



Integrated meetings of IOGOOS and its projects and programs

IOGOOS (21st major meeting)

IIOE-2 Steering Committee (9th major meeting)

IORP (22nd major meeting)

IRF (18th major meeting)

SIBER (18th major meeting)

KUDOS Workshop

ECSN Workshop

Information Booklet for Participants



Haeundae Central Hotel, Haeundae, Busan, South Korea

Hosted by

Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST)

South Korea

March 16 – 20, 2026



1. Preamble

The Integrated annual meetings of the Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System (IOGOOS) and its allied programs such as the Second International Indian Ocean Expedition (IIOE-2), Sustained Indian Ocean Bio-geochemical and Ecological Research (SIBER), IndoOOS Resource Forum (IRF) and Indian Ocean Regional Panel (IORP), along with the Korea-US Indian Ocean Science (KUDOS) and Early Career Scientist Network (ECSN) workshop will take place during 16-20 March 2026 at Haeundae Central Hotel, Haeundae, Busan, South Korea. These integrated meetings aim to review the progress and scientific knowledge gained due to the concerted efforts of these regional bodies and to plan and discuss the action plans to address the issues leading to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).

These integrated meetings and workshops bring members and secretariats of IOGOOS, IIOE-2, SIBER, IORP and IRF and to meet again together in an integrated collegiate format at Haeundae Central Hotel, Haeundae, Busan, South Korea.

IOGOOS - Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System (a GOOS Regional Alliance)

IIOE-2 - Second International Indian Ocean Expedition

SIBER - Sustained Indian Ocean Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research

IORP - Indian Ocean Region Panel of CLIVAR/IOC-GOOS

IRF - Indian Ocean Observing System Resources Forum of IOGOOS

The meeting updates, and relevant documents are available at:

<https://incois.gov.in/IIW/IOGOOS/iogoosXXI.jsp>

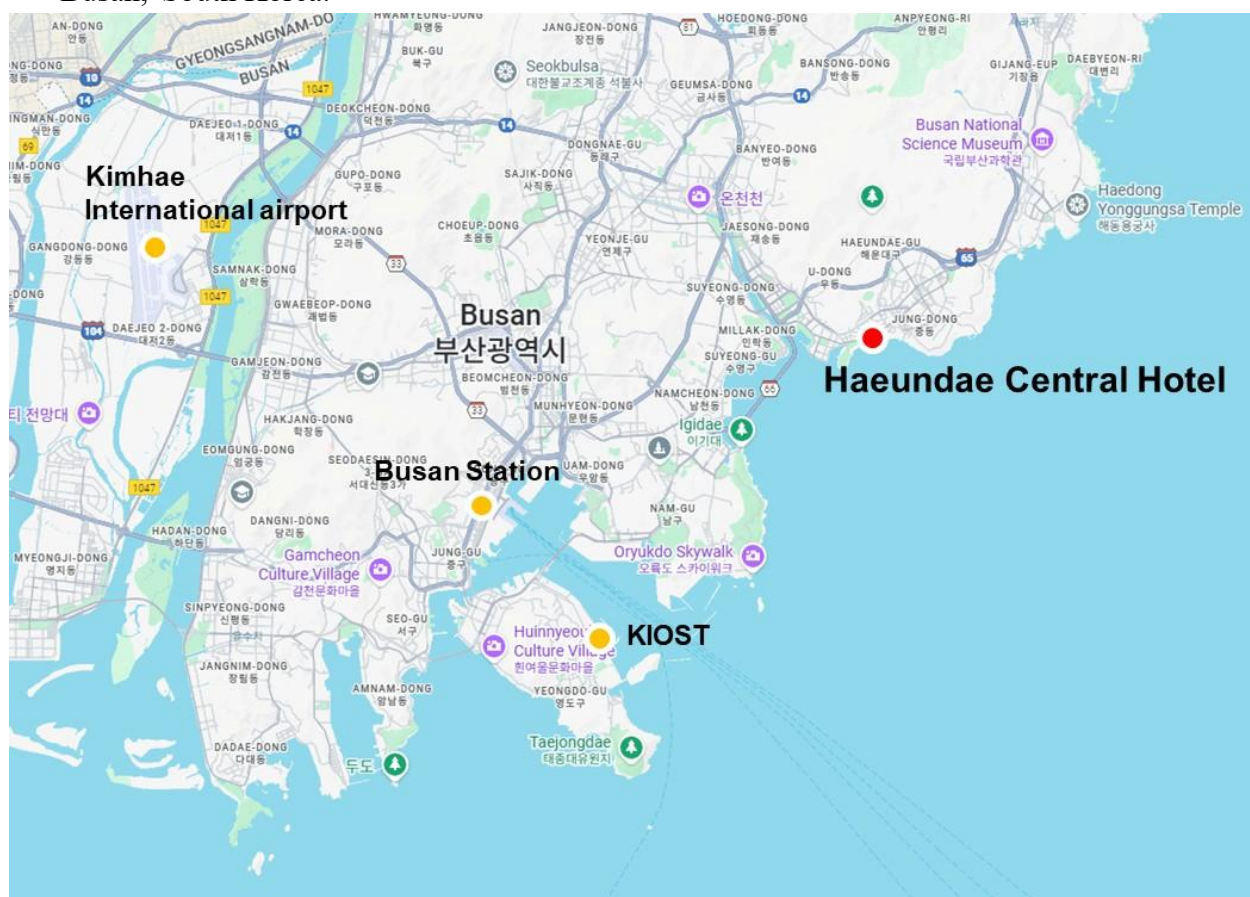
<https://iioe-2.incois.gov.in/IIOE-2/SC9.jsp>

