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WCG GANGNEUNG 2023 VISA HANDBOOK

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Introduction

If you are not a resident of the Republic of Korea, you will likely need a visa to enter Korea depending on your nationality. This Visa Handbook drawn up in February 2023, deals with only Short-term Visa (less than 90 days) for WCG Gangneung 2023 foreign participants as the event will be held for 11 days, July 3-13, 2023.

General Guide for Visa-Free Entry Country

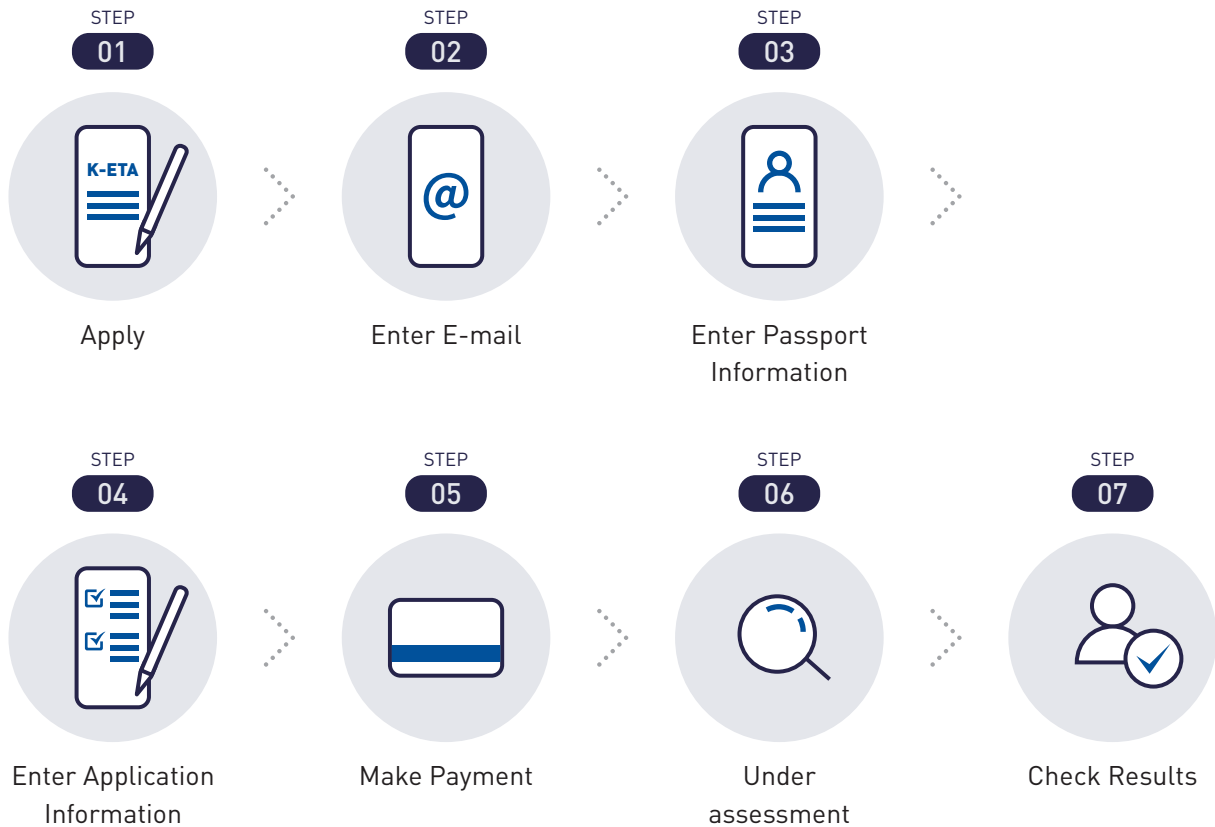
I Visa Free Countries

General Passport (112 Countries)	
Asia (8)	• Brunei • Chinese Taipei • Hong Kong • Japan • Macao • Malaysia • Singapore • Thailand
America (32)	• Antigua and Barbuda • Argentina • Barbados • Brazil • Canada • Chile • Colombia • Costa Rica • Dominica • Dominican Republic • Ecuador • El Salvador • Grenada • Guatemala • Guyana • Haiti • Honduras • Jamaica • Mexico • Nicaragua • Panama • Paraguay • Peru • Saint Kitts and Nevis • Saint Lucia • Saint Vincent and the Grenadines • Suriname • The Bahamas • Trinidad and Tobago • United States • Uruguay • Venezuela
Europe (43)	• Albania • Andorra • Austria • Belgium • Bosnia and Herzegovina • Bulgaria • Croatia • Cyprus • Czech Republic • Denmark • Estonia • Finland • France • Germany • Greece • Hungary • Iceland • Ireland • Italy • Kazakhstan • Latvia • Liechtenstein • Lithuania • Luxembourg • Malta • Monaco • Montenegro • Netherlands • Norway • Poland • Portugal • Roman Curia • Romania • Russia • San Marino • Serbia • Slovakia • Slovenia • Spain • Sweden • Switzerland • Türkiye • United Kingdom
Africa • Middle East (16)	• Bahrain • Botswana • Eswatini • Israel • Kuwait • Lesotho • Liberia • Mauritius • Morocco • Oman • Qatar • Saudi Arabia • Seychelles • South Africa • Tunisia • United Arab Emirates
Oceania (13)	• Australia • Fiji • Guam • Kiribati • Marshall Islands • Micronesia • Nauru • New Zealand • Palau • Samoa • Solomon Islands • Tonga • Tuvalu

 Nationals of countries/regions, who are eligible for visa-free entry are required to get K-ETA approval in order to board the flight or ship bound for the Republic of Korea.

K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorization) Application Guide

Please be informed that you need K-ETA approval before boarding the flight or ship for the Republic of Korea. You can apply for K-ETA via the K-ETA official website www.k-eta.go.kr or mobile App (K-ETA).



I K-ETA Announcements

- K-ETA eligible nationals, who wish to enter visa-free the Republic of Korea, must obtain K-ETA approval before boarding the flight or ship. Please keep in mind that the assessment can take more than 72 hours depending of the situation. Therefore, please apply for K-ETA with sufficient time.
