

Cost of the International Exchange Program to Taiwan

A. The host, Azalea International Folk Fair (AIFF) of Valdosta, GA & Chia-Yi City Schools of Taiwan, will provide the following:

(a) While visiting Chia-Yi City of Taiwan, free lodging with host families who will be faculty or staff from Chia-Yi City School System and Wu-Feng University.

It is possible other professionals may be recruited as their credentials are endorsed by school administrators. Host families' background will all be provided to participating teachers and students.

(b) Host families will provide all breakfasts & dinners every day. Additionally, they will provide lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

In brief, host families will sponsor breakfast, lunch and dinner while guests live in their house.

However, please understand this well that in Taiwan, foods in night markets and from street vendors are very popular and delicious. You surely don't want to miss them. If guests wish to explore different variety of authentic, ethnic street foods in addition to the foods host families will provide for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the guests must use their own allowances. **Host families are NOT responsible for providing the additional, street or night market foods besides breakfast, lunch and dinner.**

(c) When guest students are visiting the hosting schools, schools will sponsor students' lunches.

(d) The host families will sponsor all entertainments that they wish to present to the visiting guests. If host families choose to bring guests to tour around Taiwan's many attractions out of the region, the host families will sponsor the extra lodging hotel cost including the breakfast, lunch and dinner that comes with the travelling.

(e) AIFF in collaboration with Chia-Yi City Schools will host a banquet dinner of gratitude honoring the guests, their host families, the hosting schools, city administrators on the night before the guests leave Taiwan.

(f) Participants will be asked to share the transportation cost between Chia-Yi City and the international airport in Tao-Yuan City on the days they arrive and depart. It should not cost more than US\$30 altogether.

B. Program participants need to be responsible for their own airline ticket cost as well as allowances for personal expenses such as extra, popular street foods and souvenirs. A summary of these costs is shown below.

(a) Apply for a U.S. Passport. The application form is available at the Valdosta's post office off Inner Perimeter Road. Details are also available at http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/get_4855.html
Application fees: \$140.00
Estimated Processing Time: 4 weeks

(b) Round trip airfare between Valdosta and Taiwan is about **US\$1,200 - US\$1,500.00.**

However, it is important to note that the airfare is subject to types of airlines, gas price changes, and other marketing factors, the estimates may fluctuate up to US\$1,500 - \$1,800.

(c) Prepare gifts for host families who will provide lodging, meals, transportation and entertainments for the guests for up to two weeks.

(d) Prepare gifts for the student ambassadors who are assigned to be students' school guides. Need to prepare four gifts as we are visiting four schools.

(e) Personal expenses include (but are not limited to) shopping for clothing, additional foods outside of the provided meals, souvenirs and personal care.

(f) 1st 6-day field trip to Central Taiwan including Counties of Chunghua, Taichung and Nantou, there will be extra cost of \$250 with most meals included.

(g) 2nd 6-day field trip to Northern Taiwan including YiLan Count and visit attractions of Taiwan's Capital City, Taipei. There will be an extra cost of US\$250.00 This cost will cover five nights at Taipei City, transportation between Chia-Yi and Taipei, all attractions visits and some meals. Other lunches or dinners at night markets, streets, or food courts will **NOT** be included since there would be huge variety that the IEP guests should feel free to pick whatever they like to try.

In sum, the estimated cost for IEP guests to participate in the Taiwan program will be:

(a) US\$1,500 for airfare between Valdosta/Atlanta & Taiwan.

(b) Suggested personal expenses of \$300 include (but are not limited to) shopping for clothing, additional foods outside of the provided meals, souvenirs and personal care. The amount of allowance is totally up to the parents and students.

(c) US\$250 for the 6-day field trip to the Central Taiwan

(d) US\$250 for the 6-day field trip to the Northern Taiwan

Total: US\$2,200