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## South Korea

South Korea, officially the Republic of Korea (ROK), is a country in East Asia, constituting the southern part of the Korean Peninsula, and sharing a land border with North Korea. About 25 million people, around half of the country's population of 51 million, live in the Seoul Capital Area. 

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### Ancient Korea

The Korean Peninsula was inhabited as early as the Lower Paleolithic period. The history of Korea begins with the founding of Joseon (also known as "Gojoseon", or Old Joseon, to differentiate it with the 14th century dynasty) in 2333 BCE by Dangun, according to Korea's foundation mythology. Gojoseon was noted in Chinese records in the early 7th century. Gojoseon expanded until it controlled the northern Korean Peninsula and parts of Manchuria. Gija Joseon was purportedly founded in the 12th century BCE, but its existence and role have been controversial in the modern era. In 108 BCE, the Han dynasty defeated Wiman Joseon and installed four commanderies in the northern Korean peninsula. Three of the commanderies fell or retreated westward within a few decades. As Lelang commandery was destroyed and rebuilt around this time, the place gradually moved toward Liaodong. Thus, its force was diminished and it only served as a trade center until it was conquered by Goguryeo in 313.

### 10 Reasons to visit South Korea

- A Magnificent Blend Of Epic History And Great Festivals
- Vibrant Culture
- Shopping Spree With Your Gang
- Picturesque Self-Drives
- Tasty Cuisine
- Epic History
- Exciting Theme Parks
- Rising Cafe Culture
- UNESCO Sites
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#### a. JEJU ISLAND



Jeju Island is the largest island in South Korea, located in the Jeju Province (Jeju Special Self-Governing Province). The island covers an area of 1833.2 km<sup>2</sup>, which is 1.83 percent of the total area of South Korea. In 2020, the resident registration population is about 670,000, the largest among the islands in South Korea. Jeju retains its unique culture, that has gone back centuries and centuries. The symbol of Jeju, as it's seen EVERYWHERE, is the stone-carved grandfather statue. They were originally made in 1774, after the former Korean leader demanded Jeju islanders to make 48 of them, and ever since, they have evolved into the face of the island. In addition, Jeju also has about 6,000 lady divers, whose average age is 75, and they go out in the sea bare-handed to catch fish. This something very unique to Jeju island! Jeju island has some 350+ volcanoes, although none of them are active today. You cannot take 2 steps anywhere on Jeju without seeing remnants of a volcano. Believe it or not, 95% of all rocks and stones on land today are made from lava, as you can see from the dark color and natural holes or erosion on the surface of the rocks. Also, many of the craters are within hiking range, so you have the freedom to hike up to the top and take in the stunning views. Jeju island has only 600,000 residents which is roughly 3% of Seoul's population on land that's 3 times the size of Seoul's metropolitan area. Everywhere you go on Jeju island is relaxing. There is no hustle and bustle. There are no tall skyscrapers. There are no honking horns, or even traffic for that matter. Nobody in Jeju in a hurry which is a really nice change of pace from bustling cities. If you like hiking and trekking, then you've come to the right island! Jeju's natural landscape, from its volcanoes, to mountains and valleys, make it a hiking paradise. Exploring this island by foot is the best way to fully take in the

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surroundings and appreciate the beauty of the island. Also, for all you ocean-lovers, there is scuba diving to see the unique pink and red corals.

#### TOP PLACES TO VISIT IN JEJU ISLAND

- Seongsan Ilchulbong: Also known as Sunrise Peak, it is an archetypal tuff cone & a type of vent landform caused by a volcanic eruption. It is the result of hydrovolcanic eruptions on the shallow seabed in the area. It is located on the eastern side Jeju Island, and visitors say it resembles a giant castle.
- Hallasan - It is one of the 3 main mountains of Korea. The wide variety of plants and animals prompted its naming as Natural Monument No. 182-1 in October 1966, due to the high academic value of the various species, and it is now protected by law. It was designated a National Park in March 1970.
- Manjanggul Cave-The magnificence of Manjanggul Cave has singled it out for classification as a UNESCO world heritage site. A visit to this vast natural edifice is one of the highlights of any visit to Jeju Island. Take a walk through the cathedral-like tunnels to view spectacular rock formations and unique wildlife.
- Jusangjeollidae- It is on the must-visit list of many keen photographers for its striking natural beauty. The shimmering blue ocean contrasts magnificently with dark cliffs that glisten with spray, while the cylinders and hexagons of the rocks themselves cast unusual shadows as the sun follows its daily arc through the sky. Many people bring a picnic and settle down to admire the ever-changing views.

