

KOREA WORKING HOLIDAY 2015



Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Korea



Korea is...

Following its miraculous development over the last 50 years, Korea is now a modernized nation that still maintains its traditional culture. You will be captivated by Korea's vibrant and cosmopolitan lifestyle as well as its stunning landscape, cultural heritage, and various festivals.

Start planning your Working Holiday to Korea today!

General Information

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Official Name | Republic of Korea |
| Capital City | Seoul |
| Language | Korean |
| Population | 51.33 million (2014) |
| Currency | Korean Won |
| GDP | US \$ 1,449 billion (2014) |



Korea Working Holiday Program

Korea has a Working Holiday Program with twenty-two countries/region worldwide. The main purpose of this visa is to allow you to have an extended holiday while supplementing your funds with short-term work in Korea. This one-time only visa allows you tremendous flexibility to immerse yourself in Korean culture. Working Holiday Permit holders are also permitted to study or train at a private educational institution during their stay.

※ List of Participating Countries/Region (2015.06.01)

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Sweden, Taiwan, U.K, USA



Visa Condition[General]

- You are allowed to study or take a training course for a maximum of 12 months.
- You are allowed to work for a maximum of 12 months during your stay.

※ Please note that above Korean Working Holiday Visa condition may vary among respective countries/region.

Visa Validity

- Stay up to 12 months
- Unlimited leave and re-entry from and to Korea while the visa is valid
- Do not have to obtain additional work permit
- Entitled to undertake most types of temporary employment during your stay with the exception of certain professional jobs (doctor, teacher, athlete, entertainer, etc)



Coming to Korea [VISA]

※ To be eligible for Korean Working Holiday Visa, You must meet the following requirements:

- be between the ages of 18 and 30 years (inclusive) at the time of application
- not be accompanied by any dependents at any point in time during your stay in Korea
- be inside your home country when you apply and when your visa is granted
- must hold a valid passport
- must hold health insurance for the duration of your stay in Korea
- have sufficient funds to support yourself for the initial period of your holiday (KRW 3,000,000 minimum)
- have a return ticket or proof of sufficient funds to purchase one
- not have previously entered Korea on a Working Holiday Visa
- not have criminal record
- must submit fees for visa along with your application form

* **Visa Fees:** some(Japan, France, Hong Kong, Chile) may be exempted from paying the fee

Documents Required

- Visa application form
- Valid passport and one passport photo (3.5x4.5cm)
- Return ticket or proof of sufficient funds to purchase one
- Supporting financial documentation
(ex.: certified copy of a bank statement)
- Health Insurance which remains valid throughout your stay in Korea
(Coverage : KRW 40,000,000 minimum)
- Travel plans
- Application fees
- Criminal record check
- Medical certificate
- Proof of student status or highest academic qualifications

※ Please note that the above requirements may vary among respective Embassies/Consulates. Therefore, we recommend you to obtain up-to-date official information from the appropriate Embassy/Consulate before making any plans.





Korean [Language]

Being able to speak Korean makes you much more marketable and increases your likelihood of getting a job in Korea. A good command of the Korean language will not only benefit you in your career but also help you to master daily life and participate more actively in Korean society. English is not widely spoken in everyday life or in the workplace in Korea.

Therefore, we advise you to learn Korean as much as possible prior to your Working Holiday in Korea. Korean language courses are taught at several universities around the world. The Korean Embassy and Consulates in your home country can also help you locate opportunities to learn Korean near your vicinity.

Learn Korean for Free

As a Working Holiday Maker, you can take Korean language lessons free of charge.

The language courses are offered by Seoul Global Center and Korea Foundation.

