

Chi Institute 2014 Taiwan Trip Information Package

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Detailed Tentative Itinerary of the Tour and Conference

(Confirmed itinerary will be available by Aug. 13, 2014)

Day 1: Mon. Aug 18, 2014 - Arrival at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE)

Upon your arrival to Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, representatives from Chi Institute will greet you and escort you to the High Speed Rail (HSR) train station. Then you will take an hour ride of HSR to Chiayi city. From Chiayi station, you will take another 20min car ride to NICE Prince Hotel. To meet old and new friends at the welcome banquet, please book a flight arriving at TPE airport before 3PM local time.

Accommodations: NICE Prince Hotel

Address: No.600, Chung-Hsiao Rd., Chiayi, Taiwan R.O.C Tel: 886-5-2771999

Day 2: Tues. Aug 19, 2014 - Chiayi

After breakfast at the hotel, all members will go to the convention center to attend the TCVM Annual conference opening ceremony. After the 30-minute ceremony, all veterinarians will enhance their clinical and fundamental knowledge by learning from the leading Chinese and International TCVM experts with lectures on TCVM for emergencies, five sense organ disorders and evidence based clinical research. Meet and share your experience with hundreds of TCVM colleagues from countries around the globe.

After the lunch, the family and friend group will visit Chiayi Park. The century-old Chiayi Park covers an area of 268,000 square meters. The park hosts several local landmarks, including the Martyrs, Shrine, Sun-Shooting Tower, Confucian temple, Fu Kang An Monument, Ping Wu Earthquake Monument, and the national treasure Alishan steam engines. In the evening, all members will attend a welcome social party/dinner from 6:00 to 9:00 pm with all of the Chinese veterinarians.

Day 3: Wed. Aug 20, 2014 - Chiayi

After breakfast at the hotel, all veterinarians go to the convention center for the conference lectures.

The family and friend group will visit Xitou Nature Education Area for a calm and cool walk in the forest to get away from the scorching sun in Taiwan's hot summer. Then they will visit the Monster Village and have lunch. Next, they will have some wine and beer tasting at Nantou Winery & Brewery. In the evening, all members will return NICE Prince Hotel and have dinner together.

Day 4: Thurs. Aug 21, 2014 - Chiayi

After breakfast at the hotel, all veterinarians go to the convention center for the conference

lectures.

The family and friend group will visit National Museum of Natural Science in the morning and have lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, the group will visit Summit Resort and join dinner back in NICE Prince Hotel with others.

Day 5: Fri. Aug 22, 2014 – Chiayi (*Last day of conference*)

After breakfast at the hotel, all veterinarians go to the convention center for the last day's conference lectures.

The family and friend group will visit Beigang Chao-Tian Temple, a temple for folklore Goddess Matsu. Next, they will visit Green Tunnel in Gukeng. Then they will have lunch and relax at a hillside local restaurant and have Gukeng's infamous local specialty "Taiwan Coffee".

All members will join the closing ceremony dinner party on the last day.

Day 6: Sat. Aug 23, 2014 - Ali Mountain or Home (*First day of post-conference tour*)

After breakfast at the hotel, Chi institute staffs will escort those who are not participating in the post-conference tour to Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE).

The post-conference tour group will take chartered bus to the top of Ali Mountain. Mt. Ali has always been famous for its five bewilderments: one of the world's top 3 high altitude railroad, forests, sea of clouds, sunrise/sunset, and flamboyant cherry blossom. At night, the group will stay at Alishan House Hotel for a calming and quiet relaxing time. Then before the sunrise, the group will be taken to a scenery spot for an amazing sunrise with sea of clouds.

Accommodations: Alishan House Hotel

Address: No.16, Xianlin Vil., Alishan Township, Chiayi County 605, Taiwan Tel: 886-5-2679811

Day 7: Sun. Aug 24, 2014 - Tainan

After breakfast at the hotel, the group will take chartered bus from Alishan to Tainan. In Tainan, the tour group will visit Fort Zeelandia, Eternal Golden Castle, Sakam Tower and Confucian's Temple. Tainan was the location Netherlanders made the first settlement. European fortress buildings blend with local Chinese buildings here. The group will have lunch at a local Chinese restaurant, where everyone will enjoy Taiwanese food and Tainan local cuisine.

Accommodations: Hotel Tainan

Address: No. 1 Cheng Gong Road, Tainan 70050, Taiwan R.O.C. Tel : 886-6-2289101

Day 8: Mon. Aug 25, 2014 - Kaohsiung

After breakfast, the group will leave for Kaohsiung. They will visit several places including Fo Guang Shan Buddha Memorial Center for a cultural and religious journey and Ai River for a romantic ferry ride and night market.