#### b. SEOUL



Seoul, the capital of South Korea, is located on the northwest of South Korea. Seoul has emerged as one of the world's most fashion forward cities. Its Fashion Week, which showcases the latest street style from the city's hotbed of designers, has become a must-see event for industry experts. The influential event runs twice a year in March and October and is the premier event for established and up-and-coming South Korean designers to present their streetwear





designs to industry onlookers. The world might have only started paying attention to Gangnam thanks to Psy's smash-hit K-pop song, but this hip neighborhood has long been at the forefront of Seoul's emergence as a global trendsetter. If Seoul is Asia's capital of cool, Gangnam is its creative heartbeat. It has become the epicenter for Korean business and pop culture as global companies continue to flood the district. Gangnam is also Seoul's number one nightlife spot and has neon-lit streets. During the day, you'll find a wide variety of activities, including shopping at Korean boutiques, Lotte World, and the Buddhist temple of Bongeun-sa. South Korea's capital might be home to some 10 million people, but you can easily escape the crowds by enjoying the city's wide range of outdoor opportunities. Add some real adventure to your trip by heading to Bukhansen National Park, which is just a 45-minute subway ride away from central Seoul. Here, you'll find hiking trails for all levels, including the Bukhansanseong path, which takes walkers to the summit of South Korea's tallest mountain, Baegundae. You'll also find several idyllic green spaces dotted across the city, including the Seoul Forest, which produces picture-perfect cherry blossoms in the spring. While the nation's music and TV shows have only recently joined the landscape of global pop culture, Korean food has long been a go-to favorite for foodies. And even though Koreatowns dot cities in all corners of the world, the best place to get an authentic taste of South Korea is on the streets of Seoul. Koreans simply don't do boring dishes, and in Seoul, you'll have access to the best bulgogi, bibimbap, and galbi around. Seoul's ever-growing skyline may point to a city that's only looking to the future, but the city is awash with cultural gems that detail the city's enchanting past. Step back in time with a visit to the Five Grand Palaces located in Jongno and Jung-gu, including the 14th-century Gyeongbokgung Palace and UNESCO World Heritage-listed Changdeokgung Palace. Elsewhere, you'll find perfectly preserved Buddhist temples, such as the popular Jogyesa and Bongeunsa. Seoul's quest for constant innovation has seen the city become a hi-tech wonderland. It boasts the world's fastest average internet connection speed, a mammoth Digital Media City, and some of the tech industry's largest companies, including Samsung. No matter where you're from, you'll soon realize that Seoulites are already living in the future. From touch screen mobiles to tablets, Seoul's workforce doesn't just embrace new technology, it creates it. Seoul has a "work hard, play hard" mantra that can challenge any city on the planet. When the locals clock out of the 9-6, they head to the likes of Gangnam, Hongdae, and Itaewon to enjoy a bottle of soju or four, a South Korean drink made from rice. No trip to Seoul is complete with visiting a noraebang (basically karaoke). These ever-popular karaoke establishments have been a mainstay of Korean culture for several decades and are found throughout the city of Seoul. Simply look for the neon microphone in the window when you're ready to unleash your inner rockstar/pop diva. Seoul is the ideal base for exploring all South Korea has to offer. It takes just an hour by plane to reach the city of Busan, the Miami of South Korea, and Jeju Island, which is famed for its sun-kissed beaches and volcanic landscapes. You'll also benefit from excellent transport links to the famous Hwaseong Fortress (a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Suwon), Pocheon Art

Valley (an idyllic park complex), and Mangswolsa Mountain Temple (an ancient Buddhist temple in the Namhansanseong Fortress).



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	<p><u>Busan is located on the Southeastern tip of the Korean Peninsula. It is located on the coast, which determined the development of the whole city itself. Busan, a large port city in South Korea, is known for its beaches, mountains and temples. Despite the proliferation of squeaky-clean supermarkets and luxurious department stores, Busan's traditional market culture continues to thrive. From Gukje Market, which was established in the 1950s as a place for Korean War refugees to sell second-hand items, to the bustling Jagalchi Market, which offers every kind of seafood imaginable, there's a market for just about everything. Busan offers some fantastic hiking, with accessible trails available for every fitness level. Jangsan Mountain, for example, offers spectacular ocean views and boasts silver grass fields that are particularly beautiful in the autumn. Geumnyeongsan Mountain, meanwhile, is a less crowded trail that makes for an easy and enjoyable morning trek. With some 450 spas, the most of any metropolitan city on the Korean peninsula, Busan is a great place to soak up the country's jjimjilbang culture. Don't miss Spa Land, the city's biggest and most famous spa. With over 20 spas fed by all-natural spring water and a number of themed rooms that each offer unique healing properties, Spa Land is the spot to go to when in need of some rest and relaxation. It's got the best street food in the country. It's got the only ocean-side temple in the country. The sunsets are picture perfect. It's home to Asia's biggest film festival. Seaside dining and beautiful</u></p>
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	<p><u>beaches are also present.</u></p>
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	<p><u>Incheon is located in northwestern South Korea. It lies near the mouth of the Han River, 25 miles (40 km) west-southwest of Seoul, with which it is connected by highway and railroad. It's home to the best airport in the world. The islands offer a great escape from city life. Shopping on a budget has never been easier. Held annually in Incheon's Songdo City during the peak of summer, the Pentaport Rock Festival is one of the nation's best rock festivals. Incheon's Songdo has been designated as one of the world's first smart cities, as a number of smart technologies are heavily utilized in its infrastructure. Incheon's Chinatown is chock full of great restaurants, informative museums, and interesting pedestrian streets colourfully ornamented with Chinese-style decor. Jjajangmyeon (black soy bean noodles) is undoubtedly one of Korea's favorite dishes, and is believed to have its roots in Incheon's Chinatown. Situated a short bus ride from Incheon Station, Wolmido Island is the perfect spot to let loose and have a bit of fun. Kids (and kids at heart) will love Wolmi Theme Park, which boasts attractions such as the Viking Ship, the 70 meter high Hyper Shoot Drop, and the 115 meter high Ferris Wheel which offers great ocean views. Fresh seafood is plentiful. Often billed as the pride of Incheon, the 21 kilometer long Incheon Bridge that links Songdo and Incheon International Airport, is a sight to behold.</u></p>
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Gyeongju lies in the southeastern corner of North Gyeongsang Province, and is bounded by the metropolitan city of Ulsan on the south. Within the province, its neighbors include Pohang on the north, Cheongdo County on the southwest, and Yeongcheon on the northwest. Gyeongju is located about 50 kilometers (31 miles) north of Busan. To the east, it has no neighbor but the sea.

