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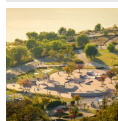
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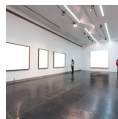
Seoul is a city of contrasts in which the ancient and the modern coexist in harmony. In one sense, it is a hi-tech 21st-century city awash with neon lights and the sights and sounds of a 24-hour metropolis, while at the same time, a city retaining the majesty and graceful ambience of ancient dynasties that once ruled over it. Like the river Han on which it sits, Seoul is constantly moving as it strides boldly into the future, yet simultaneously managing to keep one foot firmly entrenched in its historical past.

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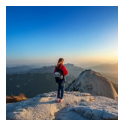
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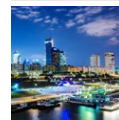
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THE CITY



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The Jongno-gu area of Seoul is one of the city's most fascinating districts, symbolising the duality of Seoul as both ancient and modern. Here, the historic palaces and the old quarter of Insadong sit aside Daehakno and University St, the centre for alternative art brimming with galleries, theatres, restaurants, and bars. This dichotomy between the ancient and the modern is also seen in the district of Gangnam, where skyscrapers tower above the delicate architecture of Gyeongbukgung Palace. The city's commercial centre, Gangnam, is more workmanlike than other areas of the city. However, like Myeongdong, the city's financial district, Gangnam is also becoming known for its restaurants and bars.

Missing home? Then head for Itaewon - the international hub of Seoul, where expatriates, tourists and locals gather. It is known for its legendary nightlife where Western-style pubs and nightclubs proliferate. Failing that, a spot of retail therapy in the Namdaemun and Dongdaemun areas should certainly scratch that particular proverbial itch.

DO & SEE



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As one of the largest cities in the world, Seoul offers visitors plenty to explore. Any traveller will find an activity to fit their taste - the Korean capital has everything from historical sites to museums, art galleries, recognizable landmarks, traditional parks and palaces, casinos (only open to foreigners!), theme parks and much more. Seoul certainly is one of those cities that boasts the thrilling variety a traveller craves.

Gyeongbokgung Palace



If you only have time for one palace visit make sure this is the one. Also referred to as the "Northern Palace", it was built in 1395 and is a

stunning example of traditional Korean palatial architecture. Free guided tours are available in English, Japanese and Chinese.

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Address: 161 Sajik-ro, Jongno District, Seoul

Phone: +82 2 2370 03900

Internet: www.royalpalace.go.kr

More Info: To run or speak loudly is not allowed within the Palace premises.

National Folk Museum Of Korea



The museum is located inside Gyeongbokgung Palace and offers an excellent collection of Korean cultural exhibits. There are over 4,000

historical artefacts on display, and it is a great place to learn more about the history and historic lifestyles of the Korean people.

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Address: 37 Samcheong-ro, Jongno District, Seoul

Phone: +82 2 3704 3114

Internet: www.nfm.go.kr

Email: folkweb@korea.kr

Namsangol Hanok Village



A trip to Namsangol Hanok Village will grant visitors insight into the traditional ways of living during the extended period of Joseon

Dynasty (1392-1910) rule. Here, one will be able to see restored housing dating back centuries, watch performances and even try a hand at activities such as archery.

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Address: 84-1 Pildong 2-ga, Jung District, Seoul

Phone: +82 2 2266 6923

Seoul Tower



For sweeping views of the city from Seoul's highest point, head to the observation deck of Seoul Tower - a local landmark and attraction that's been

in operation for over three decades. The top floor features an upscale revolving restaurant; other eateries and attractions operate on-site.

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Address: Yongsan-dong 2 -ga San 1-3, Yongsan District, Seoul

Phone: +82 2 3455 9277

Internet: www.nseoutower.net

Email: help_master@cj.net

Hangang River Ferry Cruise



Taking a cruises along the Hangang River in Seoul is a great way to enjoy the city panorama - ferries pass local attractions en route, and

those in the evening often include a dining option. Cruises vary in length (some as short at 40 minutes) and have an on-board tour guide.

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Address: 290 Yeouidong-ro, Yeongdeungpo District, Seoul

Phone: +82 2 3271 6900

Internet: www.elandcruise.com

Bukhansan Mountain National Park



Escape the bustle of the city and retreat to the tranquillity of the mountains. Bukhansan National Park has several gorges, granite peaks and more than 1,300 species of flora and fauna.

There are also many historical and cultural sites including Bukhansanseong Fortress, Buddhist temples and monk's cells.

Bukhansan National Park Office:

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Address: San 1-1, Jeongneung-dong, Seongbuk District, Seoul

Phone: +82 2 909 0497

Internet: english.knps.or.kr

Email: pukhan@knps.or.kr

Lotte World



Lotte World is an amusement park located in the heart of the city. The theme park features exciting rides, an ice rink, a folk museum, a lake, both indoor and outdoor games, a fantasy forest with animals and much more. Lotte World is a very popular site - about 6,000,000 visitors are welcomed here every year.

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Address: 240 Olympic-ro Songpa District, Seoul
Phone: +82 2 411 2000

Coex Aquarium



Coex Aquarium is a great stop for families with children - the little ones will no doubt enjoy the massive display of live marine creatures from waters in and around Korea and all over the world. The aquarium contains an incredible 40,000 animals altogether.

Photo: Olena Zaskochenko/Shutterstock.com
Address: 513 Yeongdong-daero, Gangnam District, Seoul
Opening hours: Mon-Fri & Sun 10am-8pm, Sat 10am-9pm
Phone: +82 2 6002 6200
Internet: www.coexaqua.com
Email: aquazigi@coexaqua.com

Bongeunsa Temple



This little gem is situated in the middle of Seoul and is an easy one to overlook. Bongeunsa Temple was founded in 794 during the Shilla King Weongseong's reign. There is a special 2-hour program designed for visitors, which

includes meditation and a tea ceremony. Do not miss the huge Buddha statue in the back.

Photo: ESB Professional/Shutterstock.com
Address: 73 Samsung-dong, Gangnam District, Seoul
Phone: +82 2 3218 4895
Internet: www.bongeunsa.org
Email: bongeunsa@templestay.com

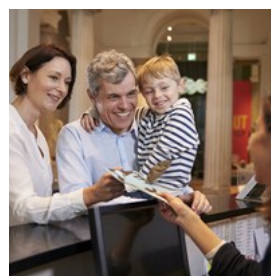
Changdeokgung



Changdeokgung is a grand palace from the last Korean dynasty. This is a great place to learn about Korean history but be sure to have some comfortable shoes on since the place is big. Enjoy the guided tour in English that lasts for one hour and be sure not to miss the guard changing ceremony.

