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WELCOME TO ANOTHER CANADIAN CONTINGENT NEWSLETTER. THIS TIME WE CHAT TRAVEL!



As we move forward with our planning for this adventure of a lifetime, we are more than happy to share with you the progress we're making in getting you to South Korea. This issue will focus on our travel planning.

As you know, the travel industry faced important disruptions during the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is yet to recover fully from these challenging times. The Canadian Contingent Management Team is working with its travel partners to minimize the ongoing impacts of the pandemic on our group travel and ensure a smooth experience for all travelers.

You will find in this newsletter general guidelines about what to bring with you for this adventure, how to act while travelling, and the support that will be offered by the contingent. As information for international travel is changing sometimes rapidly in the current circumstances, another issue on travel will be published closer to the departure date to provide you with updates and more specific information about how things will unfold and how to finalize your preparation for this unique experience.

We understand that for some of you, this may be one of your first international travel experience. Know that we are here to help and make your experience as seamless as possible.

As always, if you have any question, please reach out to us at wj23canadiancontingent@scouts.ca.

Get ready for an amazing trip halfway around the world!
Your Canadian Contingent Travel Team





TRAVEL TO SOUTH KOREA

Key travel deadlines

January 15, 2022: Deadline to confirm extended stay (for those who requested it in their travel questionnaire)

February 5, 2022: Deadline to submit up-to-date passport information (please inform us in advance if you will NOT be able to meet this deadline)

Around 30 days prior to departure: Transmission of personal travel itineraries to each traveler

Documentation and health checks needed to enter country

- If you are traveling with a Canadian passport, you do not need a visa for entering South Korea. However, you may need a Korean Electronic Travel Authorization (K-ETA). More information on entry requirements for the Jamboree will be shared closer to the departure date.
- If you are traveling with a non-Canadian passport, entry requirements may be different for you. Please make sure you check your issuing country's government website in

order to know which documents you will need to enter South Korea and, if necessary, start the process well in advance. Reach out to the contingent if you need any information or documentation to move ahead with your request.

- You are responsible for meeting all entry requirements for South Korea, whether you are traveling with a Canadian passport or not. The contingent will share information in the newsletters and meetings, but it's up to you to make sure you have everything you need when you leave for South Korea.
- On the plane or upon your arrival in a South Korean airport, you will need to fill out forms for the South Korean customs. The contingent will share examples and instructions on how to fill these forms closer to the departure date.
- There may be additional documents or submissions required to enter South Korea at the time of the Jamboree (for example due to the COVID-19 pandemic). The contingent will share more information on this closer to the departure date as the requirements may change until then.



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TRAVEL TO SOUTH KOREA (continued)

Travel Documents

- You need a valid passport to travel. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your planned return to Canada (in the case of the Jamboree, this would be around mid-February 2024).
- If you do not have a valid passport or if your passport will expire before this date, start the renewal process now. There are currently delays in Canada for obtaining a new passport.
- If you need to renew a non-Canadian passport, please refer to your issuing country's government website for directions on how to submit your request.
- As soon as you receive your new passport, inform the contingent by updating your travel questionnaire or sending us an email.
- You should put a printed copy of your passport in your luggage. In case something happens to your passport, it could make it easier to get a new one. You could do the same with important cards you have in your wallet (credit cards, identity cards, etc.).





TRAVEL TIPS FOR LONG FLIGHTS

- Long flights such as the one you will need to take to get to South Korea can be exhausting. During the flight, try to regularly step up, walk a bit in the aisle and go to the washroom. Don't stay in your seat for the whole flight.
- Although for long flights your seat may have a personal screen on which you can watch movies, this may not be the case if you have to take a domestic flight within Canada. Make sure to bring something to keep you busy during the flight (phone or tablet to watch a movie or listen to music, a book to read, a portable game console, a notebook to write about your trip, etc.). However, know that **you will be responsible** for these devices in case they are damaged or stolen for the duration of the trip, including on the Jamboree site.
- You can bring things to help you sleep, such as a travel pillow, a small blanket, a sleep mask and earplugs.
- In case there is an issue with your luggage during the flights, make sure you have enough clothing in your carry-on to cover at least 2 days (48 hours). Tip: You may reuse some items more than once to save some space.
- If you have motion sickness, make sure you talk to your doctor or pharmacist prior to your departure to ensure you have the correct medication, and bring them with you on the plane. Also, note that you may need to provide more information on this in the upcoming health questionnaire.
- Don't hesitate to say if you don't feel well or if you have an issue during the flight. Speak to an adult from the contingent (such as your patrol leader) or to a flight attendant. They will be able to help you.





