




# Korea, South



US State Dept Travel Advisory	For the latest travel advisories for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's website, available through the link below.
	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html</a>
Passport/Visa Requirements	For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.
	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html</a>
US Embassy/Consulate	[82] (2) 397-4114; US Embassy Seoul, 188 Sejong-daero, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea; <a href="mailto:seoulinfoACS@state.gov">seoulinfoACS@state.gov</a> ;
	<a href="https://kr.usembassy.gov/">https://kr.usembassy.gov/</a> 03141
LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers	Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page: <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html</a>
Telephone Code	82
Local Emergency Phone	Ambulance: 119; Fire: 119; Police: 112
Vaccinations	For the latest information on required or recommended vaccines, please visit the CDC's website, available through the link below.
	<a href="https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list">https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list</a>
Climate	Temperate, with rainfall heavier in summer than winter; cold winters
Currency (Code)	South Korean won (KRW)
Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)	220 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): F
	 Type F
Major Languages	Korean, English
Time Difference	UTC+9 (14 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
Potable Water	Yes, but some opt for bottled water

**International Driving Permit** Suggested  
**Road Driving Side** Right



**Souvenirs** Hanbok fashion and dolls, decorated masks, leather goods, jewelry, lacquerware/woodcarvings, cosmetics, seaweeds and teas, Soju stationary, electronics

**Traditional Cuisine** Kimchi — various vegetables (cabbage, radish, or scallion are commonly used) seasoned using ginger, brine, garlic, etc., and put through a fermentation or pickling process; Bulgogi – thinly sliced, prime cuts of meat marinated in a mixture of soy sauce, sesame oil, garlic, onions, ginger, sugar, and wine and then grilled