

## Travel tips for Seoul – AISA coaches

1. Bring and use your ANA card, if you have one, in case it can be used.
2. When checking in at both KIX and Incheon/Gimpo, any student who has a mileage card must submit it with their passport.
3. 1 hour 20 minute flight; no time zone change.
4. Lately, we have been flying into Incheon. Gimpo Airport is a bit closer to SIS and KIS, but Incheon is good.
5. On the bus from Incheon, be sure to give your rented cell phone number to the players (they'll have to write it down or save it on their phones) and to each other. Later, give it to the host AD.
6. Hotel Gallery: free wi-fi and a good all-you-can-eat breakfast.
7. Hotel Gallery: request an outlet adapter. <http://www.galleryhotel.co.kr>
8. Hotel Gallery: showers and bath tubs are inconsistent. Be sure to check (and then maybe request) that your room has a shower in a tub, if you want one. Some rooms have no tub; some rooms have a tub with no faucet; some have a shower with no tub and no curtain. What you want is the standard shower in a tub with a curtain – you might have to ask for it.
9. Good Korean restaurant: Cross the street in front of the hotel, walk one block, cross another smaller street to enter a narrow alley. Just a few meters into this alley on the left side is a good Korean BBQ restaurant. Many other good options in the area, too.
10. Incheon, when returning:
  - a. Have school bus drop you off way at the FAR end.
  - b. Check in immediately at counter M, the very last counter. *Check in right away and get through customs; plenty of shops and restaurants on the other side of customs. The wait for customs can be long.*
  - c. Boys and girls can check in separately. One team does NOT have to wait for the other – at least, we've done this in the past. Ask. (But one coach should wait around for the other team, just to be sure all is good. Use cell phones to communicate.)
  - d. The coach who rented the cell phones with his/her Japan credit card will have to return the phones. Take the phones to the booth closer to the customs entrance, on the same side of the building as the custom's entrance. Only this booth, I think, accepts credit card payment. The other booth on the other side requires cash.
  - e. Incheon *omiyage* gifts are expensive.
  - f. There are a couple of cheaper eateries on the second floor soon after customs; *bibimbap* and *bulgolgi* are good Korean dishes.