Accommodations: Han-Hsien International Hotel

Address: No. 33, Sihwei 3rd Road, Kaohsiung, 802, Taiwan(R.O.C.) Tel: 886-7-332-2000

Day 9: Tues. Aug 26, 2014 - Kenting & Taitung

In the morning, the group will visit Kenting for either exciting water activities at the beach or fulfilling shopping on Kenting streets as Kenting is one of the top ten most visited tourism attraction site in Taiwan. After lunch at a local restaurant, the group will head to the east coast of Taiwan on chartered buses. There many will see how the east side of Taiwan is very different from the west side of Taiwan, although the drive is only under three hours.

Accommodations: Hotel Royal Chihpen

Address: No.23, Lane 113, Long Chuien Rd., Wen Chuien Vil., Peinan Hsiang, Taitung County
ROC Taiwan Tel: 089-510666

Day 10: Wed. Aug 27, 2014 – Taitung & Hualien

After breakfast at the hotel, the group will leave for Hualien. On the way, they will visit several places including Sanxiantai, Pahsientung, and Taroko National Park. These places hold amazing sceneries and each with unique natural structure or landscape. Especially Taroko National Park has over a dozen scenery sites that the tour won't be able to cover but to select a few only to show the group the tip of the iceberg. In addition, Taitung and Hualien are two counties with many Taiwanese aboriginals; there, the group will be able to see many of their handcrafts.

Accommodations: Silks Palace Taroko

Address: No.18 Tian Hsyang Rd Shiou Lin Vil, Hualien County 972, Taiwan ROC
Tel: 886-3-869 1155

Day 11: Thurs. Aug 28, 2014 - Taipei

After breakfast, the group will take a two hour Train to Taipei. In Taipei, the group will visit The National Palace Museum, which has a permanent collection of more than 696,000 pieces of ancient Chinese artifacts and artworks, making it one of the largest in the world. The group will also visit Martyrs' shrine for R.O.C. Military Police performance. Next, they will visit Taipei 101, the landmark skyscraper in Taiwan and Xinyi District where the skyscraper at for shopping.

Accommodations: Cesar Park Taipei

Address: No. 38, Chung Hsiao W. Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan, R.O.C. Tel: 886-2-2311-5151

Day 12: Fri. Aug 29, 2014 – Airport or More!

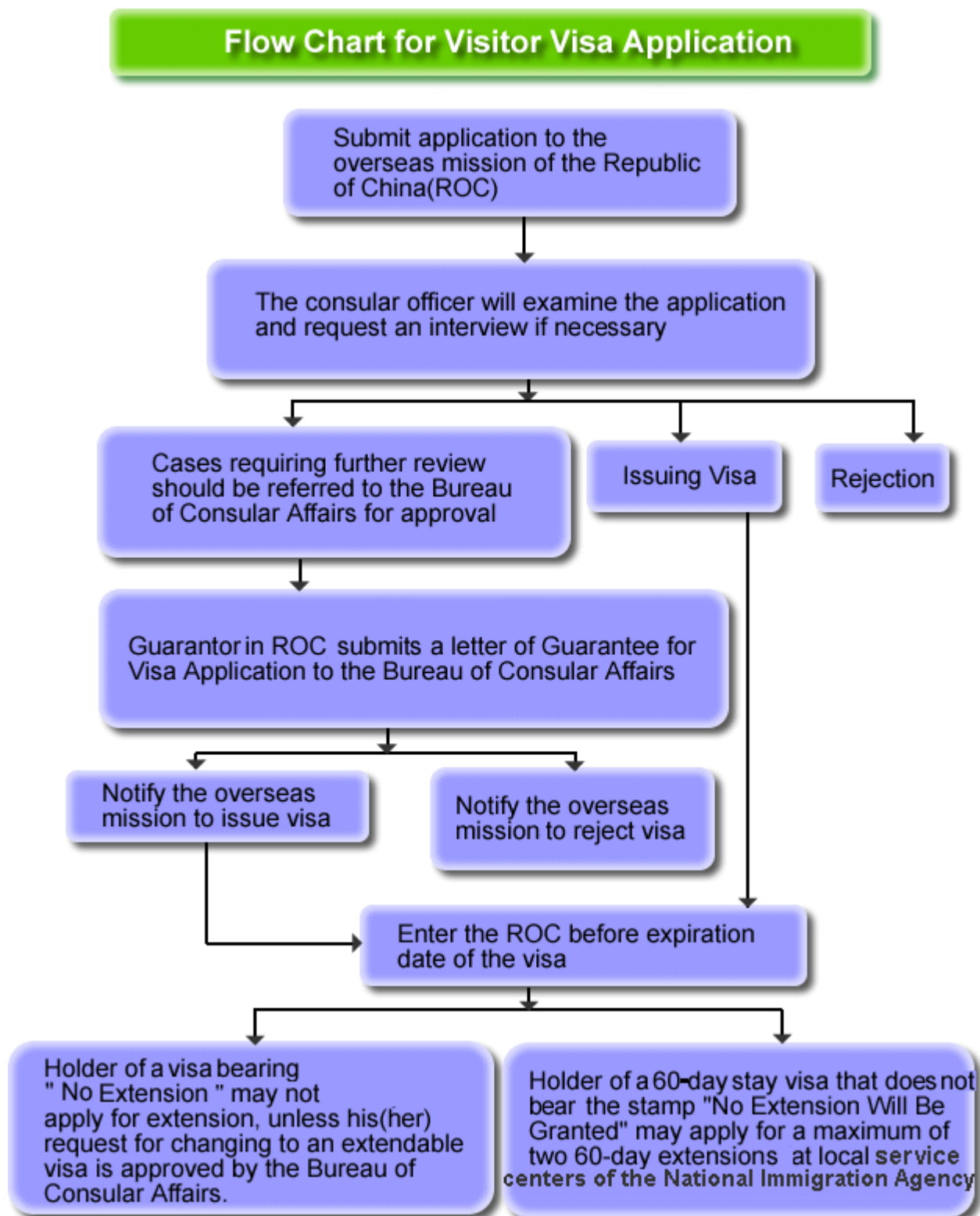
After breakfast, Chi staffs will escort the leaving group to Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE).