※ Seoul Global Center
<http://global.seoul.go.kr>

Weekdays Courses

Tel) 02-2075-4113

Weekend Courses

(Deposit Required)

Tel) 02-2075-4148

※ Korea Foundation Koan Language Class

<http://volunteer.kf.or.kr>

02- 2151- 6507, 2151-6520 / kfkorean@naver.com

Study Korean [Charged]

| Organizations | Websites |
|--|---|
| Ewha Language Center | http://elc.ewha.ac.kr |
| Hanyang University International Language Institute | http://www.hyili.hanyang.ac.kr/Eindex.html |
| HUFS Center for Korean Language and Culture | http://builder.hufs.ac.kr/user/hufskoreaneng |
| Konkuk University Language Institute | http://kfli.konkuk.ac.kr |
| Korea University Korean Language and Culture Center | http://klcc.korea.ac.kr |
| Kyung Hee University Institute of International Education | http://eng.iie.ac.kr |
| Seoul National University Language Education Institute | http://language.snu.ac.kr |
| Sogang University Korean Language Education Center | http://klec.sogang.ac.kr |
| Sungkyun Language Institute | http://home.skku.edu/sli |
| Yonsei University | http://www.yskli.com |

Study Korean Online [Free]

- Arirang TV- Let's speak Korean Season 1
<http://www.youtube.com/user/arirangkorean>
- KBS World – Let's Learn Korean
http://rki.kbs.co.kr/learn_korean
- KOSNET by NIIED
<http://www.kosnet.go.kr>
- King Sejong Institute by Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism
<http://www.sejonghakdang.org>



Accommodation

Korea has a variety of accommodations to offer Working Holiday Makers.

※ When you first arrive, you may wish to stay in a youth hostel or guest house as this is the good way to obtain initial guidance and orientation at a reasonable price.

[Short-term Stay]

Youth Hostels

Youth hostels are found in many different locations in Korea providing affordable, quality accommodation for visitors. There are a total of 70 youth hostels located in every major city throughout Korea. Rates range between KRW 15,000 and KRW 40,000.

<http://www.kyha.or.kr>

Guest House

Guest houses are Korean homes which have been converted for the exclusive use of guest accommodation. They provide an authentic Korean experience while providing opportunities to interact with Korean locals and other travelers.

[Long-term Stay]

Apartment

Apartments in Korea are the most popular housing options among Koreans and its popularity is explained by the fact that tenants are becoming ever more demanding with comfort. Nearly all apartment complexes have facilities nearby such as supermarkets, district offices, and also easy access to public transportation. The majority of apartment style residences are unfurnished.

One Room

The One Room is a widespread and extremely popular housing option among students and single adults. The One Room is a large single room equipped with a bathroom, kitchenette and living space.

Goshiwon (Goshitel or Livingtel)

Goshiwon was initially for people who were preparing for national exams to become public servants. However, now that regular One Room or studio apartments are demanding high rent, Goshiwon is becoming a popular accommodation choice. It is fully furnished and prices can go higher if there is a private bathroom and window within the room itself.



Officetel/Studio Apartment

The "Officetel" is a combination of Office and Hotel such that people can live and work in the same building. Many of them come fully furnished. The Officetel is also more expensive and offers larger living spaces/facilities than the One Room. Tenants are also responsible for monthly maintenance fees and additional utility fees.

Residence

Serviced residences are furnished apartment buildings with hotel-like services. They have all of the necessities of a modern apartment including an indoor swimming pool, exercise room and amenities within each unit. These units are usually two to three times bigger than your average hotel room and usually include a kitchen. Some residences can also offer tenant cleaning and laundry services.

Homestay

Living as part of a Korean-speaking household, you will have your own bedroom and have meals with your hosts. It is a great way to meet Koreans and share their way of life. You will also be able to improve your fluency in Korean.

How to find your accommodation

The housing market in Korean cities is very competitive and there is an obvious shortage of reasonably-priced residences.

Whether you rent a one-room or an officetel, a rental contract must be signed. Signing a contract without a clear understanding of your rights and responsibilities can result in costly consequences. It is advisable to have the contract checked by your Korean friends.

Please be aware that it can be difficult to find accommodation during the months of February and August due to start of the school semester.