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- The validity period of a K-ETA is 2 years from the date of approval. K-ETA approval does not guarantee entry to the Republic of Korea. The final determination of a traveler's entry will be made by the immigration official during entry immigration inspection.
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- K-ETA approval will be refused or cancelled in any case of submitting false or inaccurate information on the K-ETA application, and that person may be subject to penalties or entry restriction according to relevant Korean laws.
The same will be applicable for those who are applying on behalf of the applicant.
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- The K-ETA fee is 10,000 KRW (approximately USD \$9~10, additional fee excluded) and is non-refundable even if the application is denied.
**K-ETA Center is not responsible for any third party (agency, etc.) fees for the transaction.*
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- Even if your K-ETA has not expired, you are required to apply for a new K-ETA if there are any changes to your information, such as name, sex, date of birth, nationality, passport information (passport number, passport expiration date), infectious disease or criminal record.
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- If there are any changes to your purpose of entry, address in Korea or contact information after your K-ETA approval, you are required to update such information through the K-ETA website (K-ETA application results – Edit Information) before entering Korea.
Failure to do so may result in unfavorable measures such as entry denial.
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- Those with K-ETA approval can go through entry immigration more conveniently, as they will be exempted from submitting the arrival card upon entry.
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- K-ETA application by proxy is available, and one person can apply for up to a total of 30 people and make the payment at once.

I Items to prepare for K-ETA application



Valid passport



Valid e-mail address



Face image photo

*For PC, image file. For mobile application, photo taken by mobile device camera during application



Credit or debit card that can be used to pay the fee.

The fee is 10,000 KRW (approximately USD \$9~10) per person.

I K-ETA Application Fee Guide

- The fee is 10,000 KRW per person.

- When paying the K-ETA fee, additional fees for online payment may apply.

- The K-ETA application fee is non-refundable after payment is made.
Please carefully fill out the application form before payment.
The fee will not be refunded even if the K-ETA application is denied.

- If the overseas payment is blocked for your card, you may not be able to pay properly.
Please contact your card company for detailed information.

