

Before you fly

- ☐ Install a Korea eSIM (activate on landing) *guide: korea.opdada.com/guide/sim-esim-internet.html*
- ☐ Check your card works abroad (Visa/Master) + a little cash for exchange
- ☐ Book night 1 & 2 accommodation *neighborhoods: [/guide/where-to-stay.html](https://korea.opdada.com/guide/where-to-stay.html)*
- ☐ 3+ long train rides planned? Compare the Korail Pass */guide/[ktx-korail-pass-guide.html](https://korea.opdada.com/guide/ktx-korail-pass-guide.html)*
- ☐ Download: Naver Map, Papago, Kakao T *Google Maps barely works in Korea*

At Incheon Airport

- ☐ Turn on your eSIM / pick up SIM at arrivals
- ☐ Buy a T-money card at any convenience store *works on subway, bus, taxi nationwide*
- ☐ Into Seoul: AREX express (43 min) / all-stop via Hongdae / limousine bus */guide/[incheon-airport-to-seoul.html](https://korea.opdada.com/guide/incheon-airport-to-seoul.html)*

First 48 hours

- ☐ Load your T-money card (cash only at machines)
- ☐ Try a convenience store meal + banana milk *it's a rite of passage*
- ☐ Save offline: hotel address in Korean (show taxi drivers)
- ☐ Exchange more cash at a bank/licensed booth if needed */guide/[money-and-payments.html](https://korea.opdada.com/guide/money-and-payments.html)*

Know before you need it

- ☐ 119 = ambulance & fire · 112 = police
- ☐ 1330 = 24/7 tourist helpline in English *they translate & find open pharmacies*
- ☐ Sick on a Sunday? Convenience stores sell basic meds 24/7 */guide/[pharmacy-hospital-korea.html](https://korea.opdada.com/guide/pharmacy-hospital-korea.html)*
- ☐ Tipping: none. Water & side dishes: free & refillable.