

Taiwan in brief

Area
36,000 sq km

Population
23 million

Languages
Mandarin, Taiwanese, Hakka & Indigenous languages

Time zone
GMT+8 (2.5 hours ahead of India)

Flights
A number of airlines such as China Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines and Thai Airways fly directly from India, or via a stopover, to Taiwan.

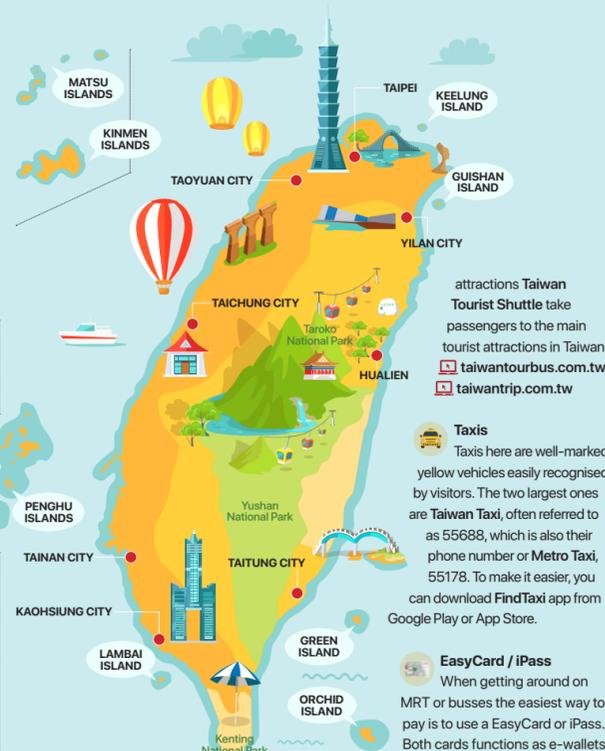
Currency
New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$). The exchange rate of NT\$ to INR is approximately 1 : 2.3 (Oct 2019).

Electricity
Taiwan uses electric current of 110 volts at 60 cycles. Many buildings have sockets with 220 volts, especially for the use of air conditioners.

Local climate
Taiwan enjoys warm weather all year round. The average temperature is 28°C in the summer and 17°C during winter.

GETTING AROUND

High Speed Rail
Taiwan High Speed Rail running from Taipei to Zuoying, Kaohsiung, takes only 90 minutes from northern Taiwan to the island's southern tip.
www.thsrc.com.tw



attractions Taiwan Tourist Shuttle take passengers to the main tourist attractions in Taiwan.
taiwantourbus.com.tw
taiwantrip.com.tw

Taxis
Taxis here are well-marked yellow vehicles easily recognised by visitors. The two largest ones are **Taiwan Taxi**, often referred to as 55688, which is also their phone number or **Metro Taxi**, 55178. To make it easier, you can download **FindTaxi** app from Google Play or App Store.

EasyCard / iPass
When getting around on MRT or busses the easiest way to pay is to use an EasyCard or iPass. Both cards functions as e-wallets and can also be used as a payment method in certain retail outlets.

easycard.com.tw/en
i-pass.com.tw/en

Mobile SIM cards
When travel to Taiwan, do not miss the chance of staying connected. There are several operators to choose from, the most common are: **Chunghua Telecom, Taiwan Mobile, FET Net and TSTAR**, and the easiest way to buy, is to purchase this at the airport when arriving.

Visas
There are both online, electronic and paper visas available for Indian nationals to choose from when planning to visit Taiwan. Contact TECC for more information.
https://www.roc-taiwan.org/in_en/cat/11.html

Round-the-Island Railway Network
There are three main railways and several branch railways in Taiwan, forming a complete circle of rail transportation on the island.
railway.gov.tw/en

Metro Systems
Metro systems are available in the two biggest cities in Taiwan. Taipei Metro has five main lines while Kaohsiung Rapid Transit includes two main lines.
english.metro.taipei
www.krtc.com.tw/eng

Taiwan Tour Bus
Taiwan Tour Bus offers 36 recommended itineraries along the major scenic spots of Taiwan. There is also a travel agency list for you to select the best option for sightseeing. For those wishing to visit tourist

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Make time for winding down

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Taiwan is a buzzing country which comes alive at night. With its multi-cultural population and vivacious atmosphere, you can enjoy the best of the bars, clubs, discos and lounges for that perfect escape. Here are the top ten picks to experience the taste of Taiwan's Craft Beer and Whisky.