General VISA Application Guide

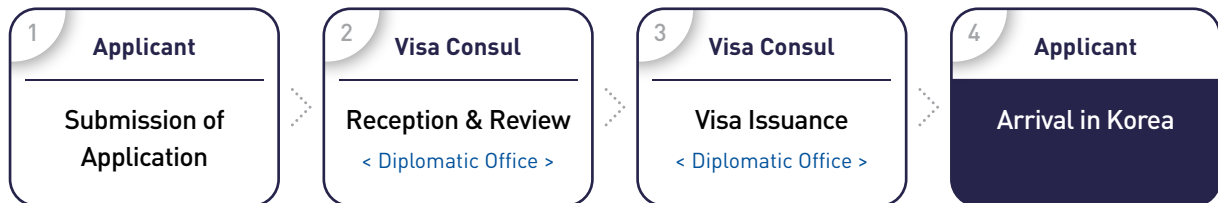
I Visa Category

Short-Term General C-3-1

A person who plans to stay for a short period of time on the purpose of visiting relatives, investing in public business, participating in a non-official sport games, attending events or meetings, performing cultural art, engaging in a training, taking lessons, attending a religious ceremony, collecting documents for academic research, or any other equivalent activities.

I Procedure

Application must be submitted to Korean Diplomatic Missions (Embassy or Consulate) in the applicant's country (or area) of residence.



*For any other inquiries, please contact the consular affair Korean diplomatic missions in your country of residence.

• Korean Diplomatic Missions (169 in total)

Area	Division	Diplomatic Mission
Asia	Embassy (36)	•Afghanistan •Bahrain •Bangladesh •Brunei •Cambodia •China •East Timor •India •Indonesia •Iran •Iraq •Israel •Japan •Jordan •Kazakhstan •Kuwait •Kyrgyzstan •Laos •Lebanon •Malaysia •Mongolia •Myanmar •Oman •Pakistan •Philippines •Qatar •Saudi Arabia •Singapore •Sri Lanka •Thailand •Turkey •Turkmenistan •U.A.E •Uzbekistan •Vietnam •Yemen
	Consulate General (23)	•Almaty •Chengdu •Dubai •Fukuoka •Guangzhou •Hiroshima •Ho Chi Minh City •Hong Kong •Istanbul •Jeddah •Kobe •Mumbai •Nagoya •Niigata •Osaka •Qingdao •Sapporo •Sendai •Shanghai •Shenyang •Wuhan •Xi'an •Yokohama
	Consular Office (1)	•Dalian
	Consulate (2)	•Bali •Karachi
America	Embassy (21)	•Argentina •Bolivia •Brazil •Canada •Chile •Colombia •Costa Rica •Dominican Republic •Ecuador •El Salvador •Guatemala •Honduras •Mexico •Nicaragua •Panama •Paraguay •Peru •Trinidad and Tobago •U.S.A •Uruguay •Venezuela
	Consulate General (13)	•Atlanta •Boston •Chicago •Honolulu •Houston •Los Angeles •Montreal •New York •San Francisco •Sao Paulo •Seattle •Toronto •Vancouver
	Consular Office (4)	•Anchorage •Dallas •Hagatna •Philadelphia
Europe	Embassy (29)	•Austria •Azerbaijan •Belarus •Belgium •Bulgaria •Croatia •Czech Republic •Denmark •England •Finland •France •Germany •Greece •Hungary •Ireland •Italy •Latvia •Netherlands •Norway •Poland •Portugal •Romania •Russia •Serbia •Slovakia •Spain •Sweden •Switzerland •Ukraine
	Consulate General (6)	•Frankfurt •Hamburg •Irkutsk •Milan •Petersburg •Vladivostok
	Consular Office (1)	•Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk
	Consulate (2)	•Bonn •Las Palmas

Area	Division	Diplomatic Mission
Oceania	Embassy (4)	• Australia • Fiji • New Zealand • Papua New Guinea
	Consulate General (1)	• Sydney
	Consulate (2)	• Auckland • Melbourne
Africa	Embassy (21)	• Algeria • Angola • Cameroon • Congo D. R. • Cote d'Ivoire • Egypt • Ethiopia • Gabon • Ghana • Kenya • Libya • Morocco • Nigeria • Rwanda • Senegal • South Africa • Sudan • Tanzania • Tunisia • Uganda • Zimbabwe
	Consulate General (1)	• Mozambique
	Consulate (2)	• Lagos • Malabo

※ Korean Diplomatic Missions in China (10)

