Broadcasting / Telecommunication



TV Networks

Korean terrestrial broadcasting stations



Broadcasting Station	Channel	TEL	Website	
KBS1	No.9	82-2-1588-1801 82-2-781-1000	www.kbs.co.kr	
KBS2	No.7	82-2-1577-1300	www.kbs.co.kr	
MBC	No.11	82-2-789-0011	www.imbc.com	
SBS	No.6	82-2-2001-6600	www.sbs.co.kr	
EBS/EBS2	No.10	82-1588-1580	www.ebs.co.kr	



Cable TV (requires set-top box)

Cable TV, which combines broadcasting and communication, is a multichannel broadcasting service airing various programs such as news, movies, music, entertainment, documentaries, sports, religion, education, baduk (game of Go), and home shopping.

Foreigners should check with their local cable service provider for the documents required for foreign subscribers. For the contact number of local cable service providers, refer to the Korean Cable TV Association website (www.kcta.or.kr, Korean only). Among the many cable channels, Arirang TV (www.arirang.co.kr) airs programs that provide information on Korea in foreign languages.

Korea Cable TV Association

Tel: 82-2-735-6511 Web: www.kcta.or.kr

 Arirang International Broadcasting Tel: 82-2-3475-5000

Web: www.arirang.com/index.asp

 Required information for cable TV subscription: name, phone number (home/mobile), address of subscriber and alien registration card



After installing a satellite antenna and receiver set, subscribers can access almost 140 channels specializing in movie, news, music, sports, and audio as well as regional broadcasting networks, international channels such as DW-TV (Germany), TV5 (France), RAI (Italia), TVE (Spain), NHK (Japan), and English channels such as MCM(music channel), WTN, BBC, NBC, CNN, CNBC, etc.

Sky Life

Tel: 82-1588-8665/82-2-2003-3000

Web: www.skylife.co.kr
• SEKI SATELLITE Co., Ltd.

Tel: 82-2-2231-7989 Web: www.sekisat.co.kr



Radio

There are several AM and FM radio stations that air foreign language programs. AFN is the only around-the-clock English program broadcasting channel, at 548 AM and 102.7 FM frequencies.

• Internet service: www.classicfm.co.za (around-the-clock English program)

Fixed-Line Phone and Internet

Fixed-line phone and internet

Korea's major telecom service providers – KT Olleh, SK Broadband and LG U-Plus - offer fixe-line telephone, internet phone, mobile phone and internet TV services. Subscription can be made through telephone or the company website, and once a subscription request is accepted, the company will dispatch an installation engineer.

The fees include subscription fee, basic fee, and equipment (modem) usage fee, and users need to carefully consider the service fee and benefits offered by each company when choosing a plan. Contracts are normally made for one, two, or three year period, and companies may offer partial fee discounts. Cancelling a service within the contract period may incur a cancellation charge. It is advised to visit the website of each telecom provider and compare the various options before choosing a plan.

**Users can benefit from fee discounts by using bundled services (multiple telecom services such as internet, telephone, mobile communication provided as a bundle).

Service Provider	Homepage/Telephone
olleh kt	Website: www.olleh.com Inquiries: Dial 100 Foreign language customer service: Call 82-1588-8448
SK broadband	Website: www.skbroadband.com (English available) Inquiries: Dial 106 Foreign language customer service: Call 82-80-8282-106#3
⊚ LGU ⁺ ©	Website: www.uplus.co.kr (English available) Inquiries: Dial 101

^{*}All equipment usage and communication fees include VAT.

Mobile Phone Service

Opening a mobile phone account



Consultation services for foreign residents in Korea are offered by SKT, KT, LGT, and other telecommunication companies in English, Chinese, Japanese, and various other languages. Using such a service will make activating your mobile phones and selecting your monthly plans much easier and more convenient.

There are two methods of payment for mobile phone usage by foreign nationals in Korea, i.e. paying up front for a prepaid phone or paying at the end of the month. Prepaid phone rates are more expensive than those of deferred payment phones, but they do not come with a fixed contract of 2-3 years, which means that you can use a prepaid phone for the desired length of time. Referred to as PPS, they are appropriate for people who intend to stay in Korea for a short period of time only, and you can open a line in your name as long as you have a passport. For deferred payment phones, the sign-up procedure is the same as for Korean citizens, but it is recommended that you verify the policy regarding the number of phones you can activate, installment options, and security deposit policies because the policies vary according to one's sojourn status.



