

South Korea, Seoul

Location

Seoul, the capital and the most expensive metropolis of South Korea, pulsates with life, housing over 9.9 million souls. It's a city where the grandeur of ancient royal palaces and sacred shrines seamlessly blend with cutting-edge architecture and towering skyscrapers, creating a mesmerizing skyline. Renowned for its efficient public transportation network, Seoul's comprehensive subway system spans 15 lines, ensuring every corner of the city is accessible, while buses and taxis ply all night, facilitating smooth and timely commutes.

This city is a tapestry of old-world charm and futuristic innovation, where a deep reverence for traditional customs and culture coexists with a forward-looking enthusiasm for technological progress. In Seoul, every desire finds its match – from the serene beauty of royal palaces and the ancient wisdom of oriental herbal medicine to the bustling energy of popular eateries and vibrant nightlife. Sprawling markets, hidden underground shopping havens, museums rich with history, temples steeped in spirituality, and verdant parks offer a kaleidoscope of experiences. Seoul is a dynamic, captivating city brimming with cultural and artistic wonders, truly embodying a place where the past and future converge in a harmonious symphony.

Geolocation

Gps coordinates: 37.552688, 126.918074

Accuracy: Approximate

Accommodation & Food

About the Accommodation

Located in the vibrant and youthful heart of Hongdae, Seoul, our accommodation distinguishes itself as a contemporary temple and guesthouse, offering an unparalleled Templestay experience. Nestled within Seoul's most energetic district, this unique establishment provides the perfect blend of Buddhist tranquility and urban excitement. Guests enjoy immediate proximity to a variety of conveniences including convenience stores, markets, department stores, as well as direct connections to the airport and various downtown areas through easily accessible public transportation.

Our facility is proud to provide breakfast options that cater to all tastes, from traditional Korean temple-style (vegetarian) meals to familiar Western-style dishes. To enrich the experience further, morning meditation sessions are available, allowing guests to immerse themselves in mindfulness and tranquility at the start of their day.

This special place was envisioned and brought to life by two Buddhist monks and their companions, aiming to create a haven where individuals could come together to explore not only meditation but also a communal way of life characterized by shared meals, recreation, and affection. The transformation process involved extensive remodeling, including the demolition of walls and the removal of vast amounts of debris, culminating in the creation of a sanctuary that welcomes all visitors into an environment of warmth and acceptance. Here, you're not just finding a place to stay; you're given the chance to participate in a lifestyle deeply intertwined with community and spiritual exploration.

Available Room Types

	Standard Room	Private Room
All meals included	No *	No *
Free beverages	Yes **	Yes **
Persons per room	4 - 6	1
Wifi in public areas	Yes	Yes
Laundry facilities	Yes***	Yes***
Safety box	Yes	Yes
Lockable rooms	Yes	Yes
Hot shower	Yes	Yes
Private bathroom	No	No
Western toilet	Yes	Yes
Bed linen	Yes	Yes
Towels	Yes	Yes
Air conditioning	Yes	Yes
Heating	Yes	Yes
Fan	Yes	Yes
Mosquito protection	Yes	Yes

* 2 meals per day (Breakfast and Lunch only)

** Drinking water, Traditional Korean Tea

*** At an additional cost

Food Arrangements

Breakfasts are prepared at the accommodation. We will provide you with 2 meals (Breakfast and Lunch) a day including the weekend. Unless otherwise stated on your pre-departure information pack.

Meanwhile, please inform us of any allergies you may have or any dietary requirements, so that the team leaders and coordinators are prepared and special arrangements can be made for you.

Facilities

This accommodation is located near the subway station and is walking distance to shops, mini-mart, ATM, supermarket, local restaurants, and coffee shops.

There are many taxis around so you can easily catch one from the main road to reach your destination of choice in the city's center.

There are nice local cafés, convenience stores, supermarkets, pharmacies and restaurants nearby.. A beautiful and peaceful place where you can enjoy fresh juices, snacks etc.

All necessary amenities can be found in the city, remember we are located in the country's capital after all!

Mandatory Orientation Day

At this location there is 1 mandatory orientation day offered. On the Monday of your first week at this location, you will join our orientation day, to familiarize you with the surroundings as well as local culture. Your program will continue as usual from Tuesday onward throughout the rest of the week.

Schedule

- Breakfast
- Introduction meeting, House rules, Setting Expectations, Health and Safety Advice, handling of documents & Signing up of relevant documents.
- South Korea Do's and Don'ts, Dress Codes and Basic Culture Lessons
- Seoul City Tour
- Dinner

Activities & Events

Monday Afternoon

Explore the neighborhood and get to know the Jong-ro district with us. You will visit either Gyeongbokgung or Jongmyo Shrine and will experience both the modern and traditional sides of

Seoul through a city tour of the old town. This journey ensures a deep dive into Korean history and culture.

Tuesday ~ Thursday Evening

The visit day, either Tuesday or Thursday evening, will be determined by our local staff's judgment. , you will have the opportunity to visit one of Korea's most popular culinary destinations. We'll either explore the bustling Gwangjang traditional market, where you can sample famous snacks like Korean pancakes or raw beef dishes, or stroll through the vibrant streets of Yeonnam-dong, known for its young artists and creative atmosphere. This excursion offers a chance to unite with fellow participants and local coordinators, diving into the heart of Seoul's culinary scene and experiencing the ultimate in local food and culture.

Sights & Surroundings

Sightseeing the city, historical sites and royal palaces, traditional markets, shopping districts and other amenities are all accessible via local transport. If you do venture out, you should always let the local team know where you plan to go and have the contact number handy just in case. Of course, you can stay near the accommodation in Hongdae district as well.

Transportation

From this location we do not provide free transport to other locations.