Photo: Alexander A.Trofimov/Shutterstock.com
Address: 99 Yulgok-ro, Jongno District, Seoul
Phone: +82 2 762 8261
Internet: www.cdg.go.kr

Trickeye Museum



Trickeye Museum is an interactive museum with paintings which are created with 'trompe l'oeil' (eye-tricking) techniques that give each 2D art piece the impression of being in 3D. This allows you to interact with the paintings in a way that makes it look like you are part of the original work.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: 20 Hongikro 3gil, Mapo District, Seoul
Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm
Phone: +82 2 3144 6300
Internet: www.trickeye.com
Email: edu@trickeye.com

More Info: Seogyo Plaza B2

Seoul City Tour Bus

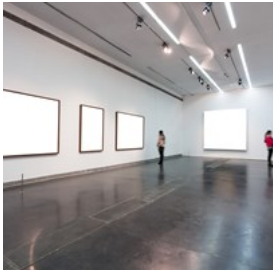


The City Tour Bus is a great way to see Seoul. The tour includes stops at some of Seoul's most popular attractions and shopping venues. There are 26 stops and you can get off at any station and then take the next bus again. Buses run at 30-minute intervals.

Departure location: In front of Donghwa duty-free Shops at Gwanghwamun.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: Gwanghwamun, Seoul
Phone: +82 2 777 6090
Internet: en.seoulcitybus.com

The War Memorial Of Korea



This huge museum is a great place where you can learn about the history of the Korean Military. There are many things to see both inside and outside the museum. On display are military airplanes, tanks, weapons and other military equipment. Put your walking shoes on since this is a massive place. There are English-language tours available.

Photo: 06photo/Shutterstock.com
Address: 29 Itaewon-ro, Yongsan District, Seoul
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9.30am-6pm, Mon Closed
Phone: +82 2 709 3114/3139
Internet: www.warmemo.or.kr

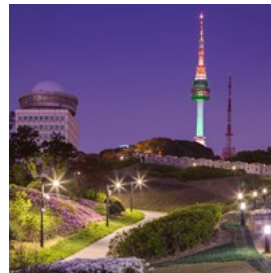
National Museum Of Korea



The National Museum of Korea contains thousands of artifacts dating back to various points throughout history, from ancient times to modernity. These include items from Korea and greater Asia, including sculpture, calligraphy, paintings, porcelain, and more.

Photo: blurAZ/Shutterstock.com
Address: 137 Seobinggo-ro, Yongsan District, Seoul
Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 10am-6pm, Wed & Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 10am-7pm
Phone: +82 2 2077 9000
Internet: www.museum.go.kr

Namsan Park



Stroll around and enjoy this botanical garden with great sports facilities such as a swimming pool, tennis court, ping-pong court, baseball stadium and roller-skating area. You can also take the cable car to the top or walk up the stairway path to get a great view over the city. Here at Namsan Park you will find the Seoul Tower.

Photo: PKphotograph/Shutterstock.com
Address: 100-177 Hoehyeon-dong 1-ga, Jung District, Seoul
Phone: +82 2 3783 5900
Internet: parks.seoul.go.kr

Seoul Olympic Park



Once used as a site for Seoul's 1988 Olympic Games, the park now contains Korea's biggest sporting arena, and is frequented by city residents who come for nature walks amongst

the park greenery or sporting events in one of the park's modern stadiums.

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Address: 426 Ollimpik-ro, Bangi-dong, Songpa District, Seoul

Phone: +82 2 410 1114

Internet: www.olympicpark.co.kr

Leeum Samsung Museum of Art



Leeum Samsung Museum of Art showcases a selection of artwork by artists from across the globe - both Korean and international creators.

Works range from traditional to contemporary art, and exhibitions change frequently. Guided tours in English available on Saturdays and Sundays.

Photo: guruXOX/Shutterstock.com

Address: 60-16 Itaewon-ro 55-gil, Yongsan District, Seoul

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10.30am-6pm, Mon Closed

Phone: +82 2 2014 6901

Internet:

leeum.samsungfoundation.org/html_eng/global/main.asp

Yeouido Hangang Park



Conveniently located in Seoul's Yeouido neighborhood, the riverside Hangang Park is a green outdoor area popular with both locals

and visitors. Open year-round, the park frequently hosts festivals and concerts, such as the Cherry Blossom and World Fireworks Festivals.

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Address: 330 Yeouidong-ro, Yeongdeungpo District, Seoul

Phone: +82 2 3780 05615

Internet: parks.seoul.go.kr

Deoksugung Palace



Set amidst high-rise modern buildings, the Deoksugung Palace is an oasis of traditional Korea in the very heart of Seoul's downtown.

Historically, it served for various administrative purposes and was inhabited by Korean royalty. Today, the palace and premises are open to visitors (guided tours available).

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Address: 99 Sejong-daero, Jung District, Seoul

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-9pm, Mon Closed

Phone: +82 2 771 9951

Internet: www.deoksugung.go.kr

Dongdaemun Design Plaza



One of the newest urban developments in Seoul, the state-of-the-art Dongdaemun Design Plaza contains a Design Museum and Exhibition

Hall, shops and markets, as well as several other important sights, such as the Seoul Fortress and the Igansumun Water Gate.

Photo: yochika photographer/Shutterstock.com

Address: 281 Eulji-ro, Jung District, Seoul

Opening hours: Closed on Mondays

Phone: +82 2 2153 0510

Internet: www.ddp.or.kr

Seoullo 7017 Skygarden



A unique public space constructed on what once was a barren highway overpass, the Seoullo 7017 Skygarden features cafes, street music

performances, relaxation and play areas with

flowerbeds and foot baths that light up at night, visually transforming the area after sundown.

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Address: 18 Toegye-ro, Namdaemunno 5(o)-ga, Jung District, Seoul

Cheonggyecheon



The Cheonggyecheon was originally a creek that flowed through downtown Seoul -- in the wake of rapid post-war economic development, it was

buried under concrete to facilitate urban expansion. Today, however, the over 10 km-long creek and its banks have been uncovered and remodelled into an exciting recreational area for locals and tourists, with clean water and natural habitats bordering on residential and office buildings.

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Internet:
english.visitseoul.net/walking-tour/Cheonggyecheon-1_/636

DINING



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Much as expected from a busy Asian metropolis such as Seoul, there are plenty of places to enjoy all sorts of culinary creations. From traditional Korean restaurants to flavourful and endlessly varied street food, along with a plethora of

eateries serving cuisine from all corners of the globe, hungry tourists should be more than adequately catered to.

In Korea, every sit-down meal is accompanied by kimchi (a spicy pickled cabbage) and some of the must-tries include bibimpab (vegetables and rice with an egg on top), Korean-style BBQ, and the many side dishes (banchan) that come with a staple of steamed rice.

Mugyo-dong Bugeo-guk



The historic eatery has been serving pollack soup for decades - ever since it first began operation in 1968. It's client base doesn't show signs of scaling down until today - those willing to indulge in the signature soup must prepare to wait in line during peak hours.

