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TAIWAN MEDICAL TRAVEL GUIDE

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1. Medical Travel Guide

This medical travel guide is for Somaliland citizens seeking treatment in Taiwan. It highlights Taiwan's world-class healthcare system. The guide also outlines key challenges that Somaliland patients and their families may encounter.

Additionally, the report details Taiwan's hospital visitation policies, including specific time limits for general wards and ICUs, and provides an updated list of recommended medical tourism facilities catering to international patients. It also covers essential medical visa procedures, including entry requirements, visa types, and application guidelines.

To support a smooth medical journey, the guide includes information on translation services, dietary considerations, cost estimation strategies, and tips for arranging travel, accommodation, and post-treatment care.



This resource aims to ensure that Somaliland patients can access safe, affordable, and culturally informed healthcare while maximizing the benefits of Taiwan's medical expertise.

***Disclaimer**

This guide provides general information for Somaliland citizens. The Somaliland Representative Office in Taiwan does not endorse or guarantee any listed hospital and accepts no liability for the services. Patients must make their own informed choices.

2. Taiwan Medical System Strengths

Taiwan is widely recognised as a leader in providing high-quality, technologically advanced medical care, combining affordability, safety, and world-class expertise. Medical travellers rate Taiwan as a top destination for critical treatments, diagnostics, and surgical innovation. The following are key strengths of the Taiwan medical system:

Global Ranking

Taiwan Ranks No. 1 for Healthcare Quality and Cost-Effectiveness for the 7th Consecutive Year in Numbeo's 2025 Health Care Index.

Technology Innovation

Taiwan ranks 15th in the World Health Innovation Index. Moreover, eight Taiwanese hospitals made it into the 2025 Global Smart Hospital Rankings,

Diverse Specialities

Taiwan's hospitals offer a wide range of medical specialties, including cardiology, oncology, maternal and child health, orthopedics, and advanced diagnostics—areas that align with Somaliland's healthcare needs and capacity gaps.

2. Taiwan Medical System Strengths

Safe and stable

Taiwan's political stability, excellent infrastructure, clean cities, and efficient public transportation make it a safe and comfortable environment for medical travelers.

Cost Efficiency

Despite the high quality of care, Taiwan's medical costs are significantly lower than in the US, UK, or Japan. These prices are especially competitive considering the advanced techniques used and the quality of outcomes.

Hospitality and Cultural Warmth

One of the most remarkable aspects of medical treatment in Taiwan is the warmth and hospitality of its people. Known for their kindness, respect for other cultures, and humility, Taiwanese create a compassionate and welcoming healthcare environment that fosters trust and dignity for international patients.



3. Potential Challenges

01 Visitation culture

Patients from Somaliland may find visitation policies restrictive. Unlike traditional practices of large family or community visits, Taiwanese hospitals prioritise privacy, cleanliness, and patient rest.

02 Religious Considerations

Somaliland patients may encounter difficulties with prayer facilities within or near hospitals, gender sensitivity in medical examinations, or expectations regarding modesty. Without prior cultural sensitisation, Taiwanese medical institutions may not fully meet the comfort and religious needs of Muslim patients

03 Dietary Restrictions

Most hospitals in Taiwan do not generally offer halal meals for inpatients. Due to the limited availability of fresh halal-certified meat in Taiwan, daily meals will most likely consist of vegetarian options, fish, and other seafood, unless otherwise arranged with external halal sources. Patients are advised to plan accordingly and consult their care providers



3. Potential Challenges

04 Accommodation & Transport

Short-term accommodation near hospitals in Taiwan is limited, especially during holidays. Patients should book in advance to avoid costly, inconvenient options. Navigating public transport can also be challenging due to Chinese signage and unfamiliar systems.

05 Treatment Cost Uncertainty

Taiwan's healthcare is affordable but lacks clear, standardised pricing for Somaliland patients. Initial quotes often exclude diagnostics, follow-ups, translation, and other services, leading to unexpected costs.

06 Lack of Community Support

Somaliland patients in Taiwan may face isolation due to the absence of a local support network. The small community is mostly made up of scattered students focused on their studies, with limited time or capacity to assist. This makes navigating healthcare, language barriers, and daily needs more difficult.



