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Korea Pre-Flight Checklist

Every box ticked = you land in Seoul with zero surprises. Print it or keep it on your phone.

30 DAYS BEFORE

- ☐ **Entry rules:** check if you need a K-ETA or visa — official site only: **k-eta.go.kr** (rules change; verify there)
- ☐ Passport valid 6+ months beyond your dates
- ☐ Book at least your first 2 nights (address needed on arrival card)
- ☐ Travel insurance sorted
- ☐ Book the DMZ tour if you want it (guided-only, fills up)

14 DAYS BEFORE

- ☐ Buy your eSIM so you land connected — comparison: **thekimchiboy.com/best-esim-south-korea**
- ☐ Reserve any hard-to-book restaurant / show / hanbok slot
- ☐ Check seasonal weather (monsoon July, real cold Dec–Feb)

7 DAYS BEFORE

- ☐ Download: **Naver Map**, **Kakao T**, **Papago**, KakaoTalk
- ☐ Star your hotel in Naver Map at home, on Wi-Fi
- ☐ Tell your bank you're traveling; confirm card works abroad
- ☐ Save your hotel address in Korean (screenshot)

PACKING — DON'T FORGET

- ☐ Type C/F plug adapter (Korea: round 2-pin, 220V)
- ☐ Power bank (carry-on only) — long days out
- ☐ Genuinely comfortable walking shoes (20k+ steps/day)
- ☐ Socks without holes — shoes-off culture is real
- ☐ Basic meds; small day bag
- ☐ Some cash to exchange (cards work almost everywhere)

DAY ONE IN KOREA

- ☐ AREX train from Incheon into Seoul (~45–60 min)
- ☐ Buy a **T-money card** at any convenience store, load ₩20–30k
- ☐ Get cash only from ATMs marked **"Global"**
- ☐ Don't tip — anywhere. The price is the price.
- ☐ First meal: anywhere busy. Trust the queue.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- ☐ 112 Police · 119 Fire/Ambulance
- ☐ **1330** — 24h English tourist hotline (genuinely useful)

Want the full plan? This checklist is one page of **The Korea Trip Planner** — 13 pages with a complete 7-day Seoul itinerary, budget tables, food ordering guide and 20 survival phrases → **thekimchiboy.com/korea-trip-planner** · More Korea guides: **thekimchiboy.com** · YouTube **@kimchiboy158**