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## 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

US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

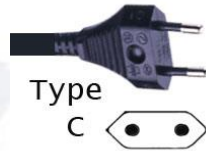
Temperate, with rainfall concentrated in summer; long, bitter winters

### Currency (Code)

North Korean won (KPW)

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

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C



### Major Languages

Korean

### Religions

Traditionally Buddhist and Confucianist, some Christian and syncretic Chondogyo (Religion of the Heavenly Way)

### 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)

[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 \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](#)

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