PRE-CAMP ITINERARY

PLEASE NOTE PRE CAMP ITINERARY MAY CHANGE.

DAY 1 INCHEON AND SEOUL

- After arriving in Incheon International Airport, we will move to Jeonbuk Tour Desk.
- Departure from Incheon International on the Airport VIP private bus exclusively for Canadian Contingent members.
- Arrive at Hongdae (Hongik University), the Street of Youth. Accommodation check in, health check and free time
- Dinner: local food



Just as world-famous complex towers have become the symbolic existence of the nation or city, 'Namsan Seoul Tower' has been a representative attraction of Korea and the symbol of Seoul for the past four decades.

'Namsan Seoul Tower' has the firm position of the first attraction for foreigners to visit because of its height that makes it seen from every region of Seoul and its unique structure. Recently, as it gains fame as a filming site of various variety shows and dramas that have driven Hallyu, domestic and foreign tourists constantly visit the tower.



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PRE-CAMP ITINERARY

DAY 2 SEOUL

- After gathering at the accommodation lobby, we do a head count, health check, and then we start from accommodation.
- We then visit The War Memorial of Korea, Gangnam K-STAR ROAD, Gwanghwamun Square, National Museum of Contemporary History, Gyeongbokgung, and the Blue House.
- Return to accommodation.
After a health check, we have free time.
- Breakfast: buffet (accommodation)
- Lunch: free choice (voucher is provided)
- Dinner: local food



This is a 'downtown version Olle trail' you can walk to the place with Hallyu stories and get direct experiences. As this road reflects the newest Hallyu trend, you can experience hot stars' memorable places and favorite restaurants. 'K Star ROAD' was made by Gangnam-gu as a special project for foreign tourists who love Hallyu culture and stars. As the name indicates, this project focuses on the keyword 'Star' and includes the favorite shops of Hallyu stars and the space their lifestyles can be seen, located around Cheongdam-dong, Shinsa-dong, and Nonhyun-dong of Gangnam-gu.



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PRE-CAMP ITINERARY CON'T

DAY 3 SEOUL AND JEONJU

- Gathering at the accommodation lobby, head count, health check, start from accommodation.
- Head to Lotte World
- Gathering at the meeting point, head count then leave for Jeonbuk. Accommodation check in, health check and free time.
- Breakfast: buffet (accommodation)
- Lunch: free choice (voucher is provided)
- Dinner: local food



'Lotte World' is a complex life space where you can enjoy whatever you want at a place and the first and largest indoor theme park in Korea.

Lotte World Adventure is a massive indoor park composed of rides with the theme of 'Adventure and Mystery', watching facility, performances, and Streets of the World.

'Lotte World' is comparable in size to Disneyland in America and Japan, Edmonton in Canada, and King Island in America. The Folk Museum is composed of the History Exhibition, Model Village, Pleasure Field, and Streets, and has introduced high-tech video and new exhibition techniques, unlike ordinary museums.



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PRE-CAMP ITINERARY CON'T

DAY 4 JEONJU AND GOCHANG

- After gathering at the accommodation lobby, we do a head count, health check, and then we start from accommodation.
- Ungok Ramsar Wetland, Sangha Farm, Jeonju Arboretum, Hanok Village
- Return to accommodation. After a health check, we have free time.
- Breakfast: meal service
- Lunch: free choice (voucher is provided)
- Dinner: local food



In the 'Woongok Ramsar Wetland,' a total of 830 species, such as plants (315 species), land insects (328 species), benthic macro-invertebrate (20 species), herptiles (16 species), birds (73 species), mammals (11 species), zooplankton and phytoplankton (67 species), live. In the past, the 'Woongok Ramsar Wetland' was where residents reclaimed the wetland and used it as rice terraces. But, from the early 1980s, the water of the Woongok Reservoir has been supplied to the Younggwang Nuclear Power Plant as cooling water. Hence, the paddy rice field has been deserted for over 30 years. After that, nature recovered the present primitive wetland state by itself, which has become a clean wetland with enough water and no contaminating source.