1 YEN Bar

YEN Bar is located at level 31, top floor of W Taipei. Toast to the bright Xinyi lights of sprawling Taipei skyline through soaring floor-to-ceiling glazed walls from your perch on the 31st floor. To complete the artistry of your evening, take in the stunning art and glass installations all around you, the epitome of the city's most sophisticated setting. The bar provides more than 80 kinds of whisky, 90 kinds of cocktails and 100 kinds of wine on the list with alluring variety of delightful & modern Asian Tapas. Sip room in the corner is one of most popular secret places for the city's insiders.

🕒 Open daily from 14:00
📍 31F, W Hotel, No. 10, Zongxiao East Road, Taipei 110, Taiwan

2 Kavalan Whisky Bar

Whisky lovers in Taipei can taste the entire spread of Kavalan's whisky offerings directly from the barrel. Latest addition on the bar scene, the Kavalan Whisky Bar, provides an exhilarating experience that of a



distillery's maturation warehouses. You can drink whisky straight from the barrel through taps on the stacked casks. Lined with stainless steel, these casks are kept under optimal conditions in the bar.

🕒 Open daily from 19:00
📍 2F, No. 1, Nanjing East Road, Section 2, Taipei 104, Taiwan

3 Barcode

Barcode is one of the most happening bars in the capital city of Taipei. Standing tall at the fifth floor, Barcode offers panoramic views of the Xinyi district from its spacious balcony. Groove to the beat as the music plays inside and the people dance

4 Frank Taipei

This trendy rooftop bar is the place to go for vibes and atmosphere, but also one of the best places for fantastic



Rare Bar & Steakhouse

views over **Taipei 101**. Situated on the 10th floor, Frank Taipei comes with a vibrant downstairs club lounge with a big dancefloor. Upstairs is where the best view is, and also the place for a bit more chilled vibes, with comfy lounge sofas making a perfect spot to enjoy some drinks while taking in the big city.

🕒 Open daily from 21:00
📍 10F, ATT 4 FUN, No. 12, Songshou Road, Taipei 110, Taiwan

5 Rare Bar & Steakhouse

One of Taichung's swankiest nightspots. The well-organised menu highlights the impressive offerings, including various specialty cocktails, non-alcoholic mocktails, 46 whiskeys (including seven bourbons), plenty of wines, beers, and other high-end spirits. Sharing the same premises, the equally-classy steakhouse continues to offer excellent US Prime dry-aged steaks and other mains.

🕒 Open daily from 18:30
📍 8F, No. 610, Sec. 4, Taiwan Blvd., Taichung City 407, Taiwan

6 Moonlight

This exclusive open-air rooftop bar is the ideal location for post-work drinks with friends. Savour an indulgent experience as you explore the wine list, enjoy local and craft beers, sip single malts or watch the moon comes up with the mixologist magic

of their creative cocktails. Mingle and make merry with the trendy crowd, as you take in the breath-taking nightscape of Taichung city.

🕒 Open daily from 20:00
📍 25F, No. 77, Shizheng Road, Taichung City 407, Taiwan

7 SaoBao Bar & Kitchen

Unlike many restaurants or bars in Taichung, a small bar situated on the ground floor of the Reddot hotel. Highly recommended and the chill-out atmosphere, nice fusion local food with great cocktails and Taiwan crafted beer from local brewery just downstairs, makes this a venue not to be missed.

🕒 Open daily from 20:00
📍 No. 202, Minzu Road, Taichung City 400, Taiwan

8 Belon Kaohsiung

Belon Kaohsiung is an atmospheric restaurant, hidden beside the Shin Kong Wharf behind the Kaohsiung Exhibition Hall and the 85th Building. The transparent glass house is matched with an open-air dining space. There are private yachts moored by the harbor. In the hot summer, if you are worried about the sun, you can choose to dine in the indoor space.

🕒 Open daily from 17:30
📍 No. 39-1, Chenggong 2nd Road, Kaohsiung City 806, Taiwan

9 Pier No. 1

By far the best skybar yet in Kaohsiung. Good location, nearby to MRT station. It's not the highest among all the buildings but it's decent enough to see the night view of the city. Friendly staff and helpful in recommending and the ambience is pleasantly laid back.

🕒 Open daily from 18:00
📍 15F, No. 4, Zhongshan 1st Road, Kaohsiung City 800, Taiwan

10 Zhang Men Brewery

This brewery has a great selection of over 40 freshly made craft beers ranging from a light pilsner to Belgian Wheats to Double IPAs to Stouts to Barley wines. You name it, they got it. It's a familiar name in the market with branches spread all over Taiwan. It believes in the philosophy of brewing with natural material, offering craft beer in small batches through natural fermentation and it boasts of its original recipe.

