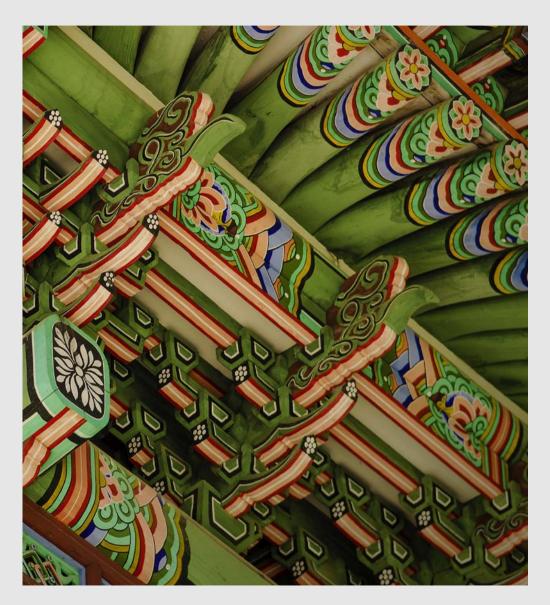


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South Korea (officially The Republic of Korea) is located in eastern Asia with a population of 50 million. Bordered by North Korea and Japan, South Korea has four distinct seasons and offers tourists plenty to see. Beautiful natural landscapes, rivers, mountains, ancient villages, architecture, and royal palaces are just some of the many highlights. Known for its history, food, technology, and culture, Korea is fast becoming a tourist delight for travellers to Asia.



SOUTH KOREA

WHAT TO SEE



Bukchon Village
A village of alleys,
cafes, shops, and
"hanoks" traditional
courtyard houses

North Seoul



Changdeokgung Palace

At the foot of Mount Eungbongsan, the tranquil palace is home to the Secret Garden.

Mount Eungbongsan



Haeinsa Temple

The temple houses the Tripitaka, the most complete collection of Buddhist texts in existence.

Hapcheon



Seokguram Grotto

See the grotto carved into a mountainside housing a 3.5-metre stone centrepiece.

Bulguska



Gyeongju
This "museum
without walls" has
a vast amount of

historic sites.

Gyeongju



Deogyusan National Park

This beautiful alpine landscape is named after its highest peak.

Jeollabuk-do



Seoraksan
The highest
mountain in the
Taebaek mountain

range.

Gangwon Province



Hallasan

View the beautiful shield volcano and highest mountain in South Korea in Hallasan National Park.

Jeju Island

SOUTH KOREA

SHOPPING



D Cube City
The previously
industrial hub has
been transformed
into an array of shops,
restaurants, terraces,
and waterfalls

Kyungin-ro, Seoul



Dongadaemun Market A colossal retail and buzzing wholesale market open at all hours

Dongdaemun, Seoul



KCDF Gallery
This gallery and shop
showcases the finest
locally made craft and
design products.

Insa-dong, Seoul



Wedding Street
Window shop through
a fashion extravaganza
of glamorous designer
dresses.

Ahveon-Dong

Seoul



Gyeongdong Market The biggest and best Asian market in Korea has a large selection of fresh produce to peruse and sample.

Jegi-dong, Seoul



Janganpyeong
Antiques Market
Explore arcades of
antiques and discover
hidden Korean
treasures.

Seoul



Yongsan
Electronics Market
Visit this extensive
market selling hightech gadgets.

Yongsan, Seoul



Shinsegae
The luxurious Seoul
department store
houses local designers
and a high-class
supermarket.

Seoul



Seoul is surprising and enlightening. The South Korean capital city has become a bustling, urban and industrialised centre for the 10 million or so people calling it home. Situated on the banks of the Hangang River, Seoul is full of attractions both natural and historical. The city's nightlife and cuisine are highly favoured. It's easy to enjoy the modern city and its developments while also celebrating the city's rich history.

HIGHLIGHTS



Korea House A traditional-style Korean building.



Parks and Gardens Great views of the city and other attractions.



Seoul City Bus or Walking Tours See the sights with a dedicated tour guide.