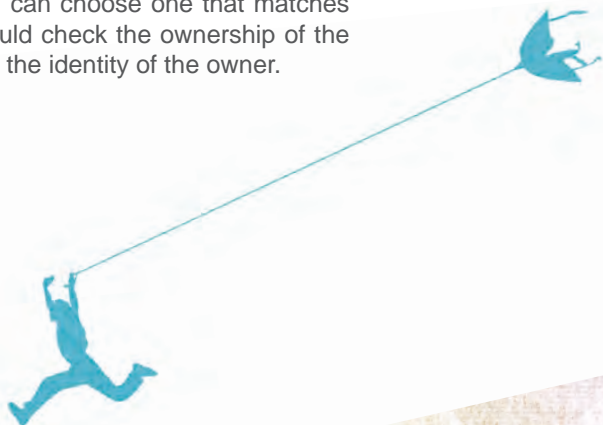
There are many ways to go about researching for a residence.

Online

A convenient and cost efficient way to search for housing is through the internet. The internet can provide quality resources such as real estate websites and listings of property from an online newspaper.

Offline

Although housing advertisements through the internet and newspapers could be an option for locating a perfect house, working with a real estate agent in person is prevalent among potential tenants in Korea. They are easily found in every neighborhood. Many offices of the agents have signboards in front of their office or on their windows that show properties currently available. Once you have found a suitable agent, you can specifically notify him/her about your specific requirements and your available budget. He/she will guide you by showing you a range of houses and you can choose one that matches your needs. The agent should check the ownership of the apartment and authenticate the identity of the owner.





Working in Korea

Like in every other country around the world, finding a job in Korea can be difficult, particularly if you do not have knowledge of the Korean language. Fluency in Korean is definitely a great advantage for obtaining a job in Korea. However, if you have the right profile and the right approach, you will most likely succeed in any job. Working in Korea as opposed to coming as a tourist is a great way to integrate yourself into Korean culture & life and to make new friends.

Jobs Accessible to Korea Working Holiday Makers

Language Jobs

- **Translator/Editor**

To be a translator/editor you need to have the ability to write and express yourself well in the target language. This job allows information and ideas to be exchanged between languages and cultures. Thus, you will also need an understanding in the cultures of the people. Prospective translators/editors may engage in tasks such as business correspondence, website development, creating subtitles for movies, translating/editing official papers and literature and many other fields.

- **Voice Actors**

Voice actors are people who provide voices for anywhere there needs to be a “voice”. Most of the work for foreigner is making foreign language education related materials (e.g. audiobook, exam). It is important for voice actors to act well with a clear tone and possess vocal stamina to carry them through long recording sessions. People are showing attention to the voice actors, yet Korea does not have any systematic agent for voice actors.

Hospitality Job

- **Hotel/Restaurant**

As Korea is becoming a popular tourist destination among foreign visitors, hotels, restaurants and catering sectors are now employing bilingual or native speaking staff to assist guests and customers. A person in this field mainly needs to be courteous with good command over the language and have good interpersonal skills. The most important aspects of this industry are that your customers are comfortable, good food is served, and excellent service is provided to guests.

Volunteering Job

- **WWOOF Korea**

WWOOF (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) Korea links people who want to volunteer on organic farms or smallholdings with people who are looking for volunteer help. In return for volunteer service, WWOOF provide food, accommodation and opportunities to learn about organic lifestyles.

<http://koreawwoof.com>



Tips for Job Seekers

1. Fine-Tune Your Resume

- Your resume is your first introduction to potential employers. It should clearly and succinctly present you and only describe the aspects that are relevant to the job that you are applying for. You must attach a recent photo of you to your resume.

2. Find Jobs

- Online job search websites are probably the most used by workers looking for jobs. The following websites are the most popular English job search websites with useful information for job seekers. Scroll through the list and find the website that best fits your own needs.

