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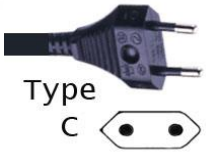
North Korea

US State Dept Travel Advisory	**The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to North Korea due to COVID-19 and the serious risk of arrest and long-term detention of US nationals. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.** 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
Tourist destinations	Complex of Koguryo Tombs
Cultural Practices	North Korean authorities carefully track and monitor foreign travelers in the country.

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Tipping Guidelines	For an extended tour, guides expect 10-30 euros and drivers 10 euros per traveler.
Telephone Code	850
Local Emergency Phone	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

US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. 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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