2. Hosts and Conference Venue

The conference is being hosted by “Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology”



The venue for the integrated meetings is situated in ‘Haeundae Central Hotel’ Haeundae, Busan, South Korea.



Map coordinates: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/zU6prKMCUKQCL65T6>

3. Principal Coordinators

3.1. Local Organizer

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4. Meeting Schedules & Agenda

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE, TO BE FINALISED PRIOR TO the meeting					
Meeting rooms will be advised in due course					
Time (KST)	16 Mar (Mon)	17 Mar (Tue)	18 Mar (Wed)	19 Mar (Thu)	20 Mar (Fri)
09:30 – 10:30	Registration	IIOE-2 National Committee Report	IIOE-2 Science Theme Report	IRF Business Meeting	KUDOS Workshop
10:30 – 11:00: Tea / Coffee / Comfort Break					
11:00 – 13:00	Plenary Science Talks	IIOE-2 National Committee Report	IIOE-2 Science Theme Report & IIOE-2 SC Meeting	IORP & SIBER Business Meeting (Parallel Session)	KUDOS Workshop
13:00 – 14:30: Lunch Break					
14:30 – 15:30	Plenary Science Talks	IIOE-2 National Committee Report	IIOE-2 SC Meeting	IORP – SIBER Joint Session	ECSN Workshop
15:30 – 16:00: Tea / Coffee / Comfort Break					
16:00 – 17:00	Plenary Science Talks	IIOE-2 Working Group Report	IIOE-2 SC Meeting	IOGOOS Annual General Body Meeting	ECSN Workshop



5. Agenda and Presentations

The detailed agenda for all meetings will be circulated to participants via the respective group secretariats of IIOE-2, IOGOOS, IORP, IRF and SIBER responsible for their own meetings. Refer to the questions on the agenda to the relevant co-chairs/secretariats.

Please note that all co-chairs/secretariats will be required to provide laptops to run their meetings.

Please note that it is intended that all presentations given at the conference will be made available to participants (in PDF format) following the conclusion of the conference and subject to the approval of the authors.

It is intended, as customary, for these meetings to be a fully in-person conference. However, the possibility will be explored for virtual participation.

6. Registration

Registration Fee

- KRW 25,000 per day (for a total of KRW 125,000 (approximately US\$90) for 5 days, no daily registration available)
- The registration fee covers the conference venue and lunch expenses.
- All other costs will be covered by the national host.

