## North Korea

### US State Dept Travel Advisory
The US Department of State currently warns US citizens to NOT TRAVEL to this country due to the serious risk of arrest and long-term detention of US nationals. Consult its website via the link below for any updates to this advisory.

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

### Passport/Visa Requirements
Individuals cannot use a US passport to travel to, in, or through North Korea without a special validation from the Department of State. Special validations are granted only in very limited circumstances.

### US Embassy/Consulate

### Vaccinations
See WHO recommendations

http://www.who.int

### Climate
Temperate, with rainfall concentrated in summer; long, bitter winters

### Currency (Code)
North Korean won (KPW)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)
220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C

### Major Languages
Korean

### Religions
North Korea recognizes "freedom of religion" in its Constitution but is officially an atheist state and prohibits individuals' religious activities.

### Time Difference
UTC+9 (14 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); note: on 5 May 2018, North Korea reverted to UTC+9, the same time zone as South Korea

### Potable Water
Opt for bottled water.

### International Driving Permit
Suggested

### Road Driving Side
Right

### Cultural Practices
North Korean authorities carefully track and monitor foreign travelers in the country.

### Telephone Code
850

### Local Emergency Phone Numbers
Local numbers only
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)


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

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

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