

SEOUL – NORTH (HISTORIC)

Self-Guided Tour



HIGHLIGHTS

CHANGDEOKGUNG PALACE

A UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Seoul's most beautiful royal palaces, known for its natural layout and the stunning Secret Garden. The palace blends harmoniously with its surroundings, offering a more peaceful and relaxed atmosphere compared to other palaces. While Gyeongbokgung Palace is larger and more widely known for its grand architecture and royal guard ceremony, Changdeokgung provides a quieter and more immersive experience. Guided tours are required for the Secret Garden and are highly recommended.

Website: <https://royal.khs.go.kr/>

Phone: 02-3668-2300

Address: 99 Yulgok-ro, Jongno-gu



IKSEON-DONG HANOK VILLAGE

A charming neighborhood where traditional hanok houses have been transformed into trendy cafés, restaurants, and small boutiques. The narrow alleys and unique storefronts create a cozy and photogenic atmosphere. It's a great place to explore, try desserts, and experience a modern twist on Korean tradition.

Address: Ikseon-dong, Jongno-gu



CHEONGGYECHEON STREAM

A peaceful stream that runs through the heart of downtown Seoul, offering a quiet escape from the busy city. The walking paths along the water are perfect for a relaxing stroll, especially in the evening when the lights reflect on the stream. Seasonal decorations and events are often held here throughout the year.

Address: Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu



N SEOUL TOWER

One of Seoul's most iconic landmarks, located on Namsan Mountain. The tower offers panoramic views of the entire city, making it a popular spot for both daytime sightseeing and night views. Visitors can also enjoy restaurants, observation decks, and the famous "love locks" area.

Website: www.seoultower.co.kr

Phone: 02-3455-9277

Address: 105 Namsangongwon-gil, Yongsan-gu



INSADONG

A traditional cultural street in the heart of Seoul, known for its tea houses, art galleries, and souvenir shops. It's one of the best places to experience Korean heritage, where visitors can browse handmade crafts, try traditional snacks, and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere. It's especially popular for finding unique gifts and experiencing a classic side of Seoul.

Phone: 02-734-0222

Address: Insadong-gil, Jongno-gu



WHERE TO EAT

TOSOKCHON SAMGYETANG

(Chicken Soup)

☎ Tel: 02-737-7444

🕒 Hours: 1000 – 2200 (Last Order: 2100)

📍 5 Jahamun-ro 5-gil, Jongno-gu

MYEONGDONG KYOJA

(Noodle and Dumpling)

☎ Tel: 0507-1366-5348

🕒 Hours: 1030 – 2100 (Last Order: 2030)

📍 29 Myeongdong 10-gil, Jung-gu

JINJU HOEGWAN

(Bibimbap)

☎ Tel: 02-753-5388

🕒 Hours: 1100 – 2100 (Closes on Sun)

📍 26 Sejong-daero 11-gil, Jung-gu

MAYPLE TREE HOUSE

(Korean BBQ)

☎ Tel: 02.730.7461

🕒 Hours: 1130-2200 (Break: 1500-1700
Last Order 2130)

📍 31-1 Samcheong-dong Jongno-gu



SHIN OLD TEA HOUSE

(Traditional Korean Cafés)

☎ Tel: 02-732-5257

🕒 Hours: 1000 – 2100

📍 26 Insadong-gil, Jongno-gu



GWANGJANG MARKET

Gwangjang Market is one of Seoul's oldest and most famous traditional markets, known for its lively atmosphere and wide variety of authentic Korean street food. It's the perfect place to try multiple dishes in one spot.

- Bindaetteok (녹두빈대떡)
- Tteokbokki (떡볶이)
- Mayak Gimbap (마약김밥)
- Yukhoe (육회)

Tip: Many vendors specialize in just one dish, so it's common to move around and try small portions from different stalls. Bring cash and come hungry!