#### 14 BEST things TO DO/GO TO IN GYEONGJU

- **Wolji Pond-Wolji Pond is part of Donggung Palace, a Silla-era complex built during King Munmu's reign in 674 CE. Location: 102, Wonhwa-ro, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongju, South Korea Open: Daily from 9 am to 10 pm.**
- **Bulguksa Temple-Bulguksa Temple is located on the slopes of Mount Toham, about 15 km southeast of Gyeongju. Location: 385, Bulguk-ro, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongju, South Korea. Open: February: daily from 7.30 am to 5.30 pm. March-September: daily from 7 am to 6 pm. October: daily from 7 am to 5.30 pm. November: daily from 7 am to 5 pm. December-January: daily from 7.30 am to 5 pm.**
- **Cheomseongdae Observatory-Cheomseongdae Observatory is one of the oldest astronomical observatories in Asia. It dates back to 7th century, during the reign of Queen Seon-deok. Location: 140-25, Cheomseong-ro, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongju, South Korea. Open: Daily from 9 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Gyeongju Historic Area-The Gyeongju Historic Area represents the culture and history of the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom. Location: 757, Taejong-ro, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongju, South Korea.**
- **Gyeongju National Park-Gyeongju National Park has a number of cultural preserves that date back to the Silla Dynasty. Location: Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongju, South Korea.**
- **Poseokjeongji Pavilion-Poseokjeongji Pavilion, located on a rock next to a stream in**

Gyeongsangbuk-do, was the royal villa of the Silla dynasty. Location: 816, Namsansunhwan-ro, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongju, South Korea Open: Daily from 9 am to 6 pm

- **Seokguram Grotto-Seokguram Grotto is a stone temple on Mount Toham. Admission to Seokguram Grotto costs around 5,000 won for adults, 3,500 won for teens (18-13 years old), and 2,500 won for children (7-12 years old). Location: 873-243, Bulguk-ro, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongju, South Korea**
- **Bomun Lake Resort-Bomun Lake Resort (also called Bomun Tourist Complex) lets you experience the rich Korean culture and enjoy a number of events.**
- **Experience temple life-Experiencing the temple life is a must-do if you're the type who likes to understand different cultures and traditions. Location: 101-5, Girim-ro, Yangbuk-myeon, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongju, South Korea Phone: +82-54-744-1689. Location: Sinpyeong-dong, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongju, South Korea. Phone: +82-54-745-7601**
- **Go cycling-Cycling is a fun activity that nearly everyone can enjoy at Gyeongju. Bicycles are very easily available within the city centre.**
- **Namsan Mountain-Namsan Mountain attracts outdoor enthusiasts with scenic hiking trails that lead to historical sites in Gyeongju. Location: Namsan-dong, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongju, South Korea.**
- **Gyeongju Country Club-Gyeongju Country Club attracts those looking to enjoy some quiet and relaxing time playing golf. Location: 182-98, Bomun-ro, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongju, South Korea Open: Daily from 4.30 am to 6 pm Phone: +82-54-745-2228**
- **Dosol Maeul-Dosol Maeul is one of the very few unassuming yet popular restaurants in Gyeongju. Location: 71-2 Hwangnam-dong, Gyeongju, Gyeongsangbuk-do, South Korea. Open: Wednesday-Sunday from 11 am to 9 pm (closed on Mondays and Tuesdays) Phone: +82-54-748-9232**

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