Payment Methods

- On-site Payment

Credit/debit card payment (Visa, MasterCard, JCB, Union Pay) will also be available at the registration desk during the event.

A reception desk will be set-up in the lobby on the ground floor of Haeundae Central Hotel, building and be staffed on 16th March 2026 during 09:00 to 10:30 hrs.

7. Conference Facilities

Venue Information

- Venue Name: Haeundae Central Hotel
- Address: 33 Haeundaehaebyeon-ro 298beon-gil, Haeundae-gu, Busan

Main Meeting Room

- Capacity: 100 persons
- Description: This is the primary meeting room equipped to accommodate up to 100 individuals for various gatherings, conferences, or events.

Small Meeting Rooms

- Capacity: 50persons
- Description: This room is suitable for smaller group meetings, discussions, or breakout sessions.

Power

- South Korea uses **220V / 60Hz** Electricity.
- The standard plug type is Type F (two round pins with grounding), with round pins of about **4.7~4.8mm** in diameter.
- While Type C and Type F Plugs from Europe generally fit, some European plugs may not be fully compatible.,
- International Participants are advised to bring a **universal power adapter**



Wi-Fi:

- Availability: Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel (guest rooms, lobby and all conference facilities)
- Speed: South Korea is known for one of the world's fastest and most reliable internet networks.
- Access: Hotel Wi-Fi network name and password will be provided at check-in or at the conference room.
- Support: If you experience any connectivity issues, please contact the hotel front desk or the conference registration desk for assistance

8. Accommodation

The organizers do not arrange hotel reservations and transportation to and from the airport. Anything else is outside our responsibility. Participants can book hotels and airport transportation through internet searches. However, information to assist in hotel and airport transportation reservations is provided below:

Hotel Name	Features / Strengths	Price	Website
Haeundae Central Hotel (Venue) Main Venue Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking distance to Haeundae beach. <u>*Special rates are available by applying the discount code.</u> 	70 USD~	http://www.centralhotel.kr/#
Haeundae Marianne Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-10 min by walking Excellent accessibility: Bus stop located directly in front of the hotel. <u>*Special rates are available by applying the discount code</u> 	42 USD ~	http://www.mariannehotel.co.kr/#
Paradise Hotel Busan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 min by walking A 5-Star luxury hotel featuring direct beach access. Ocean view-spa, and a foreigner-only casino. 	205 USD ~	https://www.busanparadisehotel.co.kr/front
Ramada Encore by Wyndham Haeundae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10-15 min by walking International Brand Near subway station 	70 USD ~	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/ko-kr/ramada

Grand Josun Busan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5 min by walking • 5-star luxury hotel with direct beach access • Walking distance to Haeundae beach. • Features modern facilities, an infinity pool, and premium dining 	165 USD ~	https://gib.josunhotel.com/main.do
Felix by STX Hotel & Suite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-15 min by walking • Near subway station 	70 USD ~	https://www.felixbystx.com/
Shilla Stay Haeundae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 min by walking • 4-star business hotel • Walking distance to Haeundae beach 	95 USD ~	https://www.shillahotels.com/mbl/index.do
Busan Yeongmu Parade Hotel Haeundae Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 min by walking • Pet friendly • Walking distance to Haeundae beach 	265 USD ~	https://ymparade.kr
Toyoko Inn Busan Haeundae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 min by walking • 5-7 mins walk to Haeundae Beach • Budget-friendly Japanese chain hotel 	55 USD ~	https://www.toyoko-inn.com/korea/search/detail/00256/

