



Frequently Asked Questions

What travel documents or visas will I need?

Canadian passport.

Please ensure the expiry date is more than 180 days from the last day of travel in Asia. Canadian citizens do not need a visa for Taiwan, Hong Kong or Macau for visits less than 90 days.

What COVID protocol are in place?

There is no requirement to quarantine on arrival in Taiwan, Hong Kong, & Macau. You will not need a pre-flight rapid or PCR test for either Taiwan, Hong Kong, or Macau. All mandatory quarantine requirement and pre-arrival rapid and PCR test were lifted by January, 2023.

It is advisable to bring a copy of your Covid vaccination certificate. Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau have adopted a random inspection on port of entry. A minimum of two inoculations is required.

It is still a common public health practise in Asia to be masked on public transit and public areas. It is a courtesy to be masked when meeting with government officials. It is recommended that you bring a supply of masks for these occasions.

What is the currency used in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau?

C\$1.00 = NT\$23.00 [New Taiwan Dollar]
C\$1.00 = HK\$5.88 [Hong Kong Dollar]
C\$1.00 = MOP5.88 [Macanese Pataca]

Foreign currency exchanges can be made at most: banks, hotels, airport, and money changers. Banks and hotels give exchanges at daily government published exchange rates. Money changers will charge a commission.

ATM are not common in Taiwan, Hong Kong, or Macau. Major credit cards are widely accepted except for very small establishments.

Language?

The national language of the Republic of China on Taiwan is: standard Mandarin Chinese. The written form is the traditional Chinese. Taiwanese, a dialect of southern Fukien Province is spoken by many local Taiwanese. English is widely used as it is taught from primary school.

In Hong Kong, the vernacular local language is: Cantonese, an older form of Chinese. Since the return of sovereignty to China, Mandarin Chinese is also widely spoken as the official language and the language of commerce. The written form is simplified Chinese characters. English is also widely spoken in Hong Kong.

What type of electrical outlets should I expect?

Taiwan uses American standard, that is, the same American & Canadian 2 flat pin electrical plug, 110 volt, 60 cycles.

Hong Kong electrical standard is 220 volts and 50 cycles. The electrical pin is the 3 flat prong UK plugs. Most hotels will have 2 flat pin 110 volts or USB ports in the room for charging mobile telephone and computers.

What will the weather be like during our visit?

Yilan, Taiwan: During late October and early November, the weather in Yilan is usually cool and comfortable, with temperatures ranging from around 20-25°C (68-77°F) during the daytime and dropping to around 15-20°C (59-68°F) at night.

Hualien, Taiwan: The weather in Hualien during late October and early November is also cool and comfortable, with temperatures ranging from around 20-25°C (68-77°F) during the daytime and dropping to around 15-20°C (59-68°F) at night. However, it's worth noting that Hualien can be prone to rain during this time of year, so it's a good idea to bring waterproof clothing.

Taipei, Taiwan: Late October and early November is a great time to visit Taipei, as the weather is generally mild and pleasant. Daytime temperatures usually range from around 20-25°C (68-77°F) and nighttime temperatures range from around 15-20°C (59-68°F).

Hong Kong: During late October and early November, the weather in Hong Kong is usually mild and dry, with temperatures ranging from around 20-27°C (68-81°F) during the daytime and dropping to around 15-20°C (59-68°F) at night.

Macau: The weather in Macau during late October and early November is like Hong Kong, with mild and dry conditions. Daytime temperatures usually range from around 22-28°C (72-82°F) and nighttime temperatures range from around 17-22°C (63-72°F).

Prescription Medicine?

Please remember to bring at least 2 -weeks supply. Most pharmacies in Taipei and Hong Kong will be able to fill prescription medicine over the counter.

Insurance?

A local group insurance is included with our land tour. However, it is recommended that you also purchase your own international medical and travel insurance. English speaking doctors in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau are readily available.

Internet?

In Taiwan and Hong Kong, internet is readily and widely available in all hotels, restaurants, and public places.