

SEE KOREA BY TRAIN

... with your Rail Pass



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WHAT IS A KOREA RAILPASS

The Korea Rail Pass (KR Pass) is a discounted ticket allowing unlimited rail travel throughout South Korea (Republic of Korea) over a 3, 5, 7 or 10 consecutive day period. It is only available in 2nd class, however 1st class travel and overnight sleeper travel is possible upon payment of a supplement, usually half price the regular fare. The pass is valid for travel anywhere in South Korea, on all services run by Korail, including the fast KTX trains.

The KR Pass provides the visitor to South Korea with convenience and great savings if used wisely and even if some restrictions on trains do apply, there are no restrictions on dates or seasons. Please note that there is no similar pass available within Korea, and if travelling with any Korean friends or family, or any non-Korean people not entitled to use the pass, they will have to purchase full-price tickets.

In order to maximise the value of the KR Pass, travel as much as you can, for example a Seoul-Busan return trip.



PASS ENTITLEMENT

The Korea Railpass is available to travellers entering the Republic of Korea on a non-Korean passport with "Temporary Visitor" entry status, who stays in South Korea for a period no longer than 6 months.



It is very important to note that Korean citizens resident abroad can use the KR Pass only if they have a permanent residency status in a foreign country. It is up to the individual Korean citizen to present/declare full proof of his/her status when buying the rail pass and when exchanging the railpass voucher once in Korea.

WHAT AM I BUYING?

The Korea Rail Pass is sold as an Exchange Voucher only outside South Korea, by appointed agents across the world. On arrival

in Korea the customer must exchange the voucher for the actual rail pass at any Korean Railway Station and proceed to make reservations for specific trains, which are free of charge.

The voucher must be exchanged within 180 days from the date it was issued - failure to do so, will mean that the voucher is automatically cancelled by the system and therefore no longer valid.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

All trains operated by Korail, the national railway of South Korea, are included. KTX, Saemaedul and Mugunghwa trains can be used in 2nd class travel (also known as general or standard seating).

Non-KTX trains are poetically called as Saemaedul, ("New Village"), Mugunghwa, ("Rose of Sharon") and Tonggeun, corresponding roughly to express, semi-express and local services.

Saemaedul trains are a little more expensive than buses, while Mugunghwa are about 30% cheaper. However Saemaedul trains are extremely comfortable, having seats that are comparable to business class seats on aeroplanes.

Tonggeun, formerly Tonggil, are the cheapest trains to travel on, but long-distance, non-airconditioned services have been phased out and are now limited to short stopping commuter services. Most long-distance trains have an entertainment car with a small cafe/bar, computers with internet access (KRW500 for 15 minutes) and a few trains even have private compartments with coin-operated karaoke machines!

Smoking is not permitted on any Korean trains or stations (including open platforms).

KR Pass holders can access the Cinema coach on KTX trains, at a discounted rate, currently KRW7,000.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

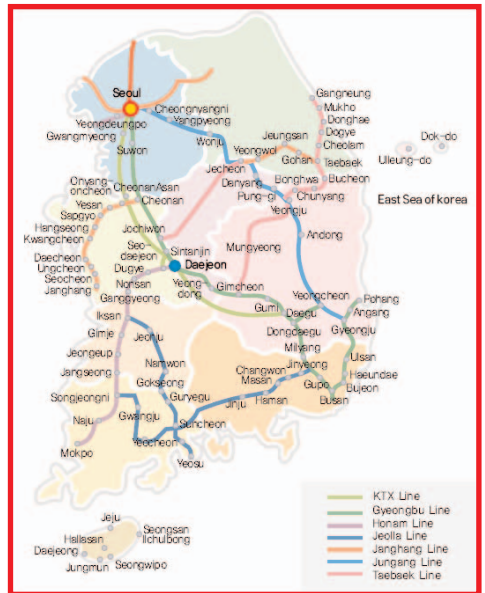
The KR Pass is not valid for travel in 1st class and overnight sleepers. However, if a passenger wishes to travel in 1st class he/she is allowed to do so paying only 50% of the cost. At present, the 1st class upgrade can only be made in Korea.

The KR Pass does not include travel on subway/underground services and tourist trains.

Seat reservations in 2nd class, are usually available free of charge but are not available to KR Pass holders if travelling during South Korea main holiday periods, i.e., Lunar New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, summer holiday, etc. However, customers can still board the trains with the KR Pass, even without a specific reserved seat.

WHAT ABOUT REFUND

A KR Pass voucher can be refunded only if it has not been 'exchanged' for a pass; in such cases an administration fee is charged.



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