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# Taiwan Description and Entry Requirements

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## DESCRIPTION:

Taiwan is a stable democracy and it has a strong and well-developed economy. Tourist facilities are widely available.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

A passport is required. Travelers can obtain a visa prior to arrival in Taiwan at a Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in the U.S. (maximum 90 day stay), apply for a landing visa upon arrival (maximum 30 day stay), or apply for entry under the visa waiver program (14 day stay). The fee for a visa obtained abroad or a landing visa is NT\$3600. One photo is required. Travelers applying for admission under the visa waiver program must have passports valid for six months after the planned departure date.

## PLEASE NOTE:

No extension of stay or change of status is allowed if the traveler enters on the visa waiver program. Travelers arriving in Taiwan with a valid passport and valid Taiwan visas may be admitted for up to 90 days even if their passports are valid for less than 6 months. Travelers who apply for a landing visa upon arrival will be admitted for 30 days or up to the day the passport expires, which ever comes first.

For specific information about entry requirements, travelers may contact the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), 4201 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016-2137, via either its main telephone number, (202) 895-1800, or its visa section telephone number, (202) 895-1814. The main fax number at TECRO is (202) 363-0999, and the visa section fax number is (202) 895-0017. There is also an Internet address: <http://www.taipei.org/tecro.htm>. TECO (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office) also has offices in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Guam, Honolulu, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, San Francisco and Seattle.

In an effort to prevent international child abduction, many governments have initiated procedures at entry/exit points. These often include requiring documentary evidence of relationship and permission for the child's travel from the parent(s) or legal guardian not present. Having such documentation on hand, even if not required, may facilitate entry/departure.

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