COVID-19: Recommendations for Swiss tourists

Special entry procedures adopted by the government of the Republic of Korea
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Upon arrival all travelers entering Korea from abroad are required to fill out at Immigration a Health Questionnaire and a Special Travel Record Declaration. Body temperature will be checked and a local Korean contact phone number will be required (test calls will be made). Travelers will also be requested to download the official 'self-diagnosis/tracking app' on their mobile phone.

If travelers show any symptoms (fever or cough) at the entry point, they are moved to the quarantine station near Immigration and will get the diagnostic check. If they test positive for coronavirus, they will be quarantined or put into self-isolation.

If a traveler has no cell phone or a traveler's cell phone does not work, his/her entry can be denied. But if his/her family or friend has an address in South Korea AND they can be contacted via phone, the traveler may be able to enter.

Recommendations for Swiss tourists

Given the uncertainties caused by COVID-19 the Swiss government on 16 March 2020 has recommended that all Swiss nationals or persons residing in Switzerland travelling abroad do return swiftly to Switzerland. They are requested to organize their departure and return travel, if necessary with the help of a travel agency or transport company.

Please be aware that organizing the return travel is each tourist's personal responsibility. In doing so, detours and additional costs may occur and must be accepted. There is no legal entitlement to an organized departure (evacuation), even in a crisis situation.

For your convenience, and on an indicative basis only, the Embassy of Switzerland in Seoul learned that the following airlines are flying directly from Incheon airport to Europe at the moment:

- Asiana (Frankfurt)
- British Airways (London)
- Korean Air (London/Basel)

Please be aware that this information can change at any time. You must regularly check with the airlines. Therefore, it is important to organize your flight home as soon as possible.

If you travel abroad, please register the dates of your trip on https://www.itineris.eda.admin.ch/

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