

## Taiwanese Country Guide

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### Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders who do not have a criminal record do not usually require a visa to enter Taiwan for a period of up to 30 days for tourist purposes (up to 90 days until December 31, 2017). Passports are recommended to be valid for six months beyond the period of intended stay. Travellers should also be able to show documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay, as well as tickets and entry documents for their next or onward destination.

Additional conditions apply to minors and those who hold dual Australian/Taiwanese nationality. Travellers are recommended to contact a Taiwanese mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter Taiwan without a visa.

### Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

*Exercise normal safety precautions in Taiwan. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour. You'll be screened for high body temperature on arrival. Depending on results, you may need to do further medical tests. See [Entry and exit](#).*

*Typhoon season is May to November when flooding and mudslides are common. Taiwan also has earthquakes. Monitor weather forecasts and plan accordingly. Take official warnings seriously and follow the instructions of local officials. See [Natural disasters](#).*

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Taiwan at [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au).

### Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Taiwan. Vaccination against Typhoid should also be considered, particularly if travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene. Persons staying in Taiwan for extended periods or frequent travellers should consider immunisation against Hepatitis B and Rabies (especially if working with animals). As Dengue Fever occurs in Taiwan travellers may require insect avoidance measures depending on their itinerary.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including for Tetanus and Diphtheria (with a booster within the last 10 years), Whooping Cough, Polio (with a booster in adult life), Measles, Mumps and Rubella (two combination vaccinations through life), Chicken Pox and a recent annual Influenza vaccination.

Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Taiwan should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit [www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips).

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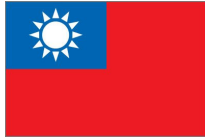
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### Time Differences between Taiwan and Australia

Taiwan is Greenwich Mean Time +8 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone in Taiwan is called China Standard Time (CST).

Taiwan, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 12 noon; Darwin 1:30pm; Brisbane 2pm; Adelaide 2:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 3pm.  
 Taiwan, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 12 noon; Darwin, Adelaide 1:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 2pm.

### Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Taiwan: +886

To Dial Australia Call:  
 002 61 <City> <Number>

Australian Reverse Charges Direct:  
 00801 610061

Travelex Card Services:  
 Call the US on 002 1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:  
 0080 1 44 4123

MasterCard:  
 0080 1 10 3400

American Express Travellers Cheques:  
 0080 1 44 4229

Emergency Services:  
 Fire, Ambulance - 119  
 Police - 110  
 The emergency services may not have English speaking staff.

International Community Service Hotline:  
 0800 024 011

### Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

#### Passports

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Credit Cards

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Travel Insurance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Australian Representation in Taiwan

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Australia does not maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan, thus the Australian Office, rather than a local embassy or consulate is responsible for the provision of assistance to Australian citizens in Taiwan.

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Taiwan are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australia Office in Taipei or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at [www.orao.dfat.gov.au](http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au).



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### Duty Free Allowances

Duty Free allowance when entering Taiwan:

Alcohol: Up to 1 litre of liquor.  
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 25 cigars or 1lb of tobacco.  
 Other Goods: Up to TWD 20,000.

For further information on customs and duty free regulations when entering Taiwan, please visit the Taipei Customs Office website at <http://taipei.customs.gov.tw>.

Minors (under 20 years of age in Taiwan) may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply to these and other goods, travellers should familiarise themselves with these restrictions before entry.

Duty Free allowance when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres.  
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.  
 Other Tax Free Goods: Up to AUD\$900 (\$450 for minors).

For further details on Australian duty free allowances and other customs restrictions please go to [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au).

### Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Plug: Japanese  
 Voltage: 110-120 volts  
 Modem Plug: USA

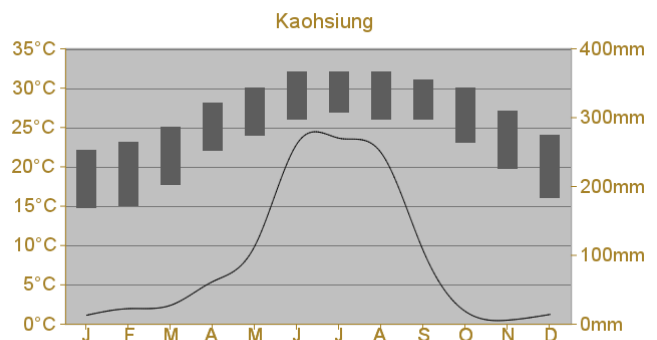
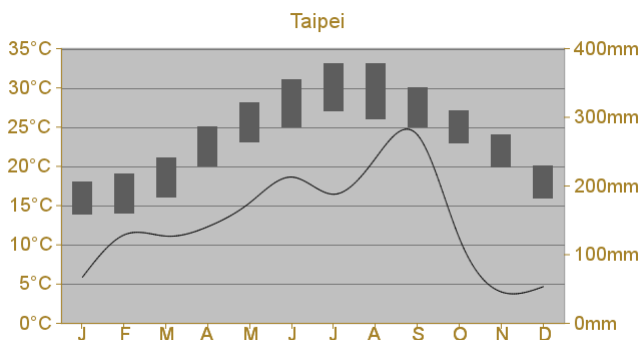
Source: Korjo Travel Products. Please view the Korjo adapter guide at [www.korjo.com.au](http://www.korjo.com.au) for further information on this matter.