Or those who wish to stay for more, can plan their own trip and find more at

<http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/>

Documents Required for Entering Taiwan (Republic of China)

1. **Passport.** You need a valid passport that will NOT expire before Feb. 18, 2015.
2. **Visa.** If you are not from a visa-exempt country (*check below for visa-exempt countries*), you need a visitor visa to enter Taiwan. Below is the flow chart for applying Visa.



Information on Visitor Visa - <http://www.boca.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=1422&ctNode=777&mp=2>

Online application - https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw/BOCA_MRWeb/subroot/MRVWeb0_form.jsp

More information - <http://www.boca.gov.tw/np.asp?ctNode=776&mp=2>

3. Visa exempt countries.

- a. The nationals of the following countries are eligible for the visa exemption program, which permits a duration of stay up to **90 days**: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.K., U.S.A. and Vatican City State.

The nationals of the following countries are eligible for the visa exemption program, which permits a duration of stay up to **30 days**: Australia, Malaysia, Singapore.

- b. The nationals of **India, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines and Indonesia**, who also possess a **valid visa or permanent resident certificate issued by U.S.A., Canada, Japan, U.K., Schengen Convention countries, Australia or New Zealand**, are eligible for the visa exemption program, which permits a duration of stay up to **30 days**. Those who meet the above qualification and have never been employed in Taiwan as blue-collar workers have to apply to the “Advance Online Registration System for the Visitors of Nationals from Five Southeast Asian Countries to Taiwan” of the R.O.C. National Immigration Agency (website: <https://nas.immigration.gov.tw/nase>) for an "Authorization Certificate" before coming to Taiwan. After completion, the printed-out Certificate can be used by the foreign visitor for boarding the airplane and the immigration inspection. During the immigration inspection, foreign visitors who cannot show a valid visa or permanent resident certificate issued by one of the aforementioned countries will not be admitted into the R.O.C. (In case a single-entry visa issued by any of the said countries has already been used, it is invalid.)
- c. For more information please check out Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China website: <http://www.boca.gov.tw/mp.asp>

4. If you are still **unclear** whether you need Visa for entry, please contact a local travel agency in your contour.

Below is the information you will need to fill the Visa application form

Contact Persons in Taiwan:

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Staying Hotels:

Aug 18~22, 2014 (Conference)

Accommodations: NICE Prince Hotel

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What are included in the registration fee

Airport pick-up/drop-off on 8/18/2014, 8/23/2014 and 8/28/2014, High Speed Rail Train tickets, Chartered bus transportation, hotel lodging, 3-meal a day, tour and activities listed in the Itinerary, and tips are all included in the registration fee.