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|---------------------|---|
| Seoul Global Center | http://global.seoul.go.kr |
| Worknplay | http://www.worknplay.co.kr |
| Contact Korea | http://www.contactkorea.go.kr/en |
| Korea Job Finder | http://koreajobfinder.com |

3. Build a Network

- The majority of job openings are never advertised; instead, they are filled by word of mouth. Your network of friends, relatives, and acquaintances is a valuable job search resource.

4. Send Unsolicited Resumes

- If you have a specific company and work in mind, prepare an application even when there is no job posting yet.

Ministry of Employment and Labor [MOEL]

Labor Law Counseling

- counseling service on employment & labor administration such as wage, retirement pay, dismissal, trade unions, occupational safety, equal employment, general labor matters, etc.

<http://www.moel.go.kr/english>

※ Contact

| | |
|----------|---|
| Domestic | 1350 (ext. 5) English, Chinese Available |
| Overseas | + 82-52-702-5089 (ext. 5) |

Available from Monday to Friday, from 9:00 to 18:00

Q&A

1. Am I restricted in the type of work I can do in Korea on my Working Holiday Visa?

>> Working Holiday Makers are permitted to do most of the temporary work except the following fields such as receptionists, dancers, singers, musicians, acrobats at places of entertainment which might endanger good morals and manners, or as medical doctors, lawyers, professors, pilots, language instructors, cook or other professional services which require certain qualifications in accordance with domestic laws. If you wish to teach foreign language in Korea, you must apply for an E-2 Visa.

2. How much money will I earn?

>> Salaries vary depending on your skill, experience, education, certification, and type of employer (industry). The minimum wage for 2015 has been set at 5,580 KRW per hour. Foreigners will enjoy the same level of minimum wage as Korean workers.

Part-time workers often find it difficult to cover their living expense with the low wage. Careers using languages (translator, editor, etc.) usually fall into the high paying job category in Korea.

3. Is there any restriction with my working hours as a Working Holiday Visa holder?

>> According to the Ministry of Justice, H-1(Working Holiday) Visa holders cannot work more than 1,300 hours per year. The participants should engage in employment as an incidental aspect of their holiday, rather than primary purpose, in order to supplement their travel funds. (As of Feb 16, 2015)



Holiday in Korea

Korea, with its four distinct seasons, has many fascinating scenes and unique attractions for travelers. Travelling around the country while you are staying with your Working Holiday Visa would be a great experience and you will never forget memories in Korea. Recent Hallyu (Korean Wave, the popularity of Korean pop culture) boom has helped people recognize Korean culture and entertainment internationally resulting in many youth from all over the world coming to Korea with their enthusiasm to enjoy their holiday in Korea. Medical Hallyu tours, heritage palaces, Temples, Korean Cuisine such as Bulgoggi, beauty and wellness tours, world class shopping centers are all available in one country-Korea.

Enjoy Festive Air throughout the Year

From the “Hwacheon Mountain Trout Ice Festival” to the “Boryeong Mud Festival”, you can experience nature of Korea. If you are interested in cultural festivals, “Pusan International Film Festival” and “Bucheon Comic Festival” can be the right choices for you. Throughout the year, Korea has numerous festivals as well as international expos and exhibitions. While you are staying in Korea with your Working Holiday Visa, you will hardly miss these events information provided by the regional government of each city/province.



Four Seasons in Korea

Korea has four distinct seasons and many attractions coming along with the seasons. In spring, you will hardly miss flower festivals in mountains and cherry blossom attractions all around the nation. Your summer in Korea will be refreshing and exciting with various water sports such as water skiing, windsurfing and rafting. Fall is a season for hiking and picnic due to its mild weather. During the winter, you can warm yourself up in the hot springs after enjoying some skiing and snowboarding.

Cultural Heritages and Historical Spots

To fulfill your historical interests, organize a trip from the ancient city of Gyeongju, known as ‘the museum without walls’, to Jeju Island-an island created by volcanic activity thousands years ago. During your trip, you can learn about the UNESCO World Heritage listed sites all around the Korean peninsula, helping you better understand the culture and history of Korea. How about Andong Hanok Village where Queen Elizabeth spent a day during her visit to Korea in 1999? The elegant beauty of a Hanok(traditional Korean house) is truly inspiring. Watch the world-renowned traditional mask dance.