KOREA HOUSE

Designed to provide tourists with the total Korean cultural experience, Korea House is a traditional style Korean building or 'hanok', where you can try traditional cuisine and listen to music. A tranquil, beautiful building with garden surrounds, it is a celebration of Korean culture in an experimental fashion. Try your own hand at Korean handicrafts, martial arts and kimchi making.



PARKS AND GARDENS

Seoul has many parks that provide not only recreational space for tourists, but great views of the city and other attractions. Namsan Park in the city centre provides great views of the North Seoul Tower and through to Hanok Village. Take a ride in the Namsan cable car or discover the local animals (including squirrels!). Seoul Grand Park and Seoul Forest are also great places to explore the city and relax.



SEOUL CITY BUS OR WALKING TOURS

Take one of the various tours through Seoul City and see the sights with a dedicated tour guide. The bus tours include an audio device so you can listen in English. Take a night tour or the Gangnam tour to discover the famous Gangnam area, where style and sophistication meet new heights. Explore Gangnam's 'West Hollywood' region of Cheongdam-dong, regarded as a celebrity street. Spoil yourself at the many boutiques in this chic precinct.



ACCOMMODATION



● ● ● ● ● ● ● *Based on 475 reviews

OAKWOOD PREMIER COEX CENTER

46, Teheran-ro 87-gil, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, 06164

Tel:

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller JamHam Reviewed 4/01/2017

This was an unexpected stay provided by my airline as my flight from Dallas to Hong Kong was diverted to Seoul for various reasons. The hotel whose lobby is on the 36th floor with the rooms higher was wonderful. The room was exceptional and comfortable. All areas I encountered, room, lobby and restaurants were clean and very well kept. I certainly recommend staying at this fine hotel.



● ● ● ● *Based on 369 reviews

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SEOUL

97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, 03183

Tel: +82263885000

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller FBL2 Reviewed 7/01/2017

It lived up to the number of stars it has. The rooms were clean and spacious (we stayed in the executive rooms), everyone at the hotel was kind and helpful, no reasonable request was ever denied and all our requests were responded to promptly. They really did their best to accommodate everything. We even got daily reminders of our appointments!

The Charles H bar is a must try. The facilities were excellent and it is like a 2 minute walk to Gwang...





ACCOMMODATION



*Based on 286 reviews

LOTTE CITY HOTEL GURO

300, Digital-ro, Guro-gu, Seoul, 08379 Tel: +82262101000 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller mauinumber1 Reviewed 27/12/2016

I knew the hotel was ranked highly, but I did not have high expetations. Well, I was surprised. The hotel room was clean, pretty, good sized, and good amenities. From the Seoul/Inchon airport, you take a shuttle bus. The bus number is on the hotel website. You just go outside of the airport and buy a bus ticket by the stop. There are many bus ticket booth, and they all spoke English. It took about 90 minutes to get to the hotel. The hotel is acro...



*Based on 702 reviews

JW MARRIOTT DONGDAEMUN SQUARE

279, Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, 110-126

Tel:

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Wendy F Reviewed 4/01/2017

We stayed from Dec 26 to Dec 31 and this was our second stay with this marvelous hotel. There will definitely be more returns to this hotel in Seoul!!

Excellent location. Lots of good food and shopping around. If you dont want to eat out at night after a long day. Just go and buy some takeaways. You can get from Kimbap to Fried Chicken to Fruits to Coffee and Desserts! You name it, you got it!

WINE & DINE



GUSTO TACO

41, Wausan-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul, 04049

Tel: +82 2-338-8226

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Colby R Reviewed 8/01/2017

My wife and I heard about this place through some recommendations and wanted to check it out. We went to the Sangsu location, and we were so stoked to find a place like this in Seoul. It has all the elements of an awesome restaurant (amazing food, good prices, excellent beer/drink options) while set in the vibrant atmosphere near Seoul's artistic epicenter. The food was delicious (we had the nacho set). The work they put into making the tortillas...



*Based on 373 reviews

MUGYODONG BUGEOKUKJIB

38, Eulji-ro 1-gil, Jung-gu, Seoul, 04522 Tel: +82 2-777-3891 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Miguel M Reviewed 7/01/2017

For the price you can eat in Seoul, I found this restaurant a bit expensive, but the quality of the food was good. A nice place in the center.



