Taxi services

There are three kinds of taxis in Seoul—general, deluxe, and call taxis. The last two types offer a high standard of service, but they are more expensive than the first. Not all taxi drivers are fluent in English, so it is advisable to tell the landmarks (many major hotels and attractions) near the destination.

• Call-a-Taxi: 2 414 0150
• Call-a-Taxi (only for Foreigners): 2 793 1013

Money

Korea’s currency is the won (W). Foreign bank notes and traveler’s checks can be converted at foreign exchange banks and other authorized money changers. In some tourist areas, merchants may also be willing to accept US dollars or Japanese yen. Credit cards, including VISA, American Express, Diners Club, Master Card and JCB, are accepted at major hotels, department stores, and the larger restaurants.

The exchange rate is subject to market fluctuations. One US dollar was equivalent to about 1,173 won as of 23 September, 2010.

Hospitals

It is recommended to go to a hospital in Seoul where language barriers are reduced. In an emergency, visitors are advised to take some cash because some hospitals accept only certain credit cards. Medical insurance card will not be recognized as a form of prepayment.

Seoul National University Hospital
Yeongdong-dong 28, +82 2 20722890
(Emegency, +82 11/9150 2810)
Gangnam Hospital
Samsung-dong 171-1, +82 2 34300571
Samsung Seoul Medical Center
Irwon-dong 50, +82 2 34100200
Youngdong Severance Hospital
Dogok-dong 146-92, +82 2 34972222
Cha Medical Center
Yoksam-dong 650-9, +82 2 34683000

Embassies and Consulates

At the embassies, officers are helping visitors with all kinds of problems. You will find a complete list of embassies also serving your country at: www.seoulsearching.com/seouldirectories/govdir/embassy.html

Embassy of Australia
34-11, Hoonghak-dong, Jongno-gu, +82 2 21705200
Embassy of the Philippines
34-44, Hanwon-dong, Yongsan Ku, +82 2 7967387
Schweizer Botschaft
32-10, Songdong-dong, Jongno gu, +82 2 7999511
Embassy of the United States of America
32 Sejongno, Jongno-gu, +82 2 3974114

General telephone services

• Fire or Emergency ambulance: 119
• Police: 112
• Directory Assistance in English: 0802110114
• Operator Assisted International Calls: 00799

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