

*We recommend that you check the weather forecast prior to your departure so that you can pack accordingly.*

Taiwan lies on the Tropic of Cancer and enjoys an oceanic, sub-tropical monsoon climate. The northern part of the island has a rainy season that lasts from January through to late March during the northeast monsoon, and experiences ‘meiyu’ (climatic period where the weather is mostly cloudy to rainy) in May.

The entire island experiences hot, humid weather from June through to September. The middle and southern parts of the island do not have an extended monsoon season during the winter months. Typhoons are common between July and October. Autumn and spring are the best times to travel.

The average temperatures listed is purely a guide. Weather patterns throughout the world are changing which have resulted in varying weather conditions. We suggest that prior to your departure you check the current weather forecast online.

Loose fitting, lightweight cotton materials are the most comfortable for humid weather, while layers of warmer clothes are advised for any cooler evenings, etc. The dress code throughout the region is fairly casual, but everyone appreciates and respects nice clothing and a clean appearance. Smart casual clothes are suitable for evening banquets and shows, but are not compulsory.

Average Temperatures	December – February (Winter)		
	Temp °C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
TAIPEI	13/19	HIGH	17
Average Temperatures	March – May (Spring)		
	Temp °C min/max	Humidity	Rain mm
TAIPEI	18/24	HIGH	19
Average Temperatures	June – August (Summer)		
	Temp °C min/max	Humidity	Rain Mm
TAIPEI	25/32	HIGH	15
Average Temperatures	September – November (Autumn)		
	Temp °C min/max	Humidity	Rain Mm
TAIPEI	20/26	HIGH	17

Refer to your [Fact Sheet](#) about how to dress appropriately for this culture. Your Taiwan Fact Sheet will also give you advice on a personal medical kit. Please note, due to airline restrictions your luggage allowance is 20kg for checked luggage and 5kg for hand luggage.

### **Example Packing List:**

- ✓ Your travel documents and passport – including a photocopy of your passport in case it is lost or stolen whilst you are travelling. Keep one photocopy at home and take another photocopy on your trip with you. (Carry separate from your originals!)
- ✓ Main luggage & ‘day bag’ – a smaller bag to carry with you during the day.
- ✓ Luggage Padlocks.
- ✓ Money belt to carry passport, cash, credit cards, airline tickets and any other important travel documents.
- ✓ Comfortable trousers and shorts (or skirts for women).
- ✓ Shirts or tops of light cotton material.
- ✓ Walking shoes, sandals and socks – it is important to have sturdy and comfortable shoes for sightseeing every day.
- ✓ A water/windproof jacket and small umbrella.
- ✓ Sun protection – hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and lip balm.
- ✓ Some clothing covering the knees and shoulders for visits to religious sites. Women may find a ‘modesty shawl’ or sarong useful.
- ✓ Personal medical kit – please refer to your *Fact Sheet*.
- ✓ Spare glasses/contact lenses – it is difficult to get any prescription lenses repaired or replaced in Taiwan.
- ✓ Small torch, conversion plug and spare batteries – batteries available to buy in Laos tend to be unreliable.
- ✓ Camera and spare film/memory card – film available in Taiwan tends to be bad quality or sun damaged.
- ✓ Antibacterial wipes and or gel – to clean hands before eating.
- ✓ Toilet paper – not all sightseeing public toilets will provide this.
- ✓ Snacks – tea bags/coffee, milk powder or sachets, muesli bars, instant soups or noodles, or anything else you can’t live without!