🕒 Open daily from 11:00
📍 No.17, Penglai Road, Kaohsiung City 804, Taiwan



NIGHTCLUBS



A1 Nightclub
Located in ATT 4 Fun building, focusing on loud, mainstream EDM and electro, flashy lights and drinks, and a younger, local crowd who goes hard and then home once or twice a week.

🕒 Wednesday-Sunday from 22:30
📍 No. 12-7, Songshou Road, Taipei 110, Taiwan



Alta Nightclub
It's virtually impossible to neglect the spacious interior once inside ALTA. They focus on EDM and electro, so if you want to party all night long, this is the place to be.

🕒 Wednesday-Sunday from 22:30
📍 No. 59, Qinghai South Street, Taichung City 40764, Taiwan

A Foodie's GUIDE TO TAIWAN



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Fancy some local delicacies

Food is a major attraction for travellers in Taiwan. Whether you are a vegetarian, non-vegetarian or vegan, it offers all in its palette.

You can find authentic Indian flavours at the Indian restaurants (which are abundant now) or if you love experimenting, try something from the regional Taiwanese cuisine. The island nation has developed as a hub for diverse food and beverage offerings and caters to the taste buds of travellers from across the globe. With an amalgamation of different cultures such as Chinese, Taiwanese, Japanese, Thai, Indian, Italian and others, you are sure to get spoiled for choice of food.

Here are top ten picks of 'not to miss' food and beverages, to try when you're in Taiwan.

1 Dumplings (Xiǎo lóng bāo)

Easily available at all the restaurants and street side vendors, dumplings are an all time-favourite. Made from a thin fine dough with vegetables stuffed inside. They range from cabbage, spring onions, tofu or mixed veg dumplings. Be ready to tickle your taste buds with boiled, steamed or fried dumplings and the spicy chilli and soy sauce.

Best places for dumplings:
○ Dian Shui Luo, 3F, No. 299, Lequn 3rd Road, Taipei 104, Taiwan
○ Din Tai Fung, No. 194, Section 2, Xinyi Road, Taipei 106, Taiwan

2 Bubble Tea (Pearl milk tea)

Taiwan is known to produce some of the finest teas in the world. The pearl milk tea, popularly known as the Bubble Tea or Boba tea, globally tops the charts of tea lovers. You'll find it everywhere and it does act as a refreshing drink to quench your thirst, whilst strolling down the street taking in all the sights. The chewy tapioca ball-filled tea is much loved for its multi-layered revolutionary flavours.

Best places for Bubble Tea:
○ Chun Shui Tang, B1, No. 9, Songshou Road, Shinkong Mitsukoshi A9, Taipei 108, Taiwan
50 Lan, No. 48-4, Xining Road, Taipei 108, Taiwan

3 Fried Chicken

For those obsessed with chicken, this is the place to be. A country that is full of food outlets with peculiar tastes of fried chicken, you cannot afford to miss this out. To calm your hunger pangs, it's easy to pick up deep fried chicken steak or chicken pieces from any of the late-night food stalls or street side shop. Night markets are the hot-spots for snacks and quick bites like this.

Best places for fried chicken:
○ Monga Fried Chicken, No. 337, Nanjing East Road, Taipei 105, Taiwan
J&G Fried Chicken, No. 121-1, Hanzhong Street, Taipei 108, Taiwan

4 Red Bean Cakes

This popular Taiwanese dessert is made from a waffle-pancake like batter and cooked in special cast iron pans. Food stands are now selling these in various flavours from pudding filled to savory curry and radish wheel cakes.

Best places for red bean cakes:
○ Guan Pei, 1F, No.3, Beiping West Road, Taipei 100, Taiwan
Sometimes Bean, 1F, No. 399, Yanshou Street, Taipei 105, Taiwan

5 Fruit Tea

A perfect blend of fruit juice and tea that contains a bit of Oolong as a base. Some common ingredients are pineapple, lime, passion fruit and a few others and some brown sugar syrup. Its sweet and tangy taste is perfect to soothe your senses and relax.

Best places to have fruit tea:
○ SOMA, No. 23, Section 1, Dunhua South Road, Taipei 106, Taiwan
CoCo, No. 4, Section 2, Wuchang Street, Taipei 108, Taiwan

6 Green Onion Scallion Pancakes

Something similar to stuffed *paratha* or *naan* in India, the green onion scallion pancakes are a savoury Taiwanese appetiser. A simple recipe but a hot favourite street food. These are crispy, flaky and chewy. It's one of the most popular and ubiquitous dishes in Taiwan. Adding things like sweet soy glaze, spicy sauce or veggies and meats, you can make it your own.

