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## South Korea

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to South Korea due to COVID-19. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required for stays of less than 90 days.

### US Embassy/Consulate

[82] (2) 397-4114; US Embassy Seoul, 188 Sejong-daero, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea 03141

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

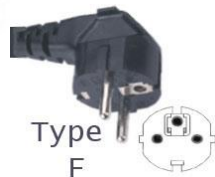
Temperate, with rainfall heavier in summer than winter; cold winters

### Currency (Code)

South Korean won (KRW)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 60 Hz / plug type(s): F



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### Major Languages

Korean, English (widely taught in elementary, junior high, and high school)

### Religions

Protestant 19.7%, Buddhist 15.5%, Catholic 7.9%, none 56.9%; note: many people also carry on at least some Confucian traditions and practices

### 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

### Cultural Practices

It is regarded as rude to point with your fingers. Better to gesture with your arm or hand. Casual physical contact, such as back slapping, is considered rude.

**Telephone Code**

82

**Local Emergency Phone Numbers**

Ambulance: 119; Fire: 119; Police: 112

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](#)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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