel: (02) 2367-8228 Fax: (02) 2363-4857 Email: contact@tli.com.tw Website: http://www.tli.com.tw/</p> <p>(Especially convenient for those living in the National Taiwan University/Normal University area)</p> <p>1F., No.30, Sec. 2, Zhongcheng Rd., Shilin Dist., Taipei City 111, Taiwan 台北市士林區忠誠路二段 30 號 1 樓 Tel: (02)2832-7330 or (02)2832-7331 Fax:(02)2832-8256 Email: lotuszhang@tli.com.tw</p> <p>This language school, with its four locations, offers instruction in Mandarin, Taiwanese, English, Japanese, Arabic, and others.</p>
<p>Mandarin Daily News – MDN Language Center (國語日報-語文中心)</p>	<p>No. 2, Fuzhou St, Zhongzheng District, Taipei 台北市福州街 2 號 2 樓 Tel: (02)23921133 #1002、1003、1004 Fax:(02)2391-2008 Email: mandarin@mail.mdnkids.com Website: https://study.mdnkids.com/EN/home/</p>
<p>International Chinese Language Program (ICLP) National Taiwan University (國立台灣大學-國際華語研習所)</p>	<p>3rd Fl., 170 Hsin Hai Road, Sec. 2, Taipei 台北市辛亥路 2 段 172 號 3 樓 Tel:(02) 3366-3417 Fax:(02)8369-5042 Email: cld222@ntu.edu.tw Website: http://iclp.ntu.edu.tw/</p> <p>Note: At least one year of previous study of Chinese is necessary for admission. Successor to the well-known Inter-University Program (IUP) administered by Stanford University. Application should be made several months in advance. Tuition is the highest among language schools in Taiwan.</p>

<p>The Language Center National Chengchi University (國立政治大學華語文教 學中心)</p>	<p>64, Section 2, Chihnan Rd., Wenshan 116, Taipei 台北市指南路2段64號 Tel: (02) 2938-7141 Fax: (02) 2939-6353 E-mail: mandarin@nccu.edu.tw Website: http://mandarin.nccu.edu.tw</p>
<p>The Language Testing and Training Center (財團法人語言訓練測驗 中心)</p>	<p>170 Hsinhai Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei 台北市辛亥路二段170號 Tel: (02) 2362-6385 Fax: (02) 2367-1944 Website: https://www.lttc.ntu.edu.tw/</p>
<p>Chinese Language Center Tamkang University (淡江大學華語中心)</p>	<p>No.5, Ln. 199, Jinhua St. Da'an Dist., Taipei City 10650 台北市金華街199巷5號 Tel: (02) 2321-6320 Email: clc@mail2.tku.edu.tw Website: http://www.clc.tku.edu.tw/</p>
<p>Mandarin Learning Center Chung Yuan Christian University (中原華語中心)</p>	<p>No. 200, Zhongbei Rd, Zhongli District, Taoyuan City, 320 桃園市中壢區中北路200號 Tel: (03) 265-1324 Fax: (03) 265-1328 Email: cmlcycu@cycu.edu.tw Website: http://mlc.cycu.edu.tw/wSite/mp?mp=1301</p>
<p>Chinese Language Division, Language Center (Room 222) National Taiwan University (國立台灣大學文學院語 文中心)</p>	<p>No. 170, Sec 2, Xinhai Rd., Taipei, Taiwan, 106 台北市辛亥路二段170號 E-mail: ntulcoffice@ntu.edu.tw (Administration) ntulc@ntu.edu.tw (Foreign Language) cld222@ntu.edu.tw (Mandarin) Website: http://ntulcoffice.liberal.ntu.edu.tw/en/index.html</p>
<p>Mandarin Learning Choice for International Students Chinese Culture University (文化大學推廣部華語中 心)</p>	<p>Rm 406, 4F, 231, Chien-Kuo South Road, Sec. 2, Taipei 台北市建國南路二段231號4樓406室 Tel: (02) 2700-5858 Ext. 8131-8136 Fax: (02) 2708-1257 E-mail: mlc@sce.pccu.edu.tw Website: http://mlc.sce.pccu.edu.tw/default.aspx?language=en</p>

<p>Chinese Language Instruction Center Fo Guang University (佛光大學人文學院語言教育中心)</p>	<p>No. 257, Zhongshan Rd. Sec. 3, Yilan City, 260, Taiwan Phone: (03) 931-3343 Ext.103 Fax: (03)931-5904 Email: clic@mail.fgu.edu.tw Website: http://www.fgu.edu.tw/~chinlang/clic.htm</p>
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Kaohsiung

<p>Chinese Language Center National Sun Yat-Sen University (中山大學華語中心)</p>	<p>70, Lien-Hai Rd.,Kaohsiung 804 高雄市 804 鼓山區蓮海路 70 號 Tel: (07) 525-2000, Ext. 3030 or 3031 Email: alfc@mail.nsysu.edu.tw Website: http://clc.nsysu.edu.tw/Platform/Index</p>
<p>Taipei Language Institute, Kaohsiung Center (中華語文研習所高雄分部)</p>	<p>2F, 37, Chung Hua 3rd Rd., Kaohsiung 高雄市中華三路 37 號 2 樓 Tel: (07) 215-3638 or (07) 215-2965 Fax: (07) 215-2981 Website: http://www.tli.com.tw/</p>
<p>Center of Language and Culture Teaching, National Kaohsiung Normal University (國立高雄師範大學語文教學中心)</p>	<p>2F, No. 507, Chung Shan 2nd Rd., Kaohsiung, Taiwan 高雄市前金區中山二路 507 號 2 樓 TEL: (07) 717-2930 Ext.2603-2604 FAX: (07) 716-6903 Email: clcts9280@nknu.edu.tw Website: http://140.127.54.83/CLCT</p>

Taichung

<p>Tunghai Chinese Language Center Tunghai University (東海大學華語中心)</p>	<p>No.1727, Sec. 4, Taiwan Blvd., Xitun Dist., Taichung City 407, Taiwan, Tunghai University, Taichung 台中市西屯區臺灣大道四段 1727 號語文館 103 室東海大學華語中心 Tel:(04) 2359-0121 ext. 30127 Fax:(04) 2359-4408 Email: clc@thu.edu.tw Website: clc.thu.edu.tw/main.php</p>
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<p>Taipei Language Institute, Taichung Center (中華語文研習所-台中校)</p>	<p>4F.-3, No.489, Sec. 2, Taiwan Blvd., Xitun Dist., Taichung City 407, Taiwan 台灣大道二段 489 號 4 樓之 3 Tel: (04) 2321-1998 Fax: (04) 2321-1209 Email: ch.tc@tli.com.tw, fld.tc@tli.com.tw Website: http://www.tli.com.tw/</p>
<p>Feng Chia University Chinese Language Center Feng Chia University (逢甲大學華語文教學中心)</p>	<p>4F,2nd Administration Building No. 100 Wenhwa Rd. Seatwen Taichung, Taichung (PO Box 25-202) 台中市西屯區文華路 100 號 Tel: (04) 2451-7250 (Ext. 5871/5875) Fax: (04) 2451-0243 Email: clc@fcu.edu.tw Website: http://www.clc.fcu.edu.tw/</p>