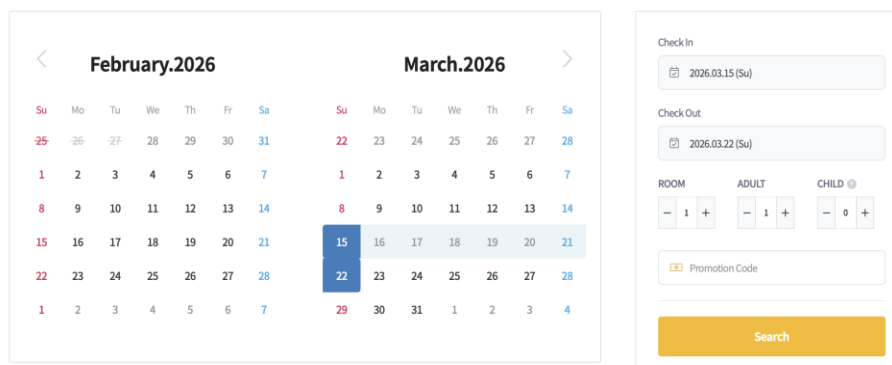
Accommodation Reservation Guide for IIOE-2 special rates

Special rates are available for conference participants at **Haeundae Central Hotel** and **Marianne Hotel**. Please use the specific link and promotion code below to make a reservation.

You need to check dates starting from **15th, March to see the discounted rates.*



RESERVATION



- Hotel Information and Reservation Links**

- Haeundae Central Hotel (Main) : Central Hotel reservation page → Click Here

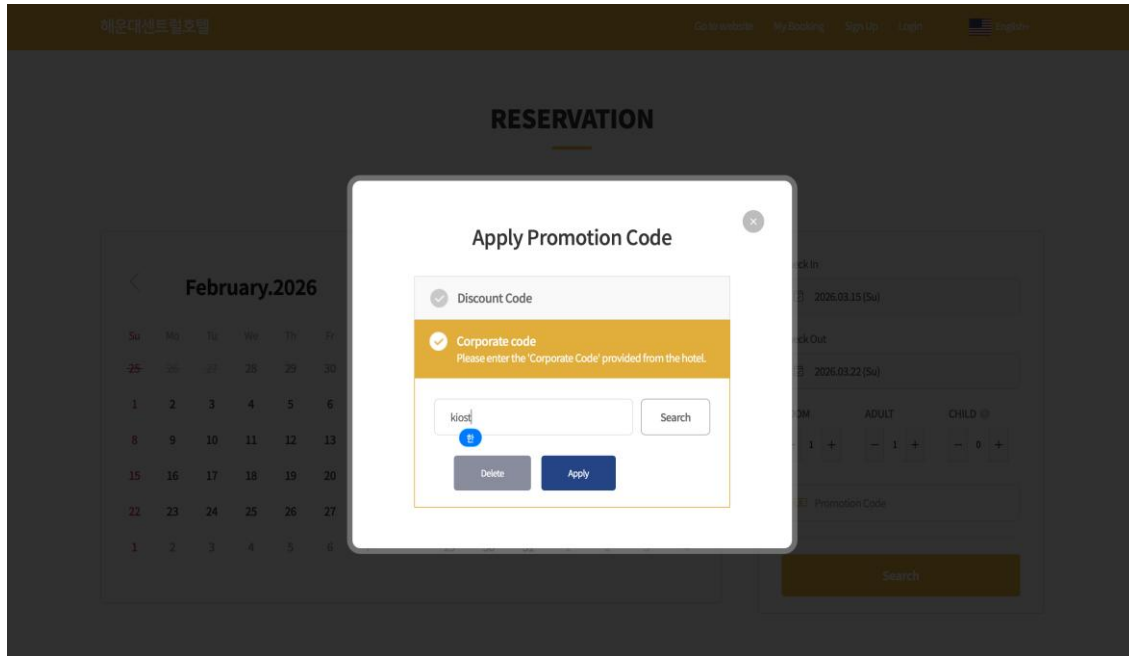
(<https://be4.wingsbooking.com/MARIANNEC1111>)

Haeundae Marianne Hotel : Haeundae Marianne Hotel reservation page → Click Here

(<https://be4.wingsbooking.com/HMA1>)

- How to book (Special Rate)**

- ① **Access the Link** : Visit the reservation link and change the language setting to English.
- ② **Select Options**: Choose your reservation dates and the number of rooms.
- ③ **Input Code** : Click "**Promotion Code**→**Corporate code**" and enter the promotion code **[kiost]**
- ④ **Apply**: Click Search, then select Apply to proceed with the special rate.
- ⑤ **Complete Reservation** : Follow the instructions to finalize your booking.
- ⑥ **Payment** : Credit cards accepted.