Korea, the Center of Pop Culture-Hallyu (Korean Wave)

Have you ever heard of hallyu, the Korean Wave? Once you have discovered the gorgeous landscape and traditional culture of Korea, go out to the streets filled with skyscrapers. City life has a variety of fun and entertainment and in everywhere, you will find the popularity of Korean pop culture, which is called “Hallyu”. With the rising popularity of Hallyu, K-pop and K-dramas are on boom among young generation all around the Asia. K-pop concerts are held almost every month in Seoul sponsored by corporations. “WAOPOP” and “Dream Concert” are the main popular K-pop concerts among hallyu fans all around the world. Catch up with the latest trends of Korean Wave and enjoy Korean dramas, music, movies and various cultural opportunities while you are staying in Korea.



Experience Korean Culture

Tourist Information Center by Korea Tourism Organization

- **Event venue**

B1 floor of the Tourist Information Center at the Korea Tourism Organization Headquarters

- **Event programs**

Hanbok(Traditional Costume) experience, have your name written in Korean (Mon ~ Fri), make crafts, try out traditional folk games (available during holiday periods)

- **Things to notice**

drop in programs; first-come, first-served; no participation fees, no reservation

- **Contact**

+82-2-729-9497~9 Korea Tourism Organization
(Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Seoul Global Culture Experience Center

- **Event venue**

5th floor of M plaza, 31-1 Myungdong 2ga, Seoul

- **Event programs**

Hanbok(Traditional Costume) experience, Free Internet lounge

- **Things to notice**

drop in programs; first-come, first-served; no participation fees, no reservation

- **Contact**

+82-2-3789-7961



Getting Started in Korea

Living Expenses

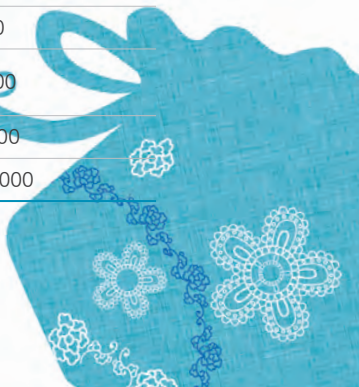
Korea is not overly expensive compared to European countries. It is difficult to say exactly how much money a Working Holiday Maker needs per month. The following table shows estimated basic monthly living costs for a Working Holiday Maker. Numbers are only approximate, as there can be a huge difference according to where you choose to situate yourself and your lifestyle.

You will require an average of KRW 1,200,000 per month to cover your living expenses. Those who have inexpensive accommodation and live modestly can probably get by less than KRW 1,000,000 per month.

* Monthly Expenses (Average)

| Type | Approximate cost of living |
|--|----------------------------|
| Rent and Utilities | KRW 500,000 |
| Food and Drink | KRW 300,000 |
| Public Transportation | KRW 100,000 |
| Cell Phone | KRW 50,000 |
| Entertainment (Travel, Movies, Sports, Concerts, etc) | KRW 150,000 |
| Clothing (Clothing/Beauty) | KRW 100,000 |
| Total | KRW 1,200,000 |

* Lunch meal costs about KRW 6,000.





Bank

All Working Holiday Makers are advised to open a Korean bank account. Keeping your money in a bank account is safer than carrying cash and it is easier for you to keep track of your spending. Opening an account is quite simple, just bring your passport (or foreigner registration card) to a branch. There is no charge for opening and maintenance of bank accounts.

A check (debit) card is one of the most common payment methods in Korea. The amount is immediately deducted from your account as you make a payment. To make a check (debit) card, you need your alien registration card, and passport. Check card can also be used for making cash deposits and withdrawals.

For further information on banking please contact appropriate bank branch.

