



BEFORE ENTERING KOREA: HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorization)

Before flying to South Korea, make sure to download the **K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorization) app** required for travelers from visa-free countries. **You can easily apply by submitting your passport details, travel info, and a photo, with approval usually arriving within 24-72 hours.** The app also lets you check your status and store your authorization, so it's convenient to have on hand.

⚠️ **Avoid unofficial websites that charge extra fees.**

E-Arrival Card

The E-Arrival Card is the digital version of Korea's immigration arrival card, replacing the paper form you used to fill out on the plane.

There is an official website for the **e-Arrival Card** (Korea's electronic entry declaration), which works on both desktop and mobile browsers.

You should **fill out the E-Arrival Card shortly before your trip, ideally within 3 days before your flight to Korea.**

K-ETA

Required for many nationalities, apply online via the official website before you arrive

E-arrival card

An arrival declaration card that needs to be submitted 3 days before you arrive

Pro Penguin Tip

Do your K-ETA first, then complete the E-Arrival Card online once you have your confirmed flight and hotel. This combo makes immigration at Incheon fast and paper-free!



South Korea Must-Have Apps

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NAVIGATION



Naver Map

Best for restaurants & hidden gems.



Kakao Map

Best for subway & public transport.



TRANSPORTATION



Subway Korea

Best for subway routes & transfers.



Kakao T

Uber-style taxi app.



Climate Card

Best for unlimited Seoul transit.

**To use the Seoul Climate Card, download the official Tmoney app*



Kakao Metro

Best for metro maps & timings.



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TIP**



AREX Train

Best for booking tickets and checking train times.

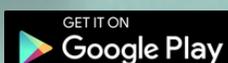


LANGUAGE HELP



Papago

Best for Korean translations.



KakaoTalk

Best for local messaging.

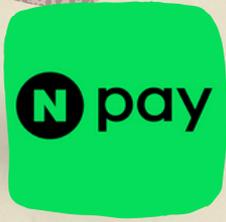


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PAYMENTS



Naver Pay

Best for online shopping & payments.



Kakao Pay

Best for everyday mobile payments.



TRAVEL CARDS



Tmoney

Best for easy transit payments.



TRAVEL GUIDES



Visit Korea

Best for events & cultural tips.



FOOD DELIVERY



Baemin

Best for late-night food delivery.



SmartPass

Best for skipping airport lines.



Yogiyo

Best for food delivery variety.



T Locker

Best for storing bags.



UNNI

Best for clinic reviews & bookings.



Lotte Duty Free

Best for skin care stock up on airport.