What are NOT included in the registration fee

Personal expenses such as laundry, alcoholic beverages, over size luggage, fax, telephone calls, optional activities, etc.

The Important Dates of Your Flights to Taiwan

When you book your airline tickets, please refer to the following recommended arrival and departure dates to ensure your participation in this conference.

CONFERENCE ONLY Participants

Recommended Arrival Date: Monday, Aug. 18, 2014 (Taipei Time) at TPE airport

We will provide airport pickup service between 6am~9pm on Aug. 18, 2014 (Taipei Time) at no extra cost.

Recommended Departure Date: Friday, Aug. 23, 2014 (Taipei Time) at TPE airport

We will provide airport departure service on Aug. 23, 2014 (Taipei Time) at no extra cost.

TOUR ONLY Participants

Recommended Arrival Date: Friday, Aug. 22, 2014 (Taipei Time) at TPE airport

We will provide airport pickup service between 6am~9pm on Friday, Aug. 22, 2014 (Taipei Time) at no extra cost.

Recommended Departure Date: Friday, Aug. 29, 2014 (Taiwan Time) at TPE airport

We will provide airport departure service on Aug. 29, 2014 (Taiwan Time) at no extra cost.

CONFERENCE and TOUR Participants

Recommended Arrival Date: Monday, Aug. 18, 2014 (Taipei Time) at TPE airport

We will provide airport pickup service between 6am~9pm on Aug. 18, 2014 (Taipei Time) at no extra cost.

Recommended Departure Date: Friday, Aug. 29, 2014 (Taiwan Time) at TPE airport

We will provide airport departure service on Aug. 29, 2014 (Taiwan Time) at no extra cost.

If you plan to arrive in Taiwan earlier than Aug. 18, 2014 and/or leave later than Aug. 29, 2014 we may help arrange the airport pickup/departure, accommodation and tour with extra cost. Please contact Ti-Hsien Michael Cheng at 886-988053019 or taiwan@tcvm.com for assistance.

Traveler Information

Weather in Taiwan

Summer in Taiwan is hot and humid! Make sure you have sunscreen. The average temperature in August of 2014 in Taiwan is ~29°C (~84°F)

Tipping

During the conference and post-conference tour, the tips for lunch/dinner, bus drivers and tour guides are included in the registration fee and will be handled by the Chi staffs or local organizers.

Money

The official currency is the New Taiwan Dollar (TWD). Its basic unit is yuan. Denominations come in 1000 Yuan, 500 Yuan, 100 Yuan, 50 Yuan, 10 Yuan 5 Yuan and 1 Yuan. The official exchange rate at this time is 30.3 yuan to 1 U.S. dollar or 41.1 yuan to 1 Euro. Visitors are advised to carry credit cards and traveler checks and a couple of hundred dollar cash that can be accepted by most hotels and major stores and can be exchanged for cash of TWD. Keep the receipt of the transaction as you might need when you leave Taiwan to exchange the TWD back to U.S. dollars back at the airport.

More information: <http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/m1.aspx?sNO=0002065>

Electricity

Taiwan uses electric current of 110 volts at 60 cycles, appliances from Europe, Australia or South-East Asia will need an adaptor or transformer. Many buildings have sockets with 220 volts especially for the use of air conditioners. USA plugs are usually compatible with Taiwan plugs.

Telecommunications

Public phones in Taiwan are divided primarily into two types, coin and card operated.

Coin operated phones accept coins in denominations of NT\$1, NT\$5, and NT10. For local calls, NT\$1 buys one minute of phone time. Phone cards are divided into magnetic strip stored value cards and IC stored value cards, and can be used all over Taiwan. Magnetic strip cards sell for NT\$100 each, and IC cards are available in NT\$200 and NT\$300 versions. The cards are sold in railway stations, bus stations, scenic spots, and convenience stores.

When making local calls it is not necessary to dial the area code; when making long-distance calls, however, the area code of which the recipient stay must be dialed in first (see explanation on the public telephone) and then the recipient's phone number. International calls can be made from private cell phones, public IDD phones, or hotel IDD phones. International calls are charged in units of six seconds.

International E-Call Card: <http://www.cht.com.tw/en/personal/related/precard-save-0.html>

The procedure for making international direct dial calls from Taiwan is as follows:

1. Dial Taiwan's international access code, 002 or 009.
2. Dial the country code of the country being called (1 for the U.S., 86 for mainland China, etc.)