Tainan

<p>Chinese Language Center, National Cheng Kung University (國立成功大學文學院華語中心)</p>	<p>1 Tahsueh Rd., Tainan 台南市大學路 1 號 Tel: (06)2757575 ext. 52040 Fax: (06) 274-2516 Email: em52040@email.ncku.edu.tw Website: http://kclc.ncku.edu.tw/langcenter/</p>
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Taitung

<p>Language Center, National Taitung University (國立台東大學語文發展中心)</p>	<p>Jhiehben Campus: 369, Sec. 2, University Rd., Taitung, Taiwan 台東市大學路二段 369 號 Tel: (089)318-855#4113、4114 Fax: (089) 517-504 Email: lien@nttu.edu.tw Website: http://lc.nttu.edu.tw/bin/home.php</p>
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Hualien

<p>Chinese Language Center, Tzu Chi University (慈濟大學華語中心)</p>	<p>No. 67, Jieren Street, Hualien, Taiwan 花蓮市介仁街 67 號 Tel: (03) 857-2677#1681-1683 Email: cltc@mail.tcu.edu.tw Website: http://www.language.tcu.edu.tw/</p>
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Changhua

Language Center, National Changhua University of Education (國立彰化師範大學語文 中心)	500 No. 108, Xueshi St., Changhua, Taiwan 彰化市學士街 108 號 Tel: (04)723-2105#1663 Email: lc@cc2.ncue.edu.tw Website: http://lc.ncue.edu.tw/files/11-1010-11.php?Lang=zh-tw
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Yunlin

Chinese as a Foreign Language Program, YunTech Language Center (國立雲林科技大學語言 中心)	500 No. 108, Xueshi St., Changhua City, Taiwan 雲林縣斗六市大學路三段 123 號 (人科一館 2 樓 DH203) Tel: (05) 534-2601# 3271 or 3274 Email: kanghc@yuntech.edu.tw , clyen@yuntech.edu.tw Website: http://clc.yuntech.edu.tw/en/
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An Introductory Guide to Research Resource in Taiwan

A 2002-2003 U.S. grantee commented: "...the one thing that I really wish I'd known about earlier was all the insurance fees to use libraries. For example - joining the film archives is 1000NT for 6 mos., plus 1000 for each book you want to borrow from the library. To join the Academia Sinica Institute of Ethnology library, I had to put down a 2,000 deposit, and the limit is three books. Of course, these are things one quickly figures out, but many times I was caught off guard, had to return on another trip with the completed form, pictures and money...Most fees are refundable, but I'd definitely warn people to always carry tiny id photos of themselves."

Libraries

NATIONAL CENTRAL LIBRARY (國家圖書館)

Location : 20 Chungshan S. Rd. Taipei (台北市中山南路 20 號)

Tel : (02)2361-9132

Website: <http://www.ncl.edu.tw/mp.asp?mp=5>

Hours :

National Central Library

Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except national holidays and closings)

Closed on Mondays

Information and Computing Library

Monday to Friday 9 : 00 a.m. - 5 : 00 p.m.

Except on Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays and closings.

The facilities on the second and third floors, including the on-line computer terminals, card catalog area, Western collection, General Reading Room II, the reference room and the periodical room are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All of the other facilities close at 5 p.m.

Be aware that the lunch period runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and this may affect the availability of certain services. Inevitably, it also means a longer wait to page books and periodicals. To avoid the delay, make sure to put requests in before 11 a.m. or after 2 p.m.

While facilities officially close at either 5 p.m. or 9 p.m. as noted above, be aware that certain services may cease operation a half hour earlier. In particular, requesting materials from the stacks normally ends at 4:30 p.m. or 8:30p.m. respectively.

The library is generally busiest from about 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. each afternoon. This means you may have to wait in line for a computer terminal to look up books, look longer to find a place to work, or wait longer for books to be called down from the stacks. Mornings and Sundays tend to be the quietest times.

Overview:

This is the national library of the Republic of China. It houses a wealth of materials including rare books, government documents, mainland publications, foreign doctoral dissertations in Chinese studies, and books and periodical in Japanese, Korean and a wide variety of Western languages. It is a non-circulating library in that you cannot check out books and remove them from the facility, though you can use them for the day at one of the many desks or tables provided for patrons. The main stacks are closed though other reading rooms and collections may have open stacks.

Getting in:

You will need a library card to gain access to any of the facilities within the NCL. You can get a temporary one by going to the desk on the left side of the main foyer, writing your name and passport number on a sheet and showing them your passport. You will then get a card you can use for that day only. In theory you can only do this once, so you should plan on applying for a regular card.

To apply for a regular library card, bring two 1" passport photos and your passport with you. Fill out an application card at the table to the left of the library card application desk, where you will find a supply of the cards, scissors and glue. Though in practice, if things aren't too busy, you

should receive it immediately. The desk opens at 8:30 a.m. and stays open until 5:30 p.m., close for an hour, and then reopens from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. There is no charge for the card.

To get into the library itself, first put any books, purses, and other items in one of the lockers located on the right side of the lobby. In theory, you can bring in notebooks, notebook computers, pens and pencils, and valuables, but staff at the entrance tends to vary in their enforcement of these restrictions. Give your card (regular or temporary) to the personnel at the entrance who will scan it with a laser reader and let you in. As you leave, you will have the card scanned again to check you out. They will keep the card if it's a temporary one or return it to you if it's a regular one.

Getting around:

For all practical purposes, the library has five floors plus a basement. You enter the basement by going down stairs to the left or right of the main entrance, crossing the courtyard to an entrance to the right. Here you will find the open access reading room and an area for reading newspaper. Since this is outside the main entrance, you needn't show your library card and you can bring in whatever you want. The reading room is always crowded and you'll have a hard time finding a place to work. There is a room straight ahead as you enter where you will find today's papers. For the latest paper, you will have to come here rather than going to the periodical room.

The second floor houses the main circulation desk for paging books from the main stacks. You will also find the reference room, Western Collection and reading room and General Reading Room II on this floor. Computer terminals that access the on-line catalog as well as card catalogs are located near the main circulation desk.

The third floor houses the periodical and newspaper rooms. It also provides access to the audio-visual collection which is entered by a stairway from the newspaper area. You will also find the copying center where you can purchase copy cards or make use of one of the fifteen or so machines available.

The fourth floor houses the special collections facility and the audio-visual collection, though the latter is accessed via the third floor as noted above.

The fifth floor houses the government publication and law collections.

The sixth floor houses the Center for Chinese Studies Materials Division.

The first and seventh floors are not accessible to the general patron and house office facilities.

The facilities at a glance:

- **General Collection:**

The NCL is the national library of the Republic of China and thus houses a wide variety of

materials. In theory, a copy of every book published in Taiwan is sent to the NCL, though this may or may not be the case. The library has an excellent collection of Chinese materials and a good selection of Western language works as well. Because the main collection is closed-stack, you will have to look up the books you want using the on-line catalog or the card catalog as you prefer and list the call number, author title, and year of publication on a charge slip. You should find a supply of slips near the computer terminals or card catalogs. You can check out no more than 3 books with different call numbers or five books with the same number at one time. Take the slip to the circulation desk where they will ask for your library card (which they will keep until you return the book) and give you a plastic card with a number on it. You will then wait between 15-30 minutes while the book with the same number as the plastic card you received earlier. You can then take them to a desk nearby and read them at your leisure. When you are finished, return the book(s) with the two cards to the circulation desk and they will return your library card. NB: Chinese materials published in the last 4 to 5 years will be located in General Reading Room II and Western materials published in the last 6 to 7 years will be shelved in the Western Collection, both on the second floor.