Photo: Kwanbenz/Shutterstock.com
Address: 38 Eulji-ro 1-gil, Jung District, Seoul
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-8pm, Sat & Sun 7am-3pm
Phone: +82 2 777 3891

Ondal



Ondal serves authentic regional fare in an exquisite dining room of the Grand Walkerhill Hotel Seoul, offering magnificent views of the Han River. The freshest ingredients are used in the kitchen, and the food is cooked with a personal touch. The ambiance is elegant yet unpretentious.

Photo: norikko/Shutterstock.com
Address: 177 Walkerhill-ro, Gwangjin District, Seoul
Opening hours: Mon-Sat Midday-3pm/6pm-10pm, Sun Midday-3pm/5.30pm-9.30pm

Phone: +82 2 450 4518

Internet:

www.walkerhill.com/grandwalkerhillseoul/en/dining/Ondal

Email: contact@walkerhill.com

More Info: Located at Grand Walkerhill Seoul

Samwon Garden



Enjoy Korean food at the largest first-class restaurant in Korea! This restaurant featured in the Michelin Guide can accommodate up to about

1,200 guests. On the menu you will find mouth-watering dishes such as marinated Korean beef short rib, spicy beef short rib soup and special wrapped kimchi.

Photo: Konstantin Kopachinsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: 835 Eonju-ro, Gangnam District, Seoul

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11.30am-3pm/5pm-10pm, Sun 11am-3pm/5pm-9pm

Phone: +82 2 548 3030

Internet: sgdinehill.co.kr/samwon-garden/

Email: info@dinehill.co.kr

Di Matteoh Daehakro



Di Matteoh Pizza offers authentic Italian cuisine with a selection of Italian wines. The paper thin crusted pizza is hailed as one of the best in town,

and is made with fresh ingredients such as basil and buffalo mozzarella. Seafood and pasta dishes also feature on their menu in abundance.

Photo: Romaset/Shutterstock.com

Address: 29 Dongsung-gil, Jongno District, Seoul

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 11.30am-3pm/4.30pm-9.30pm, Sat & Sun 11.30am-9pm, Mon Closed

Phone: +82 2 747 4444

Internet: www.dimatteo.co.kr

Email: dimatteo1998@daum.net

Braai Republic



This cosy restaurant serves great South African braai (BBQ) consisting of a variety of juicy meats and sausages.

The owner and his team are very friendly and welcoming, embodying the South African spirit and plating the food up with a signature cheeky grin. Booking in advance is recommended as the restaurant gets very busy, especially on the weekends.

Photo: Alexander Rath/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19 Itaewon-ro 14-gil, Yongsan District, Seoul

Opening hours: Tue-Sat Midday-9pm, Sun Midday-8.30pm, Mon 5pm-9pm

Phone: +82 70 8879 1967

Internet: braairepublic.com

Email: braairepublicseoul@gmail.com

Jyoti Restaurant Sinchon



If it's Indian food that you have a hankering for, head straight over to Jyoti Restaurant in Sinchon.

The menu offers both vegetarian and

non-vegetarian options cooked by skilled chefs with ample experience. Set lunches are served on weekdays from 11.30am to 2pm and various sets are available for dinner. There is another Jyoti branch in the centre of the city which may be more convenient.

Photo: espies/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sinchon-ro 20-gil, Mapo District, Seoul

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +82 2 703 3535

Internet: www.jyotifood.com

Email: koreajyoti@gmail.com

Philkyungjae



Indulge in traditional Korean food at Philkyungjae and soak up the ambiance that the restaurant exudes, occupying a historical building constructed in the 1400s. Here you can enjoy 18-course meals cooked with high-quality ingredients. The service is highly attentive and efficient.

Photo: kongsak sumano/Shutterstock.com
Address: 205 Gwanggyeong-ro, Gangnam District, Seoul
Opening hours: Daily Midday-3pm/6pm-10pm
Phone: +82 2 445 2115
Internet: www.philkyungjae.co.kr

Food Court - Lotte Department Store



This food court is located at the basement level of Lotte Department Store, offering a good range of international dishes at reasonable prices. All the Korean food you can wish for is served here and there are plenty of spots to choose from. The place is huge and the atmosphere is lively.

Photo: Woraphon Nusen/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Sogong-dong, Jung District, Seoul
Opening hours: Daily 10am-8.30pm
Phone: +82 2 772 3044
Internet: global.lotteshopping.com/eng/store/dining?cstrCd=0352

Myeongdong Kyoja

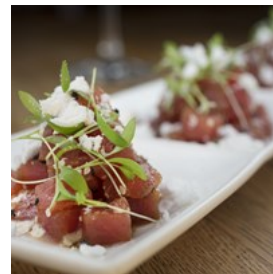


The restaurant is often visited by locals which serves as testament to its authenticity. Myeongdong Kyoja opened its doors in 1976 and offers guests

delicious dumplings and noodle dishes. This is an inexpensive restaurant in a frantically fast paced environment and great for a solid in-and-out meal.

Photo: TMON/Shutterstock.com
Address: 29 Myeongdong 10-gil, Jung District, Seoul
Opening hours: Daily 10.30am-9.30pm
Phone: +82 2 776 5348
Internet: www.mdkj.co.kr
Email: mdkj@mdkj.co.kr

Jungsik Seoul



If you are looking for modern Korean fine dining, this restaurant might just be the one for you. Jungsik Seoul features an a la carte menu which showcases sets containing five and six course meals. The typical Korean dishes are prepared with a modern twist and well presented on the plate.

Photo: Alexandralaw1977/Shutterstock.com
Address: 11 Seollungro 158-gil, Gangnam District, Seoul
Opening hours: Sun-Fri Midday-3pm/5.30pm-10pm, Sat 5.30-10pm
Phone: +82 2 517 4654
Internet: www.jungsik.kr
Email: reservation@jungsik.kr

Pro Soy Crab



If you still had not had the chance to try Korean marinated soy crab and if you are willing to go for something new, give this place a go. Tanks with live crabs are on display in the yard at the Pro Soy Crab restaurant, which means very fresh crab is served here. The menu is pleasantly varied and offers a large selection of typical

Korean dishes.

Photo: TMON/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Gangnam-daero 97-gil, Seocho District, Seoul

Opening hours: Daily 10am-11pm

Phone: +82 2 543 4126

Internet: www.prosoy crabweb.cafe24.com/default/

Email: pro5434126@hanmail.net

Hemlagat



Hemlagat means "home-cooked" in Swedish. This restaurant executes traditional Swedish recipes that have been passed down

through generations, including of course the famed Swedish meatball. It offers a generous portion of Scandinavian charm and hospitality to the Korean capital via an extensive dinner and brunch menu.