Carrier	Mobile phone plans for foreigners
σlleh G	 No deposit. Prepaid plan availabe Korean credit card or bank account required Offers customer service in English/Chinese/Japanese Mobile phone service: Dial 1583 (toll-free) or 82-2-2190-1180 Website: www.olleh.com
SK telecom	Requires deposit to subscribe English customer service: Tel. 82-80-2525-011 Website: www.tworld.co.kr (English available)
© zone	Offers same plan as those provided to domestic persons; requires bank account English customer service: Tel. 82-1544-0010 Website: www.uplus.co.kr (English available)

***Prepaid mobile phone**

Although the rates are somewhat higher than post-paid mobile phones, prepaid mobile phone plans do not have a contract period, so subscribers can choose the service period.

*What foreigners should know before subscribing to a mobile phone plan

- Foreigners must bring their alien registration card or certificate of report of domestic residence.
- Payment can only be made through a bank account or credit card under the subscriber's name.





Website for comparing mobile phone monthly plans

Web: www.wiseuser.go.kr/eng/main.do

This website is the English-language version of Wise User, a communication user information web portal operated by the Korea Communications Commission. It offers online guidance on signing up, using, and cancelling various communication product packages such as mobile phones, high-speed internet, landlines, internet phones, IPTV, and bundled products. The product comparison section under the services utilization category can be especially helpful when you want to change your monthly plan or telecommunication company because it regularly updates the data for comparing the monthly plans offered by each telecommunication company for mobile phones, high-speed internet, and IPTV. It also provides other useful information on international roaming services, fraud prevention, and customer protection centers.



Tip

Opening a telecommunication account

English language websites are operated for foreign customers of online stores of the three major telecommunication companies available, allowing them to open accounts without having to visit the stores in person. The online stores also offer detailed information regarding opening a mobile phone account, bundle packages of landline, high-speed internet and IPTV, as well as additional services that are helpful for estimating the costs of monthly plans.

SK Telecom Web: www.tworld.co.kr/poc/eng/html/EN.html

This website is the English language version of the T World online store. It provides detailed guides on mobile phone plans and additional services such as ring-back tones and lettering services. However, information on mobile phone plans is only available after you log in to your online account. Customer centers and international roaming centers are also available in English, Japanese, and Chinese. In addition, the addresses of and contact information on T World stores specifically designated for foreigners are available, helping foreigners to open and cancel accounts on this website as well.

KT OLLEH Shop Web: global.olleh.com/eng/main.do

This website is for foreign customers of KT. It provides detailed information on the requirements and monthly plans for mobile phones, internet, landlines, and TV; as well as information on bundle packages of TV, internet, and landlines as well. Also, you can check the amount of discount which varies according to the length of the contract (usually from 1-3 years) right away.

LG U+ Web: www.uplus.co.kr/com/main/pemain/PeMain.hpi

This is the English language website for foreign customers of LG U+. It provides information on mobile phones, internet phones, high-speed internet, IPTV, and landlines It also offers useful information on the Triple Play Service, bundle packages of landlines, TV, and high-speed internet, or any of the three products offered by LG U+.



Landlines

You can just dial the phone number without using the area code if you are making a call within the same region. However, you must dial the area code prior to the phone number if you are making a call to an outside area.

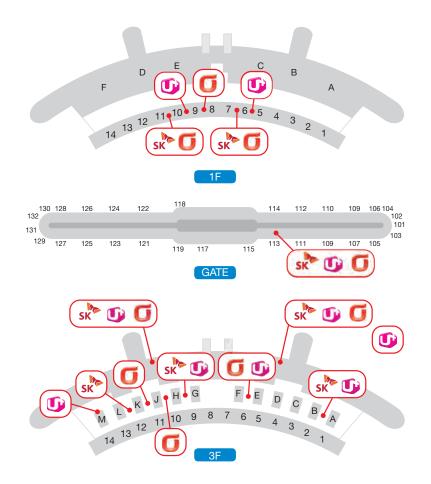
Moblie Phones

You must dial the area code first regardless of the area you are calling.