- **General Reading Room II:**

Houses books published in Taiwan over the past four to five years. They are available in open stacks, so you'll need to reshelv the books after using them. As a result, you may have to spend some time hunting for books that other patrons may not have returned to their proper locations. If you can't find the book you need, check the nearby shelves, the hand trucks placed throughout the reading room, or on tables. With any luck, they'll turn up. If you wish to take the books to the third floor for copying, you will need to fill out a blue charge slip and leave you library card with them. They will give you plastic card to keep. If you have left you library card at the main circulation desk (or elsewhere), you can give them the numbered plastic card you received from one of the other collections instead.

- **Western Collection:**

Houses Western language materials published in the last six to seven years on open shelves as described for General Reading Room II. Everything is organized by library of Congress (LC) classification, as are all of the Western materials in the NCL. They do have a copy machine in a small room adjacent to the service desk, though you can check out materials if you wish as described in the preceding section. NB: All materials on Taiwan and china are shelved under C plus the standard LC call number, so that a book on literature will be C/PL1234 etc. So head to the C area and then look for the standard LC number to find books on China.

- **Reference Room:**

Houses a selection of standard reference works in Chinese and Western languages, including dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks, almanacs and the like. Chinese dissertations and theses are shelved here as well. You will also find an information desk towards the back where you may

or may not find an answer to your question. Not everyone who works in the NCL is a professional librarian, and most of the people who staff the service desks in various rooms are work-study students from local universities. If they cannot answer your questions, then head to the reference room and check at the information desk. If anyone can answer your question, the staff at this desk should be able to.

- **Periodical Room:**

Has a comprehensive collection of Western and Chinese periodicals. Has a good selection of Chinese items from the 1950s through the present. Items from earlier periods are not as abundant. Subscribe to most of the leading literary and historical journals in Chinese and many of the leading Asian studies journals in English. More obscure items may not be available, but you should be able to see if they are available in Taiwan by consulting the union list of serials in Taiwan which is a two volume hardbound set of books on the card catalog. This reference tool will help you determine which library has which issues of Chinese periodicals published in Taiwan. If you are looking for Western materials, you can ask for the union list for Western language works. The volume for scientific works may be on the card catalog while the volume for the social sciences and humanities may be at the service desk. This can help you focus your search. An even more powerful tool is the CD-ROM periodical index for Taiwan, which can help you search for authors, titles and the like. A major time saver. A collection of newspapers is available at the north end of the room. The library subscribes to most of the major Taiwan papers and a smattering of Western papers. Each paper is placed on a separate set of shelves. The last week's issues are folded and placed on the top shelves, while papers from the last six months are stapled and bound into stacks by week. Issues from the last four to five years are bound and shelved separately in white wooden racks nearby. Microfilm copies exist for materials further back.

- **Special Collections:**

Houses the library's rare book collection, photocopied and microfilmed copies are immediately available for use, while access to original editions requires a letter of reference that states your credentials, affiliation, and verifies your need to use the work in question. You may be expected to treat string-bound books that are neither old nor rare as though they are rare books, meaning that you will need to use gloves and will have limited copying privileges. This may necessitate several trips to get a copy of one complete text. Facilities, however, are quite comfortable and quiet.

- **Government Publications and Law Collection:**

Virtually all of the periodicals and references devoted to law are located here. Has an extensive collection of materials on Chinese law and a good selection of books and periodicals on American law as well. The Government Publications section features references and materials on the ROC government, including selections of government documents and the like. You can also find a wealth of US publications as well.

- **Center for Chinese Studies Material Division:**

The Place to go for Chinese studies has a nearly complete of US doctoral dissertations on Chinese studies organizations by year of completion. Has a small collection of US masters theses and dissertations from the Netherlands, France and the UK has photo reproductions of Chinese gazetteers from the Ming and Ch'ing dynasties and reprints of newspapers from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries (i.e. 申報、中央日報). Has a selection of reference works published in Mainland China as well as a full set of Mainland editions materials of standard histories. Has a variety of other Mainland materials and some older materials available in closed stacks. Consult the card catalog or computer for further information. They have a series of clipping files of materials on different topics as well. Finally, has a section of journals on Chinese studies in Japanese, Korean, and a selection of Western languages. A comfortable place to work and seldom crowded. Will ask to see student ID.

- **Mainland China Collection:**

Has an eclectic selection of books from the Mainland, largely materials donated to the library after a book exhibition featuring Mainland publishers. Has some useful works, though the collections are not completely catalogued as yet. Also includes the library of Li Shih-tseng, the holdings of the former Shanghai Sino-French Library, as well as some private collections that have been donated to the library. Everything is accessible in open stacks.

- **Fine Arts Collection:**

Focuses on art and architecture and includes reference books, picture books, and some scholarly studies. Not particular strong on current theory and criticism. Has collection of pictures and extensive clipping files on Chinese (traditional, contemporary Taiwan and contemporary Mainland works) and Western art. Displays information on current exhibits in Taipei and other parts of Taiwan. Probably has the best lighting of any of the reading rooms in the library.

- **Japanese/Korean Collection:**

The reading room itself houses a small selection of Japanese and Korean newspapers and periodicals, as well as a variety of reference books and clipping files. Most of the holdings are located in the main stacks, so books must be paged for you. Card catalogs are located in the hallway outside the reading room and are separated into Japanese (subject, author, title and periodical) and Korean (subject, author, title and periodical) categories.

NATIONAL FILM ARCHIVE OF THE ROC (電影資料館)

Location: 4F., 7 Chingtao E. Rd., Taipei (台北市青島東路7號4樓)

Tel: 2392-4243

Website: <http://www.tfi.org.tw/>

A repository for Chinese old films. It is engaged in the research, collection, collation, and preservation of Chinese films.

NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY(國立台灣大學)

Location: 1 Roosevelt Road, Section 4, Taipei

MAIN LIBRARY 總圖書館

Location: At the end of Palm Drive 椰林大道 from main gate on the left.

Website: <http://www.lib.ntu.edu.tw/en>

Hours¹⁰:

	Stacks	Reading Room	Reference Room
Regular Session	Mon-Fri 8:00-22:30	24hrs	8:20am-9 pm
	Sat 8:00-22:30		8:20am-5pm
	Sun 8:00-17:00		8:20 am-5 pm
Vacation Periods	Mon-Fri 8:00-21:00		8:20 am-9 pm
	Sat 8:00-17:00		8:20 am-5 pm
	Sun 8:00-17:00		8:20 am-5 pm

Holdings:

Like most main libraries, this facility houses a variety of works on numerous subjects. It also houses materials in areas not covered by the more specialized branch and departmental libraries.