Photo: Magdanatka/Shutterstock.com

Address: 27 Teheran-ro 14-gil, Gangnam District, Seoul

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5pm-11pm, Sat 3pm-9pm, Sun Closed

Phone: +82 2 6498 3077

Internet: www.hemlagatseoul.com

Email: hemlagatinseoul@gmail.com

More Info: Booking is recommended

Jinju Kitchen Hamo



Featuring home-made deonjang miso, Hamo serves traditional Korean food with ingredients gathered and fermented in the old-fashioned way.

It is mainly known for its bibimbap, a rice bowl topped with vegetables, pepper, soybean paste, egg and sliced beef. Their menu features four different courses, but you can also choose something à la carte if something catches your eye.

Photo: zarzamora/Shutterstock.com

Address: 819 Eonju-ro, Gangnam District, Seoul

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11.30am-3pm/5pm-10pm, Sat & Sun 11.30am-10pm

Phone: +82 2 515 4266

Internet: www.hamo-kitchen.com/en

Email: admin@hamo-kitchen.com

CAFÉS



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One thing that becomes instantly obvious when walking down any street in South Korea is that coffee shops are incredibly popular here. Both international chains and small independent cafés are dotted around the capital, providing a plethora of options to choose from.

Seoul is best known for its quirky-themed cafés, with some featuring cats and dogs as the focal points, and others showcasing very specific types of food or drink, like the 'poop café', Ddong Café, where beverages are served in toilet-shaped mugs and the menu offers poop-swirl shaped pastry and poo-shaped ice cream.

Passion 5



Passion 5 is home to some exquisite desserts including first-class chocolates and pastries. Here guests will get the chance to choose from a

wide array of artisan creations of all shapes, colours and sizes. The café is located in the Hangangjin Station area, so as you can probably imagine it is bustling with commuters hopping on and off the metro.

Photo: rnl/Shutterstock.com

Address: 272 Itaewon-ro, Yongsan District, Seoul

Opening hours: Daily 7.30am-10pm

Phone: +82 2 2071 9505

Internet: spcpassion5.com

O'Sulloc Tea House



All offerings from O'Sulloc contain high-quality green tea from Korea's own Jeju-do island, where some of the world's finest tea is

grown. The menu showcases ice cream, cakes, scones and desserts all made with a base of green tea. There are also plenty of drinks to choose from such as the popular milky matcha green tea latte.

Photo: Alerte/Shutterstock.com

Address: 30 Samcheong-ro, Jongno District, Seoul

Opening hours: Sun-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat 10am-9pm

Phone: +82 2 739 9293

Internet: www.osulloc.com

Email: mall@osulloc.com

Seoulseo Duljjaero Jalhaneun Jip



This longstanding cafe is known for one thing only, a traditional red bean, soup-like dessert made with rice dough, peanuts and chestnuts amongst

other ingredients. It's a must-visit location for those looking to try authentic Korean treats.

Photo: mnimage/Shutterstock.com

Address: 122-1 Samcheong-ro, Jongno District, Seoul

Opening hours: Daily 11am-8.30pm

Phone: +82 2 734 5302

Hakrim Dabang



One of the oldest independent cafes in Seoul, Hakrim Dabang is a gateway to the 1950s, with its collection of vinyl records as well as black and white photographs that hang from the walls. Its Viennese coffee remains popular to this day, just like the homemade cream cheese cake that both young and older crowds enjoy.

Photo: Nixx Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 119 Daehak-ro, Jongno District, Seoul

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-11pm, Sat & Sun Closed

Phone: +82 2 742 2877

Internet: koreandramaland.com/listings/hakrim-coffee-shop/

Email: info@koreandramaland.com

Casablanca Sandwicherie



This trendy and rather unusual eatery is a good pick for those looking to branch outside of Korean cuisine, at least for a moment. Casablanca

Sandwicherie is, as the name might suggest a Moroccan café serving a nice selection sandwiches with meat and vegetable fillings amongst other ingredients. There are other authentic, hearty dishes on offer which are great for the winter.

Photo: picturepartners/Shutterstock.com

Address: 35 Sinheung-ro, Yongsan District, Seoul

Opening hours: Tue-Sun Midday-10pm, Mon Closed

Phone: +82 2 797 8367

Internet:

www.instagram.com/casablancasandwicherie/?hl=en

Vatos Urban Tacos



Vatos Urban Tacos serves creative Mexican-Korean fusion. Here you can enjoy artisanal, mouthwatering dishes such as fish and shrimp

tacos, kimchi fries and Galbe burritos in a lively atmosphere. The drinks menu features a selection of great cocktails and refreshing soft drinks.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Itaewon-ro 15-gil, Yongsan District, Seoul

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11.30am-10pm, Fri & Sat 11.30am-11pm

Phone: +82 2 797 8226

Internet: www.vatoskorea.com

Email: info@vatoskorea.com

More Info: 2nd Floor

Tongin Market



There is no better place for foodies on a budget than Tongin Market. At several cafes on-site (Box Lunch or Dosirak for example) visitors can

purchase tokens which may then be then exchanged for foods and snacks to complement the staple of soup and/or rice. This so called 'brass coin token bento box' is a nice little novelty for those passing through.

Photo: [sekitarief/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/author/sekitarief)

Address: 18 Jahamun-ro 15-gil, Jongno District, Seoul

Opening hours: Daily 7am-9pm

Phone: +82 2 722 0911

Internet: tonginmarket.modoo.at

Gwangjang Market



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clothing market, it certainly has no shortage of mouthwatering choices. Constantly teeming with visitors, the market is a great place to savour some classic specialties such as bibimbap and maybe even try something very much out of the box like the dreaded live octopus.

Photo: [Atmosfear/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/author/atmosfear)

Address: 88 Changgyeonggung-ro, Jongno District, Seoul

Opening hours: Daily 9am-10.30pm

Phone: +82 2 2267 0291

Internet: www.kwangjangmarket.co.kr

Email: kjmarket@hanmail.net

Rogpa Tea Stall



Rogpa Tea Stall is a cute spot where one can enjoy delightful vegetarian snacks and drinks that carry the distinct flavour profile of India and the

Himalayas. The cafe has a partner organisation which deals in philanthropic pursuits. To support the volunteers and Tibetans in need, stop by the next door shop selling handicrafts by exiled Tibetans on your way out.

Photo: [leon58/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/author/leon58)

Address: 18 Sajik-ro 9-gil, Sajik-dong, Jongno District, Seoul

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11.30am-8pm, Mon Closed

Phone: +82 70 4045 6331

Internet: www.instagram.com/rogpashop/

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



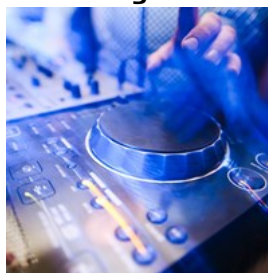
Teerachat paibung/Shutterstock.com

Nighttime entertainment in Seoul is really more about the neighbourhood than a particular establishment. Each area is known for its very specific vibe, and knowing what you're looking for might be a good idea before deciding on a location.