Seoul	02	Busan	051	Daegu	053	Incheon	032	Gwangju	062
Daejeon	042	Ulsan	053	Sejong	044	Gyeonggi- do	031	Gangwon-do	033
Chungcheong buk-do	043	Chungcheong nam-do	041	Jeollabuk- do	063	Jeollanam- do	061	Gyeongsang buk-do	054
Gyeongsang nam-do	055	Jeju-do	064						

Mobile Phone Rental/Roaming from Incheon International Airport

LG U+	Services: mobile handset rental, international roaming Opening hours: 06:00-22:00 Phone number: 82-2-3416-7010
KT	Services: mobile phone rental, international roaming service Opening hours: 06:00-22:00 Phone number: 82-1588-0608 (From Korea) / 82-2-2190-0901 (From overseas, toll-free)
SKT	Services: mobile phone rental, international roaming service Opening hours: 06:00-22:00 Phone number: 153-112 (From Korea) / 82-2-6343-9000 (From overseas, toll-free)



International calls



How to Make International Calls

International call access number \rightarrow Country code \rightarrow Area code \rightarrow Telephone no.

*When calling the U.S. from Korea

International call access number (001)+Country code (1)+Area code (omit 0 when the first digit is 0)

* International call access numbers

KT (001), SK Telink (00700), LG U-Plus (002), Sejong Telecom (00365)

Country	Code	Country	Code
Argentina	54	Sweden	46
Belgium	32	Chile	56
Ireland	353	Netherlands	31
Andorra	376	Portugal	351
Hong Kong	852	China	86
Italy	39	New Zealand	64
Australia	61	Romania	40
Hungary	36	Russia	7
Japan	81	Germany	49
Austria	43	Spain	34
India	91	Saipan	1+670
Kuwait	965	Greece	30
Bahrain	973	Sri Lanka	94
Iran	98	Denmark	45
Poland	48	Guam	1+671
Bangladesh	880	Egypt	20
Iraq	964	Saudi Arabia	966
Macao	853	Switzerland	41
Brazil	55	Finland	358
Colombia	57	Singapore	65
Norway	47	Taiwan	886
Brunei	673	France	33
Malaysia	60	South Africa	27
Pakistan	92	Thailand	66
Bulgaria	359	Turkey	90
Mexico	52	UK	44
Philippines	63	US	1
Canada	1	Venezuela	58
Myanmar	95	Libya	218
Nigeria	234	Nepal	977
Mongolia	976	Vietnam	84
Sudan	249	Syria	963
Angola	244	Uzbekistan	998
Indonesia	62	Cambodia	855



Tip SIM card purchase (Korea roaming SIM card)

You can purchase a prepaid SIM Card that can be used in Korea and most foreign countries. Below are the sales locations of the Korea Roaming SIM Cards.

Where to buy a SIM card ?

You can purchase SIM cards on the homepages for SIMCARDKOREA and EG SIM CARD.

	Homepage	www.simcardkorea.com (Korean, English)
SIMCARD	Operating hours	09:00-18:00
KOREA	Tel	82-505-648-7000 (Korean) 82-505-649-7000 (English)
	Email kjy@simcardkorea.com (English)	
EG	Homepage	www.egsimcard.co.kr/ENG/ (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
SIM CARD	Operating hours	09:00-22:00
	Tel	82-1899-6120 (Korean, English, Chinese)

News Outlets - Foreign Language Press

Press	Tel	Website	Foreign Language Service	
The Kyunghyang Shinmun	82-2-3701-1114	www.khan.co.kr	English	
The Kukmin Daily	82-2-781-9114	www.kmib.co.kr	English	
The Dong-A Ilbo	82-2-2020-0114	www.donga.com	English, Chinese, Japanese	
Yonhap News Agency	82-2-398-3114	www.yonhapnews.co.kr	English	
The Chosunilbo	82-2-724-5114	www.chosun.com	English, Chinese, Japanese	
JoongAng Ilbo	82-2-751-5114	joongang.joins.com	English, Chinese, Japanese	
MK Business News	82-2-2000-2000	www.mk.co.kr	English, Chinese, Japanese	
The Hankyoreh	82-1566-9595	www.hani.co.kr	English, Japanese	
The Korea Economic Daily	82-2-360-4114	www.hankyung.com	English	
Herald Biz	82-2-727-0114	biz.heraldcorp.com	English Newspaper	
Korea Herald	82-2-727-0205	www.koreaherald.com	English Newspaper	
The Korea Times	82-2-724-2359	www.koreatimes.co.kr	English Newspaper	
Korea Joongang Daily	82-1577-0510	joongangdaily.joins.com	English Newspaper	