- Korean Embassy in China: Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Shanxi, Neimenggu, Shinjiang, Xizang, Qinghai
- Korean Consulate General in Guangzhou: Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Fujian
- Korean Consulate General in Shanghai: Shanghai, Anhui, Jiangsu, Zhejiang
- Korean Consulate General in Shenyang: Liaoning, Heilongjiang, Jilin
- Korean Consulate General in Xi'an: Shaanxi, Gansu, Ningxia
- Korean Consulate General in Wuhan: Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangxi
- Korean Consulate General in Chengdu: Chongqing, Sichuan, Yunnan, Guizhou
- Korean Consulate General in Qingdao: Qingdao, Shandong
- Korean Consulate General in Hong Kong
- Korean Consular Office in Dalian: Zhongshan, Xijiang, Shakekou, Ganjingzi, Lushunkou, Jinzhouxinjiang

NOTICE

VISA RESTRICTION

The Korean government has restricted the short-term visas issued by the Korean embassy in China until Feb 28 due to Covid-19.

※ Diplomatic Missions in Russia (5)

- Korean Embassy in Russia, Korean Consulate General in Vladivostok, Petersburg, Irkutsk, Korean Consular Office in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk

※ You can get the information of each country's Korean Diplomatic Missions through the website, https://www.visa.go.kr/openPage.do?MENU_ID=10106.

I Required Documents

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visa Application Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passport
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photo (natural color, 3.5cm x 4.5cm)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee (in U.S. dollars)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required documents for corresponding status of stay	

* An applicant should prepare the required documents for Visa application through the notice board on website of each country's Korean diplomatic mission and complete the application by visiting a Korean diplomatic mission in one's country of residence.

* Depending on the circumstances of one's country, the head of the Korean diplomatic mission may request/exempt additional documents for further evaluation.

I Visa Fees

You can pay the fee in the currency of your own country only if you receive permission from the head of the Korean diplomatic mission in your country. If you pay your visa application with a credit card, the amount that you pay may be different from the amount you are billed according to the exchange rate.

Type of Visa	Fee
90 days or less Single-entry visa	USD 40
91 days or longer Single-entry visa	USD 60
Double-entry visa usable up to 2 times	USD 70
Multiple-entry visa	USD 90

- Despite the standard visa fee regulations, fees may be differently applied according to international practices, the principle of reciprocity, national agreements, or in the cases deemed necessary by the Enforcement Decree of the Ministry of Justice.
- Since the visa fee covers the costs related to the visa application review such as processing and evaluation, your application fee will not be refundable even if your application is denied.

* You can see the Countries with Adjusted Visa Fees & Exempted Visa Fees through the website, https://www.visa.go.kr/openPage.do?MENU_ID=10103.

I Evaluation Period of Visa

For the Visas being processed at the Diplomatic Office, you can check for the evaluation result within 5 working days from submission. Please refer to the notice board of the Diplomatic Office of submission for the duration of the visa issuance process. Each Diplomatic Office may require a different amount of time depending on the workload.

I Validity Period of Visa

Visa is valid for 3 months once issued. This means that you will need to enter Korea within 3 months of its issuance. You must enter Korea before the final entry date of your visa.



[REPUBLIC OF KOREA VISA]

- ① **No. of Visa:** Serial No. of Visa Issuance
- ② **Status:** Type of social activities or status of Foreigners while their stay in Korea
- ③ **Period of Sojourn:** The permitted term of stay from starting from the date of entry into Korea
- ④ **Entries:** Visa Types, single-entry visa/double-entry visa/multiple-entry visa
- ⑤ **Issue Date:** Visa Issuance date
- ⑥ **Final Entry Date:** The Valid Term of Visa/After this date, the visa is automatically rendered void
- ⑦ **Issued at:** Where the visa was issued



Closing

We highly recommend you to prepare visa application for visiting the Republic of Korea once your visit to Korea is decided. You may start visa application process 3 months before the start of your visit (i.e. no earlier than April 3-13, 2023) as visa is valid for 3 months once issued. Please check the latest information by visiting Korea Visa Portal website (www.visa.go.kr) or by contacting Korean Diplomatic Mission in your country as visa processing times may vary between individuals or diplomatic missions.

Then, we are looking forward to meeting you in World Choir Games Gangneung 2023!