Best places for Green Onion Pancakes:
○ Tian Jin Onion Pancake, No. 1, Lane 6, Yongkang Street, Taipei 106, Taiwan
Hsiung Chi Scallion Pancake, No. 2, Lane 108, Section 4, Roosevelt Road, Taipei 110, Taiwan

7 Pineapple cakes

Got a sweet tooth? Then you must try these small short crust pastries filled with pineapple paste. Perfect for a sweet treat after dinner or any meal. It goes well with a hot cup of Oolong tea as well. Pineapple cakes are renowned Taiwanese snack made of flour,

butter, sugar, eggs, Chinese squash and pineapple jam. The fillings inside are full of local authentic flavours.

Best places for Pineapple Cakes:

○ Sunny Hills Taipei Store, 1F, No. 1, Alley 4, Lane 36, Section 5, Minsheng East Road, Taipei 105, Taiwan
Chia Te Bakery, No. 88, Nanjing East Road, Taipei 105, Taiwan

8 Hot Pot

Going to a hot pot restaurant, you are the chef and you get to pick your own food. You can add a soup filled with a lot of vegetables to your hot pot. And the other half can be full of fresh dumplings, meat or vegetables and green onions and you can merge them into the sauces to suit your taste. It's fun creating your palette and eat it too.

Best places for hot pot:

○ Mala Hot Pot, 3F, No. 22, Songshou Road, Taipei 110, Taiwan
Ding Wang Hot Pot, No. 89, Guangfu North Road, Taipei 105, Taiwan

9 Breakfast Soy Milk

In Taiwan, breakfast food includes egg pancake, rice roll, fried dumplings, turnip cake, small steamed buns, and scallion pancake. And hot or cold soy milk is always on the menu, whether it is sweet or savoury.

What makes this a hit amongst the locals could be due to its smooth and creamy texture, which is more enjoyable when taken hot. They add granulated sugar into the soy milk, so remember to stir well. And what goes best with soy milk? It's none other than *Youtiao*! Even after being left out for awhile, the fried dough stick remains crispy. It boasts an airy inside, which nicely absorbs the soy milk. It sure qualifies as comfort breakfast food.

Best places for soy milk:

○ World Soymilk King, No. 284, Section 2, Yonghe Road, New Taipei City 23445, Taiwan
Fuhang Soy Milk, 2F, No. 108, Section 1, Zhongxiao East Road, Taipei 100, Taiwan

10 Shaved Ice

First introduced to Taiwan during the Japanese colonial period, shaved ice is a perfect way to end your meal. Ice shaved and garnished with different toppings such as mango, strawberry, cherries or any other fruit is relished by everyone. The top choices include a bowl of mango shaved ice rich in Taiwanese flavor, taro shaved ice and red bean shaved ice and the brown sugar shaved ice.

Best places for shaved ice:

○ Ice Monster, 1F, No. 16, Songgao Road, Taipei 110, Taiwan
Childhood Shave Ice, No. 39, Lane 51, Section 1, Daan Road, Taipei 10603, Taiwan

Make time for Indian cuisine

While away on a trip, some might start missing the food that one is accustomed to from home. Worry not, here we rounded up the most popular Indian restaurants in Taiwan.

3 Idiots Toast & Curry

\$\$\$ A good location, delectable vegetarian cuisines and a pleasant ambiance – that's what 3 Idiots Toast & Curry in Taiwan's **Zhongshan District** has to offer to food buffs. Your taste buds are bound to be tickled by extraordinary combinations of authentic Indian food and American Cheese. *Chatpati chats, aloo tikki, paneer tikka, pani puri, samosas* or organic dishes – take your pick and relish the taste!

○ Mon-Fri: 11:30-15:00/17:00-22:00; Sat-Sun 11:30-22:00
○ No. 28, Lane 283, Section 3, Roosevelt Road, Taipei 106, Taiwan
+886 2 2369 9966
facebook.com/Currytoast

A Little India

\$\$\$ This halal certified restaurant is situated in the Taichung City of Taiwan. Spreading its culinary offerings, A Little India restaurant offers a widespread of North Indian, Pakistani and Middle-Eastern delicacies, at reasonable prices. The dishes are made from fresh and natural ingredients. Right on the side alley, it's a place for the lovers of halal food. It is owned and operated by a Pakistani native of Lahore and his Taiwanese wife.