3. Dial in the area code of the called party (leaving out the long-distance recognition digit, "0")

4. Dial in the number of the called party.

For operator-assisted international calls, please dial "100."

For international information, call this free number: 0800-080100.

Reduced price periods and fees for International Subscriber Dialing (ISD) are as follows: 10:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. daily, 12:00 noon Saturday - all day Sunday - 8:00 a.m. Monday, and all day on national holidays.

Public Phone International Direct Dialing Fees: <http://www.cht.com.tw/en/personal/related/019-0.html>

For reverse charges or credit calls, dial 008 + the communication number for the country being called, as follows:

Australia 008-061-0061

Canada 008-012-0012

Germany 008-049-0049

Hong Kong 008-085-2111

Italy 008-039-0039

Japan (via KDD) 008-81-0051

South Korea 008-082-0082

Malaysia 008-60-0060

Philippines 008-63-0063

Singapore 008-065-6565

England 008-044-0044

United States (AT&T) 008-010-2880

VAT Refund Guidelines for Foreign Travelers

Requirements for VAT Refund

1. Foreign travelers holding passports from countries other than the R.O.C., travel documents or R.O.C. passports without personal ID numbers attached.

2. Foreign travelers who make purchases of at least NT\$3,000 on the same day from the same Tax Refund Shopping (TRS)-posted store, are eligible for a refund of the 5% VAT paid on those purchased goods. To claim the refund, they must apply at the port of their departure from the R.O.C. within 30 days following the date of purchase, and they must take the purchased goods out of the country with them.

Where to claim your refund

"Foreign Passenger VAT Refund Service Counter" at the airport or seaport of departure.

Refund application procedures

1. Present Application Form for VAT Refund, passport or other designated travel document, purchased goods to be taken out of the country, and original copy of uniform invoice to Customs officers.

2. After verification, Customs officers will issue a "VAT Refund Assessment Certificate."
3. Present "VAT Refund Assessment Certificate" to designated bank at airport or seaport for issuance of refund due.

Guidelines for Foreign Passengers Claiming VAT Refund for Purchase of Goods Eligible for VAT Refund:
<http://www.ntbca.gov.tw/etwmain/front/ETW118W/CON/1026/9146283300254289976?tagCode=>

Things You Need to Pack

Pack lightly and bring casual clothes.

1. A sturdy, comfortable pair of walking shoes is an absolute.
2. Sports coat and tie for men, and one or two dresses or pantsuits for women will suit the most formal occasions in Taiwan.
3. Travelers should bring shirts, sweaters, and jackets that can be worn in layers to suit a range of climates. Remember: dress for comfort, not for style. Wash-and-wear clothing is preferable, although all hotels offer reliable laundry and dry cleaning services.
4. It is suggested to bring an adapter plug to Taiwan.

Health Requirement and Immunizations

Travelers are advised to check with their doctors before visiting Taiwan. You should bring any special health remedies or medications you require, as well as over-the-counter items.

About the Laundry

Laundry services are available in hotels, usually through the floor attendant or housekeeping. The expense for laundry service is NOT included in the registration fee.

Food throughout the trip

All breakfasts, lunch and dinner are Chinese food in family style. The round table dining accommodates 8 - 10 people. Tap water is not drinkable in Taiwan. All hotel rooms are supplied with a thermos of boiled water, to make tea or drink as you wish. Bottled water is recommended. It can be purchased for about \$0.25 to \$0.75 per bottle everywhere. Try to find a brand-name.

Language

Mandarin is spoken throughout Taiwan. People from popular tourism sites and cities usually speak some English.

Safety for Foreigners Traveling in Taiwan

Taiwan is a very safe place for foreigners to visit. Vendors at some sightseeing locations may be persistent but are usually polite. Just ignore them if you don't want to buy anything. If you travel with a guide, just follow the guide and his direction. If you explore alone, be alert and use common sense.

Suggested check list:

Item	Completed
Passport	
Visa	
Air tickets	
Travel itinerary and contact names issued by the conference planner	
Emergency contact names in the United States	
Credit cards or travelers checks besides a couple of hundred dollars cash	
Medical assistance programs that you have	
Common toiletries, cold and digestive medications, lip balm, sanitary napkins and any over-the-counter medicines you generally use	
Razor and small electrical converter and adapter plugs	
Chewing gum, mints, or throat lozenges to keep your mouth moist	
Reading materials. It is long flight, so a guidebook on the places you will see and a novel that you love to read	
Suntan lotion and a pair of sun glasses	
Battery for your camera or small appliance	
A pocket notebook, a calculator and a pen	

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