



TAIWAN - COUNTRY FACT SHEET

➤ GENERAL INFORMATION

Climate & Weather	Warm climate all year round. The annual average temperature is a comfortable 22 °C, with lowest temperatures ranging from 12 to 17 °C (54-63 °F).	Time Zone	UTC/GMT +8 hours
Language	Mandarin, English & Taiwanese.	Currency	New Taiwan Dollar (NTD)
Religion	Buddhism.	International Dialing Code	886
Population	More than 23 Million.	Internet Domain	.tw
Political System	Presidential elect.	Emergency Numbers	Ambulance and Fire (119) Police (110) Police Broadcasting Network (+866-(0)2-2388-7901) Foreign Affairs Dept of the National Police Administration (+886-(0)2-2394-5900
Electricity	Electrical sockets (outlets) in Taiwan (Republic of China/Chinese Taipei) usually supply electricity at between 110 and 120 volts AC. If you're plugging in a U.S. or Canadian 120 volt appliance, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.	Capital City	Taipei.
What documents required to open a local Bank Account? Can this be done prior to arrival?	Original passport; original ARC. Cannot be done prior to arrival.	Please confirm how salaries are paid? (eg monthly directly into a Bank Account)	Monthly direct to bank account.



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Culture/Business Culture

Taiwan culture reflects the customs and traditions of Taiwanese people. It is in fact a perfect combination of Confucianism Han Chinese cultures and European, Japanese, American, global and local traditions. There is no doubt in the fact that the culture of Taiwan merges and blends modernity with traditionalism. The economic, social, political and other important aspects affecting the people of Taiwan get reflected through the Taiwan culture. Punctuality is of great importance in business culture. During introductions, men should wait for a woman to initiate a handshake. Business cards are exchanged after the initial introductions and are exchanged using both hands. Eye contact is important in business meetings and in day-to-day communication. It should be given to whoever is talking. However, Taiwanese facial expression is limited compared to westerners, so try hand gestures and body movement.

Health care/medical treatment

Taiwan has a comprehensive healthcare system with hospitals classified as medical centers, regional hospitals, local hospitals and basic level medical institutes. The medical treatment at various classifications of medical institution is also divided into Western and Traditional Chinese medicine.

Education

Schools in Taiwan have adopted policies to raise the quality of their curricula to promote globalization. Centers of Chinese language and culture studies and scholarships for foreign students have been established to encourage foreign students to pursue academic as well as cultural exchange.

With numerous International Schools found in Taiwan, foreign residents will feel at ease when it comes to making arrangement for their children's education. Taiwan currently has 22 international Schools. The schools offer curricula from Kindergarten through the 12th grade according to their respective capabilities and facilities.

Foreign students who already have legal resident status in Taiwan can seek admission to elementary or high school can go to a local public school near their residence.



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Utilities

Taiwan uses the same standards for electric power as the USA and Canada - 110V, 60 Hz AC. 220V is use of only for air-conditioners.

NTSC-M/M (VHF/UHF), the same as in North America. If you are relocating from an area that uses a different format,

Gas is widely used for cooking and water heating in Taiwan. Most buildings in the main area are connected directly to the town gas supply. For buildings without town gas, the only option is bottled gas, which is available from neighbourhood suppliers.

Water - Though the local water supply is considered potable, it is recommend that boiled before drinking.

The charge of electricity, gas and water are bi-monthly, payment can be made through most of banks or some convenience stores.

Food & Drink

Rice is Taiwan's staple food for all three meals of the day. In addition to their traditional cooking methods, the island's residents have used local ingredients to develop rice dishes with all kinds of tastes.

There are many restaurants in Taipei that offer varieties of International Food. French, Indian, Thai, US restaurant can be found in most expat community area

Leisure/Entertainment/ Sport

Taiwan offers a rich and diverse shopping experience. With most of the shops staying open for more than 12 hours a day. In addition to the department stores and large shopping centers, many unique shopping districts are found island wide, each with its own character, showing off unique local products.

Night market located around the cities' busiest markets and temples. Taiwan's night markets represent their very own special kind of dining culture. Upon entering a brightly-lit night market, visitors will see clusters of vendors and stalls selling all kinds of delicious snack foods. Dining at night market is convenient, fast and affordable.

Security

Walking along the street is safe even at night. All apartments are equipped with security alarm and had 24 hours security in the building.



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Driving	Driving is on the left-hand side. Drivers should obtain a Taiwan Driving License to operate a vehicle in Taiwan.
Public Transport	Public transport is very convenient in Taiwan. There are taxis, public bus , trains and high speed rails.
Taking Pets	Lots of Pet shops, hospitals and beauty salon for the pets .
Expat Groups	Attended most of the chamber in Taiwan such as American Club/ European Chamber etc.
Cost of Living	Cost of living will depend on one's lifestyle which can be costly or inexpensive.
<p>How much is 1 litre milk:</p> <p>A loaf of bread:</p> <p>1 litre of petrol:</p>	<p>- Estimate USD5.00 per liter</p> <p>- Estimate USD3 - 4 a loaf</p> <p>- Estimate USD1 -2 per liter</p>

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Do expats tend to live in specific areas/ compounds or standalone properties throughout the city?	Yes, expat like to live in the expatriate neighbourhood where they are close to expatriate facilities.
How long does it take between finding and securing a property?	7 days
How many days face to face home search package without any unforeseen problems are required for	<p>Single 1 - 2 days</p> <p>Couple 2 - 3 days</p> <p>Family 3 - 5 days</p>
Please advise availability of Furnished and Unfurnished properties and please advise what is normally included in Furnished and Unfurnished (eg. Carpets, curtains etc)	<p>Both are available</p> <p>Furnished apartment- bed, sofa, TV, washing machine etc.</p> <p>Unfurnished - sometimes will have washing machine.</p>
What is the length of a normal tenancy agreement?	12 months.



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When are rental payments due?	Monthly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Yearly <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Explain when other:
What is normally the term to give notice? What are usually the tenancy renewal terms?	30 to 60 days' notice Subject to the tenant request where could be negotiated to the new lease.
What break clauses are generally available e.g. business/diplomatic, and what time scale can notice be given eg. 2 months after 6 months	The lease term is minimum 1 year (12 months) 6 months lease break clause is not widely available.
Is a deposit paid and how much will this be? Who holds the deposit and how is this protected?	Yes, 2 months security deposit, given to the landlord
In what name can the tenancy agreement go? Eg. Individual, company	Either individual / company
When a property has been found - does a holding deposit has to be paid and how much? Will this secure the property What information does a tenant or occupier need to provide before being able to secure the property eg. References, employer's reference, ID copies	2 month's rent payable upon signing of the lease contract If company lease- company license If individual - passport copy or Alien Registration Card is required.
Can properties be taken and rent paid at any time of the month or only on the 1st of the month?	Subject to the lease start date.
Are rents paid in currency of the country	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is short term accommodation available?	It is not widely available.
During tenancy who normally manages the property? Are there any broker/government/agency fees to be paid	Building management Tenant pays the realtor equivalent to one month rent.
Any other cost that client should be aware of when taking on a property? Such as tenancy preparation charges, government and service charges	No.



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Are tenancy agreements in English?

Mainly in Mandarin and tenancy can be provided in dual language (English & Mandarin).

➤ OTHER SERVICES

Is Rental furniture available?

Yes, it is available.

Is there any information you wish to share with us?