

Getting to the 2009 Asia Pacific Extravaganza: You Might Need a Visa!

Visa is a basic requirement for entry and in principle, a foreigner wishing to enter Korea must have a visa. The process of obtaining a visitor's visa for Korea can be confusing and stressful, so we are providing the following information to make it easier and increase the chances you will be successful. Please keep in mind two important factors:

- 1 Due to security concerns, work backlogs, and background checks, the application process can take many weeks, if not several months. **Apply as early as possible for your visa.**
- 2 While Herbalife can help you in providing information on application procedures and can verify your qualifications to attend the 2009 Asia Pacific Extravaganza, **Korea Department will determine your eligibility for a visa based primarily on your personal situation and family, employment, and financial ties to your country of residence.** Therefore, you must provide evidence of these ties when you apply.

Step-By-Step Procedures to Obtain a Visa

1. **If you have access to the Internet, visit <http://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/>**
Here you will find up-to-date information about application procedures and application forms which you can download and print.
2. **Schedule a visa interview with the Embassy or Consulate closest to your residence as soon as possible.** When you schedule the appointment, make sure to ask what fees are required – there is a nonrefundable application fee of US\$ 30 which must be paid by all applicants worldwide, regardless of whether the visa is issued. In some countries, there are additional fees which must be paid if the visa is issued. Payment can usually be made in local or Korea currency and is sometimes required before the appointment.
3. **Gather all the necessary documents.** These will include:
 - a. A valid passport with at least 3 months' remaining validity.
 - b. Appropriate completed application forms and photos
(Color portrait photos are needed(size: 3.5cm * 4.5cm)
 - c. Proof of payment of fees
 - d. Letter of invitation from Herbalife.
 - e. Other documents to prove your ties to your place of residence (which may include letters of employment, bank statements, proof of home or property ownership, evidence of marriage and children, evidence of previous travel to Korea, etc.)
3. **On the day of your appointment, present all of your documents to the Consular Officer at the Embassy or Consulate.** He or she may not ask to see all the supporting documents you bring, but have them organized and ready to present. Be polite, clear, and honest in your answers to any questions. Knowingly misrepresenting yourself may permanently disqualify you from visiting Korea!
4. **If your visa application is approved, the Consular Officer will advise you when you can return to pick up your passport and visa.**
5. **If your visa application is denied, the Consular Officer will explain the reasons and what options you may have to appeal the decision.** Often, the Embassy or Consulate will require additional information from you and ask you to return at a later date. If you are denied, do not despair – remain calm and courteous and find out what you need to do if you wish to reapply.
6. **If you are granted a visa, it provides you the right to present yourself at a Korea port of entry for admission to Korea.** It does not guarantee that you will be allowed in the country. In almost all cases, the Border Agent will admit you for a temporary visit based on your stated travel plans.

Good luck and safe travels!