Getting in:

You will first need to sign a register at the desk just inside the front entrance. You will be asked for your name, institutional affiliation and ID number. You can use a US student ID, passport, or Taiwan institution ID if you have one. You may have to show it to them.

Getting around:

There is a floor plan of the building just outside the main entrance. You may wish to take a look at it to get you bearings. The book stacks are located on the first floor straight ahead from the desk where you sign in. The reference room is on the second floor to the left as you reach the top of the stairs. The reading rooms are on the second floor straight ahead as you reach the top of the stairs.

¹⁰ Please refer to: http://www.lib.ntu.edu.tw/General/hours/hours_eng.htm

Looking things up:

Card catalogs are located in the room which leads to the stacks. There are title, author and subject catalogs for Western language materials (indexed using the library of Congress system) and Chinese materials (indexed using the Chinese Union system). There is one computer terminal here that accesses the TULIPS on-line catalog. Two more terminals are located on the second floor in the hallway leading to the main reading rooms. There are also card catalogs for Western language materials (Separate author, title and subject files) and a Chinese author file.

Stack Access:

While access to the stacks is controlled, you can go in and browse if you sign in and leave your belongings and ID at the entrance. For all practical purposes, it's an open-stack facility. Only registered NTU students and faculty can check out books. Non-students, even if affiliated with a NTU faculty member, do not have book-borrowing privileges.

Xeroxing: Copy machines are readily available and take the standard magnetized cards.

Reference Room:

The office area into which you first enter is the only air-conditioned part of the main library. There are some desks here where you can work. You need to leave your bag in a cupboard in the hallway just outside the entrance so make sure to carry valuables with you. The main room contains a selection of encyclopedias, dictionaries, and other reference tools in Chinese and Western languages. It also includes a set of UMI dissertation abstracts and current issues of various English book indices, the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, Book Review Index, and other tools for Western language work. If you walk to the end of the reference room, through a doorway, and into what is actually a star landing filled with bookshelves, you will notice a doorway to you right with a sign next to it labeled with Library of Congress heading Z and a Chinese reference to bibliographies. This room contains indexes for dissertations and theses published in Taiwan, annual lists of books published in Taiwan (中華民國出版圖書目錄彙編), the People's Republic of China, and Japan. You can also find catalogs of various libraries and collections here (e.g. the National Diet Library of Japan). A variety of bibliographies and other resources are also shelved here.

General Comments:

The main library has no climate-control systems so it can get quite hot in windows, some of which can be opened. During the summer, if you work primarily in the mornings and sit by an open window, you should be able to avoid the windows. If the heat is too much, you may be able to take refuge in the reference room office area though work space here is quite.

RICCI INSTITUTE FOR CHINESE STUDIES 利氏學社

Locations: 3rd Floor, 22, Hsinhai Road, Section 1 Taipei 100 (台北市辛亥路一段 22 號 3F)

Tel: (02) 2368-9968

Fax: (02) 2365-4508

Website: <http://www.riccibase.com/>

Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Closed on weekends and all national holidays

*Vacations taken during Chinese New Years (4-5 days) and August (2 weeks)

Access:

Open to the public. No special library cards or identification is required.

Overview:

The Ricci Institute is supervised by the Jesuit order of the Catholic Church and provides a center for resources on the study of Chinese thought and religion. It is open to the public and visiting scholars are welcome.

Holdings:

The Institute's holdings focus on the subjects of Chinese religious traditions and philosophy. The collection includes materials on both Buddhist and Taoist traditions though the former has received greater attention over time. In terms of acquisitions, the staff has placed an emphasis on the Mahayana tradition of Buddhism, though they have works on other traditions as well. Major items include a full set of the Japanese edition of the Buddhist canon 大藏經, an incomplete Chinese edition, as well as a wealth of secondary materials. The institute's Taoist studies collection is smaller but they have the essentials, including a complete edition of the Taoist canon. Holdings in the Confucian tradition are available. Primary and secondary materials on other aspects of traditional China are available, though the field of literature is almost completely ignored. Holdings in contemporary China are largely non-existent. The staff has emphasized acquisition of materials in Chinese, English and French though you will also find some Japanese and German works as well. The library has a collection of essential sinological reference tools including the 24 histories, Harvard-Yenching Siniological Indexes, as well as dictionaries and the like. Periodical holdings are basic and focus on standard references in English from the US, the UK, and Hong Kong and some French works as well. The Institute is doing its best to maintain an aggressive book buying policy to keep its holdings up to date.

Facilities:

The library is open stack and readers have direct access to most items. Materials must be used on the premises and cannot be checked out. Reading space is provided in the reference room which has ample tables and chairs for research work, as well as seating for more casual reading. Books are shelved in adjoining rooms.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK MEMORIAL LIBRARY 中正紀念圖書館

Location: No.21 Chungshan South Road, Taipei (北市中山南路 21 號)

Tel: (02)2343-1137(Library) (02)2343-1138(Audio-Visual Center)

The library is located on the west side of the ground floor of the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall itself. To find the library, walk through either of the art galleries that flank the theater. You will find the library off a hallway located at the west end of the galleries.

Hours: (Library is closed on 15th of the month)

Tel: (02)2343-1100 ext.1191

Hours: Open Mon-Thu 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Fri~Sun, and all national holidays.

Website: <http://www.cksmh.gov.tw/index.php?code=list&ids=410>

Access:

Library cards are available to those over fifteen years ago. No identification is needed to enter the library. Personal belongings must be left on open and unmonitored shelves outside the entrance, so make sure to take valuables with you. Readers can borrow materials from the library, though periodicals, reference books and audio-visual items do not circulate. Books are shelved in open stacks.

Overview:

The library was opened in July of 1993 to help those interested in learning about and researching the life of Chiang Kai-Shek. The collection focuses on the life of the late president and other aspects of modern Chinese history.

Holdings:

As the library's name indicates, this facility specializes in information related to the late President Chiang Kai-Shek's life and work. This includes collection of speeches, publications and letters by Chiang himself as well as studies of his life, thought and policies in Chinese and English. The collection also focuses on the course of Nationalist history, the Chinese Revolution of 1911 and foreign relation as well. Books are catalogued according to the Chinese Library Classification System. Taiwan publications are shelved in a room behind the back of the main reading room. The library also houses a collection of Mainland books on a wide range of topics that are shelved in the main reading room, as is a complete set of the Ssu-k'ü ch'uan shu (四庫全書). Periodicals holdings include periodicals and gazettes from various political organs at the local, provincial and national levels of the Republic of China including Legislative Yuan, Executive Yuan, President's Office, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture, and Taipei municipal government. They also have some of the major English language periodicals on Chinese studies and a selection of general interest periodicals in Chinese and English.

Facilities:

The main reading room is large, quiet and comfortable. You will find easy access to card-operated self-service photocopying machines in the library. Cards can be purchased from the information desk. A variety of on-line information services and CD-ROM applications are available at computers near the entrance. These include: the URICA Automation System for access to the Library's holdings, Taiwan Academic Network (TANet) which is connected to domestic libraries and universities throughout Taiwan, the index to Chinese Periodical Literature on CD-ROM, On-Line Public Access Catalog (OPA), and the Computer Information Index to News Clippings from Central News Agency.