WNE & DINE



*Based on 249 reviews

JUNG SIK DANG

11, Seolleung-ro 158-gil, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, 06014

Tel: +82 2-517-4654

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Awakez007 Reviewed 4/01/2017

My wife and I went to Jung Sik Dang for lunch and it was honestly the best meal we've ever had. We had the 5 course set and each course was cooked to perfection. Would highly recommend the lobster and the pork belly. The staff were extremely attentive and looked after us from the moment we arrived. Will definitely go back at some point.



● Based on 186 reviews

TAVOLO 24

279, Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul. 03198

Tel: +82 2-2276-3320

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller swhaster Reviewed 22/12/2016

Upon reading some local blogs regarding hotel buffets and wanting to treat some friends, I decided to try out the Tavolo 24 dinner buffet at this relatively new Marriott hotel in Seoul. Becuase of the holiday season, admission was divided into two separate time slots: admission at 5:30 & 8 PM. The hotel doesn't really have a lounge to speak of and if you had to wait, there was only one sofa with another restaurant on the same floor, which meant ...





Gyeongju is a popular coastal city attracting about 9 million visitors annually. A major cultural and historical destination, Gyeongju was once the capital of the ancient Silla kingdom. Vistors can experience Buddhist artefacts and national treasures. While tourism is the major driving force, Gyeongju is becoming a manufacturing hub also and is home to roughly 250,000 people.

HIGHLIGHTS



Bulguksa Temple Home to many national treasures and artefacts.



Seokguram Grotto
The 'representative stone temple of Korea'.



Yangdong Folk Village
A historic village from
the Joseon Dynasty.

BULGUSKA TEMPLE

The Bulguksa Temple encapsulates Buddhist culture and the rich history of the city. Named a world heritage site by UNESCO, the temple was built in 528 A.D. during the Silla Dynasty. Home to many national treasures and artefacts, the temple consists of many bridge-like stairways that represent Buddha and man's journey through life. Tour the temple alone or as part of a tour of the city's ancient sites.



SEOKGURAM GROTTO

Seokguram Grotto is another world heritage site, an artificial stone temple on Mount Tohmasan which is regarded as the 'representative stone temple of Korea'. Built in the 8th century, the temple contains a statue of Buddha looking out into the sea. The inside of the grotto is not available for the public to view so make a trip to the Silla Arts and Science Museum where you can fully explore the historical site through pictures and descriptions.



YANGDONG FOLK VILLAGE

Yangdong is a historic village from the Joseon Dynasty. As a Korean state for about 5 centuries, Yangdong is also a world heritage site full of Korean national treasures. Located amongst the beautiful natural surroundings, the whole village is a heritage site. Surrounded by the beautiful Mount Seolchangsan are 160 old houses and cottages, preserved in their original state.



Photo from http://www.visitkorea.or.kr

GYEONGJU

ACCOMMODATION



*Based on 603 reviews

HILTON GYEONGJU

484-7, Bomun-ro, Gyeongju, Gyeongsangbuk-do, 38117

Tel: +82547457788

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller jaxnacis Reviewed 5/01/2017

I checked in at Hilton Hotel at Gyeongju to attend a conference. The staff were courteous and approachable. The rooms were clean and comfortable. But what really had me is the view from my balcony, showcasing a beautiful bridge by the lake. One of a kind view!



*Based on 174 reviews

HOTEL HYUNDAI GYEONGJU

338, Bomun-ro, Gyeongju, Gyeongsangbuk-do, 38117 Tel: Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Joe M Reviewed 9/12/2016

My stay at the Hotel Hyundai Gyeongju was in early November and was my second time there. The first time I visited was back in 1998, so it had been quite some time. In that time, the hotel has maintained it's high level of customer service, good buffet breakfast and of course, it's excellent location with views of the lake. What I noticed though was that this hotel was showing a bit of it's age. The room was very comfortable and clean but had...