The go-to areas include: the stylish Hongdae district (popular with professionals), the bohemian Gangnam district (favoured by young, trendy twenty-somethings), and Itaewon (a location most favoured by internationals). Other popular haunts include low-key Myeongdong and Daehangno, as well as upscale Apgujeong-dong or Sinsadong.

Most clubs and bars remain open late into the night but one genre of entertainment really stands out after hours for those looking for an authentic experience of sorts, karaoke. Fall into one of the many Seoulian "noraebang" bars which are popular with locals to show off your pipes and have a sing-song.

Club Octagon



One of the most popular clubs in Seoul's stylish Gangnam district and a nightlife venue renowned worldwide, Octagon is where the party doesn't stop until the early morning. With DJs playing house and electro all night long, all in a trendy interior featuring an indoor pool, it is very easy to lose track of time here.

Photo: dmitrymoi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 645 Nonhyeon-ro, Gangnam District, Seoul

Opening hours: Thu-Sun 11pm-8am, Mon-Wed Closed

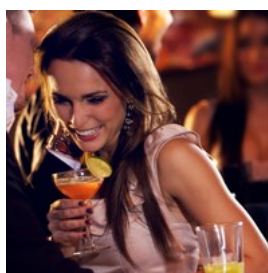
Phone: +82 10 7328 8182

Internet: www.octagonseoul.com

Email: info@octagonseoul.com

More Info: Located at New Hilltop Hotel

Living Room



Cool, chilled and crazy are three ways one could describe Living Room. This bar serves drinks and cocktails until late and frequently hosts DJs. Colourful artwork covers the walls (sometimes there are even temporary exhibitions) creating a very pleasant, almost bohemian atmosphere.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: 30-1 Sinheung-ro, Seoul

Opening hours: Thu-Sun 9pm-3am, Mon-Wed Closed

Phone: +82 70 7592 4842

Internet: www.instagram.com/livingroomseoul/?hl=en

Email: livingroomseoul@gmail.com

J.J. Mahoney's



Located within the Grand Hyatt Seoul hotel, J.J. Mahoney's is an establishment that has something for everyone. Live music is played here frequently and the high-quality sound system makes for great dancing conditions. There is also a billiards and darts room for those who are up for a bit of friendly competition.

Photo: Aleksei Lazukov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 322 Sowol-ro, Yongsan District, Seoul

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8.30pm-2am, Fri & Sat 6pm-4am, Sun Closed

Phone: +82 2 799 8601

Internet: www.seoul.grand.hyattrestaurants.com

More Info: Located at Garden Level

Lobby Lounge Bar



Enjoy a quiet drink at the Lobby Lounge Bar on the 41st floor of the Sheraton Seoul D Cube City Hotel. The staff serve a good variety of mouth-watering food, drinks, and delightful desserts. Live entertainment is often on display and the sweeping views of Seoul add to the ambiance.

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 662 Gyeongin-ro, Sindorim-dong, Guro District, Seoul

Opening hours: Daily 10am-Midnight

Phone: +82 2 2211 1740

Internet: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/seldi-sheraton-seoul-d-cube-city-hotel

Club FF



This indie bar is a favourite underground haunt for alternative music enthusiasts and party people. Club FF offers an all-inclusive bar service at certain hours of the night, which is normally followed by a huge dance party with DJs, dry ice and flashing lights.

Photo: melis/Shutterstock.com

Address: 407-8 Seogyo-dong, Mapo District, Seoul

Opening hours: Wed, Thu & Sun 8pm-11pm, Fri & Sat 6pm-6am, Mon & Tue Closed

Phone: +82 10 9025 3407

Internet: www.clubff.modoo.at

Email: ianbrown@naver.com

Club Evans



Music is taken very seriously at Club Evans, an absolute must visit destination for jazz lovers the world over. Mondays are reserved for spontaneous jam sessions whereas professional jazz bands fill the air with gloriously complex harmonies almost every other night of the week. The venue attracts a mixed crowd of locals and internationals of all age groups.

Photo: Geoff Goldswain/Shutterstock.com

Address: 63 Wausan-ro, Mapo District, Seoul

Opening hours: Daily 8.30pm-10.40pm

Phone: +82 2 337 8361

Internet: www.clubevans.com

Email: clubevans@naver.com

Su Noraebang



'Noraebang' is the Korean-version of karaoke and Su Noraebang is known as the place to go for those willing to sing all night long. In roomy glass-mirrored booths, you can choose your favourite songs to make up an English or Korean playlist and start the night with a bang. Prices vary depending on the time of day or night, but tend to be highest from 8pm onwards.

Photo: Dragon Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 367-39 Seogyo-dong, Mapo District, Seoul

Opening hours: Daily 24hr

Phone: +82 2 322 3111

Internet: www.instagram.com/sunoraebang/

Theatre



There are plenty of venues to catch a show in Seoul, some of the best ones include: National Gugak Center (for traditional Korean music and dance shows), Jeongdong Theater (for musicals), Nanta Theatre Jung-gu (which puts on non-verbal performances with music and comedy) and the National Theatre of Korea which covers everything from Shakespeare to contemporary plays.

Photo: aerogondo2/Shutterstock.com

Address: 59 Jangchungdan-ro, Jung District, Seoul

Phone: +82 2 2280 4114

Internet: www.ntok.go.kr

Email: ntok2010@gmail.com

The Bungalow



Guests arriving at The Bungalow must not forget to lose their shoes and socks as the floor is covered in sand. The venue itself was designed to emulate the atmosphere of a tropical beach bar. The drinks list features colourful cocktails and relaxing music is played in the background, making it the perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of the city, if only for a while.

Photo: Maksim Fesenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 116-22 Itaewon-dong, Yongsan District, Seoul

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-3am, Fri & Sat 5pm-4am

Phone: +82 2 793 2344

Glam Lounge



Fit for an evening drink any night of the week, Glam Lounge is a sleek, stylish bar in Itaewon, the kind this particular neighbourhood isn't exactly known for. The interior was crafted to emulate old European designs, with well-dressed business minded professionals frequenting its glamorous halls.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 26 Itaewon-ro 27ga-gil, Yongsan District, Seoul

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7pm-3am, Fri & Sat 7pm-5am

Phone: +82 2 796 6853

Internet: www.districtglam.com

Email: ksj.con@mykinc.com

Cakeshop



One of the trendiest clubs of the moment, Cakeshop is where many international DJs and bands play when passing through Seoul. The crowd here is mostly made up of savvy music lovers, those with a penchant for the latest electronic and hip hop releases. The club has an ever-so-slightly grungy feel to it, perfect for a long night of adrenaline fuelled skanking.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 134 Itaewon-ro, Yongsan District, Seoul

Opening hours: Thu-Sat 10pm-5am, Sun-Wed Closed

Phone: +82 10 7445 1926

Internet: www.instagram.com/cakeshopseoul/?hl=en

Email: cakeshopseoul@gmail.com

SHOPPING



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Seoul is absolutely the place for shopping enthusiasts. From street markets to high-end shopping malls, the Korean capital has it all. Some of the most popular shopping areas are Myeongdong, Itaewon, and Insadong - each with its own distinctive character.