9. Transport

Suggested travel routes from Incheon International Airport (ICN) to Haeundae, Busan. (The prices are subject to change without notice)

Airport Name	Note
Incheon International Airport (ICN)	The main international airport in South Korea, where most international flights arrive.
Gimpo International Airport (GMP)	Located closer to downtown Seoul, mainly serving domestic flights (including flights to Busan) and a few short-haul international routes.
Gimhae International Airport (PUS)	The main airport for Busan and the southeastern region of Korea, handling both domestic and international flights. It is the closest airport to Haeundae, about 1 hour by bus or taxi.

Option 1: Domestic Flight via Gimpo Airport

Route	Transportation	Duration/Fare
Incheon Airport (ICN) Gimpo Airport (PUS)	Airport Limousine Bus or AREX Airport Express Train	Approx. 40 minutes / Around KRW 5,000 – 10,000
Gimpo Airport (GMP) Gimhae Airport(PUS)	Domestic flight	Approx. 1 hour / Around KRW 50,000 – 120,000 *Depending on airline and booking time
Gimhae Airport (PUS) Haeundae, Busan	Limousine bus (Haeundae hot spring sageori station), Busan subway (Line 2, Haeundae station), or taxi	Approx. 60 minutes / Bus : KRW 7,000 – 10,000 Taxi : KRW 30,000 – 40,000

Option 2: High-speed Train (KTX)

Route	Transportation	Duration/Fare
Incheon Airport (ICN) Seoul Station	Airport Limousine Bus or AREX Airport Express Train	Approx. 60 minutes / Around KRW 9,500 – 10,000
Seoul Station Busan Station	KTX high-speed train	Approx. 3 hour / Around KRW 60,000 – 80,000 *KORAIL official mobile app ("Korail Talk" or "Korail App") KORAIL website: www.letskorail.com
Busan Station Haeundae, Busan	Subway (Line 1→ 2) / Taxi	Approx. 4~50 minutes / Subway: KRW 1,500 – 2,000 Taxi:KRW 20,000 – 30,000

Useful Tips for First Time visitors to South Korea

- Transportation Card: You can use rechargeable transportation cards such as **T-money** or **Cashbee**, which are valid on almost all buses and subways nationwide. Cash and **credit cards** are also accepted, but transportation cards are the most convenient option

Taxi Tips

- Most taxis accept credit cards, and the Kakao & T-map app is the easiest way.

