

Taiwan General Information for Visitors

Category	Details
Arrival	Main international airport: Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) , ~40 km from Taipei City.
Airport to City	Taoyuan Airport MRT (Airport Train) : 35–40 mins to Taipei Main Station, NT\$150–160. Taxi/Car : 40–60 mins, NT\$1,200–1,500. Uber : Operates in Taipei
Car & Transport	- Taxi : Readily available, metered, cash preferred. - Car rental : Available at airport; international license required. - Uber : Active in major cities.
SIM Card & WiFi	- SIM cards : Available at airport counters (Chunghwa Telecom, Taiwan Mobile, FarEasTone). Prepaid data ~NT\$300–1,000. - eSIMs : Available online (Airalo, Holafly). - Free public WiFi: “iTaiwan” hotspots across Taiwan (register with passport).
Payment	- Cash is widely used, but credit cards are accepted in hotels, department stores, and convenience stores. - Mobile payments (Apple Pay, LINE Pay) are common.
Power & Plugs	110V, 60Hz; Type A/B plugs (same as US/Japan).

Highly Rated Hotels Between Zhongshan (中山) and Songshan (松山)

1. Mandarin Oriental, Taipei (台北文華東方酒店)

- **Category**: 5 Star

- **Location:** Songshan District
- **Address:** No. 158, Dunhua North Road, Songshan District, Taipei City 10548
- **Rate:** TWD 13,000–20,000 / night (USD 400–650)
- Check-in: 3:00 PM / Check-out: 12:00 PM.
- Early check-in/late check-out available for an extra charge (half-day or full-day rate depending on time). - I can negotiate to see if we can get an early check-in or check out if you would like
- Airport Transfers:
 - Taoyuan International Airport (40 mins): Mercedes Benz S350 TWD 3,500 each way / V300 TWD 4,500 each way.
 - Songshan Airport (5 mins): S350 TWD 2,000 each way / V300 TWD 2,200 each way.
- Non-smoking hotel (designated outdoor area available).
- AV and equipment rental available upon request (pricing provided separately)

2. The Okura Prestige Taipei (台北大倉久和大飯店)

- **Category:** 5 Star
- **Location:** Zhongshan District
- **Address:** No. 9, Nanjing East Road Section 1, Zhongshan District, Taipei City 10450
- **Rate:** TWD 7,000–11,000 / night (USD 220–350)

3. Regent Taipei (台北晶華酒店)

- **Category:** 5 Star
- **Location:** Zhongshan District
- **Address:** No. 3, Lane 39, Section 2, Zhongshan North Road, Zhongshan District, Taipei City 10448
- **Rate:** TWD 7,500–12,000 / night (USD 240–380)

4. ILLUME Taipei (台北新尚酒店)

- **Category:** 4 Star
- **Location:** Songshan District
- **Address:** No. 100, Dunhua North Road, Songshan District, Taipei City 10548
- **Rate:** TWD 4,000–6,000 / night (USD 125–190)

5. amba Taipei Songshan (台北松山意舍酒店)

- **Category:** 4 Star
- **Location:** Songshan District
- **Address:** No. 8, Section 7, Civic Boulevard, Nangang District (near Songshan), Taipei City 11562

- **Rate:** TWD 3,800–5,500 / night (USD 120–175)

6. DoubleTree by Hilton Taipei Zhongshan (台北中山雙樹酒店)

- **Category:** 4 Star
- **Location:** Zhongshan District
- **Address:** No. 123, Section 1, Zhongshan North Road, Zhongshan District, Taipei City 10412
- **Rate:** TWD 5,000–7,500 / night (USD 160–240)

7. Humble Boutique Hotel (寒居酒店)

- **Category:** 5 Star
- **Location:** Zhongshan District
- **Address:** No. 116, Section 3, Civic Boulevard, Zhongshan District, Taipei City 10478
- **Rate:** TWD 7,000–11,000 / night (USD 220–350)

8. Courtyard by Marriott Taipei Downtown (台北國泰萬怡酒店)

- **Category:** 4 Star
- **Location:** Zhongshan District
- **Address:** No. 6, Section 3, Minquan East Road, Zhongshan District, Taipei City 10465
- **Rate:** TWD 5,500–8,500 / night (USD 170–270)

Things to See & Do in Taipei

Cultural & Historical

- **National Palace Museum (國立故宮博物院):** World's largest collection of Chinese artifacts.
- **Longshan Temple (龍山寺):** Taipei's oldest and most famous temple.

Modern Taipei

- **Taipei 101 (台北101):** Observatory deck, luxury shopping, and fine dining.
- **Xinyi District (信義區):** Upscale shopping, nightlife, restaurants.
- **Huashan 1914 Creative Park (華山1914文創園區):** Arts, design shops, exhibitions.

Local Life & Markets

- **Shilin Night Market (士林夜市):** Largest night market, classic street food.
- **Raohe Street Night Market (饒河街夜市):** Local flavor, famous pepper buns.
- **Ningxia Night Market (寧夏夜市):** Smaller but very food-focused.

Nature & Outdoors

- **Elephant Mountain (象山):** Short hike with panoramic Taipei 101 views.
- **Yangmingshan National Park (陽明山國家公園):** Hot springs, trails, volcanic landscapes.
- **Beitou Hot Springs (北投溫泉):** Easy MRT ride, hot spring resorts and museum.

Unique Experiences

- **Maokong Gondola (貓空纜車):** Scenic ride to tea plantations.
- **Taipei Fine Arts Museum (台北市立美術館):** Contemporary Taiwanese and international art.
- **Dihua Street (迪化街/大稻埕):** Heritage buildings, tea shops, artisanal goods.