ACADEMIA SINICA 中央研究院

Location: No. 128 Yenchuyuan Rd., Sec. 2, Nankang, Taipei (台北市南港區研究院路二段 128 號)

Tel: (02)2782-2120~9 (10 lines)

Website: <https://www.sinica.edu.tw/en>

Fu Ssu-nien Library (INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND PHILOLOGY)

傅斯年紀念圖書館(歷史研究所)

Location:

The library is located in a separate, three-story building across the street from the Institute of History and Philology Office Building and the Institute of Economics.

Hours: Closed national holidays.

Monday-Friday	8:30am to 5:00pm
Weekend	Closed
Circulation desk closes	12:30pm to 2:00pm

Access:

You can bring your bag with you. They generally do not check your ID. Stacks for most materials are open access.

Overview:

The circulation desk is directly ahead of you as you enter. The reference area is to your left and card catalogs and periodicals are to your right. You can enter the stacks by the double doors to the right of the circulation desk.

Holdings:

The Fu Ssu-nien Library serves as the library for the Institute of History and Philology. Its holdings therefore reflect the interests of researchers in the field of pre-Ming history, language and linguistics, and philology. These reference collections are probably the best of any of the Academia's libraries for those interested in pre-Ming fields of Chinese studies. In addition to the usual array Chinese books in Taiwan, Mainland China, Japan and the United States. They have lists of periodicals on China and its culture, bibliographies of bibliographies, handbooks of bibliographic research, and catalogs of rare books in collections in Taiwan and abroad. They have dictionaries and indexes for the Buddhist, Taoist and Confucian canons and related material. Reference work from Taiwan, Mainland China, the United States and Japan are best represented. The library has a good collection of English language materials and some items in French and German. Language dictionaries for Chinese and Western language as well as Chinese dialects are a major focus. Specialized dictionaries for specific historical and literary texts (i.e. The Shih chi or Romance of the Three Kingdoms) can be found here also. The periodical collection covers history, linguistics, art, philosophy, ethnology, anthropology and area studies and has one of the best collections of English language journals of Asian studies in Taiwan. The Chinese collection is, of course, good and Japanese periodicals are well-represented.

Finding Materials:

You can locate books by using the on-line catalog available at terminals located under the windows to the right of the circulation desk or by using the card catalogs just outside the periodical area. Western languages are catalogued by Library of Congress number and include author, title, subjects and classification (shelf number) catalogs. Chinese materials are catalogued by author and title according to stroke count. Japanese works are catalogued by author, title and subject.

Facilities:

There are an ample number of tables and chairs in reference area—it's quite airy and bright. Copy machines are available near the computer terminals to the right of the circulation desk. To make copies, check out a copy card from one of the staff members at the desk, make your copies, and fill out the Xerox log when you return the card.

INSTITUTE OF MODERN HISTORY 近代史研究所

Location:

Opposite the Institute of History and Philology and the Institute of European and American Studies. The library is on the second and third floors of the three story brick building to the west of the Institute of Modern History's ten story office tower.

Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30-17:00

Weekend: closed

The library is also closed national holidays. In principle, they are supposed to close at noon though this seldom happens. Circulation services do stop during the lunch period.

Access:

You enter through the east side of the three story building, the side facing the office tower. Lock your belongings in one of the lockers inside the door and take the key with you. Turn right and go down the corridor until you reach a stairway through a doorway on your right. Go up the stairway and you will be at the door of the library. You do not need to show ID to enter. Since stacks are closed access, you will need to request items from the circulation desk.

Layout:

The reference room and main circulation desk are located on the second floor. The periodical room is located on the third floor, which you reach by going back to the entrance and going through the door on your right that leads to an upward staircase.

Holdings:

The library focuses on materials related to China's late-imperial, modern and contemporary histories. It has materials from other fields, including political science, economics, sociology and literature that relate to the study of later Chinese history as well. Reference materials include an extensive collection of works from or about Mainland China and lots of yearbooks. Materials on literature are available here as well. English language materials include bibliographies of Western language materials on various aspects of Chinese studies. The periodical room features an outstanding collection of Taiwan journals on Chinese history and related disciplines. It also subscribes to most of the major social science publications from research institutes and universities from Mainland China, the most complete collection of this type in Taiwan. It subscribes to all of the major English language publications on China and many on Japan as well. Also, the place to find a copy of the New York Review of Books, The New York Times Book Review, the Times Literary Supplement, and the Christian Science Monitor.

Finding Materials:

Computer terminals are located in the center of the reference room and provide access to the various Academia library collections. The card catalogs are located in the reference room as well. They include Chinese catalogs by author, title, and classification number (shelf number). Western language materials are catalogued by the Chinese indexing system for Western language works and catalogs include author, title, and classification. Since the on-line catalog has been in use, the

staff has stopped making library cards for newly acquired items, so you'll need to use the computer for finding recent publications.

Facilities:

Lots of space to work in reference area. Tables are spread around the room so you have a reasonable degree of privacy and lots of space to work. Very quiet. Xeroxing available.

INSTITUTE OF ETHNOLOGY 民族學研究所**Location:**

The Institute of Ethnology is located just inside the south gate off of the Yenchuiyuan Road 研究院路 (the gate south of the main gate). The building is an agglomeration of various ethnic architectural traditions, perhaps the most distinct in the entire Academia. You'll find the library on the second floor of the building. Go through the main entrance, cross the lobby and go up the stairway. Walk past the card catalogs and you'll find the entrance.

Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am to 4:50pm
Closed on the weekends and national holidays.

Access:

To use the facilities you will need to sign in (name, date, and institutional affiliation) and give them an ID (any kind). They will give you a key for a locker where you can put your belongings. The lockers are just to the right outside the entrance to the library. All materials are open stack.

Layout:

The lower floor of the library has a reading area surrounded on one side by the Western language reference collection and the periodical collection on another side. Through a doorway next to the periodical area is the Western language collection which occupies the lower floor of the stack area. The Chinese and Japanese reference collection is accessed by going up the stairs next to the circulation desk. The Asian language stacks are upstairs and are reached by going through the Chinese reference collection or by stairway from within the Western language stacks.

Holdings:

The library collection covers the fields of sociology, anthropology, ethnology, ethnography, linguistic, religious studies, ethnomusicology, geography, area studies, gender studies, legal studies, psychology, family studies, education, political science and culture studies. Ample materials on Taiwan's geography, demography, politics and the like, include local government

records and statistics from the Japanese occupation through the Nationalist era. References related to education, religion, philosophy, psychology, and languages are available. The library also subscribes to Chinese and Western periodicals on the subjects mentioned above. Has most of the Asian studies journals in English and also features such hard to find items as T'oung pao.

Finding Materials:

Computer terminals that access the online catalog can be found opposite the main desk. Card catalogs are located in the hallway that leads up to the library, so you'll need to head outside to check them. For Chinese books there are classification, subject, title and author catalogs available. For Western materials you will find author, title and catalogs.