GYEONGJU

ACCOMMODATION



*Based on 46 reviews

141 MINI HOTEL

141, Wonhyo-ro, Gyeongju, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Tel: Review by TripAdvisor Traveller surgchiu Reviewed 27/12/2016

We arrived Busan airport and took intercity bus (60min) to Gyeongju The hotel is about 2 km from Gyeongju intercity bus station , we took taxi to the hotel. The taxi fare(3000won) is cheap. Hotel is 5min walk from Gyeongju train station (not the KTX station). The hotel was right at the city centre and surrounded by small streets and local stalls. The hotel check in was efficient and the reception spoke reasonable English, very helpful. Our room w...



(%) (%) *Based on 83 reviews

THE SUITES HOTEL GYEONGJU

280-12, Bomun-ro, Gyeongju, Gyeongsangbuk-do, 38117 Tel: Review by TripAdvisor Traveller jptalampas Reviewed 31/10/2016

Hotel is in a good location near Bomun Lake. It is also a close 3-min walk to the nearest bus stop. Room was good value for money, and would be even more so for families or those travelling as a group. The staff was also very friendly and ready to help with your needs and with directions around Gveongiu.



GYEONGJU

WINE & DINE



*Based on 140 reviews

HWANGNAM BREAD

347-1 Hwango-dong, Gyeongju, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Tel: +82 54-749-7000 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller James G Reviewed 27/12/2016

Had a local take us to Hwangnam bread for a pre-lunch snack. They make a single product. It is similar to a kolach with a red bean filling. I am not a red bean fan but most of the rest of the group really liked them. They were fresh baked, still hot and needing to cool a little.



HONGSI KOREAN RESTAURANT

5, Hwarang-ro 19beon-gil, Gyeongju, Gyeongsangbuk-do, 38143 Tel: +82 54-742-8668 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller YuhTing Reviewed 7/12/2016

We have never tasted a full course Korean meal with the numerous appetizers and side dishes to savor.

This was a pleasant surprise. It looks like a home run restaurant (which is always the best) as they took care to prepare the ingredients and each dish was fresh and meticulously cooked. As we have no knowledge in Korea, the owner took care to introduce each dish in English as best as he could. We truly appreciate that. The house is very cozy to...



WNE & DINE



*Based on 52 reviews

STARBUCKS GYEONGJU BOMUNRO

719-220, Sinpyeong-dong, Gyeongju, Gyeongsangbuk-do, 780-290 Tel: 054-742-8668 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Chuuk K Reviewed 15/10/2015

At late summer we did a family trip to Gyeongju, and stayed K-hotel. At night, we just walked around hotel, and find Starbucks on the road.

It is located to near to main road around Kyeongju, and near to Bomum lake road also. Good place to relax for having coffees or teas with sweets.

There are another Starbucks at Gyeongju at the opposite direction of the Bomum lake, and it was also good.



SUKYOUNG SIKDANG

60, Gyerim-ro, Gyeongju, Gyeongsangbuk-do, 38164 Tel: +82 54-772-3369 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Kennlai C Reviewed 19/11/2016

Real Korean traditional local food, tatami type of seating arrangement, friendly restaurant, personal feel those food a bit salty, less meat...





Jeju Island is a beautiful destination for honeymooners and couples located off the South Korean Coast. Idyllic beaches and the historic Hallasan volcano make for exotic and exciting surrounds, perfect for exploring and relaxation. The island has made it into the list of the world's new natural wonders with waterfalls, lava tubes, mountains, and beaches making it a unique and amazing Korean holiday destination.

HIGHLIGHTS



Hyeopjae Beach
Beautiful coloured
seawater and
surrounding forests.



Jeju Island Food Home to some unique flavours...



Manjang Cave and Lava Tubes A perfect spot to both cool down and explore.



Seongsan Sunrise
Festival
A festive and
spirited occasion.

HYEOPJAE BEACH

This long 9 km stretch of coastline makes for a perfect holiday. Beautiful coloured seawater and surrounding forests create a sense of paradise, with plenty of other attractions nearby. Visit Hamrin Park where you'll find the tourist sites of Hyeopjaegul Cave and Ssangyonggul Cave. Or travel to Biyangdo Island just off the coast where there are camping grounds and a secluded stretch of water.