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PRE-CAMP ITINERARY CONT

DAY 5 JEONJU, JEONGEUP AND BUAN

- After gathering at the accommodation lobby, we do a head count, health check, and then we start from accommodation.
- Solti Village, National Jeonbuk Meteorological Science Center
- Arrive at Jamboree site
- Breakfast: meal service
- Lunch: free choice (voucher is provided)

PRE-CAMP TIPS

Never be alone! Do everything in group or patrol (depending on the activity, more details will be provided before the pre-camp starts). That way, if you get lost or something happens, someone will be able to reach out to the contingent or emergency services.

You will have to interact with locals during the trip (and people from around the world at the Jamboree!), and not everyone in South Korea speaks English, especially outside the Seoul region, so be prepared! You can learn basic Korean words before leaving. You can also download a translation app (such as Google Translate, Papago, etc.) on a smartphone or tablet to help you.

To make the most out of your trip, make some research on South Korea and the places you will be visiting beforehand. Learn about the country's history and traditions so you know what to look for while you're there.

If something happens during your trip, pre-camp or Jamboree, speak to your Patrol Unit Leader. They are the best placed to help you. Know that members of the Contingent Management Team will also be there to provide support and coordinate with our travel partners during the pre-camp and transportation.



TRAVEL TIPS

Credit Card balances

The contingent recommends that leaders have sufficient space on their credit card should an emergency arise during the trip. Although the contingent will cover most urgent expenses related to the trip, you may need it.

Pocket money

All meals, accommodations, activities, and transportation are included, both during the pre-camp and the Jamboree, and during flights. Pocket money is for things like extra food or treats (such as the airport), souvenirs, etc.

Costs for things such as food in Korea are about the same as in Canada. Do not expect everything to be cheaper, and plan your pocket money consequently.

The contingent recommends having about \$500 for your personal expenses during the trip, either in pre-paid credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, etc.) or cash (South Korean won), or a mix of both. You may end up not using all of this amount, but the good thing with pre-paid cards is that you can also use them at home if you have some money left. You can also decide to bring a different amount based on what you think you will need; this is just a recommendation.

Luggage

The contingent recommends bringing a large backpack for the Jamboree instead of a rolling luggage. It will be easier to move around with a backpack, especially on the Jamboree site where your campsite may be a couple of kilometers. Walking will be the primary way of transportation on the site, including when you arrive and leave with all your luggage.

Make sure to identify your luggage by putting a luggage tag on it with at least your name and a way to reach you (phone number or email), so if you lose it someone will be able to know it's yours and contact you. Tip: You can put your contact information in Canada, as you will be moving around a lot in South Korea. You can put more detailed information inside your luggage.

To facilitate the retrieval of your luggage, make it recognizable. Put a colored strap or something else to make it stand out, and make sure you remember what it looks like. A picture might help.



Communicating with family at home

We understand many will want to communicate with your family and friends back home during the Jamboree. There will be Wi-Fi on site so that you can use a personal device to send them messages or pictures. However, remember there will be a 10 to 15 hours difference between you and people in Canada. You don't want to wake people in the middle of the night when you call them!

It is normal to feel homesick during a big trip such as attending a World Jamboree. Do not hesitate to talk about your feeling at any time with your leader or someone from the contingent. We will have resources in place to listen whenever you need to. More information on this will be shared closer to the departure date.

It is normal to have questions about such a big trip. Don't hesitate to speak with your Patrol Unit Leader and participate in the regular Contingent virtual meetings to get all the answers you need. If you need to ask something more specific, you can also reach out to the contingent at wj23canadiancontingent@scouts.ca

Insurance

The plan is to provide travel and medical insurance to all members of the contingent. More information on this will be shared later.



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WJ23 TRAVEL UPDATE FEB 2023

Standard travel dates:

Participants: July 27 (AM) to August 12 (PM to late evening)

ISTs: July 28 (AM) to August 13 (PM to late evening)

Tickets will allow travelers to have 1 checked bag. Any extra bag will need to be paid for at the airport. Keep in mind that you will need to carry all your belongings during the pre-camp, and most importantly on the Jamboree site, so only bring things you will be able to carry yourself.

Your ticket will also allow you to have a carry-on bag and a personal item (small bag/purse) with you in the cabin. There is no weight restrictions on carry-ons and personal items, so plan accordingly. All luggage restrictions will be shared closer to departure date.

To get the latest travel info and answers to your questions, you are strongly encouraged to attend the monthly Contingent online calls or watch the recordings on our YouTube page.

Videos can be found here... <https://www.youtube.com/@canadiancontingent>

You can find the other Contingent newsletters on our Downloads page here... <https://www.scouts.ca/wj23/downloads.html>

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