* Korean Currency

The Korean Currency is called Won (KRW)

Bills: 1,000 won, 5,000 won, 10,000 won, 50,000 won

Coins: 10 won, 50 won, 100 won, 500 won

Cell Phone

Pre-paid SIM card can be used in Working Holiday Makers' existing phones, if they have an unlocked and WCDMA (Wideband Code Division Multiple Access) compatible cell phone. Contact with your mobile company, center or mobile manufacturing company in your home country to determine whether your cell phone will work in Korean networks.

Using Prepaid SIM card is convenient and economical solution for staying in touch while in Korea Working Holiday.

There are three main operators in Korea:

* SK

<http://www.tworld.co.kr/eng>

☎ 080-2525-011 (English, Chinese and Japanese Available)

* KT

<http://www.ktexpatblog.com>

* LG

<http://www.uplus.co.kr>

You need to bring foreigner registration card to the operator branch to purchase SIM card and activate your cell phone, otherwise you will be required to re-register your cell phone every 3months.

▶ [Dialing Code +82](#)



Essential Tip If You Are New to Korea

Foreigner Registration

Foreigner (Alien) registration is compulsory for all Working Holiday Makers arriving in Korea. Registration must be done within 90 days of entry at the nearest Immigration Office of your stay (jurisdiction).

A foreigner registration card is required for many activities in Korea, such as opening a bank account, purchasing a mobile phone, signing a lease and working legally in Korea.

It is essential that you submit all relevant documents with your application. Immigration officer will take your fingerprints and give you a receipt with the date that you can return and pick up your alien registration card. It usually takes 3 weeks to process an alien registration card.

If you move to different location to start a new life, you must report the move within five days.



Required Documents

- Valid passport (Working Holiday Visa)
- 2 Photos (3x4cm) Photographed within 6 months
- Application form (Available at Korea Immigration Center)
- Fees (30,000 KRW)
- Travel plans
- Housing Contact Document
- Job certificate(only for the person concerned)

※ Immigration Offices in Seoul

- * Seoul Immigration Office (Working Hours : 9 AM to 6 PM)
☞ Subway : Omokgyo Station (Line 5, Exit 7)
- * Seoul Immigration Office (Sejongno Branch)
☞ Subway : Jonggak Station (Line1, Exit 6)
Gwanghwamun Station (Line 5, Exit 5)

▶ How do I know which office is in my jurisdiction?
Call ☎ 1345



National Health Insurance [www.nhic.or.kr]

The National Health Insurance covers everyone residing in Korea. Eligibility for foreigners to be granted are those who have filed for the alien registration status under article 31 of the Immigration Control Act. and have resided in Korea for at least 3 months. The system allows people to use medical institution services at a discount by paying a certain amount of money every month according to income. The premium is automatically deducted from employees' account every month. Those who are not working can also sign up for the insurance program.

Required Documents

- NHI Application form for the insured employee or NHI Application form for the self-employed
- Alien registration card
- Passport (Working Holiday Visa)
- Certificate of employment contract (if applicable)

▶ National Health Insurance Corporation (NHIC) Call Center
☎ 02)390-2000 (English Consultation)
www.nhic.or.kr (English, Japanese, Chinese available)

Medical Advice

It is recommended that you consult your doctor 6 weeks prior to Korea Working Holiday to get appropriate advice on health precaution and any medications you should take with you.

You must have valid medical insurance for at least 3 months when you arrive in Korea. You can also join National Health Insurance and qualify for the same benefits as Koreans. In some participating countries, when you apply Korea Working Holiday Visa, you will be asked to show proof of health insurance coverage. It is possible that your health insurance policy at home is also valid in Korea. Ask your insurance provider to ensure you have appropriate coverage.