4. Visitation Policy

This section offers a general overview of hospital visitation practices in Taiwan for patients from Somaliland. While each hospital may have its own specific rules, the following information reflects common procedures.

01

Allowed Number of Visitors

Most hospitals limit visits to 1 or 2 visitors at a time per patient. Group visits are generally not allowed.

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Limited Visiting Hours

- Weekdays: 2 PM – 4 PM and 6 PM – 8 PM
 - Weekends/Public Holidays: May have extended or more flexible hours
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Visitor Duration

- General wards: Up to 30 minutes per visit
- ICU/critical care: 15 minutes or less

Extended visits for critical patients can be arranged with staff.

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Infection Control Rules

Face masks are generally mandatory. Visitors showing signs of illness (e.g. fever or flu) may be denied entry. Children under 12 may not be allowed in some wards.

5. Medical Facilities

The following is a list of 93 hospitals across Taiwan that provide medical travel services to international patients, along with their areas of specialization.

No.	Hospital	Medical Specialties
1	An-An Women and Children Clinic	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Medical Tourism
2	An-Ho Clinic	Health Screening, Medical Tourism
3	Antai Medical Care Cooperation Antai Tian-Sheng Memorial Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Health Screening, Medical Tourism
4	Becoming Clinic (Becoming Reproductive Center)	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Medical Tourism
5	Buddhist Tzu Chi Medical Foundation Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Cosmetic Surgery
6	Camillian Saint Mary's Hospital Luodong	Cardiovascular Surgery, Health Screening
7	Cardinal Tien Hospital	Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Health Screening
8	Cathay General Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment
9	Cathay Healthcare Management Tai-Nan Center	Health Screening
10	Central Clinic & Hospital	Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery, Medical Tourism
11	Chang Bing Show Chwan Memorial Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
12	Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Linkou	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver

		Transplantation, Craniofacial Reconstruction, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
13	Changhua Christian Hospital	Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Health Screening
14	Cheng Hsin General Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
15	Chi Mei Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver Transplantation
16	Chia-Yi Christian Hospital	Joint Replacement, Cancer Treatment, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
17	Chiayi Branch, Taichung Veterans General Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery
18	Chiayi Chang Gung Memorial Hospital	Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
19	Chiayi Hospital, Ministry of Health and Welfare	Cardiovascular Surgery, Health Screening
20	Chien-Shin Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology
21	China Medical University Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Craniofacial Reconstruction, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
22	China Medical University Hsinchu Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening
23	Chung Shan Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Health Screening
24	Chung Shan Medical University Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver

		Transplantation, Craniofacial Reconstruction, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
25	Dashin Reproductive Center	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Medical Tourism
26	Dr. Lee Clinic	Cardiovascular Surgery, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery, Medical Tourism
27	Dr. Wang Reproductive Fertility Center	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Medical Tourism
28	Dr. Wei Kinmen Dr Wei Gammon Reproductive Medicine Clinic	Assisted Reproductive Technology
29	E-Da Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Craniofacial Reconstruction, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
30	Fu Jen Catholic University Hospital	Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
31	GENEIVF	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Medical Tourism
32	Haoyun Clinic	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Medical Tourism
33	Hsu, Chao-Chin Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Medical Tourism
34	Huayu Fertility Center	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Medical Tourism
35	Hungchi Women & Children's Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Robotic Surgery, Medical Tourism
36	IHMED Reproductive Center	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Medical Tourism
37	JB Dental Clinic	Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery, Medical Tourism
38	Jen-Ai Hospital - Dali	Joint Replacement, Health Screening

39	Jhong Jheng Spine & Orthopedic Hospital	Joint Replacement
40	Kang Ning General Hospital	Joint Replacement, Health Screening
41	KAO-HO Hospital	Cancer Treatment, Health Screening
42	Kaohsiung Armed Forces General Hospital	Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
43	Kaohsiung Chang Gung Memorial Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Liver Transplantation
44	Kaohsiung Medical University Chung-Ho Memorial Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Craniofacial Reconstruction, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
45	Kaohsiung Municipal Hsiao-Kang Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Joint Replacement, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
46	Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Craniofacial Reconstruction, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
47	Keelung Chang Gung Memorial Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Craniofacial Reconstruction, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
48	Kinmen Hospital, Ministry of Health and Welfare	Assisted Reproductive Technology
49	Koo Foundation Sun Yat-Sen Cancer Center	Cancer Treatment
50	Kuang Tien General Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery

51	Landseed International Hospital	Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery, Medical Tourism
52	Lee Women's Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
53	Lianan Wellness Center	Health Screening, Medical Tourism
54	Lienchiang County Hospital	Health Screening
55	Lo-Hsu Foundation, Inc., Lotung Poh-Ai Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Craniofacial Reconstruction, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
56	MacKay Memorial Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
57	National Cheng Kung University Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Craniofacial Reconstruction, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
58	National Taiwan University Cancer Center (NTUCC)	Cancer Treatment
59	National Taiwan University Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Robotic Surgery, Liver Transplantation
60	National Taiwan University Hospital Yunlin Branch	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Cancer Treatment, Liver Transplantation, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
61	National Taiwan University Hsin-Chu Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery, Medical Tourism
62	New Vision Eye Clinic	Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery, Medical Tourism
63	NUWA OBGYN CLINIC	Assisted Reproductive Technology
64	Park One International Hospital	Joint Replacement, Cancer Treatment, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery

65	Pingtung Christian Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Health Screening, Medical Tourism
66	Pojen General Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Health Screening
67	Puli Christian Hospital	Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
68	Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
69	St. Martin De Porres Hospital	Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening
70	Stork 11 Fertility Center	Assisted Reproductive Technology
71	Stork Fertility Center	Assisted Reproductive Technology
72	Taichung Armed Forces General Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Health Screening
73	Taichung Hospital, Ministry of Health and Welfare	Joint Replacement, Health Screening
74	Taichung Veterans General Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
75	Taipei Beitou Health Management Hospital	Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
76	TAIPEI FERTILITY CENTER	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Medical Tourism
77	Taipei Hospital, Ministry of Health and Welfare	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Health Screening
78	Taipei Medical University - Shuang Ho Hospital, Ministry of Health and Welfare	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
79	Taipei Medical University Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Craniofacial

		Reconstruction, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
80	Taipei Municipal Wanfang Hospital (Managed by Taipei Medical University)	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
81	Taipei Veterans General Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Craniofacial Reconstruction, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery, Medical Tourism
82	Taiwan Adventist Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
83	Taiwan IVF Group	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Medical Tourism
84	Taoyuan Chang Gung Memorial Hospital	Craniofacial Reconstruction, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
85	Taoyuan General Hospital, Ministry of Health and Welfare	Joint Replacement, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Health Screening
86	Ten Chen Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
87	Ton-Yen General Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Health Screening
88	Tri-Service General Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Cancer Treatment, Liver Transplantation
89	Tungs' Taichung MetroHarbor Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Robotic Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery, Medical Tourism
90	West Garden Hospital (Eonway Health Management Center)	Health Screening
91	Yonghe Cardinal Tien Hospital	Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery

92	Yuan Rung General Hospital	Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint Replacement, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery
93	Yuan's General Hospital	Assisted Reproductive Technology, Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery, Cancer Treatment, Health Screening, Cosmetic Surgery

6. Cost Estimations

Below are reference prices for common medical treatments (actual costs may vary based on individual cases):

No.	Service	Estimated Cost (USD)
1	Consultation fees	\$130 and more
2	Health check-up	\$650 and more
3	Heart bypass	\$20,000 and more
4	Knee replacement	\$8,000 and more
5	Cancer treatment	\$17,000 and more
6	In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Treatment	\$6,600 and more

Estimated Traveling and Living Costs

No.	Description (Per person)	Estimated Cost (USD)
1	Round trip ticket	~ \$2,000
2	Monthly living cost excluding rent	~ \$300 - \$500
3	Rent (One room)	~ \$150 – \$500