This metropolis is filled with shopping opportunities at every turn. Markets worth a stop include Namdaemun and Dongdaemun, the Gyeongdong Oriental Medicine Market selling all

sorts of traditional miracle cures (Chegidong Station) and Noryangjin Fish Market, even if it's only to watch the traders in action.

Namdaemun Market



In the epicentre of Seoul, where the beating heart of the city pumps out endless merchandise eager to be copped, Namdaemun Market invites locals and tourists into an open-air shopping extravaganza. This spot has been a trading place for centuries. It's the largest market in the country and you can find just about anything your heart desires here, from a pig's head to a Louis Vuitton replica handbag and everything in between.

Photo: qingqing/Shutterstock.com

Address: 21 Namdaemunsijang 4-gil, Jung District, Seoul

Public Transport: Hoehyeon Station

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5.30pm, Sun Closed

Phone: +82 2 753 2805

Internet: www.namdaemunmarket.co.kr

Dongdaemun Market



Not far from Namdaemun lies Dongdaemun, another bustling market area where once again just about anything can be found. Dongdaemun is made up of traditional market stalls, wholesale outlets and various shopping centres selling mainly Korean and international fashion.

Photo: mTaira/Shutterstock.com

Address: 272 Jong-ro, Jongno District, Seoul

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-7pm, Sun Closed

Phone: +82 2 2262 0114

Myeong-dong



Myeongdong is the place to go if you're on the lookout for styles trending in Korea. More often than not, unique clothing pieces and accessories may be found in the shops and stores dotting the district. Do keep in mind that most shops only sell sizes geared at a smaller build, which means some Western travellers may encounter difficulties finding clothing that fits.

Photo: Silverfoxz/Shutterstock.com
Address: Myeongdong, Seoul

Itaewon



Itaewon is a part of town enjoyed by Western tourists. Finding appropriately sized clothing presents less of a difficulty than elsewhere in town as the market is geared more towards an international clientele. Streets salesmen sometimes approach tourists with offers to flip through catalogues of knock-off goods, leading those interested into a basement store somewhere in the area, so do exercise precaution if you choose to follow.

Photo: imtmphoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: Itaewon, Seoul

Apgujeong



For more of an upmarket shopping experience, try the Apgujeong district where the city's wealthiest habitants come to stock up on the latest and greatest items of fashion. Apgujeong is home

to local and internationally known brand-name stores. Be sure to bring enough cash as prices can get a bit steep here.

Photo: imtmphoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: Apgujeong, Seoul

Insadong



For traditional Korean items such as pottery, teas and handmade paper, try the Insadong neighbourhood. This is one of the best spots in

town to shop for local treasures and also somewhere to enjoy some of the best food and drink in town in one of the many teahouses that are interspersed throughout the streets.

Photo: Vincent St. Thomas/Shutterstock.com
Address: Insadong, Seoul

COEX Mall



The Incredibly large COEX Mall is a one-stop shop spot where high-end international brands are represented alongside mid-range and more

affordable Korean stores. The mall's shopping, entertainment (there is an actual aquarium on-site), and dining options are endless. There will certainly be something there to suit every taste.

Photo: Dragon Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: 513 Yeongdong-daero, Gangnam District, Seoul
Opening hours: Daily 10.30am-10pm
Phone: +82 2 6000 0114
Internet: www.coex.co.kr

Yongsan Electronics Market



For the latest electronics, both genuine and imitation (if you happen to be interested in the latter), try the Yongsan Market. This place is packed to the brim with vendors and shops selling phones, cameras, laptops, video games, and all sorts of useful devices. Prices tend to be lower than those in other retail outlets.

Photo: petrunjela/Shutterstock.com

Address: 15-2 Hangangno 2(i)-ga, Yongsan District, Seoul

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7.30pm, Sat & Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +82 2 707 4700

Internet: www.i-etland.co.kr/

Email: jhkim@i-etland.co.kr

Kyobo Book Centre Gwanghwamun



For all your literary needs, the Kyobo Book Centre in Gwanghwamun is the place to be. With meticulously organised book shelves encasing a very impressive selection of books and periodicals in multiple different languages, this book shop is probably amongst the best in the country and even further afield. Kyobo also sells stationery, electronics, games, and more.

Photo: luminaimages/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Jong-ro, Jongno District, Seoul

Opening hours: Daily 9.30am-10pm

Phone: +82 1544 1900

Internet: www.kyobobook.co.kr/

Ewha Women's University Fashion Street



The area around Ewha Women's University is teeming with stores geared towards female shoppers. Shops here are known to be generally quite affordable, albeit rather limited in variety. The area is also the place to find some of the city's coolest cafés as well as some cheap and cheerful hair salons.

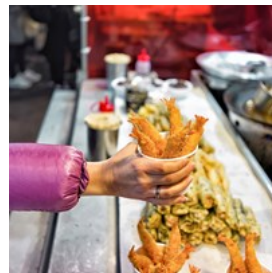
Photo: elwynn/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Ewhayeodae 1-gil, Seodaemun District, Seoul

Public Transport: Subway Line 2, Ewha Womans University Station, Exit 2

Phone: +82 2 120

Hongdae Free Market



Held just once a week on Saturdays, Hongdae Free Market reflects the youthful and artsy spirit of the neighbourhood. Local artists and craftsmen gather here to showcase and sell their work, which is mostly unique, one-off items produced by the young designers themselves. Some street food stalls that line the street are also in operation throughout the week.

Photo: Roman Babakin/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19-3 Wausan-ro 21-gil, Mapo District, Seoul

Public Transport: Subway Line 2 / AREX / Gyeongui-Jungang Line, Hongik University Station, Exit 9

Opening hours: Saturday 1pm-6pm, Sun-Fri Closed

Phone: +82 2 325 8553

Noryangjin Fish Market



Perhaps the largest seafood market in Korea, Noryangjin Fish Market is the place to marvel at mysterious marine creatures (many still

alive) and even pick some out to be cooked and served up on the spot. It is possible to sit down for a meal here but the area does get a bit hectic. Be prepared to see live octopi being consumed whole as you stroll down the street, a favourite snack for many of the locals.