Tax Refund

► Tax Deduction from Your Salary

1. Pension: 4.5% of your salary
2. National Health Insurance: 2.665% of your salary
3. Income Tax

| Tax Base | Tax Rate |
|-----------------------------|---|
| KRW 12 million or less | 6% |
| More than KRW 12 million | KRW 720,000 + 15% of the amount exceeding KRW 12 million |
| More than KRW 46 million | KRW 5.82 million + 24% of the amount exceeding KRW 46 million |
| More than KRW 88 million | KRW 15.90 million + 35% of the amount exceeding KRW 88 million |

4. Income Tax – 10 % of your income

Income Tax is imposed on all income earned in Korea. Working Holiday Makers are authorized to work in Korea and they are subject to Korean tax on their income. If your source of employment is in Korea, you can file annual tax returns prior to leaving Korea.

If you think you are entitled to get some money back, you should seek advice from a <National Tax Service>.

<http://www.nts.go.kr/eng>

☎ 1588 - 0560 (Interpretation Service in 18 languages)

Registering with Embassy [Consulates]

We encourage you to register with your Embassy in Korea. The Embassy will be able to help you in an emergency.

Working Holiday Safety Tips

1. Accept the Korean way of life and obey local laws.

Only Korean Government can intervene in the judicial processes in Korea. Being non-Korean does not entitle you to any special treatment.

2. Secure your passport.

Passport loss can cause you problems.

If your passport is lost or stolen, you must apply for a replacement passport at your embassy or consulates in Korea.

3. Be sure to write Contracts. No Verbal Contracts!

(Contracts must be in writing to be enforceable.)

► To avoid problems,

- sign a written tenancy agreement before you move into house.
- sign a written employment contract before you commence work.



General Contacts

- Police: 112
- Fire or Ambulance: 119 (Emergency Situation)
- Emergency Medical Information Center: 1339
- Local Telephone Number Guide: Local area code + 114
- Dasan Call Center (Information hotline for inquires on life and tourism in Seoul): 02-120
English, Chinese, Japanese Available
- Immigration Contact Center: 1345
English, Chinese, Japanese, French, German Available
- Travel Hotline (24-hour Tourism Information): 1330
English, Japanese, Chinese Available
- BBB (Free Interpretation): 1588 - 5644
English, Japanese, Chinese, French, Italian, German, Swedish Available

| Country/Region | Embassy |
|----------------|---|
| Austria | http://www.bmeia.gv.at/kr/botschaft/seoul seoul-ob@bmeia.gv.at +82-2-732-9071 |
| Czech Republic | http://www.mzv.cz/seoul seoul@embassy.mzv.cz +82-2-725-6765 |
| Denmark | http://www.ambseoul.um.dk selamb@um.dk +82-2-795-4187 |
| France | http://www.ambafrance-kr.org +82-2-3149-4300 |
| Germany | http://www.seoul.diplo.de info@seoul.diplo.de +82-2-728-4114 |
| Hungary | http://www.mfa.gov.hu/kulkepviselet/KR/komission.sel@mfa.gov.hu +82-2-792-2105 |
| Ireland | http://www.embassyofireland.or.kr seoulembassy@dfa.ie +82-2-774-6458 |
| Italy | http://www.ambseoul.esteri.it embassy.ambseoul@esteri.it +82-2-750-0200 |
| Sweden | http://www.swedenabroad.com embassy@swedemb.or.kr +82-2-3703-3700 |
| United Kingdom | http://ukinrok.fco.gov.uk/en Enquiry.Seoul@fco.gov.uk +82-2-3210-5500 |