HOTEL

DRAGON HILL LODGE (DHL)

📍 Address: 4-ga, Yongsan-dong, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, South Korea

🚗 **Base Access** (Use authorized taxi only)

☎ AFES Taxi: 1544-9080

Contact CFAC ComRec for possible discounted rates

☎ 0503-363-5211x



TAXI DRIVER TIP

기사님, 아래 장소로 데려다 주세요. (PLEASE TAKE ME TO)

📍 Attractions

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| CHANGDEOKGUNG PALACE | 창덕궁 |
| IKSEON-DONG HANOK VILLAGE | 익선동 한옥마을 |
| CHEONGGYECHEON STREAM | 청계천 |
| N SEOUL TOWER | 남산서울타워 |
| INSADONG | 인사동 |
| GYEONGBOKGUNG PALACE | 경복궁 |
| BUKCHON HANOK VILLAGE | 북촌 한옥마을 |
| JOGYESA TEMPLE | 조계사 |

🍽 Restaurants & Café

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| TOSOKCHON SAMGYETANG | 토속촌 삼계탕 |
| MYEONGDONG KYOJA | 명동교자 |
| JINJU HOEGWAN | 진주회관 |
| MAPLE TREE HOUSE | 메이플 트리 하우스 |
| SHIN OLD TEA HOUSE | 신옛찻집 |
| GWANGJANG MARKET | 광장시장 |

PLAN YOUR VISIT

🏠 Why Visit?

As the capital of South Korea, Seoul offers a unique mix of past and present. The northern area reflects the city's historic roots, where traditional culture, local life, and modern energy come together in a compact, walkable setting.

🗺 How to Explore (Flow-Based Route)



Palace → Alley → Culture → Market → Night View

- Start with a palace (morning, less crowded)
- Explore traditional streets + local shops
- Move into hanok alleys & cafés
- Finish with street food & night view

📍 Local Tips

- Taxi tip: Show destination in Korean (English often not recognized)
- Walking: Many spots are closer than they look → walking is often faster
- Palaces: Best visited early (9:00–11:00) before crowds build up
- Peak time: 12:00–18:00 = busiest (streets & shops most crowded)
- Street food: Starts around 17:00 in Myeongdong
- Navigation: Naver Map works better than Google Maps in Korea

TRANSPORTATION GUIDE (From CHINHAE to SEOUL – NORTH OF THE RIVER / GANGBUK)

  Take an intercity bus or train to Seoul, then use the subway to reach major attractions.

Bus

- Departure: Chinhae / Changwon → Seoul Express Bus Terminal
- Frequency: every 30-60 minutes
- Fare: about 30,000–40,000 KRW
- Travel Time: about 4.5 hours
- First / Last Bus: 06:00 – 23:00

Train (KTX / SRT option)

- Changwon Jungang Station → Seoul Station
- Fare: about 50,000–70,000 KRW
- Travel Time: about 2.5–3 hours

Subway (Gangbuk Area)

From Seoul Station or Express Bus Terminal:

- Line 1 / Line 4 → City Hall / Jongno / Dongdaemun
- Line 3 → Anguk (Bukchon, Insadong)
- Travel Time: 15–30 minutes

Getting Around Seoul

- **Subway** – Fastest way to travel across the city
- **Taxi (Kakao T / Uber)** – Convenient for direct travel
- Use **Naver Map** for routes, transfers, and real-time updates
- **Bus** – Covers areas not directly connected

UNITED STATES FORCES, KOREA SOFA CARD

1. **CARRY THIS CARD AT ALL TIMES.** If you are apprehended by or become involved with Korean law enforcement authorities, SHOW HIM your ID CARD and THIS CARD.
2. **OBEY ROK AND U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONS.**
3. If you are involved in an accident:
 - a. Attend injuries, if any. Take steps to prevent any further accident from occurring at the scene.
 - b. Telephone the nearest civil and/or US military police office (See reverse side for telephone numbers to reach US facilities).
 - c. **DO NOT LEAVE THE SCENE** until authorized to do so by the police.
4. If you are detained by Korean authorities:
 - a. Show the Korean authorities the statement of SOFA status below and request that the nearest US military police be notified.
 - b. Cooperate with Korean authorities at all times.
 - c. You may refuse to sign any statement that you cannot read or understand.

-REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE (구원요청)

Please notify Korean police and US military police. (한국 경찰 및 미군 헌병대에 연락해 주십시오).

Please call an ambulance or doctor. (구급차나 의사를 불러 주십시오.)

Take me to CRF. (해군 작전 사령부 용호동에 데려다 주세요)

Take me to Haeundae Marine-City. (해운대 마린시티에 데려다 주세요)

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