○ Daily: 11:00-14:00, 17:00-22:00
○ No. 60, Boguan 3rd Street, Taichung City 403, Taiwan
+886 4 2326 1425
facebook.com/alittleindia

Dileep's Indian Healthy Vegetarian

\$\$\$ Dileep's Indian Healthy Vegetarian lends a gourmet style to its preparations using organic and locally sourced ingredients. It peculiarly defines its dishes into different categories such as egg, dairy, five pungents (onion, garlic and other allium-family plants) and pure vegetarian. It offers special meal choices for vegans.

○ Mon: 11:30-14:30, 17:30-20:30, Thu-Sun: 11:30-14:30, 17:30-20:30
○ No. 2, Alley 33, Lane 56, Zhongzheng 2nd Road, Kaohsiung City 802, Taiwan
+886 908 831 365
facebook.com/dileepsveg

Masala Art

\$\$\$ Just a two-minute walk from YuanShan MRT and you land inside Masala Art. A vibrant restaurant which offers a wide choice of Indian dishes for both vegetarian and non-vegetarians. An appetising platter, cooked by experienced Indian chefs from five-star hotels and served with warmth, is enriched with live performances and music. Savour the taste of *Masala Chai* in a teapot with some hot *pakor*as.

○ Daily: 11:30-14:30, 17:00-21:30
○ No. 1, Yumen Street, Taipei 10452, Taiwan
+886 2 2597 6960
facebook.com/MasalaArtYinDuXiang
LiaoWangCanTing

Moksha Indian Restaurant

\$\$ Simple, authentic and lively – that's what defines Moksha Indian Restaurant, located in the busy Shilin district of Taiwan. For the greedy guts, this place in Taiwan offers traditional Indian style curries, flavourful appetizers and balsamic taste. Chef's special spinach curry stands out and so does the Indian lamb curry. The restaurant is vegetarian friendly and with vegan and gluten free options.

○ Daily: 11:30-14:30, 17:30-21:30
○ No. 138, Section 6, Zhongshan North Road, Taipei 111, Taiwan
+886 2 2834 7050
mokshaindianrestaurant.business.site

Saffron Fine Indian Cuisine

\$\$\$ Get ready to be pampered at this Michelin star restaurant. Nestled amongst a busy block of Indian eating joints, Saffron fine dining restaurant presents itself as a cosy and comfortable place. The bon vivants can relish rich flavours of the sea food, vegetarian delights and a pallet of chicken and ghosht cuisines. If you are a vegan or prefer only gluten-free food, you'll find multitude of options to choose from here.

○ Daily: 11:30-14:00, 17:30-21:30
○ No. 38-6, Tianmu East Road, Taipei 111, Taiwan
+886 2 2871 4842
facebook.com/saffrontw

Taj Indian Restaurant

\$\$\$ Rated as one of the top fine dining Indian restaurants in Taipei City, Taj has carved a niche for itself over years. Its traditional style of cooking reflects the Indian culture. Food connoisseurs can savour the taste of various home-like recipes. You can enjoy the halal food in this one of the few restaurants in Taiwan, which has been granted the 'Halal Certification'. A good option for businessmen to have scrumptious food.

○ Daily: 12-14:30, 17:30-22:00
○ No. 1, Lane 48, Section 4, Shilin Boulevard, Taipei 106, Taiwan
+886 2 8773 0175
taj-indiafood.com

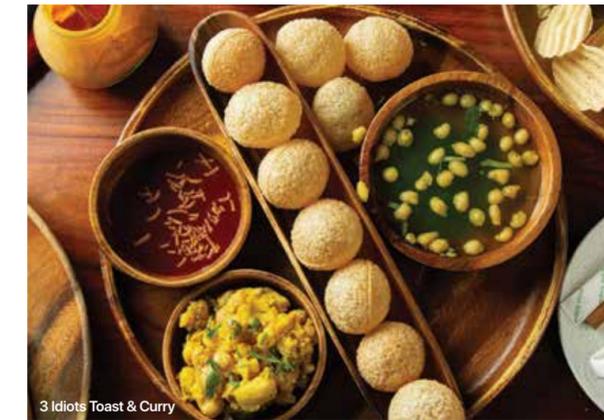
Tandoor

\$\$\$ Have you ever had that experience where you're completely full but you have to keep tasting the dish? That's what Tandoor offers. The dishes are authentic and spellbindingly flavourful. This unassuming Indian restaurant, located



in a back alley of the Songshan District, has been around since 1989 and that makes it one of the oldest Indian restaurants in Taipei, for good reason. Flavour. The flavours are fresh, exotic and tasty.

○ Sun-Mon: 11:30-14:30, 17:30-22:00
○ 1F, No. 10, Lane 73, Hejiang Street, Taipei 10491, Taiwan
+8862 2509 9853
tandoor.tw



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