

Geographical Expenditure Guide

Country/Region: South Korea / Seoul

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Guidelines on Reasonable Expenditure:

Exchange Rate = GBP 1 = KRW 1786.78 (Korean Won)	
Breakfast	KRW 22,000 (In hotel where not included in room rate – see below)
Lunch	KRW 20,000 (Based on light meal and drink close to the embassy). Baguette and coffee – KRW 10,000.
Dinner	KRW 70,000 (Full buffet including a soft drink, tax and service)
Taxis	Taxi from airport to Embassy KRW 60,000 KRW 5,000- 10,000 for medium trips around town. Black taxis cost more. Metered.
Local Mileage Rates	Diplomatic vehicle, for cars engine sizes 2000cc or above - £3.4 / mile

Recommended Hotels:

Hotel Name & Details	Price Guide	Comments
	KRW 205,000	Includes breakfast, internet, tax and service. 5 minutes walk from the embassy.
	KRW 169,000	Includes breakfast, internet, tax and service. 5 minutes walk from the embassy.
	KRW 160,000	Includes breakfast, internet, tax and service. 15 minutes walk from the embassy. - Service apartments with a fully-equipped kitchen, washer, and dryer.

Region/Country Specific Information:

Exchanging Money:

- Can be done in banks/hotels
- Many banks in Seoul offer a foreign- exchange service and there are licensed money changers that keep longer hours than the banks and provide a faster service but may only exchange cash. As with any shops and hotels that offer to exchange money, compare their rates and commissions with the banks first.

Credit Card Use:

- Widely used. Cash can be withdrawn from most ATM machines. English 'menus' available.
- If you have a foreign credit card, you need to find an ATM with a 'Global' sign or the

logo of your credit card company.

- ATMs can be found outside banks and post offices, and inside deluxe hotels, subway stations, airports, convenience stores and department stores.

Other Relevant Information:

- Metro, buses and taxis are all safe to use and reliable although in taxis it is advisable to make sure you have your destination (with telephone number if possible) written down in Korean.
- Airport buses run a frequent service to town and cost 9,000 won one way. They stop at most hotels. English speaking information desks at the airport. A taxi from the airport to town will cost about 60,000 won.
- Tipping is not necessary in Seoul, although a compulsory 10% service charge is added to the bill at some midrange and all top-end hotels and restaurants.