

Your first 48 hours in Korea.

A preparation checklist for Seoul and Incheon. Use current operator and host instructions for your actual journey.

Before you travel

☐ **Save your address in Korean.**

Keep the full accommodation address available without an internet connection.

☐ **Plan the complete airport journey.**

Check your terminal, current departures, transfers and the last walk. Keep a backup.

☐ **Prepare your phone connection.**

Check device compatibility, activation timing and pickup or return requirements.

On arrival

☐ **Confirm check-in and bag storage.**

Ask about opening hours, bag size, charges and the latest collection time.

☐ **Check local transport payment.**

Separate the card purchase from adding credit; check conditions before choosing a pass.

☐ **Keep useful phrases ready.**

Show a phrase when asking about ordering, directions or restroom access.

As you settle in

☐ **Ask about laundry and waste.**

Your building and local area determine the instructions. Check before paying or disposing.

☐ **Save a route back to your stay.**

Check the destination exit and last leg again before travelling.

Make a personal list: koreafirststeps.com/plan/

Source-based planning, not on-site testing. No live fares or service availability are promised.

Useful Korean, 1-10.

Words and phrases from our guides. Change quantities to fit your situation; show the Korean text when asking for help.

01 / ARRIVING

이 주소로 가려고 해요.

I would like to go to this address.

02 / ARRIVING

어느 정류장에서 내려야 하나요?

Which stop should I get off at?

03 / ARRIVING

큰 짐이 두 개 있어요.

I have two large bags.

04 / ARRIVING

지금 탈 수 있는 버스가 있나요?

Is there a bus I can take now?

05 / FINDING YOUR WAY

이 주소가 맞나요?

Is this the correct address?

06 / FINDING YOUR WAY

몇 번 출구로 나가야 하나요?

Which exit should I use?

07 / FINDING YOUR WAY

여기까지 걸어서 갈 수 있나요?

Can I walk to this place?

08 / TRANSPORT CARDS

교통카드

Transport card

09 / TRANSPORT CARDS

충전

Add credit / top up

10 / TRANSPORT CARDS

잔액

Remaining balance

Tap a category label for the full guide and linked sources. More preparation help: koreafirststeps.com/downloads/

Useful Korean, 11-20.

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11 / AT THE STATION

환승

Transfer

12 / AT THE STATION

출구

Exit

13 / AT THE STATION

엘리베이터

Lift / elevator

14 / AT A RESTAURANT

두 명이에요.

There are two of us.

15 / AT A RESTAURANT

여기서 주문하면 되나요?

Should I order here?

16 / AT A RESTAURANT

이거 하나 주세요.

One of this, please.

17 / AT A RESTAURANT

몇 인분인가요?

How many portions is this?

18 / AT A RESTAURANT

계산은 어디에서 하나요?

Where do I pay?

19 / AT A CAFE

매장

Dine in / for here

20 / AT A CAFE

포장

Takeaway

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Useful Korean, 21-30.

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21 / AT A CAFE

주문을 도와주실 수 있나요?

Could you help me place the order?

22 / LAUNDRY

세탁기

Washing machine

23 / LAUNDRY

건조기

Dryer

24 / LAUNDRY

세제가 자동으로 들어가나요?

Is detergent added automatically?

25 / RESTROOMS

화장실이 어디에 있나요?

Where is the restroom?

26 / RESTROOMS

지금 이용할 수 있나요?

Can I use it now?

27 / RESTROOMS

휠체어로 이용할 수 있는 화장실이 있나요?

Is there a wheelchair-accessible restroom?

28 / AT YOUR ACCOMMODATION

일반쓰레기

General waste

29 / AT YOUR ACCOMMODATION

어떤 봉투를 사용해야 하나요?

Which bag should I use?

30 / AT YOUR ACCOMMODATION

어디에 언제 버리면 되나요?

Where and when should I put this out?