Facilities:

The library is more compact than those of the other institutes, which gives it a cozier and intimate feel. There are a few tables in the western reference and periodical sections. You may be able to find a table or desk in the stack areas as well. Some near the inner stairway are particularly well-lit by a skylight (when sun is out). Computer terminals available for accessing CD-ROM resources and other on=line services as well. Copy machines are available; you need only ask at the desk, sign the copy log, get the card, and pay for your copies and log out when you finish.

INSTITUTE OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN STUDIES 歐美研究所

Location:

This institute is located east of the Institute of History and philology and is adjacent to the Institute of Modern History. The library is on the second floor of the three story brick building on the right.

Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:20am to 5:20pm

Closed on the weekends and national holidays

* While they do state that they are closed for lunch, the library is open during this period though circulation and other services may be curtailed at this time.

Access:

Enter the building though the front entrance, cross the lobby and head for the set of double glass doors on your left. Inside the doorway you will find a counter at the foot of a stairway. Lock your belongings in one of the lockers behind the counter (self serve) and head up the stairs. You need not sign in or show any ID.

Layout:

The main circulation desk is at the top of the stairs. If you turn right after passing the desk, you will be in the periodical area which takes up most of this floor. Current issues are shelved on the racks as you enter. Back issues are bound and placed on shelves to your left as you enter the section. The book stacks are located in a rather dark, cavernous room accessed through a door just beyond the main desk in the periodical area. The upstairs area houses some Chinese references and materials, including publications from the institute's staff and from other institutes at the Academia.

Holdings:

The institute houses perhaps the most complete collection of English language periodicals in Taiwan. Subjects covered include: literature, philosophy, creative writing, film and media studies, US history and politics, psychology, and Asian studies. You can find everything from the *Sewanee Review*, *Raritan* and *Salmagundi* to *Positions*. Their collection of books is heavy on American studies (it was formerly the Institute of American Studies). References include sets of the *Federal Reporter*, *US Code*, *Congressional Reporter* and *US Census records*.

Finding Materials:

Both on-line catalogs and card catalogs are available here.

Facilities:

Tables for serious work can be had in the periodical area. Comfortable chairs conducive to good reading are available as well. Quiet and well-lit. Copy machines are available. You can sign out a copy card at the circulation desk.

Auditing Classes

General Suggestions:

Auditing classes is usually not a problem. When possible, you should ask the professor's permission before you audit the class. As it is sometimes almost impossible to find the instructor in advance, you may need to wait outside the room and chat with them briefly before you go in. If this is not possible, you can talk to them after class. Having a name card with your institutional affiliation to present to the instructor might help.

Lectures and seminars:

The protocol for lectures and seminars varies from school to school. In some of the more traditional schools and departments, e.g. the Chinese department at National Taiwan Normal University (國立台灣師範大學), you may be expected to stand when the teacher enters the room and stand when you ask or answer questions, though this custom seems to be rather limited in practice. Follow the lead of classmates. In undergraduate classes, you will notice that students seldom (if ever) ask questions. Some teachers may not provide a suitable opportunity for question either. Often, students and professors prefer to deal with questions after class. In seminar, you will find a wide range of teaching styles, some more conducive to real discussion and questioning. Older professors may tend to lecture for an entire two or three hour seminar period (!) without a question entertained or offered. Younger professors, particular those trained overseas and used to a more interactive educational approach, may welcome questions and lively discussions, though not all students respond to this approach. You may find your classmates rather timid in asking questions, particularly if the class is conducted in language other than Chinese. You will find it helpful if you can make a friend or two in class. They can help you with notes or handouts for meetings you may have missed, whether due to illness or because you, didn't start attending until later in the term. They can also clarify the discussion or lecture for you, help you find out about readings and assignments and might even be willing to meet with you and discuss things outside of class. This is a great way to improve your academic Chinese speaking and listening ability, make connections with faculty, and meet promising young scholars.

Finding Classes:

Most universities post their class offerings on a bulletin board rather than offering schedules for general distribution. The class lists may either be posted in one location or may be posted separately by college or department. National Taiwan University is an example of the former case, and you can find all course listing attached to a bulletin board in the courtyard behind the main administration building. The lists are arranged by department so that should make your task a bit easier. National Taiwan University lists classes by department or college. Classes for the college of Liberal Arts, which includes the History, Chinese, and Foreign Languages and Literature departments, posts there classes on a bulletin board on the right side of the ground floor lobby of the Liberal Arts Building. Classes are listed by the time of day they meet. WARNING: if you decide to start auditing a class after the term has begun, you should be aware that the class may

have been moved or rescheduled. If you go to the listed room at the appropriate time and no one comes, check with the department office to see if they have any information. Changes may be made or announced at the first class meeting but may not appear on the posted course schedule.

When classes start:

Classes for the fall term at most universities begin in mid-September of each year. They continue through mid-January and then recess for about four to six weeks, resuming in late February or early March. You'll need to check with the school you are interested in for the exact date.

Where do professors go?

Professors in Taiwan, at least those in humanities and social sciences, do not generally hold office hours. This is due to several reasons. First, some do not have offices, since not all departments can provide individual or even shared office space for their faculty. Second many professors teach or work at more than one place, so they often come to campus to teach their classes and they leave. This is particularly true for visiting and part-time faculty who are based elsewhere. Bear in mind that a professor may teach in Kaohsiung two days a week, in Taichung on a third day, and at NTU on a fourth day. By and large, departmental office staff may have no better idea of particular faculty member's whereabouts than you do, so asking them may be of little or no use. The best way to see a professor is to meet them before or after a class outside her/his classroom. You may even want to attend the class. Don't be too shy or they may slip off and you'll have to wait another week and try again. The office staff should be able to verify the time and location of the classes they are teaching, however. Or the class isn't meeting where and/or when it's supposed to be, you may want to check further information. The key: be patient and persistent.

Bookstores

Chinese Materials

Student Book Company, Ltd. 學生書局

1F,11, Lane 75, Hoping East Road., Sec. 1, Taipei

北市和平東路一段 75 巷 11 號

Tel: 02-2392-8185

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The Commercial Press, Ltd. 台灣商務印書館

8F., No.43, Fuxing Rd., Xindian Dist., New Taipei City

23150 新北市新店區復興路 43 號 8 樓

Tel: (02) 8667-3712#330~333

Website: <https://www.cptw.com.tw/>

The store displays only a small portion of the Press's total offerings, so you may wish to take a look through their catalog. They publish materials on a wide variety of topics.

San-min Books 三民書局(重南門市)

3F, 61, Chungking South Road, Sec. 1, Taipei

北市重慶南路一段 61 號

Tel: (02)2361-7511

Website: <http://www.sanmin.com.tw/>

World Books 世界書局

99, Chungking South Road, Section 1, Taipei

台北市重慶南路一段 99 號

Tel: (02)2311-3834

Website: <http://www.worldbook.com.tw/>

Tong Shan Bookstore 唐山書店

B1, No.9, Ln. 333, Sec. 3, Roosevelt Rd., Da'an Dist., Taipei City

10647 台北市大安區羅斯福路三段 333 巷 9 號地下室一樓

Tel: (02) 2363-3072

Fax: (02) 2363-9735

Taiwan StoreU 台灣e店

台北市新生南路三段 76 巷 6 號

6, lane 76, Hsinsheng S. Rd., Sec 3, Taipei

Tel: (02)2362-5799

Fax: (02) 2363-2864

Website: <http://www.taiouan.com.tw/catalog/>

Offers a selection of materials on Taiwan history, politics, literature language, geography, culture and the like. Also has Taiwanese T-shirts, CDs, maps, and more. If you're interested in Taiwan studies, this is the place to go.