Photo: longtaildog/Shutterstock.com

Address: 674 Nodeul-ro, Dongjak District, Seoul

Phone: +82 2 2254 8000

Internet: www.susansjang.co.kr

Aland



This megastore chain really is a shoppers' paradise. With multiple floors each based on a different theme (street wear, feminine attire, etc.), Åland is definitely one of the essential go-to places for the hottest Korean fashion. Items that have spent a long time on the shelf can be found heavily discounted at the Noon Square outlet after hours.

Photo: nenetus/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Noon Square, 14 Myeongdong-gil, Jung District, Seoul

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +82 2 3210 5897

Internet: www.a-land.co.kr

Email: online@alandcompany.com

Gotomall



Beneath the Express Bus Terminal Station lies Gotomall, one of the cheapest spots in Seoul to shop for the latest Korean fashion pieces. Prices

start at as low as a few dollars and discounts can be snapped up all over the place. Affordable clothing and accessories fill the underground shopping mall which is teeming with shoppers all hungry for a bargain.

Photo: imtmphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 194 Sinbanpo-ro, Seocho District, Seoul

Public Transport: Subway Lines 3/7/9, Express Bus Terminal Station, Exits 8-1 & 8-2

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +82 2 535 8182

More Info: Gosok Terminal Station (underground)

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Opening hours: Daily 9am-10.30pm

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Internet: www.kwangjangmarket.co.kr

Email: kjmarket@hanmail.net

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Incheon International Airport



taxi.

Incheon International Airport, one of the busiest airports in the world is approximately a one hour drive from downtown Seoul by bus or

Airport buses normally stop directly outside the airport building. Limousine buses run not only to Seoul, but also connect the airport to other provincial cities. The Limousine bus runs to and from the airport every 10-15 minutes and stops at most of the major hotels. You can buy a bus ticket from ticket booths next to the bus stops outside on the pavement.

Taxis are available from stands no.16-21 on the arrivals floor. For a more economic alternative, private cars can be hired through the Grab app after registering for an account.

The other airport in Seoul, Gimpo International Airport is much smaller but closer to the centre of town. It acts as Seoul's secondary airport.

Photo: oning/Unsplash.com

Address: Incheon International Airport, Yongjongdo

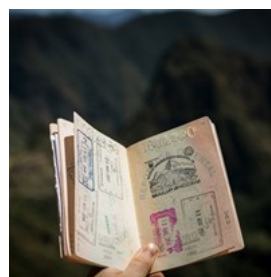
Opening hours: Daily 24hr

Phone: +82 2 1577 2600

Internet: www.airport.kr

Email: incheon.airport.mail@gmail.com

Passport/Visa



Citizens of many countries including the US, UK and Canada can travel to South Korea for tourism purposes visa-free, for stays from 30 up to 180 days. Citizens of most countries in Africa and Asia however will need to apply for a visa in advance. Passports will need to be valid for at least six months starting from the planned date of arrival.

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Best Time to Visit



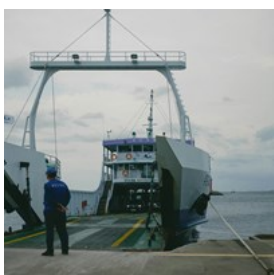
The best time to visit Seoul is typically between April and June, whilst spring is in full swing and the cherry blossoms are raining down in the parks. This is also a good time of year to go and experience the many festivals that take place there every year.

September to November is another promising time to visit the city as the climate is pleasant and mild, unlike the weather in the preceding Summer months which are hot and wet.

Winters are cold but may appeal to some winter sports fans as there is more often than not a flurry of snow towards the end of the year and into the next.

Photo: Eric Rothermel/Unsplash.com

Port of Incheon



The port of Incheon is the leading base station for exchange in the Yellow Sea region. Although it is not as large as the port of Busan (South Korea's main port) it has been growing in significance since its relatively recent conception in 2005. The New Incheon International Ferry terminal is currently being expanded, paving the way for more tourism and better connectivity.

Photo: Red Shuheart/Unsplash.com

Address: IBS Tower 31-35F, Central-ro 263, Yeonsu District, Incheon

Phone: +82 32 890 8000

Internet: www.icpa.or.kr/eng/index.do

Public Transport



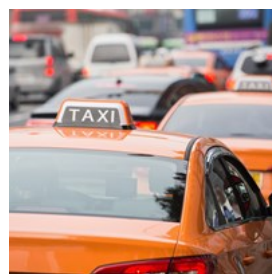
The Underground is clean, efficient and operates from approximately 5.30am to midnight non-stop every day. All stations display signs in both Korean and English. You can buy your ticket at the ticket vending machine. Check the website for details (www.seoulmetro.co.kr).

Seoul Bus Station is a central hub for transportation. Standard buses are frequent and inexpensive. You can pay your fare either by scanning your T-money card or paying in cash when entering the bus. Make sure to have change since you cannot pay with bigger bills.

There are several city buses operating in Seoul. The 'Blue Bus' for example, which connects inner Seoul with the outer suburban areas and 'The Yellow Bus' (Circular Line) which goes in a circular pattern around the very central part of Seoul. There is also the Red Bus (Wide Area Line), Maetul Bus (Local Bus) and the Green Bus (Branch Line).

Photo: Manki Kim/Unsplash.com

Taxi



Travelling by taxi in Korea is generally an affordable means of transportation. Taxis come in two varieties, regular and deluxe. It is easy to distinguish between the two as the latter, the more expensive of the two is black with a golden stripe colour scheme.

There is also the International taxi service which

was created especially for foreign tourists in Seoul who cannot speak Korean. They are orange with a 'Haechi' (the Seoul mascot) painted on the side of it.

There is also a water taxi service for river crossings. There are a total of 17 water taxi stations located along the Hangang River.

Photo: Scharfsinn/Shutterstock
Phone: +82 2 1644 2255
Internet: www.intltaxi.co.kr

Post



Korea Post is the name of the national postal service which deals with domestic and international deliveries. Red post boxes may be found all around Seoul and there are several branches of Korea Post dotted around the city centre, most of which lie North of the River Hangang.

Seoul Central Post Office is the best place to go to deal with international deliveries as it is the largest of the lot.

Stamps can be bought in official kiosks, supermarkets and other such licensed retailers. Alternatively, a label may be downloaded and printed out on the Korea Post website.

Photo: Clark Gu/Unsplash.com
Address: 70 Sogong-ro, Myeong-dong, Jung District, Seoul
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat & Sun Closed
Phone: +82 2 6450 1114
Internet: www.koreapost.go.kr/eng/index.do
Email: kpostbank@naver.com

Health



Seoul is home to some of the best medical facilities and professionals in the world. The city boasts one of the highest cancer survival rates and access rates recognised by the OECD. The universal healthcare system in South Korea is particularly good and the Medical Referral Service (MRS) for foreigners is helpful at putting visitors in contact with the correct, English speaking staff. Seoul National University Hospital is one of the best for internationals.