Europe

| Country/Region | | Embassy |
|----------------|-------------|--|
| Europe | Portugal | http://www.Portugalseoul.com embport@chol.com +82-2-3675-2251/2/3 |
| | Belgium | http://www.diplomatie.be/Seoulfr seoul@diplobel.fed.be +82-2-749-0381 |
| | Netherlands | http://southkorea-kr.nlembassy.org selamb@um.dk +82-2-311-8600 |
| Asia | Hong Kong | http://www.chinaemb.or.kr +82-2-738-1038 |
| | Japan | http://www.kr.emb-japan.go.jp info@so.mofa.go.jp +82-2-2170-5200 |
| | Taiwan | http://www.taiwanembassy.org/KR +82-2-399-2780 |
| Oceania | Australia | http://www.southkorea.embassy.gov.au seoul-consular@dfat.gov.au +82-2-2003-0100 |
| | New Zealand | http://www.nzembassy.com/korea nzembsel@kornet.net +82-2-3701-7700 |
| America | Canada | http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca seoul@international.gc.ca +82-2-3783-6000 |
| | USA | http://seoul.usembassy.gov AmericanCenterKorea@state.gov +82-2-397-4662, 4649 |
| Latin America | Chile | http://www.coreachile.org echilekr@yahoo.co.kr/embajada@coreachile.org +82-2-779-2610 |
| Middle East | Israel | http://embassies.gov.il/seoul info@seoul.mfa.gov.il +82-2-3210-8500 |

Official Websites of Korea

- Visit Korea
<http://english.visitkorea.or.kr>
- Hi Seoul
<http://english.seoul.go.kr>
- Korea.net
<http://www.korea.net>

Useful Websites

- Worknplay.co.kr (Expat Community)
<http://www.worknplay.co.kr>
- The Korea Guide (Information about Korea in General)
<http://www.thekoreaguide.com>
- KOREA4EXPATS.COM (Information for Expats in Korea)
<http://www.korea4expats.com>
- Exploring Korea (Travelling Guide in Korea)
<http://www.exploringkorea.com>
- ZenKimchi (Korean Food Journal)
<http://www.zenkimchi.com/FoodJournal>
- Seoulistic (Information about Korea in General)
<http://seoulistic.com>

Korea News

- KOREA FOCUS
Monthly Webzine, featuring current events in Korea
<http://www.koreafocus.or.kr>
- Arirang TV
Government-run English-language broadcaster
<http://www.arirang.co.kr>





FAQ

Q: Can I come to Korea on a Working Holiday?

A: Citizen of certain countries and age groups are able to come to Korea on a Working Holiday. The Working Holiday Visa may be granted for people between 18 and 30 years (inclusive) from twenty-two countries/region worldwide.

Q: Can I apply Korean Working Holiday visa on arrival in Korea?

A: Completed visa application form together with necessary supporting documents can only be lodged at Korean Embassy/ Consulates in your country of origin. Applicants must obtain the Korean Working Holiday Visa prior to arrival to Korea.

* Exception: If you are Austrian, you can also submit your application at Japan (Tokyo), China (Beijing, Shanghai), Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Q: If I was previously granted a Korean Working Holiday Visa, can I apply for a Working Holiday Visa again?

A: If you were previously granted a Korean Working Holiday Visa, you are not able to apply for another Korean Working Holiday Visa again. You can only hold one Korean Working Holiday Visa in your lifetime.



Q: Can I extend my Working Holiday Visa in Korea?

A: Working Holiday Visa cannot be extended but you may be eligible to switch to another type of visa in limited circumstances. Please contact Korea Immigration Service for more details. (www.immigration.go.kr)

Q: What documents will be required to obtain Korean Working Holiday Visa

A: Please refer to the <2. Coming to Korea (Visa)> on this brochure for general information. Since the application requirements may vary we highly recommend you to contact directly to the respective Korean Embassy or Consulates.

Q: Do I need a job in order to get a Korean Working Holiday Visa?

A: No, you don't need an offer of employment to apply for a Korean Working Holiday Visa.

Q: Am I eligible to study in Korea on Working Holiday Visa?

A: If you are planning to pursue an academic degree other than a Korean Language Course, you will usually be required to apply for a Student Visa (D-2).

Q: What happens if my passport is stolen? Can I get the visa transferred to my new passport?

A: The first thing you need to do is take a deep breath, calm down and visit Embassy/Consulates to cancel your current passport and apply for new one. You do not need to obtain a new Working Holiday Visa if you have registered with Immigration Office. You can legally reside in Korea on Working Holiday Visa status with your alien registration card.



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