Name and address in Korean

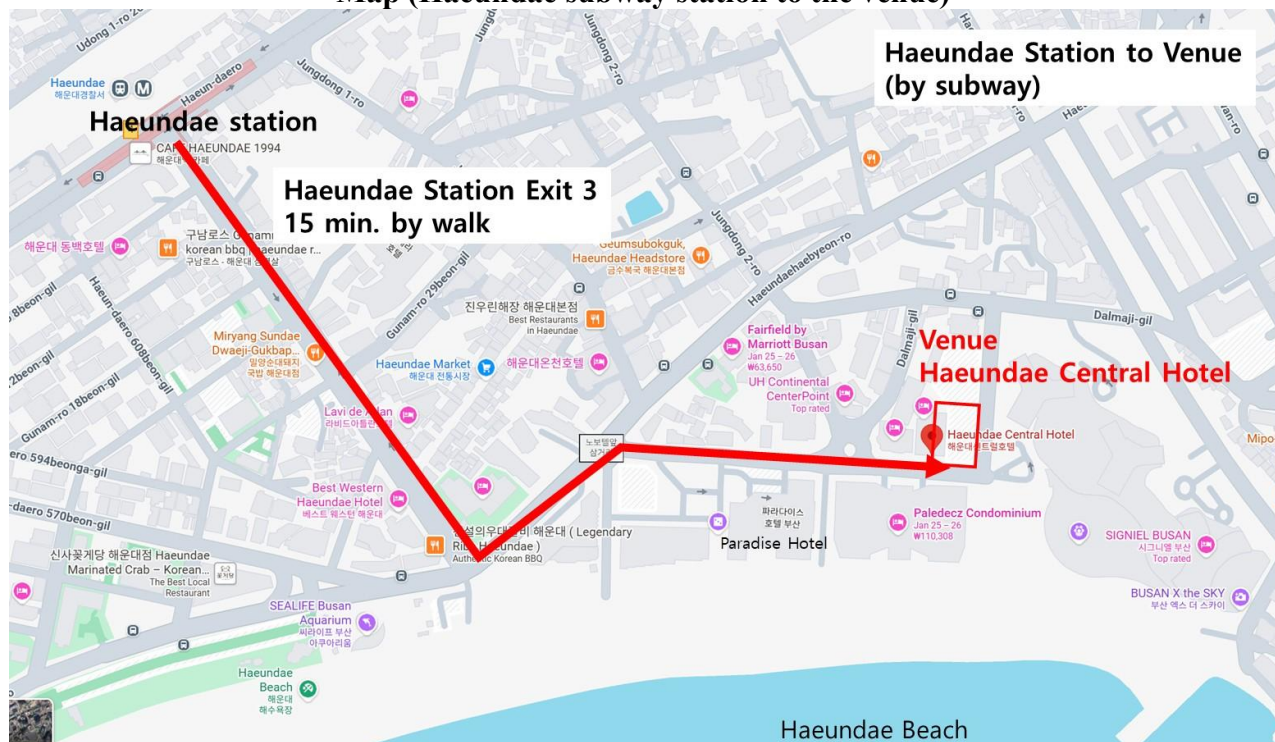
➔ Show below Korean address to your taxi driver or when asking for directions.

- Venue name in Korean: 해운대 센트럴 호텔
- Venue address in Korean: 부산 해운대구 해운대해변로 298번길 33
- Subway station name near venue in Korean: 해운대역
- Limousine bus station name near venue in Korean: 해운대 온천 사거리역

Map (Limousine bus station to the venue)



Map (Haeundae subway station to the venue)



10. Invitation Letter

The delegates who require an invitation letter for visa purposes are kindly requested to contact the local organizer at the email address below.

Dr. Sujin Kang (KIOST): sjkang@kiost.ac.kr

11. Exchange rates

On January 10, 2026, 1 USD = ~ 1,457.33 South Korean Won (SKW)

12. Visa

Visa Requirements for Entry to the Republic of Korea.

Visa-Free Entry

- Nationals from 112 Countries may enter Korea without a visa for short-term visits (usually up to 90 days), depending on their nationality.

K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorization)

Travelers from visa-waiver countries must apply for K-ETA before

- Apply online at www.k-eta.go.kr
- Processing time: usually within 24 hours

- Fee: KRW 10,000 (approx. USD 9-10)
- Validity: 2 years (multiple entry)

Visa Required

Nationals of countries not eligible for visa-free entry of K-ETA must apply for a visa at the Korean Embassy or Consulate in their home country before traveling.

- Required documents typically include an invitation letter from the local organization.

Important Notes

- Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry.

No	K-ETA	Country	Allow period of Stay
1	○	Albania	30 Days
2	○	Andorra	
3		Angola	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
4	○	Antigua & Barbuda	30 Days
5	○	Argentina	30 Days
6	○	Armenia	30 Days
7	○	Australia	
8	○	Austria	30 Days
9		Azerbaijan	30 Days
10	○	Bahamas	
11	○	Bahrain	30 Days
12		Bangladesh	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
13	○	Barbados	
14		Belarus	30 Days
15	○	Belgium	90 Days
16	○	Bosnia and Herzegovina	90 Days
17	○	Botswana	
18	○	Brazil	90 Days
19	○	Brunei Darussalam	30 Days
20	○	Bulgaria	90 Days
21		Burundi	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
22		Cambodia	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
23	○	Canada	
24	○	Chile	90 Days