There are many different pharmacies in Seoul and you can find one on nearly every major street or road. They are marked with a sign that reads “약 ” or “yak” which means “medicine”. Most pharmacies are closed on Sundays but many located in large shopping malls, subway stations and bus terminals remain open all week.

A 24-hour information service is available by dialling 120 or 1339.

Photo: Mariano Baraldi/Unsplash.com
Address: 101 Daehak-ro, Jongno District, Seoul
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat 8am-1pm, Sun Closed
Phone: +82 2 2072 0505
Internet: www.snuh.org/global/en/main.do
Email: international@snuh.org

Telephone



Country code: +82 Area code: 02

Photo: Jisun Han/Unsplash.com

Electricity



Round two-pin type C plugs. 220V and 60Hz

Photo: Neven Krcmarek/Unsplash.com

Population

The City: 10 million (2024)

Metropolitan Area: 26 million (2024)

Currency

South Korean Won (KRW)

Opening hours

Convenience stores are open 24/7; departments are open 9am to 8pm while small retail shops are open 10am to 8pm. Restaurant chains are open 24/7 while independent dining rooms are open until 10pm. Banks are open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Newspapers

The Seoul Times: www.theseoultimes.com

The Korea Times: www.koreatimes.co.kr

Emergency numbers

Police: 112

Fire or Ambulance: 119

Red Cross: 1339

Tourist information

Gwanghwamun Tourist Information Center

149 Sejong-daero, Jongno District, Seoul (in front of Donghwa Duty Free)

Opening hours: Sun–Fri 10am–7pm

Languages: English, Chinese, Japanese, Thai

+82 2 735 8688

Korea Tourism Organization

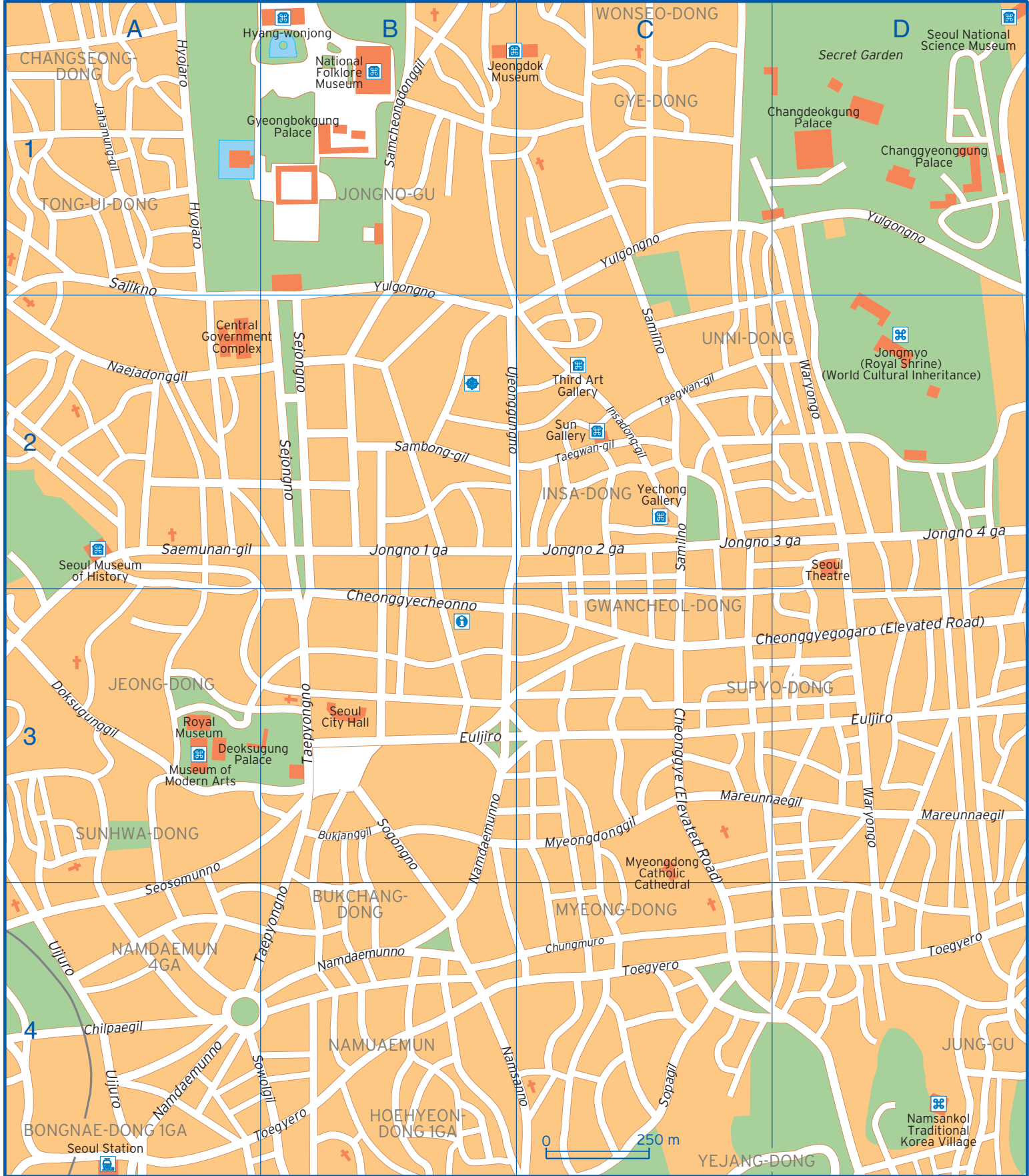
40 Cheongyecheonno, Jung-gu, Seoul 100-180

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9am–6pm, Sat & Sun closed

+82 2 729 9474

Korea Travel Hotline: +82 2 1330

(Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)



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Cheonggye (Elevated Road)	C3 C4	Jongno 4 ga	D2	Seosomunno	A3 A4
Cheonggyecheonno	B3	Mareunnaegil	C3 D3	Sogongno	B3
Cheonggyegogaro (Elevated Road)	C3 D3	Myeongdonggil	C3	Sopagil	C4
Chilpaegil	A4	Naejadonggil	A2	Sowolgil	A4 B4
Chungmuro	C4	Namdaemunno	A4 B3 B4	Taegwan-gil	C2
Doksugunggil	A3	Namsanno	B4 C4	Taepyongno	B3 B4
Euljiro	B3 D3	Saemunan-gil	A2	Toegyero	A4 B4 C4 D4
Hyojaro	A1	Sajikno	A1 A2	Ujuro	A4
Insadong-gil	C2	Sambong-gil	B2	Ujeonggungno	B2
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