JEJU ISLAND FOOD

Jeju Island is home to some unique flavours, so a visit here must include some culinary exploration! Try the seaweed and sea urchin soup, raw seafood, barbecued pork from the island's famous black pigs, and pheasant. A recommended stop is the Countryside Restaurant where you can try five-layered pork!



MANJANG CAVE & LAVA TUBES

A perfect spot to both cool down and explore the natural wonders of Jeju Island, the Manjang cave is over 8 km long, with 1 km of public walkway space. If you're not scared of delving into a deep, expansive cave, you can immerse yourself deep into nature. The cave is formed by cooling lava and its dark, cold, narrow interior may leave you feeling a little spooked.



Photo from http://www.visitkorea.or.kr

SEONGSAN SUNRISE FESTIVAL

The Seongsan Sunrise Festival takes place at 'Sunrise Peak' (or the Seongsang Ilchulbong Peak) each New Year's Eve. The sunrise is spectacular up here and the festival includes a night hike up to the peak, lit by lanterns. Traditional dance performances are held where participants hold hands while moving in a large circle making wishes for the new year ahead. A festive and spirited occasion, fireworks and aerobics demonstrations are also on the list!



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JEJU ISLAND

ACCOMMODATION



*Based on 248 reviews

LOTTE CITY HOTEL JEJU

83, Doryeong-ro, Jeju, Jeju Island, 63127 Tel: +82222305660 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Ivan S Reviewed 20/12/2016

My wife love to see Kdrama. N when she described Jeju island, I thought Jeju would be just an island with volcano n beaches. I was wrong. Jeju is a very modern city, in fact when we were dropped at Lotte City Hotel, I was surprised knowing that the hotel is very modern and is family friendly. It is connecting to Lotte duty free which offer luxury brands (Louis Vuitton, Dior etc) and other shops. It is also just walking distance to explore other ...



SHILLA STAY JEJU

100, Noyeon-ro, Jeju, Jeju Island, 63133 Tel: +82647179000 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Isaac Y Reviewed 6/01/2017

Since we went in low season, so we asked hotel to have free-upgrade. Thanks for the conceige lady :).

The hotel is good overall, clean, new, comfortable bed, free parking. and the receptionists are very helpful with very good English.

One point to feel no good is the noise from the street. I think there is a disco (likely or similar ..) next to the hotel. It makes noise till 1 or 2:00am mid night.



JEJU ISLAND

ACCOMMODATION



*Based on 297 reviews

MAISON GLAD JEJU

80, Noyeon-ro, Jeju, Jeju Island, 63132 Tel: +82647474900 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller seven20three Reviewed 4/01/2017

The room was so clean and spacious and the beautifully designed! The hotel is also very well located with lots of good restaurants within a 10min walking distance:) Will def stay here if I visit Jeju again!



*Based on 337 reviews

RAMADA PLAZA JEJU HOTEL

66, Tapdong-ro, Jeju, Jeju Island, 63165 Tel: +82647474900 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller N5633JPyvonnet Reviewed 20/12/2016

Within 10 mins taxi ride from airport. About 20mins walk to the famous Dongmun market. Stayed in seaview room this time. With the 180' seaview and a balcony, there's absolutely nothing u can complain about. The room was a bit old but tidy and clean overall. Too bad that I had to attend an early morning meeting, didn't have the chance to try the breakfast. Oh btw, loads of restaurant and convenient stores around the area.





JEJU ISLAND WINE & DINE



*Based on 94 reviews

MYEONGJIN JEONBOK

128, Haemajihaean-ro, Gujwa-eup, Jeju, Jeju Island, 63357 Tel: +82 64-782-9944 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller ezekiel19 Reviewed 31/12/2016

Only 4 items on the menu:-abalone porridge \$12,000, abalone stone pot rice \$15,000, Raw Abalone slices (400g) \$30,000 and Grilled abalone (500g) \$30,000.

Its has a nice view, unless you are seating near the window. They take reservations, so when we were there, we had to wait, while the Koreans customers who have made reservations get their seats first. There is free parking outside the restaurant.