25		China	Visa Required (Short-term visa needed, some exceptions for diplomatic/service passport)
26		Colombia (Diplomatic passport, Duty, Regular)	Visa Required (for ordinary passport), Exempt for diplomatic/service passports
27	o	Costa Rica	90 Days
28	o	Croatia	90 Days
29		Cuba	Visa Required (C-3 up to 90 Days)
30	o	Cyprus	
31	o	Czech	90 Days
32	o	Denmark	
33	o	Dominica	
34	o	Ecuador	90 Days
35		Egypt	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
36	o	El Salvador	90 Days
37		England (Diplomatic passport)	90 Days
38	o	Estonia	
39	o	Eswatini	
40		Ethiopia	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
41	o	Fiji	120 Days
42		Filipina	30 Days
43	o	Finland	90 Days
44	o	France	90 Days
45		Georgia	60 Days
46	o	Germany	
47	o	Greece	90 Days
48	o	Grenada	
49	o	Guam	
50	o	Guatemala	
51		Guinea Equatorial	Visa Required
52	o	Guyana	90 Days
53	o	Haiti	
54	o	Holy See	
55	o	Honduras	
56	o	Hongkong	

57	o	Hungarian	90 Days
58	o	Iceland	
59		India	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
60		Iran	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
61	o	Ireland	
62	o	Israel	
63	o	Italia	90 Days
64	o	Jamaica	
65	o	Japan	90 Days
66		Jordan	30 Days
67	o	Kazakhstan	30 Days
68	o	Kiribati	
69	o	Kuwait	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
70		Kyrgyzstan	30 Days
71		Laos	30 Days
72	o	Latvia	
73	o	Lesotho	
74	o	Liechtenstein	
75	o	Lithuania	90 Days
76	o	Luxemburg	90 Days
77	o	Macau	
78		Makedonia	90 Days
79	o	Malaysia	90 Days
80	o	Marchall Island	
81	o	Mauritius	
82	o	Melita	
83	o	Mexico	90 Days
84	o	Micronesia	
85		Moldova	90 Days
86	o	Monaco	
87		Mongolia	90 Days
88	o	Montenegro	90 Days
89	o	Morocco	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
90		Mozambique	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
91		Myanmar	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)

92	o	Nauru	
93	o	Netherland	90 Days
94	o	New caledonia	
95	o	New Zealand	
96	o	Nicaragua	90 Days
97		Niger	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
98		North Korea	Visa Required
99	o	Norway	90 Days
100	o	Oman	
101		Pakistan	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
102	o	Palau	
103	o	Panama	90 Days
104	o	Paraguay	90 Days
105	o	Peru	90 Days
106	o	Poland	90 Days
107	o	Portugal	90 Days
108	o	Qatar	30 Days
109		Republic of Mauritius	90 Days
110	o	Romania	90 Days
111	o	Russia	60 Days (within 90 days)
112	o	Saint Kitts & Nevis	30 Days
113	o	Saint Lucia	
114	o	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
115	o	San marino	
116	o	Saudi Arabia	
117		Senegal	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
118	o	Serbia	90 Days
119	o	Seychelles	
120	o	Singapore	90 Days
121	o	Slovakia	90 Days
122	o	Slovenia	90 Days
123	o	Solomon Islands	30 Days
124	o	South Africa	30 Days
125	o	Spain	

126		Sri Lanka	90 Days
127	o	Suriname (paspor diplomatik, dinas, biasa)	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
128	o	Sweden	
129	o	Swiss	90 Days
130	o	Taiwan	
131		Tajikistan	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
132	o	Thailand	90 Days
133		Timor Leste	30 Days
134	o	Tonga	
135	o	Trinidad and Tobago	
136	o	Tunisia	
137		Tunisia	90 Days
138	o	Turkey	90 Days
139	o	Tuvalu	
140		Ukraine	90 Days
141	o	United Arab Emirates	90 Days
142	o	United kingdom	
143	o	Uruguay	90 Days
144	o	Venezuela	90 Days
145		Vietnam	90 Days

13. Other general information:

Weather: General Info on the Weather Conditions may be obtained through the web