Ging Ging Books 晶晶書庫

1F., No.8, Aly. 8, Ln. 210, Sec. 3, Roosevelt Rd., Taipei City

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Caves Books, Ltd. 敦煌書局 (中山營業所)

No.58, Sec. 3, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei City

台北市中山北路三段 58 號

Tel: (02)2599-1169

Website: <https://www.cavesbooks.com.tw/ec/>

Current novels, works on China and Taiwan, travel books, history, philosophy and a fairly good collection of Penguin classics can be found. It also specializes in English language teaching materials (ESL/EFL materials), to which it devotes almost one third of its total space. Upon the purchase of

NT\$2000 worth of books you can receive a membership card which entitles you to 10% off subsequent purchases. They also have branches around Taiwan.

SMC (Southern Materials Publishing), Inc. 南天書局

14, Aly. 14, Ln. 283, Roosevelt Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei

台北市羅斯福路3段283巷14弄14號

Tel: (02)2362-0190

Fax: (02) 2362-8384

Website: <http://www.smcbook.com.tw/smc/>

SMC publishes a variety of materials in both English and Chinese. It legally reprints numerous Western scholarly works on China and Taiwan. The prices are only marginally cheaper than their Western counterparts. You can arrange to pay by credit card and possibly even personal check if you wish. They also have Chinese books on history, Taiwan studies, even medicine and the like. SMC does a lot of mail order business, so if you need books from them after you return home, you should have no problem ordering them by mail.

Lai Lai Book Company, Ltd. 來來書局

No.233, Sec. 2, Zhongshan Rd., Zhonghe Dist., New Taipei City

新北市中和區中山路二段233號

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Fax: (02)2363-6630

Website: <http://www.bookman.com.tw/Default.aspx>

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台北市中正區懷寧街36號2樓

Tel: (02) 2331-0940

Fax: (02) 2361-3007

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Maintaining Status while in Taiwan

Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)

Holders of resident visas must apply for this certificate. Those with resident visas at entry should apply within 15 days after arrival in Taiwan; those who receive resident visas after arrival must apply for the certificate within 10 days of receipt.

To apply, report to the National Immigration Agency with your passport and those of your accompanying family members, one passport-size photo for each person, a letter from this Foundation, and NT\$1,000 per certificate for the administration fee. You and each member of your family will have to fill out the application form. The Certificate will be issued within two weeks.

The Alien Resident Certificate is required if you wish to be included in Taiwan's national health insurance plan, and in order to obtain a Re-Entry permit if you wish to re-enter Taiwan after a trip out of Taiwan. The ARC is sometimes required to open post office or bank accounts. If you are too late in applying for it, you may have to pay a fine. To be in good standing with the authorities, to avoid a fine, and for your own convenience, then, you are advised to obtain the Certificate early during your stay here, if you hold a resident visa.

Visitor Visa Renewal

If you hold a visitor's visa, and you wish to apply for an extension of the visitor visa when the first two-month stay is about to end, you must go to the Immigration Administration. The Foundation will provide a letter of guarantee that you can take along with you, to apply for your extension of stay every two months. If you want to change to a resident visa, however, you must go to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

When you have already used up all your visa extensions, but plan to leave the country and come back on a new visitor visa, the closest place at which you can apply for a new visa is Hong Kong (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Hong Kong), Service Department--which handles this). The same organization can be of help if you must leave the country in order to apply for a resident visa.

Registration as a U.S. Citizen with AIT

Please register with the American Citizens Service Unit of AIT (the American Institute in Taiwan) shortly after your arrival in Taiwan. It will facilitate replacement of your U.S. passport should it be lost or stolen (registration involves providing a photocopy of your passport) and will enable you to be contacted readily in case of emergency.

Therefore, please enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency upon your arrival in Taiwan. The STEP is a free service that allow U.S. citizens traveling or living abroad to enroll with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. Please sign up the STEP at the website: <https://step.state.gov/step/>

Taxes (Taiwan)

The income you receive from the Foundation is exempt from Taiwan taxes. U.S. Fulbright grantees do not have to file a tax return, unless they are also receiving income from another source in Taiwan.

For details about local tax obligations, see the brochure "Aliens and Individual Income Tax" available from the Foreign Affairs Office of the National Tax Administration. Also, most of the employees of the Tax Bureau on No. 2, Chunghwa Rd., Sec. 1, 台北市中華路一段2號 Tel : 2311-3711 speak English and are quite friendly. They can advise you on matters concerning local taxes.

Taxes (U.S.)

Your Fulbright grant is taxable under U.S. regulations. The basic tax forms and information will be available at AIT's American Citizens Service Unit on Hsin Yi Rd (信義路) in early March; however, practically all U.S. tax forms are also available on the website <http://www.irs.gov/>.

Any U.S. taxpayer overseas on 15 April receives an automatic two-month extension of the deadline for filing.

Important Addresses and Phone Numbers

<p>National Immigration Agency (內政部入出國暨移民署)</p>	<p>No. 15 Guangzhou St. Taipei 10066 台北市廣州街 15 號 Tel: 0800-024-111(special number for inquiries in English) Tel: (02)2388-9393 http://www.immigration.gov.tw</p>
<p>Bureau of Consular Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) (外交部領事事務局)</p>	<p>3F, 2-2 Chi Nan Road, Sec. 1, Taipei 台北市濟南路一段 2-2 號 3 樓 Tel: (02) 2343-2888 http://www.boca.gov.tw/mp?mp=2</p>
<p>Foreign Affairs Police Station (警察局外事科)</p>	<p>(May call for medical assistance, i.e., ambulance, etc. 24 hour English-speaking service.) Tel: (02) 2720 – 8889 - Taipei Office: Main Office Foreign Affairs Section 96, Yen Ping South Rd. Taipei 台北市延平南路 96 號 Tel:(02)2381-7494 - Kaohsiung Office 260, Chungcheng 4th Road, Kaohsiung 高雄市中正四路 260 號 Tel: (07) 212-0800</p>
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<p>Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Hong Kong) 台北經濟文化辦事處(香港)</p>	<p>40th Fl., Tower One, Lippo Centre, No. 89, Queensway, Hong Kong 香港金鐘道 89 號力寶中心第一座 40 樓 Tel: (002-852)2530-1187 Fax: (002-852) 2529-1995 http://www.teco-hk.org/mp.asp?mp=10</p>
<p>American Institute in Taiwan (美國在台協會)</p>	<p>7, Lane 134, Hsin Yi Road, Sect. 3, Taipei 台北市信義路三段 134 巷 7 號 Tel: (02)2162-2000 Fax: (02) 2162-2251 Website: http://www.ait.org.tw</p>

Departure Procedures

Temporary Departure

If you wish to temporarily leave the country for official or unofficial matters, please notify the Foundation in writing of your plan. In addition, if you have a resident visa, you will need to obtain a **re-entry permit** in order to come back without obtaining a new visa, if you did not already do so when you applied for the ARC. The Foundation will supply the needed letter of guarantee to visit the immigration agency to apply for it. The re-entry permit is usually a multiple one, good for the same period as your alien resident card, so you will not have to repeat the procedure for subsequent departures.

