



Food



Eating out is one of the great pleasures of visiting Korea, a country famous for its diverse native dishes. Korean cuisine is nutritious, well balanced, and low in calories, as it involves a wide variety of vegetables and fermented foods. Bulgogi (marinated, barbecued beef) and Bibimbap (cooked rice mixed with vegetables) are two of the most famous dishes.

Insurance



Participants are advised to take out adequate travel and health insurance before leaving their respective countries. The Organizing Committee has no insurance coverage for the participants and will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur during the congress.

Credit Cards



Diners Club, Visa, American Express, and MasterCard are widely accepted at most hotels, shops, and restaurants in the larger cities.



Time zone



Korean time is 9 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+9).

Telephone call



For international calls, dial the international dialing code (001, 002, or 008), country code, area code, and the individual number. Domestic and international phone cards are available for sale at most convenient stores, hotels, and airports.

Mobile phone



Mobile phones can be rented at the airport or at major hotels. To apply for a mobile phone rental service, you will need an identification card (passport) and a credit card.

Cell-Phone Rental Services are available at Gimhae International Airport.

SK Int'l Busan Roaming Airport Center : www.skroaming.com

- 82-51-941-9011, 1599-2011

KTF Int'l Busan Roaming Airport Center : www.ktfroaming.com

- 82-51-941-9433, 1588-0608



* How to call overseas from Korea

- ▷ First dial any of the following international call company numbers, then the country code and finally the number you are calling.
- ▷ Regular International Phone Call Carriers: 001, 002, 008.
Mobile Phone Carriers: 00345, 00365, 00388, 00700, 00727, 00766, 00770 etc.
- ▷ Pre-Paid Phone Cards: Generally your best bet, since it can be very difficult to find a budget mobile phone rental service, pre-paid phone cards are available at many convenience stores and news stands.

Business hours



Government office hours are usually from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on weekdays and closed on weekends. Banks are open from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm on weekdays and closed on weekends. Major stores are open every day from 10:30 am to 8:00 pm, and there are many 24 hour business all around major cities.

Electricity



The standard electricity supply is 220-volts AC/60 cycles. Most hotels may provide outlet converters for 110-volts. It is advised to check with the hotel before you come.

Passport & Visa

All foreign visitors entering the Republic of Korea must possess a valid passport. Delegates, except those from countries who have visa exemption agreements with Korea, should apply to a Korean diplomatic mission in their countries for visas prior to departure. For details, delegates are advised to contact the Korean Embassy in their countries, or view the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade website at www.mofat.go.kr. Please contact the Conference Secretariat if you have difficulties in obtaining a visa.



* Country under Visa Exemption Agreement

■ ASIA & OCEANIA

Bangladesh, Israel, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan (Pakistan: the visa exemption agreement has been indefinitely suspended since January 1, 2002), Singapore, Thailand

■ AMERICA

Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Colombia, Commonwealth of Dominica, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Panama, St. Lucia, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Surinam, Trinidad & Tobago

■ AFRICA

Lesotho, Liberia, Morocco, Tunisia

■ EUROPE

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom.

[No Visa Entry]

The following Nationals who want to visit Korea just for a short-term tour or transit are permitted to enter Korea with no visa according to the principles of reciprocity or priority of national interests with a tourist/transit visa status (B-2, 30 days). Special status is awarded to Canadians (6 months) and Australians (90 days).

■ ASIA & OCEANIA

Arab Emirates, Australia, Brunei, Fiji, Guam, Hong Kong, Japan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Macao, Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, Oman, Palau, Qatar, Republic of Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Solomon Islands, Taiwan, United Marshall Islands

■ AMERICA

Argentina, Canada, Chile, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, Uruguay, U.S.A., Venezuela

■ AFRICA

Egypt, South Africa, Swaziland

■ EUROPE

Albania, Andorra, Croatia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Monaco, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, Vatican City

* Valid only for diplomatic and government official passport holders

▶ For further information, please click here

http://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/InfoDetailR_en.pt?categoryId=2&parentId=385&catSeq=401&showMenuId=375



Tip & Tax



Tip - Service charges are included in your bill for rooms, meals, and other services at hotels and upscale restaurants. Koreans occasionally do tip when they are especially pleased with the service they receive.

Tax - Upon request, only foreign tourists can receive up to 10% VAT refunds for purchases at Duty Free shopping outlets. Goods must be taken out of Korea within three months of purchase to be eligible for a tax refund. Visitors can receive a refund on a receipt for a minimum purchase of KRW 50,000 (around US\$52). To receive this refund, present receipts of the purchased goods at the customs desk at the Incheon International Airport when departing.

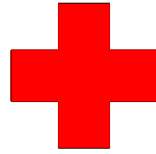
Currency

Korea's official monetary unit is the won(₩). The Korean currency consists of the ten thousand, five thousand, and one thousand won note, and the five hundred, one hundred, fifty and ten won coin.

			
10,000 won (man won)	5,000 won (ochen won)	1,000 won (cheon won)	
			
500 won (obaek won)	100 won (baek won)	50 won (osip won)	10 won (sip won)



Emergency Calls



- 119: Emergencies for fire / rescue & hospital services
- 112: Police
- 129: First Aid patient