IL ITALIANO

20, Tapdong-ro, Jeju, Jeju Island, 63165 Tel: +82 64-720-8225 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Tara W Reviewed 14/12/2016

My family wanted ANYTHING but Korean food and we found this gem. As good as any restaurant we enjoyed in our 6+ years in Europe! Excellent pasta dishes, perfectly seasoned in a beautiful restaurant with great service!



JEJU ISLAND WINE & DINE



*Based on 119 reviews

OLRAE GUKSU

261-16, Yeon-dong, Jeju, Jeju Island, Tel: +82 64-742-7355 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller JKY209

Reviewed 29/11/2016

Went there for lunch. Found this shop just about 500metres walk from our hotel and it was also recommended in TripAdvisor. Decided to give it a go as we saw plenty of people queueing during dinner time the night before. Their pork noodle soup was clear, taste of pork and big portion indeed. Their kimchi is really tasty (we had it refill again as it was really good). For 7000won per bowl, the pork noodles were worth every penny. Only negative thi...



*Based on 40 reviews

MACHO GRILL

46, Sindae-ro 20-gil, B101 Jeju, Jeju Island, Tel: +82 10-8369-8811 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller larasBelen Reviewed 5/01/2017

On my trip to Jeju I found this restaurant online and I was very impressed by the food quality and prices.

Firt time, I ordered the Chicken Cajun Tacos and Beef Nachos. Heaven on a plate!

Second time, I had the Chicken Cajun Burrito and the Nacho and Salsa. Loved it as well!

The host is super friendly and speaks great English. His little girl is super cute and curious <3

I enjoyed my meal and I would definitely come back in future visits to Je...





INFORMATION

PACKING ESSENTIALS

- Phrase book If you have a limited knowledge of Korean.
- Money pouch Make sure you don't lose anything in tightly packed markets.
- **Hiking boots** Explore the beautiful national parks.

INFORMATION

TRAVEL TIPS

- Plan your visit to Sydney Airport by doing some research on the airport and your terminal, whether it be T1, T2 or T3.
- Check the security regulations in relation to what you can and cannot take through the security screening point and onto an aircraft, including prohibited items, dangerous goods, and liquids, aerosols, and gels (LAGs).
- Check your baggage allowance with your airline.
- Use the directional signage at the terminal to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey through the airport.
- Ensure that your driver's licence can be used in your country of destination or that you have organised an international driver's licence.
- If you have not already purchased travel insurance along with your ticket, you can purchase it at Sydney Airport at the Last Chance Travel Insurance located in the International Terminal (T1) after Customs.
 Alternatively, purchase insurance at any Travelex outlet or the Australia Post Shop at International Terminal (T1) located before Customs, near check-in counter J.

GET TO THE AIRPORT

 Make sure you have plenty of time ahead of check-in. If you are unsure as to when you should arrive at the airport, contact your airline directly.

GET READY FOR BOARDING

- Security screening whether your destination is within Australia or overseas, allow sufficient time to proceed through security screening.
- Australian Customs and Border Protection Service – allow sufficient time to proceed through Customs and Border Protection.
- Passports must be valid for a minimum of six months ahead of your departing date for most countries. We strongly recommend you verify exact requirements with your airline.
- Boarding passes issued at the airline check-in counter upon presentation of your ticket reservation (printed e-ticket) or booking confirmation number along with your valid passport.
- Immigration cards available before you enter Customs and Border Protection. The cards must be filled out and presented to the Customs and Border Protection Officer along with your passport and boarding pass.
- Find your departing gate using display screens. These screens are available in the airline check-in area and at each departure gate.

RFI AX

 At Sydney airport, you have plenty of options to shop while you are waiting to board your flight. Remember that all duty free purchases must be finalised 20 minutes before your flight departs.



INFORMATION

YOUR DESTINATION



DISTANCE FROM SYDNEY 8.127 kilometres



WHEN TO GO March-May (Spring)



LANGUAGE Korean



WEATHER Summer: 22.5 - 25° Celsius Winter: -5 - -2.5° Celsius







CURRENCY South Korean Won