

OSAN AB - KOREA TRAVEL GUIDE



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SITE INFORMATION

OU SITE DIRECTOR:

Elizabeth Woodley

Home Phone:
14 hours ahead of Central Standard Time

(see pre-travel document) - for
emergencies

OU OFFICE:

Mailing Address:

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Unit 2097
APO AP 96278-2097

Location:

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Osan AB, Korea

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784-4406

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WELCOME FROM SITE DIRECTOR



Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea (ROK) is located just 48 miles south of the Korean De-militarized Zone (DMZ), Osan is home to the "Mustangs" of the 51st Fighter Wing, the Air Force's most forward deployed permanently-based fighter wing. In addition, Osan is home to our numbered Air Force headquarters and several tenant units. Team Osan's primary mission is to maintain combat readiness, with each of us playing a vital role in defending the ROK and maintaining stability in Northeast Asia.

Dear Professor,

Welcome to the "the Land of the Morning Calm." Despite numerous invasions and pressures from neighboring powers through a long history of over 5,000 years, Korea has maintained its identity as a nation with unique culture due to its characteristic blend of toughness and tenacity.

I am certain you will enjoy your time at Osan! If you have an opportunity during your visit, do not hesitate to leave the base and embrace some of the Korean cultures in the surrounding city of Songtan. Within walking distance, you will find shops which make custom made items ranging from clothing, coins, patches, paintings, etc. There are also several restaurants serving Thai, Japanese, Chinese, and Korea's famous bulgogi entrees.

I understand traveling to new countries can create a sense of uncertainty, but please know that I am available to answer all questions and to help make your time in Korea comfortable and enjoyable. I will be in communication with you in regards to your travel reservations, weather conditions, and class updates.

I look forward to assisting you during your teaching assignment at Osan!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Woodley
Osan Site Director

EDUCATION OFFICE

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| Education Services Officer: Email: | Ms. Europonda Chestnutt europonda.chestnutt@osan.af.mil |
| Education Center Mailing Address: | 51 MSS/DPE Unit 2097 APO AP 96278-2097 |
| Location: DSN Commercial Phone Number: | Building 788 784-4220 (011) 82-31-661-4220 (US domestic long distance) |

PACIFIC THEATER OFFICE

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| Theater Director: | Ray Welch |
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| Assistant Director: | Lauren Eastmead |
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DEPARTING THE US

When checking in at the airport, be sure to have your TDY orders as well as 2 forms of ID; your passport and driver's license. Always present your orders when presenting your ID. Carry your orders and IDs on you at ALL times! Should there be any issues of flights being overbooked make sure the airlines knows you are traveling on orders.

BASE ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

When entering the base, be sure to have your TDY orders as well as 2 forms of ID. Your passport and driver's license is recommended. (Carry your orders and IDs on you at ALL times!)

CLASS INFORMATION

Before your arrival at Osan, the site director will contact you by email to determine what classroom supplies you will need, provide you with the enrollment numbers, and with the location of your classroom. Your classroom will be set-up and ready for your first class and the site director will provide your grade sheet.

Please note: Your lodging is located right next door to the Education office and all classrooms. You will not need transportation to get to and from your class.

ARRIVAL IN KOREA

You will arrive at Incheon International Airport. Be sure to show your TDY orders furnished by the Advanced Programs travel office and IDs (passport and driver's license) to Immigration and then continue to baggage claim. Once you have your luggage you will go through customs and then proceed to the USO counter Gate 14. Speak with the Air Force representative and purchase a ticket to Osan AB (Air Base).

Military bus times:

0830, 1000, 1530, 1830, 2000, 2230*

* If there are no delayed arrivals the last bus will depart at 2230.

Fare: \$25 (credit cards accepted during normal business hours)

LODGING INFORMATION

Turumi Lodge

The military bus will bring you on base and make a stop at the Turumi Lodge, Bldg 772, where you will be staying.

Rooms:

Each room is conveniently stocked with a microwave, refrigerator, iron with board, hair dryer, telephone, television with VHS/DVD player, and coffee restocked daily.

Single Room Rate:

\$39.00/Night

Cash (Dollars) and Major Credit Cards accepted

Guest Services:

The Turumi Lodge Shoppette is open 24 hours and is a convenient source for sundries, snacks, calling cards and DVD rentals.

A RICKENBACKER'S coffee shop is located on the first floor. Your favorite blends of gourmet coffee and assorted pastries can be enjoyed here.

Other Guest services offered include:

- Express checkout for all hotel guests
- MSN2 Internet service in all rooms
- Laundry – FREE washers and dryers
- Laundry/Dry cleaning with 24 hour turn-around
- Automated wake up service
- 24 hr 7 days a week high speed internet access
- Wireless web-surfing
- Conference room

Contact:

DSN: 784-1844

From the U.S.: 011-82-31-661-1844

Email: Turumi.lodge@osan.af.mil

DEPARTURE FROM OSAN

For your departure, purchase a bus ticket to Incheon International Airport from ITT located in Checkertails Bldg 924

ITT:

Hours:

Mon-Fri 1000-1800

Sat & Sun 1000-1400

Contact:

DSN: 784-4254

Bus Schedule:

7 Days a week

Osan to Incheon Airport

0600, 0700, 1000, 1200, 1500, 1700

*Departs from the Leisure Travel Services (Bldg #924)

COMPUTER/INTERNET ACCESS

Computers with Internet access are available to you. The Turumi Lodge is equipped with a business center with computers and printers as well as wireless connectivity.

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS TO REMEMBER

Make all the copies you will need prior to travel. Due to limited supplies and aging equipment, the site office will be unable to make copies of course materials for you. You will need to arrive in Korea with all materials already copied.

Exchange some money. ATMs with Korean won are easily accessible using credit cards at the airport, banks on base and food centers. If you plan to shop/eat off-base, please note that Korea uses the won currency. Some Korean stores and restaurants accept credit cards, but added fees may be charged.

Do some research. Before you arrive you may wish to research sights and activities for the local area. (see “WEBSITES” at the end of this guide). The responsibility of OU site staff is to assist you with your official travel and class concerns, however we will provide some basic information about the greater Songtan area in a welcome packet when you arrive. In addition you can contact our ITT department on base for tourist information, phone: **784-4254**.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY WHILE AT OSAN

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| Town Patrol | 784-5798 |
| Fire Department | 784-4834 |
| Hospital | 784-2125 |
| Safety Office | 784-1842 |
| Crime Prevention | 784-2779 |
| American Red Cross | 784-1855 |
| Base Taxi | 784-4121 |

WEBSITES

For information about Osan AB, the Songtan area, or Korea in general, please visit the following websites:

- **Osan Air Base Homepage:** <http://www.osan.af.mil/>
- **Osan Air Base Services:** <http://www.51services.com/>
- **Osan Guide:** <http://osanguide.com/>
- **Tourism South Korea:** <http://english.tour2korea.com/index.asp>