



City Comparison

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Annapolis

- Settled in 1649
 - Not designed for large cars/mass transportation
- Population of 39,000
 - Roughly 579,000 live Anne Arundel County
- Multiple Historical Landmarks
- US Capital from 1783-1784
- Severn River cuts into the city and creates “Ego Alley”
- High quality seafood



Landmarks

- Naval Academy - Founded in 1845
- Maryland Statehouse
 - George Washington resigned as the commander of the Continental Army here
 - Oldest continuous State Capital in the US
 - Where Ratification Day occurred (end of Revolutionary War)
- Governor's Mansion





Seoul



- Capital of South Korea; most populous city of almost 10 million people.
- Business and financial hub; Seoul takes up 0.6% of land area, but accounts for 48.3% South Korea's bank deposits.
- 25 districts ("gu" - 구) (think NYC boroughs) with individual neighborhoods ("dong" - 동)
- Balance between new and old architecture – highlights modernized, innovative technology whilst preserving history and culture.
- Incredible and expansive transportation system
- Prestigious and competitive education system



gyeongbokgung palace

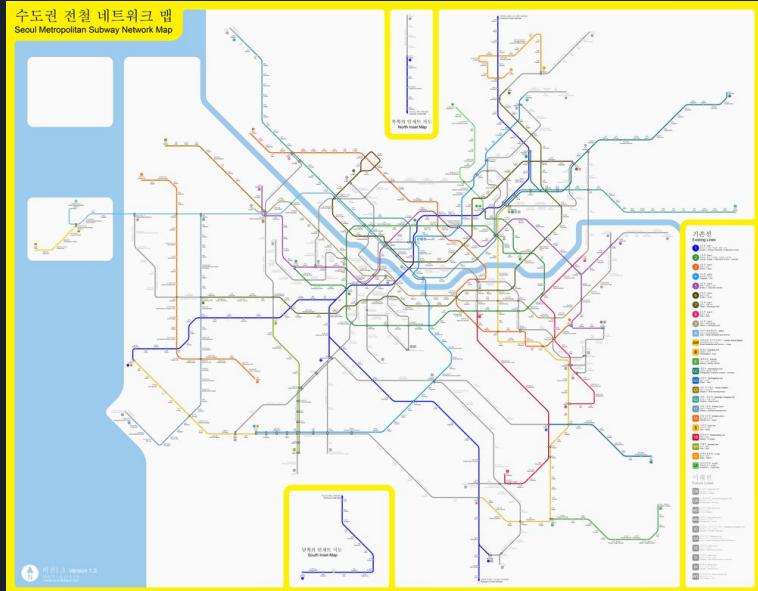




Brief History

- First recorded as Wiryeseong, the capital of Baekje, back to the times of the Three Kingdoms (Goguryeo, Baekje, Silla)
- Initial development of Seoul began after the end of the Joseon Dynasty (1392 - 1897) and the Korean Empire (1897 - 1910), was known as Hanseong during this time.
- Framework for modern-day Seoul began to emerge at the end of the 19th century with the opening of the port (schools, hospitals, railroads, parks, etc)
- Japanese rule following the annexation of Korea (1910 - 1945)
- Korea achieved independence in 1945, the city was officially renamed Seoul.
- Korean War broke out in (1950 - 1953) and destroyed most of the city
- Rapidly grew out of the ashes in just half a century by focusing on urban issues/improvement and overall quality of life

Transportation



- In 2019 (pre-pandemic), there was an annual ridership of 2.73 billion commuters (8million/day)
- 10 station lines, 302 stations, 219 miles of track
- Subways, buses, taxis, trains can all be paid for using one form of payment: T-Money





Chengdu (成都)

Sub-Provincial City in Sichuan Province, China

Population: 20,937,757 (15,419,445 in city center, 6th largest)

Important economic, financial, commercial, cultural, transportation, communication center of China

Second-tier city in China – mix of old and new culture with Western influences

One of the oldest cities in China, and also one of the quickest developing cities today



Brief History



Sightscapes



Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding



New Century Global Center



Sino-Ocean Taikoo-Li



Jinli Street



Kuanzhai (Wide and Narrow) Alleys



Anshun Bridge on Jinjiang River

Tastescapes



Touchscapes



Conclusions

Similarities

- All 3 Cities have a rich history and culture
 - Lack ethnic diversity
- Seoul and Chengdu – Historical and modern cultural influences, with some Western influences on the cities
- Rapidly developing, population dense commercial hubs
- Rich histories as hubs of culture and population centers

Differences

- Annapolis is very small in population, whereas Chengdu and Seoul have a very large population
- Seoul and Chengdu are much older cities than Annapolis
- Seoul and Chengdu developed through dynasties and empires, whereas Annapolis developed through the USA
- As per the Globalization and World Cities Research Network, Seoul is Alpha-, Chengdu is Beta+, Annapolis unranked.