7. Medical Travel Plan

7.1. Medical Visa Requirements

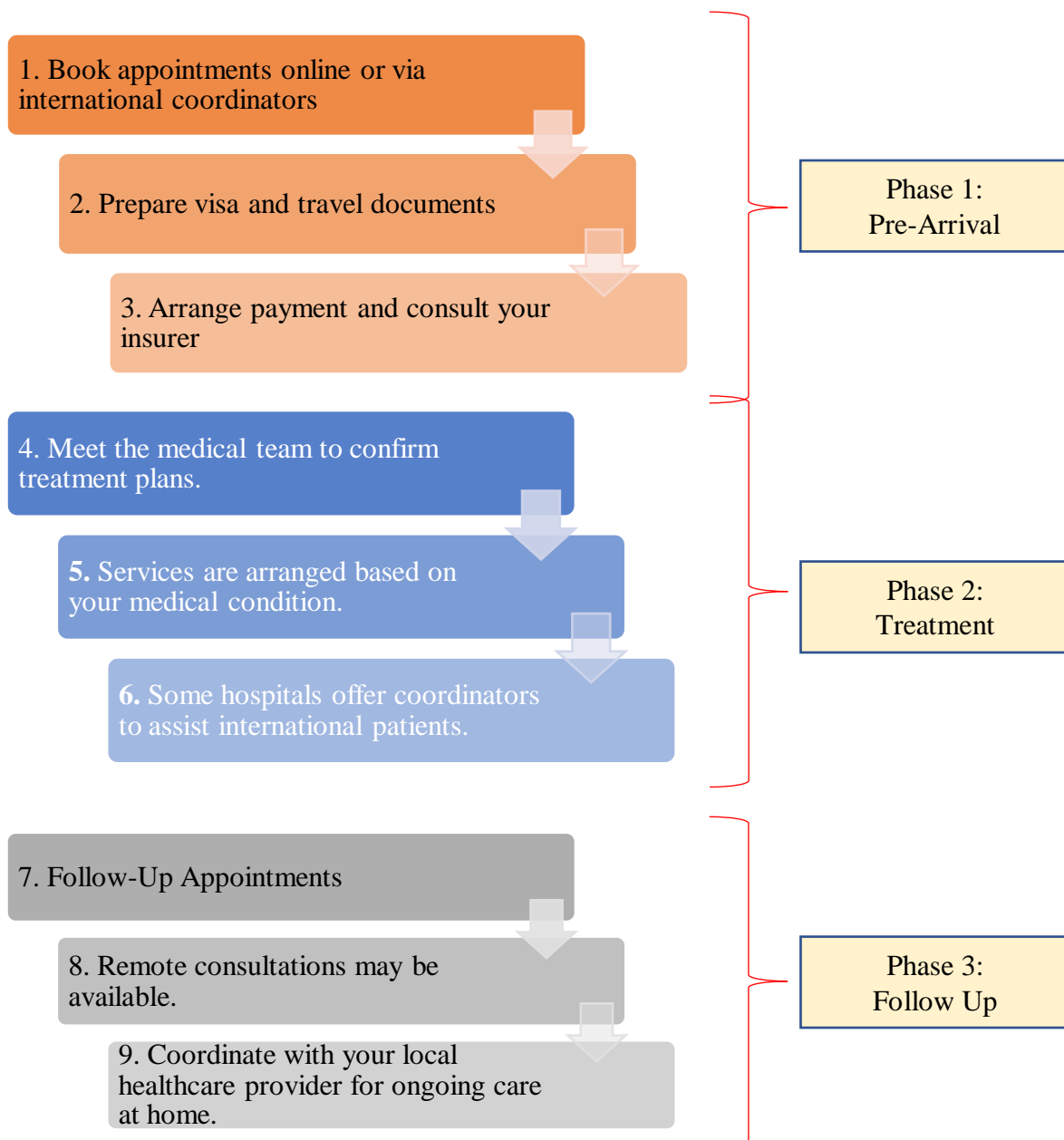
- Application Form – Complete online, print, and sign.
- Photos – Two recent (within 6 months) passport-size color photos with a white background.
- Passport – Original and copy, valid for at least 6 months with blank pages.
- Supporting Medical Documents – Includes:
 - Bank statement or payment plan approved by Taiwan medical institution
 - Medical diagnosis and treatment proposal
 - Visa application letter from Taiwan medical institution

- Travel Itinerary
- Return Ticket – Ticket, e-ticket, or proof from travel agency.
- Additional Documents – May be requested during processing.

Procedure:

- Submit documents and fees to the nearest Taiwan overseas mission.
- Interview may be required.
- For urgent cases, Taiwan medical institutions can directly initiate the visa process.
- Relatives can apply for visas to accompany the patient.

7.2. Medical Travel Planning



For more information, visit: <https://www.medicaltravel.org.tw>