### National Holidays in Taiwan 2018

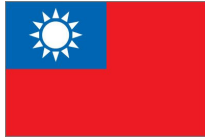
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| Foundation Day of the ROC: | 01 January                   |
| Spring Festival:           | 15 - 18 Feb (Lunar New Year) |
| Peace Memorial Day:        | 28 February                  |
| Children's Day:            | 04 April                     |
| Tomb Sweeping Day:         | 05-06 April                  |
| Dragon Boat Festival:      | 18 June                      |
| Mid-Autumn Festival:       | 24 September                 |
| Double Tenth National Day: | 10 October                   |

### Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Taiwan



Source: Central Weather Bureau, Taiwan. For local forecasts, go to [www.cwb.gov.tw/eng/index.htm](http://www.cwb.gov.tw/eng/index.htm) or [www.bbc.co.uk/weather](http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather).

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## Exchange Rate

### Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 22.0 New Taiwan Dollars  
 10 New Taiwan Dollars (TWD) = 0.45 Australian Dollars

### Buy Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 19.8 New Taiwan Dollars  
 10 New Taiwan Dollar (TWD) will cost 0.50 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "Buy Rate" adds 11% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin paid when buying TWD notes in Australia. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

## Currency Cheat Sheet

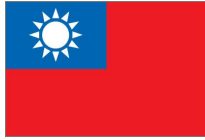
| NT\$5  | = \$0.25 AUD | NT\$100 | = \$5.04 AUD  | NT\$1,000  | = \$50.43 AUD  |
|--------|--------------|---------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| NT\$10 | = \$0.50 AUD | NT\$200 | = \$10.09 AUD | NT\$2,000  | = \$100.86 AUD |
| NT\$20 | = \$1.01 AUD | NT\$300 | = \$15.13 AUD | NT\$3,000  | = \$151.29 AUD |
| NT\$30 | = \$1.51 AUD | NT\$400 | = \$20.17 AUD | NT\$4,000  | = \$201.72 AUD |
| NT\$40 | = \$2.02 AUD | NT\$500 | = \$25.22 AUD | NT\$5,000  | = \$252.16 AUD |
| NT\$50 | = \$2.52 AUD | NT\$600 | = \$30.26 AUD | NT\$6,000  | = \$302.59 AUD |
| NT\$60 | = \$3.03 AUD | NT\$700 | = \$35.30 AUD | NT\$7,000  | = \$353.02 AUD |
| NT\$70 | = \$3.53 AUD | NT\$800 | = \$40.34 AUD | NT\$8,000  | = \$403.45 AUD |
| NT\$80 | = \$4.03 AUD | NT\$900 | = \$45.39 AUD | NT\$9,000  | = \$453.88 AUD |
| NT\$90 | = \$4.54 AUD |         |               | NT\$10,000 | = \$504.31 AUD |

This cheat sheet uses the "Buy Rate" of exchange listed above.

## Notes and Coins

The legal currency of Taiwan is the New Taiwan Dollar, which is abbreviated using the symbol "NT\$" and has the currency code "TWD". The NT\$ does have a subunit, but it is too small in value to be used in day to day transactions. The following units of currency are the most common however other units are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised not to take the below images with them when travelling.





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## About Taiwan

Full Name: Republic of China  
 (formally called Formosa).

Independence: 1949-1952.  
 (separated from mainland China & Japan).

Size: 32,260 km<sup>2</sup>  
 (about half the size of Tasmania).

Population: 23 million (similar to Australia).

Ethnicity: Taiwanese 84%, mainland Chinese 14%, Indigenous 2%.

Language: Mandarin (official), Taiwanese Hokkien, Hakka and Indigenous dialects.

Religion: Buddhist and Taoist 93%, Christian 4.5%, other 2.5%.

### Significant Dates:

- 1544 AD - Portuguese name Taiwan "Ilha Formosa" (Beautiful Island).
- 1624-62 - Dutch establish a colony.
- 1662 - Outcasts of the Ming Dynasty take control of Taiwan as a refuge from the Qing Dynasty.
- 1887 - Qing China make Taiwan a province with Taipei as capital.
- 1895 - Taiwan ceded to Japan which begins modernization.
- 1945-52 - After WWII, Taiwan is returned to Nationalist China.
- 1949 - Nationalist Chinese flee to Taiwan after losing civil war.
- 1949-87 - Marshal law imposed.
- 2000 - 50 year rule of the Nationalist (Kuomintang) Party ends.

### Largest metro areas:

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Taipei-Keelung    | pop - 7 million   |
| Kaohsiung         | pop - 3 million   |
| Taichung-Changhua | pop - 2.4 million |
| Taoyuan-Zhongli   | pop - 2 million   |
| Tainan            | pop - 1.4 million |
| Hsinchu           | pop - 800,000     |

