

ENVISION FAQ's

Please print and save this information for your trip

Do you have your passport yet?

If not, get it NOW! Check out http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html for more info. If you already have a passport, please make sure that it is valid for at least one year after your trip to Taiwan.

Do I need a visa?

No visa is needed unless you are not a resident of the U.S. or Canada.

What expenses am I responsible for?

Each attendee will be responsible for booking his/her own flight into Taipei, Taiwan (TPE). Specific flight details to consider when booking: do not arrive into Taipei any later than 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 2. Do not depart Taipei any earlier than 5:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 9. **PLEASE NOTE:** You will lose a day while traveling from the US to Taipei. Pay particular attention to your TPE **arrival** date.

Once you arrive into Taipei, your registration cost covers your on-site transportation, lodging and meals.

How am I getting to/from the airport?

On-site shuttle transportation will be provided. **Very important: Please ensure that you have submitted your flight itinerary.** Once you arrive at the Taipei Airport there will be someone waiting for you. Look for that person to be holding an "ENvision" sign.

How do I pay the rest of my registration fee?

Please log on to pay the remainder of your registration costs by **December 1st** to: http://cma-web.ungerboeck.com/logon/log_p1_logon.aspx?oc=10&cc=LF&AppSessionID=ej0fc7fdlfhpfakeip

What is the contact info for our housing in Taipei?

Chris and Jamie O'Dell will be our on-site coordinators. They currently live in Taipei so they can answer any questions related to your stay while at ENvision. Although they are based in Taipei, they hold a US telephone number so there is no charge for you when contacting them. Their number is 612-326-5177.

What do I do if my flight arrives before January 1st or does not leave until after January 8th?

If you choose to arrive earlier or depart later than the conference dates, you must contact Kris Jones at jonesk@cmalliance.org to make arrangements no later than **December 1st**. The cost for each additional night is \$25. Payment for additional nights must also be received by **December 1st**.

What to pack:

Must Pack:

- Bible
- Passport
- Toiletries & Towel

Optional to Pack:

- Sheet (beds will have flat sheet and blanket)
- Hiking or comfortable walking shoes
- Pillow

Additional Tips and Info:

Copy your important documents, such as your passport and credit card numbers, with someone who can fax them to you if they are stolen and/or give a copy to a trusted traveling companion. E-mailing numbers to an on-line e-mail account on Hotmail or Yahoo is also a good idea since you can access the Internet from almost anywhere.

If possible, we recommend traveling with only a carry-on suitcase to make travel easier.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Mandarin Chinese is the official language of Taiwan

CURRENCY

The New Taiwan Dollar (TWD). We recommend that you wait until you are on-site to obtain local currency by withdrawing from an ATM. You will find that this will give you a better exchange rate.

Most retailers accept Visa/ Mastercard as well. We suggest calling your credit card company prior to your departure to notify them that you will be out of the country. This will prevent and issues with card acceptance.

CLIMATE

Taipei has a semi-tropical climate characterized by hot and humid weather. The most comfortable season to visit is the Fall, when the rainfall is at its lowest and the temperatures average a pleasant mid 20°C. February to April are particularly damp with little sunlight, while the summers can be very hot, but often punctuated by heavy thunder showers. Taipei is prone to typhoons from May to October, though the highest concentrations are in August and September.

The temperature will most likely be in the low to mid 60's in early January.

TIME

UTC+8. Taiwan is exactly 12 hours ahead of US Eastern Standard Time.

ELECTRICITY

110V/60HZ (USA plug type). No convertors are necessary.