If you have a multiple-entry **visitor's** visa, which will be valid at the time you plan to re-enter Taiwan, no further documents would be necessary.

Final Departure Checklist

	Make reservations for your return trip to the U.S. at least two months ahead of time
	Notify the Foundation as early as possible of your planned date of departure.
	Complete and return Final Report to the Foundation
	Request Foundation to provide a van to take you and your family to the airport.
	Check to see that you have passports, and valid alien residence, or valid visitor's visa before departing for airport.

Useful Websites

For Your Stay in Taiwan: A Sampling

General

Many of the following websites are bilingual, and you must search diligently for the link to the English version, which is usually in small letters in the upper right or left-hand corner of the home page!

1. Foundation for Scholarly Exchange (FSE) <http://www.fulbright.org.tw>

The official site for the Fulbright program in Taiwan. Photos and recent activities, profiles of past grantees and information on all kinds of grants.

2. American Institute in Taiwan (AIT): <https://www.ait.org.tw/zhtw/>

AIT functions as the American Embassy in Taiwan. Register online with AIT; obtain tax information; get information about document notarization; registering births, marriages, etc. Also has a section on resources in Taiwan for Americans.

3. Community Services Center: <http://www.communitycenter.org.tw/>

Includes information about the Center's counseling services, continuing education, etc. The Center serves the whole foreign community in Taiwan, not just Americans.

4. Formosa.com: <http://forumosa.com/taiwan>

Originally a nonprofit website known as "Oriented", it was converted to a complicated network of commercial sites, of which "forumosa.com"...will continue to be a volunteer effort designed for and by Taiwan's international community." Tips and discussion forums on travel agents, medical care, jobs, housing, language exchange, etc.

5. <http://www.tealit.com>

Tealit stands for Teaching English and Living in Taiwan, but it is a good site for any foreigner living in Taiwan. Another good source to use when searching for housing, is recommended by former grantees.

Currency Conversion

<https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

Good for calculating your stipend in US\$! Also it is helpful when budgeting for travel outside Taiwan or the U.S.

English Media

1. **Taipei Times:** <http://www.taipeitimes.com>
English daily newspaper (online)
2. **China Post:** <https://chinapost.nownews.com/>
English daily newspaper (online)
3. **Taiwan News:** <https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/>
4. **Taiwan Panorama:** <http://www.taiwan-panorama.com/en/index.php>
5. **International Community Radio (ICRT):** www.icrt.com.tw
English-language radio station website.
6. **Radio Taiwan International (RTI):** <http://english.rti.org.tw/>

Entertainment/Culture

1. **National Theater & Concert Hall** <http://npac-ntch.org/en/>
Has some English, including list of ticket-selling venues and the month's scheduled performances
2. **National Palace Museum:** <http://www.npm.gov.tw/en/>
"In addition to reading about current, special and long-standing exhibits, you can take a virtual tour of the museum, complete with pictures and classical Chinese music playing softly in the background."
3. **Ministry of Culture:** <https://english.moc.gov.tw/>
A very extensive website in English. Includes information about performing arts, music, film, handicrafts, museums and galleries, and much more.

Housing

1. **E-rent:** <http://www.e-rent.com.tw> (in Chinese only)
2. **Teaching English and Living in Taiwan:** <http://www.tealit.com>
Also listed above under "General."

3. **Craig's List Taiwan:** <https://taipei.craigslist.org/>
Also recommended by former grantees as a good place to search for housing
4. **Formosa.com:** <http://www.forumosa.com>
5. **TMM Rental and Moving Services:** <https://rent.tmm.org.tw/Home/Search?pFrom=L>
6. **591 house renting website:** <http://rent.591.com.tw/> (in Chinese only)
7. **City Net:** <http://www.citynet.com.tw>(in Chinese only)
8. **Taiwan House website:** <http://www.twhouses.com.tw/> (in Chinese only)
9. **Yung Ching House Fun website:** <http://rent.yungching.com.tw/> (in Chinese only)

Research, Study, and Teaching

1. **Academia Sinica:** <http://www.sinica.edu.tw>
This site also has extensive sections in English. Aside from information about research, the institutes, the libraries, etc., there is a section of the website especially for the organization's foreign employees, which has some useful information about living in the area:
<http://www.ifs.sinica.edu.tw/link/AShandbook.pdf>
2. **National Central Library:** <https://enwww.ncl.edu.tw/>
Comprehensive information about the library and its services to scholars.
3. **Center for Chinese Language and Culture Studies (Mandarin Training Center):**
<http://mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/mtcweb/index.php?lang=en>
One of the oldest and long-established schools for teaching Chinese to foreigners, recommended by many American Fulbright grantees.
4. **International Chinese Language Program at National Taiwan University:**
<https://iclp.ntu.edu.tw/> (sometimes this URL does not work; instead, go to <https://www.ntu.edu.tw/english/index.html>, click on English, then Academics, then College of Liberal Arts, and you will come to the website.). The successor to the well-known Stanford Center. Its programs are rigorous and effective, best for serious students who already have some Chinese language training.
5. **Ministry of Education:** <http://english.moe.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=1>
Go to this website and click on "Study in Taiwan", then "Chinese Language Center" on the left sidebar to find a list of places to study Chinese. For information about scholarships for study in Taiwan, click "scholarships" on the sidebar.

6. **Dave's English Café:** <http://www.eslcafe.com>
Forums for ESL students and teachers at all levels

Entertainment, Travel and Tourism

1. **Taipei Tourism and Transportation Guide:** <http://english.dot.gov.taipei/>
The site includes an English summary of bus routes in Taipei.
2. **Tourism Bureau, Ministry of Transportation & Communication:** <https://eng.taiwan.net.tw/>
Lots of information about tourist attractions all over Taiwan.
3. **Taiwan Railway Administration:** <http://www.railway.gov.tw/en/>
Provides ticket scheduling and prices, and on-line purchase of tickets. A 2007-2008 grantee, recommends the following procedure for purchasing train tickets online:
First, find train times and numbers at this website:
http://twtraffic.tra.gov.tw/twrail/English/e_index.aspx
Then go to this website to order the tickets: http://railway.hinet.net/net_eng.htm I usually keep both sites open in separate windows until I get everything figured out. Eventually, you get a reservation page you print. Then you pay at the train station by the deadline. It's best to buy round trip fares (Just reserve 2 single journeys, one in each direction and bring both to the station. The fare is calculated there.) There is a discount.
4. **Taiwan High Speed Rail:** https://www.thsrc.com.tw/index_en.html
Just opened in 2007, this "bullet train" can take you between Taipei and Kaohsiung in less than two hours.
5. **Central Weather Bureau:** <http://www.cwb.gov.tw/eng/index.htm>
6. **Taiwan FUN:** <http://www.taiwanfun.com/>
7. **Hostel Bookers website:** <http://www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/taiwan/taipei/>